

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS :: FEB. 12–18, 2006

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LGBT RESOURCE CENTER NEWS

1. Social Event: Planet Orange

Please join us on Monday, Feb. 13 at 6:45 pm for some pizza at the LGBT Resource Center. After dinner, we will go as a group to see Anthony Rapp (best known for his work in RENT as Mark Cohen). Tickets are free, courtesy of the LGBT Resource Center, but please remember to bring your SU/SUNY-ESF IDs.

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2. Cancelled: Café Q

Café Q goes on hiatus for the next two weeks to make room for the Totally Fabulous Drag shows on Thursday, Feb. 17 and 23. Join us for the next Café Q on Thursday, March 2 from 8-10 pm.

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3. Teaching Respect for All: Creating Safe Schools for LGBT Students

On Saturday, March 4 from 9 am-4:30 pm, the LGBT Resource Center cosponsors "Teaching Respect for All: Creating Safe Schools for LGBT Students," a free day-long series of educational workshops that will provide knowledge and tools to successfully

create a school culture where all people are respected, free to express themselves, and able to reach their full potential. The training is for current teachers and administrators, students, pre-service educators, parents, and community members interested in ending anti-gay bias and harassment in schools.

Held at the Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society Church at 3800 E. Genesee Street, trained facilitators from GLSEN Rochester will facilitate these session with the participation and support of local students, faculty, parents, and community members. GLSEN Rochester is the leading local organization dedicated to ending anti-gay bias and harassment in our schools. GLSEN Rochester strives to assure that each member of every school community is valued and respected, regardless of real or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

The conference is free, but registration is required. The priority deadline is Wednesday, Feb. 15. Space is limited to the first 150 registrants. Register online from the Syracuse University LGBT Resource Center Website: <http://students.syr.edu/lgbt/respect/>. For more information or if you are not able to register online, contact the Syracuse University LGBT Resource Center at lgbt@syr.edu or call 443.3983.

Sponsors include: The Syracuse University LGBT Resource Center, PFLAG-Syracuse, Syracuse University School of Education, Syracuse University College of Human Services and Health Professions, The Stonewall Committee, AIDS Community Resources and the Safer Community LGBTQ Youth Center, GLSEN-Rochester, The Rainbow Alliance of Central New York, the Syracuse Teachers Association, and the Syracuse City School District.

Questions? Contact:
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LGBT CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS

4. Meeting: Outrage

Join the Outrage meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 15 from 6:30-8 pm. This meeting will take place in Schine 302 (adjacent to the Panasci Lounge). All members are invited to be a part of a unique art display by having the back of their heads featured in a photo display to to appear in Outrage's transcendgender display February 20-24.

Outrage is putting together a 60-foot long artistic strip of photos of people's heads, around the top of the circular bench in the Schine Atrium. People who sit on the bench will actually be sitting next to the photos. The photos will accompany information about gender expression and GENDA. Essentially, the display asks people to look at how gender affects them and to examine assumptions they may be making about gender.

This art display will be part of Outrage's initiative to pass GENDA, the Gender Expression Non-Discrimination Act, the week of Feb. 20-24. Members will be tabling in Schine on Tuesday, Feb. 21 through Thursday, Feb. 23, and working with other organizations to collect signatures and create awareness for this issue. More information about GENDA is available here: <http://www.prideagenda.org/pride/genda.html>.

You don't need to "play up" a gender to be part of this, meaning you can come as yourself, but if you want to do some gender bending, that's fine too. Remember, these photos are only of your head from the back. This is the first display of its kind in Schine, so definitely consider being a part of it!

Outrage will also be planning petitioning and advertising efforts for transcendgender week, so ALL Outrage members and newcomers are strongly encouraged to attend.

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5. Play: James Baldwin

The Office of Multicultural Affairs, Outrage, and Black Communications Society present "Down from the Mountaintop: A play on James Baldwin" at 7:30 pm in the Schine Underground. Tickets are available at the Schine Box Office for \$3. Parking is available in paid visitor lots.

