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LGBT RESOURCE CENTER NEWS

1. Danny Roberts and Paul Dill Speech

Danny Roberts, best known for his role in the hit MTV series, *Real World-New Orleans*, and his partner Paul Dill will speak on Dec. 1 at 8 pm in the Goldstein Auditorium. Tickets are free and available in the Schine Box Office.

Throughout his season on the *Real World*, Danny was open about his sexuality, and his controversial relationship with a young Army officer, Paul Dill. Through no agenda of their own, Danny and Paul brought attention to the issue of "gays in the military."

This program is sponsored by the LGBT Resource Center, Delta Gamma, Delta Lambda Phi, Sigma Alpha Mu, and the Interfraternity Council at Syracuse University.

Questions? Contact:

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2. Meeting: Planet Orange

Going home for the holiday break can pose significant challenges for LGBT students. Join Adrea Jaehnig and Amit Taneja for a discussion to share thoughts, concerns, and

suggestions on returning to family and friends back home. The talk entitled "Home for the holidays" will be on Monday, Nov. 28 at 7 pm at the LGBT Resource Center.

Questions? Contact:

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3. Final Meeting: Fusion

The last meeting of the semester for Fusion will be held on Thursday, Dec. 1 from 6-8 pm at the LGBT Resource Center. We hope to see lots of students, faculty, and staff at this last gathering.

Fusion is a place for LGBT students, faculty, and staff of color to gather and celebrate the diversity within the LGBT community. Join us for free family style dinner and good conversation! The discussion topic for this gathering is "Home for the Holidays," and we will be enjoying some (FREE!) sizzling soul food.

To assist in ordering the right amount of food, please RSVP to Amit Taneja by noon on Wednesday, Nov. 30.

Come as you are, and feel free to tell a friend! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the facilitators.

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4. Cancelled: Café Q

There will be no Café Q this week. Instead, we encourage you to attend the Danny Roberts/Paul Dill Speech at 8 pm in the Goldstein Auditorium.

This semester's final Café Q will occur on Thursday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m.

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5. Final Meeting: Planet Orange – Free Trip to “Rent the Movie”

Please join Planet Orange on Monday, Dec. 5 to watch “Rent” at the Carousel Mall. The trip is FREE for students and \$5 for faculty and staff members. Please meet at the LGBT Resource Center at 6:45 pm to drive over to the Carousel Mall.

Please RSVP by Friday, Dec. 2 at noon to Amit Taneja. Also indicate if you are able to drive or need a ride.

Tickets are limited, and will be given on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please note that there will be no regular Planet Orange meeting on Monday, Dec. 5 in lieu of this event.

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Amit Taneja, 443.3983, ataneja@syr.edu

LGBT CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS

6. Meeting: Open Doors

On Wednesday, Nov. 30 at 7:30 pm, Open Doors holds its weekly meeting. All SU/SUNY-ESF graduate students are welcome.

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7. Meeting: Pride Union

On Wednesday, Nov. 30 at 9 pm, Pride Union holds its weekly meeting. All SU/SUNY-ESF undergraduate students are welcome.

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8. Meeting: Outrage

On Tuesday, Nov. 29 at 8 pm, Outrage holds its weekly meeting at the LGBT Resource Center. All SU/SUNY-ESF undergraduate and graduate students, faculty and staff members are welcome to attend.

At this meeting, Outrage hopes to elect two people to new leadership positions: A new membership chairperson and a policy chairperson. If you are interested in information on these positions or might like to run, please contact Brian Stout.

Questions? Contact:

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SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY NEWS

9. Reception for Thom Filicia ('93) from "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy"

The Syracuse University Office of Alumni Relations and the College of Visual and Performing Arts invite members of the community to attend a public presentation for interior designer and star of the hit show "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" Thom Filicia ('93).

The presentation will be held in Grant Auditorium on Monday, Nov. 28, 2005 at 6:30 pm. Parking is available in the Irving Garage. Please mention you are attending the Thom Filicia event.

Questions? Contact:

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10. A Forum on the Solomon Amendment

The U.S. Supreme Court will hear arguments on Dec. 6, 2005 about the constitutionality of the Solomon Amendment. Under the Solomon Amendment, Congress and the Department of Defense require law schools to provide the same access to career placement services to military recruiters that they provide to other employers. This

requirement conflicts with most law schools' non-discrimination policies that withhold career placement services from employers who exclude employees on the basis of race, gender, religion, or sexual orientation.

Congress and the Department of Defense have threatened law schools and other university departments with loss of federal funds if they uphold their non-discrimination policies and do not permit equal access to military recruiters.

The Forum for Academic and Institutional Rights (FAIR), the Society of American Law Teachers (SALT), and several student organizations and individuals have challenged the Solomon Amendment, arguing that it violates the First Amendment on two grounds.

In Nov. 2004, the Third Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in favor of FAIR and held that the Solomon Amendment unconstitutionally impairs expressive conduct and that the government had not shown a compelling interest that justifies denial of this First Amendment freedom. The Department of Defense appealed this ruling and the case will be heard in the Supreme Court this month.

