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LGBT RESOURCE CENTER NEWS

1. Non-residential Students: Join the LGBTA Learning Community

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Ally (LGBTA) Learning Community is offering an opportunity for non-residential students to be part of this community through involvement in activities and programs. "Non-residential" students include students living in other residence halls, South Campus, and off-campus housing.

Non-residential participants will not be required to live on the LGBTA Learning Community floor, but will be able to attend programs, lectures, trips, etc. Participation in the "QSX 112: Sexualities, Genders and Bodies" course (taught by Minnie Bruce Pratt) will be required for non-residential participants (exceptions may be made on a case by case basis).

If you are interested in being part of the LGBTA Learning Community as a non-residential participant, please write a brief paragraph about why you would like to be part of this community, and what you hope to get out of this experience. This information should be emailed to Amit Taneja (ataneja@syr.edu), Asst. Director of the LGBT Resource Center, by Saturday, May 20.

Questions? Contact:

The LGBT Resource Center, 443.3983, lgbt@syr.edu

LGBT CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS NEWS

2. Elections: Open Doors

It's time to vote! There are three co-facilitator positions for Fall 2006 – Spring 2007 and five candidates nominated for the positions. They are:

1. Roger Batson**
2. James Burger
3. Amber Hager*
4. Paul Harris
5. Jay Liou**

* Amber might finish school in Fall 2006 but she is planning to stay in Syracuse and willing to continue the co-facilitator job to the end of Spring 2007.

** Roger and Jay will leave Syracuse in Fall 2006. If one or both of them are elected to be co-facilitators, there will be another election to replace them before Spring 2007.

To vote, please send an email to opendoorssu@yahoo.com. You may choose up to three candidates. All votes will be kept confidential. The votes will be tallied up and results announced in the last meeting on Wednesday, May 3.

Questions? Contact:

John David Molesky, jdmolesk@syr.edu

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY NEWS

3. Forum: Sports, Race, Privilege and Rape

Is Syracuse another Duke waiting to happen? Join the campus community for a discussion about the parallels between both schools on Monday, May 1 at 7 pm in Hall of Languages, room 207.

Questions? Contact:

Crista Gray, cmgray@syr.edu

4. Project gENDER Stereotypes

On Tuesday, May 2 at 7:30 pm, please support David Eye's WRT205 course as they put on Project gENDER Stereotypes. The performance will take place in Hall of Languages, room 207.

Questions? Contact:

David Eye, 443.1091, dbeye@syr.edu

5. Meeting: Fulbright Scholarships

Please note this superb opportunity for study in 2007-08 through the Fulbright Program. Applications are due September 15, 2006 to the Office of Undergraduate Studies, 304 Steele Hall.

For more than 58 years, the U.S. Government-sponsored Fulbright U.S. Student Program has provided future American leaders with an unparalleled opportunity to study, conduct research, and teach in other nations. Fulbright student grants aim to increase mutual understanding among nations through educational and cultural exchange while serving as a catalyst for long-term leadership development.

The U.S. Student Program awards approximately 1,000 grants annually and operates in over 140 countries. Fulbright full grants generally provide funding for round-trip travel,

maintenance for one academic year, health and accident insurance, and full or partial tuition. Fulbright travel-only grants are also available to limited countries.

These grants are available to both graduating seniors and to graduate students, in all fields including the arts, sciences, professional fields, as well as social sciences and humanities. These Fulbright grants are available for most of the nations of the world: the specifics for each country are described in a booklet that will be available after Monday, May 15 at the Office of Undergraduate Studies, 304 Steele Hall; the Honors Program, 306 Bowne Hall; the office of Richard Breyer in Newhouse II, and the website at www.iie.org.

Applicants to the Fulbright U.S. Student Program must be U.S. citizens at the time of application and hold a bachelor's degree or the equivalent by the beginning of the grant. In the creative and performing arts, four years of professional training and/or experience meets the basic eligibility requirement. (Non-arts applicants lacking a degree but with extensive professional study and/or experience in fields in which they wish to pursue a project may also be considered.) Some grants are specifically for those with a B.A. or its equivalent while others are for masters' or doctoral students.

With a September 15 deadline for applications, you must begin work immediately on a two-page single-spaced project statement and a one-page creative autobiography. The project statement should define where you want to go and what you want to do there. (This can include actually attending a university but can be a project with a relevant scholar/professional. For example, one previous winner studied saxophone in France, another was an intern in a chemistry lab in Germany, another was a teacher of English as a Second Language in Korea, and one did a creative writing project in Denmark. Doctoral students generally conduct dissertation research.) In addition, you should also begin now to contact the relevant host institution or scholars/practitioners related to your project. Again, you are advised to begin this process now as once school starts there will not be time to both develop a project and write it up.

