

How PSUC got Robin Williams

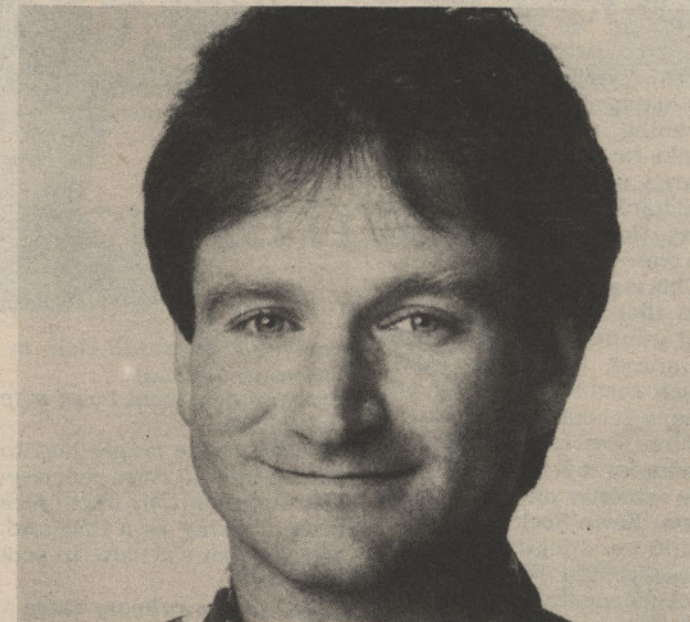
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Robin Williams is coming to Plattsburgh on April 21 at 8 p.m. at the Fieldhouse. This we know from all the posters and buttons floating around campus. But what the posters never tell is just who is responsible for bringing this major talent to our campus and how did they do it?

The Concert Committee, a 30-member group headed by Chairman John Stewart, is the responsible party. With the help of their agent, Harris Goldberg, they bring music groups, comedians and other special artists to our campus each semester.

The concert committee is provided a long, alphabetical listing of available performers, including Amy Grant, The Bangles, Chicago, Heart, The Hooters, NRBQ, Stevie Wonder, Zebra, The Beach Boys, The Producers, Bill Cosby, David Copperfield, Rodney Dangerfield, Ashford and Simpson, Mtume and Steven Wright. This list includes each artist's price range plus any extra costs and the dates they are available to perform.

However, just because these performers are mentioned in this nation-wide listing, it does not ensure that they will be available to perform on our campus. Many factors affect the availability of the acts; most



Comedian Robin Williams will appear Monday, April 21 at 8 p.m. at the Fieldhouse

are not even in the country at the time PSUC wants to book them.

The committee must decide, after looking at their budget, which groups they can afford. Also taken into consideration are the opinions of the student, who had the chance to make their preference known in the surveys in the dining halls and the College Center, and the time of year that the performer is available.

"We try to please the student body," says Deke Moore, Assistant Chairman of the Concert Committee.

Originally, the committee was looking into Simple Minds, Tears for Fears, REM and the Psychedelic Furs, but all these groups were either unavailable or too expensive.

The suggested artists are voted on by the committee members, and the top choices are brought before the 15-member Activities Coordination Board (ACB), headed by Vice-President for Activities Jeffrey T. Agnoli, for approval.

Once the performers are decided upon, the next step is to contact their agents. A bid is sent, usually by telegram,