



Quirk's Players' *Unnecessary Farce* Opens Tomorrow

By Josiah Dahar

G.R.B.'s latest theatrical performance, *Unnecessary Farce*, will debut tomorrow night. Directed by Granby Elementary teacher Mr. Briggs, this year's school play promises to be another must-see!

The show runs tomorrow through Saturday with a 7:30 p.m. performance each night. The best of our drama club will be performing a show that has been raved about by critics since its first 2006 performance.

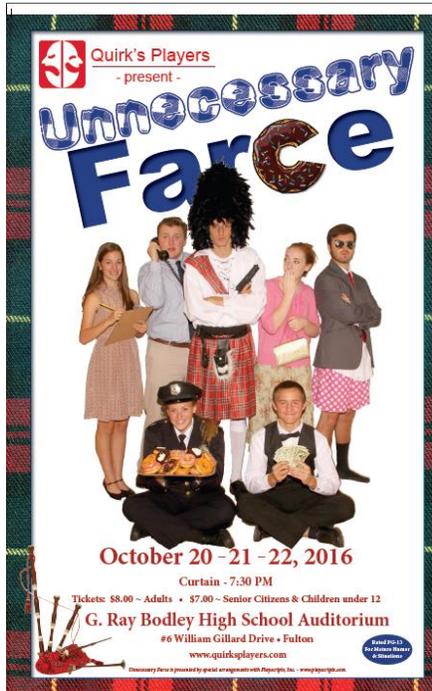
It is not the first time G.R.B. students have performed this play. The last performance was six years ago. Mr. Lescarbeau, Assistant Director and G.R.B. English teacher, said that the reason for choosing this play is that it is simply, "the funniest script Mr. Briggs and I have ever read."

Mr. Lescarbeau, who has been working on our school performances since 2002, says that the play is one of the most challenging our school has put on, because it is very fast-paced, but he has confidence in the students to pull it off. With practices every day after school for 2½ - 3 hours, he believes the students will overcome the challenges and this will make a great learning experience.

G.R.B. music teacher Mr. Nami, the lights and sound of the Quirk's Players for the last 21

years, said that the cast had a lot of work ahead of them, but that they have come along nicely and he is sure *Unnecessary Farce* will

play its PG-13 rating. Despite her excitement, she said that she does not quite feel ready, and that they, "need a little magic" tomorrow night.



be ready by tomorrow.

Since the auditions last June, the student actors have been working hard to memorize their lines, but with rehearsals only starting September 12th, and the October 20th opening night so close, there was a question as to whether the show would go on.

Alyssa Mt. Pleasant, G.R.B. sophomore, will be playing the part of the mayor's wife, and said that she is, "really excited" about the play, commenting on the play's many fun punch lines and sexual innuendos, which give the

G.R.B. senior Jeremy Herlowski, who has been doing stage performances since 7th grade, said that "[It] is probably one of the best fall shows I've been a part of, especially since it's my senior year fall show." Jeremy will be playing the part of Officer Eric Sheridan, whom Jeremy describes as a "bumbling cop." Jeremy is confident the show will be a success, saying, "We're almost there."

The play this year only consists of seven actors. Senior Mike Mankiewicz, who plays the part of Tod, the Scottish hit man, said, "I love the bond the cast shares. I just think it will be a spectacular performance."

The other stars of the show are senior David Houck who will be playing the part of security guard Agent Frank. Sophomore Sarah Fisch will be taking the role of accountant Karen Brown. Ean Stevenson will be Mayor Meekly. Alysa Rosenbarker will be playing Billie Dwyer, another misfit cop. The cast believes that the audience will really appreciate the play and that the comedy will appeal to high school students.

Best of luck to the Quirk's Players!

PSATs are Back

By **Miranda Stanski**

The PSATs are back for another school year.

The PSATs will be taken today by all juniors and some sophomores. They will begin 1st bell and end 5th bell. If students have lunch 4th or 5th bell, their lunch will be during 6th bell today. All juniors who are in A.M. Boces will be missing Boces and will be staying here to take the test. The test will take place in the gym.

Many students are not sure what the PSATs are. The PSATs are a practice test for the SATs, which is a test used by colleges to help place students. The College Board is offering the exam during the week, as opposed to its normal Saturday administration and G.R.B. is taking advantage of the opportunity.

