



Athletic complex undergoing major facelift

By Mikayla Kemp

Although the construction occurring at G. Ray Bodley High School is impossible to ignore, many students are left unaware of what is really being done. From the main entrance of the school to the football field, GRB is in the process of undergoing a completely new look.

The athletic complex is perhaps the largest portion of all the construction occurring at the high school. According to Fulton City Schools Athletic Director, Mr. Ken Avery, the GRB athletic complex was originally built in the 1970's. Not enacted during the original construction was the Americans with Disabilities Act, established in 1990. The athletic complex, therefore, does not meet the handicapped standards mandated by this act. For this reason, the entrance to the complex will be reconfigured to fit such standards.

The home and away bleachers will also be fixed to fit such handicap standards and allow for wheelchair accessibility. The main field will be wider than the old field, and is receiving synthetic turf playable for football, soccer and lacrosse. The new track will take on a new, rounder shape to accommodate for a wider field inside, however it will have eight lanes all the way around rather than its previous six.

There will also be new jumping pits, and a new discus area installed for track. To benefit all sports that play on the main field, there will be a new sound system installed, a new scoreboard for the main field, and new lighting. The tennis courts have also been ripped up and will be replaced with lighted ones, as well as two new courts on the end of the teachers parking area closest to the lake.

As none of the soccer, softball or baseball fields are being remodeled; soccer will not be affected this fall just as softball and baseball will not be affected this spring. The best entrance to home soccer games this fall will be through the junior high parking lot as walking access from the high school is either limited or impossible.

However, with nowhere to play, football and girls tennis this fall are forced to play elsewhere. All home football games will be played at Central Square High School while all home tennis matches will take place at Vanburen Park



Despite initial delays, work is progressing at the high school on major renovations to the athletic complex. (Senecal photo)

on Sixth Street.

Included with the athletic complex remodeling are the locker rooms; as both the boys and girls locker rooms have been renovated. Eventually, both locker rooms will have new lockers, new bathroom fixtures, two private showers, and storage room.

According to Mr. Avery, the due dates for the construction projects will vary, especially depending on the weather. A few unexpected delays have slowed the process thus far. First, earlier in the summer a few days of hard rain left the athletic complex covered in mud leaving construction delayed until the mud dried.

Another delay came when workers discovered unanticipated asbestos in the draining system under the main field from the 1970's. The delay came from waiting for a permit to come through and having to remove the draining system differently than it would have been had there been no asbestos. The completion dates are nearly impossible to anticipate as so much work is weather dependant.

As Mr. Avery noted, "the best case scenario as of the last construction meeting was that the

field would be ready for spring and if, weather cooperating, there are a good four days of 60 degree weather this fall, they should be able to lay the track and have that ready by spring as well."

The five new tennis courts should be finished by late fall, and the two new courts will begin being installed next summer. However, it is crucial that no one be surprised if construction is completed later than originally anticipated, as this project is very dependent on weather cooperation. Athletic director Mr. Avery stated, "As disappointing as it can be when things aren't finished when we hoped, it seems to be the way with most projects this size. I have been involved in two other large projects as an AD and both were completed later than expected." Weather variations can create delays or advances, all students and staff are asked to be patient and accept that some delays cannot be controlled.

The construction, although it may be distracting right now, will give G. Ray Bodley a fresh change and a remarkable new look.

Opinion

Healthy choices; hefty price

By Brenna Merry & Julie Allen

Over the course of G. Ray Bodley's history, there have been vast improvements in the student choices for lunch. It began with the addition of the sub and salad bar approximately two years ago. This provided an alternative to food that may not be so good for your body, such as pizza and grilled cheese.

The improvements continued with last year's addition of the Vitamin Water machine which replaced what used to sell soda. However, problems began to arise in this situation that seemed nothing but a good idea. Students needed to pay \$1.50 for a Vitamin Water that was nearly half the size of the soda that used to be sold. Bodleyans began to feel that they were being gypped out of their money.

In the current year, GRB is under immense changes other than the obvious construction under way. One such change is the addition of a new vending machine, this time taking the place of the once so popular baked chips and cheetos. Now in the place of these unhealthy munchies stands a series of organic and healthy juices and snacks. Social Studies teacher Mr. J Fasulo says, "I'm glad there's a healthy alternative instead of junk food." He believes that not only will this change make an improvement in the overall student body's health but will also lead the wrestlers, trying to make weight, away from temptation.

