

## April Fool's tradition shrouded in mystery

By Caleb Almeter

This Friday is April Fools Day, a day for pranks and hoaxes. Something surprising about this holiday is that it dates far back into history, far enough that no one sure exactly when, or where, it originated.

There were many springtime holidays in Europe that an April Fools tradition may have derived from. One was the Roman celebration of Hilaria in late March, during which people wore disguises. In some areas

April first, but none offer explanations of the holiday. To make matters worse, four European countries have tales about the origin of the celebration, all drastically different.

The Dutch story is based on the humiliation of a Spanish military commander. The German tale is about gamblers losing a bet on whether an April first event would take place. The French story describes mockery of citizens unaware of the change between the Julian and Roman calendars.

The British story is about a town evading

the wrath of the king by pretending that everyone in it was a complete fool. Though all are interesting, no one knows which (if any) are factual, or whether they led to April Fools traditions.

No matter which events led to our celebration of foolery, we know that there is a rich history of pranks and jokes.

Tomorrow, if you engage in any pranks, remember that you are continuing a very old (if silly) tradition.

*(for more on the subject, see page 2)*



of northern Europe, the people honored the Celtic god of humor, Lud.

In medieval Europe, particularly France, some held the Feast of Fools, during which participants would elect a Lord of Misrule and parody religious ceremonies. This custom was derived from the Roman festival of Saturnalia, which took place in the winter. During Saturnalia, slaves were allowed to pretend that they ruled their masters and a similar Lord of Misrule was elected.

Some of its other customs were incorporated into modern Christmas. Though all of these customs involve jokes and merriment, there is virtually no evidence for any one in particular being related to our April Fools Day.

The historical record is not very helpful in finding the origins of the holiday. References to it in literature are few, but date as far back as the late 1300s, and many state the date of

## Lady Raiders open with hard fought win

The 2016 spring sports season got off to a thrilling start for the Lady Raider lacrosse team on Wednesday when the girls battled past Cazenovia 11-10. As was expected it was a tight contest from start to finish as the two teams traded goals for a 6-6 halftime draw before the Raiders scored five times to the Lakers four in the second half.

Picking up right where they left off last season, McKenna Chesbro led the way with four goals and an assist while Keara

Patterson found the back of the Cazenovia cage four times. Hailey Carroll added two goals and an assist and Taylor Kesterke scored once to go with two assist performances from Mallori Kitts and Jordan Coulon.

Cazenovia was paced by a three goal, two assist effort from Keara Dwyer and three goals off the stick of Chloe Willard. The girls are back in action Saturday when they travel to General Brown for an 11 am start.



Students and teachers alike took their turn on the table on Wednesday to "Give the gift of Life" at the Student Senate-FBLA Blood Drive. RaiderNet Daily's Scott Littleton, left, and Physics teacher Mr. Galek, right, were among the many donors. (Senecal photos)

## April fool's day may have historical origins

By Zachary Almeter

Have you ever wondered why and how April fool's Day came to be? If so, then you have probably been the victim of an April fool's Prank at some point. Kidding aside, no one is really sure how April fool's Day came about, but the following story is as plausible an explanation as any.



Prior to 1564, the beginning of the calendar year was not January first. Instead, it was March 25th, so that the New Year could begin with the start of spring. In those days, it was customary that the first week of the New Year was a week of celebration, ending with a big party on April 1, seven days after March 25th. But in 1564, January first was accepted as the start of the New Year, and a number of people who were ignorant of what had happened or had forgotten about it still tried to show up to the festivities on April 1, only to find no one there. These people became known as the first "April fools."

Since then, April fool's pranks have only grown in popularity and complexity, mostly carried out by TV and radio stations. Among the most memorable of these were the time when Taco Bell announced it was buying the Liberty Bell and renaming it the iTaco Liberty Bell or the time when Kia announced that it was releasing a new model that could be driven the same way as a kart or bike in Mario Kart Wii.

Even *RaiderNet Daily* has been known to indulge in April fool-ishness, including one year when they claimed G. Ray Bodley meteorologist Carson Metcalf (who was enrolled in Journalism at the time) had blown the yearbook funds on a wild and crazy night in Vegas and was now imprisoned at Alcatraz.

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

The next meeting of the **Fultonian Yearbook** is Monday after school in room 102.

#### What's for lunch?

Today: Beef chili with soft pretzel, corn, peas, peaches

So watch out this Friday, or you just might wake up in Namibia, lose your pants, or get an exercise ball to the face.

### Laxmen open today at Cortland

Revenge will be on the minds of the Red Raider boys lacrosse team this evening when Fulton travels to Cortland in the 2016 season opener. Following an embarrassing 20-9 loss to Cortland last season, Fulton will come out firing on all cylinders.

The Raider defense has returned all three starters, all of whom are seniors who are not afraid to make their presence felt. The Raider D includes Mitch Nelson, Robbie Pollock, and Tyler Shaw with Matt Conn filling in when needed from the Long Stick Middle position.

At midfield the Raiders will most likely be starting Jake McDermott and Nick Burescia, with Victor Runeare facing off. Burescia is an impact player, being taller and faster than most other players his dodge down the ally often results in a goal.

