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LGBT RESOURCE CENTER NEWS

1. Speaker: Thomas Glave

Join us on Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 7 pm in the Shemin Auditorium (Shaeffer Art Building) for a reading and conversation with author Thomas Glave. His recently released book, *Words To Our Now: Imagination and Dissent*, has been described as an intensely personal and political confrontation with prejudice, hatred, and violence. Glave draws on his experiences as a politically committed, gay Jamaican-American to deliver a searing condemnation of the prejudices, hatreds, and inhumanities that persist in the United States and elsewhere as both official policy and social reality.

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experiments with language and form, blurring the lines between fiction and nonfiction, to provide a compelling model of creative writing as a tool for social change and humanity.

From the death of black gay poet Essex Hemphill to the revelations of abuse at Abu Ghraib, Glave puts forth a deeply moral and ethical understanding of human rights to make vital connections across nations, races, genders, and sexualities.

Thomas Glave is an Assistant Professor in the Department of English, General Literature, and Rhetoric at SUNY-Binghamton University and an accomplished creative writer and activist. Thomas Glave is author of *Whose Song?* and *Other Stories and Words To Our Now: Imagination and Dissent* recently released by the University of Minnesota Press in October 2005.

For more information on his latest book:

http://www.upress.umn.edu/Books/G/glave_words.html

Co-sponsors:

- LGBT Resource Center
- Student Affairs Diversity Programming Grant
- African American Studies Department
- Black Artist League
- Black Communications Society
- Caribbean Student Association
- The Creative Writing Program
- Fusion (LGBT POC group)
- Office of Multicultural Affairs
- Open Doors
- Outrage
- Pride Union
- Students Offering Service/Hendricks Chapel
- University Senate Committee on LGBT Concerns
- The Writing Program

Questions? Contact:

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2. Meeting: Planet Orange

What exactly is your personality type? How does your personality influence your work, school, dating? What type of people are you most compatible with?

Come and join us for a short assessment of your personality using the Myers Briggs Personality Inventory. Learn more about yourself, and others too at the next Planet Orange on Monday Feb. 6 from 7-9 pm at the LGBT Resource Center.

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3. Social Event: Planet Orange Goes to Anthony Rapp Speech

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/ESF IDs.

Questions? Contact:

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4. Café Q

Join your friends for this week's edition of Café Q on Thursday, Feb. 9 from 8-10 pm. This week's theme is "Drag Edition," to drum up support for the next two weeks' Totally Fabulous Drag shows. Come down dressed in drag or as yourself, we'll be raffling off tickets to the shows; as always, we'll supply the coffee, food, and music.

Questions? Contact:

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5. 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 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 sessions 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 and registration is required. The priority deadline is 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:
The LGBT Resource Center, 443.3983, lgbt@syr.edu

LGBT CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS

6. Meeting: Outrage

Come to the Outrage meeting on Monday, Feb. 6 from 9-10 pm at Schine 302. This is a really important meeting because members will be preparing for the James Baldwin play and also starting to make the transcendergender display.

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

7. Meeting: Open Doors

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

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

8. Meeting: Pride Union

On Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 9 pm, Pride Union holds its weekly meeting at the LGBT Resource Center. All SU/SUNY-ESF undergraduate students are welcome.

Questions? Contact:
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SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY NEWS

9. Approved: LGBT Studies Minor

The University Senate Curriculum Committee report containing the creation of an LGBT Studies Minor was moved, seconded, and approved without comment or dissent on Jan. 18, 2006. For more information, go to: <http://thecollege.syr.edu/depts/lgbt/>

10. 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.

11. Disability and Identity: Rethinking Normalcy

On Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 4 pm in Eggers Hall, Room 200, Dr. Lennard J. Davis presents a talk entitled, "Disability and Identity: Rethinking Normalcy."

Davis is professor of English in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and professor of Disability Studies and Human Development in the College of Health and Human Development Sciences, University of Illinois at Chicago.

This lecture is sponsored by the Center on Human Policy, Law, and Disability Studies; the Beyond Compliance Coordinating Committee (BCCC); the School of Education; Cultural Foundations of Education; the Department of History; the Disability Law and Policy Program; the Disability Studies Program; the English Department; the LGBT Studies Program; the Public Interest Law Firm (PILF); the School of Social Work and Women's Studies.

12. Job Openings: Student Centers and Programming Services

Student Centers and Programming Services (SCPS) seeks work-study students who enjoy interacting with people, have good computer skills and strong organizational skills.

The Schine Information Center and Event Scheduling position serves dual functions. First, as the Schine Information Center attendant, the student will serve as a primary resource for information, services, and material for students, guests, staff, and faculty. Second, when working in Event Scheduling, the student will assist all members of the university to schedule space on campus.

The Information Center and Event Scheduling position pays \$6.75/hour.

Basic Qualifications

- Must be in good judicial standing with the university
- Previous customer service experience
- Strong organizational, communication, and decision-making skills
- Good computer skills
- General knowledge of the university

Responsibilities

- Meet weekly with the Professional Staff Supervisor and Student Team to discuss issues, upcoming events, and continue training
- Assist members of the university in person, by email, and by phone to address questions and schedule space on campus.
- Organizing and filing information about scheduled events
- Set up meetings for professional staff with students and administrators

- Create room diagrams for scheduled event setups
- Take kiosk posters up and down in the atrium
- Oversee atrium tables
- Other duties as assigned

To Apply:

Please send your résumé and class/meeting schedule for spring semester (as an email attachment) to Heather Strine (hjstrine@syr.edu).

