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LGBT RESOURCE CENTER NEWS

1. National Coming Out Day

Join the Syracuse University community this week as we celebrate the 1987 march on Washington where thousands of Americans rallied to support equal rights. This year, National Coming Out Day occurs on Tuesday, Oct. 11 at SU and schools and cities across the country.

2. Q Connections Mentoring Program

Q Connections is a new mentoring program for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) undergraduate students at Syracuse University / SUNY-ESF. This program aims to provide one-on-one support for students by pairing them with out LGBT faculty and staff who serve as mentors. If you are interested in participating in this program (as a mentor or mentee), write to Amit Taneja.

Questions? Contact:

Amit Taneja, 443-3092, ataneja@syr.edu

3. Café Q

Hang out with your friends for the coffeehouse's unusual collection of raffles, coffees, teas, and baked goodies this Thursday, Oct. 13 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 on being “out” on campus. The event happens at 7 pm on Monday, Oct. 10 at the LGBT Resource Center.

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LGBT CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS

5. Meeting: Open Doors

On Tuesday, Oct. 12 at 7:30 pm, Open Doors will hold 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

6. Pride Union Activities

Pride Union does not have a meeting this week. Instead, the group hosts events throughout Coming Out Week, including Chalking the Quad, the BIG Gay Pep Rally, screening *Bad Education*, and the BIG Gay Dance. For details on each event, see **Calendar of Events** (below).

Questions? Contact:

Jennifer Spinner, spinout39@aol.com

7. OUTRAGE Activity

On Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2005 at 1:30 pm, OUTRAGE will sponsor Syracuse University’s first-ever human rainbow bridge across the Quad to celebrate National Coming Out Day. This will be a wonderful way for all lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, and straight-allied members of the SU community to show support for each other. Everyone is welcome to participate in this unique display. (*The Post-Standard* and *Syracuse Record* will be present to photograph the event.)

To participate, wear a solid red, orange, yellow, green, blue, or purple shirt and line up in the center of the SU Quad starting at 1:30 pm. The event will conclude at the end of the 1:50 pm class change.

Sign up for your color of choice by emailing outragesyracuse@yahoo.com. Please also include a backup color, as organizers may ask you to wear your backup color in the case that there are disproportional color sign-ups.

Questions? Contact:

Brian Stout, outragesyracuse@yahoo.com

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY NEWS

8. Defining, Regulating, and Resisting Normalcy: A Brown Bag Luncheon Series

Please join graduate students, staff, and faculty members for a brown bag luncheon organized by the new Center on Human Policy, Law and Disability Studies and the Department of Cultural Foundations of Education.

The series encourages people from across campus to talk about how society defines and regulates “normalcy,” and how some people and disciplines also resist that concept.

Questions? Contact:

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9. Student Association Elections

Petitions for president and comptroller positions as well as seats in the Assembly for the 50th Session of the Student Association (the student government of Syracuse University and SUNY ESF undergraduate students) are available in the Student Association Office in Suite 126 of the Schine Student Center.

Candidates for Student Association President must have a minimum of six weeks of SA experience prior to the announcement of the election results.

For the 50th Session, which begins in January 2006, every Assembly seat for each school and college is open:

- School of Architecture
- College of Arts and Sciences
- School of Education
- College of Engineering and Computer Science
- College of Human Services and Health Professions
- School of Information Studies
- School of Management
- School of Public Communication
- College of Visual and Performing Arts
- SUNY- ESF

There are also open positions on the Board of Elections and Membership, Judicial Review Board, and University Senate.

Questions? Contact:

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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.

Questions? Contact:
Claudia E. Stallman, 607-724-4308, LesGayFamBldg@aol.com

12. Job Opening: GLBTQ Youth Program Coordinator

AIDS Community Resources has a part-time opening (20 hours a week) for a dynamic individual to develop and coordinate GLBTQ youth programs. Duties include:

- Creating and maintaining safe spaces for GLBTQ youth;
- Promoting sexual health for GLBTQ youth;
- Performing outreach and recruitment;
- Arranging educational opportunities and training events;

- Providing crisis intervention;
- Supervising and supporting group facilitators;
- Creating and facilitating online chatroom;
- Updating GLBTQ website and creating calendar of events;
- Developing and maintaining partnerships with school-based acceptance coalitions.

Qualifications: Undergraduate degree in health and human services. Extensive training and experience in working with youth initiatives. Experience working with GLBTQ youth and/or knowledge and sensitivity with GLBTQ youth issues. Fund-raising experience preferred. Public speaking and group facilitation skills important. Computer skills (Web master and on-line calendar and chat). Salary DOQ. Competitive benefits.

Send cover letter and résumé to Human Resource Manager, AIDS Community Resources, 627 West Genesee Street, Syracuse, NY 13204 or email hr@aidscommunityresources.com.

