



Message to students: put your phone away

By Adam Wolford

Entering the doors at G. Ray Bodley High School, it is hard not to notice signs instructing students to turn off all electronic devices. Although these signs are new to the school this year, the policy is not. Cell phones have been banned at G. Ray Bodley for the past few years, however the staff is cracking down on cell phone usage more than ever.

Most students could tell you that last year they sent a text or two in class or called their parents from a class or study hall. Most of these same students could tell you that their teachers knew about them using their cell phone.

But this year teachers are instructed to put an abrupt end to this practice. Principal Mr. Buchanan explained that cell phones are to be completely turned off before entering the school building. He went on to say that students are first warned by teachers to put the cell phones away.

Then, if the student does not cooperate, they will be referred to the office. For the first offense the office will take the phone for the day and the student will be able to retrieve it at the end of the day. The second offense, however, will require that the students parent or guardian come and get the phone.

Mr. Buchanan explained that he was "very pleased with the responsibility of the students." Out of the roughly 1,200 students at G. Ray Bodley, only three have had their phones taken for the day so far, and one had to have their parents or guardian come and get the phone. Ashly Smart, a student at GRB, explained that she had noticed some teachers being stricter about cell phone usage.

If you are having trouble with the cell phone policy, Mr. Greene, an assistant principal at G. Ray Bodley, offers his advice. "Turn off your phone at night" says Mr. Greene, "and put it on the charger. Then in the morning, take it off the charger and throw it in your bag. At 2:15 you can take out your phone and it will be fully charged...you won't have to worry about it dying!"



Members of the GRB German Club and other language clubs visited the Oktoberfest in Clinton Square over the weekend. Pictured from left to right are, first row, Angie Lewchanin, Sarese Gibson, Tiffany Trovato, Danielle Gillette and Victoria Whelsky. Back row, Erik Bierbrauer, Mark Bailey, Richard Reeschke, Dylan Rizzo, Anna McKay, Alise Tallents and A. J. Roth. (Frau Ruggio photo)

Cafeteria getting a new look with mural

By Alexis Semeraro

As many know the G. Ray Bodley High School cafeteria is going to be getting a makeover. Last year the advertising and design art students were asked to brainstorm possible themes for the cafeteria mural. After discussing possible topics the students agreed on six top themes. From those themes the art students were asked to choose their favorite and create a mural design. Once the designs were finished the best ones were chosen and put aside to be voted upon by the entire student body.

Voting took place during lunch bells a week ago and the final results have yet to be tallied. The designs that made it to the final voting process are by Megan Beckwith, Sierra Butler, Mairead Rauch, Abigail Grimshaw, Dylan Daugherty, Ashley McDonald and Alexis Semeraro.

A fresh coat of paint is not all the cafeteria is receiving; there will also be two new 42" TV screens donated by Student Senate. The purpose of the TV's are to help students become more aware of the events taking place through-

out GRB. Originally the new televisions were going to be placed where the message boards currently reside, but that has caused concern with the mural project. When asked about the planned changes to the cafeteria some students are supportive, while others do not find some changes to be necessary.

Senior Ashley McDonald commented that, "the mural idea is fabulous and I think it would showcase our art students spectacular skills on a larger scale," while senior Cassandra Gardner mentioned "I don't like the idea of the two TV's in the cafeteria because people will probably not pay much attention to them. I do support the idea of a mural though."

Senior Katelyn Gilbert also expressed a similar view on the new TV's. Although there is opposition to the television idea the TV's are already within GRB and are just waiting to find their final location inside the cafeteria. Art students are willing to make changes to the mural to accommodate the new TV's but they have expressed concern over the impact the TV's will have on the final look of the cafeteria mural.

Opinion

President's plan punishes the ambitious

By Mikayla Kemp

Compared to other countries, United States students undoubtedly appear to be lacking academically. Consequently, President Barack Obama has recently announced that he would like United States students to spend more time in school.