Questions? Contact:

Heather Strine, hjstrine@syr.edu

13. Student/Faculty/Community Art Show

Students Advancing Sexual Safety and Empowerment (SASSE) and The Committee on Women and Art (CWA) are sponsoring an Art Show as part of the Matrilineage Symposium and V-Week, the week prior to The Vagina Monologues.

The groups invite you to attend the art show opening at the Spark Contemporary Art Space (1005 East Fayette Street) on Thursday, Feb. 9 at 7 pm. All donations will benefit Vera House, SU Rape Crisis Center, Planned Parenthood of CNY, Chadwick Residence, and V-Day International. Food and drinks will be provided.

Questions? Contact:

Melissa J. Kleinman, 443.3728, mjkleinm@syr.edu

14. New MyMail Email System

More than 1,000 Syracuse University students have discovered MyMail, the University's new Web-based e-mail system that will eventually replace OrangeMail.

MyMail is now available for everyone who uses OrangeMail. Students are encouraged to migrate from OrangeMail to MyMail as early in the spring semester as possible. Further information is available on the Information Technology and Services/Computing and Media Services (ITS/CMS) Web site at <http://cms.syr.edu/email/mymail>.

Questions? Contact:

ITS/CMS, 443.2677, consult@syr.edu

REGIONAL NEWS

15. Black History Month Lecture

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.

16. 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.

Questions? Contact:

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NATIONAL NEWS

17. Memoriam: Coretta Scott King

The LGBT community mourns the loss of Coretta Scott King, who passed away in her sleep on Monday, Jan. 30. King was a true pioneer for the rights of all people, regardless of nationality, citizenship, sexual orientation, gender, race or creed. She will be missed by countless individuals who relished her indefatigable faith, her myriad contributions to equal rights struggles, and her passion for eradicating injustice.

One of this nation's greatest advocates for social justice, King will long be remembered for her resilience in the face of blinding inhumanity, as well as her unwavering commitment to the vision of a more humane society. Her commitment to human rights was matched only by her determination to preserve, defend and extend the legacy of her deceased husband, Martin Luther King, Jr.

18. Red Cross Blood Drives Can Go On, University of Vermont Rules

(Burlington Free Press) American Red Cross blood drives can continue on the campus of the University of Vermont (UVM) despite a complaint from the campus affirmative action office that ARC is in violation of the university's non-discrimination policy.

Kathryn Friedman, executive director of the affirmative action office, recommended that ARC's blood drives be banned from campus after a former UVM student complained that the school was allowing discrimination against gay men by permitting the events.

ARC has maintained that the Food and Drug Administration will not allow it to accept blood from sexually active gay men. Among other questions asked prior to blood collection is whether the prospective donor is "a male who has had sexual contact with another male, even once, since 1977." When FDA last considered changing the policy, in 2000, a panel of specialists voted 7-6 to retain the ban.

"Donating blood is an individual choice and action, not rising to the definition of protected activity in the case of discrimination or equal protection," UVM Vice President for Administration Michael Gower wrote in his response to Friedman. "Given the chronic insufficiency of the blood supply locally, to cut off a regular and reliable 'supply' from our students would be an unacceptable position for the University to take. I see the need to take steps to encourage more donations, not impose additional barriers." Gower said he thinks the policy is out of date but this is not the fault of ARC.

The policy is also an issue on other campuses. Student government at the University of Maine has voted to ban ARC blood drives at its Orono campus. Last year, the student senate at the University of New Hampshire passed a resolution calling on ARC and FDA to revise their policies.

19. 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.

20. 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.

21. 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.

22. Submissions for queer.

queer., the only undergraduate literary and cultural journal related to queerness, is accepting submissions for a winter 2006 release. queer. is an international publication with editors at colleges and universities across the U.S. Its distribution covers about 20 schools and its entire content is posted on the Internet at www.queer-journal.com.

The editors seek submissions for:

(re)actions - concise and powerful statements of no more than 800 words* reacting to the current issue's main topic by, for example, complicating related questions, deconstructing them, or clarifying them

reflections - more personal pieces of no more than 800 words* expressed through the forms of poetry, fiction, and visual arts and echoing or resonating with the current issue's main topic

* longer essays or reflection pieces will of course be considered, but only a section may be used

Topic for winter '06: Sex. This issue will deal with the act of queer sex as it is experienced and defined by undergraduates. Submissions can pose related questions or work with the following for ideas:

- Does queer sex exist?
- Is queer sex a different kind of sex?
- What kinds of queer sex do young people have?
- What kinds do they not have?
- Is the queer sex of young people policed differently than heteronormative sex?
- Is queer sex delimited to certain spaces?
- Can we, as an undergraduate queer community of writers and thinkers, really talk about the sex we have?
- Can queer sex be valued in and of itself, divorced from the heterosexual imperative to define our public and private lives the way mainstream heterosexual culture does?

queer. will also be continually accepting submissions, in the formats above, for future issues on the following topics and the questions they pose – Health, class, internet. The objective of the next four issues is for undergraduates to think more clearly and forcefully about the queer issues important to us.

Submit your work for the Sex issue by Tuesday, Jan. 31 by e-mailing it to mail@queer-journal.com. Only submissions from undergraduates will be accepted. All submissions must be in English or accompanied by an English translation.

Be a part of an internationally informed dialogue on queer issues.

If you are interested in becoming a queer. Intercollegiate Editor for your school, please contact us at mail@queer-journal.com ASAP. (queer. Intercollegiate Editors solicit submissions, distribute the journal, and generally promote the publication and our website: www.queer-journal.com. Editors will receive recognition on the journal's masthead.)

Questions? Contact:

Michael Amico, michael.amico@dartmouth.edu

23. 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

Questions? Contact:

National Center for Transgender Equality, 202.903.0112, ncte@nctequality.org

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