

Don't be "fooled" by the arrival of April

April 1, also known to most of the world as April Fool's Day first became a precedent tradition in 1700.

Originally called "All Fools' Day" the first day of April has been commemorated by pranks and jokes for many centuries. When France switched over to the Gregorian calendar from the Julian in 1563, some believe the day started. Those who did not hear the news believed it was January first and were made fun of. French folk would play jokes on these idiots who didn't know the current date with paper fish put on their backs. These fish were known as "April fish" and symbolized their gullible tendencies. The trend spread through to Britain around the 18th century when Scottish pranksters would send fools on fake errands and the day turned into a two-day celebration. The second day would focus on pranks featuring peoples'

rear ends. Pinning kick me signs or faux tails to various Scottish butts was not uncommon.

Since then, the pranks have only evolved and gotten larger. *Sports Illustrated* ran an entire made up article about a rookie pitcher with a world record pitch. Taco Bell tricked the world after announcing the Liberty Bell would be renamed the Taco Liberty Bell. Following the fast food trick trend, Burger King made an advertisement flashing a "left-handed whopper".

When a day is dedicated to constant fun, and joking around, even big automobile companies get involved. Kia made a press release toting its new KEE_Wii concept car. It was working with the new success of the Wii and was said to have a wireless controller to steer and operate the car. "It seems obvious to us that if children as young as eight can drift, rally and race their way to

multiple world championships on a games console, then this new driving system will be simple enough for anyone to use," Kia. This was obviously later explained as a joke, probably to avoid being sued by Nintendo.

BMW always has something up it's sleeve. In 2009 they released an ad for their newest Magnetic Tow technology. It was said that BMW drivers can sneak up to others behind traffic to latch onto other cars magnetically for a fuel efficient drive. In 2010 on April Fools, BMW released images of an M3 pickup truck model! This was believed to be a joke yet, was actually seen driving and is capable of 186 mph. The only problem with releasing a brand new (somewhat strange) concept on April Fool's Day is that most will think it is some kind of trick.

So be on the lookout today, or risk being the "April Fool." *By Logan Aubeuf*

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Raider lacrosse teams experience tough openers

By Jimmy Martin

The Raider lacrosse team kicked off the spring sports season on Friday, facing the East Syracuse-Minoa Spartans at ES-M. Last year these two teams met twice, and one of them was last year's season opener. The Raiders won both of them, the first 7-6, then

the second, 10-9.

Unfortunately, this year's opener was a little different and did not go in Fulton's way as the Spartans edged out the Raiders in a close 8-7 game. It also marked the first time Fulton had been on a real field all season due to the March weather that has kept them either indoors or on the school parking lot.

After the first quarter, it was all tied up at threes but then, the Spartans turned up the toneto go up 5-4 at the half and 8-6 after three quarters. Trying to dig back out of this deficit, the Raiders scored two in the fourth but could not find a way to score their third. Though they dominated the fourth quarter, they just fell short of the tie and lost.

Just because they lost their first game, does not mean they won't have a good season. It was a close one and some individuals had great games. Leading the team in goals was senior Matt Nelson, who scored a hat trick. Seth Delisle, RJ Borrow, Carson Vono, and Shawn Walburger all tallied one goal. In net for the Raiders was Scott Hughes, who made 14 saves out of 22 shots.

The Raiders next game is today, as they

face the New Hartford Spartans in search of their first win. Last year, the Raiders could not win against the Spartans, as they lost 8-5 and 10-4.

Girls fall to Lady Spartans

The Lady Raider lacrosse team also faced the ES-M Spartans in their opener. Their game was on Saturday, also at ES-M. Last year's season series was split 1-1, as the Lady Raiders won the first and lost the second. This year was a little different though.

ES-M came out strong and finished strong. They dominated both halves, winning 20-8. The Lady Raiders could not find a way to match the Spartans intensity.

The first half ended 12-5, leaving the Lady Raiders with work to do. In the second half, the Spartans kept up their gameplay and outscored Fulton 8-3 to claim their lopsided win. Just like the boys side, some girls had good games.

Binghamton bound senior Amelia Coakley tallied three goals and one assist in her opener while fellow seniors Casey Shannon and Julia Ludington both had two goals. The Lady Raiders face Whitesboro on Thursday as they look for their first win.

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

HOPE Club meets every Monday in room 119.

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

Fultonian Yearbook meets on Tuesdays in room 102.

Yearbooks are still available for preorder for \$60. See Mr. Senecal in room 228 during GSH.

