Alumnus Pays Tribute to Danny Kaye ...

Bob Spiotto ’84, Associate Director of Performing Arts Programs and Producer of Special Events at Hofstra, conceived, directed and performed a one-man show titled Courting the Jester: A Salute to Danny Kaye. The show premiered at Hofstra Monroe Lecture Center Theater on December 12, 2001, and received such enthusiastic response that it was brought back for three encore performances — two in March and one in May. Bob also directed the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical Pipe Dream for Hofstra USA Productions in March. He will direct the Long Island premiere of The Melody Lingers On: The Songs of Irving Berlin for Hofstra USA Productions’ summer season, which premieres June 7. Alumni may purchase one opening night ticket to The Melody Lingers On or any other show in the Hofstra USA Productions’ summer season and receive a second ticket free. For more information call the Hofstra Box Office at (516) 463-6644.

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Romeo and Juliet Headlines Shakespeare Festival...

The Department of Drama and Dance celebrated the 53rd annual Shakespeare Festival in March with the first production of Romeo and Juliet at Hofstra in 16 years. The 2002 Shakespeare Festival companion play, How to Be a Red Hot Shakespearean Lover, was directed by Jonas Cohen ’93, who is also an adjunct faculty member in the Department. Both shows and the Festivale Musicale performed by the Hofstra Collegium Musicum, were performed on the Globe stage in the John Cranford Adams Playhouse. The five-sixth scale replica of the original Globe Theatre stage was created by Hofstra’s second President, Dr. John Cranford Adams, known as one of the country’s most distinguished Shakespearean scholars. This reconstruction of the Globe stage in 1951 was the first such undertaking in the eastern United States.

Dance Team Struts New Style

In Florida...

Under the guidance of new Coach Deborah Logozzo, Hofstra’s Dance Team took fifth place in the national competition sponsored by the Universal Dance Association in early January. The Pride competed again 20 Division I dance teams from around the country in Disney World’s MGM Studio and the Wide World of Sports Complex. The team of 14, with more than half its members from the freshman class, unveiled their new stylized routines that use jazz dance techniques with plenty of leaps and turns. The dancers choreographed a different routine for each outing. Throughout the spring, the team continued to entertain us at athletic competitions, Hofstra’s festivals and admissions events. For more information or Spirit Support and Volunteer Services, call (516) 463-3469 or visit www.hofstra.edu.

First Flower & Garden Show Blossoms at the Arena...

In April, the Hofstra Arboretum hosted its first Flower & Garden Show at the Hofstra Arena. The entire arena floor was filled with floral and garden displays, and famous horticulturists from all over the country were on hand to give free lectures on landscaping and gardening designs and skills. Additionally, there was a children’s garden and workshop area, a marketplace with more than 40 vendors, and a plant clinic where guests could bring “sick” plants to a garden expert and receive a full diagnosis and tips for recovery. The kick-off event for the show was an evening reception on April 18 to honor Miracle-Gen founder Dr. Horace Hagedorn and Hofstra Arboretum benefactor Dr. David G. Saltan. The success of the Hofstra Arboretum Flower & Garden Show has prompted plans for another show next spring. For more information on the Hofstra Arboretum and future shows, please call (516) 463-6815.

Support our Scholarships, Joseph Mondello ’62...

On Friday, September 13, 2002, Hofstra University, the Hofstra Advisory Board and the Support Our Scholarships Committee will pay tribute to the Honorable Joseph N. Mondello, chairman of the Nassau County Republican Committee. Mr. Mondello will make a cameo appearance in The Gray Wig production of Ouroboros. The Gray Wig has long been known for bringing Broadway-quality productions to Long Island. The Support Our Scholarships performance has been an annual benefit for years, and the funds generated from this event have assisted hundreds of deserving students.

In the March Hofstra Cultural Center presented the conference John Steinbeck’s America, a celebration of the 100th birthday of the Nobel Prize-winning author. The conference, which analyzed Steinbeck’s literary legacy, featured scholars and writers from all over the world, including Steinbeck’s son, Thom Steinbeck, and Budd Schulberg, the screenwriter/author who won the Academy Award for the story and screenplay for On the Waterfront. The Conference Director, Hofstra English Professor Ruth Prigozy, is planning a three-day conference on Bing Crosby this November at Hofstra. For information on future Cultural Center conferences and events call (516) 463-3669.

Degrees Added to Hofstra Offerings, Fall 2002...

Current and entering Hofstra students will have the option of registering for three new courses of study: undergraduate programs in Entrepreneurship and Physician Assistant Studies, and a graduate program in Speech Communication and Rhetorical Studies. The Frank G. Zarb School of Business will offer a major in Entrepreneurship, under the supervision of the University’s newly renamed Department of Management, Entrepreneurship and General Business. It relates directly to the expressed desire of many students to gain the skills and qualifications to pursue entrepreneurial ambitions. The Physician Assistant Program offered through the Biology Department consists of a two-year foundation in liberal arts and sciences, followed by a 27-month professional phase that focuses on all aspects of clinical medical practice. Students who have already earned a B.S. may enter directly into the professional phase to earn a Certificate of Completion in Physician Assistant Studies. On the graduate level, students may pursue an M.A. in Speech Communication and Rhetorical Studies, concentrating in either Rhetorical Studies or Performance Studies. They may also choose a secondary related area outside of the School of Communication, such as political science, history, English or comparative literature.

School of Communication Students Go for the Gold...

Television director and Hofstra Professor Dennis Mazocco took six students enrolled in his “Olympic Production and Programming” class to the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah. While there the students put in 12-hour days working in the central videotape area of NBC’s broadcast nerve center, which ensured that all Olympic events were fed to NBC affiliates throughout the United States. Through distance learning technology, the students in Salt Lake shared their unique perspectives with 19 students on campus also enrolled in the class. Dr. Mazocco has received 18 Emmy nominations during his career, resulting in seven Emmys: five for Olympic coverage, one for work on Wide World of Sports and one for a documentary he produced for ABC-TV. He also brought a contingent of students with him to work behind the scenes at the Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia, and at the 2001 and 2002 Academy Awards in Los Angeles.

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