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## Kivi Rogers well worth the wait for FNL audience

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"Everyone is late sometime or another," said audience member Shakena Hannah. "I'm really glad that we stayed and waited for the show, I laughed the entire time. He was great."

Using everything from his experiences of childhood through his trials as a father of four, Rogers has created a show that breaks down racial barriers and defies the term politically correct. His voice impressions along with his singing ability add an extra touch of familiarity and charisma to his comedy routine.

"He was absolutely hilarious," said freshman Lauren McIntyre "He was well worth the wait."

Upcoming Friday Night Live performances include:

- The Evasons: "Psychic Entertainers" on Feb. 6;
- Alex House, a contestant on NBC's "Last Comic Standing," along with special guest Clara Bijn on March 5;
- Award winning Canadian comedian Elvira Kurt on March 19;
- One of comedy's newest rising stars, John Heffron, on April 2;
- And, for the final FNL performance, the "Best of Detroit Comedy" featuring Horace Sanders and Mike Green on April 19.

Each Friday Night Live performance begins at 7 p.m. in Vandenberg Dining Center.

The Saturday Night Sounds concert series also continues on Jan. 31 with Tamara Bedricky, a recent OU graduate who has performed in clubs and at colleges from Detroit to Los Angeles. The series ends for the semester on March 27 with singer/songwriter/guitarist Jason LeVasseur. Each show begins at 8 p.m. in Vandenberg Dining Center.

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