College bound seniors are encouraged to visit the guidance office to check out a number of locally based scholarship opportunities. A small investment in time could become a large investment of money toward college.

Common Core: a step in the right direction?

By Seth Rogers-Miller

Teachers at G. Ray Bodley High School and throughout the nation have been very vocal about their views on the common core. The question becomes are they disagreeing with the common core at its foundation, or are they just annoyed at its implementation?

What are they really upset about, and is it for the right reasons?

The underlying theme of most faculty complaints equates to the rigorous amounts of paperwork they are now required to fill out concerning the need to constantly validate themselves as educators. They have been saddled with the sole responsibility for every student's education, or so it seems that way. No more is it, "what can the student do or what does he/she need to do to be successful?" instead it is "what are you doing to ensure that student is successful, regardless of the students ability or attitude?"

Teachers are expected to babysit and hold hands. Now if a student throws a temper tantrum in class and walks out the teacher has to fill out paperwork to explain how they worked to prevent said incident. No longer is it the students fault for walking out, instead the burden falls on the teachers for not working hard enough to prevent it.

This massive amount of self validation stems from the hasty implementation of the Common Core. The government feels that is the most effective way to gauge what teachers are and are not doing right. Let's face it, the state of the U.S educational system is abysmal. At the core of the education system are teachers, therefore if makes sense to isolate them and say, "this is your fault, our children are leaving high school as idiots, fix it."

Some teachers are fantastic and don't deserve this treatment, but others are God-awful and do not do their jobs the way they are supposed to be done. I have seen multiple accounts of incompetence in my school career. Now I'm not saying they should lose their jobs for being crappy teachers, but a guiding hand and new curriculum couldn't hurt.

In my eyes the debilitating state of our school system started with good old George W. Bush and his "no child left behind" program. At the bare bones of this program is the idea that no child should be held back in school. To make this a reality they had to effectively



create a dumbed down version of every grade that was virtually unfaillable.

Grade recovery is a prime example of what is wrong with the system. No matter how poorly a student does in a class they can stay after school four times and pass. This created an irreversible brain drain on the youth that inspired a skate by attitude. It goes without saying in any grade or age there will be varying levels of intellect within peer groups. By pandering to the children who could not quite cut it and really should have spent an extra year in the first grade to develop, and subsequently creating an education system tailored to them, the US government effectively left the gifted students with the natural ability to learn high and dry.

I have literally spent the last 10 years learning and relearning the same thing over and over because George W. Bush found it too difficult to comprehend. So a series of half truths and blatant lies were fed to us every year, only to be corrected or disavowed the next. I can't begin to explain the frustration felt when the vocabulary sheet for my eleventh grade English class has words I have had a firm grasp on since the fourth grade.

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My point is that I did not receive the education we as Americans are capable of giving. Could I have gone above and beyond, read more in my spare time and taken responsibility for my own education? Sure, but then again I'm an American teenager, therefore I am lazy, and if I can skate by doing no homework and getting decent grades on tests, that is the route I'm more likely to take.

But here I am my senior year, taking three classes and failing two of them. I was never challenged in school and I feel I have never reached my full potential. I would like to take sole responsibility for my actions in high school or lack thereof, but I cannot. As much as it was my fault for not pushing myself, it is the systems fault for not giving me the avenues to do so. That is why I feel that at the core of the common core it is a good idea and it is what America needs. If Americans want to continue the patriotic saying, "America is the best country in the world," shouldn't we also have the best education in the world?



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And now there are four: NCAA finals are set

By Jason Mattice

It was a crazy week for college basketball as #7 seed Connecticut took out Iowa State and Michigan State to make it to the final four after previously beating Villanova, they have been a really strong team all season and have beaten quality opponents. Connecticut and senior guard Shabazz Napier, who has played great late in the season and in the tournament for the Huskies, are looking to keep the run going and get by Florida to win their second title in four seasons.

The #8 seed Kentucky also shocked basketball fans first by beating Louisville, then Michigan to advance to the final four. The best thing about the surprising Kentucky team is that it is led by freshmen. The two teams I picked to play in the final game are still in it as Florida plays Connecticut and Wisconsin plays Kentucky. There still is a good chance of a Florida-Wisconsin final game, but Connecticut and Kentucky cannot be taken lightly, especially since both sides have been at the top in recent seasons with the Huskies winning it all in 2011 while the Wildcats cut championship twine just two years ago.

