

## Bodley musicians enjoy big weekend in Boston

Boston was the place to be for many orchestra and chorus students at GRB from April 25-27. Seventy-four students traveled to Boston to perform and see the city and some of its offerings.

After a baggage check the night before the trip, students and chaperones departed from GRB at 6:30 am arriving at their hotel in Boston about 12:30 pm.

From there, students put on their concert attire and headed for their performance at the Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, the same hospital that aided many of injured runners and bystanders during the Boston Marathon bombing in April, 2013. The performance included members of the GRB Women's Choir, Orchestra and Concert Choir. Orchestra Teacher Mrs. Edele and

Choral Teacher Mr. Nami presented the students in fine musical fashion.

Many patients at the hospital watched the entire performance while some stopped to watch for a few minutes as they passed through. From there students headed to dinner at the Hard Rock Cafe and then off to see The Blue Man Group, which was well worth the wait.

The rainy cold weather didn't keep student

spirits down on Saturday as they had the opportunity to go the New England Aquarium, have lunch at Quincy Market, ride on the Duck Tour, participate in a Cash Hunt in and around the city, and go to dinner at Fire and Ice.

The evening ended with the group attending the performance of *Shear Madness*, a comedy, murder mystery, with actor improv  
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## PBIS celebration set for May 16

On Friday, May 16 all of the students at G. Ray Bodley High School will be treated to another PBIS celebration. This year for the PBIS celebration GRB will be putting on a movie day. The movie that has been selected by the students is Disney's new animated film, *Frozen*. It is NOT mandatory for students to attend this celebration, however, this is a celebration for students to be recognized for their hard work and good behavior.

For this celebration a student cannot have more than 15 disciplinary points. As of Tuesday April 22 for this PBIS event ONLY, everyone's points were brought back to zero. If a student has received points since April 22 those points will be used to determine whether or not they qualify for the movie day. Please note that previous points will still remain with students for all other purposes.

*By Jessica Vaccaro*

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

French Club meets every Tuesday after school in room 125.

Quirk's Players will have an important meeting on Thursday, May 1 from 5:30 to 6 pm in the auditorium with information about the fall play and auditions, as well as an important trip. Practice sessions for Friday's Drama Festival at SUNY Oswego will be held on April 30 and May 1 from 6 to 8 pm in the auditorium.

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.

Any boy interested in playing summer soccer and next year there will be a mandatory information meeting on Friday, May 2 after school in room 208. See Mr. Murray prior to the meeting if you cannot attend.

### What's for lunch?

Today: Cheese pizza, broccoli, corn and mixed fruit cup with alternative of taco salad.

Thursday, May 1: TBA.



A generous grant awarded to the Fulton City School District by Dynegey Inc., allowed twenty Alternative Education students, grades 7-12, to experience an interactive field trip to the Milton J. Rubenstein Museum of Science and Technology (The MOST) in Syracuse. The students participated in a personalized planetarium show, explored different hands-on science exhibits like the Earth Science discovery cave and technology exhibits that included controlling a model cock-pit of an F-16 fighter jet. All exhibits correlated to the New York State and future Next Generation Science Standards.

## The Godzilla Files

# Part plant, part human Biollante is a tough foe

By Neal Burke

As the May 16 release date of the new Godzilla film draws closer, fans may wonder if the new monsters will live up to the old. Today's monster is an interesting creature that combines human and plant DNA with that of the king himself: the vicious plant monster, Biollante.

### Basic Stats

Name: Biollante

Species: Mutated Rose/Godzillasaurus/Human hybrid.

Height: 85 meters (Rose Form) 120 meters (Final Form) 130 meters (Godzilla Unleashed)

Weight: 100,000 tons (Rose Form) 200,000 tons (Final Form)

### Appearance

**Rose Form:** In her rose form dubbed Rose Biollante, she is basically a heavily-mutated, and exponentially large, semi-sentient rose with teeth inside her bud and tendrils. She also has long vines and a large, fleshy sac surrounded by her overlaying vines. What this object was has never been determined.

**Final Form:** In her final form, the Godzilla genes took over and Biollante transformed into an abomination of biological science. Biollante's second form has a head similar to that of a Mosasaur or crocodile and a maw with knife-like teeth, even on the interior lining. In addition, six large tusks, three on each side, protruded from the fulcrum-region of her mouth.

Large numbers of vines and tendrils are a primary feature of Biollante with some ending in sharp, spear-like ends, while others sport small, sharp-toothed mouths. Also, Biollante's second form has four stubby, root-like legs that she uses to move, as well as what appears to be meaty flesh underneath the tangled mess of vines and plant tissue. The fleshy surface is yellow and red-orange and has many wrinkles and lines, resembling a brain-like surface.

