



Friday, March 20, 2009



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SU Men's Basketball Team is Going to the NCAA Tournament!!

Third-seeded Syracuse (27-9) suffocated No. 14 seed Stephen F. Austin (24-8) with an active 2-3 zone defense on its way to a 59-44 victory in the first round of the NCAA Tournament on Friday, March 20 at American Airlines arena. The Orange forced the Lumberjacks into an 18-for-73 (.247) shooting day from the field, and SFA's 44 points represented the second-fewest points SU has ever allowed in an NCAA Tournament game.

With the **victory**, Syracuse advanced to the second round of the South Regional. The Orange will face either No. 6 seed Arizona State or No. 11 seed Temple on Sunday afternoon. Games will also be broadcast on line at <http://www.ncaa.com>

Go ORANGE Pride!!!

! Important Announcements !

There will be a tax seminar held on Monday, March 23 from 2:00pm – 5:00pm (Maxwell Auditorium) (Please click for more information)

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

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.

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 for International Services.

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 necessary OPT information and the application process [here](#).

Graduate Students who are intending to graduate this May 2009 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.

!Important Immigration Reminders!

The Clock is Ticking on Some Practical Training Applications:

F-1 students who will be graduating in May 2009 and plan to apply for post-completion Optional Practical Training (OPT) are reminded that they must submit their application paperwork to the SCIS, and then send the processed documents to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) so that it is received at the USCIS no later than 60 days after their degree conferral date, which this year is May 6, 2009.

F-1 students who have not yet begun the practical training application process are **urged** to do so soon so that you will have the best possible opportunity to obtain your employment authorization card in a timely manner. Currently, it is taking the USCIS Vermont Service Center approximately 12 weeks to process OPT employment authorization applications. Employment cannot begin until you have the card "in your hands."

Also, a student in **F-1** or **J-1** status cannot be employed away from the Syracuse University campus unless they have obtained appropriate federal authorization to do so before employment can begin. This includes internships, research and volunteer work.

March 21st: Iranian New Year



Nowrūz the traditional **Iranian New Year** holiday celebrated by Iranian people and initiated in Ancient Iran. Nowrūz marks the first day of spring and the beginning of the Iranian year. It is celebrated on the day of the start of spring in the northern hemisphere, which usually occurs on March 21 or the previous/following day depending on where it is observed. **Haft Sīn** or the seven 'S's is a major tradition of Nowrūz. Persians (Iranians and Tajiks) and other groups (Kurds, Azerbaijanis, Balochs and various Turkic nations) start preparing for the Nowrūz with a major spring-cleaning of their houses, the purchase of new clothes to wear for the new year and the purchase of flowers (in particular the hyacinth and the tulip are popular and conspicuous). To learn more about the history of Iranian New Year please visit: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nowruz>

FREE BUS SERVICE FROM NOB HILL TO SU
Starting March 30th!!

There will be BLUE and WHITE buses providing FREE service from Nob Hill Apartments to Syracuse University. This service positivey affects folks living in Nob Hill, Newberry Apts, Clarendon Heights, Hidden Valley, etc.

THESE ARE NOT CENTRO BUSES.

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!!

This is a trial run. If not enough students ride these buses they will not be available next semester.

**"Who's the Other?",
An evening with Jennifer Miller**

When: **Thursday, April 2, 7 PM**

Where: **Watson Theatre**, Syracuse University campus (corner of Waverly and Comstock Ave.) including live performance (juggling, straightjacket escape and more!), a film screening ("Juggling Politics," a Brazilian documentary about the New York political circus company Circus Amok) and Q&A with Jennifer Miller, known as the 'bearded woman' and founder of Circus Amok.

The event is free and open to the public. Brought to you by Beyond Compliance (BCCC) <http://bccc.syr.edu>

For any inquiries or requests for accommodations contact Liat at lbenmosh@maxwell.syr.edu or Danielle at 315-436-7471.

**Central European University
Center for Hellenic Traditions**

HELLENIC STUDIES
GRADUATE STUDENT DAY
Budapest, June 5 & 6 2009

CALL FOR PAPERS

Abstract Deadline: April 10, 2009

We are happy to invite you to our first Hellenic Studies Graduate Student Day, organized under the auspices of the CEU Center for Hellenic Traditions. The theme of this year's meeting will be:
Bridges and Boundaries: Revisiting the Byzantine Inheritance.
We intend to investigate a wide range of aspects regarding the transmission and transformation of Hellenic traditions in the Greek-speaking world and beyond. Special attention will be offered to the circulation of ideas as well as the continuous exchange of cultural and material practices with the neighboring regions. For this reason, a wide chronological span is envisaged, from the Late Antiquity until the immediate period after the Fall of Constantinople.

