

ENLIGHTENMENT

Congratulations Graduates!

Written By MICHAEL MENDEZ

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The Center for Multicultural Affairs would like to congratulate the following graduates who were involved with CMA groups. These students were awarded stoles at our annual awards dinner held on April 18th.

Women's Student Union:

Amy Anthony
Melissa DeMartino
Meghan Provost

Pride Alliance

Rachel Alter
Caitlyn Copp
Katie Diebold
Scott Glasser
Katie Hastings
Samantha Myers
Lauren Porcaro
Danielle Smith
Jeff Takos

Black Student Union:

Lesondra Brown
Tamara Stanton
Brandon Williamson

The Center:

Michael Cox
Michael Mendez

Latinos Unidos:
Carlos Patricio

Jewish Student Union:
Allie Bloom
Jeanette Liss

Upcoming CMA Events:

Have a good summer, and good luck to all those graduating!

For more information visit www.sunyfredoniacma.com

Campus Victimization Survey of SUNY Fredonia CEASE Program

The CEASE program is conducting a campus victimization survey of SUNY Fredonia students throughout the month of April. This survey is intended to gain a better understanding of students opinions and beliefs regarding sexual assault, relationship violence and stalking; what experiences/incidents students have had with these issues; reasons why students may or may not report such experiences; students' familiarity with services and resources available to assist them in the event they may experience these types of violence; and what improvements they would like to see the campus implement regarding these issues.

The survey is anonymous and takes about 15 minutes to complete.

To access the online survey, consent form, and other information please visit:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=632333494497>

For more information regarding CEASE or the survey please contact:
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Black Student Union News

Upcoming BSU Events

Gospel Explosion

April 20th
9pm, Diers Recital Hall

Faces of Fashion

April 21st
7pm, Multi-purpose room
Williams Center

People of Color Concerns Conference

Williams Center
April 20th/21st

Tickets are \$13 for general public, \$11 for faculty and staff, \$7 for students, and are available at the Central Ticket Office. Purchase of a ticket is good for all events over the course of the conference.

Origins of Black History Month

By SHAWNA BELNAVIS

It is a tradition for The Black Student Union to establish memorable events for the month of February. Black History Month has been a part of the American culture for decades and it is the duty of the Black Student Union to promote and educate the students of SUNY Fredonia about the importance of the month of February.

Since 1926, in America, we celebrate the contributions of Black Americans to this country. Founded by Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson, Black History Month first began as "Negro Week." Recognizing the value of Black History, Dr. Woodson fought to present the importance of a people having an awareness and knowledge of their contributions to humanity and left behind an impressive legacy.

Black History Month, referred to as African-American History Month, or African Heritage Month is a way to expose the harms of racial prejudice and to cultivate black self-esteem following centuries of socio-economic oppression. As it is also an opportunity to recognize significant contributions to society made by people with African heritage.

Later on in 1976, as the nation reached its bicentennial, the week was expanded into an entire month. Dr. Woodson chose the month of February, in respect of all the significant events that benefited the Black population, such as the signing of the Fifteenth Amendment (Feb. 3, 1817) as well as the established of the NAACP (Feb. 23, 1909).

Upcoming Events

By SHAWNA BELNAVIS

This year, the Black Student Union has put on numerous events throughout the academic school year, but our events are not yet done. There are still two events left that we are very excited about and hope everyone enjoys.

We have our People of Color Concerns Conference (PCCC) and Annual Fashion Show coming up on the 20th and 21st of April. This year's theme for the conference is entitled, "The World, The Society and My Reflection...The Person in the Mirror." The purpose of the conference is to alter the social state of people of color while examining the social concerns that effect minorities that influence negative perspectives of the black community. The conference begins on Friday, April 20th with a dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room, followed by a symposium at 6 p.m. and our Gospel Explosion at 9pm in Diers

Recital Hall. The symposium will be led by our own Dr. Sandra Liggins and Dr. Boyce Watkins, author of *What If George Bush were A Black Man?* The Gospel Explosion will include our very own SUNY Fredonia Gospel Choir, Buffalo State's S.P.I.R.I.T. Gospel Choir and Dance Forth In Motion Dance Company from Syracuse, NY.

