

PSUC students polled on Robin Williams concert

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One hundred students surveyed indicated mixed feelings about the money spent on the April 21 Robin Williams concert. Fifty-seven students polled said the \$25,000 paid to Williams was reasonable, while 32 students said it was not. The remaining were undecided.

Many students surveyed did not attend the concert which drew a total of 3,200 people, about 2,006 of which were students. About one third were studying, one third said the ticket price was too expensive, and one third thought the concert committee should have gotten a band. Mike Lillis from deFredenburgh Hall said, "I

don't get into comedians. Maybe Stevie Wonder or a band would have been better."

Several students were surprised that Robin Williams would perform for only \$25,000. "He's a big star, a top-of-the-line performer," said one student. Most were shocked, "He's good and everybody knows his name, but isn't there anything else the money could go for?" said Maegan Cronin of MacDonough Hall. Dawn Erickson from deFredenburgh agreed. "There are a lot of other things the money could be spent on." Junior Ernie Roberts said, "We should have spent it on something more worthwhile, like a political speaker."

According to Jeff Agnoli, vice president for student activities, the concert generated \$25,000

in revenue, meaning a \$9,000 production cost fee to be taken out of the SA account.

Others thought the concert was great. Robin Dembo said it was "worth every penny." Although many people said a band would have been a better investment, SA Senator Jackie Clanfrocco disagreed saying, "Robin Williams reached a lot of people, as opposed to a band which attracts only a certain group. Comedy is what we need this time of year."

Williams performed from 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.. Laurie Green said, "The money wasn't worth it for the time he played." But, Agnoli said the contract stated Williams must be on stage for 45 minutes, followed by an encore. "That's a long time for a comedian to be on stage."