



HOPE Club members Mikey Flynn, Lena Kimball, Kaitlyn Kinney, Shakeemah Hordge and Kim Rombough hold signs promoting their upcoming event, Bodley's Got Talent, which is scheduled for April 9 at the high school. Proceeds from the event, which will feature GRB staff and students performing a variety of acts, will benefit several charities. (Jon Noeller photo)

GRB Senate Blood drive seeks donors

This Friday, March 28, G Ray Bodley's Student Senate will be teaming up with the American Red Cross to host their biannual blood drive. As of now, Student Senate and the Red Cross are still looking for 40 more people to sign up to donate at this event.

Due to the winter weather, car accidents and illnesses are increasing rapidly and blood is needed now more than ever. Anyone who is interested in donating should see Mrs. Ferlito in room 115 to sign up. If you are not a GRB student or staff member but still wish to donate, please call Mrs. Angela Ferlito at 315-593-5400 extension: 4115 to set up an appointment time.

For those who will be donating, here are some tips that you can follow to have a good donating experience. First, you should make sure that you have a good dinner the night before your donation. The second tip is to get a good night's sleep the night before. Next is to have a good breakfast or lunch the day of the drive. The fourth and final tip is to drink extra water and fluids and to avoid coffee or other beverages with caffeine.

Anyone who will be donating must remember to bring identification to their donation appointment. Some examples of acceptable forms of identification are blood donor cards, driver's licenses, driver's permits, or student ID cards. Also, if you are 16 years old, you need to bring the permission slip signed by your parents to your appointment. You will not be allowed to donate if you don't have your permission slip. *If you donated in the fall and were 16 years old and you are still 16 years old, you must still get another slip signed.*

If you would like to donate but are unsure if you meet the criteria, please see Mrs. Ferlito for a complete list of requirements. If you have any further questions, call the American Red Cross Donor and Client Support Center at 1-866-236-3276.

By Ruth Brown

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

HOPE Club meets every Monday in room 119.

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

Fultonian Yearbook meets on Tuesdays in room 102.

Yearbooks are still available for preorder for \$60. See Mr. Senecal in room 228 during GSH.

College bound seniors are encouraged to visit the guidance office to check out a number of locally based scholarship opportunities. A small investment in time could become a large investment of money toward college.



Wednesday,
April 9
6:30 pm

Auditions today
and Thursday
after school

What's for lunch?

Today: Max pizza with steamed broccoli, baby carrots and mixed fruit with alternative of fajita chicken salad.

Thursday: turkey pot roast with roll with mashed potatoes, peas and peaches with alternative of yogurt, cheese stick and jungle crackers.

GRB Band concert
7:30 pm
tonight
free admission

The Godzilla Files

MechaGodzilla 3: the standard has been set

By Neal Burke

Hello and welcome to the third and final part of the MechaGodzilla session. Being a classic Godzilla foe, MechaGodzilla will most likely be a standard the future Godzilla enemies are held to. Today we will talk about the third and final MechaGodzilla design known as Kiryu which literally means machine dragon.

Basic Specs

Name: Kiryu

Species: Mecha although technically it could be considered a cyborg as he was built with the original Godzilla's skeleton as a framework and DNA for the quasi organic computer controls.

Height: In the films, Kiryu is 60 meters tall but in the game Godzilla Unleashed he is 100 meters tall.

Length: 120 meters

Weight: In the films, Kiryu weighs about 40,000 tons but in Godzilla Unleashed, his weight is increased to 60,000 tons.

Appearance

Kiryu is the sleekest MechaGodzilla of them all, bearing the most resemblance to the King as he was made with the original's skeleton.

History and Backstory

Kiryu was created by The Anti-Megalosaurus Force (AMF) division of the Japanese Xenomorph Self-Defense Force (JXSDF) in response to a second Godzilla appearing in 1999 after the first's death in 1954. The plan was initially shocking, to use the skeleton of the original Godzilla to create a MechaGodzilla and destroy the new menace. Fighting atomic fire with atomic fire, or in Kiryu's case masers.

The plan was put into action with cloned DNA extracted from the bones to be integrated into the quasi organic computer controls intended to take over subconscious motor control functions for the crew. By 2003, the robotic clone was ready and was sent into battle. However, something happened when he met up with Godzilla. When the cyborg heard Godzilla's roar, his memories of being Godzilla were suddenly reawakened. He broke free of his pilot, Akane Yashiro, and resisted all attempts at a manual override. His yellow eyes changed to a blood red and he rampaged through Tokyo for



awhile until he ran out of fuel as Godzilla left and returned to the sea.