Students must use the on-line application, available at <http://www.iie.org/fulbright>. The application must be completed online by Friday, September 15. After completing the application on-line, print two copies.

The two copies of the online application and all supporting materials (transcripts, letters of reference, portfolios if necessary) must be delivered by 5 pm on September 15 to 304 Steele Hall. All information is to be submitted in one manila envelope. Letters of reference must be in sealed envelopes, signed across the flap by the referee. Individually mailed letters and transcripts will not be accepted.

IIE Fulbrights are administered through a university committee, headed by Richard Breyer, Professor of Public Communications. Once the applications are reviewed, campus interviews will be conducted by members of the Fulbright Committee.

To find out more about the Fulbright program and the application process, please attend an Orientation and Information Session on Saturday, May 6 at 11:30 a.m. in 395 Newhouse II.

REGIONAL NEWS

6. Group for Lesbian Survivors of Sexual Abuse and Assault

The Vera House is offering a FREE group for lesbian survivors of sexual abuse and assault. Meetings will begin in March 2006 at a confidential location. Call for date, time, location, and to learn more about the group.

Questions? Contact:

Amber Hager, 425-0818 x110

Crystal Collette, 425-0818 x235

7. Sign Up to Meet with Legislators on Marriage and Family Equality

Many people have signed a pledge card saying they want to be part of the effort to win the right to marry in New York. Now take the next step and sign up to meet with your legislator to talk about the issue.

With a marriage decision now pending before New York's highest court, our elected representatives in Albany need to be informed that a decision is coming and why equal access to marriage is so important to LGBT families. No one can reach elected representative like their constituents – LGBT couples and singles, straight allies and family members, clergy and people of faith, labor leaders and union members, and representatives from organizations that care about this issue – to sign up for a meeting with their state Senator and Assemblymember.

Together with Lambda Legal and the ACLU / NYCLU, the Pride Agenda has a goal of 100 meetings with legislators in the next three months - whether in Albany as part of LGBT Equality and Justice Day on Monday, May 8 or in local district offices. Representatives need to hear directly from you about why the freedom to marry is critical for our families.

Sign up now for a legislative meeting on marriage. You will be teamed up with other advocates from your area to attend the meeting, provided with materials and training for the meeting, and given an appointment time with your legislators and/or their staffs.

Visit the Pride Agenda's website to sign up online or download a form and fax or mail it. Get friends, family and neighbors to do the same. Let's show Albany the many diverse voices in support of marriage for same-sex couples!

Remember...Equality and Justice Day is only four weeks away! Register online today!

Come to Albany on Monday, May 8 to meet with your legislators and make the case for our equality. They need to hear your voice talking about your family and your life. This day will be critical to advancing priority issues that include marriage equality, domestic partnership rights, transgender non-discrimination protections, safe schools for LGBT youth and funding for our community's health and human services needs.

NATIONAL NEWS

8. Unmarried couples can't share rooms on St. Thomas trips

(AP) St. Paul – Members of the University of St. Thomas staff and faculty will not be able to share a room with an unmarried partner when on official trips, the university announced last Wednesday.

The Rev. Dennis Dease, president of St. Thomas, said in a prepared statement that the policy was written to "maintain the integrity of the university's Catholic nature and faithfulness to its Catholic mission" in matters of marriage and sexuality.

The policy was to take effect immediately, but it's not likely to silence the controversy that has surrounded the university's travel policy for its employees.

In December, it became the center of a campus debate after two professors who live together as unmarried, heterosexual partners were told they needed separate rooms if they were to travel on a school trip with students.

Last spring, a choral director at the university was told she couldn't share a room with her lesbian partner on a university trip.

While the university acknowledged its official policy on the matter was unclear, it strongly defended its decision in those two cases. That prompted several faculty members in March to tell Dease that some on campus feared they weren't welcome because they weren't Roman Catholic or didn't completely agree with Catholic doctrine.

Those concerns may continue.

In his announcement, Dease acknowledged that feeling ran deep on the issue "because various values under consideration are extraordinarily important."

He stressed the policy only applied to travel with students on university sponsored trips. It "is not about the private lives or consciences of faculty and staff," he wrote.

