

Ski Club feels fuel pinch, key meeting tonight

With fluctuating gas prices and bus costs on the rise, the FultonSki & Snowboard Club is faced with multiple transportation issues for the weekly trip up to Labrador Mountain this coming winter. As most people know, the high demand and low supply of oil has caused fuel prices to rise drastically, resulting in transportation costs to inflate as well.

The previous bus company, Wade Tours, wanted a substantially bigger fee for the busses this year, around \$100 more per week compared to last January. According to Ski Club co-advisor Mrs. Downing, "Wade Tours, our previous bus company, wanted a hundred more dollars a week than the price

last year, we decided to switch to Onondaga Tours which was still more than last year, but less than Wade Tours."

The prices are not set in stone yet depending on the number of students involved in this year's club. If there are more students signing up the price will lower, but if there are fewer students then the price will be even higher than predicted.

With the difficulties in the means of transportation the question came up as to whether the club should go back to taking the big old yellow school bus the 60 minutes to the mountains. Four years ago the club used to take a regular school bus up without incident and at a significantly lower cost. The

downside to this is transporting the ski and snowboard equipment as there are no stow-away compartments below the bus. The coach busses offer superior comfort, televised entertainment, and even a bathroom.

A heads up to anyone interested in joining the Ski & Snowboard Club, there is a mandatory parent meeting tonight in the cafeteria at 6:30 pm. The first installment of \$95 dollars is due, with the following payment due November 15. Parents attending tonight's meeting are asked to bring a small photo of the student, cash or check for exact payment. Insurance and physician information will also be required. *By Jack Ryan*



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Playoff trail starts tonight for Raider booters

It's win or go home time for the Raider soccer teams as the boys and girls sides both start Section 3 Tournament play this evening. The boys take on a familiar opponent in Whitesboro in a 6:30 pm Fulton start while the girls travel to Carthage to take on the Comets at 6 pm. Should they prevail, the boys will travel to #3 seeded CBA on Saturday while the girls would meet top-ranked Jamesville-Dewitt later this week in the second round of sectional play.

The post season couldn't have come at a better time for the Raiders as both teams are currently riding high as the boys have gone 5-1-1 in their last seven games while the girls are 3-0-1 in the last four contests, losing only to J-D in that stretch. Still, momentum means nothing if they don't come to play tonight, and the tendency to look ahead to a familiar opponent could spell a quick end to the playoff party.

"Looking ahead to the next opponent is always a danger," boys Coach Nate Murray commented. "It's my job to look ahead as far as planning and preparation are concerned, but for the players to look ahead has no purpose and there is NO benefit or advantage of doing that!" Murray will be try-

ing to keep his 7-6-3 Raiders from looking ahead to CBA, especially in the wake of their 3-0 handling of tonight's opponent last Friday.

As for playing the same team twice in a five day period, the second year varsity boss commented that, "I think it is an advantage for us to turn around and see them again right away. Since we just saw them on Friday the players, game, pace and style of play is fresh. I also feel that the way we handled them it will be difficult for them to make too many meaningful adjustments."

Seniors Carson Vono, Carlos Feliciano and sophomore Spencer Vono all found the back of the Whitesboro goal on Friday, and loom as three key figures if Fulton is to make a playoff run similar to 2011, when the Raiders fell just shy of the Section 3 title in overtime. Vono is the runaway scoring leader with 14 goals and two assists while Feliciano has added six goals with two assists and Paul Reynoso joins Austin Wilde with two goals and three assists on the season. Spencer Vono has also chipped in with three goals for a Fulton cause that has seen them outscore the opposition 15-4 with three shutouts over the last seven starts.

Goaltender R.J. Borrow will also be an important part of the Fulton post season drive after stopping 120 shots this season, good for an 86% save mark.

Whitesboro comes into tonight's game looking to end a recent three game skid that includes Friday's home loss to the Raiders. After flirting with the .500 mark for half the season, the Warriors have suddenly come upon tough times, dropping eight of their last 11 games. But one need only look back to 2010 when a heavily favored Fulton side dropped an opening round home game against Oneida to know that anything can, and will happen in the playoffs.

