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### LGBT RESOURCE CENTER NEWS

#### **1. Meeting: Fusion**

The first meeting of Fusion will be held on Thursday, Feb. 2 at 6 pm in the LGBT Resource Center. Fusion is a group for LGBT students, faculty, and staff of color to gather and celebrate the diversity within the LGBT community. Join us for a free family-style dinner and good conversation!

The discussion topic for this gathering is "Living with homophobia," and we will be enjoying some fine Asian cuisine (it's free!).

In order to assist us in ordering the right amount of food, please RSVP to Amit Taneja ([ataneja@syr.edu](mailto:ataneja@syr.edu)) by noon on Wednesday, Feb. 1. Come as you are, and feel free to tell a friend!

Questions? Contact:

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## **2. Meeting: Planet Orange**

Please join us at the LGBT Resource Center as we kick off our first Planet Orange discussion on Monday, Jan 30 from 7-9 pm.

This week's topic: "There's no one on TV like me: Media (mis)representation of the queer community." Together, we'll explore how LGBT people are represented in the media (TV, print, news, movies), who is included and who is not, and how does the media impact the LGBT community and LGBT rights.

Cosi St.-Phard will be our guest presenter.

Questions? Contact:

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## **3. Café Q**

Join your friends for this week's edition of Café Q on Thursday, Feb. 2 from 8-10 pm. This week's theme is "Unwind," so come down for new coffee blends, great food, and soothing music (we promise to refrain from muzak).

Questions? Contact:

Jay Tifone, 443.3983, [jmtifone@syr.edu](mailto:jmtifone@syr.edu)

## **4. 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 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 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](mailto: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](mailto:lgbt@syr.edu)

## **LGBT CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS**

### **5. Meeting: Outrage**

On Tuesday, Jan. 31 at 9:15 pm, Outrage holds its weekly meeting at the LGBT Resource Center. All SU/SUNY-ESF undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, and staff members are welcome.

Questions? Contact:

Brian Stout, [brstout@syr.edu](mailto:brstout@syr.edu)

### **6. Social Event: Open Doors**

Come to the Open Doors meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 1 at 7:30 pm at the Inn Complete. All LGBTQA graduate students are welcome to attend.

Questions? Contact:

John David Molesky, [jdmolesk@syr.edu](mailto:jdmolesk@syr.edu)

### **7. Meeting: Pride Union**

On Wednesday, Feb. 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](mailto:jaspinne@syr.edu)

## **SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY NEWS**

### **8. 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.

### **9. Brown Bag Luncheon: "Choosing" an Identity**

Please join the Brown Bag Luncheon Series on Wednesday, Feb. 1, organized by the Center on Human Policy, Law, and Disability Studies and the Cultural Foundations of Education Department of the School of Education.

The purpose of the series is to bring together faculty and graduate students from throughout the campus to talk about how society defines, regulates, and how some people and disciplines also resist, "normalcy." This month's discussion on "choosing" an identity includes speakers Barbara Applebaum (Education), Minnie-Bruce Pratt (Writing Program), and Michael Schwartz (Law).

Questions? Contact:

Beth Ferri, [bafferri@syr.edu](mailto:bafferri@syr.edu)

### **10. Job Openings: The Daily Orange**

The Daily Orange is now looking for writers for sports, news, feature, opinions and 315, photographers, illustrators, and graphic artists. If interested, please contact:

- News: [news.dailyorange@gmail.com](mailto:news.dailyorange@gmail.com)
- Feature: [pulp.dailyorange@gmail.com](mailto:pulp.dailyorange@gmail.com)
- Opinion: [opinions.dailyorange@gmail.com](mailto:opinions.dailyorange@gmail.com)
- Sports: [sports.dailyorange@gmail.com](mailto:sports.dailyorange@gmail.com)
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- Photo: [photo.dailyorange@gmail.com](mailto:photo.dailyorange@gmail.com)
- 315: [315@gmail.com](mailto:315@gmail.com)

Questions? Contact:

The Daily Orange management, 443.9798

### **11. 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](mailto:hjstrine@syr.edu)).

Questions? Contact:

Heather Strine, [hjstrine@syr.edu](mailto:hjstrine@syr.edu)

## **12. Images of Sport: The Evolving Face of Sport, Race, and Nation**

Dr. Fernando Delgado, dean of the College of Graduate Studies and Research at Minnesota State University—Mankato, presents a talk entitled “Images of sport: The evolving face of sport, race, and nation” on Tuesday, Jan. 31 from 12:30-1:50 pm in Maxwell 060.

Delgado’s research cuts across rhetorical criticism and public address, intercultural communication, and media studies, and into areas such as sociology of sport. His work often focuses on issues of identity and ethnicity, specifically in Latino communities.

Questions? Contact:

Dr. Bernadette Marie Calafell, 443.5138, [bcalafel@syr.edu](mailto:bcalafel@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.