9. Participants Needed: UCLA Study

I am writing from the UCLA Psychology Department where I am conducting a survey study focusing on how gay, lesbian and bisexual individuals interact with the world around them.

I am recruiting a diverse sample of gay men, lesbians and bisexuals into this study and would appreciate your interest and support of this IRB approved research.

Participation in this online study will involve you imagining an interaction with a person you do not know. You would then answer questions about how this interaction might proceed. The study takes approximately 10 minutes.

To participate you must:

1. Be at least 18 years of age
2. Consider yourself gay, lesbian or bisexual

For more information, please visit: www.ucla-interaction-study.com.

Questions? Contact:

Adam Fingerhut, M.A., awf@ucla.edu

10. Save the Date: Out for Work Career Conference

The National Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Ally Undergraduate Student Career Conference will take place October 21-22, 2006 in Washington, DC. This program will prepare undergraduate students for the transition from academia to the workplace.

Sponsors include: IBM, Fannie Mae, Sodexo, Accenture, HRC, NGLCC, Diversity Change Agents, and more. Visit www.outforwork.com and click on conference details, then registration (it's free for all undergraduate students!). Space is limited. Limited travel and accommodation scholarships available.

Out for Work will reserve a limited number of sleeping rooms for students coming from outside the DC, Maryland, and Virginia area. Share-a-bed option: ONLY \$50 total. Share-a-room option: \$175 total. Private room option: \$350 total (check in Friday, October 20, check out Sunday, October 22).

Out for Work is giving away up to \$1,000 to the LGBT campus group that has the most participants at the conference. Your group can use this for the programming of LGBT events on your campus. Last year, the University of Maryland, College Park took home the prize. Will they do it again?

Out for Work is also giving away a \$1,000 academic scholarship. See website for more details!

Questions? Contact:

Riley, 202.487.3986

11. Internships Available: LPI Media

LPI Media offers qualified, college-level students the opportunity to participate in quarterly, uncompensated internships available in our offices in Los Angeles and New York City. In general, most internships last for 3 months, at 10-16 hours per week. See basic internship descriptions and locations below. To apply for internships, contact Human Resources at jobs@lpimedia.net.

Visit our online and print properties:

www.gay.com

www.planetout.com

www.advocate.com

www.out.com

www.outtraveler.com

www.kleptomaniac.com

www.hivplusmag.com

www.alyson.com

www.planetoutinc.com

Book Publishing Production & Design, New York

Alyson Books welcomes an intern who is interested in learning all the processes of how a book gets designed, edited and finalized for sale. The chosen intern will be proficient in Quark, Microsoft Word, some Excel and have Mac proficiency. Also, we'll be asking for some proofreading capacity, good grammar skills, quick reading and scanning abilities, the ability to set up and maintain files (disk and paper) and good text management skills.

Book Publishing Marketing & Publicity Intern, New York

Interns will have the opportunity to work with the Marketing & Publicity Manager who is responsible for strategizing and directing Alyson Books' marketing and publicity initiatives. The ideal intern candidate will have strong a strong interest in book marketing, publicity, branding and strategy. Marketing and research experience and excellent oral and written communication skills are essential. Editorial experience (print) is a plus. The intern will assist with preparing seasonal marketing materials, updating media lists, processing review mailings, writing publicity and marketing materials, etc.

Editorial (online)

Advocate.com is looking for editorial interns in New York to assist the News Features Editor in generating news stories for Advocate.com. We are looking for young journalists with exceptional reporting, writing, and editing skills and the ability to work in a fast-paced environment. Interns work closely with editors and have ample opportunities to write. Prior news reporting and writing required. Submit resume, cover letter, and three writing samples.

Editorial (magazines)

Editorial internships are offered in Los Angeles, for The Advocate and Out magazines, and in New York for Out magazine. Interns will assist with various support projects such as editorial gathering, research, proofing and other related editorial and administrative tasks. Some writing and editing assignments may be possible, depending upon qualifications, but cannot be guaranteed. Interns are invited to take a place at daily editorial planning meetings and will work along with editors, graphic artists and other staff as issues are created according to the magazine's production cycle.

Preferred editorial intern candidates will have a related field of study and a career interest in journalism or publishing. Excellent writing, communication and organizational skills are required.

Editorial & Photo Intern

An internship to assist the Associate Editor and Photo Editor for The Out Traveler magazine is being offered in Los Angeles. Intern will assist with various support projects such as editorial and photograph gathering and research, proofing, web site production and maintenance, and other related editorial and administrative tasks. Some writing and editing assignments may be possible, depending upon qualifications, but cannot be guaranteed. Interns are invited to take a place at weekly editorial planning meetings and will work along with the editors and the art director and other staff as issues are created according to the magazine's production cycle. This is a great opportunity for anyone wanting to learn more about the travel world and magazine publishing.

