

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS :: MARCH 5-11, 2006

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LGBT RESOURCE CENTER NEWS

1. Change: Planet Orange

Planet Orange moves to Tuesday (March 7) for this week only. Join us for a viewing of TransAmerica at Manlius Art Cinema, 135 East Seneca Street. For more information on the movie, please visit: <http://movies.yahoo.com/movie/1808670677/info>.

The cost is \$5 for SU/ESF students, faculty and staff (please remember to bring \$5 cash and your SU/ESF ID with you). If money is an issue, please let Adrea or Amit know and we will cover the entire cost.

We will meet at the LGBT Resource Center at 7:15 pm and carpool to the theater. This event is weather-dependant, since we have to drive about 10 miles to the cinema. In case of inclement weather, we will do a screening of "Priscilla Queen of the Desert" at the LGBT Resource Center.

Please RSVP to ataneja@syr.edu by Tuesday, March 7 at noon. Please note that there will be no Planet Orange meeting on our regularly scheduled time of Monday, March 6.

Questions? Contact:

Amit Taneja, 443.3983, ataneja@syr.edu

2. Café Q: Back to the Beach Edition

Café Q celebrates Spring Break on Thursday, March 9 at 8 pm by going “Back to the Beach.” Join your vacation-ready hosts, Lauren and Jay, as they whip up frozen drinks, hold limbo contests, play tropical music, and raffle off beach gear. Wear your shorts and sandals – the Resource Center’s heat will be cranked up to prepare you for your Spring Break destinations.

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LGBT CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS

3. Meeting: Outrage

There is no Outrage meeting this week.

Questions? Contact:

Brian Stout, brstout@syr.edu

4. Student Association Non-Discrimination Policy

After seeing Outrage’s tabling efforts and transcendgender display last week, Wayne Horton, president of the Syracuse University Student Association, wants to encourage SA to motion to the University Senate to add gender identity/expression to the student non-discrimination policy at Syracuse University. Please show support for this initiative by attending the meeting on Monday, March 6 from 7:30-9 pm at Maxwell Auditorium.

Questions? Contact:

Brian Stout, brstout@syr.edu

5. Meeting: Open Doors

Come to the Open Doors meeting on Tuesday, March 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

6. Meeting: Pride Union

On Wednesday, March 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:

Jen Spinner, jaspinne@syr.edu

7. OutLaw Moot Court Team

The Syracuse University College of Law’s OutLaw Moot Court Team won the Second Annual National Sexual Orientation Law Moot Court Competition Feb. 24 at the UCLA School of Law.

The three-member team argued questions that dealt with the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), the Full Faith and Credit Clause and the Fundamental Right to Marry, and defeated a team from the University of California at Davis. The competition took place before an audience of legal scholars and professionals from across the country, who were attending UCLA's Williams Project Update on issues involving sexual orientation and the law.

The winning SU team consisted of second-year students Kristin Mikolaitis and Joshua Boudreaux and first-year student Olatokunbo Olaniyan, who argued their case before the Hon. Steven H. Levinson, associate justice of the Hawaii Supreme Court. Judge Levinson is the author of *Baehr v. Lewin*, the first case that recognized a fundamental right to marry for same sex couples.

"This competition is a unique and valuable experience for students to test their knowledge of the issues surrounding sexual orientation and the law," says adjunct professor and coach Charles "Casey" M. Sprock Jr., who is also an attorney at the Syracuse firm of Baldwin & Sutphen LLP. "Their strong legal skills impressed some of the leading authorities in our profession."

Other participating law schools included Cornell University, New York University, the University of Connecticut, the University of Southern California and George Washington University. The SU team was sponsored by the College Of Law's Student Senate and SU's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Resource Center.

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY NEWS

8. Women of Influence Awards

The Office of Residence Life invites all members of the University community to submit nominations for the sixth annual Francis McMillan Parks Women of Influence Awards. The awards ceremony will be held on Tuesday, March 28 at 5:30 pm, in the Goldstein Alumni and Faculty Center.

Award winners are selected through a nomination process that highlights distinguished women who have demonstrated sincere efforts in advancing the issues of women and who have worked to enhance the quality of life and educational opportunities of Syracuse University faculty, staff, and students. At least five women will be honored this year, including one from the greater Syracuse community who has served as a role model for students and other members of the University community.

The awards provide an opportunity to recognize and applaud women who are helping to reshape Syracuse University and the community for the better. For some women, this may be the first time that their achievements have received public recognition.

