

RND reaches milestone: 700 issues and counting

By Cayla Weaver

Today marks a milestone in the annals of G. Ray Bodley High School Journalism as RaiderNet Daily has reached its 700th edition.

The first edition of RaiderNet was posted on September 18, 2009 and included an interview with former GRB Principal Mr. Buchanan and an article about Quirk's Players working hard on their fall production, which was a play called *Don't Tell Mother*. Other articles included plans for Homecoming 2009, an article on the at the time undefeated football team, and the first ever question of the day under the current format, asking what people did over the summer.

Ever since 2009, excluding the 2012-2013 school year, almost every school day has featured a RaiderNet Daily which has been

published online with oswegocountytoday.com. While the reporters have come and gone over the years, two constants throughout all 700 editions of RaiderNet are Advisor Mr. Senecal and RND's daily weather forecast from Carson Metcalf, who started during his sophomore year at Bodley and has continued on as a student at SUNY Oswego. Without Mr. Senecal's hard work and dedication none of this would have been possible. "It's time consuming," he said of the work that goes into RND, "but it's worth it. I would like to think that we are providing a needed service for the school, the district, and for the people of Fulton."

"The greatest part of it has been working with all of the students over the years," he went on to say, noting that several former RND members are still involved with journalism. Along with Metcalf, who is currently

the on-camera Meteorologist for WTOP TV-10 and the Web Director of The Oswegonian online at SUNY Oswego, they include sports writer Eric Belair, who has had articles published in numerous places including Syracuse.com, the Syracuse Herald Journal and recently in an online publication covering the National Football League. In addition former RND columnist and reporter Vanessa Langdon's work has been a mainstay in her college newspaper at the College of St. Rose in Albany as well as the Albany Times Union.

"We've averaged around 140 issues per year," Mr. Senecal concluded. "It's not always easy coming up enough things to write about, but somehow we manage to do it. Hopefully the day to day deadlines will help to prepare the students for what lies ahead after they leave GRB and RaiderNet Daily."



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Prom prep hits the home stretch

By Breanna St.Onge

Seventeen more days!

The Junior Prom is now less than three weeks away and there is still much to be done. There are dresses still to be picked out, tuxes to have fitted, and limo and dinner reservations to be made and paid for. Prom tickets are still on sale from Class of 2016 Advisor Mr. McCarten during lunch bells for \$50 and should be purchased as soon as possible.

Last week juniors nominated classmates for the upcoming prom court, the results of which will be released soon.

Many of the prom parties are starting to make their reservations for dinner at local restaurants in Oswego near Bayshore, where the prom will be held again this year. A few popular places from past years are ones such as Vona's, Alex's, and Canalli's. Their tables fill up fast during prom season, so students should not delay in making their reservations.

Another item to get in line before prom are grades! Students who are planning on

attending prom but may have low or failing grades only have a short time to get their act together. It is important to remember that attending prom is a privilege that may be denied if certain standards are not met. Disciplinary points are also a factor, and if the amount of points exceeds 50, the student will be ineligible to attend this year's junior prom. Students must also have an attendance rate of 85 percent or higher with no more than 10 percent of the absences being unexcused absences.

Also, any guests who are attending as a

junior's guest who are not enrolled at GRB must have a guest pass, sign a prom contract and be under the age of 21 years old. Both the junior attending and his or her date who still attends GRB must have a cumulative passing average by the end of 30 weeks.

The prom is something to be looked forward to all year long and it brings about excitement and memories to last a lifetime. From finding that perfect dress, to spending time with friends and having a great time on the dance floor, it is sure to be a night to remember.

Prom Dress Sale

April 20-21

Donate gently used dresses, shoes and accessories.

See Mrs. Simonds or Mrs. Meeks for more information.

Opinion

Never underestimate the role of the library

By Maggie Williams

I don't want to sound like an old timer telling one of those, "back in my day" stories, but the truth of the matter is that libraries were still a huge thing when I was a kid. I remember going there regularly to get a new book.

