



Defending champs open with gold medal effort

By Adam Wolford

There were a number of new faces, but the end result was the same for Fulton's OCAY team on Thursday. Picking up exactly where they left off last year, the reigning champions of the Oswego County Academic Youth struck again.

The first competition of the year was held in Oswego, with its home base in the McCroby Building. However, Breitbeck Park and the Maritime Museum in Oswego were also utilized for this nautical themed competition. Each school in the county had a team to represent their school, for a total of nine teams in all. Nevertheless, the team from Fulton scored a decisive victory over the other eight teams, including the runner-ups of Oswego, and the third place team from Phoenix.

The first portion of the nautical competition included writing and performing a sea chantey, which is a sailor's song. Competitors learned that these sea chanteys helped to set the pace of work on a ship and followed a basic call and reply pattern. Competitors were also given samples of real sea chanteys and were asked to create one of their own, which had to be based on one of the five themes given.

The Fulton team, under the guidance of Coach Ryan, wrote a sea chantey on the rough work that the sailors were forced to do at sea. OCAY new comers Nate Hawthorne, Claire Bawarski, and Alex Bawarski approached the task head-on, proving that they were rookies to the competition in name only.

The next part of the competition included a tour of the maritime museum and a 50 question test about the museum that competitors were asked to answer based on the notes they took at the museum. First year competitor Mark Bailey, under the wisdom of returner James McKay, completed this part of the competition. Competitors were also asked to complete "nautical" math problems, which utilized their unit conversion and basic geometry skills. Veteran team leader, Adam Wolford and returning championship team member Elyse Cianfarano led this section of the competition.

Finally, teams had to create and successfully use a nautical code. Ideally, this code could be used to communicate between two ships. However, during the competition the teams only had



Fulton's OCAY team was all smiles after finishing first in the opening competition of the 2009-2010 school year. Pictured from left to right are Mark Bailey, Jenna Doherty, James McKay, Krysta Woodcock, Adam Wolford, Elyse Cianfarano, Nate Hawthorne (back), Claire Bawarski, Alex Bawarski and Dan Wahl. (photo courtesy of Mrs. Ryan)

to communicate to each other through Breitbeck Park about one-half mile away from one another. Teams had to make sure that their code did not replicate a previously formed code, such as Morse Code, and could also not use noise in their code. At the students dispense were two short sticks, two long sticks, construction paper, a traffic light, and a spotlight which had five color filters, including white, green, blue, purple, and red.

The Fulton Team completed this portion of the competition under the creative spirits and hard work of newcomers, Dan Wahl and Krysta

Woodcock and veteran Jenna Doherty.

"This was an awesome team that excelled in every aspect of the nautical themed competition," Coach Ryan raved, "I am so proud to coach such an outstanding group!" Although the Fulton Team may have been the least experienced team at the competition, they showed the poise and talent of the team that brought home the championship team last year.

The victorious team shows that this year's Fulton team is on the right track to bring home the back-to-back championship.

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Opinion

Dress code should apply to all

By Brenna Merry, Julie Allen & Courtney Falanga

This year we have seen vast changes in views upon the dress code, but is it fair to all students? Some students believe select students are being favored over others when it comes to the dress code. "It's not right for teachers to choose students in class over others for what they wear," junior Kirsten Francis commented.

For instance someone with curves and a larger frame may be asked to change versus someone who is petite. Others believe it is more distracting to see someone get pulled aside for what they're wearing than for what they are wearing in the first place. "How can we help

penalized or asked to change?.

A second thing about the dress code is the pajama rule. Students know they are not allowed to wear their pajamas to school, but still do all the time anyway. We noticed how some teachers are tired of asking kids to stop wearing pajamas, but it still is not fair how that rule is now forgotten. Another example of the seeming double-standard of the dress code is how girls get in trouble about their undergarments hanging out, but it seems to be socially acceptable for guys to have their boxers hang out of their pants. Again, this does not seem right.

Some high schools across the country are requiring the cheerleaders to wear their warm-up pants in school on game days instead of

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what some girls are born with, shirts are made one way. If they cover you then lucky you, if not whatever, it isn't my fault I'm not wearing a turtle neck," senior Tessah Stevens commented.

Teachers stepping up on the dress code is a good idea, but only if it is implemented fairly and equally. Some students also think that a few teachers and substitute teachers should be taking their own advice when it comes to the dress code.