The Warriors are led offensively by Zachary Fisher (6-2-8) and Alex Gorgas (2-5-7) while Gabe Wise (3-2-5), Alex Brown (3-2-5), Anthony LaGatta (3-1-4), Akash Patel (3-1-4) and Andrew Praznik (3-1-4) have all found the space between the posts on three occasions for the 6-10 side. Goalkeeper Matt Milogran has stood tall all season while blocking 83% of the 115 shots he has faced, including 10 stops on Friday vs. the Raiders.

"The keys to our success will be to play
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Opinion

For reality's sake, don't give up your dreams!

By Alexis Lastra

When it comes to dreams and making big decisions in our lives, we tend to focus on statistics and probabilities. If my chance of making my dream a reality is one in a million, should I still give it a shot?

Forget about numbers; focus on what you can do to fuel your dreams. Statistics are nothing but a source of discouragement.

With so many people over-exaggerating and emphasizing the practical aspect of reality, it has become extremely difficult for anyone these days to keep their dreams alive. I'm not only seeing students of my age giving up their passion and dreams to pursue something that they are not, but I also see the "become a doctor or a banker" attitude becoming more prevalent in our society as more and more parents are convinced that these "professional" jobs promise their children financially stable lives. It's a shame that so many students of our generation are being negatively impacted by practical



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cally oriented society. It's almost as if our imaginative and ingenious qualities of our dreams are being suppressed.

I've always wondered if this is why so many people with great potential have been slowly disappearing. What if reality isn't as inflexible as we've thought it was? Why are we becoming uptight pragmatists when it comes to dreams? And who are we to say which dreams live or die?

Don't get me wrong! I do believe that we need to be sensible and practical to some extent as what's real is "real." Statistics are a nu-

merical measure of success and failure; so in a way, statistics are a truth hidden in numbers that we cannot ignore. But there needs to be a balance. Overemphasis on numbers and practicality can have a negative impact on many of us, who are just beginning to dream. Who would have thought the Wright brothers could fly? Who would have thought a high school dropout could be the next founder of a major company? Statistically to speak, the impossible happened. Then again, the people who made their dreams realized were those who truly believed in their dreams and values; they robustly moved forward despite obstacles.

Now, I must admit that today is nothing like the past. The world is developing at an unprecedented rate. Opportunities are scarce nowadays as more people are becoming competitive. Even graduating from college won't guarantee employment any more, that's how much our world has changed. But we shouldn't be too quick to allow our cynicism to block our view of the future. I believe in the power of motivation, resilience, patience, and passion. Even if this means failing a couple of times on our way to the top, we learn and move forward by overcoming those obstacles. There bounds to be ups and downs along the way, and that's the way it is!

So, before setting boundaries to our potential future opportunities by focusing on statistical aspect of our dreams, stop and ask if this is what we really want for ourselves. Are we here to roll safe or are we here to play adventurously, exploring every potentiality of our dreams?

Reports surface of "Zombie" drug

Unfortunately, a new drug has entered the United States that literally "eats your flesh" This dangerous concoction has been dubbed Krokodil due to the green, scaly effect it has on one's skin prior to the flesh deteriorating.

This drug has become popular particularly among heroin addicts due to the inexpensive cost, one third of the price of heroin, and the simplicity of the manufacturing process. Some hospitals have reported users having gaps of missing flesh, in some cases exposing the bone.

Doctors warn the public to refrain from drug use, and warn that this drug has been sold to users under the impression that it was heroin. All in all, this new killer must be brought to the public's attention and must be stopped.

By Connor Relf

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Raider girls invade Carthage in opening round

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our game and stay away from the physical garbage that we experienced while playing there," Coach Murray said of tonight's 6:30 pm tussle. "We need to make sure that our mental toughness remains strong and we don't do anything that will hurt our chances for success!"

