

Friday, October 30, 2009



Happy Halloween!



Halloween has origins in the ancient festival known as Samhain, which is derived from Old Irish and means roughly "end of summer". This was a Gaelic festival celebrated mainly in Ireland and Scotland. The celebration has some elements of a festival of the dead. The ancient Celts believed that the border between this world and the Otherworld became thin on Samhain, allowing spirits (both good and bad) to pass through. The family's ancestors were honored and invited home whilst harmful spirits were warded off. It is believed that the need to ward off harmful spirits led to the wearing of costumes and masks. Their purpose was to disguise oneself as a harmful spirit and thus avoid harm. To learn more about the history of Halloween, visit: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Halloween>

**! Important Announcements !**

- Did you know that Daylight Savings Time ends this Sunday? November 1st will be the first day of Eastern Standard Time. You will want to fix your clocks and other electronic devices by setting them one hour earlier when you go to sleep on Saturday, October 31st.
- Spring 2010 Course Schedule is Available On-line; Early Registration Starts Next Week.  
Accessing your schedule: You can view and print your schedule online by logging into MySlice. **Graduate** students must enroll for at least **9 credits** every semester. **Undergraduate** students must register for at least **12 credits** every semester. If it is your last semester and fewer than 12 credits are required to graduate for undergrads and 9 credits for grads; it is acceptable to carry only those credits required to complete your degree.
- Although rare, a fire drill or evacuation could be an opportunity for a thief to strike. To prevent someone from taking your irreplaceable documents and passports we recommend the following:
  - **Keep your documents in a secure location.**
  - **Be able to access and take your documents with you quickly if you need to evacuate the building.**
  - **A small safe, briefcase, folder or backpack maybe the best way to keep your documents organized.**
  - **Property insurance is always an important thing to have.**
 ([www.haylor.com/student](http://www.haylor.com/student))



- ***Celebrate a Traditional U.S. Thanksgiving Meal on Sunday, November 22, 2009*** For 30 years, Syracuse University has hosted a traditional Thanksgiving meal for international students and their immediate family members on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. A description of the event, and a

reply form which will allow you to obtain a **FREE TICKET**, are both attached to this newsletter. Although the event is open to all international students, **only 400 seats are available**. Tickets will be distributed to NEW STUDENTS only on the first two days of ticket distribution. If there are any tickets left after these days, returning students will be allowed to claim a ticket. It has been our experience that these tickets go very quickly. If you would like to share this wonderful experience with fellow students and the hosts who will join us, please read the attached and follow the steps which are outlined. La Familia de la Salsa and Samba Laranja: the Syracuse University Brazilian Ensemble will provide entertainment. A great time will be had by all! <http://international.syr.edu/2009%20Reply%20Form.pdf>

You should never spend time searching for your documents in an emergency situation. **REMEMBER**, while you want to do your best to protect your valuable property, your personal safety is the highest importance in an emergency!

• **Travelling This Semester? Have Your Documents!**

If you are travelling within the U.S., you must still carry with you your passport, I-94 card, and original I-20/DS-2019. The U.S. Border Patrol often inspects documents at train stations, bus stations, and airports. If you do not have your original documents, you could be fined \$100, or detained until your status can be verified.

- If you are travelling outside the U.S., you must make sure you have a valid visa stamp to re-enter the U.S., as well as an unexpired passport valid for at least 6 months into the future, and a blue travel signature from SCIS on your I-20/DS-2019 within the last 1 year (or if you are on OPT, the last 6 months). If you are on OPT, you must also have a valid EAD card and job offer letter to re-enter the United States.

**The Travel Seminar - 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month  
@ 1:30pm at the Slutzker Center.**

- Students who are planning to do an Internship this Fall semester should apply for Curricular Practical Training ( [CPT](#) ) .