This did not amuse the Japanese public whatsoever and Kiryu was given some new weapon upgrades as well as new computer software control routines. When Godzilla attacked again a few days later, both branches of the Japanese Self Defense Force (JSDF) tried to defeat him but failed and Kiryu, with Akane at the controls again, was sent in. The battle went well for Kiryu until his receiver was damaged. Akane wanted to enter Kiryu to repair it despite that she was ordered not to. Piloting the cyborg directly from his skull she engaged Godzilla again, this time trying to destroy him with Kiryu's most devastating weapon, the Absolute Zero Cannon.

However, the battle ended in a draw and Godzilla retreated to the ocean though not before suffering a badly damaged chest. Kiryu was then called back for repairs because of a destroyed right arm, a damaged Absolute Zero Cannon and empty power cells.

The next year, Akane was sent to America to to further her flight training but just in case Godzilla attacked again, Akiba took her place as Kiryu's pilot, though Kiryu engineer Yoshito Chujo is the human focus of this story. Then, Mothra's twin fairies showed up and warned Japan that using the original Godzilla's bones to build Kiryu was against the natural order of things. The said that if they



dismantled the cyborg, that Mothra would protect Japan in his place. If they refused, Mothra would attack Japan.

The Japanese refused, partially because Kiryu was also meant to protect Japan from another attack by Mothra as well. But when Godzilla appeared and killed Kamoebas, Mothra voluntarily engaged him, and Prime Minister Hayato Igarishi was shamed into aiding her.

Kiryu was sent to fight again but despite the team up, the current adult Mothra was killed and Kiryu's transmitter was damaged once again. Just like Akane did, Yoshito entered Kiryu for

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BLAST from the PAST!**Taken from the pages of The Raider newspaper****March 21, 2003 Budget woes may have heavy impact on GRB:**

Lately, G Ray Bodley High School seems to have become a center of constant change. From construction transformation to administrative adjustments, nothing can be counted on any more. And now, with the tremendous budget cuts the Fulton City School District is facing, even more changes are in the near future for GRB. The budget cuts come from the state not giving about \$1.2 million in state aid. Without these changes, it is projected that normal annual district cost increases, those related to salaries, supplies, and other elements, will cost about \$1.6 million. Basic addition indicates that the district is, in essence, \$2.8 million dollars short of running business as usual.

March 19, 1999 Top 20 finish for GRB's Science Olympiad team:

The long bus ride proved to be worthwhile for the members of the G. Ray Bodley High School Science Olympiad team. The team placed 20th in the 1999 Science Olympiad state competition on Saturday March 1. The competition, held at West Point, had 40 teams competing and twenty-five events. Over all the team sent from GRB did very well with seven members finishing in the top ten in their events.

March 10, 1994 Wrestlers finish unbeaten to continue dominance:

Success and Fulton wrestling go hand in hand. Over the past 18 seasons, the wrestlers have amassed 280 wins and counting. This season the Raiders finished unbeaten at 19-0, and moved from third in the state to first. The Red Raider wrestling team was beaten once last year, which resulted in a fourth place ranking in the state. All of the many years of tradition are back. The 1982-1989 reign of terror, which propelled the wrestlers to greatness, has re-emerged. This

year's team only carried on the tradition, and even blazed new trails. "Make your own mark," a sign in the wrestling room, sums up this year. This sign is to tell wrestlers that just because there were not state champions in the past, now is what counts.

Compiled by Perrin Ogden

New course to focus on college preparedness

Given the number of high school students who do not make it all the way through whichever college they choose to attend after they graduate, the district is now offering a sort of College Preparation Course for students to take next year. The program, Foundations for College Success, was started as a response to the gross mispreparation for college that students in the district are displaying.

This course will be an excellent boon to the students at GRB who are heading into their senior year next year. The aim is to stop the increase in the number of students who flunk out of their first-year courses, and to give students a fighting chance once they go to college and are faced with the work load that comes along with that transition.

"Good learners are good learners precisely because they believe and do certain things that less effective learners do not believe and do. And therein lies the key" This is a quote from the official flyer that Cayuga Community College distributed to the high schools. Clearly this program is targeted at students who are adamant about preparing themselves for whatever college they plan on attending.

Mrs. Williams, in room 106, is really pushing the program for her students, and is willing to assist anyone who wishes to apply. "It's super simple, and it's definitely a course that kids should take," she commented. Like she said, applying is quick and simple, and it can be done right on SchoolTool.