Having a machine for snacks is almost necessary when there are students who have a lunch during bells five and six, which is between 10 and 11 in the morning, and who have only just eaten breakfast and are therefore not hungry for an entire lunch. Without the snacks many students would fail to eat anything for lunch. Studies say that when an individual goes without eating, the brain does not function as well, therefore without the snacks it could be possible that the students grades would drop.

The only problem with GRB's journey on the healthy road is the price to travel there. Junior Kirsten Francis, stated, "Those prices are ridiculous, \$1.25 for a juice box!" Although GRB is promoting health, students are steering clear of the new machines because they cannot afford to pay for food at that price, especially in a portion that is less than filling. As a result, many students are now resorting back to the pizza and grilled cheese sold in the lunch line, which is an entire meal for nearly the same price as a juice box.

So while the future is bright for the health of GRB's students, they will, however, be walking into that future with no change in their pockets.

FBLA seeks new members

Looking for a fun club to join? Join, F.B.L.A., (Future Business Leaders Of America) a fun, competitive club that will help everyone in high school. With the added opportunity to work in the school store, there is a way to gain community service hours while having fun! F.B.L.A. is a great club to put on your resume or college applications. Meetings are every Monday at 2:30 in room 111.

Interested? Come try it out on Monday, Sept. 28 and bring a t-shirt to tie-dye! Meet in room 111 at 2:30 and experience how fun F.B.L.A. can really be!

By Drew Harmon

Seniors!

Time is running out...

**Deadline to register for the
November S.A.T. exam is**

Thursday, Oct. 1

**See guidance or
www.collegeboard.com for more
information**

Pillars of character:

The G. Ray Bodley Character Education Committee brings you quotes and thoughts about different character traits: Everyone "encounters an astounding number and variety of conflicts every day. Overt conflicts and subtle ones. Conflicts over big issues and small. Sometimes they end with laughter, sometimes with hurt feelings or black eyes." William Kreidler

How can we increase our understanding of conflict and its resolution? What can you do to expand your repertoire of peacemaking skills? We all need to examine our behavior and attitudes to assess how we contribute to conflict, and how we contribute to its resolution.

Reader's circle now at GRB

Ever read a book you loved and wanted to talk about but no one else had read the same book? If so, Reader's Circle is for you!

Reader's Circle is a new club where the members choose books to read and then have meetings to discuss various points of the book; what they liked, didn't like, the characters, and so on. Library Media Specialist Mrs. Scalfaro will be the adviser of the club, but running the meetings and putting everything together is junior Kylee Greenleaf, the student who came up with the idea of the club!

It has been decided that the first book to be read will be *A Walk To Remember* by Nicholas Sparks. If you are thinking about joining but don't have a copy of *A Walk To Remember* there is a limit of fifteen available in the library to be picked up by Friday afternoon, Sept. 25. If you do have a copy and would like to join, please pick up discussion questions in the library also by Friday afternoon, Sept. 25.

Future meeting times will usually be noted on the morning announcements as well as posted around the school, so listen and look sharp, and come on in to talk about some of your favorite classics! *By Kristina Dopp*

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Meet GRB exchange student Lea Zanzinger

By Sarese Gibson

The arrival of the new school year is inevitably accompanied with the arrival of many new faces to the halls of G. Ray Bodley. However, it is not only from the faces of the new freshmen- it is also the faces of the exchange students that have come to experience American life. Lea Zanzinger is one such girl. Lea is an exchange student who has come to America from Southern Germany in a city called Ulm. In Germany she lives with her father, Johannes, who is a manager of a pharmaceutical company, her mother Sabine, who is a librarian, and her younger siblings Miriam and Julian. She is living with the Gibson family for the duration of her stay in America from August until January. She came to America through the Academic Year in America (AYA) program.

As her host sister, I had the opportunity to sit down with her and ask her some questions about her stay in America.

Gibson: So Lea, what were your reasons for coming to America?

Zanzinger: I wanted to learn about a new culture, make new experiences, to try to do something different. Like, I wanted to live a different lifestyle and meet new people.

Gibson: While you attend school in America, do you have any plans to join any clubs or sports?



Exchange student Lea Zanzinger hails from Ulm, Germany. (Sarese Gibson photo)

Zanzinger: I don't know! I have dance classes starting Monday, and I was thinking about joining the Spanish Club.