Florida's only two losses of the season have come from Connecti-

Tech. talk:

Nvidia launches dual-GPU GeForce Titan Z

Nvidia revealed a beast at the GPU Technology Conference (GTC) that is sure to suit anything one could throw at it. However the sticker price could induce a stroke with the whopping price of \$2,999. In comparison a normal Titan goes for around \$999. The main difference between the Titan Z and a normal Titan is that the Titan Z is a dual-GPU version of the Titan which only contains one GPU. What that translates into is an insane spec sheet.

Covering the basics, the Titan Z is overflowing with 5,760 CUDA cores. Comparatively a normal Titan has around 2688 CUDA cores, making the Titan Z contain over double the amount of CUDA cores. Ram is important for video cards in which the Titan Z will not disappoint with its 12GB, yes 12GB of GDDR5 ram which is double the amount of ram that a normal Titan has.

According to Nvidia, the Titan Z was created for next-generation 5k and multi-monitor gaming. With 4k just coming onto the scene, a graphics card created for 5k is outrageous. With that much power one would think that the Titan Z would have sound to match its beastly prowess. However Nvidia claims that the card runs cool and quiet due to low-profile components and ducted baseplate channels that reduce turbulence.

And if one Titan Z is not enough to satisfy your needs, one could run one or more of these beasts in an SLI configuration that would be completely unnecessary. The Titan Z goes to show that Nvidia is still targeting both gamers and compute users. *By Perrin Ogdan*

cut and Wisconsin; so they will be looking for revenge Saturday against the Huskies. Florida looks like they are the best team in the tournament as they have a strong defense and they have won every game in the tournament by 10 points or more, and they have won 30 straight games including tournament play.

Players to watch for Florida are Scottie Wilbekin, a clutch shooting guard who makes a lot of big shots for the Gators, and bruising 6-foot-9, 240 pound center Patrick Young, who averages over ten points a game and is shooting 54% from the field. Florida should get by Connecticut and advance to the national championship.

Wisconsin has been a team to watch out for all season. Frank Kiminsky, their 6-foot-11 center is the most dangerous player for the Badgers, as he has the height and strength to finish close to the basket and he can knock down 3's as well, making him nearly impossible to stop. Julius Randle and the Kentucky Wildcats want to shock the basketball world once again and beat Wisconsin, but Wisconsin has too many weapons and I think they will win and play Florida in the National Championship. But as this tournament has shown anything is possible, and there is much more exciting basketball ahead.

This day in history: April 1

On this day many important history changing things happened.

It is the day that Hitler's failed coup secured his rise to power. He was released on the first of April in 1924. After being sentenced for his part in November 8, 1923 he was released before the year ended. His power was stronger than ever before, and Germany was in crisis after the end of World War 1 and the destruction of the German economy. He made speeches that tended to the peoples wants and needs, and around eight years later Hitler had control of all of Germany.

In 1946, an enormous earthquake occurred in Alaska that triggered a gigantic tsunami. The undersea earthquake happened 13,000 feet beneath the ocean and measured 7.4 magnitude. The quake devastated Hawaii as well, and Unimak Island was hit by the tsunami that developed shortly after the quake.

A 30 foot above sea level lighthouse was obliterated and five people died. The powerful wave continued on its way at 500 mph and then reached Hawaii. A 32 foot wave desecrated the city of Hilo, and ruined a third of the entire city. This then convinced the US to create the Seismic SeaWave Warning System two years later. This system uses undersea buoy technology with seismic activity detection to find dangerous waves before they strike.

April 1, 1984 is known to many as the day their favorite singer was brutally killed. Marvin Gaye was shot by his own father a day before his 45th birthday. Gaye's father was a strict morally brutal Hebrew preacher. Marvin always had issues with his father as the singer was a cross dressing and hard drinking morally raw individual. This happened when his depressed father was living with his depressed son and both were in horrible physical shape.

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What was the best April Fool's prank you ever played on someone?



"I woke up my uncle and screamed that the house was on fire!"

Dallas Bradley



"I subbed for my brother for the whole day without anyone knowing."

Mr. J Fasulo



"I put baking soda on my husband's tooth brush!"

Mrs. Williams



"I called someone and pretended to be the manager at Price Chopper and said they won frozen peas for a year."

Mr. Greene

Meteorology and you

By Carson Metcalf



Today:



Partly cloudy.

56°

Average: 50°
Record: 84° (1996)

Tonight:



Partly cloudy.

34°

Average: 31°
Record: 16° (1965)

Tomorrow:



Partly cloudy.
Chance rain.

46°

Average: 51°
Record: 87° (2010)

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.