**Curricular Practical Training Seminar (CPT) - Wednesday @ 3:00pm  
Optional Practical Training Seminar (OPT) - Wednesday @ 3:45pm**

• **Address Change?**

You must always provide a current physical address to the SCIS in order to keep your SEVIS registration current and to maintain your lawful status. You have 10 days to inform the SCIS of any changes or you are in violation of your status. [http://international.syr.edu/address\\_update\\_opt.htm](http://international.syr.edu/address_update_opt.htm)

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**Syracuse University Presents NAVRATRI GARBA  
Feat Live music by Aap Ki Pasand**



**Hosted by: SyRAAScuse & SASA**

**When: Friday October 30th, 2009 @7:00**

**Where: Woman's Building Gym A**

**Tickets: At the Box office and at the Door \$5 with SUID; \$7 without ID.**

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**Inter-Mu: Looking for International Music Performers - join us!**



The International Music Festival (Inter-Mu) is looking for international music performers. The goal of this event is to unite different cultures UNDER ONE SKY. The event is on **November 16th** from **6:00 to 8:30pm** at **Schine Underground**.

We are looking for performers, booths, photographers and video cameramen for this event and for performances in jazz, blues, and country music to represent American culture. We welcome a variety of languages, performances, and talents but are mainly looking for dance and music performances as we want to stay true to the title of the event.

If you are interested in performing, please reply to Hazel Yilmazo ([hazelyilmazoglu@gmail.com](mailto:hazelyilmazoglu@gmail.com)) **no later than the 23rd of October**. Auditions will be held on the 6th of November at the Slutzker Center. For those who are interested in helping with booths, photography, and recording videos, please reply to Wesley

Man Hin Kong ([wkong@syr.edu](mailto:wkong@syr.edu)) by the 30th October.

**The 2009-2010 Remembrance & Lockerbie Scholars invite you to the Pan Am 103 21st Anniversary Remembrance Week**



**On November 8-14, 2009**

The Syracuse University community will commemorate the 21st Anniversary of the Pan Am Flight 103 tragedy during the annual Remembrance Week, to be held November 8-14. A listing of all events can be found at

<http://remembrance.syr.edu>

We especially hope that you can join us on **Friday, November 13, 2009** for: **The Rose Laying Ceremony @ 2:03 p.m.** at the Wall of Remembrance **The Remembrance Scholar Convocation @ 3:30 p.m.** in Hendricks Chapel

***Woman in the Blue Dress***

*Woman in the Blue Dress* is a multi-media theatre work that brings to life Henriette Henriot, a fledgling actress at the Théâtre de L'Odéon in Paris, and model for artist Pierre-August Renoir's La Parisienne. In the work, Henriette shares her provocative story of life in the theatre, her experience in the Parisian art world of the 1870s, and what it was like to model for Renoir, the most shocking Impressionist painter of his day.

**When: October 11th - November 8th**

**Where: HOSMER AUDITORIUM at the EVERSON MUSEUM OF ART**

**Price: \$5 tickets available at the [Everson Box Office](#) during regular museum hours**

For more information please check here: [http://syracusestage.org/default.aspx?page\\_id=80](http://syracusestage.org/default.aspx?page_id=80)

***Defend Your Honor basketball tournament***



Defend Your Honor charity basketball tournament to benefit Project Feed Me, a student group dedicated to addressing hunger in New York State. Proceeds from ticket sales and team registration will be used to buy food for a Thanksgiving unity dinner and celebration on Nov. 22 at the Southwest Community Center. You can read more about the event here:

<http://www.syr.edu/news/articles/project-feed-me-10-09.html>

***Defend Your Honor basketball tournament***



**2009 Central New York AIDS Memorial Quilt Exhibition**

**November 10-11, 2009**

Goldstein Auditorium, Schine Student Center

Syracuse University

**November 10, 2009**

11:00am - 11:30am: Opening Ceremony

11:30am - 8:00pm: Viewing of the Quilts

Silent Auction

**November 11, 2009**

9:00am - 7:00pm: Viewing of the Quilts Silent Auction

6:30pm: Dedication - New Quilts

More info available @ [www.cnyhsa.com](http://www.cnyhsa.com)

### THANKSGIVING BREAK BUS SERVICE

This semester, Student Association will be providing round-trip buses for Thanksgiving Break. Buses will serve four major Northeast cities: New York City, Philadelphia, Boston, and Washington DC. The price of this service is **\$99 round-trip**.

Students will be leaving from Schine Student Center at Syracuse University on **Tuesday, November 24th, 2009 at 5:00 PM**, and depart from the designated locations on **Sunday, November 29th, 2009 at 10:00 AM** to return to campus. Each bus has a maximum capacity of 56 seats. Tickets are sold at a first-come-first-serve basis.