Not only was it something that my mom wanted me to do, but I wanted to do it myself. Getting a book at the public library actually excited me as a child and it probably still would now. However, now that electronics have become so advanced that information and books can be read right in the palm of your hand without even having to go anywhere, I don't tend to make that trip very often any more. But after recently spending a few days in the public library, I have realized that libraries are still important and they should not be forgotten.

It is understandable that people feel no need to go to the library.

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Technology these days really does make life easier. However, there are a lot of advantages to going to the library. It's a great place to study, and everyone knows that the best place to study is in a quiet place, and what place is quieter than a library? There are hundreds of books that you could use as study tools or resources. Knowing how to look up things in books is quite an advantage. It's important to be able to use books so you can learn anytime, anywhere. The Internet may not always be available, but books will be. Even if you do need to use the internet, the library has computers!

The library also has many people who are willing to help you



with whatever you need. Whether you need help with school work or just any topic in general, they are there to help you. If reading is one of your hobbies, the library is certainly an interesting place to be in. There are so many things to learn in a library that you will never run out of new lessons that you haven't learned before.

Libraries have so much to offer. Sure, electronics have a lot to offer too, but the experience of being in a library is so different from looking things up on your couch at home. The environment is relaxing, whether you're reading or studying. It's a place where



you become determined to get your work done because you're in the perfect place to do it. Libraries should definitely be used more often, they really are worth your time. And since this week is National Library Week there is no better time to acquaint, or reacquaint yourself with that wonderful place known as the library.

**The Red Raider Den
is now open for business!
stop by for a snack bells 8 and 9**

Quote of the day:

"I always like to look on the optimistic side of life, but I am realistic enough to know that life is a complex matter."

-Walt Disney

April Fact of the Day

On April 15, 1912 the supposedly unsinkable luxury liner the Titanic struck an iceberg and sank. Of the 2,228 passengers and crew members who set sail, only 705 survived.

**Book now for
the prom and
dinner dance!**

Reflections

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Raider Sports

Laxmen burst into victory column, tennis denied

The Fulton boys lacrosse team blitzed into the victory column while the Raider boys tennis team dropped a heartbreaker on Monday as the arrival of warm weather ushered in the first full week of the spring sports season.

After dropping three straight games by lopsided scores, the Raiders enjoyed their day in the sun with a 16-9 romp past visiting Onondaga. The teams battled through a high scoring first quarter that produced a 7-7 draw, but it was all Fulton from there as the home side scored all four second quarter goals and owned a 7-2 advantage through the final three periods to send OHS home at 0-2.

Bryce Knight scored five times and R.J. Borrow added four for the winners, who also picked up two goals and two assists from Jake McDermott and two goals with an assist by Brett Campolieta. Austin Beckwith chipped in with a goal and two assists to go with solo markers from Darrin Cooper and Nick Walberger for the 1-3

Raiders, who face Central Square this afternoon at 5:30.

It was a tough start for the Raider tennis team in a 4-3 loss to Cortland that saw the Purple Tigers prevail on the strength of a pair of tie-breaker victories. Thomas Distin was the hard-luck loser in third singles in a 7-5 third set tie-breaker while the doubles tandem of Robert Salerno and Jessie Smithers came up just shy in a marathon match at third doubles. The duo fell 7-3 in a first set tiebreaker before rebounding to win 6-0 to create a winner take all third set that went the way of the Tigers in a 7-5 tie-breaker. The win helped Cortland gain a sweep of the doubles matches en route to victory.

In other action Ben McKay breezed to a 6-3, 6-1 win at first singles while Zach Perry scored a 7-5, 6-4 second singles victory and Bailey Raponi prevailed in a three set battle at fourth singles, claiming the decisive third set by a 6-4 count. The boys are back in action this afternoon at Phoenix in a 4:30 pm start.

Track feeling attendance bite

Spring sports are underway and games, meets and matches have begun. However, there has recently been an issue with students who are "interested" in being on a team, but continuing to miss practice after practice, particularly on the track and field team

If this continues, the coaches have come to a decision to possibly start making cuts to an already small team. It has become a problem when trying to put together relay teams for the upcoming meet and to organize who will be in what events.

