



## ***GRB Principal adjusts to new surroundings***

**By Mikayla Kemp & Emily Rothrock**

"It's like drinking out of a fire hydrant; it's fast, no two days have ever been the same," said Mr. Buchanan on his daily duties as principal of G. Ray Bodley High School.

Mr. Buchanan, as many of you know, is the new principal of G. Ray Bodley. Although he may be new to GRB, he is certainly familiar with educational settings. His start in education began as an eight-grade science teacher in Oneida for 11 years. He then became the assistant principal at Oneida High School, for three years and then landed a job as elementary principal for two years, also in Oneida. When the elementary school closed, Mr. Buchanan, who wanted to get back to working at the secondary level, applied for the job as G. Ray Bodley principal.

Although originally from Potsdam, Mr. Buchanan lived and taught in Oneida for many years. When asked how his family felt about the possibility of a future move to Fulton he responded, "they've accepted it," speaking on the part of his two daughters, one in fifth grade and one in first grade. Both daughters are Irish step-dancers taking lessons at the oldest Irish step-dancing studio in North America. Although the girls are acceptant of moving to Fulton, they have not made the transition yet, meaning Mr. Buchanan is left to make a fairly long commute to and from school. "I like the drive home. With so much happening in one day and having to make decisions so quickly, it gives me time to reflect on my day and really think things through," said Principal Buchanan.

Before making the decision of accepting a job in Fulton, Principal Buchanan took the time to ask people familiar with the city about Fulton and its community. "I heard nothing but great things, that you have a great community and great community support." Mr. Buchanan says that what he has seen has met or exceeded his expectations. He was very impressed with freshman first day, "and the teachers willingness to dress crazy in order to make a point." Mr. Buchanan was also very impressed with the amount of professionalism and the vast amount of community support.

Mr. Buchanan aims to create a culture of

constant improvement and help all members of G. Ray Bodley to be able to deal with changes as, "there is always going to be change." Principal Buchanan admires the days devoted to teachers getting the opportunity to

further their teaching abilities. Mr. Buchanan claims he, "doesn't have all the answers," but he will do his best to make the changes necessary to create a better learning environment for all.



**Mr. Buchanan, G. Ray Bodley High School's new Principal, has been impressed with the staff and students during his first days on the job. (Taylor Harvey photo)**

## **Parking creates problems for many at GRB**

**By Adam Wolford & Morgan Mirabito**

Having trouble finding a parking spot? Many seniors and juniors have found that parking on school grounds has become nearly impossible this school year. Due to delayed construction near the south end of the school, the "senior" lot has now become the staff lot, forcing many juniors and seniors to park far away from the school building.

Although, the new staff lot is not being totally utilized. Mr. Buchanan, the new principal, stated that out of the 80 spots available the construction workers use 30, while 50 spots are saved for staff members. Guidance Counselor Ms. Stubbmann explained that in her opinion, faculty at G. Ray Bodley High School are having no problems with the parking because they always have a spot. A recent tally by a school member revealed that 40 of these

spots are left vacant. When questioned, Mr. Buchanan explained that the current plan is to offer some 40 spots to seniors, who must fill out an application in the main office.

These new parking arrangements may be causing more problems than anticipated. The north end senior parking lot will be plowed in the winter due to the district buying the land. However, the strip on William Gillard Drive, where 40 students parked last Thursday, is not owned by the school and therefore cannot be plowed by the district. Nevertheless, with more students parking there everyday something must be done. Mr. Buchanan explained that he is working it out with the city to get this area plowed.

The new parking situation has also caused problems with tardiness. For the students who park further down the way on William Gillard

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## Opinion

# Construction affecting students in many ways

By Raquel Vescio & Crystal Kimball

Although the constriction will eventually be beneficial to the students, and staff of G. Ray Bodley High School, at this point in time it serves as a distraction to the educational environment. There are many factors caused by the construction that are affecting GRB students and faculty.

The first of many issues are the locker rooms. Because of the construction, the girls do not have locker rooms available to them and must wear their school clothes for gym. Some may say that is not a big deal, but many girls have other opinions. Who wants to get sweaty in their clothes they have to wear for the rest of the day? Who wants to run around in jeans, dresses, or anything along those lines? We do not and we think many girls would agree. Kayla Distin stated, "I do not like how we are not able to change but, I think we should at least have a place to leave our bags (sports equip-

ment)."

