

Syracuse University announces 2009 Remembrance Week activities

Syracuse University's 2009-10 Remembrance Scholars have planned a series of activities for the University's annual Remembrance Week, Nov. 8-14.

The terrorist bombing of Pan Am 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, on Dec. 21, 1988, took 270 lives, including those of 35 SU students returning from a semester of study abroad. Each year, the Remembrance Scholars plan a wide range of activities aimed at educating the University community—and the community at large—about the legacy of Pan Am Flight 103 and the lessons learned from the tragedy.

I'd like to add a quote here from one of the scholars on the importance of Remembrance Week and why it is important for today's students to remember this tragedy.

In advance of Remembrance Week, scholars have been making classroom presentations both on campus and in local high schools about Remembrance Week and why the Pan Am 103 tragedy is marked each year.

On Thursday, Nov. 5, scholars will build a cairn, a traditional Scottish marker of remembrance, on the Quad from 3-5 p.m.

Remembrance Week Activities include:

Nov. 6 through Dec. 21—"A Special Moment in Time: 1988 Fall Semester in London," an exhibition about the study abroad experience in London during the Fall 1988 semester. The SU Archives created this exhibition to focus on the joy and camaraderie of the time the SU students spent with their fellow students in London that year. The exhibition will be displayed in the Noble Room, Hendricks Chapel. More information is available at <http://remembrance.syr.edu>.

Archives will have its exhibition web site up this week which will include the panels from the Noble Room, so the press release can link directly to that instead of going thru the Remembrance site to get there. Our web site will be <http://archives.syr.edu/panam/2009exhibit.html>

Sunday, Nov. 8—A "3.5 for 35 Memorial Run" will begin at 11 a.m., with registration from 10-10:45 a.m. **(WHERE)?** Each one-tenth mile of the race course will be dedicated to one of the 35 SU student victims. Pre-registration is available online at

<http://remembrance.syr.edu>.

Monday, Nov. 9-Wednesday, Nov. 11—Scholars will provide information on Remembrance Week during table sittings at the Hildegarde and J. Myer Schine Student

Center, Martin J. Whitman School of Management and the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications (**which building?**). Carnations will be distributed on the Quad on Tuesday and Wednesday (**what time?**)

Monday, Nov. 9—A “Why We Remember: Pan Am 103 Symposium” will be held from 7-8 p.m. in Room 010 of the Crouse-Hinds Building. Panelists will include Lawrence Mason, professor of visual and interactive communication in the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications and co-author of “Looking for Lockerbie;” Lockerbie Scholar Alistair Inglis; Melissa Chessher, associate professor and chair of the magazine department in the Newhouse School and co-author of “Looking for Lockerbie;” Matt Mulcahy, anchor and reporter with WSTM TV-3; and Joan Deppa, associate professor of newspaper and visual and interactive communications and author of “The Media and Disasters: Pan Am 103.”

Wednesday, Nov. 11—“Their Words and Ours: A Night of Remembrance.” A celebration of the victims’ lives through stories, performances and shared memories will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Hendricks Chapel. Groups performing will include Orange Appeal, the Black Celestial Choral Ensemble and Groovestand.

Friday, Nov. 13—Rose-Laying Ceremony, Moment of Silence and Remembrance Scholars Convocation. The annual Rose-Laying Ceremony will be held at 2:03 p.m. (the actual time of the tragedy) at the Wall of Remembrance, located in front of the Hall of Languages, and will include a campus-wide moment of silence. A convocation honoring the 2009-10 Remembrance Scholars and Lockerbie Scholars will be held at 3:30 p.m. in Hendricks Chapel. A reception will follow in the lobby of the Heroy Geology Building.

Saturday, Nov. 14—The Remembrance Scholars will hold a private breakfast with alumni from the Fall 1988 London semester abroad.

For more information on Remembrance Week activities, visit <http://remembrance.syr.edu>.