

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS :: SEPT. 25 – OCT. 1, 2005

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LGBT RESOURCE CENTER NEWS

1. LGBT Shabbat Dinner

On Friday, Sept. 30 at 7:30 pm, join the LGBT Resource Center and Hillel Center for a Sabbath dinner and discussion about integration of the Jewish and LGBT communities for SU students, faculty, and staff members. Space is limited for this free meal at the LGBT Resource Center, so please RSVP to Jay Tifone (jmtifone@syr.edu) by Wednesday, Sept. 28.

2. Planet Orange Meeting

Dating and relationships can be a source of fun, excitement, frustration, and a whole lot of other things. What does it mean to you? Join Adrea Jaehnig and Amit Taneja for Planet Orange as they host a talk, "Dating & Relating 101," on Monday, Sept. 26 from 7 - 9 pm at the LGBT Resource Center.

3. Upcoming Planet Orange Social

On Monday, Oct. 3 Planet Orange goes bowling from 7 - 9 pm! If you are interested in attending, please contact Jay Tifone (jmtifone@syr.edu) by noon on Friday, Sept. 30. Cost is \$3 and should be dropped off to the LGBT Resource Center by Sept. 30. This event is free to anyone willing to drive others to the bowling alley.

4. Out List...Coming Soon

On Oct. 11, the LGBT Resource Center will publish a full-page *Daily Orange* advertisement listing the names of LGBT students, staff, and faculty celebrating the 16th Annual National Coming Out Day. The advertisement will also list a separate section

for Allies who affirm their commitment to confronting LGBT discrimination and hate. Emails will circulate shortly soliciting members of the community to sign up (for free).

LGBT CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS

5. Open Doors Meeting

On Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 7:30 pm, Open Doors will hold its meeting at the LGBT Resource Center. Please note that meetings will 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 Meeting

Pride Union holds its meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 28 at 9 pm at the LGBT Resource Center. All SU/SUNY-ESF undergraduate students are welcome.

Questions? Contact:

Jennifer Spinner, spinout39@aol.com

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY NEWS

7. Student Team Against Bias First Meeting

The Student Team Against Bias will be holding its first meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 28 at 6:00 pm in the Noble Room (Hendricks Chapel). The Student Team Against Bias is a group of students dedicated to educating the Syracuse community about the impact of bias-related behaviors and fighting bias in all areas including: race and ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender, nationality, religion, and disability. Anyone interested in joining is welcome to attend this organizational meeting.

Questions? Contact:

Cheryl Stanley, 443-3728, clstanle@syr.edu

8. Teach for America

Teach For America (TFA) (www.teachforamerica.org) will be on campus on Oct. 5 and 6 to recruit the next generation of education leaders. Attend a one-on-one session by scheduling an appointment with Brain Chu (01) and learn how you can:

- Use your leadership skills to make an immediate impact on children growing up in low-income communities,
- Gain the insight to effect meaningful long-term change, and
- Position yourself for success in any field.

TFA is seeking all majors; no previous education experience or coursework is necessary. Benefits include full first-year teacher salary and benefits, financial aid, plus a \$9,450 AmeriCorps education award (if eligible), as well as student loan forbearance and interest payments for two years.

Chu will also be at the Fall Career Fair at the Carrier Dome on Oct. 6 from 1:30 – 6 pm. There are also a few Teach For America events that students are encouraged to attend, including:

- October 10 at 7 pm -- Drop In Dinner (Location TBA)
- October 18 at 7 pm -- Information Session (Hendricks Chapel, Noble Room)
- October 24 at 7 pm -- Teach For America Alumni Panel (Hall of Languages 500)

Anyone interested in these events should contact Edna Novak at Edna.Novak@teachforamerica.org or call 800-832-1230 ext. 257.

Questions? Contact:

Brian Chu (01), bmchu1@hotmail.com

9. Light the Night Walk

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

Light the Night is a fund-raising walk to benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Each participant raises funds used to support research to fight these blood cancers. 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 a "SU Light the Night In Memoriam Page" is available at: <http://orientation.syr.edu/lightthenight>. Feel free to submit a picture and message for someone you would like the team to remember.

