

Quirk's Players to present Oklahoma!

Quirk's Players of G. Ray Bodley High School are proud to announce that they will present Rodgers & Hammerstein's classic Broadway musical *Oklahoma!*. Performances are scheduled for Thursday, March 3 Friday, March 4 and Saturday, March 5 in the Bodley H.S. Auditorium. Curtain time is set for 7:30 p.m. each evening. Additionally there will be a 2 pm. matinee on Saturday. Tickets will be available at the door.

Oklahoma! opened at the St. James Theatre on Broadway on March 31, 1943, and became an instant success. Based on Lynn Riggs' folk play *Green Grow The Lilacs*, *Oklahoma!* depicts the high-spirited rivalry between the local farmers and cowboys set in a western Indian territory just after the turn of the 20th century.

The production tells the story of Curly, a handsome cowboy, and Laurey, a winsome farm girl, who are in love but are too stubborn to admit that they have feelings for each other. Their love is tested in many ways throughout the production, especially as the hired farm hand Jud Fry confesses romantic feelings for Laurey. Laurey's good friend, the flirtatious Ado Annie, is torn between cowboy Will Parker and the traveling peddler and ladies' man Ali Hakim. These head strong characters seek to work out their romantic predicaments and forge a new life together in a brand-new state.

Oklahoma! marked the first collaborative work of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II who reigned on Broadway for years. Their partnership provided some of America's best loved musicals including *South Pacific*, *State Fair*, *The King and I* and *The Sound of Music*, to name a few. Their production of *Oklahoma!* created the modern American musical; the formula used by Rodgers & Hammerstein is still used on Broadway today.

Over the years *Oklahoma!* has earned dozens of awards and continually proves to be an American favorite. The musical has been translated into over a dozen languages and has been performed all over the world. Today The Rodgers & Hammerstein Organi-



Quirk's Players will proudly present the Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II's classic Broadway musical *Oklahoma!* on March 3rd, 4th & 5th in the Bodley High School Auditorium. Pictured here are (seated - l to r) David Houck, who plays the loveable Will Parker, Victoria Eckhard who plays Ado Annie, Erika Perwitz who will appear as Laurey and Jeremy Herlowski who will assume the role of Curly; (standing - l to r) Bayley Raponi who plays the role of Ike Skidmore; Alysa Rosenbarker who portrays Aunt Eller, Gina Babcock who will appear as Gertie Cummings and Michael Mankiewicz who will portray the traveling peddler Ali Hakim. *Oklahoma!* is under the direction of Fulton Teachers Tom Briggs, Thomas Nami and Rob Lesarbeau with dances choreographed by Doreen Forbes.

zation consistently licenses more than 600 productions of *Oklahoma!* in the United States and Canada each year alone.

Rodgers & Hammerstein's *Oklahoma!* features a beautiful score that includes such notable Broadway classics as "Oh, What A Beautiful Mornin'," "The Surrey With The Fringe On Top," "Kansas City," "I Cain't Say No," "It's A Scandal! It's An Outrage!," "People Will Say We're In Love," "Lonely Room," "All Er Nothin'," and "Oklahoma," to name a few.

Starring in GRB's musical this year are senior Erica Perwitz as Laurey and junior Jeremy Herlowski as Curly. Laurey's spirited Aunt Eller will be played by Alysa Rosenbarker while Brandon Webb assumes

the role of the dark and threatening farmhand Jud. David Houck, a junior at Bodley, will play the carefree Will Parker, who longs to marry the fun loving Ado Annie, played by Victoria Eckhard. Michael Mankiewicz will portray Ali Hakim, the traveling peddler, whose character may prevent Will Parker from marrying his love. Senior Gina Babcock will appear as Gertie Cummings. Ben McKay will play the role of Andrew Carnes, Ado Annie's father, and Bayley Raponi will play the role of Ike Skidmore.