On Tuesday, Nov. 29 from 11:45 am-1:30 pm in the Hall of Languages, Room 500 a panel discussion will focus on the history and impact of the Solomon Amendment and the upcoming argument in the Supreme Court. Panelists will include:

- Les Burleson, Consultant for the Center for the Support of Teaching and Learning
- Julie Gedro, Assistant Professor at SUNY-Empire State College
- Paula Johnson, Professor of Law at Syracuse University, Former Co-President of SALT
- Bess Kennedy, NYU Law School, Third Year Student, Member of FAIR Litigation Team
- Anastasia Urtz, Dean of Students at Syracuse University

This event is sponsored by the Syracuse University LGBT Resource Center and the University Senate Committee on LGBT Concerns.

Questions? Contact:

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11. Daily Orange Staff Needed

The *Daily Orange* is now recruiting staff for spring semester. There are about 30 paid editor positions available, including: News Editor, Opinion Editor, Feature Editor, Sports Editor, Art Director, 315 Editor, Presentation Director, Photo Editor, Copy Editor, Asst. News Editors, Asst. Feature Editors, Asst. Sports Editors, Asst. 315 Editor, 315 Art Director, Asst. Photo Editors, Asst. Copy Editors and Design Editors. All applications are due Dec. 4, 2005.

Applications should include a résumé and cover letter explaining why you want to work at the *D.O.* Samples of your work are also helpful. Submit applications to dailyorange@gmail.com or stop by the offices at 744 Ostrom Avenue.

Every position is open to absolutely everybody on campus. And if you're looking for another way of getting involved without the intense time commitment: we're always looking for illustrators, writers, and photographers.

Questions? Contact:

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12. Help Needed: Single Stall Bathroom Directory

Help the LGBT Resource Center and Boundaries in Syracuse class establish a Single Stall Bathroom Directory by surveying buildings' bathrooms to ensure a complete assessment. Record your findings by completing the worksheet at the website: <http://assessment.syr.edu/x051014/BoundariesCensus.php>.

Please remember to:

- Sign up for a building by checking out the Bathroom Survey list posted at the LGBT Resource Center, outside the living room.
- Bring a friend of the opposite gender so that he/she can enter bathrooms you cannot.
- Only submit data for single stall bathrooms.
- Submit your findings to the website. After you submit one single stall bathroom you will be given the option to submit another.
- Still go to the website, even if you find that your building does not have any single stall bathrooms. Select the building name and select 0 single stall bathrooms and submit the form so that we know that building has been surveyed.

Questions? Contact:

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13. The Battle for New Orleans Before and After Katrina: Whose City Is It?

Come to an interactive presentation by Tulane University PhD student and community/labor activist Jay Arena, recently returned from the region, who will give a first-hand report and analysis on the grassroots efforts to rebuild the city, and the importance this has for all those concerned about economic and racial justice. The presentation is on Thursday, Dec. 1 at 7:30 pm in Grant Auditorium with a reception to follow in Grant Atrium.

Hurricane Katrina's impact dramatically exposed to the nation and world the deep racism, poverty and exploitation that exists in the U.S. Poor, black, and working class people in New Orleans and across the Gulf were abandoned by all levels of government to face hideous conditions. In a further insult, elite-driven post-hurricane reconstruction plans promise to bring more misery. Yet, the black and working class majority of New Orleans have not simply been victims.

This program is co-sponsored by the Division of Student Affairs; Office of Orientation and Transitions Services; Department of Sociology; University College; the College of Arts and Sciences; the Soling Program; the School of Information Studies; Black and Latinos in Information Studies Support (BLISTS); Women in Information Technology (WIT); School of Information Studies Graduate Organization (ISTGO); Office of

Supportive Services; the Black Graduate Association; Black Artist League; Association of International Students; and the Office of Off-Campus Student Services.

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REGIONAL NEWS

14. World AIDS Day Remembrance

On Dec. 1, the Central New York HIV Care Network sponsors “Stop AIDS, keep the promise” to support those living with HIV/AIDS and remember those lost to the epidemic. The schedule of events is:

Gathering for Candlelight Walk – 4 pm
St. Paul’s Cathedral, 310 Montgomery Street
The Media Unit: “Not Your Typical Case”

Service of Remembrance – 5-6 pm
Bread and Soup Supper Immediately Following
Plymouth Congregational Church, 232 E. Onondaga Street

Questions? Contact:

Central New York HIV Care Network, 472-8099

15. Calling All Holiday Angels

AIDS Community Resources, which serves people in nine counties of the Central, Mohawk Valley, and Northern New York areas, is in need of individuals, families, and groups willing to sponsor individuals or families for the holidays. The needs are basic (clothing, winter clothing, blankets, gas cards, or personal care items).

Currently, ACR is short 60 holiday angels. If you have the means and would like to help a needy family or individual living with HIV/AIDS, please contact Wil Murtaugh.