Saturday's events will include hosts of workshops and a jam session, involving the interaction of the delegates, beginning at 9 a.m. featuring John Elmore, Esq., Dr. Bruce Cosby, and Pastor Roderick Hennings with faculty/staff, community leaders and BSU alumni. To cap off Saturday's activities is the annual Fashion Show, beginning at 7pm featuring various multicultural students of SUNY Fredonia. Clothing for the show is sponsored by regional and local retail stores.

Women's Student Union News

Library Exhibit of FGM

Written by MELISSA DEMARTINO

As you walk through Reed Library in April and May you may see some images that shock you, or maybe they will not. That may depend on how much you know about female genital mutilation.

Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) is a cultural practice that involves the cutting of the female genitals, from cutting the clitoris to the vaginal lips with a sharp object. In some areas of Africa a more severe procedure is carried out that involves sewing that vagina shut after removing the clitoris and labia minora, leaving only a small hole (this is called infibulation). This procedure usually takes place without any anesthesia and without sterile conditions.

FGM is often seen as a rite of passage for women, and while it leads to severe health risks it is a cultural practice that has continued to occur in many African countries. Recently the state government in Nigeria passed a bill to outlaw the practice of FGM, and many NGO's and women's health organizations anticipate similar reactions from other governments.

While articles may be written on this practice or even highlighted in plays such as *The Vagina Monologues* ("Not-So-Happy-Fact"), it is an issue that needs to be addressed in a more accessible and universal form. The African country of Nigeria has over 250 languages spoken within its borders, and that is

only one country in which FGM is practiced. Language in itself may be a barrier when trying to educate men and women on the dangers of the practice of FGM simply because of the number of languages spoken. It is also difficult to discuss FGM because it is such a deeply ingrained cultural practice, and often women are the ones who carry out the act on their own daughters.

Much of the conversations regarding FGM are taking place in European and North American communities where African women have immigrated to.

According to Joy Keshi Walker, a Nigerian campaigner against FGM, using art is a way to cross over the barriers of language while also educating and encouraging those who may not have otherwise known what FGM was or the vast impact it is having on thousands of women every day.

The exhibit in Reed Library is the culmination of a large number of Nigerian artists, sculptors and painters who were commissioned by Walker. Their works were originally displayed in the Goethe Institute in Lagos in 1998. Since then the exhibit has been shown in over 70 German cities as well as Switzerland, Italy and Britain.

The exhibit present on our campus was made possible through funding by the Women's Studies Program and the work of Julie Hoen-Bezek, CEASE Grant Coordinator.

Clothesline Project

Written by MELISSA DEMARTINO

The Clothesline Project is an annual event sponsored by the Women's Student Union in order to raise awareness of violence against women as well as offering a way for campus members to speak out or even share their own experiences.

The Clothesline Project began in 1990 on Cape Cod, Massachusetts in order to address the issue of violence against women. People affected by the violence could decorate a shirt and then hang it on a clothesline as a testimony to others of the violence they had endured. The shirts used in the Clothesline Project are color coded to represent specific forms of abuse:

White represents women who died because of violence.

Yellow or beige represents battered or assaulted women.

Red, pink and orange are for survivors of rape or sexual assault.

Blue and green represent survivors of sexual abuse or incest.

Purple or lavender represents women attacked because of their sexual orientation.

Black is for women attacked for political reasons.

Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month

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For Immediate Release
Office of the Press Secretary
April 28, 2006

Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month, 2006

A Proclamation by the President of the United States of America

During Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month, we honor and celebrate the millions of Asian/Pacific Americans whose contributions have helped make America a strong, vibrant, and free society.

Asian/Pacific Americans represent many nations and ethnicities, each with its own culture, heritage, language, and experience. Across our country, this diverse group of people has excelled in all walks of life. Their talent and hard work have added to the success and prosperity of our Nation and helped make America a leader in the world. They have helped shape America's character and identity through their strong values, love of family, and commitment to community. America is especially grateful to the many Asian/Pacific Americans who have courageously answered the call to defend freedom as members of our Armed Forces. The sacrifices of these brave men and women help preserve the ideals of our country's founding and make the world a safer place.

To honor the achievements and contributions of Asian/Pacific Americans, the Congress, by Public Law 102-450 as amended, has designated the month of May each year as "Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim May 2006 as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month. I call upon the people of the United States to learn more about the history of Asian/Pacific Americans and their role in our national story and to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-eighth day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirtieth.