### History and Backstory:

Biollante started out as a rose/human hybrid created by Doctor Shiragami in 1984. The human half were genes from his daughter Erica who was killed in a terrorist bombing in a Saradia lab and so distraught, he spliced them into her keepsake roses in hopes that

she would continue to live within them. Two psychics confirm that there is indeed a human soul inside the roses and Shiragami is pleased. Five years later however, an earthquake damages the roses making him panic.

Using some of Godzilla's own cells that had been collected from the King's 1984 attack, he splices them into one of the roses to make it invincible. The man fails to realize what he had created and when a few terrorists break into Shiragami's lab to steal the G-cells, they are attacked by a monstrous sentient plant and one of them is killed. The plant then moves to a nearby lake where it grows to monstrous size and lets out a long roar.

Dr. Shiragami confesses to using the G-cells to keep Erica's rose alive and names the monster Biollante. Godzilla was released from his volcanic prison a little bit later and upon hearing Godzilla's roar, Biollante's blossom opens, and the monstrous plant begins calling out to Godzilla. Godzilla showed up, after blasting through some military resistance, and the two beast fight. Biollante is strictly on the defensive,

still clinging to Erica's spirit, but Godzilla's atomic breath has an interesting effect on her and she is soon up in flames.

However, she dissolves into golden spores and ascends into the sky, showing that she is immortal. With Biollante currently out of commission, Japan still had to worry about Godzilla, who was now moving toward the nearest operational nuclear reactor, located on the other side of the country in Tsuruga as he was running low on nuclear fuel. He surfaces in Osaka Bay in order to avoid a confrontation with the Japanese Self-Defense Force, which had mobilized at Iso Bay.

Godzilla seemed unstoppable as he rampaged through Osaka until a low rumble was heard and Biollante's spores rained down and soaked the parched earth. The plant beast emerges from the ground, now resembling a monstrosity, and she begins to fight Godzilla again in a fight to the death.

Biollante had the upper hand for a while until at the last second, Godzilla fired his atomic breath into her mouth, severely wounding her. However, Godzilla falls headfirst into the ocean because of

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# Musicians enjoy busy weekend in Boston

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visitation and audience participation to solve the murder.

The third day consisted of breakfast, hotel check out and a tour of Fenway Park, home of the Boston red Sox. A brief stop in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, on the way

back home took the students to the Norman Rockwell Museum where many of the artist's original paintings are on display.

Students also had quick tour of his studio where he painted many of his works including illustrations for the *New Yorker Magazine*.

Finally, a brief stop in Albany, New York for dinner at Buca di Beppo, a family-style Italian restaurant, and students headed home arriving in Fulton slightly after 9:30 pm. Students waited eight months, multiple fundraisers, and many snow days to finally go on this trip.



Members of the GRB Orchestra, Women's Choir and Concert Choir pose for a photo at the Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts, after their performance on Friday, April 25, 2014. Students traveled to Boston for the weekend to perform and sight see throughout the city. The orchestra is under the direction of Mrs. Edele and the choirs are under the direction of Mr. Nami.

## This day in history: April 30

This was the day in 1789 when George Washington set yet another presidential precedent. While being sworn in as the first president in America he decided to deliver his first inaugural speech. This speech was delivered in New York City's Federal Hall. Since then things haven't change much, as two centuries have brought the inaugural addresses with barely any deviations from the original.

Disaster struck on this day in 1888 in Moradabad, India when a hail storm wreaked havoc on the small farming town. Reports of orange sized hail came in and 230 people were lost due to the natural disaster. Many farm animals were also lost and 16 more people died in the nearby town of Bareilly. The storm occurred in the mid hours of the day, yet reports also stated that the clouds were so voluptuous and dark that it seemed like night. Thankfully warning systems are now in place to give people an idea of the coming storm in advance to minimize deaths and destruction.

In 1948 the debut of the Land Rover occurred at an auto show in Amsterdam. The Series 1 was created by Maurice Wilks, designer for the company Rover. After using a Willys-Overland Jeep for farm work in England he decided to create a better design with more reliable features. The Series 1 was boxy, had four wheel drive and a canvas roof. The design was a hit and soon spread from agricultural work to militaristic uses and police force utilization. The Land Rover became a staple for those that wanted to get through any terrain with ease.

Ellen DeGeneres had a very special announcement on her show on this day in 1997 when she told the world she was gay on the ABC sitcom: *Ellen*. Since then she has gained great notoriety and has her own talk show where she gives away expensive gifts and has hilarious pranks. *Ellen* was the first prime time sitcom to feature a gay leading character.

