

Incinerator, landfill visit provides eye-opener

By Caleb Almeter

It was an interesting experience, and a smelly one on Monday when Mr. Mainville's Global Environment class went on a trip to the local incinerator and landfill as part of their unit on waste.

In the classroom, the students had talked about waste management and problems with some current systems, including pollution from incinerators, leachate from landfills and issues of space. The main goal was to simply see how the local waste was disposed of, and it was extremely interesting.

Most of the area's municipal (household) garbage is disposed of in plastic trash bags, and most of these are burned in the incinerator, and the resulting heat is used to produce energy by steam power and turbines. Before it is burned, it is piled up, and the students got to see firsthand the hill of garbage people create regularly.

It was humbling, and embarrassing in a way to see how much Oswego County households dispose of in a week. There is also a lot to burn, so concerns of pollution are taken very seriously. There are strict regulatory systems in place to ensure that nothing harmful goes into the air or the Oswego River.

The landfill was the group's second stop, and the overall impression of it was that it was very clean. Over the course of years, the garbage that cannot be incinerated ends up there, and it was a large hill of garbage. However, it was covered with a layer of grassy soil, and did not look like any horrible wasteland, which of course, is the goal.

Eventually, the landfill will be shut down and nature will reclaim the area. There are pollutants that may seep out of the garbage due to rainwater, but the landfill has multiple layers of protection to prevent this.

Unfortunately, the problem with landfills and incinerators is that they are needed so badly. As a society, we produce a lot of garbage, and reducing that is difficult. Optimally, though, society should not need to set

land aside to pile its waste on. Landfill waste decomposes extremely slowly, if at all, so it will not be going away until long after we stop depositing it.

The solution, although it is a difficult one, is that people need to produce less non-recyclable waste, and limit the impact of the waste that will not break down.



Members of the Global Environment class are dwarfed by the stack of garbage waiting to be incinerated at the county incinerating facility. Pictured from left to right are (front) Sarah Tallents, Jake McDermott, Lane Perl. Standing-Andrew Distin, Dylan Batchelor, Matt Kitts, Rob Pollock, Ethan Dexter, Caleb Almeter, Cody Green, Austin Beckwith, Austin Wells, Jacob Bailey, Tim McAfee, Sarah Rice and Nick Riciputo. The bottom photo emphasizes the enormity of the pile. (Mr. Mainville photos)



Opinion

Rape culture transcends stereotypes, genders

By Kassidy Bowering



It has been pointed out to me by a fellow student that in my recent article about rape culture I ignored the issue of men being raped. Is it because I do not care for men, and their issues of rape? Not at all. So I'm setting the record straight.

No one cares about the men behind bars, and the sexual abuse that is happening, right?

After all, why would anyone care? They're all criminals, and they deserve what they're getting. Except for the part where they don't deserve it. It does not matter what the person has done, or what he was convicted for; rape in prison is a real issue.

Whether anyone agrees or not, that does not change the facts. Everyone in the United States has rights and there are laws for a reason. Letting prisoners rape each other without punishment "because they're bad people anyway" is like allowing a bully to get emotionally traumatized. If we turn a blind eye toward this issue, how can we say that we ourselves are not criminals?

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To make matters worse, many people don't even realize that prisoners aren't just being raped by other convicts. Texas is having a serious issue with their staff taking control of their inmates and abusing their power. What can the prisoners do, however, report it? To whom? In many cases the staff can get away with abusing the inmates they are in charge of.

Former *Albany Times Union* reporter Alysia Santo, well known for her articles on issues in New York's detention facilities, points out that "even when there is enough evidence to prove a staff mem-

ber had sexual contact with an inmate, criminal sanctions are rare. Fewer than half are referred for prosecution." Between 2000 and 2014 there were 133 cases of sexual assaults against prisoners by staff in Texas. Out of these 133, only nine ended with prosecutions that resulted in jail time. Imagine how many males were assaulted before these NINE people were put away?

But prison isn't the only place where men are being raped. Hannah Rosin pointed out in her article *When Men Are Raped* that "last year the National Crime Victimization Survey turned up a remarkable statistic. In asking 40,000 households about rape and sexual violence, the survey uncovered that 38 percent of incidents were against men."