Designated locations are major transportation destinations of each city:

- New York City:** Port Authority, 625 8th Avenue, New York, NY 10018
- Philadelphia:** Greyhound Terminal, 1001 Filbert Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107
- Boston:** South Station, 700 Atlantic Avenue, Boston MA 02110
- Washington DC:** Union Station, 50 Massachusetts Avenue NE, Washington, DC

For questions or more information, please contact Bonnie Kong at the email address below. Email: [bkong@syr.edu](mailto:bkong@syr.edu)



#### **Pedestrian Safety Tips**

October is Pedestrian Safety Month! Stay safe while you're walking to campus.

Here are some tips:

Use sidewalks and paths whenever possible.

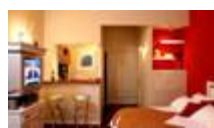
Use crosswalks, and don't start walking until you see the "WALK" signal.

Walk facing traffic so you can see vehicles as they approach, and they can see you.

Always walk in groups of three or more!

Remember, pedestrians only have the right-of-way if a driver sees them! As a driver, it is important to be familiar with pedestrian safety laws. When a pedestrian is crossing at a crosswalk, drivers must wait until the pedestrian has *completely* crossed the street and has reached the other side safely.

When making a right-hand turn at a red light, it is important to come to a complete stop and check for pedestrians crossing the street. Also remember there are many "No Right on Red" turns in the Syracuse University area!



#### **Protect your Personal Property**

The SCIS supports this policy and we encourage every student to have this insurance.

- Laptops, cell phones, MP3 Players, clothes, books, sports equipment, furniture---  
**all** your "stuff" is covered
- You're insured for countless types of loss, including theft, vandalism, fire, water, and accidental damage
- Worldwide coverage---on and **off** campus
- Property of the University is covered while in your care
- Low deductibles of just \$50 or \$100
- Buy \$4,000 of coverage for less than \$95!
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For more information about our student personal property program, call **1-800-289-1501** and ask for a college specialist. Or better yet **Enroll online!** It's fast and easy.

Simply log on to: [www.haylor.com/student](http://www.haylor.com/student)



#### **For your safety, please remember...**

- **On campus after dark, use DPS' free escort service.** Off campus, use SU Home (it's free); call 443-2224 for more information on these services. Additional options are Centro Bus or taxi service.
- **Walk, bike or jog in groups of three or more** – away from bushes, cars and other objects a suspect could hide behind.
- **Look and listen.** Headphones and cell phones can create tunnel vision.
- **Travel in well-lighted and well-traveled areas.**
- **Don't approach strangers** or let them get close to you.

- **If you think someone is following you, switch directions or cross the street.** Go toward an open business or lighted house.
- **Have your house or car keys in hand** before you reach your door.
- **Know where "Blue Light" phones are** and how to use them.
- **If someone tries to rob you, don't resist.** Give up your property, not your life.
- **Try to get a description of the suspect(s)** and any associated vehicle and tag number.
- **IMMEDIATELY report emergencies or suspicious activities, persons and vehicles.** For SU's Department of Public Safety, **dial 711** on campus or #78 (from a cell phone); for the Syracuse Police Department, **dial 911**.

Your quick report may help prevent others from becoming victims.

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### Fall 2009 Bus Schedule

Centro is the provider of public transportation in Syracuse and throughout Onondaga, Cayuga and Oswego Counties. Centro operates a system of shuttle routes on campus under contract with Syracuse University. These are regular transit routes which Syracuse University students can board for free. Centro also operates an extensive system of bus routes connecting the Syracuse University campus to points throughout the area. Students may ride free on these routes within certain specified "free fare zones". If you wish to travel to an area outside of these zones, you must pay a fare.

[http://parking.syr.edu/Parking/display.cfm?content\\_ID=%23%28%289%21%0A](http://parking.syr.edu/Parking/display.cfm?content_ID=%23%28%289%21%0A)

**QUESTIONS? Contact:**

Parking and Transit Services

621 Skytop Road

- Phone: 443-1049
- Web: <http://parking.syr.edu>

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### Community Folk Art Center "Power and Pride: An Elizabeth Catlett Retrospective"

Syracuse, NY - This weekend, the Community Folk Art Center hosted several well-attended events to mark the beginning of their new exhibit, Power and Pride: An Elizabeth Catlett Retrospective, including a VIP reception with the artist on Friday, and a screening of the film Betty Y Pancho by her son, Juan Mora Catlett on Saturday.