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# No matter the form, Biollante is dangerous

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the Anti-Nuclear Bacteria that had been injected into him earlier. With Godzilla temporarily knocked out, Biollante dissolves into spores again and flies up into space. As the monster's remains float upwards, Dr. Shiragami sees the image of his daughter among the spores. These spores continued into space and possibly helped create SpaceGodzilla, who would not appear until 1994.

## **Powers and Abilities:**

In her rose form, Biollante can constrict and grapple with an enemy with her many tendrils and mouthed vines, each of which are capable of spitting a highly corrosive sap that can blind an opponent. Biollante can break apart her entire body into golden energy particles, ascend into space, and return, healing from almost anything and even changing form. In her rose form, her cellular division is abnormally affected by Godzilla's atomic ray, resulting negatively in heavy body damage.

Biollante's Final Form retains all of her previous abilities, though she does acquire an additional one, the ability to spit large quantities of radioactive corrosive sap from her large mouth (the radiation is clearly visible as orange energy spores within the sap stream). Her tendrils resemble spears and are capable of piercing another monster's flesh relatively easily. Despite her plant-like body and grounded-looking appearance, Biollante is perfectly capable of moving across the ground pretty quickly. She also sports extremely enhanced regeneration capabilities, shown when she completely regenerated back part of her head which had been blown off by Godzilla's atomic ray.

## **Appearances:**

Biollante has only one film to her credit, *Godzilla vs Biollante*,



though she did appear in *Godzilla vs SpaceGodzilla* as stock footage because she was one of the possible theories on SpaceGodzilla's creation. Biollante also appeared in the game *Super Godzilla* as a boss and later appeared in *Godzilla Generations: Maximum Impact* as a boss.

She also appeared in the video games *Godzilla Battle Legends*, *Godzilla Trading Battle* and *Godzilla* (arcade). The plant beast was even considered for the game *Godzilla: Save the Earth* but was removed for unknown reasons. She did however, appear in the Wii version of *Godzilla Unleashed* as the biggest monster in the game, being 130 meters.

This version is bigger than the movie version and her sheer size and vines give her a different fighting style than the other monsters. She cannot jump, but instead can 'stand' on her vines for a few seconds. She also has the slowest walk in the game but makes up for it with her tunneling ability and charge. Her vines can fire from long distances while her giant mouth works well at close range, making her dangerous at any range. But while she has a high amount of health, her

defense is weak and can be overwhelmed by offensive combos. It is interesting to note that Biollante's completed character is still present, though only obtainable through hacking, on the Save the Earth disc and that her fighting style is basically identical to her *Godzilla Unleashed* fighting style. She even appeared as the world 4 boss of *I Wanna Be The Boshy*, a PC game known for being extremely difficult.

Biollante also appeared in Kodansya's *Godzilla* manga, as a creation called Biollante Neo. She fights Godzilla again but is killed by Megalon. She also appeared in IDW's comic series *Godzilla Rulers of Earth* as well, issue #8.

## **Final Thoughts**

Biollante is a very interesting beast. Her appearance makes it almost impossible to believe that she has human DNA inside her. Her final form is somewhat terrifying but just plain awesome. I think Biollante deserved another film but her debut didn't do as well as Toho had hoped so that probably contributed to her not returning to the big screen.

*Next Class Topic: SpaceGodzilla*

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## This week in Raider Sports

**Today:** Softball @ Cortland; Track @ Mexico; Tennis vs. Syracuse East.

**Thurs. May 1:** Girls lax @ CBA (JV-5/V-6:30); V Baseball @ Cortland.

**Fri. May 2:** V Baseball @ Bishop Ludden; JV Baseball vs. Bishop Ludden; Tennis vs. ES-M (4:45); Softball vs. Fowler; Boys lax @ Whitesboro (JV-5/V-7); Girls track @ Oswego Cty. Invit (@ C.Square); Boys track at Oswego Cty. Invit (@ Oswego MS 4 pm).

**Sat. May 3:** JV Baseball vs. Cortland (11 am).

*All games at 4:30 pm unless noted. Due to weather circumstances, schedule is subject to change)*



School of Thought compiled by Alec Thomas & Emily Hyde

## What do you think about students disrespecting teachers?



"Times have changed. I would never have acted that way."

Mrs. Jodway



"If a teacher disrespects you, you should be able to return the favor."

Bridget LaPage



"It's wrong and you should never do it."

Donna Aiken



"It depends on the situation. Sometimes it's okay."

Victoria Gillette

# Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Cloudy with rain showers.

50°

Average: 60°  
Record: 85° (1970)

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Cloudy with rain.  
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50°

Average: 42°  
Record: 27° (1978)

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Cloudy with rain.

62°

Average: 64°  
Record: 87° (1936)

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.