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A musical soiree - "VALENTINE'S DAY CONCERT" was held at the Slutzker Center for International Services on Friday, February 15. The concert featured the Kawai Baby Grand Piano which was donated by Lillian Slutzker, and musicians from a variety of countries (France, China, Ireland, Taiwan, Dominican Republic and USA). In addition to the piano, violin, flute, Irish pipe, guitar and voice presentations delighted the audience.

It was tremendous. The audience was as varied as you can imagine: Bangladesh, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Egypt, India, Korea, the list just goes on and on! We had a standing room only (always, for these concerts). After the concert, a "Sweet" reception was held, and our Spanish speakers all gathered around the guitarist/vocalist from the Dominican singing Spanish songs until we had to close the building. A good time was had by all!

Planning to Graduate this Year?

To receive Commencement information, be sure to begin the Diploma Request Process on [MySlice](#) now and also update all mailing addresses.

Qualifications to participate in Commencement on May 11, 2008:

- Bachelor's degree candidates who will complete course work by August 2008.
- Master's degree candidates who will complete course work by August 2008.
- Doctoral degree candidates must be certified by May 11, 2008 to participate.

If you have a question or concern, check with your college recorder or the Registrar's Office (443-2422).

Tax Seminars

Two tax seminars for International students who are considered [non-residents](#) for tax filing purposes will be held.

Both seminars will be held at Crouse Hinds Hall, Room 010.

Monday, March 10, 2008 from 3-5 p.m.
Monday, March 24, 2008 from 3-5 p.m.

Please note this schedule reflects a change from the originally announced seminar schedule.

Slutzker Center Board Game Bonanza

Join us for a night of board games—Pictionary, Mexican Train, Taboo, Scrabble, Monopoly, Uno Attack, and More! Come meet new people, enjoy snacks, play games, listen to music, and take a break from school work. Don't see your favorite game on the list? Bring it along with you.

Day: Friday, February 22, 2008
Time: 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Location: Slutzker Center for International Services
310 Walnut Place, Syracuse University

International Cultural Fair

Join us for an exciting evening featuring music, food, and live dance performance to celebrate the many cultures here at the Maxwell School.

Day: Thursday, February 28, 2008
Time: 4:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.
Location: Goldstein Alumni & Faculty Center
This event is free.

Dark and Brainy Night: Feb. 29

Syracuse University's Third Annual Library Lock-In, "It Was a Dark and Brainy Night at E.S. Bird Library," will be held Feb. 29 from 10 p.m.-2 a.m. Teams of undergraduate students enjoy free food, explore E.S. Bird Library, and compete to answer challenging questions and puzzles based on library resources. The winning team will win a \$275 gift certificate from the University Bookstore, with other prizes to include gift cards for Carousel Mall, Starbucks, Barnes & Noble, and more.

Students must register to participate; there is a limit of 120 openings (60 two-person teams), and there is a registration fee of \$5 per student. Registration forms are available at all residence hall main desks, the Goldstein Student Center, the Office of Residence Life at 111 Waverly Ave., and at E.S. Bird Library's main desk. Forms and fees should be returned to the ORL office by Friday, Feb. 22. [More information...](#)

Cross Country Skiing

Day: Saturday, March 1, 2008
Time: 12:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Location: Salmon Hills
Outdoor Adventure Center
Bus: Leaves from College
Place (in front of Sims Hall)

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What's Included?

- Cross Country Skis, Boots, Poles, Group Lesson and Ski Pass (Varies by Package)
- Roundtrip Transportation (From SU's College Place to Salmon Hill's and back)

Sign up at least 2 days in advance by coming in to:
Recreation Services, 241 Archbold Gym 443-4386

Visit the Outdoor Education Homepage for pricing details and more info.
<http://outdoored.syr.edu>

This program was funded by the Undergraduate Co-Curricular Fee.

Safety Information for a Safe and Secure Spring Break

The Division of Student Affairs would like to share with on-and off-campus student residents the following safety information for a safe and secure Spring Break:

The Office of Off-Campus Student Services reminds students to:

- Turn on outdoor lights while away from their residences during Spring Break, especially if the doors are not visible from the street.
- Timed or motion lights also help to deter burglaries from taking place while absent.
- When possible, students should take all valuables with them. If larger expensive items must be left at home, keep the items away from windows, and take pictures of valuables for insurance in case something is stolen.
- Close curtains and make sure all windows and doors are securely locked.
- Ask the post office to hold any mail until you return from break. Forms are available on the U.S. Postal Service [website](#). Just fill out the form and put it in your mailbox for the postal worker.

For on-campus students, they are reminded to take reasonable precautions before leaving for Spring Break as well. While the Department of Public Safety and the Office of Residence Life staff monitor University residences, campus residents should:

- Ensure all windows and doors to their residence hall rooms or South Campus apartments are locked before they leave town. It is recommended that curtains be left open, except on first-floor rooms.
- All lights should be turned off, and all personal belongings from lounges and bathrooms should be removed.
- South Campus residents should pay particular attention to locking their patio doors and inserting a wooden dowel in the track of the sliding glass door. All South Campus residents should have received these dowels upon moving into their apartments but in the event they are missing, contact South Campus Maintenance in the Goldstein Student Center at x-9708 or FIX IT at x-4948 to obtain an extra wooden dowel.
- If students leave their vehicles in University parking areas, be sure all valuables have been removed from view and that the vehicle is locked.

For students who fly out of Syracuse's Hancock International Airport for Spring Break, new safety regulations at airports have changed the process of flying.

- Instead of bringing many belongings on board, airports encourage travelers to pack carry-on luggage lightly, and leave razors, scissors, or knives for checked baggage.
- Prescriptions, personal hygiene items, and expensive jewelry should be packed in carry-on luggage in clear bags.
- In addition, security measures have increased the amount of time it takes to check in before flights. Airport officials recommend that travelers keep their government-issued photo identification handy and arrive early to allow time for additional baggage screening.

We wish you a safe and relaxing Spring Break and look forward to your return to campus.