Assistant Principal Mr. Copani said, "This is a great opportunity for our juniors and some sophomores to practice the SATs and receive feedback on what areas they may need to improve on. It'll also help begin the college search and recruitment process for those planning on going to college in their future." Fulton City School District is providing this opportunity free of cost. Mr. Copani also said, "I personally think it's worth a shot and it's going to open a lot of doors for our students and their future."

Senior Jazzlynn Perez who took the PSATs last year said, "The PSAT last year was way too long, and most students didn't even end up taking the SATs after either. Before the test I was very nervous and after the test I felt relieved that it was over with."

Another student who will be taking the PSAT this year is junior Marissa Tanner. She said, "I don't really know what the PSATs are, but I thought I had to take the SATs after. I didn't know it was optional for students. I don't think I am going to end up taking the SATs after, but I will definitely consider it anyways though. I am very nervous to be taking the PSATs this year, but I think it's a little ridiculous that we have to take them and then we get graded on how 'dumb' or 'smart' we are on a certain number that we get."

Sophomore Emeraldlee Tanner said, "I honestly don't even know what they are. I haven't even ever heard of them until today."

Good luck to students taking the test!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STUDENT SENATE:

Student Senate is hosting its annual fall blood drive. Please sign up during your lunch bells. Please see Mr. Wasacz with questions.

BOYS' BASKETBALL:

Attention all boys looking to play Freshman (8/9), JV or Varsity basketball. Signups begin on Monday, October 17 in room 233 and end on Friday, October 21.

CLASS OF 2020:

The Class of 2020 will hold a meeting Tuesday October 18 in room 206. All freshmen are welcome to attend.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH:

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and this Thursday, Oct 20th, is wear purple day! So get out your purple sweater or scarf and show your support in ending domestic violence.

YEARBOOK:

Yearbook will meet today in Room 102. Send us your pictures or come join us behind the scenes.

LIBRARY CLUB:

Library Club will meet today at 2:30 in the library. New members are welcome.

SCIENCE CLUB:

The Science Club will meet October 24th in room 206.

ENGLISH 11 HONORS

Check out the political blog created by the students in the English 11 Honors classes at <http://aladuc.edublogs.org/>

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Presidential Debates Attract Few High-Schoolers

By Hunter Hubel

Every four years, the office on Pennsylvania Avenue may be host to someone new, the President of the United States. With this election, some high-schoolers feel the United States might be in a bit of trouble. With the two candidates available to choose from, many people feel that this election will ruin this country no matter who is elected.

Some people firmly stand behind their candidate, as they believe that this country is in good hands with their respective candidate.

Although many students here at G. Ray Bodley are not of age to vote, it does not mean they still do not have an opinion about the debate. One student took a different stance, as he was siding with an “outside candidate.” Senior Jared Marden feels that “we are better off having a rock as president.”

Whether this will happen or not, we will soon find out, as the election will take place Tuesday, November 8. This election will be the 58th quadrennial election, but only the 45th president in our history. As maybe some would expect, high school students are not



Republican nominee Donald Trump and Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton face off in the second debate.

as interested in the presidency as some would hope. High-schoolers are the next wave of voters, but the overwhelming majority of students are not watching the debates, with very few making slight efforts to do so. When asked if he watched

the debate, junior Brian Trombly said, “I watched five seconds, and turned it off.”

Out of the 50 students surveyed, fewer than 20 percent of students watched any of the debate. Considering some students are able to vote in the upcoming election, this is rather surprising.

One student did watch the entire first debate, and was very disappointed with what he saw. Junior Mason Rowlee provided a very interesting take on the first debate, citing that it was like “a bad episode of the Kardashians. All shade and no facts!” This is quite the interesting perspective.

This presidential race may turn out to be one of the most fascinating yet, but as for how that will result for the United States, we will soon find out!

Success in Puerto Rico for Fulton Wrestlers

By Rich King

Six Fulton wrestlers arrived back from Puerto Rico on Monday night and their suitcases were a little heavier. The team brought back six medals.

Twenty-three participants from Central New York teams brought home a total of 11 medals.

Wyatt Willis brought back a second and third place medal. Andrew Yablonski brought back two third place medals. Camrin Galvin and Tommy Hughes each brought back a third place medal. Cole French and Sam Waldron both fought hard and represented Central New York wrestling with positivity.