We invite speakers to submit papers in all areas of Late-Antiquity and Byzantine studies.
Keynote speakers will be Dr. Ruth Macrides (University of Birmingham) and Dr. Petre Guran (South-Eastern European Research Institute of the Romanian Academy).

Presentations will be fifteen to twenty minutes in length.
Travel grants and accommodation in Budapest are offered.
Abstracts of around 300 words should be sent by email to Cristian-Nicolae Daniel (cht@ceu.hu) and Florin Leonte (mphlef01@phd.ceu.hu) members of the Organizing Committee.

Upcoming Fun Events:

1. Friday, March 20, 2009

UU Cinemas Film: "Milk" (Movie / Films)
Location: Gifford Auditorium
Price: free
Contact: university union cinemas (uucinemas@gmail.com)
Time: 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm

2. Saturday, March 21, 2009

Lights Camera FASHION, 7:00pm to 10:00pm

Location: Goldstein auditorium, schine student center
Price: \$8 Get your tickets at the Schine Box Office with SU ID.

Sponsoring department/organization: Fashions Conscience, Lamba Sigma Upsilon, The Stich Society

Contact:Rafael Balbi (rbalbi@syr.edu)

3. Monday, March 23, 2009

Rodney Ramcharan (Speakers), 4:00 pm

Location: 341 Eggers Hall

"Landed Interests and Financial Underdevelopment in the United States." Paper is coauthored with Raghuram G. Rajan, Gleacher Distinguished Professor at the University of Chicago's Booth School of Business and Former Chief Economist at the International Monetary Fund.

Sponsoring department/organization: Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs

Contact: Nellie Jones (315 443 9248)

Email: nvjones@maxwell.syr.edu

4. Tuesday, March 24, 2009

National Orange Day, 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Celebrate and Make a Difference this National Orange Day - SU's 139th Birthday.

Location: Schine Student Center

Sponsoring department/organization: Alumni relations and the national orange planning committee (<http://alumni.syr.edu/>)

Contact: Cristina Swift (cswift@syr.edu) Phone: 443-3516

5. Cinefest Film Festival

Dates: 03/19/2009, 03/20/2009, 03/21/2009, 03/22/2009

Location: Holiday Inn at Electronics Parkway 441 Electronics Parkway in Liverpool, NY 13088

Time: 9:00 am – 11:00 pm

Cost: \$25 per day or \$70 for all four days

Tel : (315) 468-6147

Email: gorlando@twcny.rr.com

6. Wednesday, March 25, 2009

26th Annual MLK Memorial Public Affairs Lecture (Speakers)

@ 7:00 pm

Syracuse University's 26th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Memorial Public Affairs Lecture will feature Deborah

McDowell, director of the Carter G. Woodson Institute for

African-American and African Studies at the University of

Virginia. McDowell will present "The Fierce Urgency of Now:

Martin Luther King in His Time and Ours."

Location: Maxwell Auditorium /Tel: 443- 9344

7. 'Diet Diva' Keri Gans to speak at SU March 24

The Nutrition Education and Promotion Association (NEPA), a student organization in the College of Human Ecology's

Department of Nutrition Science and Dietetics, is bringing

Keri Gans, a practicing dietitian in New York City, to

Syracuse University. Her presentation- Tuesday, March 24,

at 6 p.m. in Grant Auditorium-is free and open to the

public. For more information, contact mlrourke@syr.edu

or NEPA's president, Brittany Chin, at blchin@syr.edu.

Quotes of the Week:

"Be around people who can keep your energy and inspiration high. While you can make progress alone, it's so much easier when you have support."by Dr. Joe Vitale

"Whatever we plant in our subconscious mind and nourish with repetition and emotion will one day become a reality."by Earl Nightingale

"It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit. "by Harry S Truman

"Gratitude is the most exquisite form of courtesy." by Jacques Maritain

Note:

If you would like to submit a request to publish your news or events in

our SCISNEWS letter. Please contact Daniela Baban Hurre at dbabanhu@syr.edu

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