Written and performed by Tony Award-nominated stage and screen actor Calvin Levels, this one-man play conjures the rich and impassioned life of writer and civil rights activist James Baldwin. Levels paints a vivid picture of Baldwin: his early life in Harlem as a fiery young minister; his struggles as a black homosexual; the publication of his first novel, *Go Tell It On The Mountain*; friendships and rivalries with Richard Wright, Marlon Brando, Truman Capote, William Faulkner, Langston Hughes, and associations with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Medgar Evers, and Malcolm X. This play has received amazing reviews all around the country, so don't miss this!

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6. Meeting: Open Doors

Come to the Open Doors meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 7:30 pm at the LGBT Resource Center. All LGBTQA graduate students are welcome to attend.

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7. Meeting: Pride Union

On Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 9 pm, Pride Union holds its weekly meeting at the LGBT Resource Center. All SU/SUNY-ESF undergraduate students are welcome.

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8. Totally Fabulous Drag Show

The preliminary competition of the Totally Fabulous Drag Show will occur on Thursday, Feb. 16. Tickets will be available at the Schine Box Office.

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SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY NEWS

9. World Record: Most Snow Angels Aimed for Feb. 18

On Saturday, Feb. 18, as part of Syracuse University's Winter Carnival 2006 and the City of Syracuse's Winterfest, students, faculty, staff and the greater Syracuse community are invited to SU's Hendricks Field to help break the Guinness World Record for the most snow angels.

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10. Alternative Spring Break Trip: Houma, Louisiana

The Office of Residence Life and Hendricks Chapel present: Mission Houma. This alternative spring break trip to Houma, Louisiana is planned for March 11-17. The trip is open to 50 Syracuse University and SUNY-ESF students.

The trip is being organized through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) program. Applications are available at all residence hall main desks and Hendricks Chapel.

There is a \$100 non-refundable deposit required for all participants. The first informational meeting will take place on Friday, Feb. 17 at 6:30 pm in the Noble Room of Hendricks Chapel. On Friday, Feb. 17, all applications and deposits are due.

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11. Nominations: Senior Class Marshals

Senior Class Marshals serve as the all-university representatives for graduation and should be distinguished individuals who not only excel in several areas but also exemplify the spirit of the senior class. They will lead the entire commencement procession onto the floor for graduation. Criteria used in determining qualifications for nominees include: scholarship, academic honors, student organization involvement, campus service and community service. An essay and copy of their official Syracuse University transcript are also required.

In order to obtain the best nominees, we would appreciate your help in bringing this information to the attention of qualified students and to your colleagues. Applicants MUST be current juniors who will be graduating in May of 2007.

Please note that the deadline for application is Friday, March 10, 2006 at 5 pm. The completed forms should be returned to: Ryan Barker, Assistant Director of Student Affairs, Office of the Senior Vice President for Student Affairs, 306 Steele Hall.

The application is available online at <http://students.syr.edu/osvp/index.html>.

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12. Speaker: Anthony Rapp

Anthony Rapp, best known for originating the role of Mark Cohen in the Tony Award-winning rock opera, RENT, will speak on Monday, Feb 13 at 7:30 pm in Goldstein Auditorium.

A musical about Bohemians in the East Village of New York City, Rent explores the struggle with life, love and AIDS, and the impacts they have on America. He shared an OBIE Award with the rest of the cast for his performance.

During his lecture titled "Without You: A Memoir of Love, Loss, and the Musical RENT." Rapp will discuss what its like being an actor and how the themes of RENT; AIDS, homosexuality, death, have all played a role in his life and what role each plays in American culture. He will share his experiences with RENT as well as his personal struggle with losing his mother to cancer.

Rapp's book is being released the same night of his lecture and will be available for purchase.

Tickets are on sale at the Schine Box Office.

13. Speaker: Kimberly Springer

The Black History Month Commemorative Lecture will be delivered Monday, Feb. 13 by Kimberly Springer, professor of American studies at King's College London and renowned expert on race, gender and African American feminism.

"Sisters in Struggle: Honoring the Legacy of Rosa Parks and Black Women's Activism" is the theme of Syracuse University's celebration of Black History Month. The event will take place at 5:30 p.m., Grant Auditorium, College of Law, with parking in Irving Garage.

