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Sukhdev Sandhu, a professor of Social and Cultural Analysis, introduces speakers Kathleen López and Gaiutra Bahadur and asks them questions about immigration at the Asian/Pacific/American event on Nov. 13.

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University increases safety measures

By KAVISH HARJAI

In response to NYU's two incidents of assault occurred around campus in October, university officials are in the process of reviewing the University's Public Safety Standards.

"Since the Catholic Center assault, Public Safety has increased its presence on campus with additional patrols in the early morning hours that use marked vehicles with roof-top bar lights turned on so they are more visible to the community," NYU spokesman Philip Lentz said.

On Oct. 31, a 24-year-old female NYU employee of the Global Center for Academic and Spiritual Life was forced inside the Catholic Center and raped.

In another high-profile incident on Oct. 8, a 20-year-old student was a victim of assault and robbery near SoHo. She was able to get away from the assailant, but she lost some of her personal belongings.

Lentz said the increased security will continue during the investigations of recent crimes, and perhaps longer.

"Even after the suspect is apprehended, such measures should be continued in order to prevent future crimes of a similar nature," said Stern freshman Luisa Coutinho, who has a class in the Catholic Center.

Margaret Smiley, CAS senior and the president of the Feminist Society at NYU, said the in-

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Steinhardt, public school students 'Standing Tall'

By JULIANNE MCSHANE

Every day, countless school-aged children bring home paintings and drawings to be proudly displayed on their family fridges, but few have the opportunity to have their work exhibited publicly. Even fewer have the chance to take part in an art therapy exhibit.

On Monday, Nov. 11, children from three different New York City public schools gathered on the eighth floor of the Kimmel Center for University Life with their families, teachers and art therapists for a reception to celebrate the opening of an exhibition featuring their artistic creations. The exhibit, titled "Standing Tall: Celebrating Resiliency in the NYU Art Therapy In Schools Program," features 80 life-sized portraits created by students between the ages of 6 and 17. It runs until Jan. 2.

Students from Millennium High School and Public Schools 6 and 124 spent months creating their portraits in

after-school art therapy programs. The brightly hued drawings, which now cover the walls of the eighth floor lounge, depict the children in various poses.

Accompanying each portrait is a small card bearing each child's name, school, triggers that induce stress, a coping mechanism they can use and a personal attribute that makes them proud. On the evening of the reception, the artists ran through the halls on the eighth floor, proudly showed off their portraits to their families, and posed for photos with their art.

Lindsay Wright, associate dean of the Steinhardt School of Culture, Education and Human Development, kicked off the event by congratulating the students.

"You've created extraordinary portraits of strength, resilience, resolve and confidence," Wright said.

Marygrace Berberian, director of the Steinhardt Art Therapy in Schools pro-

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Astin discusses 'Ground Floor' role

By MOHAMED HASSAN

In the last few years, NYU alumnus Skylar Astin has established himself as a skilled actor and singer. He has risen from theatrical fame for his roles in the plays "Spring Awakening" and "Rent," to comedic stardom in the films "Pitch Perfect" and "21 & Over."

In a conference call with WSN, Astin spoke about the newest credit to his resume — the lead in TBS's original comedy series, "Ground Floor," which premieres tonight.

In "Ground Floor," Astin stars as Brody, a young, hot-shot banker who finds himself falling for a ground floor girl named Jennifer (Briga Heelan), who works for the office building's support staff — an action that becomes highly criticized by his top floor colleagues. As Brody



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Skylar Astin stars in the TBS comedy "Ground Floor."

and Jennifer's worlds collide, Brody must balance his budding career, his critical boss (John C. McGinley) and his romance in this modern take on "Romeo & Juliet."

"I loved the project as a whole," Astin said. "I love the writing. I loved the char-

acters and how they were all fleshed out, and the dynamics between them."

Astin said the unique writing of series creator Bill Lawrence, best known for "Scrubs" and "Cougar Town" made his

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