

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS :: SEPT. 11 – 17, 2005

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LGBT RESOURCE CENTER NEWS

1. Resource Center on AIM

The LGBT Resource Center is now reachable by AOL Instant Messenger at sulgbtrc. During business hours (8:30 am – 5:00 pm), a staff member is reachable to answer questions and provide information. Be sure to add this screen name to your buddy list and check our profile daily, as we're always listing upcoming events.

2. Fusion Begins

The first meeting of Fusion – a group for LGBT students, faculty, and staff of color to gather and celebrate the diversity within the LGBT community – will be held on Thursday, Sept. 15 at 6 pm in the LGBT Resource Center.

Join us for a free family-style dinner and good conversation! The discussion topic for this gathering is "Being a person of color in the LGBT community," and we will be enjoying some fine Latino cuisine. Please RSVP to Amit Taneja (ataneja@syr.edu) by noon on Wednesday, Sept. 14. Come as you are and tell a friend!

3. Planet Orange Fondue Party

Join Adrea Jaehnig and Amit Taneja as they host a kick-off fondue party for Planet Orange, a LGBT discussion group, on Monday, Sept. 12 from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm at the LGBT Resource Center.

LGBT CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS

4. Pride Union Meeting

Pride Union holds its weekly meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 9 pm at the LGBT Resource Center. All SU/SUNY-ESF undergraduate students are welcome.

Questions? Contact:

Jennifer Spinner, spinout39@aol.com

5. Open Doors Meeting

Open Doors hold its weekly meeting of the semester on Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 7:30 pm at the LGBT Resource Center. All SU/SUNY-ESF graduate students are welcome.

Questions? Contact:

John David Molesky, jdmolek@syr.edu

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY NEWS

6. Jamal James' Memorial

Syracuse University will host a memorial for alumnus and former student government leader Jamal J. James '01. James, a drama major in the College of Visual and Performing Arts, was president of the Student Association and was involved in several student groups and activities.

James' life will be celebrated and remembered as part of Coming Back Together 8, SU's reunion program for alumni of color. A public service in James' memory will be held Sept. 16 at 2:30 pm in Hendricks Chapel. For more information, call 443-2902.

While at SU, James was devoted to a variety of student activities. In addition to his work as leader of student government, he volunteered in support of the University's \$370-million Commitment to Learning Campaign; worked with the Office of Multicultural Affairs and other offices in the Division of Student Affairs; and launched an effort to bring Neighborhood Watch to SU's off-campus students. He served on SU's Alumni Board from 2002-04.

James was a native of Bloomfield, CT. After his graduation from SU, he moved to New York City to pursue a career in theater, where, like at SU, he was known for his warmth, humor and radiant smile. He is survived by his parents, Marva E. and Joseph A. James, three grandparents, his sister, and three brothers.

Alumni Relations is leading an effort to place a permanent memorial paver in the Orange Grove in honor of James; contributors to date include the SU Alumni Board, Vice President for Institutional Advancement Lil Breul O'Rourke '77, Senior Vice President and Dean of Student Affairs Barry L. Wells, Vice Chancellor Deborah A. Freund, and Chancellor Nancy Cantor.

Questions? Contact:

psaracen@syr.edu, 443-3408

7. Light the Night Walk

Gather a team of your family, friends and co-workers and others from Syracuse University for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Light the Night Walk on Thursday, Sept. 29, 2005. Show your SU pride by creating a new team or join an existing SU team!

Light the Night is a fund-raising walk to benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Each participant raises funds used to accomplish the Society's mission. At the walk, each participant carries an illuminated balloon -- red for friends, family, and supporters and white for cancer patients and survivors. The walk is non-competitive and less than two miles. A \$5 registration fee includes a SU Light the Night T-Shirt and button, transportation, and pizza following the walk.

