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International Students Newsletter

April is the month of Fools, Spring weather and an eventful period at HSU. The Spring semester is gradually coming to an end and students are preparing for finals.

A festival we tend to celebrate all over the World is April Fool's Day. For centuries, April 1 has been a day marked by practical jokes played on people around the world. From large pranks about spaghetti trees in Switzerland or the tower of Pisa falling over, to small practical jokes played on friends and family members at home. April 1st has long been a day when people try to fool and are fooled by others.

France is no exception to this world-wide tradition, and in fact many people think April Fools' Day originated in France.

The theory goes like this: In 1564 King Charles XIV of France reformed the calendar, moving the start of the year from the end of March to January 1. However, in a time without trains, a reliable post system or the internet, news often traveled slow and the uneducated, lower class people in rural France were the last to hear of and accept the new calendar. Those who failed to keep up with the change or who stubbornly clung to the old calendar system and continued to celebrate the New Year during the week that fell between March 25th and April 1st, had jokes played on them. Pranksters would stick paper fish to their backs. The victims of this prank were thus called Poisson d'Avril, or April Fish—which, to this day, remains the French term for April Fools—and so the tradition was born.

Today in France, those who are fooled on April 1 are called the "Poisson d'Avril" (the April Fish). A common prank (especially among school-aged children) is to place a paper fish on the back of an unsuspecting person. When the paper fish is discovered, the victim is declared a "Poisson d'Avril."

If you are looking for an easy way to prank your friends or family, think of different International ways of commemorating April Fools' Day.



Let's be clear: April Fools' Day is not a religious holiday. It does, however, trace its origins to a pope.

The day began, most believe, in 1582, when Pope Gregory XIII decreed the adoption of the "Gregorian calendar" — named after himself — which moved New Year's Day from the end of March to Jan. 1.

The change was published widely, explains Ginger Smoak, an expert in medieval history at the University of Utah, but those who didn't get the message and continued to celebrate on April 1 "were ridiculed and, because they were seen as foolish, called April Fools."

Even though the annual panoply of pranks meant to mock the gullible or to send a friend on a "fool's errand" may not be grounded in any ancient religious merrymaking, the notion of "holy fools" does have a long and respected place in Judeo-Christian history.

Hebrew prophets were often scorned as mad or eccentric for pronouncing unwelcome or uncomfortable truths. The Apostle Paul talked to the Corinthians about becoming "fools for Christ." And Eastern Orthodoxy still sees the "holy fool" as a type of Christian martyr.

Such views are wrapped up in paradox.

"If the wisdom of the world is folly to God, and God's own foolishness is the only true wisdom," argues British clergyman John Saward in "Perfect Fools: Folly for Christ's Sake in Catholic and Orthodox Spirituality," "it follows that the worldly wise, to become truly wise, must become foolish and renounce their worldly wisdom."

Such role reversals were common during medieval Christian festivals.

Some argue that April Fools' Day is a remnant of early "renewal festivals," which typically marked the end of winter and the start of spring.

These festivals, according to the Museum of Hoaxes, typically involved "ritualized forms of mayhem and misrule."

Participants donned disguises, played tricks on friends as well as strangers, and inverted the social order.

"Servants might get to order around masters, or children challenge the authority of parents and teachers," the museum's website notes. "However, the disorder is always bounded within a strict time frame, and tensions are defused with laughter and comedy. The social order is symbolically challenged, but then restored, reaffirming the stability of the society, just as the cold months of winter temporarily challenge biological life, and yet the cycle of life continues, returning with the spring."

Hafiz, Yasmine. "April Fool's Day 2014: Religious Origins Of The World's Silliest Holiday." The Huffington Post. TheHuffingtonPost.com, 1 Apr. 2014. Web. 05 Apr. 2016.

CSU and CFA To Announce Tentative Agreement

The following message was provided by the California State University Chancellor's Office.

California State University and California Faculty Association leaders will hold a joint news conference call for news media to announce a tentative agreement on a reopened contract between the university administration and faculty union.

The proposed five-day faculty strike, slated to begin on April 13, will be postponed pending approval and ratification of the agreement by the CFA Board of Directors and membership. Once ratified by the CFA membership, the tentative agreement will be voted on by the CSU Board of Trustees at the May 24-25 meeting.

Immigration Information

Do you need Verification of Enrollment from HSU? The Office of the Registrar is able to help you! You may download the form from their website (<http://pine.humboldt.edu/registrar/forms/VerifiEnroll.lc.pdf>), or you may also complete their online form (<http://www2.humboldt.edu/registrarforms/node/69>). For more information, please contact the Center for International Programs.



