

# Pearl SABU Ball a grand success

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For the first time in over 12 years, the annual S.A.B.U. Ball was a financial success. The ball was held in Warner Center last Saturday, March 19. The student event drew three times as many people as previous years, according to Director of Minority Affairs John L. White. White is one of the original founders of the ball which celebrated its pearl anniversary this year.

"I anticipated a large crowd, but I never expected the evening to run so smoothly," White said.

The organization sold 300 advance tickets and another 400 to the community and neighboring communities.

"I was a little disappointed that more of the Washington and Lee faculty and students did not show up to see the effort," White said. "We put in first rate entertainment to make it a real draw. It was something all students should have come to."

White said that he was pleased with the support from most of the people who work for the University. "They work so hard

for us, it was good for them to have a good time," he said. "We also believe the event made a tremendous step in improving the W&L image in the Lexington black community."

The S.A.B.U. Ball was not another Fancy Dress, and it is not meant to be. Because of its size the ball was much easier to clean up.

"We are talking about two different kinds of animals here," said Scott Beebe, assistant director of buildings and grounds. "Fewer people usually means very little mess, and it was. They did a good job of containing their mess by just having beer on the fifth floor of the Warner Center," Beebe said.

Supervisor of Athletic Maintenance Richard Yeakel added

that there was not the same elaborate decorations, or use of the classrooms. Fancy Dress used more space and had more decorations which made clean-up more difficult.

The strongest praise went to S.A.B.U.'s ability to organize set-up and clean-up of the building when the ball ended.

White said, "to me it was one of the most awesome things I ever had a chance to watch, and I mean watch, administer."

"The students moved 1,500 pounds of sound equipment without delay.

"After celebrating for the rest of the afternoon and night, they took off their jackets, rolled up their sleeves and cleaned the place up," White said.

"I was impressed. I just couldn't believe it," said Warner Center Securityman Paul Coff. "They did not say they were going to help clean up but they did.

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"Those fellas worked harder than anybody expected. They did a damn good job," he said.

S.A.B.U. President-Elect Ronald Magee said that student work crews were organized on a volunteer basis. We did our own security inside the event.

"We had to follow ABC rules and regulations," Magee said. The 14 students worked in half-hour shifts and received no special privileges.

Co-chairman of the ball, Ira Puryear said, "The ball was the success that we planned it to be. It will go down as the best ball in history. "S.A.B.U. XII is the start of a new era," Puryear said. "We definitely plan to be in Warner Center next year, we are already making plans."