

College bound seniors need to update

Now that the halfway point of the school year has passed, there is yet another small but important task for seniors preparing for college.

Whether their application deadline was weeks ago, days ago or not up yet, some colleges require a midyear report before deciding who to accept. The information on

the Common Application is certainly important to colleges, but for the most part it applies to the first three years of high school. Colleges will want the most up-to-date information, and to make sure no prospective students are suffering from senioritis.

Depending on the application type and on the college, these reports may need to be sent

in different ways. Affected seniors should talk to their guidance counselor about sending them to the required schools once first-semester grades are available. It will just be one more thing to help your chances of finding a good school- or your dream school.

By Caleb Almeter



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Holiday has an interesting "secret"

This coming Monday is President's Day, which aside from kicking off Winter Break, is a day to commemorate the past presidents of our nation. It has also had an interesting history, and an intriguing "secret": the holiday is not actually called President's Day.

In the late 1800s, to honor the first president, George Washington's Birthday became a holiday celebrated on February 22, the founding father's actual birthday. It started

in the District of Columbia and was soon made a national holiday. This stood until 1971, when the Uniform Monday Holiday Act took effect. This moved several holidays, including Washington's Birthday, to a certain Monday instead of a certain date. Though there had been debate about the topic, the holiday was still intended to simply be a day to celebrate George Washington.

The change to the popularly recognized

President's Day came about due to the fact that the new date, on the third Monday of February, never falls on Washington's actual birthday. It is now always between it and Abraham Lincoln's birthday, on the 12th. The holiday is now called President's Day in many states, and while it is federally recognized as George Washington's Birthday, it has become a day to remember any of the past chief executives of America.

By Caleb Almeter

Arts Center presents A Night at the Tonys

This Saturday, February 13, the CNY Arts Center will be presenting "A Night at the Tonys." The performance will be in continuation of their Dessert Theatre Series, and will feature as a tribute to award winning Broadway musicals. The show will begin at 8 pm at the CNY Arts Center, located at the Community College Campus in Fulton, NY.

Tickets are \$15 per person and include dessert. For ticket sales or more information contact the CNY Arts Center at (315) 598-2787.

-Liliana Rivera

**Due to
winter break
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will not return until
Tuesday, February 23**



While many people have been thrilled about the milder than normal winter, the members of the Ski & Snowboard Club have been anything but happy. Poor conditions and cancellations have caused one of the most hectic seasons in years, although the group has managed to make it to Labrador Mountain on a few occasions and will be doing make-up trips today and during mid-winter break. (Senecal photo)

Opinion

That's not funny, it's downright cruel

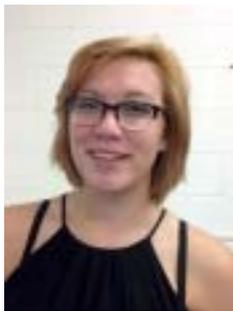
By Cassidy Bowering

Day after day I question whether or not the people here in Fulton are sane, or have any common sense. Turns out it is not just the people here in Fulton, in south Florida a man reportedly threw an alligator into a Wendy's drive-thru window.

While the incident happened back in October the man was just arrested this past week for aggravated assault and unlawful possession and transportation of an alligator.

Joshua James, the 23 year old man who threw the three and a half foot gator through a window, said that he was just playing another prank, and his mother referred to him as a complete "prankster" who is always getting into trouble. What could possibly convince a man to do such a thing? Not only was he terrorizing all the Wendy's employees and customers, but also the poor animal. Surely the gator was scared, especially after literally being thrown through a drive-thru window, into an unknown environment. James put the people and the animal in danger in this situation, all for some "fun."

When will the games stop, and the people grow up? This incident was not a prank, it was cruel. Hopefully someday people will come to realize the difference between what is funny, being harmless, and what is merely mean and disgusting. The mother allowing this



type of behavior, or making excuses for the man is ridiculous, family or not, what James did was unexcusable. Especially because at 23, he is a grown man. It is time that he takes responsibility for his "jokes."