In her presentation, Springer will address the themes outlined in her most recent books, "Still Lifting, Still Climbing: African American Women's Contemporary Activism," which will be available at the SU Bookstore prior to the event, and her new book "Living for the Revolution: Black Feminist Organizations, 1968-1980." Springer has been honored for her scholarship with awards from the Woodrow Wilson Foundation and the American Association of University Women.

REGIONAL NEWS

14. Screening: "Brother Outsider: The Life of Bayard Rustin"

On Thursday, Feb. 16, Onondaga Community College presents the film, "Brother Outsider: The Life of Bayard Rustin." The movie details the life of a great gay civil rights leader and member of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s inner circle. Showing at Storer Auditorium at OCC, the movie will play at 2 and 7 pm.

For details about the film, check out: http://www.rustin.org/about_film.html.

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NATIONAL NEWS

15. Submissions: Gertrude Journal

Gertrude Journal, the annual international literary publication of Portland-based Gertrude Press, has been giving a voice to LGBTQ writers since 1999. Gertrude Press is a nonprofit organization showcasing and developing the creative talents of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer-identified, and allied individuals.

This year, the press will be publishing limited-edition poetry and fiction collections from selected queer-identified and allied authors. Winners will be selected in both categories and will receive a \$50 cash prize, plus 50 copies of the chapbook.

Submissions should be postmarked by Tuesday, Feb. 28 and should include a \$10 entry fee. Full contest rules and information on subscribing can be found at www.gertrudepress.org.

16. Communications Scholarship

Applications for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force journalism internship/scholarship program are currently being accepted. Up to \$10,000 will be awarded to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender journalism/communications students. The deadline is Feb. 24. Self-identified LGBT undergraduate college students who plan to pursue a degree in journalism, communications or a related field at an accredited 4-year college or university are encouraged to apply.

The Messenger-Anderson Scholarship Award is \$5,000 for the first year, followed by \$2,500 each year for the next two years, bringing the award total to \$10,000. Applicants must re-apply each year. Winners are required to participate in an 8-week Messenger-Anderson Scholarship Intern Program at the Task Force's New York City office during the summer. The postmark deadline for applications is Friday, Feb. 24.

The Messenger-Anderson Scholarships allow students to hone their skills in several areas of communications practice. Responsibilities include writing and editing press releases, updating Web site materials, tracking and archiving news coverage of the Task Force, researching media opportunities and assisting with rapid response to breaking stories. Successful candidates should have strong communication skills, both written and oral; be prepared to work in a fast-paced, newsroom-like environment; and demonstrate a desire and commitment to work in a multicultural environment where commitment to diversity is an important institutional value.

Applications may be downloaded at: www.thetaskforce.org/aboutus/messenger.cfm.

Women and people of color encouraged to apply.

17. Three Brave Youth Needed

The Colin Higgins Foundation is requesting nominations for its annual Youth Courage Awards. Each year the Colin Higgins Foundation salutes individuals who demonstrate courage in the face of adversity and discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Many LGBTQ Youth grow up in family, school and community environments that threaten their well being. They may find themselves ostracized, marginalized, in

psychological or even physical danger. Colin Higgins Foundation Courage Award winners rise above such circumstances to inspire others by taking action, rallying support, or openly facing the systems and individuals that have taken a stand against them.

This year the Foundation will be awarding \$10,000 grants to three individuals who are either: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Questioning youth (through age 24) who have bravely stood up to hostility and intolerance based on their sexual orientation and triumphed over bigotry; or Allies (through age 24) who are working to end homophobia and discrimination against LGBTQ communities.

The Foundation encourages all nominations to be made via the online submission tool: <http://www.colinhiggins.org/courageawards/>"www.colinhiggins.org/courageawards.

18. National Center for Transgender Equality Internship Opportunities

NCTE has internship opportunities for the Fall of 2006. Internships are unpaid but we will work with the intern's university to assure college credit is received.

Responsibilities include:

- Writing press releases and OpEds
- Organizing trainings and town hall meetings around the US
- Scheduling speaking engagements and trainings conducted by NCTE staff
- Creating organizing and educational materials
- Tracking local and federal legislation
- Providing assistance to transgender activists in both in-district and DC
- lobby visits
- General office support

Qualifications:

- Experience with internet research
- Knowledge of the transgender community
- Commitment to transgender organizing and activism
- Able to work independently

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