More information, including an "SU Light the Night In Memoriam Page" is available at: <http://orientation.syr.edu/lightthenight>. Feel free to submit a picture and message of someone whom you would like us to remember as we walk together for "A Cure For Everyone."

Registration for teams and individuals and pre-walk events will take place during the Light the Night Kickoff Week, Sept. 12 - 16, 2005.

Additionally, the Syracuse University Bookstore will host a Silent Auction from Sept. 12 – 28 to raise money for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. If you would like to donate an item, please contact Ronna Schindler at rjschind@syr.edu by Sept. 14 or go to the SU Bookstore and donate an item(s) or bid on any of the following items:

1. SU Men's Basketball Team Coach Jim Boeheim Autographed Basketball - from Athletics
2. 19" Dell Flat Panel Monitor- donated by the Bookstore
3. IPOD Shuffle - donated by the Bookstore
4. Big East Championship T-Shirt and Cap Autographed by Hakim Warrick
5. \$100 Gift Card - donated by the Bookstore
6. Passes for 4 rounds of golf and the rental of 2 golf carts - donated by Drumlins Country Club

Questions? Contact:

Mariana Lebron, mjleborn@syr.edu, 443-1012

8. Exhibit: Equal to All Persons

In conjunction with Coming Back Together 8, the University Archives invites the University community to view a new exhibit: "Equal to All Persons," showing examples from collections that contain a wealth of information on the history of diversity at SU.

This exhibition highlights early minority students, social groups, publications, Syracuse-in-China, and the Saltine Warrior. The exhibit opens Sept. 12 and runs through Jan. 17 on the first floor of the Goldstein Alumni and Faculty Center. The exhibit is also available on the Archives website at: <http://archives.syr.edu/arch/exhibits.htm>.

Questions? Contact:

Mary O'Brien or Ed Galvin, archive1@syr.edu, 443-3335

9. Publication Party for *The Mix*

Nancy Cantor, Chancellor of Syracuse University, and Leo Crandall, Executive Director of the Cultural Resources Council of Syracuse and Onondaga County, cordially invite you to a publication party for *The Mix*, a special supplement of arts, ideas and opinions written by the Goldring Arts Journalists at Syracuse University.

The Mix is a special section of arts writing that will be published in the Sunday *Post-Standard* on Sept. 18, two days after the party. Advance copies of the arts supplement will be available at the event.

The Goldring Arts Journalism program at Syracuse University was launched in July 2005 and is the first masters program to teach journalists to write about architecture, film, fine arts, music, and theater. The program was made possible by a generous gift from SU Trustee Lola Goldring and her husband Allen.

The gathering takes place on Friday, Sept. 16 from 5:30-7:00 pm at the Ohm Lounge (www.ohmlounge.com), 314 Franklin Street.

RSVP:

sjohnson@cspot.org, 435-2155

10. Insightful Eating Seminar

Do you see yourself as 30 or more pounds overweight?

Are you ready to give up dieting?

Do you feel guilty or embarrassed about eating?

Intimidated by the gym?

Are you preoccupied by negative thoughts about your weight?

Do you eat out of boredom, stress, or sadness?

If so, you are not alone. Many SU and SUNY-ESF students want to learn a better way to eat, be active, and get healthy. This semester, join registered dietitian Michelle Gallant for Insightful Eating, a six-week seminar on the non-dieting approach to weight management.

Seminar Dates: Thursdays, 4-5 pm - September 15, 22, 29, Oct. 6, 20, 27

Location: SU Health Services, 111 Waverly Avenue, Conference Room 001

To sign up for Insightful Eating, go to http://students.syr.edu/health/ie_register.html.

Registration deadline is Monday, September 12. Seminar is limited to 25 participants. Only students who have paid a health fee are eligible.

Questions? Contact:

Michelle Gallant, mpgallan@syr.edu, 443-9002

11. Whitewater Rafting on the Black River

Syracuse University Recreation Services offers you the trip of a lifetime! Come whitewater rafting with us and come home with stories you'll be telling for years!