Gibson: When you finally decided on being an exchange student in America, I'm sure you had some sort of expectations on what school would be like. Now that you have attended

American high school for several days, is the school anything like you thought it would be?

Zanzinger: Um, I was expecting the school to look like it looks. You see American schools in the movies all the time and it looks the same. The teachers are very open, like on a friendly-base with the students. The school spirit everybody talks about, I haven't seen it so much but I've only been here four day so I hope to see more of it. Like, football games, and homecoming!

Gibson: Is there anywhere that you want to go, or to see, while in America?

Zanzinger: I'd like to see Syracuse, like the city, and maybe go to Oswego again because I haven't seen that much of it. Niagara Falls, but it's going to be winter soon.

Gibson: What places have you gone to since you have been here?

Zanzinger: I went to New York City for a three day orientation/workshop with all the AYA exchange students. We go to see Manhattan on a sight-seeing tour. I went to the cinema, the New York State Fair, the zoo, and two different malls! I went to Oswego and saw Lake Ontario.

Gibson: Well, I hope that the next five months in America will be an experience that will be life-changing and that you can look back on them with good memories!

Zanzinger: Thank you, I am very grateful for being allowed to stay with you and your family!

Boys look to overcome slow start

After a great season last year, the boy's varsity soccer team hopes to defend their section title. However after losing 11 graduated seniors, the returning players, along with many new faces, all have their work cut out for them.

The Raiders started their season with the annual Coaches vs. Cancer Tournament, where the team would go on to place second after their run came up short against Marcellus in the championship game. Fulton would soon rebound on the loss to Marcellus by defeating Homer 3-2 at home, senior Andrew Kush scored two goals while senior Trevor Littler netted the other. The boys then went on to play CBA and Fowler, ending each with a hard loss.

Although the Raiders were off to a slow start with a 1-3-1 record, the boy's season took a turn for the better with a three game winning streak. The first win came over East Syracuse-Minoa in a 2-1 victory in overtime with senior captains Andrew Kush and Trevor Littler again scoring for Fulton. Then after a relieving 6-0 victory over Faith Heritage the team ran into

another nail biting overtime victory against Cortland, winning 1-0. Trevor Littler was the only one to find the back of the net.

Now that the Raiders are back on track with their season, they are looking forward to continue with their success when they host Mexico on Friday at 4 p.m.

By Ryan Kesterke, Andrew Kush & Judah Stoutenger



THIS WEEK IN RAIDER SPORTS

Friday, Sept. 25: Golf @ Cortland (3:30); V Boys soccer vs. Mexico (4 p.m.); V Girls soccer @ Cortland (4:45); V Football vs. Cortland (6:30 @ Central Square).

Sat. Sept. 26: Girls tennis tourney (TBA).

Mon. Sept. 28: Golf @ ES-M (3:30).

Tues. Sept. 29: Golf vs. J-D and LaFayette (3:30).

Wed. Sept. 30: V Girls soccer vs. Chittenango (4:30); Tennis vs. J-D (4 p.m.).

Thurs. Oct. 1: V Girls soccer vs. Homer (4:30).

Fri. Oct. 2: V Boys soccer @ Homer (6:30); Girls swim vs. M-PH (5 p.m.); Tennis vs. Mexico (4:30); V Football @ Fowler (4 p.m.).

(schedules are subject to change due to weather conditions)

Raiders end four years of frustration with big win

By Eric Belair & Max Ambuske

Fulton football continued its reign of domination over the league as they took down division foe and four-time defending champion East Syracuse-Minoa last Friday in front of a crowd of about 1,500. The Raiders ended the Spartans 10-game American Division win streak. With this 33-20 win, Fulton improves to 3-0 and takes control of the division lead.

The Raiders came out of the gate immediately firing. Fulton scored on their first possession of the game and never trailed. Junior quarterback Brett Williams opened up the scoring for the Raiders as he tucked the ball on a fourth and one play and darted for a 65-yard touchdown. After ES-M scored on their possession, the ensuing kick-off was returned 88 yards, untouched by speedy senior John Strong, who had a dynamite all-around game for the Raiders.

Making his first start at tailback in place of the injured Donald Watson, Strong, normally a wide receiver, tallied 20 carries for 187 yards rushing and a touchdown at tailback. On the defensive side of the ball, Strong had an interception to stop one of the Spartans long drives.