Central Valley Academy is at Cortland with the winner to play #3 Watertown in the other half of Fulton's bracket. Oneida visits Indian River for a shot at unbeaten and #2 state-ranked Fowler in the upper bracket that also features New Hartford at Jamesville-Dewitt later this week.

Coach George Beckwith's Raider girls chart unfamiliar territory when they travel to Frontier League competitor Carthage, and as is the case in the boys encounter, the two sides have been moving in different directions as of late. The Comets come into tonight's contest on the back of 8-0 and 3-0 losses to South Jefferson and Watertown respectively, and boast a 7-6-1 record so far this season.

Top offensive performers include Mackenzie Kidder, Paige Kaune, Cassie Birth and Bryanna Gagnon for a Comet team that has chalked up big wins of 6-0 and 5-1 against General Brown, 3-0 against Lowville, and 4-1 over Syracuse area Bishop

Ludden.

The Raider girls are paced by the seven goal tandem of Hailey Carroll (7-4-11) and Jordan Coulon (7-3-10) with Sydney Gillmore (3-4-7), Callie Beckwith (3-3-6) and Sarah Halstead (3-0-3) also adding three goals apiece. Goaltender Hunter Hartranft brings a 79% save mark into the game as Fulton looks to improve on a 4-3-1 away record this season that includes losses to #1 ranked J-D, #2 AA ranked CBA, and #7 seeded East Syracuse-Minoa. Watertown travels to Whitesboro to complete the top of

the girls bracket, while New Hartford is at Chittenango and ES-M hosts Homer in other Tuesday playoff openers.

(Jeff Waldron contributed information for this article)

Section 3 Playoffs

Boys soccer

Tuesday:

#10 Whitesboro (6-10)

@ #7 Fulton (8-6-2) 6:30 pm

Winner @ #3 CBA Sat. Oct. 26

Girls soccer

Tuesday:

#9 Fulton (7-6-3)

@ #8 Carthage (7-6-1) TBA

Winner @ #1 J-D TBA

Football:

Friday: # 8 Fulton (1-6)

@ #1 Indian River (6-1)

This week in Raider Sports

Tues. Oct. 22: Vball @ Hannibal (JV-4/V-5:30); V boys soccer vs. Whitesboro (6:30 pm); Girls V soccer @ Carthage (6 pm).

Thurs. Oct. 24: Vball vs. Bishop Grimes (JV-5/V-6:30).

Fri. Oct. 25: V football @ Indian River (6:30 pm)..

Sat. Oct. 26: X-country @ Sec. 3 meet (Jamesville Beach-11 am)



What's happening at G. Ray Bodley High School?

Seniors: prom and baby pictures must be turned in by Nov. 5 for use in the Fultonian Yearbook. Give pictures to Mr. Senecal in room 228.

Spanish Club will meet today after school in room 128 in honor of Dia de los Muertos.

Ski/snowboard Club members are reminded of the parent's meeting on today.

Physicals will be available Oct. 22 and 23. Make an appointment in the nurses's office.

Student Senate will meet today after school in room 115.

The next **Library Club meeting** is today after school in the LMC.

Battle of the Books will meet on Thursday after school in the LMC. All students are welcome to participate.

The next **Teen Writer's Group** meeting is on Wednesday, Oct. 30. See Mrs. Scalfaro in the LMC to register.

Anyone trying out for basketball cheerleading must have a current physical or they will not be allowed to participate. Schedule yours today with Mrs. Blount in the nurse's office.

HOPE Club meets every Monday in room 119.

Future Business Leaders of America meets every Monday in room 116.

Fultonian Yearbook meets every Tuesday in room 102.

GRB Journalism Club meets Wednesdays in room 102.

Tuesday's lunch menu: Whole grain chicken nuggets with sauce, tomato soup, spinach, banana, mixed fruit.

Wednesday's lunch menu: Whole grain max cheese pizza, romaine salad, baby carrots, strawberries, pears.

