

Get Stoned this weekend at Behrend

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Comedienne and actress Pam Stone will be doing a standup comedy act at Behrend this Saturday during Parents and Families Weekend.

Stone was raised in Marietta, Ga. and is the youngest of four children. Stone originally wanted to be a professional equestrian but realized that it might be difficult to make a career out of riding horses so she went on to study journalism at Kennesaw College in Ga.

While in college Stone waitressed at Atlanta's Punch Line Comedy Room. Her career in comedy started after a performance on an "amateur night" and the club manager said that he would book her on the national club circuit.

Stone quit college, pursued her comedy career and was discovered by "Coach" executive producer Barry Kemp in 1988.

This is Stone's sixth year with the ABC series playing women's basketball coach, "Judy Watkins." The show has one season left and she plans to stay with it "until the end."

In one of this season's episodes Judy and Dauber break-up. Stone is upset about the break-up and wants "people to write to the show and tell them (the producers) how sad it is."

Stone prefers doing comedy to acting for several reasons. "I'm a lazy, lazy person and standup is really easy to do."

She also likes "the instant feedback from the audience" and the fact that there is no "network censor." "I can improvise and do what I want," Stone said.

Stone, who "go(es) out of (her) way to be absolutely fair to men and women" in her comedy material, claimed she has never been looked down upon as a

female comic. "I've never had that experience happen to me."

A source for her comic material Stone said is finding "a common denominator to all of us and blow(ing) it out of proportion; that's what comedy is."

Stone also has experience in film and her first movie, "Radio Land Murders," will be out in October.

Through the various performances Stone has done, she said that she likes standup the most, film second, and television last.

Stone was in her third year of college when she dropped-out to pursue her comedy career.

She said she has no plans to finish her degree "because at this point I don't need it." Stone also said, "Unfortunately, the television industry doesn't care if you have a degree."

She continued, "I don't want anything to fall back on" because it's nice to "do exactly what you want and be your own boss."

Although Stone has not completed her degree, she feels that having seized the moment to start a comedy career is more important.

"If somebody's handing you the opportunity you better grab it," Stone said, "because you can always go back and finish (your degree)."

Stone is 34-years-old and lives in Los Angeles. Although she never became a professional equestrian, she said that she is still active in competition and training.

On her North Carolina ranch is Moose, a thoroughbred/Percheron mix horse, and Casper, a Dutch warmblood from Holland.

Stone said of her competition and training, "It's what I was doing before I got into the business and what I'm doing after."

The comedienne has been with

writer/producer boyfriend, Paul Zimmerman, for four years. However, Stone has no plans of getting married or of having children.

She said, "I'm one of these renegade women out here," and asks "What's the point of getting married if you don't want kids?"

Stone "doesn't trust" marriage and said, "There are expectations that come with that package that I don't want to deal with."

As a standup comic Stone "live(s) by (her)self a lot" but said, "It's such a natural thing to me. I kind of like it...I do what I want to do when I want to do it."

"The wonderful thing about Paul," Stone said, "is that he never, ever says, 'What about me?'"

"He has to give me a free reign," she continued.

Although her friends say they would never go out alone, Stone said that she doesn't mind going to a restaurant or movie by herself; she does want she wants.

Stone said of her relationship with Zimmerman that they're "together" while still "separate" but also "very close."

"Penn State" is a name familiar to Stone, and she said she "really like(s) doing colleges" because the audience is often made up of "MTV fans and those who watch 'Coach.'"

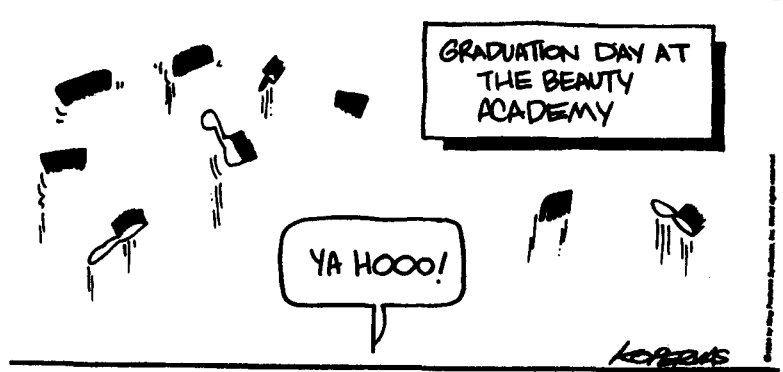
Stone also likes the university age group because it is "politically aware" and "up-to-date on current events."

Stone was recipient of the 1993 American Comedy Award for Best Female Standup Comic and has made appearances on "Comic Strip Live: Prime Time," "Entertainment Tonight," "The Home Show," "Joan Rivers' Show," "The Oprah Winfrey Show," "Sunday Comics," and "The Tonight Show Starring Jay Leno."



Anything for a smile: Comedienne Pam Stone will be performing at Behrend this Saturday, Oct. 1 at 9:30 p.m. in Erie Hall. Stone is best known for her role as women's basketball coach, Judy Watkins, on ABC's hit television series, "Coach."

OUT ON A LIMB by GARY KOPERVAS



Wake up to 'When I Woke'

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Hey, beautiful people! Last month on August 23 the new album from Rusted Root, *When I Woke*, was released world wide. It is a follow-up to the locally released *Cruel Sea*. *When I Woke* includes some new tunes as well as some revisions of the old stuff.

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