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EarthDay

Earth Day is an annual event, celebrated on **April 22**, on which day events worldwide are held to demonstrate support for environmental protection. It was first celebrated in 1970, and is now coordinated globally by the Earth Day Network, and celebrated in more than 193 countries each year.

On Earth Day 2016, the landmark Paris Agreement is scheduled to be signed by the United States, China, and some 120 other countries. This signing satisfies a key requirement for the entry into force of the historic draft climate protection treaty adopted by consensus of the 195 nations present at the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris.

In 1969 at a UNESCO Conference in San Francisco, peace activist John McConnell proposed a day to honor the Earth and the concept of peace, to first be celebrated on March 21, 1970, the first day of spring in the northern hemisphere. This day of nature's equipoise was later sanctioned in a Proclamation written by McConnell and signed by Secretary General U Thant at the United Nations. A month later a separate Earth Day was founded by United States Senator Gaylord Nelson as an environmental teach-in first held on April 22, 1970. Nelson was later awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom Award in recognition of his work. While this April 22 Earth Day was focused on the United States, an organization launched by Denis Hayes, who was the original national coordinator in 1970, took it international in 1990 and organized events in 141 nations. Numerous communities celebrate Earth Week, an entire week of activities focused on environmental issues that troubled the world.

TIPS FOR HOW TO WRITE A GREAT ROOMMATE AD

About You

Sharing a bit about yourself will help your future roommate get an idea of who you are, if you will be a good fit for their home and any current roommates and if you will be a good fit for their living habits. Paint a good picture by describing your ideal living environment. Don't make it too long because your ad is not the only one they will be reading. You can always tell them more about yourself when they contact you for follow-up or when you meet in person/via video message (e.g. Skype, Facebook, Tango, etc.).

Note: Make sure you do not share any private information via an online ad or email.

How to describe yourself:

Describe the housing you are looking for

If you are an international student (optional)

Major

Age (optional)

Gender (optional)

Describe the kind of roommates you are looking for

Preferred sleep schedule

Date you would like to move in

If you like/do not like animals or if you are allergic to animals

Amenities you are looking for like on-site laundry or Wi-Fi

Here's an example.

Subject Line: HSU Student needs room

I am looking for a 1 bedroom in an apartment or house as soon as possible.

I am a 20 year old (male) international student at Humboldt State University majoring in Biology.

I'm a serious student and school oriented. I go to sleep around 10pm on weekdays and like to stay up late on weekends.

I am very creative and artistic. I also love to cook and enjoy sharing my culture with other people.

I am looking to live with roommates that are clean and responsible so I am willing to help with household chores and projects.

I don't have any pets but enjoy dogs and cats.





UPCOMING EVENTS



Friday, April 22, 2016 • HSU Library, 2nd Floor

WORLD TOUR 2016 REEL PADDLING FILM FESTIVAL

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

Arcata Theater Lounge

Doors open at 6:30 PM • Films start at 7:00 PM

TICKET PRICE ADVANCED:

\$8 Students • \$10 All Others

TICKET PRICE AT DOOR:

\$10 Students • \$12 All Others

TICKET OUTLETS:

Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center • Adventure's Edge
Recreation & Wellness Center • Pacific Outfitters



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11TH ANNUAL BOULDERING COMPETITION

April 30, 2016

5:00 PM

Soma Spiritu - A Dance Concert

Time: 7:30 pm

Saturday, April 16th

Description:

This dance concert features a wide range of styles - everything from 20's Jazz through a Bluegrass Barn Dance, as well as sophisticated contemporary works. A silent auction is scheduled for April 16th.



Price: \$8 Students/Seniors \$10 General

Location:

Van Duzer Theater
Humboldt State
Arcata CA 95521

Aspen Santa Fe Ballet

Time: 8:00 pm

Saturday, April 23rd

Description:

Audiences from coast to coast have long considered the Aspen Santa Fe one of the hottest tickets in contemporary ballet. Led by Artistic Director Tom Mossbrucker, a former star of the Joffrey Ballet, the company presents sophisticated repertoire by red-hot choreographers such as Jorma Elo, Jiri Kylian, and Twyla Tharp. The remarkable troupe's radiant performances evoke nothing less than "wonderment" (The New York Times).

"They raise the bar, and then they jump over it." —The New York Times

Additional Public Info: For tickets and info call 707-826-3928



Price: General \$46, Child \$36, HSU \$10

Location:

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Humboldt State
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