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Remembrance and RELIEF

When the Indian Ocean tsunami devastated Southeast Asia in December, its ripples were felt across the globe as the world community grieved and organized relief efforts. From Syracuse to Indonesia and Sri Lanka, students, faculty, and alumni are working together to aid relief efforts. "This is the University's chance to do something for humanity," says Cavinda Caldera, a School of Information Studies graduate student from Sri Lanka.

Through the combined efforts of staff and students at Hendricks Chapel and the Slutzker Center for International Services, the University established an American Red Cross relief fund that has collected more than \$55,000. The Carrier Dome and athletic department spearheaded a collection at a men's basketball game, and student groups and individuals pitched in with various initiatives, including collecting health kits and hosting a benefit concert. Accounting professor Alex Thevaranjan founded Syracuse for Sri Lanka, which collected funds to build 100 semi-permanent houses in Sri Lanka. After visiting the region, Thevaranjan also launched a project to sponsor 100 orphaned children in the country. "In spite of the devastation, I've learned about the strength of partnerships and the power of community through relief efforts," he says.

SU students and faculty organized a vigil in remembrance of the tsunami victims. Chancellor Nancy Cantor, along with representatives from the Zen Center of Syracuse and the SU Muslim Students Association, expressed their thoughts and shared prayers. "When the natural world challenges us, the people of the world must rise up and respond, for everything global is also local," Cantor says.

In Banda Aceh, Indonesia, Kristin Dadey '94, G'98 and Sean Callahan G'98, an alumni couple who are based in Indonesia, aided relief efforts and provided logistical support for the Indonesian government.

Back on campus, students and faculty organized a multidisciplinary research project on disaster and crisis management. "We want to create a model to respond to crises and disasters more efficiently and forcefully in the future," Caldera says. "In this way, SU can be on the forefront of new research areas and make greater contributions to global affairs and to the world community."

School SUCCESS

The School of Education and the Syracuse City School District (SCSD) have collected two multimillion-dollar grants to support a pair of collaborative projects.

The New York State Education Department awarded the School of Education and SCSD a grant worth up to \$3.6 million over three years to fund the jointly developed Beyond Access, to Math Achievement (BAMA) project. An initial \$1.2 million was allocated to fund the project's first year. "The BAMA project is designed to increase the mathematical proficiency of grade-school teachers and raise the mathematical knowledge of students while reducing achievement gaps among students,"



Syracuse HeART

SU's Lubin House in New York City displays *Syracuse HeART* (above), a student-designed tribute to artists Christo and Jeanne-Claude in celebration of *The Gates* project they created in Central Park. *Syracuse HeART* featured an air-filled, translucent membrane and two large hearts that inflated and deflated. It was the winning entry in the Off the Wall art competition sponsored by the College of Visual and Performing Arts and the School of Architecture, and was designed by a six-member team of VPA and architecture students. Lubin House also celebrated *The Gates* with *Maysles Films Christo and Jeanne-Claude*, an exhibition featuring the documentaries of legendary filmmakers Albert Maysles '49 and his late brother, David, chronicling the public art projects of the husband-and-wife team.

says education professor Patricia Tinto, co-author of the proposal. The project will bring together SCSD, the Teaching and Leadership Program at the School of Education, and the Department of Mathematics in the College of Arts and Sciences to serve 300 SCSD teachers in grades 3 to 8.

The grant comes on the heels of a three-year, \$3.6 million grant from the Wallace and Gates foundations to support the Count on It project, a partnership between SU and SCSD that focuses on leadership development to create mathematics proficiency for all students. SCSD will coordinate BAMA activities with existing collaborations, including the Count on It project, to maximize the program's impact.

Drama IMMERSION

Beginning next fall, the College of Visual and Performing Arts' Tepper Center for Careers in Theatre will launch a semester-long drama studies program in New York City. The program, known as the Tepper Semester, offers advanced undergraduates studying in the drama field the opportunity to immerse themselves in rigorous artistic training and work with New York-based professionals from all aspects of theater.

