

Friday, March 13, 2009



**March 17 - St. Patrick's Day!**

The day is the national holiday of Ireland: *Lá 'le Pádraig* or *Lá Fhéile Pádraig*, colloquially *St. Paddy's Day*, is an annual feast day which celebrates **Saint Patrick** (circa 385–461 AD), one of the patron saints of Ireland.

It is celebrated worldwide by those of Irish descent and increasingly by non-Irish people (usually in New Zealand and North America). Celebrations are generally themed around all things Irish and, by association, the color green. Both Christians and non-Christians celebrate the secular version of the holiday by wearing green, eating Irish food and/or green foods, imbibing Irish drinks and attending parades. To learn more about the history of St. Patrick's

Day, visit:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St\\_Patrick%27s\\_Day](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St_Patrick%27s_Day)

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**! Important Announcements !**

- On **March 18th** the PT seminars will be cancelled due to the Induction Ceremony for new members of Phi Beta Delta, the international honorary society. Please join us in Hendricks Chapel at **4:30pm** for this momentous occasion
- The Slutzker Center for 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](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 days turn around time for the password.

**There will be a tax seminar held in March:**  
- **Monday, March 23 from 2:00pm – 5:00pm**  
**(Maxwell Auditorium)** ([Please click for more information](#))

**Come then and learn all about both Federal and State tax returns and how to complete them. You might be eligible for a refund! \$\$\$**

- **Free Tickets to the 7th Annual Rainbow Banquet**  
You are cordially invited to the Sixth Annual Rainbow Banquet  
Day: Thursday, April 23, 2009  
Time: 5:15 p.m.  
Location: Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel

The Slutzker Center is offering seats, free of charge,

to the first 8 people who email [lescis@syr.edu](mailto:lescis@syr.edu) to request a ticket (please include a subject of "Rainbow Banquet"). Requests must be received by no later than March 31, 2009. If you are unable to obtain a free ticket, individual tickets for the Rainbow Banquet can be purchased by contacting the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Resource Center at 315-443-3983 or [lgbt@syr.edu](mailto:lgbt@syr.edu). If you are graduating and want to be recognized at the banquet contact the LGBT Resource Center.

- Students who are planning to do an Internship this summer should apply for Curricular Practical Training (CPT). The CPT seminar will be held on Wednesday, **March 25 at 3:00pm** at the Slutzker Center.
- If you would like to request Practical Training authorization (OPT) after your May graduation please attend an OPT seminar on Wednesday, **March 25 at 3:45pm**. Also, you can find all the OPT information and the application process [here](#).

### March 14th - St. Patrick's Day Parade



Did you know that the city of Syracuse has the second largest St. Patrick's Day parade in the United States? (after New York City) It begins downtown at **12 noon** on **Saturday March 14**, and continues for about 3 hours. It is a lot of fun, and a good chance to see American culture in celebration without any cost! Take the Connective Corridor bus from campus and back to campus... The weather is supposed to be nice tomorrow, but dress warmly anyway (you can always take off a sweater or jacket if it really gets warm...) wear the color green if you want. Half the people watching the parade will be wearing green. The schedule for the connective corridor bus on Saturday is on this website:

<http://connectivecorridor.syr.edu/2009/03/09/free-park-n-ride-to-the-st-pattys-day-parade/>

(go to the end of the story to download the schedule – it will also be posted at the bus shelter on campus).

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### March 18th - Interdisciplinary Lecture Series

Embedded Systems: **Ubiquitous Computing** by Dr. Ehat Ercanli LCS College of Engineering and Computer Science organized by Turkish Student Association (TSA).

Time: **4:00pm**

Where: **228B Schine Center**

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### Ride the Luge Rocket in Lake Placid!

Experience the thrill of piloting your own semi-enclosed, modified luge sled! You'll shoot through the final 17 heart-pounding, smile-producing curves of the state-of-the-art competition track at the Olympic Sports Complex, reaching speeds up to 60 mph

Trip includes:

- A ride in the Luge Rocket
- Admission to the Olympic Ski Jumping Complex
- Admission to the 1932 and 1980 Winter Olympic Museum
- Gondola ride to the top of Whiteface Mountain
- Free time in Lake Placid
- Boxed lunch
- Roundtrip transportation by luxury motor coach

Pricing is as follows:

SU Undergraduates = \$65.00

All other SU / ESF ID Card Holders = \$110.00

Sign up for this trip at the Department of Recreation Services, room 241 Archbold Gym, **by March 26.**

For more information, please call 315-443-4386 or visit our webpage at <http://outdoored.syr.edu>

### Cross Country Skiing

Cross Country Skiing at Salmon Hills Outdoor

Adventure Center - **Saturday March 21**

Bus leaves from College Place at **12:00pm** and returns at **6:30pm.**

Price for SU Undergraduate Students:

1/2 day trail pass (no rental equipment) is \$11.00

1/2 day trail pass and rental equipment (ski's, poles, boots) is \$25.00

Price for all other SU and ESF ID Card Holders:

1/2 day trail pass (no rental equipment) is \$26.00

1/2 day trail pass and rental equipment (ski's, poles, boots) is \$40.00

**Registration deadline is 3/20/09 by 12:00pm.**

To sign-up for this trip, please come to the Department of Recreation Services, room 241 Archbold Gym. For more information, please call 315-443-4386 or visit our website at <http://outdoored.syr.edu>

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### International Week

#### International Week

Date: Monday, March 16 – Friday, March 20

Location: Whitman School

Throughout next week, we're exciting to host International Week, with food, dance, art, music, and other activities from nations around the world, in celebration of the many cultures represented in the Whitman student body. International Day is sponsored by the MBA Student Association (MBASA), the Graduate Programs Office, and the Kiebach Center for International Business Studies. Faculty, staff, and students are welcome to attend the week's activities. For more information, please contact Pavitra Padasalgi, the MBASA's VP of Community Affairs.