Members of the ensemble will appear as farmers, cowboys and residents of the Oklahoma Indian Territory as well as other small character roles. The ensemble includes

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Opinion

Penguin Awareness Day is a grim reminder

By Kassidy Bowering

Wednesday, January 20th was National Penguin Awareness Day. Many do not care enough about the animal to think it deserves a day. However the day isn't merely for celebrating penguins and their adorableness. It is also intended to help show how the penguins are being affected and what their life expectancies are on the Earth as it is now.



sume the planet would be full of them. However extinction is a real concern with the bird. All of these concerns pan off of the climate change affecting the birds from the Antarctic to Africa. The ice melting is changing where they can breed, while ocean acidification is killing off their food source of krill, fish, and squid.

The day should not have just brought upon a new wave of feelings for the penguins, but should also stand as a reminder about all of the animals being affected. Many think that the climate change isn't anything wrong, or that it does not even exist. After all, who doesn't want a little nicer weather right? But it's not a bunch of crap, and the animals all around that everyone adores sitting in the zoos, are dying in real life. It is time for all to take action.

Swimming has provided important life lessons

By Zachary Almeter

The familiar sound of the starting horn splits the air. What I do next is an automatic response. My hands fly out in front of my head as my legs push the rest of my body off the block. I plunge hands first into the chlorinated water and start swimming. And when I am done with my race, I am completely out of breath, but at least I don't have to worry about this event for the rest of the night.



means going into the task ahead with all the right tools and skills. In the world of swimming, this means you should always put your cap on before getting in the pool to do a race. It greatly decreases drag, enabling you to go faster and making you feel more comfortable. Also, make sure your goggles are stuck tight to your face before diving in. Otherwise, they will flood with water the moment they touch the surface of the pool, and your 200 Freestyle will devolve into three or four minutes of you floundering about and pushing off the bottom of the pool in the shallow end. This has happened to me twice. It is not a pretty picture. At practices, learn the stroke and master it to the best of your ability.

I have been drawn to the water for longer than I can remember. It was only natural that I make good with my passion. I have been swimming competitively since elementary school, and my improvement over the years has been dramatic. I now swim a 100 Freestyle in the time it used to take me to swim a 50 Freestyle. Along the way, I have learned that my body is capable of doing more than I ever thought was possible. The most notable example of this was when I finished fourth in my first-ever 500 Freestyle.

On at least one occasion, I have seen someone in a race I am swimming hanging onto the edge of the pool talking to an adult. I have no way of knowing if that kid is sick or if their goggles flooded or any other reason why they might not still be swimming, but I know that just sitting there is the wrong thing to do. The timer is ticking, and if this swimmer resumes swimming, he will get a time that is long enough to make me cringe. I never intend to stop swimming in the middle of a race, even if my goggles flood during the 200 Freestyle. There have been times when I badly wanted to do this, but I didn't because I knew that my only option was to keep going and make it to the end of the race.

I have found that life is like a race in a swim meet in that turning back is NOT an option. Just plow straight forward as fast as you can, no matter who or what tries to stop you. Whenever you feel that it's all too much and you should just quit, that is a good thing. It means you are working as hard as you can and you should keep going.

The only way to make it through life is to confront it head on and push forward with everything you've got. And when you finish, you should be able to truthfully say that everything you did was your very best.

Of course, proper preparation is essential. Doing anything in life

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Entertainment

Large ensemble to highlight Oklahoma!

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Zachary Almeter, Justin Atwater, Alexis Barth, Nicholas Brown, Corinne Clarke and Briana Coakley along with Jenna Coakley, Olivia Duca, Julie Duval, Sarah Fisch and Michael Gerth. Also taking part in the ensemble are Paula Robles Gonzales, Lauren Goss, Olivia Hawthorne, Sean Hein, Kayleigh Hotaling, Chloe Hurlbut and Kaylee Hutchins as well as Haiden Johnson, Kylie Jones, Arthur Lincoln, Genesis Loetterle, Mykenzie Finch, Griffin Marriner and Caitlyn McAfee. Timothy McAfee, Alyssa Mt. Pleasant, Jaden Patterson and Alexis Phelps help round out the ensemble along with Kelsey Rosenbarker, Emily Sohowski, Ean Stevenson, Chris Tetro, Wesley VanBuren, Hayley Vann and Emma Weaver.