Additionally, the Syracuse University Bookstore will host a Silent Auction until Wednesday, Sept. 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 or go to the SU Bookstore and donate an item or bid on any of the following items:

1. Autographed SU Men's Basketball Team basketball by Jim Boeheim
2. 19" Dell Flat Panel Monitor
3. iPod Shuffle
4. Big East Championship T-shirt and cap autographed by Hakim Warrick
5. \$100 Bookstore Gift Card
6. Passes for 4 rounds of golf and the rental of 2 golf carts at Drumlins Country Club

Questions? Contact:

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

10. Whitewater Rafting on the Black River...Extra Date Added

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

When:

Saturday, Oct. 1

Deadline:

Wednesday, Sept. 28

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 am and returns around 6:30 pm.

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 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 or call Recreation Services at 443-4386 (4FUN) for more info.

Questions? Contact:

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

11. Inclusion Techniques: Making Academic Spaces Engaging for LGBTQA Students

The goal of this workshop, which is open to all faculty members on Wednesday, Oct. 5 from 10 – 11:30 am, is to help attendees make their classrooms inviting and comfortable for LGBTQA students.

The session begins with a self-assessment of attendees' own attitudes and behavior toward LGBTQA persons. After the self-assessment, important terminology will be defined, followed by examples of interactions, behaviors, and practices that make the classroom climate uncomfortable for LGBTQA students. Techniques for mitigating these effects will be discussed, and a student panel will offer insights from an LGBT perspective.

Participants will discuss techniques that allow them to teach "inclusively" and share ideas about how to foster an environment rich in learning potential for all students.

Questions? Contact:

Bron Adam, rsvp@syr.edu, 443-5413

12. Tutor Time

Need a tutor? Want to be a tutor?

Do both at the Tutoring and Study Center (TSC), Syracuse University's internationally accredited office for your academic support needs. The TSC, formerly known as the Learning Resource Center, pairs undergraduate and graduate students with tutors in a wide-range of subjects and courses. Stop in and sign up at 111 Waverly, Suite 220...request the *Weekly Announcements* editor as your personal tutor covering all writing needs.

Questions? Contact:

Kathy Glum, kjglum@syr.edu, 443-2005

13. 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 5:00 pm.

Questions? Contact:

Ryan J. Barker, 443-4357, rjbarker@syr.edu

REGIONAL NEWS

14. 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, New York 13204 or email hr@aidscommunityresources.com.

15. 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.

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, Sept. 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 requests for free tickets should be made by Oct. 5.

Questions? Contact:

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

16. Byllye Avery Performance

Join Byllye Avery, founder of the Black Women's Health Imperative, in a free show, “An Evening of Healing,” on Thursday, Sept. 29 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Avery will bring the mission of her organization – to promote optimum health for Black women across their life span: physically, mentally, and spiritually – to the Tucker Missionary Baptist Church at 515 Oakwood Avenue.

Questions? Contact:

Sharon Jack-Williams, 476-4269 x222

NATIONAL NEWS

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>.

18. Seeking Submissions

Merge Press is currently seeking original and unpublished novellas and short stories of queer culture for a long-form anthology entitled *Queer: Four Decades After Stonewall*. The editors would like to know the stories, ideas and theories, values and fantasies that presently shape your life.

Queer: Four Decades After Stonewall seeks to represent the many facets of queer culture today and tie them together to present the world we live in now. Pieces on the definition of queer (by those who identify as such) are also welcome.

- Unpublished authors will be considered,
- Previously published material will also be considered, provided you have retained your rights; please submit previous publication information (and the terms of your copyright agreement) in these cases,
- You may submit two different pieces of writing.

Contributing writers will be paid \$65 at the time of publication and receive two free copies of the anthology.