"Now, I know longer school days and school years are not wildly popular ideas," said the President. "Not with Malia and Sasha, not in my family, and probably not in yours. But the challenges of a new century demand more time in the classroom." President Obama says he would like to see time added to classes, schools open later, preferably school running for an extra three hours every day, as well as open on the weekends to ensure kids have a safe place to be.

US Education Department officials noted that summer vacation was based on an agrarian, agricultural, economy. Because most kids are

still have ample amounts of homework to do during the rest of my day. Breaks are necessary from school. High school was a relief to me to only have to sit through 40-minute classes as compared to the 80-minute classes in junior high. Having one class for 80 minutes is too much; it becomes difficult to stay focused on one subject for such an extended period of time. If I were forced to stay in school for an extra three hours every day, I would have much less motivation to study or work on my academics outside of school by myself.

I feel as though much of America's youth today is lazy, and that just because many students are not willing to make the personal strides necessary to do well by themselves outside of school, that doesn't mean that all students, including those who do what they should and perform well, should be forced to stay longer in school. Laziness is the problem at hand, not the amount of time spent in school.

Jobs and extracurricular activities play ma-

The Answer Men: Mayan calendar

In recent weeks I have received several questions involving the Mayan Calendar, and what it predicts will happen in December, 2012. The calendar is known to be one of the most accurate on earth, despite being made in the early years of Central American civilization. The calendar has been totally accurate not only in keeping track of time accurately; it has also been marking both lunar and solar eclipses.

The Mayans believed that even the galaxy had "days" that lasted 25,625 years. The days went in fifths, or periods of 5,125 years. The end of the fifth period is supposed to end on December 21, 2012, marking the end of an entire galactic day. The Mayan long count notation for this date is 13.0.0.0.0, ending the cycle that lasted from 3114 B.C to 2012 A.D. What we know will happen on that date is that the earth and sun will align with the "Galactic Center," which last happened about 25,800 years ago. The magnetic poles of our planet may reverse, and there will be an unusually high season for sunspots on the sun.

No one knows exactly what that may mean for our planet, but it is unlikely that it spells Armageddon for the world. Skeptics of this belief include student D.J. Ingham, who says, "I think that we will look to the sky, and it will be the same as every other day. The birds will be singing, and there will be absolutely nothing different between this day and the thousand before it." Others believe that there could be some truth to the Mayan's thoughts. Jesse Ives says that "We don't know what is going to happen, but if something bad does happen, I plan to have all my life goals achieved

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not spending their summers on the farm, officials see no need for summer vacation. Education Secretary Anne Duncan said, "Young people in other countries are going to school 25, 30 percent longer than our students here, I just want to level the playing field." Although political figures feel that longer school days, and a longer school year will be an advantage to the overall academic ratings of America's youth, many students disagree.

Personally, I feel that longer time in school would have a reverse outcome. I, as a student, feel as though I devote enough time to my education. After spending the first seven hours of my day in school, more days than not, I will

major roles in student's lives that should be taken into consideration when this decision is being made. Many students in school are part of extracurricular activities, whether sports or clubs, and if the school day is elongated, and kids still choose to devote time to such activities, there will be minimal time for anything else.

Also, if school is made longer students will have very little time to dedicate to their jobs. To many teenagers in America, having a job is necessary. School should not be the only priority in a child's life. Although education is important, students should have the opportunity to be stress-free and relax for a good portion of the day.

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All roads led to Fulton for "Autumn" Lin

By Sarese Gibson

As the new school year approaches the end of the first month, many people have become aware that there are several exchange students roaming the hallways of G. Ray Bodley High School. Anru "Autumn" Lin is a Chinese exchange student who will be attending Bodley for the remainder of the school year. In school, she is known as "Autumn" by most.

Anru is from Nanjing, which is in Southeastern China. She lives with her father, Jिंगgang Lin, and her mother, Guirong Jin who are both managers. In America, she lives with the Larabee family. She arrived in August and will be in America until July. She came to America through the Academic Year in America (AYA) program. We recently caught up with Autumn to discuss her time at GRB.