When people think of rape, they often picture frail women who cannot stand up for themselves. This is clearly not the issue. Rape is unlawful sexual activity and usually sexual intercourse carried out forcibly or under threat of injury against the will of a person who is beneath a certain age or incapable of valid consent.

Nowhere in this definition is there a mention of weakness. Because of this misguided belief that those who are raped are weak, many rapes go unreported. Out of all of the men who are raped, 27.8% of them were age 10 or younger at the time of their first rape/victimization. The reality is that the rape culture is affecting everyone: the young and old, and the boys and girls, along with the guilty and non-guilty.

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“Anonymous” hacker group declares war on ISIS

By David Houck

As a result of the horrific terror attacks in Paris, leaving at least 129 dead and 352 wounded, hacktivist group Anonymous has declared war on ISIS.

With the humble beginnings of internet

mischief and random hackings, Anonymous has stepped up their game. Foreign Policy notes Anonymous’ “...first ‘political’ operation was an Internet crusade against the Church of Scientology.” Since then, Anonymous has chosen sides on several political controversies; all the while protecting the newest frontier: the Internet.

In a recent video, a French-speaking Anonymous member in a mask formally declared war on the Islamic State, stating, “we will find you and will not let you go; we will launch the biggest ever operative against you.”

Anonymous has previously launched several cyber attacks on ISIS prior to Friday’s attacks, in retaliation against the Charlie Hebdo shooting. Since then, Foreign Policy estimates that Anonymous has dismantled at least 149 ISIS-affiliated websites, flagged around 101,000 Twitter accounts and nearly 6,000 propaganda videos.

If this may not seem like much, the internet plays a major role in the recruitment of ISIS members. ISIS uses social media sites such as Twitter, YouTube, and Instagram to release propaganda and encourage Muslims from across the world to join their movement. They often post pictures warning nearby countries of their upcoming attacks.

One viral post featured an armed jihadist gazing at the ISIS flag over Mosul. The inscription read in Arabic letters “We are coming, Baghdad.”

In response to Anonymous’ threat, ISIS released a post calling them “idiots,” and warning ISIS followers to use basic internet safety procedures.

With several countries joining the United States in deploying airstrikes against ISIS in Syria, it doesn’t hurt to have some internet vigilantes attacking these terrorists on a different front.

As the French Anonymous member states, “Expect massive cyber attacks. War is declared. Get prepared. The French people are stronger than you and will come out of this atrocity even stronger.”

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

The next meeting of the **Fultonian Yearbook** is Tuesday after school in room 102. New members welcome.

The **Class of 2019** is selling pizza slices and bottled water after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays for \$1.50.

The counseling office of G. Ray Bodley High School will host its annual **Financial Aid Night** on Tuesday, December 8 at 7 pm in the auditorium. All college bound students and their parents or guardians are encouraged to attend.

Presale orders for the 2016 **Fultonian Yearbook** are now being taken. Reserve your copy by Dec. 23, 2015 and receive \$10 off the normal price (\$50 instead of \$60). Orders are being taken in room 118 during guided study hall. A \$10 deposit reserves your copy at the lower price.

Sophomore Class cookie dough fundraiser information including completed forms and checks should be turned in to Mr. Fasulo by the end of the week.

Former GRB student and current Fredonia sophomore Johnelle Dishaw will be in the **guidance office** on Monday, Nov. 23 at 11 am to talk about her experiences as a college student. Any student interested in learning more about college life is encouraged to attend.

The **varsity girls bowling team** is still looking for new members. Practices are held at Lakeview Lanes from 3-5 pm after school Monday through Thursday. Any girls who are interested but need a ride can obtain a bus pass from the main office for bus 426, which drops the girls off at the lanes.

What’s for lunch?

Today: Hot sliced turkey with gravy, dinner roll, mashed potatoes, buttered squash and apple crisp

Friday: Grilled cheese sandwich with tomato soup, baked beans and mixed fruit cup

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"Family, friends and good health."

Ms. Stephenson



"My dog!"

Ms. Frien



"Being able to get an education."

Phil Summerville



"My family."

Tristan Meeker

Meteorology and you

Today:



Rain showers

60°

Average: 47°
Record: 74° (1921)

Tonight:



Partly cloudy

38°

Average: 32°
Record: 14° (1962)

Tomorrow:



Sun and clouds

48°

Average: 47°
Record: 75° (1991)

By Carson Metcalf



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