



What's happening at G. Ray Bodley High School?

There will be an important **National Honor Society** meeting for all current members and this year's inductees on Wednesday, Jan. 22 after school in the auditorium.

HOPE Club meets every Monday in room 119. Any HOPE Club member interested in participating in a mentor program should attend the Jan. 13 meeting in room 119 from 2:30 to 3 pm.

Future Business Leaders of America meets every Monday in room 116.

Fultonian Yearbook meets on Wednesdays in room 102.

GRB Journalism Club meets Wednesdays in room 102.

The French Club will hold a King's Day celebration on Monday, Jan.. 6 after school in room 125.

There will be a mandatory pre-season meeting for all **girls interested in playing softball** on Tuesday in room 112 after school. The meeting will provide pre-season information about open gyms, training and tryouts. See Coach Stadtmiller or Coach Lyons with questions.

What's for lunch?

Friday: Taco salad in edibowl with lettuce, salsa and cheese, beans and rice, corn, diced pears with alternative of managers choice.

Wednesday: Hamburger or cheeseburger with green beans, baby carrots and applesauce with alternative of soft beef taco.

This week in Raider Sports

Today: Bowling vs. Solvay @ Mattydale (3:30); Swim vs. Weedsport (5 pm).

Fri. Jan. 10: Hockey vs. Baldwinsville (6 pm); Boys Bball vs. Chittenango (JV-5:30/V-7); Girls Bball @ Chittenango (JV-5/V-6:30).

Sat. Jan. 11: Swim @ HAC Invitational in Rochester; Wrestling @ Phoenix (JV-2/V-3:30).



On the Slopes:

Inconsistent weather to continue

The arctic weather seems to be passing with temperatures in the high 40s on Saturday but cooling down and heading back into the work week with low 30s. The warm weather on Saturday and Sunday should not be a problem at most resorts, due to the ongoing snowmaking that will be going on over the weekend.

Greek Peak is having some great deals at the beginning of their season like the Grand opening for Visions Express Quad Lift only a \$12 Lift Ticket.

Be sure to check the mountain/resort's websites prior to visiting for the latest conditions and trail numbers.

As of Wednesday, the ski hills were reporting these numbers:

Labrador Mountain	12 trails (www.labradormountain.com)
Greek Peak	19 trails (www.greekpeakmtnresort.com)
Song Mountain	20 trails (www.songmountain.com)
Toggenburg Mountain	14 trails (www.skitog.com)
Woods Valley	11 trails (www.woodsvalleyskiarea.com)

For more updates and mountains in the area head to <http://www.iskiny.com/>

By Steven Gilliland

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Godzilla classic #1: King Kong vs. Godzilla

Godzilla fans are counting down the days to May 16, when the newest installment in this classic series will hit the big screens worldwide. Where will it rank among the 28 previous Godzilla movies? One of the standards it may be held against is Japan's all-time most popular Godzilla movie: King Kong vs. Godzilla. Released in Japan in 1962, this was the third monster movie by Toho to feature Godzilla.

While the term special effects has a whole different meaning to modern audiences, this movie was cutting edge in 1962. The movie utilized the suitmation techniques of the previous two Godzilla films, though some stop-motion and even some puppets were used. As such, miniature cities and sets were constructed. The Godzilla suit itself was redesigned for this movie as well. It now had three toes on each foot rather than four, enlarged central dorsal fins, and a bulkier body. It also lacked the tiny ears of the previous suits to make him more appealing to kids.

While some rubber octopus props were used for the scene when the octopus attacks the village on Faro, Toho actually used four live octopuses to help film that scene. They were forced to move among the miniature huts by having hot air blown onto them. After filming, three of the four were released. (The fourth became special effects director Eiji Tsuburaya's dinner.) For the rubber octopuses, one was covered in plastic wrap to simulate mucus. Some stop-motion tentacles were also used when the octopus grabbed a tribesman. All in all, the special effects for the movie were pretty resourceful and clever considering it was produced in the early sixties. So special effects get 7 out of 10.

As for the acting within the film, it is a little hard to judge, having only seen the American redub of the film. The redub makes the acting seem a little less than what it actually was, but the actors were pretty good at showing fear and panic during the monster attacks. Also, the film had its fair share of humor, considering that it was geared toward younger audiences, and the actors were pretty good at pulling off this humor and looking silly.

Some of the funny moments involve Tako saying something stupid or becoming giddy when he sees King Kong. For the suit actors who played Godzilla and King Kong, they were pretty much given free reign as to how they wanted to choreograph their moves. They would rehearse for hours and would base their moves on that from professional wrestling, particularly moves from Toyonobori (a famous wrestler in Japan). As a whole, acting gets 6 out of 10.

The movie's plot was a pretty decent one. It tied into the fact that King Kong originated on an island and that Godzilla was still frozen from the second film. The plot also had its humor, again because of it being geared toward younger audiences. But as for the plot itself, a business man wanting to bring King Kong to Japan to help his company, is fairly interesting. The best parts of the plot however were the monster battles and rampages, the final battle taking place on Mt Fuji.

Another interesting piece of the plot was the fact that King Kong gained strength from electric voltage which becomes an advantage to him during the final fight. Some of the other funny parts of the movie happened during the final fight such as when King Kong shoves a tree down Godzilla's throat or the fact that in some far away shots the two monsters looked like hand puppets. The only big problem the movie had was the fact that King Kong emerged as the victor instead of Godzilla. Call it bias, call it what you will but that's the reviewer's opinion. The plot as a whole gets 6.8 out of 10.