Another issue caused by the construction project is crowded hallways. With the sweep in process it is very difficult for students to get to class on time, without getting stuck in one of the hallways. This is especially true in the main hall by the main office, where every day it is a hassle to get through that hall because the space is limited.

As senior Ian Giovanetti noted, "I am late to class because of the crowded hallways." We think we deserve to get more time in between classes right now with all this construction going on. Not only are people late to classes because of the hallways, people are also late to school because of buses. Almost every day buses are late to school, which causes students to miss some of first bell, which could be a huge factor.

Hopefully construction will be on schedule and all the inconvenience everyone is facing will be worth it in the end. In the meantime,

students and staff alike have had to adapt their routines to compensate for the many issues that the construction project has brought about.

## Busy year ahead for French Club

French Club was started with a greeting ceremony for the new French foreign exchange student on Monday, Sept. 14 in room 119. The foreign exchange student, Johanna, had little to say except, "It is very hard to come from a foreign country when you don't know the language very well."

The meeting continued with talk of a club trip sometime in April of 2010. New officers were elected last year and consist of President-Kristina Dopp, Secretary-Heidi Neider, Treasurer-Kristina Rathbun, and Social Planner-Alyssa Moroz. A vice president still hasn't been chosen; so if you wish to be V.P. of French Club see Madame Honeywell.

Madame Honeywell says that the purpose of French Club is, "to promote French culture and language outside of class and for everyone to have fun." Upcoming events consist of a game, movie, and food day in October for any who wish to hang out with friends.

In November you can look forward to helping your community in the canned food drive. December will bring snow and caroling with the French club, as well as a great Christmas party held right here at G. Ray Bodley High.

Still not sure if French Club is for you?

Other Annual events include: LOTE celebration week in March-come celebrate the language you speak, even if it isn't French!

May will bring the officer elections for the upcoming year of 2010/2011, for all of you who want to grab a position next year in the club. If you wish to join French Club you should check out a meeting, the second Monday of every month in room 119 or see Madame Honeywell.

By Julie Allen

## The Answer Men!

### Help wanted: a real mascot

Our names are Jake Tallents and Ian Giovanetti, and we are here to serve you, the Raider community, to answer the questions no one wants to answer. The first question brought to our attention was by a Ms. Hayley Mills. She asked us: "What should be the Raider logo?" People used to wear headdresses and the like to sporting events to show their support of the Red Raiders. But in recent years, the "Red" has been dropped and the headdresses have been banned due to racial accusations projecting an image the Native Americans did not want to be portrayed as.

One idea for a logo was brought to us by a Mr. J. Fasulo, Social Studies teacher: "How about taking the Oakland Raiders logo and just making it red? The red doesn't necessarily refer to Native Americans. Heck, Cortland has

Tigers that are purple." A valid point indeed, and that's an answer we think can give everyone what they want, keeping us as the Raiders, and not using the term referring to Native Americans. If you have any questions you can't get answered, contact Jake or Ian, no question too difficult. Keep a look out in the library for our mailbox, where you can simply write your question and slip it into the box. Thanks for reading; we look forward to your questions in the future!

**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.**

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## Drive-In

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# Quirk's Players hard at work on fall production

By Kristina Dopp

School has only been in session for a short time, but the Quirks Players are already busy planning for the upcoming school year. The process of creating the fall play is well underway, and moving very quickly this year.

The first meeting on Monday seemed to be a big success as room 106 was packed full of students interested in the fall play. In a surprise twist, the play was revealed early. This fall, the Quirks Players will be presenting "Don't Tell Mother." Similar to last year's fall play "Murder In The Magnolias," "Don't Tell Mother" is a comedy that isn't well known, but that doesn't take away from it being a great play.

What does director Mr. Briggs have to say about the start of Quirks Players Planning? "It's always great to be back starting a new year," he said. "I really look forward to a lot of fun working with the students in Quirks Players this year."