Any students interested in being a part of the track team should contact Mr. Wasacz in the technology department or talk to one of the team's seniors.

By Breanna St.Onge

This week in Raider Sports

Today: Track vs. Oswego; Tennis @ Phoenix.

Thurs. April 16: Boys V lax @ C.Square (5:30); Girls lax @ J-D (JV-4:30/V-6); V baseball @ Marcellus; JV baseball vs. Marcellus.

Fri. April 17: V baseball vs. Chittenango @ OCC (7 pm).

Sat. April 18: Tennis @ Oswego (10 am); Girls lax @ Oswego (JV-10 am/V-1 pm); Softball @ Oswego (10 am); Boys lax @ Oswego (JV-noon/V-3 pm); Baseball @ Oswego (JV-10 am/V-noon); V baseball vs. ES-M @ OCC (4 pm); Track @ Tully (noon).

(all games at 4:30 pm unless noted. Due to weather conditions, this schedule is subject to change)



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

Attention Sophomores & Juniors: Rotary Youth Leadership applications are available in the guidance office.

Seniors: There are lots of Scholarships available in the guidance office during the month of April and beginning of May. Please make sure to watch for the deadline dates. Most scholarships that are posted at this time will have a Fulton student winner.

Quirk's Players will hold an important meeting on Wednesday, April 15 at 2:30 pm in room 104 to discuss important activities and events. All members are encouraged to attend.

Any **boy interested in playing soccer** next year at any level should attend a very brief meeting after school on Thursday, April 16 in room 115. Important information regarding spring and summer programs will be distributed.

Student Senate is asking you to empty your pockets, wallets, purses and backpacks to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Bring your spare change in to your guided study hall through Friday of this week. The guided study hall collecting the most money for charity will win a donut party on Monday, April 20th! Good luck and may the most charitable guided study hall win!

Spanish club members are reminded that there will be a pinata party on Tuesday, April 21st! Please bring in candy by this Friday to SeOora Pirainois room and help stuff the piOata!

What's for lunch?

Today: Cheese pizza with green beans and fresh apple.

Thursday: BBQ turkey on a bun with baked beans, and peaches.

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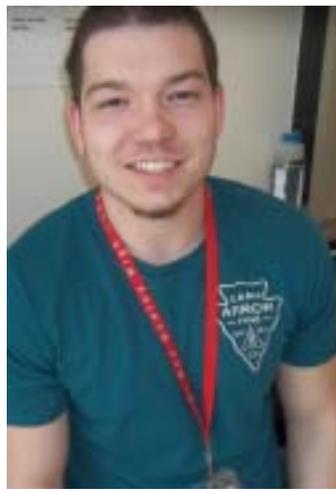


What is your favorite flavor of ice cream?



"Vanilla."

Justin Hines



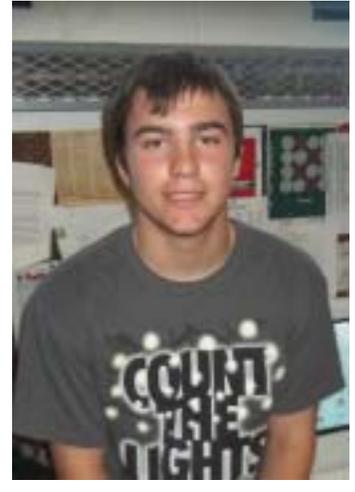
"Peanut butter cup
cookie dough."

Mr. Wilmot



"Chocolate."

Steven Stoutenger



"Chocolate peanut
butter."

Mitch Woodworth

Meteorology and you

Today:

Tonight:

Tomorrow:

By Carson Metcalf



Sunny skies.

58°

Average: 57°
Record: 87° (1994)



Clear skies.

32°

Average: 37°
Record: 18° (1926)



Partly cloudy.

65°

Average: 58°
Record: 90° (2012)



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