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LGBT RESOURCE CENTER NEWS

1. Location Change: Teaching Respect for All Conference

The Teaching Respect For All: Creating Safe Schools for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Students scheduled for Saturday, March 4, 2006 from 9 am-4:30 pm has been moved to Syracuse University to accommodate the incredible amount of people who wish to attend.

Registration (9 am) and the Opening Session (9:30 am) will now take place in Gifford Auditorium in the H.B. Crouse Building (also known as "HBC") on the main Quad on North Campus. Two of the afternoon breakout sessions will be in the Hall of Languages (right next door) and one will remain in Gifford Auditorium.

Free parking will be available in the Irving Garage. Directions and maps are available on the SU Parking Services Website (<http://parking.syr.edu/>). Click on "Directions and Maps." Scroll down to directions by lot. Click on Irving Garage for directions depending on where you are coming from.

From the Irving Garage, walk toward the left side of the Carrier Dome and make your way to the Quad. H.B. Crouse will be a short brick building on the left side of the Quad when standing in front of Hendricks Chapel. We will have signs directing you from Irving Garage to H.B. Crouse. You can view a campus map of North Campus from the Parking Services website.

Individuals with disabilities who require parking closer to the venue should contact lgbt@syr.edu so arrangements can be made.

Thanks for your patience and understanding.

2. Planet Orange

Have you felt tired, out of focus, anxious, or stressed lately? You're not alone! Stress and anxiety are experienced by everyone - how you deal with it makes a huge difference. Please join Planet Orange on Monday, Feb. 27 at 7 pm for our guest presenter, Mariah Pfeiffer from the SU Counseling Center. Learn some quick tips and mental exercises to help you cope and respond to stress...it will be time well spent!

All SU/SUNY-ESF students, faculty, and staff are welcome.

Questions? Contact:

Adrea Jaehnig, 443.3983, aljaehni@syr.edu

Amit Taneja, 443.3983, ataneja@syr.edu

3. Café Q

Café Q returns this week on Thursday, March 2 at 8 pm with “Destress at the Sock Hop.” Join your hip-cat hosts, Lauren and Jay, as they whip up coffee-flavored malts, hold “Twist” dance contests, and raffle off gift certificates to the local bowling alley. Bring your favorite vintage records, because they’ll be spinning Elvis Presley, Chubby Checker, Nat King Cole, Nina Simone and other legends all night long.

Questions? Contact:

Lauren Adamski, 443.3983, lbadamsk@syr.edu

Jay Tifone, 443.3983, jmtifone@syr.edu

4. Fusion

The next Fusion meeting will be Thursday, March 2 from 6-8 pm at the LGBT Resource Center. At this event, we will learn how to make sushi! (Vegetarian and vegan sushi options will be available.) Karaoke and games will also be available.

This event is free and open to LGBT students, faculty, and staff of color to gather and celebrate the diversity within the LGBT community. In order to assist us in ordering the right amount of food supplies, please RSVP to Amit Taneja (ataneja@syr.edu) by noon on Wednesday, March 1.

Questions? Contact:

Tanya Bowen, 443.4715, tsbowen@syr.edu

Amit Taneja, 443.3092, ataneja@syr.edu

LGBT CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS

5. Meeting: Outrage

Come to the Outrage meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 9:15 pm at the LGBT Resource Center. All LGBTQA undergraduate and graduate students, staff, and faculty are welcome to attend.

Questions? Contact:
Brian Stout, brstout@syr.edu

6. Meeting: Open Doors

Come to the Open Doors meeting on Wednesday, March 1 at 7:30 pm at the LGBT Resource Center. All LGBTQA graduate students are welcome to attend.

Questions? Contact:
John David Molesky, jdmolesk@syr.edu

7. Meeting: Pride Union

On Wednesday, March 1 at 9 pm, Pride Union holds its weekly meeting at the LGBT Resource Center. All SU/SUNY-ESF undergraduate students are welcome.