Questions? Contact:

Wil Murtaugh, 475-2430, events@aidscommunityresources.com

16. Survivors’ Art: The Art of Caring

The Art of Caring is an exhibit of images by survivors of domestic and sexual violence presented at the Delavan Art Gallery located at 501 West Fayette Street from Dec. 1-24.

The Vera House will host a reception at the gallery on Friday, Dec. 2 from 5:30-8:30 pm. On Saturday, Dec. 10 from noon-1 pm, the gallery will host an artist in attendance forum with art therapist Meredith Snow.

Questions? Contact:

Crystal LaPoint, 425.0818, clapoint@verahouse.org

17. Town Hall Meeting: Securing Legislation to Protect Transgender New Yorkers

Come to a town hall meeting at the First Unitarian Universalist Society Church (250 Waring Road) on Monday, Dec. 12 from 6:30-8:30pm. The session will focus on securing legislation to protect transgender New Yorkers. Coordinated by the New York State GENDA Coalition and the Rainbow Alliance of Central New York, participants will:

- Learn effective community outreach strategies,
- Learn how to lobby your local and state legislators,
- Discuss why legislation to protect transgender and gender variant New Yorkers is good for everyone.

This is the second in a series of meetings around the state advocating for transgender inclusive laws, including GENDA, the “Gender Expression Non-Discrimination Act” (A. 7438/ S. 4794), which is currently pending in the New York State Legislature.

Refreshments and soft drinks will be served. Please RSVP to the Syracuse University LGBT Resource Center.

Questions? Contact:

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NATIONAL NEWS

18. Call for Submissions: *Interrupted Life: The Experiences of Incarcerated Women*

The rapidly increasing women’s prison population has generated great interest among policymakers, academics and activists in the causes, treatment, and consequences of women’s imprisonment. When women become incarcerated, their lives and the lives of their families are forever changed. The book project, *Interrupted Life: The Experiences of Incarcerated Women in the United States*, will be a collection of works by and about incarcerated women that interrogates the possibility of “agency” within contexts of systematic dehumanization, even as it recognizes and represents irrefutable acts of self-preservation on the part of imprisoned women.

Interrupted Life will be organized around themes that pertain to incarcerated women’s identities beyond their prisoner status, and their struggles to create communities inside the prison and to maintain significant relationships outside of prison. Each section of the book will include diverse forms of expression, including narratives, essays, drama, poetry and illustration. The book will have eight sections, and each section will include five to seven entries of essays, reports, photographs, creative writing, memoir, narrative, and related material. In addition, each section will address public representations of incarcerated women within the context of the section heading. Each section will also include examples of activist efforts of incarcerated women and their allies challenging institutional constraints.

We invite potential contributors to submit proposals. We are looking for work that engages with the cross-cutting dialogue suggested by the description below of the eight sections of *Interrupted Life*.

We invite proposals from interested writers, scholars, incarcerated and formerly incarcerated women, practitioners, prison activists, and others who wish to contribute to this volume on these pressing issues. Interested individuals should submit abstracts of papers or other contributions between 250-300 words. Proposals for papers or other forms of contributions are due by Dec. 16, 2005. The content of book chapters will be determined based on the proposals received. The editorial team will select proposals by Jan. 5, 2006. Final versions of papers and other contributions are due by April 1, 2006.

Feel free to contact any member of the editorial team regarding questions about *Interrupted Life: The Experiences of Incarcerated Women in the United States*.

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19. Call for Papers: Queer Matters

Queer Matters! Raising the Visibility of Queer Students in the Undergraduate Curriculum, an undergraduate/graduate conference at the University of Michigan from March 24-26 2006, is seeking papers that explore curricular or political issues, personal narratives, theoretical engagements or sociological studies.

Submissions are welcome from undergraduate and graduate students in all fields relevant to queer studies. Please submit 250 word abstracts, titles, and university affiliation by Jan. 10, 2006 to queer.matters@umich.edu.

20. Call for Proposals: Conference on Lavender Languages and Linguistics

The 13th Annual American University Conference on Lavender Languages and Linguistics takes place on Feb. 10-12, 2006. This three-day exploration examines language, broadly defined, in LGBTQ peoples' lives.

Sessions will include:

- Lavender Screen: Discussing Queer Desire in Media
- Cyberspace, Homophobic Discourse, and the Conservative Christian Agenda
- In Service of: Narrative Histories, Political Strategies and Competing Identity Paradigms
- The Language of Same-Sex Civil Union and Gay Marriage in Cross-Cultural Contexts
- Shamed Identity: Unpacking the Language of Homophobia
- French Twist: *Situer lese homos dans le Republique*
- Language and Lavender Space
- Labels, Categories, and Politics: The Uses and Misuses of Sexual Labels and Identities
- Direct Action Lunch Roundtable: GLBTQ Discourse, Text, and Political Actions: What Is To Be Done?

The deadline for submitting proposals for presentations at this year's conference is Dec. 5, 2005.

For more information about these sessions, or about the conference, visit:
<http://www.american.edu/lavenderlanguages>

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