GEORGE W. BUSH

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The Center News

A Message From the Council of Women's Concerns

Written by JANET KNAPP

Fredonia's Council for Women's Concerns has openings on its board. The board attempts to meet monthly (specific weekday determined at the beginning of the semester) with meetings lasting one hour at the most. The board openings are to replace two (2) faculty and one (1) professional.

An overview of the Council for Women's Concerns (CWC): CWC seeks to help ensure a productive educational and work environment for faculty and staff at Fredonia, particularly in areas related to women's concerns. CWC serves as an advisory group. It acts as a liaison from Fredonia employees to the Administration on matters of University policy and procedure related to women's concerns. CWC encourages activity on behalf of women in the University community. The Council will explore a collaborative role wherever possible to help facilitate activities with other University units. The CWC Board strives to maintain an eight member board. Three members should be from academic ranks (a combination of tenured and non-tenured faculty, when possible), three from the professional ranks, and three staff.

For more information on CWC, please go to the website www.fredonia.edu/CWC.

To be a CWC member, you must send a message to listserv@listserv.fredonia.edu and type subscribe cwctalk in the body of the text.

NOTE: You must be a member of CWC in order to serve on the board.

Anyone interested in becoming a board member should contact any current board member by May 1, 2007. Also, you may nominate a colleague. The current board members and their email addresses are listed below.

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Suggestion Form - Center for Multicultural Affairs

Name:

Ideas? Let us know here (or attach)!

Preferred Email:

Attached is a submission for Enlightenment

Other

Jewish Student Union News

Jewish News

By MICHAEL DAVIDSON

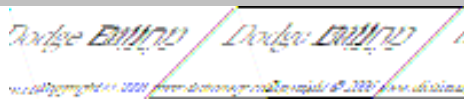
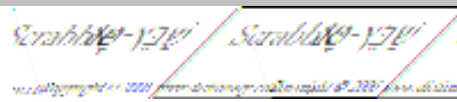
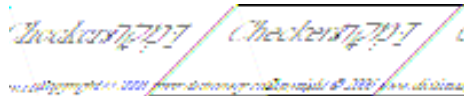

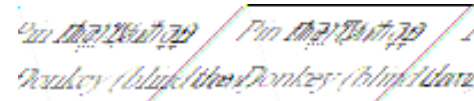
March 26 – The Jewish Theological Seminary, the Conservative Movement's flagship Rabbinical school, announced that it is changing its policy on accepting and ordaining openly Gay and Lesbian Jews. This came after much debate in the Conservative Movement as a whole about its policies on Gay and Lesbian ordination. The Committee on Jewish Law and Standards of the Conservative Movement late last year sent down two different options for the Conservative Movement on the ordination of Gay and Lesbian Jews. It stated that it is up to the individual synagogue and Rabbinical and Cantorial school whether to accept Gay and Lesbian students and subsequently Rabbi's and Cantor's. The Reform and Deconstructionist Movements have allowed Gay and Lesbian students and ordination for many years; the Orthodox Movement does not ordain Gay men or any women.

April 15 – Jews around the world stopped to remember the six million Jews and five million others who perished during the Holocaust. As the eleven-million victims are remembered, we also remember those who survived. We stop to listen to their stories of survival, of courage and of despair. Each day, we lose more and more of these amazing and inspiring people, and as we do, their story cannot be lost. Each day we must remember the Holocaust, the Shoah in Hebrew, and we cannot let it happen again. Yom Hashoah, a Day of Remembrance.

April 16 – Since the last Congressional Election, more Jews than ever represent their districts and states to the Federal Government. Of the 100 U.S. Senators, thirteen are Jewish (that's 13%) and of the 435 U.S. Congresspersons, twenty-nine are Jewish (that's 6%). If you look at those numbers, you would assume that Jews are a very large portion of this country. You would be wrong. Jews make up about one-percent of the United States population. While there has never been a Jewish President, Jews have held some of the top jobs in Government including, Chief Justice and Associate Justices on the United States Supreme Court, NATO Commander in Chief, Ambassadors, and Members of Presidential Cabinets, among others.