Gibson: What made you decide to come to America?

Lin: To change life, and to learn English! I want to make more friends. And it's kind of the start of something new, to make special memories to keep in mind forever.

Mrs. Fronk bids GRB farewell next week

An 18-year trail of bandages, cough drops, tongue depressors, ice packs and various other remedies will come to an end next week when School Nurse-teacher Mrs. Fronk says goodbye to G. Ray Bodley High School. Our school nurse, who has worked here for the past eighteen and a half years, is retiring on Wednesday, October 7th.

A friendly face to sickly students and faculty alike, and a helping hand to those in need, Mrs. Fronk said that she loved working here, and she loved the experience. When she is done working she wants to spend more time with her grandchildren and travel, with Las Vegas and Phoenix, Arizona first on her list with the rest to be determined.

A major advocate of fitness, at the end of October she is walking a half marathon (13 miles). She has also walked for health for the past 15 years and was a familiar figure bustling through the halls of GRB before and after school. She thinks that in the past five years pressure and demands on her have been much more significant. The students are more demanding on trying to go home than stay in school, because they don't feel like being here. She calls it "Schoolitis."

"We're going to really miss Mrs. Fronk," English teacher Mr. Senecal commented. "She does numerous things behind the scenes to help less fortunate students and families within the district. She avoids the spotlight in these in-



Anru "Autumn" Lin has enjoyed her first weeks at Bodley following a lengthy trip from her native China. (Sarese Gibson photo)

Gibson: What made you choose the name Autumn?

Lin: My family gave me this name, host family. I like autumn this season. It's easy for everyone to call me Autumn then Anru. Autumn is a kind of souvenir because it's name my host family give me.

Gibson: How does school in America differ from China?

Lin: Quite different! Chinese high school starts from 6:30 am until 10:00 pm. The subject is more tough-especially math and physics. Harder than American colleges.

Gibson: Do you plan to join any clubs or sports while here?

Lin: Swimming! I'm in a club now, HOPE Club and Outdoor Adventure Club. I want to join Math Club but I don't think I will have time. And I'm in jazz band, I play piano.

Gibson: Is there anyplace in America you would like to see?

Lin: Mmm, let me think...I want to go to Hawaii! Or Alaska. I like snow because it seldom snows in my city.

Gibson: Where have you gone since you came to America?

Lin: I've been to America before, in eighth grade. We saw L.A., New York City, Washington D.C., and Niagara Falls. It's very gorgeous. With my host family, we went to the Lake Ontario and I cannot remember the stream name [but] it's very beautiful. We had a barbecue, it's cool! And to the Windmill.

Gibson: What are you looking forward to this year?

Lin: Friends, prom, and I just try to enjoy every day and keep the memories. I keep diary everyday on my computer. I hope to make it a book when I go back to China.

stances, but there are many of us who really appreciate all that she has done and I'm sure I speak for the staff in wishing her a long and very happy retirement."

Many students do not realize that being a nurse is a tough job, both in dealing with the kids and all of the sick people. It takes someone with a lot of patience to do that job, so if you see her in the hallways, thank her for being such a good nurse. *By Kirstie Potter*



An ever-present smile and a kind heart are two of the many things GRB will miss when Nurse-teacher Mrs. Fronk retires next week. (Kirstie Potter photo)

First-half barrage carries Raiders to victory

By Eric Belair & Max Ambuske

The "Road" Raiders remain unbeaten at 4-0 and stand alone, atop the Class A American division. The Raiders had an impressive 57-13 victory last Friday against the Cortland Purple Tigers in their first "home" game of the season.