Comprising the children's ensemble are six elementary students in the Fulton schools: Ella Halladay, Annyka Halligan, Tyler LaDue, Sutter Lewin, Andrew Mainville and Grady Marshall.

Student members of the backstage/technical crew include Addison Billion, McKenna Bourgeois, Julie Cieszeski, Andrew Gilbert, Brooke Halstead, Dominique Johnson, Sierra Sheldon and Caleb Trepasso.

Quirk's Players' production of Rodgers & Hammerstein's *Oklahoma!* is under the direction of Tom Briggs, Theatre Director at G. Ray Bodley High School and Faculty Advisor to Quirk's Players. Thomas Nami, a member of the GRB Music Department, is music director and will conduct the pit orchestra. Mr. Rob Lescarbeau, an English teacher at Bodley, is the assistant director and will serve as technical director/stage manager. Dances are being choreographed by Mrs. Doreen Forbes, a fifth grade teacher at James R. Fairgrieve Elementary School. Costumes are being designed by Mrs. Debbie Ritchey of CNY Costumes. Ms.

Karen Procopio will coordinate/design wigs and hair pieces for the production.

Quirk's Players is the student theatre troupe at G. Ray Bodley High School. Named in memory of Mr. William Quirk, a long time English teacher at both Fulton High School and G. Ray Bodley High School, the organization presents two main productions a year and participates in at least

one annual high school drama festival. This fall Quirk's Players presented the fast paced farce *What The Rabbi Saw* and the entertaining Broadway musical *Thoroughly Modern Millie* last spring.

For more information about Quirk's Players, their history and upcoming production of *Oklahoma!*, visit their website: www.quirksplayers.com.

Successful week for Red Raider teams

There was no break in the action for Raider sports teams over Regents week as Fulton enjoyed a productive three days with wins in girls basketball, wrestling, hockey, bowling and boys basketball. The Raider girls basketball team made it four wins in a row on Wednesday with a 42-39 victory over Cortland. Avenging their worst loss of the season and lowest offensive output of the year, the Lady Raiders improved to 10-5 on the season as Sydney Gilmore hit for 14 points and Emilee Hyde added 10.

The boys bowling team improved to a perfect 8-0 in league play by easing past Central Square 2-1 on Wednesday. Four different Raiders surpassed the 600 pin mark led by Kyle Denson's 683. Bradley Martin (643), Adam Caza (637) and Lucas Clark (636) also aided the Fulton rise to 10-1 overall. The girls ended their two game slide by blanking the Redhawks 3-0.

Central Square also proved to be the fall guy for the Raider wrestlers on Wednesday as Fulton steamrolled the 'Hawks 57-13. Ian Bogardus, Adam DeMauro, Dylan DeMauro, Tim Holden and Dylan Gorman all levied pins while Kaleb Cameron, Roy French and Noah Gates scored major decisions for the 16-6 grapplers.

The Raider icemen extended their unbeaten run to six games (5-0-1) by skating past Oswego 5-2 on Tuesday. The win, Fulton's first against Oswego since 2001, ended a string of 13 consecutive losses to the Bucs. Currently 7-7-1 overall and 4-4-1 in league play, the icemen face a crucial test tonight when they travel to Lysander to meet Liverpool looking to avenge an earlier 2-1 loss. Austin Washaw led the way with two goals and two assists while Rocco Cannatta had a goal and two assists to go with solo markers from Nolan Bonnie and Josh Dynka. Spencer Evans turned back 31 shots including a key third period save to prevent a short-handed goal.

The boys basketball team recorded a pair of wins as they rallied past Mexico 62-55 on Tuesday and nipped Phoenix 60-58 on Thursday. Running their win streak to four straight, Fulton picked up 29 points and nine rebounds from Tyler Lee to rally past Mexico with a 38-25 second half scoring surge. Cody Green added 15 points while Josh Hudson had five points and nine rebounds. It was more of the same on Thursday as Fulton overcame a four point deficit heading into the final quarter to outscore the Firebirds 17-11 for the win.

Cody Green fired in 26 points and Tyler Lee had 15 while Josh Hudson added nine as the Raiders improved to 10-7 on the season. Taylor Ashby and Dan Frawley led Phoenix with 19 and 14 points respectively.