Questions? Contact:
Jen Spinner, jaspinne@syr.edu

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY NEWS

8. Self-Defense Seminar Offered

The Office of Off-Campus Student Services (OCSS) is proud to present the first Self-Defense Seminar for off-campus students, which will be held Tuesday, Feb. 28 from 7-9 pm at the Westcott Community Center, 826 Euclid Avenue.

Participants will learn about self-defense as a set of awareness, assertiveness and verbal confrontation skills, combined with safety strategies and physical techniques designed to help someone recognize, avoid, escape, and defend against a potentially violent attack, with the goal of survival. This seminar will strive to empower attendees by providing options, techniques, and ways of analyzing situations, understanding that the final decision of how to act rests with the individual. Audience participation will be encouraged for all topics covered.

Space is limited and assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, with a registration deadline of Tuesday, Feb. 21.

Questions? Contact:
OCSS, 443.5489, ocsserv@syr.edu

9. Otto Joins SU's "Race for the Cure" Team

Syracuse University students, faculty, staff, alumni, friends and family members are invited to join Otto in supporting the University's 2006 Susan G. Komen CNY Race for the Cure team. This year's race to fight breast cancer will be held on May 13 at the

New York State Fairgrounds. The SU team will be led by Otto, who is featured on the SU Team Shirt. The shirt, which was designed by Emily Davenport, a senior in SU's College of Visual and Performing Arts, will be available for sale in the SU Bookstore beginning in March.

Proceeds from the race and the sale of the SU Team Shirt will benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation CNY Affiliate, which has awarded more than \$1.8 million dollars to non-profit, breast health-care organizations in Central New York. Proceeds also support the national Komen Foundation Award and Research Grant program, which funds groundbreaking breast cancer research, meritorious awards, and scientific and educational conferences around the world.

There are lots of ways to join the fun and help support breast cancer research, education, and outreach activities:

- Join the SU team and run or walk the race. Those who join the SU team by March 19 will be automatically registered in a drawing for a pair of tickets to the Billy Joel concert, March 25 at the Carrier Dome. Joining the team can be done on the Web at <http://suraceforthecure.syr.edu>.
- Donate to Otto or to another SU Race for the Cure team member. Those donating \$10 to Otto will be registered in a drawing for a basketball autographed by the SU men's basketball team. Contributions can be made on the Web at <http://suraceforthecure.syr.edu>.
- Sleep for the Cure. A Sleep-In For the Cure participant is a person who supports the cause, but is unable to participate the day of the event. Participants will receive a sleep shirt in the mail. Information is available on the Web at <http://komencny.org/komen/race06sleepin.htm>. You can join the SU team as a Sleep for the Cure participant.

In addition, SU students and staff, and volunteers from the CNY Komen Foundation will be at a table in the Schine Student Center Atrium from 10 am-4 pm on Thursday, March 9 to provide information about the Race for the Cure and to collect used cell phones and PDAs for recycling. Proceeds from the recycled equipment will benefit the Komen Foundation.

10. Alternative Spring Break Trip: Houma, Louisiana

Join your favorite *Weekly Announcements* editor for a spring break trip you'll never forget.

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. The total cost of the trip is \$125.

Questions? Contact:

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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>.

Questions? Contact:

Ryan J. Barker, 443.4357, rjbarker@syr.edu

12. Applications Available: University Judicial Board

The University Judicial Board/Peer Education Team would like to extend an offer to apply for a position as a member of the University Judicial Board/Peer Education Team for the 2006-2007 academic year.

Applications are available in 310 Steele Hall, or by contacting Patrick McPeak at plmcpeak@syr.edu. Completed applications should be returned to 310 Steel Hall by Friday, March 24.

Questions? Contact:

Patrick McPeak, plmcpeak@syr.edu

REGIONAL NEWS

13. Free and Confidential HIV Testing

Do you know the fastest-growing segments of the U.S. HIV/AIDS epidemic?