Fashion

Fashion internships are offered with Out magazine editorial staff in New York. Interns will assist the Fashion Director and Market Editor with organizing fashion features, gathering clothing, prepping photo shoots and supporting the fashion department with the administrative effort behind producing the fashion section of each issue.

Preferred candidates will have a related field of study and a career interest in fashion, photo editing, or other similar industry. Must be able to handle multiple projects and provide efficient and effective administrative support. Excellent personal communication skills are a must.

Online Marketing Intern

Online marketing interns have the opportunity to work in New York with our Director of Interactive Strategy who is responsible for strategizing and directing LPI Media's online initiatives for our four websites – Advocate.com, Out.com, HIVPlusmag.com, and OutTraveler.com. The Interactive strategy department oversees the implementation and delivery of online media campaigns for advertising clients, subscription growth of LPI's print titles via online efforts, and our 1-to-1 relational online newsletters for each site.

The ideal online marketing intern candidate will have strong a strong interest in Internet marketing, branding and strategy. Marketing and research experience and excellent oral and written communication skills are essential. Editorial experience (print or online) is a plus.

12. Call for Submissions: Best Bi Short Stories

What is a bi short story? Stories should have bi characters, themes, or situations. All genres such as fantasy, science-fiction, romance, historical, mystery, western, vampires, etc. as well as contemporary fiction are encouraged. Sex scenes in the context of a story are fine but not required. Erotica not accepted (that's another book series).

Stories can focus on relationships, romance, dating and sex, but can also focus on friendship, family issues, workplace, community, art-making, spirituality, gender identity, pets, health, disability, cooking, activism, gardening, sports, and all endeavors of life that bi people do.

Short stories should be of reasonable length and preferably in Word. Book will be 200-300 pages, so your story should be approx maximum 15,000 words/30 pages...but if it is that long it better be amazing. We are more concerned with good writing than length...something can usually be worked out.

Deadline has not yet been imposed, but we can't wait to see your work! We plan to submit to traditional publishers: therefore we need to gather some material for the proposal. However if all else fails we will self-publish.

Title page of manuscript should have in the upper left corner or centered on top:

Story title and author's pen name (or legal name if the same) on first line,

Author's legal name, email address, street address and phone number.

Succeeding pages should preferably have across top:
Author's name, abbreviated title, and page # above manuscript.

Submit as attachment along with bio (also as attachment) to:

Sheela Lambert at info@biwriters.org

13. Scholarship for LGBT Health Professions Students Announced

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Health, Education and Research Trust, Inc. (LGBT HEART) is pleased to announce that it has begun accepting applications for the 2006 LGBT HEART Scholarship Fund for the Graduate Health Professions. This dedicated scholarship, now in its second year, is for LGBT-identified students in the graduate-level health professions.

The LGBT HEART Scholarship Fund for the Graduate Health Professions provides supplemental funding for students who have a demonstrated ability in and commitment to affecting change in the LGBT communities through their commitment to working and being educated in the health professions. The program is supported through funds raised by LGBT HEART.

Two students - committed to affecting change in the LGBT community through their education and work in the health professions - will be selected for the scholarships (\$2,000 minimum each), and shall be known as LGBT HEART Scholars. The scholarships are for the academic year beginning September 2006.

This will be the second class of LGBT HEART Scholars, having selected Julie Anne Baker and Brian Hurley as its inaugural recipients in 2005.

"The core of our mission is to advance the health of the LGBT community, and we see no greater way to honor our mission than through that of our future LGBT HEART Scholars," said Manuel Hernandez, MD, President, LGBT HEART.

The 2006 scholarships are open to all LGBT-identified students enrolled in a graduate degree seeking program in the health professions at an accredited college or university in the United States. Students who apply must be US citizens, demonstrate satisfactory academic progress and financial need, and have exhibited leadership traits and have performed community service in the LGBT community.

For application and additional information about the LGBT HEART Scholarship Program for the Graduate Health Professions, visit www.lgbtheart.org.

Send completed applications by June 2, 2006 to:

LGBT HEART, Inc.
LGBT HEART Scholarship Program for the Graduate Health Professions
51 N. 3rd Street, Ste. 331
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Questions? Contact:
scholarships@lgbtheart.org

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