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FNL guest gives record-breaking performance

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Ester's lively stage presence along with his charming sense of humor has created an act that has won him recognition across the nation and in several different venues. The partial list includes 2003 Best Male Comedian at CampusAwards.com, 2003 Reader's Choice by Campus Activities Today Magazine, along with several nominations by the National Association for Campus Activities as Comedian of the Year.

College campuses aren't the only place where Ester demonstrates his talents, he also is a featured entertainer with Royal Caribbean and Norwegian Cruise Lines, has performed on E! Entertainment Television's "Talk Soup" and NBC's "Friday Night." He also appeared in the movie "Senseless" with Marlon Wayans and David Spade.

Ester's act has been a success at OU for several years as well. He is the only comedian to have headlined FNL four different times.

"I really enjoyed the show," said freshman Jim McCleary. "He was extremely funny and very energetic, which made him great to watch."

Freshman Bill Zaglaniczny agreed.

"He had great stage presence and tons of energy," Zaglaniczny said. "I really like the (FNL) shows, it's something fun to do on a Friday night and there are always good acts."

The next FNL event will take place Nov. 5 with comedian Auggie Smith. The show begins at 7 p.m. in Vandenberg Dining Center and is open to all OU students and quests.

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