

# T H E L I N K

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Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual,  
and Transgender

African Americans

Jewish Americans

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## Festival in the Union Courtyard

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The Office of Multicultural Affairs is very excited to be sponsoring the first annual Festival in the Union Courtyard this June. This celebration is a salute to Florida State University's non-traditional student population.

Florida State University is committed to honoring the adult and non-traditional student populations, and ensuring their hard work and contribution to FSU and local communities. On June 29, 2007, Florida State University will host the "Festival in the Union Courtyard." This celebration, which will begin at 11:00 am is open to everyone, but it is in honor of the many contributions older and non-traditional

adult students continue to make in our communities.

For all the older and non-traditional adult students have achieved throughout life and for all they continue to accomplish, we owe these populations our sincere gratitude and a heartfelt salute. The Office of Multicultural Affairs is inviting FSU's non-traditional adult students to join Florida State University alumni, faculty, staff, and students on this special occasion.

This celebration will include activities such as

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## MULTICULTURAL ORIENTATION & GATHERING

The Office of Multicultural Affairs is once again planning to welcome incoming students to Florida State University through several events that showcase FSU's tradition of cultural diversity and inclusiveness. To do this we need the help of organizations to showcase these attributes, and we are asking that organizations participate in the 2007 Multicultural Orientation, Gathering, and Showcase during Seminole Sensation Week.

The Multicultural Orientation will begin this series of events. This will take place Thursday, August 23, 2007 in the Oglesby Union Ballrooms from 5:30-7:00 p.m. This orientation gives students a chance

to talk with current faculty, staff, and students while learning about the diverse involvement opportunities FSU has to offer. This will include an information session with the organizations present, which gives those organizations a chance to talk about their mission and activities as well as recruit new members.

The Multicultural BBQ and Gathering will take place the following Friday. The BBQ will be held Friday, August 24, 2007 from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. This event will allow incoming students to mingle with current and other incoming students and give organizations another

opportunity to recruit and distribute information. Students will continue to see the talent that enriches our campus through the Showcase directly following the BBQ in Moore Auditorium at 1:00 p.m. Past Showcase performances have included poetry, comedy routines, sorority and fraternity stepping, cultural dances, and more.

If your organization would like to participate in any of these events, contact Jessica Harpole at [jharpole@admin.fsu.edu](mailto:jharpole@admin.fsu.edu) or call the Office of Multicultural at 850-244-2450 by **July 15, 2007**. Please note that space is limited to the organizations that RSVP.

# News on Campus

## Asian Awareness Month in March

The Asian Student Union celebrated its annual Asian Awareness Month in March with a variety of programs to showcase Asian culture on and off of Florida State's campus.

The month kicked off with Food in the Union and the Fusion Talent Show in the Club Down Under. Other entertainment included a Japanese culture workshop, Asian arts and crafts, a sushi workshop at Lucy Ho's Oriental Bistro, the ASU semi-formal, and a screening of the Academy Award winning animated movie, Spirited Away.

Live performances included the Furious Four Comedy Tour, featuring Randal Park who was formerly with MTV's Wild'n Out, Vietnamese

R&B artist, VuDoo Soul, and FSU's internationally renown collegiate acapella group, All-Night Yahtzee.

Although plenty of entertainment was available during this month, ASU also participated in philanthropic events such as FSU's Relay for Life, which raised over \$135,000 for the American Cancer Society.



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## Festival in Union Cont'd.

games, fellowship, artistic performances, as well as prizes for all.

Throughout our history, the older and non-traditional adult student populations have contributed much to our families, our communities, and our country. That remains true today, and gives us ample reason this year to reserve a special day in honor of FSU's adult and non-traditional students who mean so much to our society.



## HLSU Spring Week

The Hispanic/Latino Student Union celebrated its annual Spring week of activities April 9th-15th. The week, themed HLSU's Hot Seven, featured a week of events influenced by a variety of musical genres. Monday, "Canteo" featured a debate between Hip/Hop and Reggaeton, which was co-sponsored with Cuban American Student Association, Puerto Rican Student Association, Columbian Student Association, and Oscar Arias Sanchez Hispanic Honor Society.

"My Love" Poetry night took place on Tuesday and featured Noche De Poetas. This event was co-sponsored with the Puerto Rican Student Association and Theta Nu Xi National Sorority, Inc. The HLSU Block Party, which included a potluck and a DJ "went down" on the Union Green Wednesday, April 11th.

The main event, the HLSU Annual Concert, featured Pitbull at Baja's Beach Club on Thursday night. This much anticipated performance was given to a sold-out audience.

Friday's "Bring me to Life" community service event brought a change of pace to the week. Sponsored with the Boys and Girls Club, HLSU organized a Kids Carnival on the Union Green for children in the Tallahassee community.

The "I'm So Fly" Awards Gala took place Saturday night, where outstanding students and affiliates were honored. The week ended with a Picnic at the Rez co-sponsored with the Columbian Student Association and the Cuban American Student Association.

*OMA would like to congratulate to all of the outstanding students who received or were nominated for an award at the 2007 Leadership Awards Night! Thank you for the dedication that you show to Florida State university.*

## Multicultural Agencies

*The Multicultural Student Unions are Agencies of the Student Government Association (SGA). The Agencies will be glad to have you visit their webpage's and contact them for more information.*



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# OMA Ambassadors

Submitted by: Kai'Trina Gully

On April 16th, the OMA Ambassadors joined with Russell Small, Resident Advisor at Broward Hall, to host a discussion about gender roles in the US and around the world. The discussion was lead by Freshman OMA Ambassador Kai'Triana Gully.

During this discussion many areas were covered and many opinions explored. Many strong opinions were brought up about men and women in the workplace and how stereotypes are often encountered. One such issue was the perception that women who dress "sexy" get faster promotions than people who are sometimes better qualified. True or false?

Other topics were also brought up in the discussion; Jefferson, an FSU upperclassman, recently attended a speech where the speaker focused on "the invisible children" situation that is occurring, unaided in Uganda. In Uganda, many of the women have their "motherly" and "wifely" duties to attend to, and in addition they must tend their land, fend off kidnappers, and provide food and water for their families.

The discussion ended with everyone involved feeling satisfied that they had spoken about significant issues that plague our communities. It is only after we have given voice to the issues that we can we even begin to approach a solution.



The mission of the Office of Multicultural Affairs at Florida State University is to create a welcoming environment that is inclusive of all students.

To that end, the Office of Multicultural Affairs provides advocacy, support services, and culturally based programs that educate students on diversity and multiculturalism and empowers them to be agents of social change in a increasingly diverse and global community.

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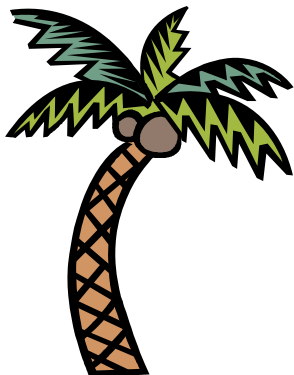
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Friends of OMA,

Although this has been a year of transition for the Office of Multicultural Affairs, the changes have brought a fresh perspective on the future. The change in leadership and the development of new mission and vision statements will continue to impact OMA programming and the office environment to be inclusive of all FSU students.



To FSU's faculty, staff, and students, thank you for a wonderful year! Your support and participation in OMA events made this year a great success. We have sincerely enjoyed getting to know and working with each of you, and we are looking forward to continuing these relationships. To the graduating seniors, congratulations and good luck! We are anticipating great for you.

Have a great summer!

The Office of Multicultural Affairs