#### International Week: Depict Your Country with Art

Date: Monday, March 16 – Thursday, March 19

Location: 3rd Floor

On Monday through Thursday, students will get together in teams and come up with some form of art, which depicts their country the best. The art form can be anything from painting to photos to collages, etc. Entries will be accepted from Monday through Thursday. On Thursday, a panel of judges will choose the top two pieces, which will then be displayed in the Grand Hall Atrium on Friday, at the Grand Finale celebration.

#### International Week: Country Presentations and Cross-Cultural Panel Discussion

Date: Wednesday, March 18

Time: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Location: Room 204

Interested in learning more about your international classmates and improving your cross cultural awareness? On Wednesday, students will be presenting interesting overviews of their countries and cultures. Following the presentations, there will be a panel discussion, which will entail discussions on common topics that are perceived differently by U.S. and international students. The event will take place from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in room 204.

#### International Week: Movie Night

Date: Thursday, March 19

Time: 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Location: Room 202

On Thursday night at 6:30 p.m., everyone is invited to enjoy an international movie followed by pizza in the Atrium. The movie title will be announced later this week.

#### International Week: Grand Finale

Date: Friday, March 20

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Grand Hall

Last but not least, International Week will end with a celebration of food and performances from around the world. A variety of food tables will be placed around the Grand Hall starting in the late morning on Friday. Come out to enjoy good

food, conversation and entertainment!

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**March 14th - Battle of the DJs at our 1st "Noche de Unidad" in Bing**

"La Familia de la Salsa" of Syracuse, "SMAC" of Binghamton, "Pura Vida Entertainment" of Ithaca & Tango Café of Rochester present...

Four of Central New York's most successful Latin dance organizations are joining forces to host a salsa dance EACH month in EACH city!!! Our goal is to introduce the dance communities from each city to one another to experience new partners and new dance styles!

Featuring:

**DJ JAM of Binghamton**

**DJ TICO of Ithaca &**

**DJ LA MAQUINA of Syracuse**

in an all out **BATTLE OF THE DJs!!!**

**When:** 10pm-2am

**Where:** Margarita's Cantina, 771 Upper Court St, Binghamton NY

**How much?** Only \$5 to dance to three of the best Latin DJs in CNY!

**Wednesday, March 18, 2009 @1:00pm**

EECS/CASE Colloquium: Stephanie Forrest

(Speakers)

"Repairing Software Automatically Using Evolutionary Computation." Dr. Stephanie Forrest, Professor and Chairman of Computer Science at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque and a Research Professor at the Santa Fe Institute.

**Wednesday, March 18, 2009 @7:30pm**

Conversation on Race and Television with Tim McNeal .

Tim McNeal, vice president of talent development and diversity for the Disney-ABC Television Group, will visit the Newhouse School of Public Communications on for the ninth annual "Conversation on Race and Television" with Newhouse professor Richard Dubin. The event will take place in the Joyce Hergenhan Auditorium in Newhouse 3. The conversation is free and open to the public.

**Thursday, March 19, 2009**

8:00pm Idina Menzel (Concerts / Performances)

In the Goldstein Auditorium. Menzel, best known for her starring roles in "Wicked" and "Rent," will perform songs from her solo album "I Stand." Tickets are \$5 for students with valid SU I.D.; \$15 for SU faculty, staff, alumni and Pulse partners; and \$20 for the general public.

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**Get Involved at the R.A.P.E. Center!**

The R.A.P.E. Center is a place where there is always something to get involved in, from being on the stage to helping prepare for trainings, programs and events.

For more information about volunteer opportunities at the R.A.P.E. Center, contact Jill Sneider through e-mail at [jasneide@syr.edu](mailto:jasneide@syr.edu) or by phone (315-443-7126). You can also visit our website at <http://students.syr.edu/rapecenter/>

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Living the American Dream





**Anoop Desai**, 22, rose to national fame with his participation in the 8th season of American Idol. He auditioned for the show on August 8, 2008 in Kansas City, Missouri, and was selected as a semifinalist following his "Hollywood Week" performances. Anoop was originally born in India and he is currently residing in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. His mother is a biochemist and she was born in India; his father designs software and was born in South Africa. Anoop was awarded a four year academic merit scholarship to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Anoop graduated from UNC in 2008 with a Bachelor of Arts degree, double majoring in Political Science & American Studies. He is currently a graduate student in field of cultural anthropology, working towards a Master of Arts degree in Folklore at UNC.



**Jorge Nuñez Mendez**, 21, auditioned in San Juan, Puerto Rico. He is originally from Cidra, Puerto Rico. Jorge Nuñez is in his fourth year at the University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras. In addition to English and Spanish, Jorge Nuñez is also fluent in French. All four judges from American Idol voted yes to send Jorge Nunez to Hollywood. Jorge was in the third group of 12 contestants to perform out of the top 36 and was one of the highest vote getters, guaranteeing him a spot among the finalists. Unfortunately this week he did not have sufficient votes to stay in the show.

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#### Quotes of the Week:

**"We can tap our own healing forces by learning to use the power the mind has over the body. Healing is part of self-realization, a process of becoming whole and healthy." by Dr. Gerald Epstein**

**"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow." *unknown***

**"The man who does not read books has no advantage over the man that can not read them." by Mark Twain**

**"An eye for eye only ends up making the whole world blind." by Mahatma Gandhi**

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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 Hurrle at [dbabanhu@syr.edu](mailto:dbabanhu@syr.edu)

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