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Screech stars as FNL guest

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For those with fond memories of "Saved by the Bell" high school days, Residence Hall Programming provided an opportunity to flashback to the past by inviting "Screech" onto the Friday Night Live scene.

When Dustin Diamond, who is best known for his portrayal of the character Screech in the popular NBC series "Saved by the Bell," took the stage on Oct. 17, he used a different approach for his comedy act. Diamond decided a question and answer session would be the main performance of the evening. Opening himself up to the curiosities of the audience, Diamond was presented with a series of questions, most of which focused on his former life on "Saved by the Bell."

"I liked the fact that he talked about the show," said senior Eva Villarreal. "It was interesting to learn about what goes on behind the scenes."

Before Diamond took center stage, opening act J. Chris Newberg ignited the comedy spark with his unique, impromptu songs. Using the audience as his lyrical inspiration, Newberg made light of everyday occurrences, imposing a new comedic flare to daily life.

"I really liked the opening act," said freshman Jason Mick. "He really picked things up and got everything going."

Diamond and Newberg were the last ticketed Friday Night Live event for the fall semester. The remaining FNL events include:

Troy Thirdgill on Nov. 14

Originally from Portland, Ore., Thirdgill has appeared on A&E's "Evening at the Improv" and "Comic View" on BET. Among his other TV credits are appearances on Fox's "In Living Color" and NBC's "In the House." He also has toured all over the world performing for U.S. troops in places such as Australia, Belgium, Egypt, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Japan and many more.

Scott Kennedy on Dec. 5

Kennedy is one of the funniest openly gay comedians working today. He can be seen on Comedy Central's "Premium Blend" and "The Amanda Show" and in the feature film "10 Attitudes." Since 1994, he has toured in the "Gay Comedy Jam," selling out shows in more than 150 cities in the United States and Canada.

The Elvira Kurt performance, which was scheduled for Oct. 24, was been postponed due to health reasons and will be rescheduled for a later date.

Each Friday Night Live performance begins at 7 p.m. in Vandenberg Hall Dining Center. The performances are free and open to all OU students, faculty, staff and their guests.

For more information on the Friday Night Live series, contact the program coordinator in the University Housing Office at (248) 370-3570.

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