



Friday, February 13, 2009



February 14th is **Valentine's Day** in the United States, and in several other countries around the world. The holiday is named after two among the numerous early Christian martyrs named Valentine. The day is most closely associated with the mutual exchange of love notes in the form of "valentines." Modern Valentine symbols include the heart-shaped outline, doves, and the figure of the winged Cupid. Since the 19th century, handwritten notes have largely given way to mass-produced greeting cards.

The people around the world celebrate that most universally valued connection between humans: Love.

Valentine's Day is one day of the year in the United States set aside for people to show each other how much they care. Love can be expressed in different ways with different people, no matter your gender or your sexual orientation. Use this Valentine's Day as an opportunity to thank your friends, your parents, and your loved ones.

Similar traditions:

- In **Chinese culture**, there is an older observance related to lovers. It is called "*The Night of Sevens*" (七夕). According to the legend, the Cowherd star and the Weaver Maid star are normally separated by the milky way (river) but are allowed to meet by crossing it on the 7th day of the 7th month of the Chinese calendar.

-- In **South Korea** (화이트데이), **Japan** (ホワイトデー) and **Taiwan** women give chocolates to men on February 14, as an expression of love. *White Day*, is celebrated on March 14 the males who received chocolates on Valentine's Day are expected to return the favor. The gift should be two to three times the cost of the Valentine's gift. Koreans also celebrate *Pepero Day* on November 11, when young couples give each other Pepero cookies. The date '11/11' is intended to resemble the long shape of the cookie.

- In most of **South America** the "*Día del Amor y la Amistad*" (Love & Friendship Day) and the *Amigo Secreto* (Secret friend) are quite popular and usually celebrated together on the 14 of February. The latter consists of randomly assigning to each participant a recipient who is to be given an anonymous gift.

To learn more about the history of Valentine's Day, visit: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Valentine%27s_day

[SUNY-ESF International Night 2009](#)

You are cordially invited to the **2009 SUNY-ESF International Night**. This annual event provides an opportunity for students from both SUNY-ESF and SU to

Fun Upcoming Events for This Weekend:

[SU Drama Department Presents: The Way of the World](#)

February 13 & 14 @ 8:00 p.m.
Arthur Storch Theatre

[Valentine's in the Forest](#)

February 13 & 14, 2009
7:00 pm - 11:00 pm

[CNY Boat Show](#)

February 13 & 14, 2009
10:00 am

[PSYCHO, FRIDAY THE 13th pt 4, PIECES triple feature](#)

Friday, February 13, 2009
7:00 pm - 3:00 am

[Redhouse Live](#)

Friday, February 13, 2009
8:00 pm

[IMAX Movies](#)

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[Orange Experience Synchronized Skating Team](#)

2009 Spring Show & Open Skating
Friday, February 13 @ 7:00 p.m. at Tennity Ice Pavilion

[Zamboni Revolution](#)

Friday, February 13 @ 8:00 p.m. at Panasci Lounge

[Penguin without Pants](#)

Friday, February 13 @ 8:00 p.m. at Jabberwocky Cafe

[Horsedrawn Hay or Sleigh Rides](#)

Saturday, February 14, 2009
11:00 am - 4:00 pm

[Ice Skating at Clinton Square](#)

Saturday, February 14, 2009
10:00 am or 11:00 am - 8:00 pm or 10:00 pm

[Swinging Sweet Cabaret](#)

Saturday, February 14, 2009
7:30 pm - 12:00 am

[Learn to Snowshoe](#)

Saturday, February 14, 2009
12:30 pm

[Ice Cutting](#)

Saturday, February 14, 2009
10:00 am

[SU Men's Club Hockey](#)

Last home game of the season and Senior Night!
Saturday, February 14 @ 6:30 p.m. at Tennity Ice Pavilion

showcase the richness of their cultural background through cultural performances and the sharing of cultural foods. All students are invited to bring food from their culture to share -

please contact Anna Stewart at amstew01@syr.edu.

Receipts for the purchase of items (ingredients) used for cooking will be reimbursed, so if you choose to bring food for the event please keep your receipt and submit it later.

For more information in general please contact Amos Quaye at akquaye@syr.edu.

This is a trash free event, please bring your plate and mug.

When: Sunday, February 15, 2009

Time: 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Where: Nifkin Lounge (Marshall Hall, ESF Campus)

Admission: Free (students, faculty and staff and their families and friends)

International Soiree March 1, 2009 - Invitation to Participate!!!

