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Comedic duo star at Friday Night Live

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After nearly a month without a Friday Night Live performance because of spring break, **Residence Hall Programming** was eager to welcome comedians Alex House and Clara Bijl to the comedy circuit on March 5.

Warming up the FNL audience, Bijl combined her unique knowledge of France and the South to produce a one-of-a-kind performance. Born and raised in France and then attending college in South Carolina, her perspective on life in America is the foundation of her comedic material. New York City became her home after graduation and is where she spends much of her time performing in comedy clubs throughout the city.

Finishing up the comedy set, Alex House delivered a lively performance complete with entertaining toys and audience volunteers. Following House's lead, sophomore Eric Bergeron volunteered to experiment with the "strap it" toy, leaving audience members with tears in their eyes.

"It was kind of nerve-racking when I first got up there [onstage], but after a little while, it was no big deal because that's the kind of thing I always do," Bergeron said. "It was pretty funny though, I just went with the flow."

Having performed in more than 20 comedy clubs throughout the nation, NBC's Last Comic Standing, and four different comedy festivals and competitions, House herself was an expert at keeping the flow going.

"She really had a lot of energy and her material was very easy to relate to, which really made for a good show," freshman Samantha Methot said. "I definitely enjoyed it."

The Friday Night Live comedy series continues March 19 at 7 p.m. in Vandenberg Dining Center, featuring comedian Sabrina Matthews.

The comedy series is presented by OU's **Residence Hall Programming** and is open to OU students, faculty and staff, and their guests. For more information on Friday Night Live, contact the program coordinator in the University Housing Office at (248) 370-3570.

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