

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS :: OCT. 23 – 29, 2005

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LGBT RESOURCE CENTER NEWS

1. A Message from the Director

In light of the powerful impact of the "Over the Hill" programming on our campus community, the LGBT Resource Center, in conjunction with the Counseling Center, would like to provide a safe space for students to process their feelings as well as provide and receive support from members of our community.

This will be the topic of discussion for Planet Orange on Monday, Oct. 24 from 7-9 pm at the LGBT Resource Center. The scheduled discussion for Planet Orange is "Circles within Circles: Minorities within the LGBT Community." We will interweave this conversation into this topic.

Students who would like the opportunity to process their feelings individually can contact the LGBT Resource Center at 443.3983 or the Counseling Center at 443.4715.

Faculty and staff who are interested in a similar discussion can email me at aljaehni@syr.edu and we will set this up.

Thank you,
Adrea Jaehnig
Director, LGBT Resource Center

2. SU Campus Climate Survey of the LGBT Community

Please participate in the Syracuse University Campus Climate Survey of the LGBT Community. 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 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, please see <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.

Questions? Contact:

Sue Rankin, sue@rankin-consulting.com

Adrea Jaehnig, 443.3983, aljaehni@syr.edu

Andrew S. London, aslondon@maxwell.syr.edu

3. Resource Center Volunteer Program

The LGBT Resource Center is initiating a new volunteer program for students, faculty, and staff interested in being more involved with the LGBT Resource Center. Individuals may sign up and list how frequently they would like to volunteer and ways they would like to get involved. An electronic application is attached to this message and also available at the LGBT Resource Center.

There is no deadline for this application. Applications from all members of the community will be accepted, including straight allies.

Questions? Contact:

Amit Taneja, 443.3983, ataneja@syr.edu

4. Café Q: A Hint of Trickery

Café Q gets a little wicked with its lights, treats, and spooky brews. Join your friends for the weekly coffeehouse's fun surprises, gooey raffles, and, of course, cobwebs this Thursday, Oct. 27 from 7-10 pm at the LGBT Resource Center.

Questions? Contact:

Andy Augeri, 443.3983, ajaugeri@syr.edu

5. Career Conversation Circle for LGBT Students

Join this interactive conversation between LGBTQ students and employers/alumni to discuss students' questions around issues of sexual orientation and gender identity in the workplace, and learn the firsthand experiences of employers and alumni. An informal networking reception will follow. The event occurs on Wednesday, Nov. 2 at 7

pm in Schine 304ABC, and is sponsored by the Center for Career Services and the LGBT Resource Center.

6. Meeting: Planet Orange

Join Adrea Jaehning and Amit Taneja at this weekly drop-in discussion group for a talk entitled "Circles within Circles: Minorities within the LGBT Community" with special emphasis on the recent "Over the Hill" controversy. The event happens at 7 pm on Monday, Oct. 24 at the LGBT Resource Center.

Questions? Contact:

Amit Taneja, 443.3983, ataneja@syr.edu

LGBT CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS

7. CORRECTION: Outrage Meeting Times

Outrage meeting times were incorrectly reported in the last edition of *Weekly Announcements*. Regular Outrage meetings will occur every other Tuesday from 8-9 pm at the LGBT Resource Center for the remainder of the fall semester.

The schedule is:

October 18

November 1

November 15

November 29

December 6

Additional meetings may be scheduled as needed.

Questions? Contact:

Brian Stout, outragesyracuse@yahoo.com

8. Meeting: Open Doors

On Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 7:30 pm, Open Doors holds its meeting at the LGBT Resource Center. 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

9. Meeting: Pride Union

On Wednesday, Oct. 26 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

10. Meeting: University Senate Committee on LGBT Concerns

The next meeting of the University Senate Committee on LGBT Concerns will be on Wednesday, Oct. 26 at 3 pm at the LGBT Resource Center. The topic for discussion during this open meeting is domestic partnership issues.

Questions? Contact:

Margaret Himley, mrhimley@syr.edu

Andrew London, aslondon@syr.edu

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY NEWS

11. 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. 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.

12. 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.

Questions? Contact:

Ryan J. Barker, 443.4357, rjbarker@syr.edu

REGIONAL NEWS

13. Community Forum: HIV/AIDS in Central New York

As part of this fall's grassroots Campaign to End AIDS (C2EA), the Central New York HIV CARE Network will host a community forum on Tuesday, Nov. 1 to raise awareness of the impact of HIV/AIDS in Central New York, the services responding to the epidemic, and threatened reductions in funding that could result from the Ryan White re-authorization process.

The forum will welcome participants in the C2EA led by persons living with HIV/AIDS. C2EA is mobilizing caravans to converge on Washington, DC in November, in support of a stronger Congressional response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic. C2EA's Northeastern Caravan will stop in Syracuse to attend the Network's forum. Both the Network forum and C2EA share an interest in expanding community awareness of the critical importance of Ryan White funding in responding to HIV/AIDS.

The forum will take place from 4-6 pm in Grant Auditorium. A news media briefing will occur in the Faculty Lounge at 3 pm and an information reception will run at 6 pm in the Grant Auditorium foyer.

Questions? Contact:

Stephen E. Waldron, sewaldron@cnyhsa.com

14. Marriage Training Workshop

On Saturday, Nov. 19 the Empire State Pride Agenda, Lambda Legal, and NYACLU will hold a workshop to train a corps of Syracuse area activists as lead organizers in a statewide public education campaign to promote equal access to marriage. The training occurs from 10 am-5:30 pm at the Genesee Grand Hotel.

Questions? Contact:

Elisabeth Bullard, 212.627.0305, ebullard@prideagenda.org

15. 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

16. 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

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Sponsored by the LGBT Resource Center

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