All in all, King Kong vs Godzilla remains a classic film in the Godzilla franchise. Pitting two of the biggest classic movie monsters against each other, the film was also the most attended Godzilla movie in Japan. The plot was good and in some instances, funny and the special effects were well done for its time and style. The acting wasn't so bad either. As a whole, the film King Kong vs. Godzilla gets a total rating of 8 out of 10.

Tune in next time when we review another classic Godzilla movie, in which the big G faces off against his robotic doppelganger for round one.

By Neal Burke



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NFL Picks

Upsets are brewing in the NFL playoffs



Mr. Senecal

Last week: 2-2
Overall: 104-62

It's payback time in the NFC as both the 49ers and the Saints go on the road look-

ing to make amends for earlier losses. San Francisco dropped a tough 10-9 game to Carolina earlier this season at Candlestick Park, and avenging that loss is prime on the minds of the 49ers, as witnessed by quarterback Colin Kaepernick's comments moments after their hard-fought win at Green Bay that came right down to the final seconds.

The big question is, how much did that battle in the cold take out of the boys from out west? Certainly experience is on the side of the 49ers as compared to a Panthers team that didn't even make the playoffs last season while San Fran came within a whisker of winning the Super Bowl.

Meanwhile Drew Brees and the New Orleans Saints are out to erase the memories of a putrid performance at Seattle on Monday Night Football that saw the Seahawks rout them 34-7. Everyone who follows the NFL knows about the loyal "12th man" in Seattle that helped spur the Seahawks on to a 7-1 home record just as they know that the Saints are a mediocre team on the road. While that didn't seem to matter in last Saturday's thrilling last second win at Philadelphia, the Saints will face a bird of a different feather when they show up in Seattle.

One team will enjoy the sweet taste of revenge while the other will endure more of the same. I'm pulling for Frank Gore and company against the inexperienced Panthers while Russell Wilson and the Seahawks get it done at home to set up a third showdown of the season between NFC West rivals.

Mr. S. says:

Seattle
New England
San Francisco
Denver



Jason Mattice

Last week: 2-2
Overall: 99-67

Colts vs. Patriots

Andrew Luck and the Colts take on the Patriots in Gillette Stadium this Saturday night.

The Colts are coming off a crazy comeback 45-44 victory against the Chiefs in the wild card playoff round. The Patriots had a bye week for the first round and are hoping to come out strong and put up a lot of points against a struggling Colts defense that allowed Alex Smith to throw for almost 400 yards and four touchdowns.

This game is one that will be a shootout as the weather is expected to be around 50 degrees at game time so these quarterbacks should be able to get going. Both quarterbacks are surrounded by players who can make plays and both defenses struggle against the pass.

There are a lot of important games this week that could involve an upset or two and I think that the Colts have the ability to surprise the Patriots, but the Patriots and Tom Brady are simply too good in the playoffs. Andrew Luck will have to get some help on the ground, where the Colts have struggled, in order to win this one. If it ends up being a rainy game or the temperature drops off, the advantage slides to the Patriots with a better bad weather quarterback as well as a successful rushing game led by Steven Ridley and LaGarrette Blount.

Jason's picks:

Seattle
New England
Carolina
San Diego



Jimmy Martin

Last week: 3-1
Overall: 95-71

San Diego @ Denver
It's one week closer to the Super Bowl.
Last week's Wild

Card Round had some very interesting games, but this week only four teams remain in the NFC and four in the AFC. In the second AFC game the San Diego Chargers travel to Denver to take on the Broncos. The Chargers defeated the Cincinnati Bengals 27-10 last week while Denver rested, having clinched home field advantage throughout the playoffs.

San Diego clinched the sixth spot in the playoffs and they barely made it in. However, the Chargers have proved that they belong there after handing the Bengals their only home loss of the season. An interesting fact is that the last four Super Bowl winners beat the Eagles in their home opener, and this year the Chargers did just that. San Diego has done a good job on offense with the fifth best total offense and the fourth most proficient passing attack in the NFL. Philip Rivers has thrown for 32 touchdowns, which was one of the best in the league. The Chargers have Keenan Allen and Eddie Royal, who are two of the best wide receivers in the league.

Denver won the AFC West, setting records for the most points, passing yards and touchdown passes in the process. Peyton Manning has had an amazing season and it has been very tough to stop him. Manning broke Brady's single season touchdown record in Week 16. The Broncos lead the league in offense, points per game, and passing. Earlier in the season, the Chargers handed the Broncos their only home loss of the season.

I think that San Diego can pull off the upset and knock off the number one seed in the AFC. They beat the Bengals pretty handily and beat the Chiefs in Week 17. The Chargers are peaking at the right point. San Diego wins 24-21.

Jimmy's Picks:

Seattle
Indianapolis
Carolina
San Diego

What are you doing for superintendents day?



"Sleeping in and hanging out with my friends having fun."

Anthony Anderson



"Hanging out relaxing for the day."

Caden Zahn



"Starting my 10 page essay."

Meriah Dishaw



"Working then taking Semper for a long walk."

Mitch Towsley

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



AM snow showers, otherwise partly cloudy.

22°

Average: 32°
Record: 70° (2008)

Tonight:



Increasing cloudiness.

18°

Average: 16°
Record: -22° (1968)

Tomorrow:



Mostly cloudy with rain/snow.

35°

Average: 31°
Record: 48° (1972)

Former GRB student and current SUNY Oswego sophomore Carson Metcalf is an aspiring Meteorologist. Look for his daily weather forecasts for Fulton on RaiderNet Daily.