Hebrew Words of the Month

By MICHAEL DAVIDSON

	mah-chah-nah-yeem		shah-baytz nah
	dom-kah		klah-pheem
	pah-rah ee-vay-ret		

Asian Heritage Crossword

* Solution can be found on the newsletter page of our website at www.sunyfredoniacma.com

Crosswords are from InfoPlease.com

Across

- 1. * Food popularized in Asian cuisine
- 5. Volcanic island
- 9. Kitchen measurement, for short
- 12. Blissful place
- 13. Shocked question at a Singles Dance: "Did ___ me to dance?"
- 15. Columbus locale
- 16. Fats Domino smash: "___ That a Shame"
- 17. Fragrance
- 18. * Hairy Humanoid of the Himalayas
- 19. Movie of 1983, with "Park"
- 21. * Material used for wickerwork
- 23. Ems followers
- 25. Thing describer
- 26. Word with San
- 28. * It's beautiful
- 29. * Henna on Hands
- 31. Tourist's comment: "Our guide took ___ great tour of the city this afternoon."
- 33. Letters on the Skipper's boat
- 34. Pouts
- 35. Batman foe, with "The"
- 36. Cuckoos
- 37. In line for capture: En ___
- 39. Letters for certain grads
- 43. Canned fish
- 45. Employ again
- 46. State in the U.S.A.
- 48. * Japanese beverages, variantly
- 49. * Oscar winning movie: "Crouching Tiger, ___ Dragon" (2000)

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- 50. Prearranged fight, minus the "D"
- 52. List of dishes
- 53. Biblical giant
- 54. Puny Parent
- 55. * Chinese philosophical system
- 57. Grind together
- 59. Certain shape
- 60. Visual 63. Fibber
- 66. Mr. Beatty, and others
- 67. Stable Sound
- 68. Capital of Norway
- 69. Snake Sound
- 70. Money in Mexico
- 71. Give off

Down

- 1. * Soothing beverage, with "Green"
- 2. Detestable, without the "ous"
- 3. * Harmony in the House
- 4. Do Others connector
- 5. * Type of Yoga
- 6. Lofty Locale (var. sp.)
- 7. * Thai language
- 8. Doctrine
- 9. The 8th letter of the Greek alphabet
- 10. * Instruments of India
- 11. * In acupuncture, fine needles are placed into specific ___ of the skin for medical treatments
- 14. * Fun singing for all in a club
- 15. Mr. Axton, without the "H"
- 20. Frees
- 22. Ms. Meara
- 23. Ms. Thompson
- 24. Big City light

- 26. * Self-Defense without Weapons (var. sp.)
- 27. Heard during WWII: "The ___ putting on a great show today!"
- 30. Bird Beds
- 32. Fortified
- 37. * It first became popular in Japan
- 38. Break
- 40. * Religious belief
- 41. Lost
- 42. Post
- 44. He sheeps
- 45. Capital of Latvia
- 46. * Mattresses
- 47. * Acupuncture is often combined with the burning of Moxa what?
- 49. * Boss (Taken from a Japanese word for "Squad Leader")
- 51. Freights
- 56. French pronoun
- 57. Showbiz Shows
- 58. Type of fruit
- 61. Liveliness
- 62. Bond
- 64. Mr. Baba
- 65. Decompose

April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
01 (Week 14) •KOTD Meeting •Sams SahaZone Mtg	02 •KOTD Meeting •Sams SahaZone Mtg	03 •Sams Passover Seder	04 •10ams CMA: Rosa Parks Awards Ceremony Rehearsal	05 •5ams CMA: Rosa Parks Ceremony •7ams Jason Kaufman in Concert	06	07
08 (Week 15)	09 •NO CLASSES - Travel Day	10	11	12	13	14 •BSU End of Year Retreat
15 (Week 16) •BSU End of Year Retreat •9ams Yam HaShoah	16 •KOTD Meeting •Sams SahaZone Mtg	17	18 •CMA Awards Ceremony	19 •7ams Interfaith Discussion	20 •BSU Conference/Fashion Show	21 •BSU Conference/Fashion Show
22 (Week 17) •Sams Matzo Ball	23 •KOTD Meeting	24	25	26	27	28
29 (Week 18)	30 •LAST WEEK OF CLASSES •KOTD Meeting •Sams SahaZone Mtg					

May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		01 •LAST WEEK OF CLASSES	02 •LAST WEEK OF CLASSES	03 •LAST WEEK OF CLASSES	04 •LAST WEEK OF CLASSES	05
06 (Week 19)	07 •EXAM WEEK	08 •EXAM WEEK	09 •EXAM WEEK	10 •EXAM WEEK	11 •EXAM WEEK	12 •COMMENCEMENT
13 (Week 20)	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 (Week 21)	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 (Week 22)	28	29	30	31		

As always, be sure to check our online calendar for updates!
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