Another thing that raises a flag are short shorts. If a normal student wore short shorts, he or she would most likely get in trouble. But if average students are not able to wear shorter bottoms, why are volleyball players allowed to wear spandex during games when there is a chance of way too much skin showing. And why are boys, not only in gym, but in class as well, able to wear short shorts, without being

wearing the short skirts. Girls who were getting sent home because their bottoms were deemed as being too short for school had a problem with this, as it was ok for cheerleaders to wear short skirts. In some cases parents were very upset about this and became involved with the issue. Due to this, some schools are now insisting that the dress code apply fairly to all students, and not just a select few.

Pillars of character:

The G. Ray Bodley Character Education Committee brings you quotes and thoughts about different character traits, including conflict resolution:

What causes conflict? "A competitive atmosphere...(leads people) to work against rather than with each other." William Kreidler

A competitive atmosphere leads to conflict, often because there is an attitude of everyone for him- or herself, people need to develop the skills of working in groups, people want to "win" because other results lead to loss in self-esteem, or there is a lack of trust. How can we build trust and co-operation?

The Answer Men: Wheatlessness

Recently we have received numerous questions regarding the Answer Men themselves, in particular the situation by which Geo cannot eat wheat. Here, for all to read, is the explanation for this unique eating disability from Geo himself.

"What I have is called Celiac Sprue Disease. Now this is not a contagious disease or anything of such, but it is believed to be hereditary. Also it is not wheat that I am technically allergic to, the kicker is gluten. Gluten is found in numerous different foods such as oat, barley, and most commonly wheat.

"What happens is that once I digest the gluten, the Villi (which are found in your small intestine) instead of normally absorbing the gluten and other nutrients, causes the Villi to lay down. So because of this my intestines are seriously damaged because the digestion process has not been completed. The effects of this are either one of two things. It is either violent (such as vomiting) or I do not notice and it damages my intestines without my knowledge.

"Obviously this is a relatively unheard of disease, but it is gaining more support and research has been underway, and rumor has it that they are close to developing a pill to help with digesting gluten."

Now that we've got this cleared up...remember to put your questions in the Jake and Geo box!

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In the News



The PBIS "Bodley Pride" committee has reactivated Bodley Bonuses for the 2009/2010 school year. At the end of each month, students will be recognized for a positive behavior as determined by the PBIS committee. On October 5, five students were randomly selected from all students who achieved perfect attendance for the month of September. Award winners include l to r: Olivia Knierman, Jessica Price, Mark Bailey, Principal Brian Buchanan, Judah Stoutenger, and Emily Kush. (Photo courtesy Mrs. Weston)

GRB Math Club starts new year

Are you looking for a new challenge? Why not join the Math Club?

Students eligible for Math Club must be in pre-calculus or calculus. The club meets on the second week of every month - Monday for singles and Tuesday for teams - from 2:20-3 pm.

President Adam Wolford created a new design for this years t-shirts. The shirts will be red for school colors, as Mrs. Ryan hopes to compete against another school some time this year. "I hope that people will have fun while doing math, they will be challenged and enjoy food," she commented.

Donuts and cider are given for the month of October to participating teams, and baked goods will be handed out to singles.

Homecoming dance set for this Friday

Homecoming week! It is what every athlete and or student looks forward to at the beginning of the year. This year the pep rally and homecoming game will be on Thursday October 15. So come cheer on your fellow athletes at Central Square at 6:30 pm.

Although pep-rally and the homecoming game are on a Thursday, the homecoming dance is Friday, October 16 at 7 pm. There will be snacks and drinks and non-stop music until 10 pm. Show your school spirit and bring yourself and friends and attend the only school dance that will be held in the gymnasium. Come and show your fellow classmates your moves on the dance floor. You will not regret it! *By Lacey Marden & Jessica Palmitesso*



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Raiders look to rebound in homecoming tilt

By Eric Belair

The "Road" Raiders stumbled over the New Hartford Spartans last Saturday and surrendered their first loss of the season. Fulton lost 49-26 to the Spartans in a battle of the Class A powers.

The clash between the unbeaten did not turn out to be a grudge match until the end as predicted. New Hartford dominated the Raiders from the start, scoring on the opening drive. After this score the Spartans never looked back as they scored twice before Fulton got on the scoreboard. The Raiders first touchdown was punched in by fullback DJ Ingham.