This course will hopefully curb the high dropout rate that many high school graduates are suffering, and anyone who is looking for a quick and easy way to not only get ready for college while in high school, but is also looking for some college credits, they will earn 3 free credits, and learn how college will work.

By Dawson Samson

**Send us your pictures of
the Red Raiders in action
Wrestling, swimming, boys basketball,
NHS inductions, bowling pictures are
all needed now to make the final dead-
line,
Friday, March 28!
theraider@fulton.cnyric.org**

Quote of the day:

"What counts is not necessarily the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog."

- Dwight D. Eisenhower



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The Godzilla Files

MechaGodzilla 3: a classic opponent

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repairs, but remained inside the mech during the battle after Godzilla's beam had accidentally struck both of the hatch doors damaging and jamming it. Kiryu then teamed up with the two newly hatched Mothra larva and was able to strike Godzilla's chest with the drill in his right arm.

Godzilla roared in agony while Kiryu fired his Triple Hyper Maser and Maser Cannons at him. When Godzilla roared again, another flashback was triggered in Kiryu's mind and was also directly channeled to Yoshito. Then Godzilla was wrapped up by the larva's webbing and fell to the ground, allowing Kiryu to win the battle. Breaking free of Akiba's control, Kiryu subdued Godzilla instead of killing him and carried him out to sea. After releasing Yoshito to safety, Kiryu plunged into the depths with his counterpart, never to be seen again.

Arsenal

Unlike the previous two MechaGodzillas, Kiryu's tail was fully functional and could be used as a weapon. Kiryu is also the most agile MechaGodzilla moving with a fluid, almost organic grace. His actual weapons include maser cannons in his mouth, dual laser cannons on each arm, and a flight pack that contains two forward firing rocket launchers and four batteries along its back and sides for launching guided missiles.

When these batteries emptied, they could be fired and push an enemy a safe distance away before being detonated remotely. In Tokyo S.O.S., this was replaced by weapons pods where rockets were fired; leaving the attached thrusters on Kiryu's body to maintain its aerial capabilities. For close combat, a short blade can be extended from his right wrist. This blade was not only able to penetrate Godzilla's nearly indestructible flesh, but was also able to discharge a powerful electric shock.

In Tokyo S.O.S., Kiryu's arsenal was upgraded to allow its right hand to collapse into a revolving drill and like all the MechaGodzillas, Kiryu can fly. However, its limited energy reserves required it to be airlifted to battle by two White Herons. Kiryu's most powerful weapon is the Absolute Zero Cannon. This weapon is stored in the cyborg's chest and has the ability to flash freeze its target, causing it to disintegrate under the weight of its own mass. This weapon was badly damaged and deemed to expensive to repair and instead was replaced by the Triple Hyper Maser Cannon. This weapon could be fired simultaneously with Kiryu's mouth cannon, which would cause Godzilla agonizing pain.

Appearances

Filmwise, Kiryu has appeared in two films. *Godzilla Against MechaGodzilla* and *Godzilla: Tokyo S.O.S.* He also appears in the Japanese versions of *Godzilla Domination!* for the Gameboy Advanced and *Godzilla: Destroy All Monsters Melee* for the Gamecube. The reason was that his first film took a little bit to get to America though he was featured in the American version for the Xbox.

In the game *Godzilla Save the Earth*, Kiryu appears under the name MechaGodzilla 3. An overall good fighter that is also one of the last unlocked, Kiryu can use his Mouth Cannon, Missiles, and Drill Hand to get an edge over his foes. His Rage attack is the Absolute Zero Cannon which freezes his opponent while also dealing major damage. In *Godzilla Unleashed*, he appears under the name Kiryu. In this game, he has an augmented moveset and he is a starter

character. Kiryu also appears in the games *Godzilla on Monster Island* and *Godzilla Pachislot Wars*. He was also supposed to appear in the film *Godzilla Final Wars* but was cut due to time constraints.

Final Thoughts

Kiryu is an amazing improvement on the first two MechaGodzillas in terms of sleekness and power. A true doppelganger to the King himself as he was built from the bones and DNA from the 1954 Godzilla. He is also a good character to play as in *Godzilla Unleashed* due to his balanced moveset.

Final Thoughts on MechaGodzilla as a whole

MechaGodzilla remains a classic Godzilla foe. A robotic version of the King armed with enough weapons to give him a challenge, he is often recognized as one of Godzilla's most brutal foes, being one of the few that can actually defeat him. My particular favorite version is Kiryu because I love his design and powers. I also liked the idea of the spirit of the original Godzilla taking control from time to time.

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Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf

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