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International Flavor on YouTube

A video with an international twist has managed to become one of the most popular videos on [You Tube](#). The idea for this series of dance videos, which go by the name "Where ... is Matt?" began in Hanoi. His friend made a video of Matt dancing, extremely poorly, as Matt says on his [homepage](#). The idea developed and soon Matt began dancing and filming all around the world. Once the videos hit the Web, a company agreed to sponsor him. Next, he came up with the idea to visit different places and dance poorly all over again, only this time with other people helping him do it. Max describes himself as a "poor student who never went to college" and believes Americans should travel abroad more to learn more. To read more of Max's ideas about life and travel [visit](#).

Vote for Your Favorite Movie

The nominations for the International Education Week's movie screenings are in. [Click here](#) to decide the movie which will be screened on Nov 21 at the Slutzker Center. The winners from the contest will be announced next week, while the early-bird prize winners will be notified through email. To find out more about the movie contest visit [SCIS News Archive](#).

Latin Dance Party

DJ la Maquina will spin a mix of Salsa, Merengue, Bachata, Chachacha, Raeggeton & Timba all night long in the close-to-campus Metro Lounge & Café. The event is hosted by La Familia de la Salsa.

Day: Saturday, Oct 18

Time: 9:30 p.m. – 2 a.m.

Location: METRO Lounge & Cafe

SU Field Hockey: Request

(Note from the SU Field Hockey Staff)

Come watch Martina Loncarica, a sophomore from Argentina, enrolled in the College of Human Ecology, and her team mates play in NCAA competition this weekend. For more information view the events calendar on the right.

We, as the staff of the Syracuse women's field hockey team, would like to invite international students on campus (male or female) who have experience in playing field hockey to help with our team. Whether you want to play on the team or help us out during practice and make the team better, help the team in whichever way you wish.

The team is doing great so far. We are the last undefeated team in the country and the number one team. If you think that this would be something for you then please contact Jana Ebert at jebert@syr.edu.

Applying for OPT

(Presented with modification from SUNY Binghamton's Newsletter)

Students in F-1 status who will be graduating in December and plan to apply for optional practical training (OPT) post graduation are reminded that it can take as long as three months to obtain their Employment Authorization Document (EAD card) from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Service Center.

If you plan to begin employment as of January 2009, you should be submitting your paperwork as soon as possible.

Begin by attending an OPT Seminar, held every first and third Wednesday of the month, at the Slutzker Center for International Services. Download all [OPT application material](#) from the Web site and then set up an appointment to review and complete your application forms with an adviser. There is generally a one week wait for such appointments.

Employment cannot begin until you receive your EAD card.

Weekly Seminar Roundup

A busy week for seminars, workshops include lectures on cartoon strips as political literature, Latin American immigrant poetry to grant writing, cooking and computer workshops.

Comic Strips as Political Literature

Date: Saturday, Oct 18

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: Petit Library

[More information](#)

Quick and Easy: Cooking Classes

Date: Monday, Oct 20

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Location: 229 Lyman Hall

[More information and sign up contact](#)

The Politics of Religious Conversion**Date:** Tuesday, Oct 21**Time:** 12:30 p.m.**Location:** 341 Eggers Hall[More information](#)**Latin American Immigrant Poetry****Date:** Thursday, Oct 23**Time:** 12:00 p.m.**Location:** 341 Eggers Hall[More information](#)**Grant Writing Workshop****Date:** Thursday, Oct 23**Time:** 12:00 p.m.**Location:** 341 Eggers Hall[More information](#)**Microsoft Excel Basics****Date:** Thursday, Oct 23**Time:** 6:00 p.m.**Location:** South Side Innovation Center[More information](#)**Weekly Movie Roundup**

Maxwell's various regional programs host several critically acclaimed movies through the week, while the Caribbean Film Festival begins next Thursday at the Community Folk Art Center.

Katyn by Andrzej Wajda (Poland)**Date:** Wednesday, Oct 22**Time:** 7:00 p.m.**Location:** 341 Eggers Hall[More information](#)**What a Wonderful World by Faouzi Bensaidi (Morocco)****Date:** Thursday, Oct 23**Time:** 5:15 p.m.**Location:** 060 Eggers Hall[More information](#)**Orfeu Negro by Marcel Camus (France, Brazil)****Date:** Friday, Oct 24**Time:** 6:30 p.m.**Location:** 105 Link Hall[More information](#)**Caribbean Cinematic Film Festival Program****Date:** Begins Thursday, Oct 23**Time:** 7:00 p.m.**Location:** Community Folk Art Center[More information](#)