Seniors take note!

Prom, baby pictures and senior portraits from outside sources are due by Tuesday, Nov. 5. Give pictures to Mr. Senecal in room 228.



LAST CHANCE!
Yearbook/ID photo
retakes/makeup
Thursday, Oct. 24
9 am to 2 pm
in room 102A

Fiction

The Fugitives: part one

By Neal Burke

Note: Today marks the start of a RaiderNet Daily first, a serialized fiction story from one of our writers. Aspiring writer and senior Neal Burke will take us on a ride each Tuesday for the next few weeks, telling his story called The Fugitives



The IES Cyclops, a large prison-ship traveling at the farthest reaches of the Aeterna Galaxy. The ship basically resembled an extremely large, stainless steel box with rocket thrusters in the back and a smaller box in the front as the cockpit. Its mission was to transport a load of 50,000 prisoners to the volcanic planet Olympus so they could work the mineral processing plants, lay down new lava drainage pipes, and mine raw materials. The ship's prisoners were of every size and description, some having committed horrible crimes, some none at all.

One such case was a 17 year old girl named Lupo Karasu. She was a member of the Yowlumne species which were characterized by their chalk white skin, fangs, dark burgundy hair, and their wolf-like ears and tails. Other than that, they resembled humans.

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The Aeterna High Command, the galaxy's governing body, used propaganda to make it seem that their other personalities were pure evil when in reality that was not true. In fact the two personalities sometimes shared a close bond.

Lupo's hair was long, flowing in her face somewhat and her eyes matched it. Her ears had black fur on the insides. Her clothes, which consisted of a black tank top and a pair of jeans, were dirty and tattered as they were the same ones she had been wearing the day she had been captured. Usually she had always been a happy go lucky girl, but the six months on this ship had changed her. She

now kept to herself and rarely smiled any more. Her heart had been hardened and she had gotten into her fair share of fights. Only once in these six months had her "other" self been released and she nearly killed the person that she had been fighting.

Lupo's days were usually spent in her cell, which was a small room with a rickety old bed, a dirty sink and toilet, and a cracked mirror. The door was thick steel and had a small window at the top with bars. The days on the ship followed a simple routine.

At 5:45 AM (Standard Time), wakeup call was sounded. After a few hours, the first of two meal times was called where the prisoners would be brought to a full sized cafeteria and fed "the Cyclops Special," which was basically cold water with chunks of "meat" floating in it. After that, prisoners were set loose on what the staff called "the Playground" where they could exercise or socialize. It was here that Lupo got into fights. The prisoners would then be taken back to their cells until the next meal time, which was at 7 pm, and then it was lights out at 9:30.

Many times Lupo had thought of escaping, but she knew that was close to impossible. The entire ship was patrolled by elite galactic troops as well as other security systems. Though she had lost much of her hope, a small part of her still wanted to try, still waited for just the right moment.

Just then, the door to her cell opened and a guard walked in. No doubt he was a Korbian, an alien species often employed by the Aeterna High Command to guard important areas, as he was very thin, had a bulbous gray head and large reflective red-orange eyes. His clothes were traditional Korbian garb consisting of a black body suit and a utility belt. Lupo's eyes drifted towards the electro black-jack club on his belt and suddenly that fading glimmer of hope inside her began to glow a little bit brighter.

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Kimberly Seator



"Doughnuts."

Nick Shattuck



"Pizza."

Dan Coant



"Gertrude Hawk Chocolate Bars."

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Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Cloudy with rain showers. High 52. Record high: 84 (1979). Avg. high: 58.

Tonight:



Cloudy skies. Chance rain. Low 38. Record low: 29 (1992). Avg. low: 39.

Tomorrow:



Cloudy with rain showers. High 45. Record high: 77 (1991). Avg. high: 57.

Former GRB student and current SUNY Oswego sophomore Carson Metcalf is an aspiring Meteorologist. Look for his daily weather forecasts for Fulton on RaiderNet Daily.