During Winter Carnival, Student Athletes Across Borders will host its second International Soiree in the Schine Underground. This event is established to celebrate the diversity among the student athletes as well as the university community as a whole. There will be performances from several groups and food from different parts of the world will be served (for free).

There are still some spots open for performers. We are looking for individuals or groups who would like to be on the stage for about 5-15 minutes. If you are interested, please contact Anne van Houten, avanhout@syr.edu.

LIBRARY LOCK-IN 2009 PROGRAM

When: February 20, 2009

Time: 10:00PM - 1:00AM

Where: Bird Library

Undergraduate students will have the opportunity to explore Bird Library after hours and compete against each other in teams of two by searching the library for answers to challenging questions. **Free food** will be available for all participants. First prize is a **\$250 gift card** to the SU Bookstore. Other prizes include gift cards for Carousel Mall, Starbucks, Barnes & Noble, and more.

Registration forms are available at residence hall main desks, the Goldstein Student Center, the Office of Residence Life, and at the E.S. Bird Library. First 120 undergraduate students (60 teams) can participate. There is a \$5 registration fee per student (\$10 per team). Submit registrations forms and fees **by February 13, 2009** at the Office of Residence Life at 111 Waverly Ave., Suite 200 (above the Health Center).

Important Announcements:

- ALERT FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS WHO ARE INTENDING TO GRADUATE THIS MAY 2009

- **Graduate students expecting to graduate must complete the File Diploma Request process in MySlice by established deadlines, published as <http://gradsch.syr.edu/pdfs/GraduationDeadlines.pdf> by the Graduate School. This will activate the certification process and awarding of your degree.**
- The Slutzker Center staff will not be available on **February 20 from 8:30-11:30am**. The office will be open if you need to pick up documents or use the computer lab.
- The On-Campus Employment Seminar for **9:30am** Friday, **February 20th**, is cancelled. Please plan accordingly.
- The Office of International Services has opened

access to **CINTAX**, the web-based income tax preparation software for filing your federal tax forms. CINTAX passwords are now available. The only way to request a CINTAX password is from our website at http://international.syr.edu/Form_CINTAX_Password_new.html
It is important that you complete all fields on the form to receive a password. There is a maximum of 3 – 5 business day turn around time for the password.

**There will be two tax seminars to be held in March:
Monday, March 9 from 2:00pm to 5:00pm (Maxwell Auditorium)**

Monday, March 23 from 2:00pm – 5:00pm (Maxwell Auditorium)



Valentine's Day Latin Dance

Orchestra "Son Boricua" will be back... at Metro Lounge & Cafe on VALENTINE'S DAY!!!! Bring your sweetheart and friends to the chicest club in town for a wild night of dancing to LIVE Salsa!

Valentine's Day Latin Dance

**Saturday Feb 14th – 9:30-2am - \$10 (\$8 for students with ID)
Metro Lounge & Café, 505 Westcott St, in Syracuse**

www.lafamiliadelasalsa.com/ (315) 636-7133

Quotes of the Week:

"Love is a canvas furnished by nature and embroidered by imagination." by Voltaire

"People become really quite remarkable when they start thinking that they can do things. When they believe in themselves, they have the first secret of success."

by Norman Vincent Peale

"Courage does not always roar. Sometimes it is a quiet voice at the end of the day, saying..."I will try again tomorrow."

by Mary Anne Radmacher

"Successful people are always looking for opportunities to help others. Unsuccessful people are always asking, 'What's in it for me?'" by Brian Tracy

2 Women's Basic Physical Defense Class or Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) classes offered for Spring 2009 Semester

DPS offers two free Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) self-defense classes for women this semester, one starting February 6, the other starting March 24.
To register, call 443-5483 or e-mail jlentz@syr.edu.

The R.A.D. course is 12 hours in length, broken down over a four-week period.

Class One Dates: Fridays – February 6, 13, 20, 27

Location: Women's Building Dance Studio (1st Floor)

Time: 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Class Two Dates: Tuesdays – March 24, 31, April 7, 14

Location: The Skybarn on South Campus

Time: 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Note:

If you would like to submit a request to publish your news or events in our SCISNEWS letter. Please contact Daniela Baban Hurrle at dbabanhu@syr.edu

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