The game was over almost as soon as the opening whistle blew as Fulton displayed total domination throughout the game while dismantling the Tigers. The Raiders scored 20 points in the opening quarter with touchdown runs by Brett Williams, D.J. Ingham, and Donald Watson to end the drama early. Fulton continued their dominance in the second quarter, scoring 23 points to give them a 43-13 half-time lead. Ingham punched in another touchdown, as did Williams. John Strong got in on the scoring as he returned a kick-off 84 yards for yet another Raider score. Williams scored the final two touchdowns for the Raiders in the second half and finished with four touchdowns and 117 yards rushing. Fulton's high-powered rushing attack rolled for over 400 yards on Friday night.

The defensive side of the ball for the Raiders was spread out, as many players contributed tackles. Ingham led the way with eight tackles, and David Hall with seven tackles and two forced fumbles. Max Ambuske caused havoc in the Cortland passing game as he had three interceptions, all-coming in the first half. Fulton's defense played a great game in shutting down the Purple Tigers.

Next up for Fulton are the Fowler Falcons. The Raiders travel to Fowler to play on Friday afternoon at 4 pm. And while Fowler is currently nestled toward the bottom of the league standings at 2-2, the Raiders cannot afford to look past the Falcons as every game can will be a supreme test in Fulton's march toward a football title.

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before that day."

The trouble with these ideas is that there are so many different opinions, both professional and amateur, that fact and fiction are extremely difficult to discern. As always, our question box is in the library if you have any questions don't hesitate to ask.

By Jake Tallents

**Yearbook Prom & baby picture
deadline is Fri., Oct. 2**
Give pictures to Mr. Senecal in
room 102 before or after school.
Include your name and
advisory teacher on photos.



Running back Donald Watson made a successful return from injury to help Fulton charge past Cortland last Friday. The 4-0 Raiders visit Fowler this Friday afternoon at 4 p.m., looking to extend their perfect record. (Taylor Harvey photo)

Girls break scoring drought to post win

The goal-scoring drought ended quickly for the Raider girls soccer team on Tuesday, and that was good news following a tough week of action. Blasted 10-0 in losses to CBA and Cortland the previous week, Fulton got off the mark in a hurry on Tuesday when senior Heather Reed connected in the opening five minutes. Senior Leah Phillips made a triumphant return from injury midway through the first half to score what proved to be the winner in a 2-1 triumph.

After halftime the Raiders came out hard and determined for a win. Backstopped by a 10 save performance from Stephanie Hotaling, Fulton improved to 3-4 in league play and 3-6 overall. The Raiders next two games are home on Thursday, October 1 against Homer at 4:30 and Monday, October 5 against Jamesville-Dewitt.

By Karlee Osborn & Erica Lamb

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SADD to meet on Monday

Attention all members of SADD: the next meeting will be on Monday, Oct. 5 in room 121 from 2:25 until 2:55. Plan to attend as much is planned for this year, including the exhibit Gone4Ever in the spring.

School of Thought compiled by Crystal Kimball & Raquel Vescio

What is one thing you would change about GRB?



"The lack of a mascot"
Cody Hogan



"I wish we could have more room in the gym"
Mr. Halladay



"We should be able to wear hats."
Zach Froio



"I wish we had air conditioning"
Ticia Hayden

Fultonian 2010 key dates & deadlines

- Fri. Oct. 2: Prom & baby picture deadline (room 102).
- Mon. Oct. 19-Tues. Dec. 22: Yearbook presale after school in room 102.
- Fri. Oct. 23: Picture makeup/retake day in the auditorium.
- Fri. Oct. 30: Deadline for parent recognition ads.
- Fri. Dec. 4: Deadline for senior quotes/poll/activity sheet.
- Tues. Dec. 22: Club, activity and senior poll pictures.
- June 2010: Distribution of the *Fultonian Yearbook* (TBA).

• These deadlines are firm as we have to meet our deadlines with the yearbook company in order to deliver the *Fultonian* in early June. Questions? You may contact advisor Mr. Senecal by e-mail at: lsenecal@fulton.cnyric.org or leave a message at the high school (593-5400) and he will get back to you as soon as possible.

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