Nomination forms are available at <http://orl.syr.edu> and are due no later than Wednesday, March 8 at noon. Forms and nomination letters should be submitted electronically to Kimberly Williams, residence director, at knwillia@syr.edu.

Questions? Contact:

Kimberly Williams, 443.3002, knwillia@syr.edu

Jennifer Koslovsky, 443.4335
Joshua Hatala, 443.3019

9. "Visionary Women: The Haudenosaunee and the U.S. Women's Rights Movement"

On Tuesday, March 7 at 7 pm at Syracuse Stage (820 E. Genesee St.), Jeanne Shenandoah and Sally Roesch Wagner (bios below) present about the inspiration that early feminists drew from understanding the power and standing Haudenosaunee women had within their societies.

This free and open to the public event is the second program in the collaborative educational series "Onondaga Land Rights and Our Common Future." The series is a collaboration between Syracuse University, SUNY ESF, and various community organizations to educate the public about the Onondaga Nation and their land rights action.

Sally is the executive director of the Matilda Joslyn Gage Foundation and a leading scholar on Gage and the women's suffrage movement. She is the author of *Sisters in Spirit: Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) Influence on Early American Feminists*. She appeared in the PBS documentary "Not For Ourselves Alone: The Story of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony." Sally is a nationally recognized lecturer and performance interpreter of woman's rights history.

Jeanne Shenandoah, Eel Clan from the Onondaga Nation, has been a traditional home birth midwife and herbalist for 23 years. A mother and grandmother, she works at the Onondaga Nation Communications Office, and is "involved with spiritual and political activities of my people and follow the traditional ways." She has spent most of her life involved with people, helping people obtain knowledge to maintain who they are. Jeanne serves on the Haudenosaunee Environmental Task Force and is former Vice President of the Matilda Joslyn Gage Foundation.

Questions? Contact:

Neighbors of the Onondaga Nation, 472.5478, noon@peacecouncil.net

10. "Inclusion Imperative: A Two Day National Conference Honoring Diversity"

The School of Education at Syracuse University is co-sponsoring a conference entitled, "Inclusion Imperative: A Two Day National Conference Honoring Diversity" on April 21 and 22. Keynote speakers will be John Hockenberry, Simi Linton and Gerardine Wurzburg.

Several speakers will explore the interconnections between queer studies and disability studies, including Robert McRuer and Santiago Solis.

This kick-off event for the centennial year celebration of the School of Education at Syracuse University promises to be a great conference! A brochure for can be found at: http://soeweb.syr.edu/cego/193-012-M2006_WEB_PDF.pdf.

The series' first speak will be Jasbir Puar, assistant professor of Women's and Gender Studies at Rutgers University, on March 9 at 4 pm in 341 Eggers Hall. Her talk is on "Biopolitical Intimacy: Lawrence, Sodomy, and Infinite Detention."

The description of the event:

Through a deconstruction of the celebratory readings of the 2003 Lawrence and Garner v. Texas Supreme Court ruling that effectively decriminalized sodomy in the United States, this lecture argues that such readings are only possible through the erasure of contemporary politics of surveillance, racial profiling, detention, and deportation. Re-reading the privacy and intimacy debates of Lawrence through the spatial politics of the war on terror reveals that, not coincidentally, the legislative incorporation of homonormative and queer liberal subjects through discourses of diversity and inclusion collaborates with the demarcations of queerly racialized populations targeted for neglect, disposal, and dying. Further, intimacy for these populations, rather than residing in the private or mismanaged in the public, appears instead through circulating points of exchange and contact within a biopolitical control economy mediated by surveillance, systems of information gathering and monitoring, and aggregations of statistics, such that the spatial and representational public-private domains of liberal personhood remain meaningful only insofar as they demarcate subjects of privilege.

11. 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.

12. 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

13. 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

14. Pride Agenda Marriage Equality Training in Syracuse

Pride Agenda offers a great way to get involved in the fight for marriage equality in New York State by attending upcoming "Marriage Ambassador" trainings.

The trainings are a collaborative effort of Empire State Pride Agenda, ACLU, Lambda Legal, GLAAD and Syracuse University student organizations OutLaw, Outrage, and Pride Union. The trainings consist of a comprehensive, up to the minute legal and political update, media training and skills building workshops.

