

Different signs signal the arrival of spring

Spring is just around the corner, and that means nice weather, baseball, and finally getting away from this snow. For students and faculty, Spring could not have come any sooner.

Spring sports have started up such as tennis, lacrosse, baseball, and track. Before the

arrival of spring there are always some tell-tale signs that it is on its way.

Business teacher Mrs. House said that, "the smell of the fresh air is what draws me in and tells me that spring is here." Senior Ashley McCann, a student at GRB says, "the snow finally melting," tells her that spring

is here. For Carlos Feliciano spring is here for him when, "the warm weather comes,"

For Meriah Dishaw spring is evident when, "the birds are chirping." Spring is here, so break out the sandals and flip-flops and get ready for the nice weather to begin.

By Jeff Waldron



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Raider lacrosse scores breakthrough victory

By Jimmy Martin

If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. And that's exactly what the Fulton varsity boys lacrosse team did on Thursday in gaining their first win of the season. It was a happy home opener as the Raiders defeated Cortland 11-6. Both teams were winless going into the game and had close losses to good teams. The Cortland Tigers lost to New Hartford by two, Lafayette by one, and then lost to Homer by six. As was the case in their previous three match-ups, it was not their day.

The game opened up with two quick goals as both Cortland and Fulton scored within the first minute of the game. The first quarter continued back and forth with the teams only scoring one more goal each. After a 2-2 tie, the Raiders picked up their game and were hungry for the win, scoring three times in the second quarter to go on top at half-time for the first time this season with a 5-3

advantage.

After halftime, the Raiders kept up their pace, doubling the Tigers 4-2 to increase their margin to 9-5. With only one quarter left the boys knew that the win was theirs as long as they kept playing hard. They did just that and closed out the game by winning the fourth 2-1, and the game in an 11-6 final.

Putting the number in the win column felt good for the Raider, and they look to add more. Several players contributed greatly to this victory as senior Matt Nelson scored a hat trick and added two assists for five points, while senior Carson Vono also scored three goals. R.J. Borrow netted two goals and Brett Campolietta, Shawn Walburger, and Bryce Knight each added a goal to seal the deal.

The next league match for the Raiders is on Tuesday as they travel to Whitesboro looking to even their mark at 2-2 against the 0-3 and still winless Warriors.

Tough opener for Raider tennis

The tennis team kicked off the season with

the unenviable task of taking on perennial champion Jamesville-Dewitt in Wednesday's home opener. Although the odds were stacked against them the Raiders made sure it wasn't an easy win, despite the 7-0 final.

Senior Jake Strauss noted his team's baptism of fire, saying, "it's tough facing a team like J-D for our very first match, but it showed us where we need to be and gave us something to strive for."

The weather has also been an obstacle for the team so far this season as the Raiders have only recently been able to practice outdoors on their home court. Friday was more of the same lousy weather as their match against Fowler was cancelled.

As a result, the team will be busy this week, hosting Chittenango this afternoon and travelling to East Syracuse-Minoa on Tuesday with both matches slated to begin at 4:30 pm.

By Seth Miller

Send us your pictures of the Red Raiders in action theraider@fulton.cnyric.org

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.

Prom tickets are currently on sale during lunch bells and from class advisor Mr. Lacey during guided study hall in room 227. Tickets are \$40 and checks should be made to the GRB Class of 2015. Prom contracts must be turned in at the time of purchase. See Mr. Lacey for more details.

There will be brief meeting for all members of Quirk's Players today, April 7 at 2:30 pm in the auditorium.

What's for lunch?

Today: BBQ beef ribbie on a bun with green beans, baby carrots and fresh apple with alternative of turkey and cheese sandwich.

Tuesday: Chicken patty on a bun with sweet potato waffles, peas and peaches with alternative of grilled cheese sandwich.

Opinion

Keep these in mind when applying for college

By Tevin Simard

College acceptance days are here, and it is always a time of great joy or sadness, depending on the outcome. Members of the junior and sophomore classes should start thinking about the college process, if they have not already done so.

Here are some tips that will you along your way if your goal is to be admitted to a top notch college or university.

1. College admissions committees like seeing applicants with strong academic records. They know that such individuals will be able to handle the rigor of their institution. Therefore, you should try to take as many honors, A.P., S.U.N.Y., and even C.C.C. courses as you can to demonstrate your merit. Although admissions counselors prefer to see a student start high school on strong footing, they can be forgiving of a freshman year that is "okay." Generally, as long as they see an upward trend in your grades, and not a downward one, there is little reason for concern here. Of course, having a 4.0 and competitive class rank helps as well.

2. Try to study as much and as frequently as you can for your



your talents. You can find out if these are necessary at the schools you are interested in online.

3. Be active and engaged at school as well as in the community. I have involved myself in various activities during my career here at G. Ray Bodley. However, the activities in which I invested the most time were Youth 4 Youth (then Safer Actions From Education), Student Government as vice and class president, track & field, as well as cross-country. Likewise, I began volunteering in ninth grade at the Fulton Public Library and Michaud Nursing home. I wanted to give back to my community in the ways that it had already given to me.

A way I differentiated myself from other applicants was by receiving the President's Volunteer Gold Service Award and a letter from President Barack Obama for my benevolent work, which fewer than 100 students received the honor in New York State two years ago. A common question asked in college interviews and on applications is how students have used their summers. It is imperative to do some enriching activity, even if it's working, and be active. Otherwise, it could be interpreted that you are an unmotivated student.