Both events saw excellent turnout, with the reception hosting over 100 attendees and the film screening on Saturday seeing over 30. This is likely due to the press we received previewing the event from the Syracuse New Times, Syracuse.com/Syracuse Post-Standard, and CNYLink.com. We also publicized the event through our social networking accounts on Facebook and Twitter. The exhibit continues to be shown at the Center until December 12th.

<http://cmac.syr.edu>

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### "WEEKLY SALSA UPDATE"



**Halloween Dance Party at Havana Nights... Friday Oct 30th!**

**Spook your friends, dance the night away and win great prizes for best costume!!!**

**Friday, October 30th - 9:30pm-2am - \$5 - 17+ event**

**Ballybay Pub & Nightclub, 550 Richmond Ave, Syracuse**

*the LARGEST weekly Latin dance in the history of Syracuse!*

...with 100-150 in attendance EVERY week! Beginner dancers ALWAYS WELCOME!

- \* 9:30pm - 2am ... \$5 ... 17+ event-students ALWAYS welcome.
- \* VENUE: Ballybay Pub & Nightclub, 550 Richmond Ave, Syracuse NY
- \* DJ "la Maquina" spins CNY's finest Latin mix direct from the streets of la Habana, Puerto Rico, Colombia y todo el mundo!
- \* **Salsa, Merengue, Bachata, Chachacha, Reggaeton y Timba!**
- \* 17+ event...students ALWAYS welcome!
- ...with Beginner Salsa "Survival" Lesson!!**
- \* 8:15 - 9:30pm - just prior to Havana Nights Latin Dance!
- \* \$7 - Ballybay Pub & Nightclub, 550 Richmond Ave, Syracuse NY
- \* Learn fundamentals of Cuban style salsa in a fun, relaxed group setting!
- \* It's "the most FUN you will ever have on the dance floor"!
- \* NO partner necessary. NO experience necessary

**THIS FRIDAY - Syracuse: Beginner Salsa "Survival" Lesson!**

OUR MOST POPULAR CLASS taught by la Familia de la Salsa instructors!  
Oct 30th ... 8:15-9:30pm ...just prior to Havana Nights Latin Dance! (see Sec 2, above)

\$7 (or \$10 for lesson + dance)

Ballybay Pub/Nightclub, 550 Richmond Ave., Syracuse, NY  
Class Description: Learn fundamentals of "the most FUN you will  
ever have on the dance floor"! You'll LOVE it or your money back!!!  
NO partner necessary. NO experience necessary.

**Local Latin Radio Shows**

WEDNESDAYS - Syracuse

8pm CNY Latino, Talk Show with HUGO ACOSTA (101.5, 95.3, & 98.1 FM)

9pm CNY Latino, SPORTS Show with JOE RODRIGUEZ (101.5, 95.3, & 98.1 FM)

\* Listen online at: [www.cnylatino.com](http://www.cnylatino.com)

[www.lafamiliadelasalsa.com](http://www.lafamiliadelasalsa.com) 315-636-7133

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**Motivational Quotes of the Week:**

"An education isn't how much you have committed to memory, or  
even how much you know. It's being able to differentiate between  
what you do know and what you don't."

*by Anatole France*

" Books...are like lobster shells, we surround ourselves with 'em, then  
we grow out of 'em and leave 'em behind, as evidence of our earlier  
stages of development"

*by Jose Silva*

" Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens  
can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

*by Margaret Mead*

" In the modern world of business, it is useless to be a creative original  
thinker unless you can also sell what you create. Management cannot be  
expected to recognize a good idea unless it is presented to them by a  
good salesman."

*by David M. Ogilvy*

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**Note:**

If you would like to submit a request to publish your news or events in our SCISNEWS  
letter. Please contact Daniela Baban Hurrele at [dbabanhu@syr.edu](mailto:dbabanhu@syr.edu)

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