Mr. Briggs won't have to wait too long as auditions were scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 16-17 and because of the excess of students interested, an extra audition day was added, Friday Sept. 18. And while

many students are auditioning, unfortunately there are only eight roles up for grabs. Students who are not selected for this production will have the opportunity to audition for the musical in December, and if past practices hold true to form, it will involve a much larger cast. Also, if anyone would like to be considered for the technical crew, you must go to Mr. Nami's office in room 106 for a form, which

## Plans formulating for Homecoming 2009

It may seem a long way off, but Homecoming 2009 is just around the corner. And even though it will be a Homecoming in name only due to the construction, Raider pride is sure to be on display.

While many of the plans are still being formulated, one thing has already been established. The Homecoming football game will be held Thursday, Oct. 15 at Central Square with the Raiders going against New Hartford. Thursday will also be the day that the Pep Rally will be held in the gymnasium.

There will only be three days of festivities that week due to the fact that the game is Thursday and there is no school Monday due to Columbus Day. The Homecoming dance will be held on Friday instead of right after the

should then be filled out and returned to Mr. Nami.

Once the cast list goes up, rehearsals will begin right away, starting next week. The cast and crew will be hard at work, racing the clock, as the production dates of the show are November 13-14 both opening at 7:30pm. So be sure to mark your calendar and come out to support the Quirks Players!

game. There will also be a Hallway Decorating Contest. The Homecoming Football Game will be held at 6 pm in Central Square. Students who would like to be a member of the Hallway Decorating Contest or who would like to help in making this year's Homecoming something special can go and join in room 103.

### Student Senate meeting tonight

The G. Ray Bodley High School Student Senate is back in action, holding its first meeting on Thursday, Sept. 17. This student group is responsible for organizing popular activities such as the Pep Rally, Homecoming Parade, Hallway Decorating Contest, Homecoming Dance, Blood Drive, Cancer fundraiser and leadership seminars.

Right now the Senate is looking for students who are interested in joining the group. They are also looking for students who would like to be an Advisory Representative or Alternate Advisory Representative. Students could also attend the meetings just to see what is going on in the school. The meetings will be held at least twice a month. Listen to the announcements for reminders on meeting dates. Remember, anyone can help the school in many ways by joining the Student Senate. Check out the first meeting on the 17th from 2:30 to 4 p.m. in room 103.

By Kirstie Potter

## Parking (from page 1)

Drive, the walk is causing them to arrive late. As most students know, every minute counts in the morning getting to school. When asked, both Alicia Vann and Lauren Jones explained that tardiness is an issue due to limited parking spots and a longer walk. Alicia went on to say, "I don't like it...but at least we get parking."

Ms. Stubbmann explained, "Parking for students at school is not a right, it is a privilege...first come, first serve." Within these next few weeks, students who wish to park on school grounds must obtain a parking pass from the office. These passes are good for ten weeks, being renewed or taken away based on tardiness, behavior, or bad grades.



Raquel Vescio scored the tying and winning goals on Monday, including this big tally, to help lead the Raiders past Mexico 3-2 for their first win of the season. (Taylor Harvey photo)

## Soccer rallies for first win of season (from page 4)

went ahead to win the game. With the Raiders fight and determination they came out with a 3-2 win.

The Lady Raiders are led by nine seniors in Brianna Ballard, Emelia Molascon, Emily Rothrock, Erica Lamb and Heather Reed along with Leah Phillips, Nicole Johnson, Karlee Osborn, and Raquel Vescio. The Raiders also have six juniors; Kirsten Francis, Kayla

Hanczyk, Megan Beckwith, Morgan Cooper, Stephanie Hotaling, and Yasmin Martinez. The team only has one sophomore, Kayla Distin, as well as two freshmen, Hannah Geitner and Mary Morrison. The team has high hopes for the season, with their next game on Thursday, Sept. 17 at home at 4:30 against East Syracuse-Minoa. Be sure to go and cheer the girls on!

# Unbeaten "Road Raiders" invade ES-M Friday

By Eric Belair & Max Ambuske

The Fulton Red Raiders have run over their opponents to kick off the 2009 campaign. This season is going to be different for Fulton because they will have no home games. The school's sports complex is under construction; therefore all of Fulton's "home" games are going to be played at Central Square High School, transforming the traditional Fulton Red Raiders, to the new 2009 Fulton "Road" Raiders. This inconvenience has helped bring the team closer together and instilled the desire for want victory even more than usual. The Raiders have shown tremendous pride thus far this season as the team has a 2-0 record with wins over Nottingham Bulldogs and the Mexico Tigers.

