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LGBT RESOURCE CENTER NEWS

1. SU Campus Climate Survey of the LGBT Community

Please participate in the Syracuse University Campus Climate Survey of the LGBT Community begins Oct. 17. This 20-minute online questionnaire helps administrators learn about SU campus life for LGBT people in order to improve the learning, living, and working environment.

All students, staff, and faculty who self-identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer and are at least 18 years old are invited to voluntarily participate. You can participate from any computer that is linked to the internet by going to <https://web.survey.psu.edu/syracuse/>.

For detailed information about the study's purpose and procedures, the known risks and benefits associated with participation, how your confidentiality will be protected, and how you can ask questions are provided at <https://web.survey.psu.edu/syracuse/>.

This survey is being conducted by Sue Rankin & Associates, national experts on campus climate issues for LGBT persons, in consultation with Adrea Jaehnig and Andrew S. London, co-chair of the University Senate Committee on LGBT Concerns.

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2. Theater: "Looking for Normal"

Join your friends on Friday, Oct. 21 for "Looking for Normal," a theater production based on the HBO film, "Normal." The story traces the transition of Roy Applewood, who after 25 years or marriage surprises his wife by announcing that he'd rather be a woman.

Tickets are FREE but limited, so please RSVP to jmtifone@syr.edu by Wednesday, Oct. 19 to secure a seat. Rides will be provided from the LGBT Resource Center to the theater downtown.

Questions? Contact:
Jay Tifone, 443.3983, jmtifone@syr.edu

3. Café Q

Hang out with your friends for the weekly coffeehouse's unusual collection of raffles, coffees, teas, and baked goods this Thursday, Oct. 20 from 7-10 pm at the LGBT Resource Center.

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4. Meeting: Planet Orange

Meet with Adrea Jaehnig and Amit Taneja at this weekly drop-in discussion group for a talk entitled "Good sex. Bad sex. Safe sex." The event happens at 7 pm on Monday, Oct. 17 at the LGBT Resource Center.

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LGBT CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS

5. Meeting: Open Doors

On Wednesday, Oct. 19 at 7:30 pm, Open Doors holds its weekly meeting at the Inn Complete. Please note that meetings alternate weekly between Tuesdays and Wednesdays. All SU/SUNY-ESF graduate students are welcome.

Questions? Contact:
John David Molesky, jdmolesk@syr.edu

6. Meeting: Pride Union

On Wednesday, Oct. 19 at 9 pm, Pride Union holds its weekly meeting at the LGBT Resource Center. All SU/SUNY-ESF undergraduate students are welcome.

Questions? Contact:
Jennifer Spinner, spinout39@aol.com

7. Meeting: Outrage

On Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 8 pm, Outrage holds its weekly meeting at the LGBT Resource Center. Please note that meetings alternate weekly between Tuesdays and Wednesdays (opposite Open Doors meetings). All SU/SUNY-ESF students, staff, and faculty members are welcome.

Questions? Contact:
Brian Stout, outragesyracuse@yahoo.com

8. Syracuse Colony of Delta Lambda Phi to Become Chapter

The Board of Directors of Delta Lambda Phi has approved a petition to charter from the Syracuse University Colony, enabling them to become the fraternity's 54th chapter. The new chapter will be installed and granted the designation Beta Iota at a chartering ceremony in late-October.

Founded in 1986, Delta Lambda Phi National Social Fraternity is the world's oldest and largest fraternity designed for gay, bisexual, and progressive men. An organization that deplores hazing and discrimination, it has become one of the country's fastest-growing fraternities with chapters and colonies from coast to coast. Its membership strives to provide dignified and purposeful activities for progressive men while fostering leadership and personal development, respect for others, and community service.

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9. Chancellor's Office Hours

Chancellor Nancy Cantor invites students to make appointments to share their thoughts, ideas, and concerns about their experiences at SU. Fifteen-minute appointments will be scheduled on a first-come, first-serve basis on the following dates and times for the fall semester:

- Wednesday, Oct. 12, 1-2 pm
- Thursday, Oct. 20, 1-2 pm
- Wednesday, Oct. 26, 4-5 pm
- Monday, Nov. 7, 1-2 pm
- Monday, Nov. 21, 1-2 pm
- Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2:30-3:30 pm
- Friday, Dec. 9, 2:30-3:30 pm

Students may call 443.2235 to set up a time.

10. Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges

Applications for the 2005-06 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges are now available. Application forms can be picked-up at the following locations:

- 306 Steele Hall - Office of the Senior Vice President for Student Affairs
- All School and College Dean's Offices
- 105 Schine Student Center - Office of Multicultural Affairs
- Schine and Goldstein Student Center Information Desks
- Online at <http://students.syr.edu/osvp/whos.html>

Syracuse University juniors, seniors, and graduate students matriculated in an undergraduate or graduate program are eligible for the Who's Who nomination. Criteria used in determining qualifications for applicants include: scholarship, academic honors, student organization involvement, campus service, and community service. An official Syracuse University transcript is required for all applicants.