Questions? Contact:

Maria Angeline, queerbook@dailydoseofqueer.com

19. Harvard Law School Lifts Limits on Military Recruiting

(The Chronicle of Higher Education) Facing pressure from the Defense Department, Harvard Law School has reluctantly agreed to allow the military to use its Office of Career Services to recruit students into the Judge Advocate General's Corps – a move that highlights issues to be argued before the U.S. Supreme Court in the term beginning this fall.

In an e-mail message this week to students and faculty members, the law school's dean, Elena Kagan, said she had decided to lift the restrictions on military recruiting after the Pentagon threatened to withhold certain federal funds from the entire university if the law school did not assist its recruiters. Harvard University receives about 15 percent of its operating budget from the federal government, with much of the money going to the Medical School and the School of Public Health.

The decision marked a reversal of the law school's announcement, in Nov. 2004, that it would limit the military's visits, on the grounds that the armed forces discriminate against gay men and lesbians. Ms. Kagan made that announcement a day after a federal appeals court temporarily blocked enforcement of the Solomon Amendment, a decade-old law that allows the government to withhold certain categories of federal money from colleges that do not provide full access to military recruiters.

Ms. Kagan said this week that she regretted making an exception to the law school's antidiscrimination policy, which requires employers who use the Office of Career Services to sign a statement attesting that they do not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation. She called the military's policy of denying employment to openly gay Americans "deeply wrong -- both unwise and unjust."

Adam R. Sorkin, treasurer of Lambda, the law school's association of gay and lesbian students, said that most of the group's members sympathize with the law school's

position. "They were pretty much forced into the situation," he said. "There is way too much money on the line to not allow recruiters on campus."

But Mr. Sorkin criticized the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy, saying it treated gay and lesbian students as "second-class citizens."

"Many of us think the JAG would be an exciting career, with interesting opportunities," he said. "I could interview, but I would be turned away."

Harvard's reversal came as the U.S. Supreme Court is gearing up to hear an appeal of a lower court's ruling on the constitutionality of the Solomon Amendment. The case pits the Defense Department against the Forum for Academic and Institutional Rights, whose 25 constituents include the law schools of New York University and George Washington University and the law faculties of Georgetown University and Stanford University.

On Wednesday, Ms. Kagan and about 40 other Harvard professors filed a brief with the Supreme Court in support of the forum.

Meanwhile, the Defense Department has added a third institution to its list of colleges that are ineligible for certain categories of federal aid. New York Law School joined the William Mitchell College of Law and Vermont Law School on the list earlier this month. The addition is not likely to have much of an impact on New York Law School, though. Like the other two institutions on the list, it is a free-standing law school and does not receive any of the affected federal funds.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, Sept. 26

Beyond Borders: The Illusion of Normalcy in Film presents "The Hours"

7 pm

Watson Theater

Admission is free and open to the public. All films will be captioned, and sign language interpreters and film narration will be available.

Planet Orange

7:00 pm

LGBT Resource Center

Join Adrea Jaehnig and Amit Taneja as they host a discussion on dating.

Tuesday, Sept. 27

Open Doors

7:30 pm

LGBT Resource Center

Meet with fellow graduate students to discuss issues affecting the LGBT community.

Wednesday, Sept. 28

Student Team Against Bias

6:00 pm

Noble Room (Hendricks Chapel)

Anyone interested in joining is welcome to attend this organizational meeting.

Pride Union

9:00 pm

LGBT Resource Center

Meet with fellow undergraduate students for this week's discussion.

Thursday, Sept. 29

Light the Night Walk

6:30 pm

Clinton Square

Walk with SU's team to raise awareness and money for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Café Q

7:00 - 10:00 pm

LGBT Resource Center

Come to Café Q for the usual assortment of great coffee, friends, and quirky prizes.

Friday, Sept. 30

LGBT Shabbat Dinner

7:30 pm

LGBT Resource Center

Join the Sabbath dinner and discussion about integration of the Jewish and LGBT communities.

Saturday, Oct. 1

Whitewater Rafting Trip

9:00 am

College Place (for transportation to Watertown)

Join Recreation Services for the final rafting trip of the year.

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Send articles, messages, or links to the *Weekly Announcements* editor 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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