“The trip was not only a positive experience on the mat, but it was also educational,” said Mr. Waldron. The group visited Old San Juan, the El Yunque Rain Forest, as well as the Puerto Rico Olympic museum.



Pictured are Fulton wrestlers on their trip to a tournament in Puerto Rico. From left, Coach Cam Mills, Andrew Yablonski, Wyatt Willis, Thomas Hughes, Camrin Galvin, Sam Waldron, Cole French, and Coach Jeff Waldron.

Into The River

By Nicole Hansen

The Red Raider varsity football team ended their regular season being 2-4 with wins over Fowler and Cortland. The boys are heading to the first round of sectionals on Friday, October 21 against Indian River at Indian River. Fulton started out the season 0-3 but ended the second half of the season 2-1.

The consistent leaders on the team this year are Cameron Adams, Nick Dingman and Michael Peck. The trio leads the team in total points and carries.

In preparation for the game, Coach Jeff Rothrock says that as a team, "They first have to figure out who is healthy enough to play. Some JV players will be brought up to help with numbers." Last Friday's game against East Syracuse-Minoa left Fulton a little dismantled and with many players injured.

Senior Austin Greenier says he is "excited for the game but knows it is going to be a challenge." Senior Nathan Smith stated that he is "optimistic that we are going to step up to the challenge of the playoffs as a team and as a family."

The team is ready for the challenge this Friday and players have been preparing all season for it. If the Raiders fall short this Friday there will not be a cross-over the following week and the Raider football season would be over.

Good luck to the Red Raiders as they face the first round of sectionals this Friday night.



Senior members of the varsity football team with Coach Rothrock on senior night October 7 at the Fulton athletic complex.

Performances Made Possible by Friends of Quirk's Players

By Brian Trombly

Most students and staff in our school know about the Quirk's Players Drama Club and the great musicals and plays they put on each fall and spring. Many, however, do not know about the Friends of Quirk's Players Booster Club, which started in 2011 with the primary goal to raise funds in order to assist with the productions of the plays and musicals while budget deficits existed. The group is made up of parents, community members, and alumni.

The Friends of Quirk's Players role in the Quirk's Players productions has increased since then and their goals have changed from just fundraising for the productions. Mrs. Melanie Houck is

Vice President of the Friends of Quirk's Players. She said, "We hold fundraisers to help pay for things from workshops for the students to buying batteries for the microphones. Volunteers from the group assist with selling tickets to the plays, to providing security. We are always looking for more volunteers to assist in a variety of ways."

The group is always looking for help and any new members interested in being a part of making the Quirk's productions happen. Mr. Tom Briggs directs the Quirk's Players and is Co-Founder of the Friends of Quirk's Players. He said, "There are many things that need to be done to present a show for the community. We have been fortunate to have wonderful parents and staff members lend a hand in the past and we are appreciative of all that

they have done. We are looking to get more parents and community members involved. If you'd like to lend a hand and help a wonderful group of students, the Friends of Quirk's Players is looking for you!"

The plays and musicals that Quirk's Players puts on each year are part of one of the great G.R.B organizations and the Friends of Quirk's Players seems to be doing their part in order to make the Quirk's Players productions successful each year. If you are interested in the Quirk's Players productions they put on each year and want to help out, contact Friends of Quirk's Players at friendsofquirks@hotmail.com.



COMEDY OPENS AT GRB ---

What do you get when you combine an embezzling mayor, two inept cops, a nosy accountant, a mild mannered old lady, a security agent scared of his own shadow and a Scottish assassin? You get Paul Slade Smith's fast-paced comedy, *UNNECESSARY FARCE!* The production will be presented by Quirk's Players of Fulton's G. Ray Bodley High School this Thursday, October 20th, Friday, October 21st and Saturday, October 22nd. Curtain time is set for 7:30 PM each evening and performances will be held in the Bodley Auditorium. Pictured here are cast members (kneeling l to r): Ean Stevenson and Alysa Rosenbarker; (standing l to r): Sarah Fisch, Jeremy Herlowski, Michael Mankiewicz, David Houck and Alyssa Mt. Pleasant. *UNNECESSARY FARCE* is under the direction of Fulton Teachers Tom Briggs and Rob Lescarbeau. The production is rated PG-13 for mature humor.

Photo by Kelly LeVea

Meteorology and You

By Carson Metcalf



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