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FNL presents double dose of comedy

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Residence Hall Programming treats OU students and guests to several nights of comedy throughout the year with its Friday Night Live (FNL) series, and this treat of free entertainment is even sweeter when two outstanding comedians perform on the same night.

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"I really like the FNL shows, especially the ones with two comedians," said sophomore Aimee Coldren. "It's nice to have a double shot of comedy."

Despite his newness to the comedy scene and running late for the show, Bender delivered a lively opening act that set a nearly unstoppable pace for the rest of the night.

"I really liked Melvin's act. He had really high energy and kept the show going," said junior Jeremy Bruce.

After heating up the crowd, Bender passed the microphone over to headliner John Heffron, who graduated from Eastern Michigan University and now makes his home in California. Heffron has performed on several television shows such as "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," "The Late Show with David Letterman," "Last Comic Standing" and "Smash" on VH-1. He also recently recorded his own comedy special on Comedy Central.

Heffron's entertainment experience was evident as soon as he took the stage and kept audience members laughing about the comedic reality of everyday life.

"His material was really good and easy to relate to," said freshman Ava Haberkornhalm. "I should have been writing my paper on Ethiopia, but when I heard there was an FNL, I decided that it would be much more fun."

The Friday Night Live series concludes for the winter semester on Friday, April 16, with the "Best of Detroit Comedy," featuring Horace Sanders and Mike Green. The show begins at 7 p.m. in Vandenberg Dining Center.

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