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

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

Sign-ups for **JV Girls lacrosse** will be held in the cafeteria on Wednesday, Feb. 3 from 2:45 to 3 pm.

Physicals for sports and working papers will be available on Tuesday, Feb. 2. Sign up in the nurse's office to make an appointment.

What's for lunch?

Today: Choice of BBQ pulled pork, beef chili with pretzel or pizza with corn, broccoli and applesauce

This week in Raider Sports

Today: Hockey vs. Liverpool (7 pm @ Lysander); Girls Bball @ Marcellus (JV-5:30/V-7)

Sat. Jan. 30: Cheerleading competition @ GRB (7 am-3 pm); JV wrestling tournament @ C-NS (10 am)

In the News

Art students take part in "The Memory Project"

By Julia Polly

It's that time of the year again, as the Memory Project has come to G. Ray Bodley's Art students finally! This year the children are from Bolivia, and so far the pictures are coming out great.

Artists around our school are working hard and even some have finished long before the April deadline. What is new this year around is that instead of just getting the pictures of these young children and their name, we have their favorite color now too!

While it is a popular thing that the students enjoy doing, along with the donation of 15\$ for the organization. Only 11% of the proceeds that come from these donations all over the country, go to the children themselves.

In the breakdown 37% goes to staff salaries, 31% goes to printing, shipping, and delivering portraits, and the last 21% goes to supplies, technology, etc.

What is understood is that this is an organization that is focused on giving portraits to the young children, it is not necessarily a charity to support the orphanages themselves. While some proceeds go to the children, the art portraits themselves are the most important factor. Raising the self esteem of these young orphans and giving them a sense of not being forgotten in this world is the main goal.



GRB art students have been hard at work creating pictures as part of "The Memory Project," in this case creating portraits of orphaned children from Bolivia that will sent to them when the project is completed. (Julia Polly photos)

Bizarre news of the day:

"First dog" kidnap plot foiled

Earlier this month a man from North Dakota was attempting to kidnap one of the first family's dogs. When he was first arrested by officials he was claiming to be Jesus Christ. The man was detained at a downtown Hampton Inn after Secret Service members found several weapons in his vehicle. When he had an interview with the Secret Service he informed them about the weapons in his vehicle, which led to him being detained.

The Secret Service members found a black 12-gauge pump shotgun with a pistol grip and a black bolt action rifle, as well as 289 rounds of .22 caliber long rifle bullets, 71 rounds of 12-gauge shotgun ammunition and two rounds of .223 rifle ammunition, a machete with a 12 -inch blade, an 18-inch billy club, a 28-inch barrel and a removable stock. None of Stockert,Äôs weapons were registered.

Later on he was interviewed in custody where he claimed he was the son of John F. Kennedy and Marilyn Monroe. Then he added that he was in D.C. to advocate for \$99 per month health care and to announce that he was running for president. The man was charged with possession of an unregistered firearm and ammunition. "Identifying and apprehending suspects who make threats towards our protectees, is often a coordinated effort between multiple jurisdictions in real time," the statement from spokesperson Kevin Dye read. "The Secret Service stands ready to continue our mission for those we protect and the American people."

By Kim Rombough



Going someplace cool? Take

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with you and get your picture taken
for this year's Fultonian Yearbook feature
"Where in the world is The Raider?"

What is your favorite winter beverage?



"Eggnog."

Paul Madden



"White Hot Chocolate."

Ms. Ferguson



"Hot Cocoa."

Spencer Vono



"Milk."

Ian Devendorf

Meteorology and you

Today:



Cloudy.
Chance snow.

31°

Average: 32°
Record: 58° (1950)

Tonight:



Mostly cloudy
with snow

22°

Average: 16°
Record: -6° (1934)

Tomorrow:

Cloudy. Chance snow

35°/30°

Average: 32°/16°
Rec. high/low: 63°
(1988) -16° (1948)

Sunday:

Cloudy with rain
showers

47°/38°

Average: 32°/16°
Rec. high/low: 63°
(1988) -19° (1920)

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.