Applications must be received in 306 Steele Hall no later than Friday, Nov. 4, 2005 at 5 pm.

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REGIONAL NEWS

11. 2005 Pride and Joy Families Weekend Conference

Join the Lesbian and Gay Family Building Project during its annual Pride and Joy Families Weekend Conference in Binghamton on Nov. 11-13. This year's keynote of "community building" will be addressed by Cade and Ry Russo-Young, adult daughters of two lesbian mothers whose family has been featured in the *New York Times Magazine* and documentary, *Our House* by filmmaker Meema Spadola.

The Lesbian and Gay Family Building Project was established in 2000 to help LGBT parents and prospective parents in Upstate New York build and strengthen their families. They provide educational programs, information and referral services, Pride and Joy Families support groups, and the Directory of Family Building Services for LGBT People.

Children of lesbian and gay families are also invited to attend. Together, they will produce a play, attend workshops and activities geared to different age groups (from six months and up), and share their experiences in their families. Both acting and technical aspects of theater are on the agenda, as the kids take center stage in an original play with a space adventure theme. Proud parents will get to enjoy the play after a full day of adult educational workshops on Saturday. Additional activities include a puppet theatre on Friday night, a keynote address, resource fair, family dance and a choice of activities on Sunday, including the highly acclaimed Discovery Center and a tour of a nearby alpaca farm.

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NATIONAL NEWS

12. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

More than 46,000 women die from breast cancer each year in the United States. Chicago's Lesbian Community Cancer Project has an excellent web-based animation on breast self-examination <http://www.lccp.org/health/bse.html>.

Being a lesbian does not increase one's risk for breast cancer, but having one or more of the risk factors below might:

- 1) Lesbians are less likely to seek routine health care because of the discomfort of coming out to health care providers and less access to health insurance. With fewer doctor visits, lesbian and bisexual women are less likely to have mammograms and professional breast exams. Studies also show that lesbian and bisexual women are less likely to perform breast self-exam regularly. For these reasons, lesbians and bisexual women may be less likely to have cancers detected at earlier, more treatable, stages.

2) Lesbians are less likely to give birth by age 30, if at all, which increases risk.

3) Some studies indicate that lesbians may use alcohol more and have higher body weight, both of which may increase a woman's risk for breast cancer.

It is important for all women to regularly practice self-examination in order to increase their odds of early detection. Only with consistent practice can women learn to recognize very small lumps in their own breasts. Since 1991, death rates from the breast cancer have come down every year. This is attributed to early detection efforts of both self-examination and mammographies.

Encourage women over 40 to schedule annual screening mammograms. Courtesy of the American Cancer Society, women can set up a email reminders for these mammograms

http://www.cancer.org/docroot/PED/content/PED_2_3x_Mammogram_Reminder.asp

13. Final Call for Papers

The Art of Gender in Everyday Life III, a multidisciplinary conference, announces a call for papers for its annual conference at Idaho State University on March 30-31, 2006. The conference will include a keynote by Barbara Ehrenreich on the evening of March 30 and a March 31 luncheon by Dr. Dalia Marcinkeviciene, Director of the Gender Studies Centre, Vilnius University, Lithuania.

Conference organizers invite abstracts from university faculty and staff, as well as from graduate and undergraduate students. All submissions related to the art of living gendered lives will be considered. This year, given the keynote speakers, organizers are especially interested in submissions that address gender at work in the community (for example: university-community partnerships; the work of non-profit organizations; gender and economics; etc.) and international perspectives on gender. They also especially encourage sessions that will focus on men as gendered subjects (for example: men & nonviolence; construction of masculinity; etc.). Abstracts must be postmarked by Oct. 24, 2005.

This conference is an occasion to showcase current work being done across the disciplines in the area of gender studies. The Art of Gender in Everyday Life III will be a special opportunity to network with colleagues in the relaxed setting of Pocatello, Idaho, nestled in the picturesque mountains of the Bannock Range. Many participants in last year's conference commented on the friendly atmosphere and the excellent diversity of topics presented. It is the conference organizers' goal to continue in that tradition and to create a collegial, supportive, and nurturing environment for the discussion of gender issues across the disciplines.

A formal call for papers as well as an announcement of the student paper competition may be found at www.isu.edu/andersoncenter.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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7:30 pm
The Inn Complete
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Pride Union
9 pm
LGBT Resource Center
All SU/SUNY-ESF undergraduate students are welcome to attend.

Thursday, Oct. 20

Café Q
7-10 pm
LGBT Resource Center
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Join your friends for a fun-filled night of music, quirky lighting, and delicious coffee blends as the LGBT Resource Center morphs into a chill coffeehouse.

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7 pm
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