SASSE and CWA invite you to submit any feminist art (any creative piece that celebrates females, critiques political or economic norms as women, etc) including paintings, drawings, sculptures, metals, fibers, collages, photos, collaborations, writing (original vagina monologues welcome), musical or short theatrical performances, etc. Feminists of all genders are encouraged to submit and attend!

The groups also 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 to perform or display your work. 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.

Submissions are due by Friday, Feb. 3. Please contact [vdaysyracuse@yahoo.com](mailto:vdaysyracuse@yahoo.com) to submit, for more info, or to help out.

Questions? Contact:

Melissa J. Kleinman, 443.3728, [mjkleinm@syr.edu](mailto: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](mailto:consult@syr.edu)

#### **15. National African-American Read-In**

The Writing Program's Diversity Committee, in conjunction with the Black Caucus of the National Council of Teachers of English, is sponsoring the 17th National African-American Read-In. The goal of this Read-In is to focus special attention on African-American literacy during Black History Month. To be a part of this program and be counted among the many, you simply must agree to read the selected text and meet with the reading group on a designated day for a lively and engaging discussion. The NCTE Black Caucus would like to register one million readers. Let's help them reach their goal!

The selected text for this year's Read-In is "Collected Essays" by James Baldwin. The discussion group will meet on Sunday, Feb. 5 in HBC 239, time TBA. Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information and to sign-up, please contact Elisa Norris ([emnorris@syr.edu](mailto:emnorris@syr.edu)). If you are going to participate in the Read-In, don't waste any time: buy your copy of James Baldwin's Collected Essays and start reading today.

Bookmarks are available for those who sign-up early.

## **REGIONAL NEWS**

#### **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](http://www.rustin.org/about_film.html).

Questions? Contact:

Mary Traynor, 475.3127, [mtraynor@wnylc.com](mailto:mtraynor@wnylc.com)

### **17. Syracuse Gay and Lesbian Chorus (SGLC) 15th Anniversary Rehearsals**

Rehearsals for SGLC's 15th Anniversary Concert at Syracuse Stage run from 7-9:15 pm each Monday evening for the March 25th Concert. The chorus is open to those over 18 who wish an opportunity to sing in a comfortable environment. For this special one-night concert the Chorus will be joined by the Rochester Gay Men's Chorus and jazz group, The Nines.

Questions? Contact:

The Chorus Line, 476.4329, [www.syrqlc.org](http://www.syrqlc.org)

## **NATIONAL NEWS**

### **18. Washington State Prohibits Discrimination Based on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity**

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force hailed the Washington state Senate's passage last week of a statewide bill banning discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. Advocates have worked for 30 years to pass the bill, which failed by just one vote in the Senate last year. On Friday, Jan. 20, the House approved the bill, sending it to the Senate. Republican Sen. Bill Finkbeiner, who voted against the bill last year, earlier this month announced his support of the measure.

"This victory is another watershed moment in the struggle for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights," said Matt Foreman, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "Today, after 30 long years of struggle, the people of Washington state - through their legislature - stood up to the threats, bullying and fear-mongering of the forces of political and religious extremism and said 'NO to discrimination!' With today's victory and those in Maine and Illinois over the last year, 48 percent of the nation's population will now live in a jurisdiction that protects gay people from discrimination. Momentum and time are clearly on our side."

With this vote, Washington becomes the 17th state to extend nondiscrimination protections based on sexual orientation, and the 7th state to extend such protections to transgender people. During the past year, Maine and Illinois passed similar legislation. Now, 48 percent of the nation's population will live in a jurisdiction with a sexual orientation nondiscrimination law. Just 15 years ago, less than 10 percent did so.

### **19. Is "American Idol" homophobic?**

(CNN) Judges Simon Cowell and Randy Jackson made comments that were protested by GLAAD.

The Fox talent show elicited a response from the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) after judges Simon Cowell and Randy Jackson made what the gay rights group deemed questionable comments on last week's premiere episode.

On Tuesday's show, Cowell told one male contestant to "wear a dress" and Jackson asked another, "are you a girl?"

"The real offense here was in the producer's decision to add insult to injury by turning a contestant's gender expression into the butt of a joke," said Damon Ramine, a spokesman for GLAAD, in a statement posted on the group's Web site.

Ramine updated the situation Monday with another statement: "We've spoken with Fox and have entered into what we hope will be a productive, ongoing conversation about the show's representation and discussion of sexual orientation and gender expression."

A spokesman for "American Idol" said that Fox had no comment.

## **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](http://www.thetaskforce.org/aboutus/messenger.cfm).

Women and people of color encouraged to apply.

## **21. 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.queer-journal.com). Editors will receive recognition on the journal's masthead.)

Questions? Contact:

Michael Amico, [michael.amico@dartmouth.edu](mailto:michael.amico@dartmouth.edu)

## **22. 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](mailto:ncte@nctequality.org)

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