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Behrend joins 'Real World':



Holly Beary/Photo Coordinator Judd Winick, from MTV's "The Real World," spoke on AIDS.

Judd Winick speaks on AIDS

by Laura Borawski

Judd Winick delivered a speech regarding the topic of AIDS in Erie Hall on Tuesday, Sept. 27.

Winick spoke on behalf of his roommate and companion Pedro Zamora who was originally scheduled to speak. Zamora has been diagnosed with AIDS and is currently bedridden due to his illness.

Winick met Zamora through his experience with MTV's "The Real World."

He informed the audience of his attitude regarding AIDS prior to his friendship with Zamora.

"I had bags of stereotypes from the media," said Winick. "Stereotypes that people take as facts."

These stereotypes included physical characteristics such as a thin physique or blisters on the mouth

Winick also clarified that AIDS has nothing to do with one's sexual preference.

He said, "It's not a gay disease, it's a disease."

He explained that he knew about Zamora's illness prior to his contract with MTV. The agreement entailed a five and a half month housing contract with six other people who were chosen by MTV through a nationwide search.

Winick also commented on his room assignment with Zamora.

"I was really OK with it. I wasn't looking at someone with AIDS, I was meeting Pedro."

Winick commented on the difficult process of dealing with AIDS.

"AIDS isn't about illness, it's not about the virus, it's about the people who get it. One of the hardest things I had to deal with

was when Pedro took ill with pneumonia."

Winick offered advice to the audience regarding an appropriate way to speak with someone infected with AIDS.

He said, "Don't tell them it's gonna be OK Say, 'When you need me I'm here for you. I'll try to understand."

Tom Keefe, president of SPC, said, "I think the audience reaction was great. Hopefully they learned a lot."

He added, "I don't think Judd has the same message as Pedro. It was a different message but still as effective. Pedro would've spoken about what it's like to have AIDS. Judd spoke about what it's like to have a friend with AIDS."

Winick, 24, is originally from Long Island, N.Y., and currently resides in Los Angeles, Calif.

Behrend plans construction of new residence hall

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A fourth suite will undergo construction next summer and is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 1996. It will be built in the vicinity of the existing suites.

Chris Reber, dean of Student Affairs, said, "Plans for a new residence hall are in final approval stage. Within a month negotiations should be complete."

The new building will be

constructed near the entrance to the suite area and will be different from the others.

In an attempt to avoid the leakage, problems in the other suites. Reber said, "It will be somewhat different in design, but it will marry well with the design of the other suites."

The suite will accommodate 64 students and will have a lower level. The lower level may contain staff apartments, rooms for visiting scholars and meeting rooms.

Reber said. "This suite will

be the first of a number of interest houses in both original and new buildings."

Because the honors program is based on student involvement inside and outside the classroom, honors students will be housed by a portion of this suite.

There will no longer be reserved housing for honor students in Tiffany, an existing suite.

Reber said, "The idea for an interest house is to house students who have similar interests and to have programs

that facilitate growth along those lines."

Future plans include a Life House which would be a substance-free environment in which residents would be restricted from consuming alcohol or any other drug. There may also be other academic interest houses constructed in the future.

University Housing and Food Services will be responsible for building the suite which will be funded through student fees. Why people don't have health insurance
Primary reason, 1993

Can't afford it
No job/job doesn't offer it

By 7% choice 7% Prior illness exclusion 3%

Many uninsured are low-income, poor

Uninsured families by income level, 1992

High income—

27%

13% Poor 28% Middle ——income Low

SOURCE: Kaiser Health Reform Project

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