To start the season, Fulton was invited to play at Syracuse University in the Carrier Dome. The Raiders were to take on the Bulldogs from Nottingham. Fulton played a great all around game against the Bulldogs as they scored early and then never stopped, belting Nottingham 40-20.

The Raiders have a good, solid rushing game that consists of senior fullback D.J. Ingham, junior tailback Donald Watson and junior quarterback Brett Williams. Ingham led the trio with 144 yards on 17 carries, including two touchdowns. Watson and Williams each had 15 carries, for 96 and 69 yards respectively. Williams rushed for two touchdowns and Watson added one more.

The blitzing linebacker corps of Fulton gave Nottingham pressure all day. Senior linebacker Justin Baldwin led the Raiders with 13 total tackles, including three sacks. Key defensive plays were a fumble recovery by senior Kyle Vincent that senior Antonio Lebron caused and also senior Max Ambuske had an interception. Even though it was only the first game of the season, Fulton showed off their team's depth. This game showed the Raiders a lot of positive things to look forward to in the season.

As week two rolled around, the "Road" Raiders traveled to Mexico to take on the hungry Tigers. Fulton was riding high and mighty coming into this game after their blowout win at the Carrier Dome. But this game showed the Raiders that you can never overlook an opponent as the anticipated rout became a hard-hitting clash until the end. Fulton had to fight a tough battle to come out with a 15-7 victory over the Tigers.

Tailback Donald Watson opened up the scoring for the Raiders with a 44-yard scamper in the first quarter. The game was then contested back and forth, leaving Fulton with an 8-0 lead at halftime. Early in the second half Watson



Fulton's Donald Watson hurdles over a Nottingham defender and into the end zone during the Raiders' 40-20 charge past the Bulldogs. The team puts its 2-0 record on the line on Fidaay night when they travel to East Syracuse-Minoa to tangle with the defending champion Spartans. (Taylor Harvey photo)

was carted off with an ankle injury, but not before he had totaled 126 yards on only 9 carries. Senior wideout John Strong filled in as tailback for the injured Watson. Strong finished with 63 yards rushing. Mexico keyed in on stopping Fulton's powerhouse fullback D.J. Ingham, and they did. The Tigers held Ingham to a dismal 21 yards rushing. Luckily junior quarterback Brett Williams showed up and had over 100 yards rushing. Williams earned the game MVP honors. On the defensive side of the ball, senior linebacker Antonio Lebron led the Raiders with 12 total tackles. Fulton picked off the ferocious Tigers twice, once by Max Ambuske, his second on the season. Then late in the game with under two minutes, John Strong came up with a huge interception and returned it 40 yards to steal the 15-7 win for the Raiders.

This weeks match-up will provide Fulton with a supreme test as the team will travel to East Syracuse-Minoa to take on the undefeated and four-time league champion Spartans. ES-M is 2-0 and has only given up one touchdown so far this season with a common win over Mexico, 23-0. The winner of this game is figured to be crowned league champion as it has in each of the last six seasons. But recently ES-M has had Fulton's number, winning the last four meetings and the last four league titles.

Last season the Spartans beat Fulton 10-7 in the home-opener on a field goal as time expired. Two years ago provided a high scoring affair, 34-33 for ES-M to set the stage for a titanic battle on Friday on the Spartans home field.

## Second half rally carries girls to win

By Karlee Osborn & Erica Lamb

The girls' varsity soccer team had a slow start to their season with a record of 1-2 (1-4). The Lady Raiders started their season with two losses at the Mr. B. Tournament against Oswego and Whitesboro. The girls then traveled to Homer and Jamesville-Dewitt with high hopes in mind, only to fall short. The Lady Raiders were desperate and hungry for a win heading into Monday's game against Mexico. The girls started off strong with an early goal from first year sophomore, Kayla Distin. The game was all tied up 1-1 going into halftime. Mexico came out hard going up 2-1. The girls knew they had to pick it up, and with a goal by Raquel Vescio the game was tied up again. The Raiders never quit fighting and with another goal by Raquel Vescio Coach Beckwith's squad

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