When:

Saturday, Sept. 17

Sunday, Sept. 18

Saturday, Sept. 24

Sunday, Sept. 25

Deadline: The Wednesday before each trip date

Price:

\$25 (SU undergraduate students)

\$64 (All other ID card holders)

Space: Limited to the first 80 people who sign up per trip date

Time: Bus leaves SU's College Place promptly at 9:00 a.m. and returns around 6:30 p.m.

What's Included?

Round trip transportation from SU's College Place (near the bus stop) to Watertown, all rafting equipment, safety equipment (helmet and flotation Device), training, wet suits if needed, guided trips (one guide in every boat), three to four hours on the water (depending on water level), rest stop on the water with snacks and drinks, and a barbecue after the trip.

What to Bring:

Your SU ID card

A positive, fun attitude (You will paddle and get wet)

A willingness to listen to your guide

A change of clothes (including shoes) for after the river trip

A windbreaker or fleece for the river

Water booties, Tevas, aqua socks or an old pair of sneakers

Any medication you would normally take throughout the day (e.g. Asthma Inhaler)

Money (if you would like to buy pictures of your trip or tip your River Guide)

What to leave home:

Anything you don't want to lose (jewelry, cell phone, etc.)

Anything cotton

To Sign Up: Come to 241 Archbold Gym or Call Recreation Services at 443-4386 (4FUN) for more info.

Questions? Contact:

Scott Catucci, sacatucc@syr.edu, 443-4386

REGIONAL NEWS

12. Conference in Honor of Women's History Month: Call for Proposals

More than ever before, queer sexuality is a central issue in American politics and a subject of national debate. LGBT communities are more visible than ever, more vocal, and in some locales more successful in struggles for civil liberties and equal rights. At the same time, efforts to ban same-sex marriage make headway, sexual hate crimes grow more savage, and many liberals retreat from the politics of sexual freedom. Against this backdrop, both LGBT activists and scholars in queer studies confront new questions about theory, strategy, and tactics. What direction should activism take in a country that has become increasingly hostile to queer politics? How do media representations of LGBT communities affect political alignments? How do race, gender, and sexuality intersect in queer identities? What can today's activists learn from queer history?

The conference – Dangerous Desires, Queer Politics in the New Millennium – running Friday, March 3 through Saturday, March 4, 2006 at Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, NY, will explore these and related questions. We invite scholars, artists, writers, and activists to submit proposals for pertinent papers, readings, workshops, and performances. Proposals for full panels are especially welcome.

Topics may include, but are not limited to:

Queer theory and LGBT history
Media representations
The marriage debate
Class and race in LGBT movements
Sex work
Transgender and transsexual identities
The pornography wars
AIDS activism
Confronting repression
Queer politics vs. assimilation

Send proposals to:

Tara James
Women's History Program
Sarah Lawrence College
1 Mead Way
Bronxville, NY 10704
Or email tjames@slc.edu

Deadline: Nov. 18, 2005

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.

This year 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 tickets *FREE* 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.

The catalog of films for this year's festival will be available September 7.

This year, Festival organizers are also hosting a pre-festival youth event at the GAGV Youth Center located on 875 East Main Street. This event will take place on Sunday, September 25 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. Several film shorts will be shown, food and prizes will be offered, and tickets will be available for the Festival's youth films.

Any ticket requests for the youth films can be directed to IOtickets@rochester.rr.com, or call the ImageOut office (585-271-2640) or e-mail imageout@rochester.rr.com with any questions you might have. Any requests for free tickets should be made by October 5.

NATIONAL NEWS

14. Historic passage of California same-sex marriage measure

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force is lauding the successful efforts of its California partner, Equality California, in securing historic passage of legislation legalizing same-sex marriage in that state.

On Tuesday night, the California Assembly passed the measure, previously approved by the Senate, making California the first state in the nation to sanction same-sex marriage without a court order. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has until Oct. 9 to veto or sign the measure.