It looks as though head coach Mike Conners may have another great offensive weapon that can be added to the trio. "The kid never left the field the whole game. Tonight, he turned in the game of his life," stated Coach Conners about his featured back.

The Fulton offense showed their versatility as they opened up the passing section of the playbook. This could show teams that they also have to be aware of the Raiders passing attack alongside the dynamic rushing game. Quarterback Brett Williams connected with senior wide receiver Max Ambuske for a 73-yard touchdown pass. Ambuske finished with 102 yards receiving on three catches.

After a few back and forth possessions Fulton struck again as senior fullback D.J. Ingham pounded in another touchdown to give the Raiders a 27-13 halftime lead. Ingham finished the game with eight carries for 40 yards. ES-M scored again on the Raiders to bring the game closer, but Fulton had an answer for the Spartans, a "Strong" answer as John Strong scampered in with a 24 yard touchdown run that sealed the deal for Fulton.

After an outstanding game, Strong gave his offensive line nothing but praise, stating, "The guys up front did a great job blocking." Another big stat for the Raiders is that quarterback Brett Williams threw for a season high 102 yards.

The Raiders had a great night of football as both sides of the ball did their part to take down



A swarming, hard-tackling defense sparked by a balanced offensive attack proved to be the difference for Fulton as the Raiders ended four years of frustration by pasting ES-M 33-20 on Friday. Tonight the team looks to make it 4-0 on the season when they host Cortland in a 6:30 p.m. start at Central Square. (Taylor Harvey photo)

the perennial champion Spartans. Fulton will be looking to maintain the momentum on Fri-

day when the Raiders face a speedy Cortland team at 6:30 pm in Central Square.

Good effort, tough results for Raider X-C

There are several words to describe the start of the guy's cross-country season, and torpid is certainly one of them. Starting off their season with a thud, the guys lost to a traditionally weak Homer squad. Despite decent top five finishes from seniors Sam Stevens, Dylan Coppola, and Noah Carroll, their efforts fell short for the win.

Still suffering from the sting of their first loss, the guys laced up for a race with perennial powerhouse East Syracuse-Minoa. Racing on their home course, the guys put up an honorable fight losing by only two points, but still taking another loss. Craig Andrianos, ES-M's top runner who finished second to Noah Carroll commented that, "They really gave us a scare! Our coach told us that at the two-mile mark we were losing by two points, and luckily our fifth man had the race of his life." Despite the fact that Fulton was winning with one mile to go, they just could not seal the deal. An 0-2 start isn't exactly how a desirable season commences, but things seem to be looking up.

This past Saturday, both the guys and girls cross-country teams headed up to Jamesville Beach state park for the Chittenango Invite. In the fastest varsity race of the day, the guys once again took their marks, got set, and went. The only difference between this race and the previous two was the guys had something to prove to themselves, along with the rest of class A.

And when it was over they had run their best race of the year. Noah Carroll finished first among the Section 3 class A runners, Dylan Coppola was ninth and Sam Stevens was fourteenth. On the girl's side, Kerri Knoop was Fulton's top girl, followed by Brittany Lamie, and sensational freshman Mary West. All three are top contenders to make it to the state meet this year. The girls have already won their first meet in nine years, and continue look like a top five team at sectionals.

Following a Wednesday meet at Cortland, both the guys and girls teams will take part in the prestigious Baldwinsville Invitational this weekend to race New York State powerhouses, such as US #16 ranked Burnt Hills, and nationally third-ranked Saratoga Springs. The stage is set for a comeback for the guy's cross-country team, and only time will tell if the girl's season will play out as well as they hope.

**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.**

School of Thought compiled by Crystal Kimball & Raquel Vescio

How do you feel about the construction?



"I hate it, and I am always late to math and there is no place to park."
Erica Lamb



"It's loud and dirty. It is hot and you can't open the windows"
Mr. Burdick



"It is annoying and we can't park in the senior parking lot"
Brandon Teetsel



"It is crap and it's slow, I think we're wasting money on slow workers."
Dimitri Lebron



"I think they should have started earlier, because it's interfering with school."
Joe Maxam



The locker rooms at GRB will be undergoing a much-needed expansion as part of the ongoing construction project. (Senecal photo)

Going someplace cool?
Take
THE Raider
with you and get your picture taken for next year's Ful-tonian Yearbook feature
"Where in the world is The Raider?"