- Blacks: 12 percent of U.S. population -- but 54 percent of new HIV cases
- Women: More than 25 percent of new AIDS cases
- Black Women: 13 times more likely to contract HIV than white women
- Black Women Ages 25-34: AIDS is the leading cause of death
- Youth Under 25: Account for at least 50 percent of new HIV cases

Get a FREE and confidential rapid HIV test at the Southwest Community Center, 401 South Avenue on Tuesday, Feb. 28 from 9 am-3 pm. Snacks and giveaways will be available.

Can't make this date? Call 800.562.9423 anytime to arrange a free anonymous HIV test.

Questions? Contact:
Central New York HIV Care Network, 472.8099

14. Contributors Needed: Women's Conference

Students and faculty members at SUNY Cortland are sponsoring a women's issues conference on Saturday, April 8, 2006. Prof. Elizabeth Fraser, one of the conference organizers, is looking for help from SU/SUNY-ESF students, staff, and faculty interested in brainstorming, organizing, or presenting a workshop on the experiences of women who are classified as butch or androgynous. The purpose of this workshop is to raise awareness of these women's issues.

Questions? Contact:
Elizabeth Fraser, 607.753.2992, frasere@cortland.edu

15. 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

16. Film Screening: "A Closer Walk"

The GRADS Project will show the film "A Closer Walk" for FREE on Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 7 pm at the Palace Theater (2384 James Street).

Questions? Contact:
1.800.475.2430, GRADS@aidscommunityresources.com

17. Syracuse Gay and Lesbian Chorus Rehearsals

The Syracuse Gay and Lesbian Chorus will begin rehearsals on Monday, Feb. 27 for the upcoming Pride Concert in June. Rehearsals are held each Monday at Plymouth Congregational Church (232 Onondaga Street).

From Monday, Feb. 27-March 20, rehearsals will be held from 7-8:15 pm and then from April 3-the month of May rehearsals will be held from 7-9:15 pm. New members are welcome on Monday, Feb. 27, March 6 and March 13. Membership is \$40/season with scholarships readily available.

Questions? Contact:
The Chorus Line, 476.4329

NATIONAL NEWS

18. Survey: LGBTQ Students of Color

A team of college student affairs professionals wishes to explore the experiences of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning (LGBTQ) students of color on college campuses. The survey should take students approximately 20 minutes to complete, and the response deadline is Wednesday, March 1. Results will be confidential.

The link to the survey is: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=856571789440>

Data gathered from the survey will be shared with student affairs colleagues who attend a convention program entitled, "(In)Visible Minority: Racism and Homophobia Among LGBT People of Color." The program will be presented at the American College Personnel Association, College Student Educators International, Annual Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, on Tuesday, March 21.

Questions? Contact:

RJ Holmes, 319.895.4574, rholmes@cornellcollege.edu

Monica Nixon, 315.228.7330, mnixon@colgate.edu

19. Queer Jewish Student Conference 2006

The National Union of Jewish Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Queer, and Questioning Students is proud to announce that the 9th Annual NUJLS Conference taking place at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut March 31-April 2.

NUJLS (pronounced NOO-jles) is a group of college students, alumni, and other young people from across North America and around the world who, since 1998, have held an annual conference on issues negotiated by Jewish LGBTIQQ communities. These conferences have been held across the continent as a forum for discussion and networking.

NUJLS welcomes all LGBTIQQ Jews and their allies to join us in a weekend of celebration and learning. This is a conference that has changed lives forever and has built countless life-long friendships. The conference registration fee is \$80, but scholarships are readily available. Additionally, NUJLS is pleased to offer travel subsidies to those in need and housing for all conference attendees.

Instant online conference registration is available at the website: www.nujlsonline.org.

Questions? Contact:

Daniel Heller, 800.50.NUJLS, conference@nujls2006.org

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