The Tepper Semester is funded through a \$1.2 million gift from Trustee Arielle Tepper '94, a Broadway producer who has supported a series of initiatives for the drama department. It is the largest gift that the drama department has ever received. Tepper also founded the Summer Play Festival for Emerging Writers (SPF), which debuted in New York last summer. "The students are fantastic," says Tepper, whose current Broadway projects are *Spamalot* and *Democracy*. "I can't wait to have them in New York and working at SPF."

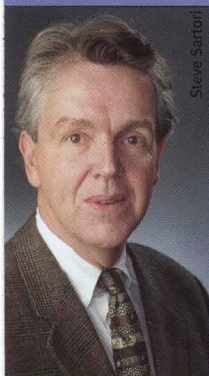
Senior VP APPOINTED

Chancellor Nancy Cantor has appointed Tom Walsh G'84 as the University's senior vice president for institutional advancement. Walsh, who holds an M.F.A. degree from the College of Visual and Performing Arts, has been associated with the University

for more than 25 years, including holding various positions with institutional advancement since 1991. He takes over for John Sellars, who resigned to return to the Midwest to be close to family. In addition to heading the University's Division of Institutional Advancement, Walsh will be a member of the

Chancellor's Cabinet. "I look forward to the leadership and creative initiative Tom will bring to these roles," Cantor says.

In 2002, Walsh was named vice president of leadership gifts. He previously was director of development for SU's Washington, D.C., operations, joint director of development and federal relations, and assistant vice president with the charge of strengthening SU's presence in New York City.



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Moynihan TRIBUTE

Hundreds gathered March 14 to celebrate the legacy of the late U.S. Senator and University Professor Daniel Patrick Moynihan and to mark the renaming of one of the Maxwell School's leading research institutes in his honor. In addition to a traditional ribbon-cutting ceremony, the dedication of the Daniel Patrick Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs included symposia featuring influential policymakers and analysts who discussed topics related to Moynihan's work in domestic and international affairs, and a banquet at which family and friends paid tribute.

During an Eggers Hall ceremony attended by members of Moynihan's family and led by Maxwell Dean Mitchel Wallerstein G'72, University officials and members of New York's Congressional delegation hailed Moynihan as a visionary statesman and one of the great minds of our time. U.S. Senator Charles Schumer of New York, who was instrumental in securing a \$10 million endowment for the institute from the federal government, noted the connection between Moynihan's work and that of the school. "The Maxwell School...is the ideal site to carry on Senator Moynihan's work because of the reputation they share for a commitment to scholarship and the pursuit of excellence," Schumer said.

Michael Patrick Avedon, grandson of the late U.S. Senator and University Professor Daniel Patrick Moynihan, cuts the ribbon at the dedication of the Daniel Patrick Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs at the Maxwell School. Looking on (from the left) are Chancellor Nancy Cantor, Congressman James Walsh, U.S. senators Hillary Rodham Clinton and Charles Schumer, Maura Moynihan (the late senator's daughter and Avedon's mother), and Maxwell Dean Mitchel Wallerstein G'72.

Chancellor Nancy Cantor spoke of Moynihan's ability to make a difference in timely and relevant ways. "As we work together toward a better future in this world—through the power of what is done within a university and outside a university, and most importantly at that intersection between the university and the world—we can do nothing better than to begin with Senator Moynihan's belief, as a student and as an architect of policy, that the world can be changed quickly and profoundly by ideas," she said.

Among those appearing at the symposia were syndicated columnist George Will, Social Security Trustee and University Professor John L. Palmer, and federal judge Rosemary Pooler. Tim Russert, moderator of NBC's *Meet the Press*, hosted "A Tribute to Pat" during a banquet that concluded the event.

Moynihan retired in 2001 from politics after serving four terms in the U.S. Senate. He returned to the Maxwell School, where he had been a faculty member from 1959-61, as a University Professor, a position he held until his death in 2003.