They are designed to build community and keep the conversation around marriage equality going. As early as this summer the Court could hand down a ruling and we need to be prepared to swing into action. We are looking for people who are interested in making a difference right in their own community by meeting with their elected officials, writing letters to the editor of their local paper, throwing house parties, talking to church and community groups, or who will simply rally when the time comes. There are many ways you can help win marriage in New York State and attending a training is the first step.

The sessions are:

Friday, April 7 from 5:30-8:30 pm at the Genesee Grande Hotel

Saturday, April 8 from 9am-5:30 pm at Syracuse University

These trainings are for:

- Straight Allies
- Community Members
- Parents and Family Members
- Friends
- LGBTQ People
- Students, Faculty, or Staff
- Anyone who wants to make a difference

Please attend both sessions. Hotel information is available upon request. Conference organizers will supply snacks and refreshments on Friday evening and a continental breakfast and lunch on Saturday. A packet of materials will also be provided.

The trainings are free of charge but you must register in advance.

To register please contact Elisabeth Bullard at 212.627.0305 ext.105 or at ebullard@prideagenda.org.

15. 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

16. 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

17. Syracuse Gay and Lesbian Chorus Rehearsals

The Syracuse Gay and Lesbian Chorus began 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. 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

19. HHS removes website for preventative health information of LGBT people

Planned Parenthood writes:

We wanted to inform you of recent censorship by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) involving a website containing preventative health information for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people. The website (<http://ncadi.samhsa.gov/error/updating.asp>) hosted by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), was taken down in January only 11 days after the Family Research Council (FRC) launched an attack on the site through its "Washington Update" email alert, which can be found at www.frc.org/get.cfm?i=WA06A26#WA06A26.

For years, the SAMHSA website has served as a resource to LGBT Americans for information on topics such as substance abuse, youth suicide, ethnic and cultural diversity, social support, violence prevention, and homophobia.

Since hearing about the actions of HHS, Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) has sent a letter to Michael Leavitt, Secretary of HHS, and begun circulating a letter for her colleagues in the House to oppose the website's removal.

Planned Parenthood has joined with coalition partners on this issue to encourage other Members of Congress to join Rep. Baldwin, support the medically accurate information be restored to the website, and stop this disturbing pattern of ignoring accurate information. You will remember that not too long ago HHS put inaccurate information on pregnancy and sexual health on their 4parents.gov website and has in the past removed accurate information around breast cancer, abortion and other issues.

20. Suit: W.Va. Police Chief Denied Gay Man CPR

(AP) A small-town police chief was accused in a federal lawsuit last Thursday of stopping a would-be rescuer from performing CPR on a gay heart attack victim because he assumed the ailing man had HIV and posed a health risk.

Claude Green, 43, died June 21 after being stricken yards from City Hall in Welch, a community of about 2,400.

The American Civil Liberties Union sued on behalf of his mother.

Police Chief Bobby Bowman called the allegations "a boldface lie." He said that he called an ambulance and that Green was taken to the hospital in "no more than nine minutes."

"No one refused him CPR as his sister and mom are saying. They can do what they want, but if they're saying I refused him CPR, that is no way true," Bowman said.

The lawsuit accuses Bowman of pulling off Green's friend Billy Snead as Snead was performing chest compressions on the man. Snead was a passenger in Green's pickup truck when Green collapsed; Snead had managed to pull over the vehicle.

Snead said in an interview that he didn't realize at first it was Bowman giving the order and continued working on his friend. Bowman repeated his command to get away, saying that Green was HIV positive, then grabbed Snead by the shoulders and told him to sit on the curb, Snead said.

"He was a police officer so I got out the way. I assumed he would help. I didn't want to be a hindrance," Snead said. "He also told the ambulance drivers that he was HIV positive and to be careful."

Green was pronounced dead at the hospital after about 30 minutes of attempts to revive him.

Rose Saxe, a lawyer with the ACLU's AIDS Project, said Bowman's alleged actions contributed to Green's death and violated the Americans with Disabilities Act, equal protection laws and due process rights.

Saxe said Green's death was "tragically senseless" because he did not have the AIDS virus, but added that he should have received lifesaving care even if he was HIV-positive.

"He was simply a gay man in Welch, West Virginia. And because of that we can only assume that Chief Bowman assumed he had HIV and it was unsafe to even touch him," Saxe said.

When asked if he knew if Green was gay, Bowman would not answer and referred questions to McDowell County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Danny Barie, who also represents the City of Welch.

Barie said Thursday he had received a copy of the complaint but could not comment because he had not reviewed it or discussed it with Bowman.

21. 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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TO SUBMIT A NEWS ITEM

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