After another Spartan touchdown, Ingham pounded in another short yard touchdown run. This was set up by running back Donald Watson, who had a 33-yard scamper on a

HOMECOMING
Fulton (5-1) vs. J-D (3-3)
6:30 p.m. tonight at
Central Square

screen pass from Brett Williams. This came after a set of interceptions by each team. Defensive back Max Ambuske intercepted one for Fulton, increasing his season total to seven. This pulled Fulton into a 22-12 deficit, but New Hartford connected on an impressive pass and catch that turned into a touchdown as time expired. As a result, Fulton was down 30-12 at the half with no momentum.

New Hartford opened up the second half firing, as they scored another two touchdowns before Fulton scored again. It was Ingham who finally got into the end zone, scoring his third TD on the day. This one came on a 17-yard rumble.

Each team scored one final touchdown in the fourth quarter. The Raider score came on a 15-yard run by wingback Jake Tallents. Then Tallents caught the two-point conversion on his touchdown.

Fulton's leading rusher on the day was Watson who had 144 yards on only 17 carries. Ingham finished with 14 carries for 92 yards. Tallents rushed for 68 yards and had 60 yards receiving. Quarterback Brett Williams finished 6-10 with 93 yards in the aerial attack for the Raiders. Fulton's offense accounted for over 400 yards, but it was not enough because they could not score on the Spartans.

The "Road" Raiders will look to get back on the winning track tonight for Homecoming/Senior Night as they take on the struggling Red Rams of Jamesville-Dewitt in attempt for an outright league championship title. They play at 6:30 pm in Central Square.



Fulton's Donnie Watson rushed for 144 yards on 17 carries, but it was not enough to carry the Raiders past #4 state-ranked New Hartford on Saturday. The team hopes to wrap up the American Division crown tonight when they face Jamesville-Dewitt in Central Square. (Taylor Harvey photo)

Raiders belt CBA, prime for title defense

Don't write the defending champs off just yet.

That was the message served loud and clear in the opening half of play on Tuesday by the Fulton boys soccer team. Before the high-flying Brothers of CBA knew what had hit them, Fulton had found the back of the goal three times en route to a 3-1 triumph.

Handing CBA only its second loss of the season, Fulton also ended a nearly four year stand of frustration against the perennial powerhouse. Not since the 2005 Section 3 title game had the Raiders beaten a CBA side, and this win was especially satisfying for the reigning champs from Fulton as they look toward a strong seeding in the upcoming sectional tournament.

Trevor Littler, Andrew Kush and Judah Stoutenger provided the offensive damage with assists going to Ryan Kesterke and Eric Naioti. Derek Bateman stood tall in the goal with eight saves in a game which featured four goals in the first half before rain and a sloppy field combined to slow things down in the closing 40 minutes.

With the win Fulton improved to 4-3 -1 in league play and 8-4-2 overall while leaving CBA at 7-2 in the league and 9-2 overall. The win followed a good showing at Jordan-Elbridge on Thursday as Fulton prevailed 2-0. Although the field was rather torn up and muddy, that didn't stop the Raiders from finding the net. Scoring for Fulton were junior Tyler Crandell and senior Trevor Littler.

The Raiders play at Fowler this afternoon before returning home for senior night on Tuesday, October 20 at 4:30 against ES-M.

Spartans nip Raider girls

First half scoring was also the rage at East Syracuse-Minoa, but unfortunately for the Fulton girls a 3-2 halftime deficit became another hard-luck loss for the Raiders.

Erica Lamb and Heather Reed tallied solo shots to back an eight save effort from Stephanie Hotaling as Fulton fell to 4-9 overall and 4-7 in league competition. With the win the Spartans improved to 6-5 in the league and 7-5-1 overall.

School of Thought compiled by Sarah Allee, Danielle Smith and Mikayla Kemp

How do you think the football team will do against J-D in the homecoming game?



"They are going to kick butt."

Darlene Pappalardo



"Good, they will win!"

Joe Emilo



"They are going to POUND them!"

Chris Bixby



"As long as they try hard, I will be proud."

Mrs. Molascon

- ***Fultonian 2010 key dates & deadlines***
- Mon. Oct. 19-Tues. Dec. 22: Yearbook presale after school in room 102.
- Fri. Oct. 23: Picture makeup/retake day in the auditorium.
- Fri. Oct. 30: Deadline for parent recognition ads.
- Fri. Dec. 4: Deadline for senior quotes/poll/activity sheet.
- Tues. Dec. 22: Club, activity and senior poll pictures.
- June 2010: Distribution of the *Fultonian Yearbook* (TBA).

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