The Raider attack is led by Captain Austin Wilde, and while he is usually only an assist man on occasion he sneaks inside and puts one in from close. The real threat on the Raider attack is Austin "Auzzie" Beckwith, who was awarded second team all league last season for the success he had out working his defenders.

The Raiders have a favorable schedule coming into the season with league rivals ES-M being their target team to beat. Fulton is coached by Aaron Koproski, now in his second season as varsity head coach. The team's 14 seniors are looking to make this season special, as many of them have been playing together since as early as fifth grade. The team will be looking for home support this Saturday when they play host to Whitesboro with JV action at 10 am and the varsity scheduled for an 11:30 pm start. *By Mitch Nelson*

### This week in Red Raider Sports

Today: Boys Lax @ Cortland (JV-5/V-7:00); Track @ ES-M (4:30)

Fri. April 1: Tennis @ Phoenix (4:30)

Sat. April 2: Girls V Lax @ General Brown (11 am); Boys Lax vs. Whitesboro (JV-10 am/V-11:30 am)



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In the News

## The future has arrived with Nike's self tying shoes

We've all waited for the day that we could be as cool as Marty McFly with his self-lacing sneakers in the hit film Back to the Future, and now the time has come. Nike has announced its newest shoe, the HyperAdapt 1.0, with its self-tying "adaptive" laces.

Nike's senior innovator Tiffany Beers explained that "When you step in, your heel will hit a sensor and the system will automatically tighten. Then there are two buttons on the side to tighten and loosen. You can adjust it until it's perfect." Nike will be selling these shoes in three colors to Nike+ members this coming holiday season, with currently unannounced prices.



The real question is how much of a hit these will be. The shoes have a sense of futuristic charm, but self-tying shoes aren't quite a necessity and it is unlikely that these shoes will prove to be very realistic for the day to day needs. The shoes are aimed for athletes who would benefit from quickly being able to tighten or loosen their shoes. So next holiday season, take a look down every once in a while, and see if you notice any HyperAdapt 1.0s.

*By Cassidy Bowering*

## Cruise line headed to Cuba

Cuba, the large Caribbean island, known for its white sand beaches, cigars and rum, is now in preparation for American tourists. That's right, starting in May, Carnival, the large cruise company, will be allowed to drop anchor in Havana. The only cruise ship Carnival will be using is its 704-passenger MV Adonia, and will be operated by Carnival's Fathom brand.

The ship leaves port in Miami and then heads straight for the beautiful island. This is the first time in 50 years that this will be

allowed, so surely all who can should jump on the opportunity. The cruise is seven days long and the itinerary includes three ports of call: Havana, Cienfuegos and Santiago de Cuba. The cruise price starts at \$1,800 per person, which is only a little over the average of \$1,600, this price excludes visas and other travel costs.

The country holds vast opportunities for travel and tourism in the future and American companies are expected to begin to normalize their relations with its communist neighbor. There are American companies already expecting to expand their reign into the country. Starwood Hotels announced that it would be the first American company to run hotels in Havana. With everything bad that is going on around the world, why not enjoy the little bit of good that is also happening?

*By Cassidy Bowering*

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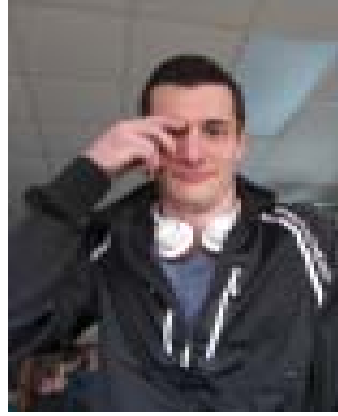
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## How do you think the SU womens basketball team will do at the NCAA final four?



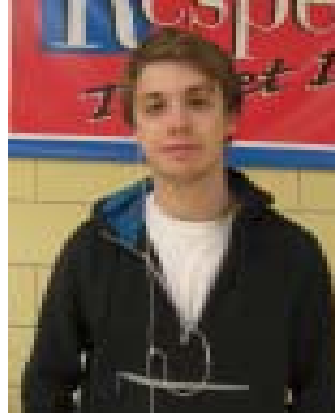
"I think they're gonna do decent."

Nate Shaw



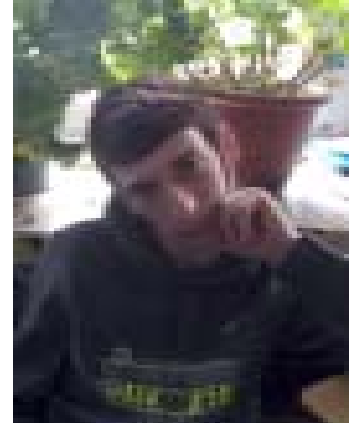
"Terrible...you hear Mrs. Ryan?"

Scott Littleton



"I think they're gonna do great as always."

Dillon Miller



"They're gonna be awesome."

Kenny Deloff

# Meteorology and you

Today:



Cloudy with showers

60°

Average: 50°  
Record: 85° (1998)

Tonight:



Cloudy with showers

55°

Average: 31°  
Record: 9° (1923)

Tomorrow:



Cloudy with showers

59°

Average: 50°  
Record: 84° (1986)

By Carson Metcalf



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