



Friday, April 3, 2009



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**! Important Announcements !**

- To accommodate student requests at this busy time of the semester, we will have a "Walk In PT Step 2 Service" session next **Wednesday evening, April 8**, from **5 to 7 p.m.** at the Slutzker Center (for more information please read below).
- There will not be an on-campus employment seminar on Friday, **April 10th**.
- All your Federal and State Taxes have to be filed by **Wednesday, April 15th**. Your tax returns must be POSTMARKED by that date--they do not have to be received by the tax office by that date. You must complete the U.S. federal tax forms BEFORE you can complete the New York State forms.
- 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, **April 15th 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, **April 15th 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.

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**Ready to apply for Curricular or Optional Practical Training? We have a great opportunity for you!**

At this time of the semester, appointment requests for curricular and optional practical training begin to "back up."

To accommodate student requests at this busy time of the semester, we will have a "Walk In PT Step 2 Service" session next **Wednesday evening, April 8**, from **5 to 7 p.m.** at the Slutzker Center . A number of advisers will be on hand to process your applications on a first come, first served basis. You may have to wait, so please bring something to read, or plan to watch television or work on the computer. We will process as many student

applications as possible during the two hours. If we have more applications than we can process, we will take them in and work on them throughout the rest of the week.

Please be sure to have all documents completed and ready for advisor review. We will work diligently to see as many students as possible during this time. If you feel that your case needs personal attention or you have many questions, please call our office to schedule a regular CPT or OPT Step 2 appointment so that your case can get the attention it needs.

We hope that this extra service will meet the needs of students who are applying for practical training. Of course, we will continue our regular schedule of CPT and OPT Step 2 appointments throughout April and May. Depending on the utility (and success) of this walk-in session, we will consider another future date for an evening session.

We look forward to serving you.

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### **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.

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### **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 positively 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.**

For Bus Routes please click [here](#) and for the Bus Schedule please click [here](#)

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### **Asian Pacific American Heritage Month**



Starting this Wednesday, Syracuse University will host a variety of events marking Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Asian Pacific American Heritage Month is a

national commemoration that SU chooses to celebrate several weeks early, to provide for all students, faculty and staff to learn about the significant contributions of Asian Pacific American people and to have dialogue about important issues.

Working in collaboration with recognized student organizations and a team of dedicated individuals, the Office of Multicultural Affairs has coordinated a calendar of workshops, film screenings, and community events celebrating the month's theme. The calendar is attached; contact OMA at 443-9676 [for more information](#).

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**DO YOU LIKE TO PERFORM?  
WANT TO SHARE YOUR UNIQUE CULTURE?**



The Maxwell School 's Annual **CULTURAL FAIR**, presented by the graduate International Relations Student Association is seeking performers: groups/duo/solo singers, dancers, musicians and poets. **CULTURAL FAIR** on **APRIL 21, 2009**. For more information, please contact:

AMERICA PINTABUTR  
irsa.culturalfair@gmail.com

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**"GOT CONSENT?"**

Related activities include SU's participation in the annual White Ribbon Campaign ([http://sunews.syr.edu/story\\_details.cfm?id=5858](http://sunews.syr.edu/story_details.cfm?id=5858)) as well as other high-profile events on campus. A partial list of these events follows; additional details will be announced in the coming days:

\***Monday, April 13, 2009**, 10-3 pm: Hands Against Violence, Schine Student Center Atrium

\***Monday, April 13, 2009**, 5-8 pm: Hands Against Violence, Goldstein Student Center, lower level

\***Tuesday, April 14, 2009**, 10-3 pm: Hands Against Violence, Schine Student Center Atrium (and GOT CONSENT? t-shirt day)

\***Wednesday, April 15, 2009**, 10-3 pm: Hands Against Violence, Schine Student Center Atrium

\***Wednesday, April 15, 2009**, 5:30-6:30 pm: Clothesline Project t-shirt making workshop, Hendricks Chapel

\***Wednesday, April 15, 2009**, 7 pm: Take Back the Night Rally at Hendricks Chapel steps, followed by march and speak-out.

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**Applications for the 2009-2010 NASPA Undergraduate Fellows Program (NUFP) are now available on-line.**

<http://www.naspa.org/programs/nufp/app.cfm>

The NASPA Undergraduate Fellows program is a semi-structured mentoring program for undergraduate students wishing to explore and better understand the field of student affairs and/or higher education. Students and mentors apply as a pair, and if selected are provided the foundation to establish a semi-structured mentoring relationship at their institution. Students, once selected, are

known as Fellows, and are also given the opportunity to attend a national conference, participate in paid internships, and participate in the Summer Leadership Institute.

**Admissions Requirements:** To be considered for admission to the NASPA Undergraduate Fellows Program, each applicant must meet the requirements listed below, have a NASPA member agree to serve as a mentor, and have the support of their institution's Senior Student Affairs Officer.

- Identify as a member of a traditionally underrepresented student population, i.e. Black/African American, Asian, Hispanic/Latino(a), Indigenous (Native American, Alaskan, Hawaiian), Multiethnic, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, or as having a physical or psychological impairment; and
- Have at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA at the time of application. Applicants with a 2.7 cumulative GPA will receive preference in the review process.

Completed applications must be submitted to the Office of Multicultural Affairs by **Monday, April 20th 5:00 p.m.** All questions and concerns about NUFPP should be directed to Syracuse University's NUFPP coordinator, Tae-Sun Kim, associate director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs

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**An amusing piece:**

**"Don't Drink and Drive ... Anything!"**

*Ohio Man Charged With DUI After Crashing Motorized Bar Stool* Tuesday, March 31, 2009 - by Associated Press





*Kile Wygle's bar stool, which is powered by a deconstructed lawn mower.*

**"NEWARK, Ohio — An Ohio man has been charged with drunken driving after crashing his motorized bar stool, authorities said.**

Police in Newark, 30 miles east of Columbus, said that when they responded to a report of a crash with injuries on March 4, they found a man who had wrecked a bar stool powered by a deconstructed lawn mower. Kile Wygle, 28, was hospitalized for minor injuries. He was charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated after he told an officer at the hospital that he had consumed 15 beers, police said. Wygle told police his motorized bar stool can go up to 38 mph. Wygle has pleaded not guilty and has requested a jury trial".

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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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**Motivational Quote of the Week:**

"If you believe you are born with all the smarts and gifts you'll ever have, you tend to approach life with a fixed mind-set. However, those who believe that their abilities can expand over time live with a growth mind-set—and they're much more innovative." *by Marshall Goldsmith*

"Worrying is the same thing as banging your head against the wall. It only feels good when you stop." *by John Powers*

"Celebration of your achievement is as important as your achievement because success builds on success." *by John Powers*

"Look to the present. The great disease of 'I will be happy when ...' is sweeping the world. You know the symptoms. You start thinking: I'll be happy when I get that ... BMW ... promotion ... status ... money. The only way to cure the disease is to find happiness and meaning now." *by Marshall Goldsmith*

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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)