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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.

The Future Business Leaders of America will be sponsoring its first annual **"Snow Ball"** semi-formal dance on Friday, February 26 from 7 to 10 pm at the high school. Tickets are \$7 at the door and refreshments will be served with music provided by Mystic Music DJ Service.

Any student who would like to help decorate for the dance will receive a \$2 off admission coupon to get into the dance for \$5. See Mrs. Ferlito in room 115 for more details.

Signups are underway for **boys lacrosse**. Varsity signups are with Mr. Beckwith in room 203 and JV signups are on Coach Popper's room 126.

What's for lunch?

Today: Sloppy joe on a roll with baked beans, spinach, applesauce cup and valentine cookie

Monday, Feb. 22: Cheeseburger with broccoli, carrots and mixed fruit.

Going someplace cool?

Take

RaiderNet Daily

with you and get your picture taken for this year's

Fultonian Yearbook feature

"Where in the world is The Raider?"

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Happy holidays!

Reflections

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Bizarre news of the day:

West Point puts ban on pillow fights

The officials at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, NY recently had to ban pillow fights between the cadets following a bloody pillow fight that caused 30 injuries. The injuries included broken noses, fractured cheek bones, and concussions. One cadet was even found unconscious. "Plebes," the first year students, organize a pillow fight every year to come closer to the other cadets, but the pillow fights are a free-for-all, so they usually end with people being hurt.

While there were some reports that hard objects were placed in the pillow cases but most of the injuries occurred because of elbows or falling to the ground. The reaction of the upperclassmen cadets ranged from throwing items such as small milk cartons, water balloons, fruit, and glow sticks from barracks windows to yelling at plebes. Many cadets wore body armor, which most likely encouraged the vicious behavior. Now the pillow fights are going to be officially banned.

"While never officially sanctioned, it is now officially banned, and we will take appropriate action to ensure that all faculty, staff,

leaders, the Corps of Cadets and everyone at West Point knows that it will not be tolerated," West Point Superintendent Lt. Gen. Robert Caslen said in a statement. Though the pillow fight is said to be a tradition, the report suggests it dates back no further than 2001.

By Kim Rombough

Dance Team show on March 11



The G. Ray Bodley High School dance team will be hosting their annual show "Turn It Up," on March 11th at 7 pm. The girls will be showcasing their skills through many dances, including solo performances as well as group performances. It is sure to be a fun and energetic show. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students who wish to attend. The team will be dancing to a wide variety of music, and urges everyone to come support them.

With Valentine's Day around the corner, we would like to remind you that everyone deserves a safe and healthy relationship. Remember, love has many definitions, but abuse is not one of them. If you or someone you know has a question about a relationship, call 342-1600 or talk to Jamie in room 181 on Mondays and Wednesdays.



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What would be the perfect Valentines day gift?



"The boyfriend should serve the girlfriend for a day like a servant."

Gabriel Lanza



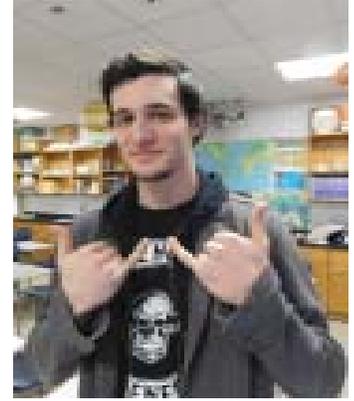
"Just spending the day together (Lane agrees)."

Hunter Hartranft & Lane Perl



"Netflix and Dominos pizza."

Bailey Perry



"A mirror so I can enjoy the view."

Scott Littleton

Meteorology and you

Today:

Tonight:

Tomorrow:

By Carson Metcalf



Snow showers

Mostly cloudy
Chance snow showers

Colder with snow
showers

28°

5°

5°

Average: 32°
Record: 61° (1932)

Average: 17°
Record: -22° (1979)

Average: 32°
Record: 58° (1937)

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.