"We have enormous respect for Equality California, and allies such as the NAACP and United Farm Workers, for their hard-fought efforts to end discrimination against same-sex couples. History was made last night in California due to their efforts and the support of fair-minded legislators. During this particular week in our nation's history when the importance of family is so tangible, the California Assembly has made the right decision. It's now the governor's turn to do what's morally correct — sign this measure without hesitation or fear," said Rea Carey, the Task Force's deputy executive director.

The Task Force is making a major commitment to California to help the state maintain its leadership on equality and to defeat state constitutional amendments that seek to preclude marriage equality for same-sex couples and remove all legal protections guaranteed under California's comprehensive domestic partnership law. The measures are expected to be on the ballot in June 2006. The Task Force's commitment includes training, voter identification, organizing key communities, as well as significant financial assistance.

The Task Force and the Human Rights Campaign announced May 31 they would donate up to \$100,000 each as a challenge to raise \$1 million to fight proposed amendments. The \$200,000 grant was the first large financial commitment to the Equality for All Coalition, an unprecedented alliance of more than 200 religious, labor and civil rights organizations from throughout California, including the state chapter of the NAACP and the United Farm Workers.

15. Mentoring Program for GLBT Students

The Point Foundation Mentoring Program has expanded, initiating outreach to the public to recruit mentors for the 2005-06 academic year. The Point Foundation is an organization that provides financial support and mentoring to outstanding students who are marginalized due to sexual orientation or gender identity. Every year, Point Scholars are matched with leaders across the professions who are committed to the welfare of The Point Foundation and the greater GLBT community.

“The Point Foundation’s Mentoring Program has been enormously successful as a resource to our scholars,” said Vance Lancaster, executive director of the Foundation. “We’re very excited about expanding the program to bring in an even wider range of mentors as the number of Point Scholars grows,” he said.

For more information on the Point Foundation and the Mentoring Program, go to www.thepointfoundation.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, Sept. 12

Light the Night Walk Team Information Session

4:30 - 5:30 pm

Schine 228B

Learn how you can be a member of the Syracuse University Team, either as yourself or as your own student organization or department.

Planet Orange

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

LGBT Resource Center

Join Adrea Jaehnig and Amit Taneja as they host a kick-off fondue party for Planet Orange, a LGBT discussion group.

Tuesday, Sept. 13

Guess the Hetero

6:30 pm

Gifford Auditorium, HBC

Using questions and games, can the audience guess the sexual identities of the contestants?
Sponsored by Pride Union.

Wednesday, Sept. 14

Open Doors

7:30 pm

LGBT Resource Center

Meet fellow graduate students for the first meeting of the year.

Pride Union

9:00 pm

LGBT Resource Center

Meet fellow undergraduate students for the first meeting of the year.

Thursday, Sept. 15

Fusion

6:00 pm

LGBT Resource Center

Come to the first meeting of Fusion – a group for LGBT students, faculty, and staff of color to gather and celebrate the diversity within the LGBT community – and enjoy some amazing cuisine and conversation.

Café Q

7:00 - 10:00 pm

LGBT Resource Center

Come to Café Q and learn to salsa dance, along with the usual assortment of great coffee, friends, and quirky prizes.

Friday, Sept. 16

SU Light the Night Kick-Off Rally

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Hendricks Chapel Stairs

Join fellow students, faculty and SU staff, along with Vice-Chancellor Deborah A. Freund to meet fellow team members before the big day and to learn how students, faculty and staff can truly change lives.

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TO SUBMIT A NEWS OR CALENDAR ITEM:

Send articles, messages, or links to Jay Tifone, LGBT Resource Center graduate assistant, at jmtifone@syr.edu. Please include in the subject line "Weekly Announcement." All submissions must be received by Friday at 11 am to be included in the following week's edition and are subject to review by our editor.

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