4. Write well-written essays. Try to find a teacher whom you are close with who will read over your college application as well as scholarship essays. I have done this for two years in a row and have seen tremendous growth in my writing and my articulation of ideas as a whole.

Attempt to find something unique or interesting about yourself and convey it in your writing. Do not try to sound like the person that you think college admissions committees want to see; they are always looking to create an interesting class. I have seen several acquaintances and friends use this method and end up unsuccessful. An element that can help you compose your writing pieces is to carefully research as much as you can about a college or scholarship program. Always try to connect your life back to the motto of a college or the essence of a scholarship organization. Be aware that if tests are not your strong point, your essays can sometimes make up for otherwise average scores.

5. Be happy with all of your schools. No matter how good your application may be, there is no guarantee that you will get into any of your top schools. You will be compared to top students in the region, and from there on, nationwide. I know of a girl who was not accepted to any school ten times in a row and then received an

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college entrance exams. While the SAT is undergoing changes, it is still worthwhile to learn about the test. The same logic applies to studying for the ACT, though the test has not been changed. Definitely make sure to find out a college's requirements for admission and what they "highly recommend." For example, as a sophomore, I was interested in applying to Georgetown even then and wanted to do everything I could to get there. That is when I saw that candidates were not obligated to, but favored, if they submitted 3 SAT Subject Tests with their applications. At the end of my sophomore year, I took my Spanish and World History Subject Tests. The next year, I took two others. If you decide to take these exams, make sure to only do them in areas in which you excel, so as to showcase



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Applying for college (from page 2)

acceptance to Columbia University. Then I know a boy who was not accepted at Middlebury, but received acceptances at Pomona College, Williams College, the University of Chicago, and Brown University. Lastly, I know of a person who did not get acceptances at all four Ivy League schools he applied to and then was accepted at Georgetown.

The lesson to be learned from all of these examples is that college admissions is subjective and sometimes unpredictable. Because of this consideration, it is important to be happy with ending up at any of the schools that you will be applying to. You may end up at a place that you never envisioned yourself at, either at the top or bottom of your list. As a good friend, Iris, once said, "I would say 'rejection' is just a change of plans: you're still going to fight just as hard for your dreams, but you're going to have to deviate from your intended path."

6. Have faith in yourself. This advice is harder said than done. In the college admissions process, especially if you apply to competitive colleges with acceptance rates of under 20%, you will likely feel overwhelmed. This may be because your parents, friends, and others around you do not support your decisions to apply to particular schools. If you never try and apply to a school you love, then you will never know what the result would have been. (As a side note, be happy with all of the schools on your list, and have a few that are comparable in selectivity). Sometimes you may feel as if you will not receive an acceptance anywhere, like I did, as silly as it sounds.

As helpful as all of these tips might potentially be, I am not an admissions counselor, nor a guidance counselor, but I am a student who has gone through this daunting process and can happily share his know-how with you. Please take this information and use it to help you succeed when you apply to college, specifically ones that are exclusive. Remember college is a match to be made and not a prize to be won.



**Bodley's Got
TALENT**

Wednesday April 9
6:30 pm

\$4 admission GRB auditorium

Quote of the day:

"Let us believe neither half of the good people tell us of ourselves, nor half the evil they say of others."
-J. Petit Senn

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This week in Raider Sports

Today: Tennis vs. Mexico.
Tues. April 8: Tennis vs. Chittenango; Softball vs. J-D; Baseball @ J-D; Boys lax @ Whitesboro.
Wed. April 9: Tennis @ ES-M; Track vs. Cortland/ Fowler @ Cortland; JV girls lax vs. Fowler; V girls lax vs. Fowler (6 pm).
Thurs. April 10: Softball @ Chittenango; Baseball vs. Chittenango; Boys lax vs. J-D (V-7 pm).
Fri. April 11: V girls lax vs. MPS (5:30); Track @ C-NS Relays (4 pm).
Sat. April 12: V baseball @ C.Square 11 am & 1 pm); JV baseball vs. C.Square (11 am & 1 pm); JV girls lax @ Cortland (noon).
 All games at 4:30 pm unless noted.
 Due to weather circumstances, schedule is subject to change)



Artist of the Week:

Senior Chance Porter

For this week, the artist of the week is a G. Ray Bodley High School senior, Chance Porter. Chance is currently enrolled in a Graphic Design class at BOCES, where he honed his skills in a multitude of



mediums. He is especially fond of Photoshop, which he is fairly talented in, and uses it frequently to make some of the funniest photos the internet has ever been graced with.

Photoshop isn't where his talents end, he is also gifted with 3-D artforms like Ceramics. He started taking classes with Mrs. Williams just this year and has created phenomenal pieces centering around gnomes and hobbits. Although, he does excel more in the realm of 2D art. He has had one of his pieces featured on a website devoted to showcasing and recognizing talented digital artists.

Chance intends to go on to school for

theater and the arts, acting is something he is seriously considering doing. He plans on attending FLCC in the fall, and hopes to move on to acting shortly after.

By Dawson Samson

School of Thought compiled by Logan Aubeuf & Jack Ryan

What are you looking forward to most with the upcoming warm weather?



"Not being so cold all the time!"

Erica Pawlewicz



"Going to Virginia beach."

Mrs. Slater



"Wearing no socks."

Kayla Munger



"Beaches."

Matt Goss

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf

Today:



Cloudy with rain.

52°

Average: 53°
Record: 85° (1991)

Tonight:



Cloudy with rain.

42°

Average: 34°
Record: 9° (1972)

Tomorrow:



Cloudy with rain.

48°

Average: 54°
Record: 84° (2010)

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.