13. ImageOut: Rochester's Lesbian & Gay Film and Video Festival

This year's Rochester's Lesbian & Gay Film and Video Festival will run from Oct. 7-16 and will again feature the "Youth Project Film Series," with certain films selected specifically for their appeal to LGBT youth and their friends and supporters. The Festival's organizers will offer free tickets to anyone under the age of 21. These films are usually screened in the early evening (5:30 pm) and there are often opportunities for discussion and interaction afterwards.

Questions? Contact:

ImageOut Office, lotickets@rochester.rr.com, 585-271-2640

NATIONAL NEWS

14. LGBT Organizations' Hurricane Relief

A coalition of LGBT organizations is providing relief and assistance to victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. For more information about this coalition, started by the National Youth Advocacy Coalition, go to www.nyacyouth.org.

15. 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

16. 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.

17. National Veterans Coming Out Day

One-million LGBT veterans will come out for 65,000 service members who cannot.

American Veterans for Equal Rights, Inc. (AVER) is organizing a Coming Out campaign for veterans, to be held in conjunction with National Coming Out Day, when there will already be the support of the entire LGBT community. An article about the importance of this campaign for college students may be found at: <http://www.campuspride.net/natvetcomingoutday.asp>.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, Oct. 10

Lecture: Leslie Cagan

4:00 pm

Maxwell Auditorium

Sponsored by Women's Studies Program

Leslie Cagan is the National Coordinator for United for Peace and Justice, a widely published writer on feminist activism, anti-war activism, and gay rights, and an internationally known leader of progressive activism.

Meeting: Planet Orange

7:00-9:00 pm

LGBT Resource Center

Join this drop-in discussion group for a talk on being "out" on campus.

Chalking the Quad

9:00 pm

LGBT Resource Center

Sponsored by Pride Union

Meet at the LGBT Resource Center for some chalk, and then march as a group to the Quad to cover sidewalks with pro-LGBT messages.

Tuesday, Oct. 11 – National Coming Out Day

Out / Ally List

Sponsored by the LGBT Resource Center

Check the *Daily Orange* for this full-page, color advertisement featuring some of the many out and proud lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and straight ally members of the Syracuse University community.

Human Rainbow Bridge

1:30 pm

Quad

Sponsored by OUTRAGE

Join the members of OUTRAGE as a part of Syracuse University's first rainbow bridge across the Quad. Wear a solid red, orange, yellow, green, blue, or purple shirt and line up in the center of the quad starting at 1:30pm. Sign up for your color by emailing outragesyracuse@yahoo.com.

The Big Gay Pep Rally

6:30 pm

Grant Auditorium

Sponsored by Pride Union

This discussion asks participants to share stories addressing the theme: "How has your life changed for the better since you came out?" Older community members will share their insights into the progress the LGBT movement has made since they came out.

Whose Closet is it Anyway?

6:30 pm

Grant Auditorium

Sponsored by OUTRAGE

As part of the Big Gay Pep Rally, OUTRAGE will be performing an original skit of people's reactions to a student coming out...with a twist.

Meeting: Open Doors

7:30 pm

LGBT Resource Center

All SU/SUNY-ESF graduate students are welcome to come out and join the Open Doors crew for a laid-back, entertaining movie night full of laughs and popcorn.

Lecture: Melanie Kaye/Kantrowitz

7:00-9:00 pm

Gifford Auditorium

Sponsored by the Women's Studies Program

Melanie Kaye/Kantrowitz, a writer, scholar, teacher, and long-time social justice activist, has taught writing, women's studies, Jewish studies, and race theory all over the United States, including the Jane Watson Irwin Distinguished Professor of Women's Studies at Hamilton College and the Belle Zeller Professor of Public Policy at Brooklyn College/SUNY.

Lecture: George C. Wolfe

7:30 pm

Hendricks Chapel

Sponsored by the University Lecture Series

Director, writer, and producer George C. Wolfe has had a distinguished career in the theater. In addition to directing such important works as Tony Kushner's *Angels in America*, Wolfe has also written a number of plays and musicals, several of which have had successful runs on Broadway covering all topics of diversity. Since 1993, he has been the producer and artistic director of the New York Shakespeare Festival and the Joseph Papp Public Theater, positions that give him one of the most influential voices in American theater.

Wednesday, Oct. 12

Film: "Bad Education"

7:00 pm

Gifford Auditorium

Sponsored by Pride Union, Thursday Night Screeners

This free screening (which opened the 2004 Cannes Film Festival) explores transgender issues, homosexuality within the Catholic Church, and being in a same-sex relationship within Hispanic culture.

Thursday, Oct. 13

Café Q

7:00-10:00 pm

LGBT Resource Center

Sponsored by the LGBT Resource Center

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.

Friday, Oct. 14

The BIG Gay Dance

10:00 pm-2:00 am

The Underground, Schine Student Center

Sponsored by Pride Union

This year's evening of music and dance returns with an optional theme: "Come as your favorite gay icon." Tickets are \$3 with SU ID, \$5 without SU ID and may be purchased at the Schine Box Office.

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