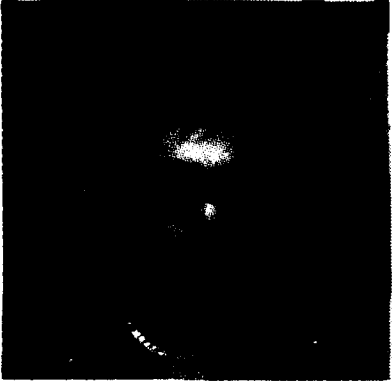


Condom-headed comedian busts record at PSH



Comedian Dave Reilly

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On January 13, Penn State Harrisburg students filled the Community Center with plenty of laughter, courtesy of comedian Dave Reilly of Funny Guy Productions, invited by the Entertainment Council.

He was accompanied by fellow comedian Joey Scarpelli, former mechanic and ceramic tile specialist, who has performed on Saturday Night Live.

He warmed up the crowd and started the show dressed as one of his characters, Father Guido. His humor was geared toward an older crowd than what he faced at PSH, cracking a lot of typical jokes about his ex-wife and holding up a pair of XXXL "grannie panties" as his "big" show stopper.

Scarpelli is working on a new act with less vulgarity. "It's tougher to do clean material because profanity has such great shock value," said Scarpelli.

Scarpelli admires the work of Louis Anderson because he is

"super funny and super clean."

Reilly lists his professions as a professional comedian, fire eater and escape artist. He learned most of his tricks as the owner of Lewney Toonz Comedy Club in Connecticut, and started performing stand up comedy when he had to fill in for a no-show comedian at his own club.

Reilly said that he "sucked until a heckler called me out." He was able to outwit the heckler, and continued to learn and develop his act from guests at the club, including magicians.

He opened the show by extinguishing a cigarette in his mouth, followed by a large ball of flames that he also ingested. He also impressed the audience with a few magic tricks before the show was over, with the most impressive being an escape from a straight jacket. This escape was extremely intense and order to perform this feat, Reilly had to hyperextend shoulders as well as use brute force. The escape was extremely successful and Reilly beat his personal best time of 2 minutes, 4 seconds by freeing himself in 1:12.

As for Reilly's comedy routine, he took the audience on excursions to places such as the men's and ladies' bathrooms, the gynecologist's office, and a very different spin on a vacation to Walt Disney World.

After the show, PSH student Andrew Scott said that the show was "hilarious." He said, "I will definitely plan my next trip to Disney World a little differently after listening to Dave."

The rest of the fifty audience

members were also impressed with the show. Several students purchased bright orange Dave Reilly T-Shirts that say "Dept. of Mental Health Patient-Dave Reilly's Weekend Pass Tour."

Student Michael Williams said, "This school needs to bring more comedians to this campus."

Reilly enjoyed performing for the students as well. "The audience was way better than I

expected," he said.

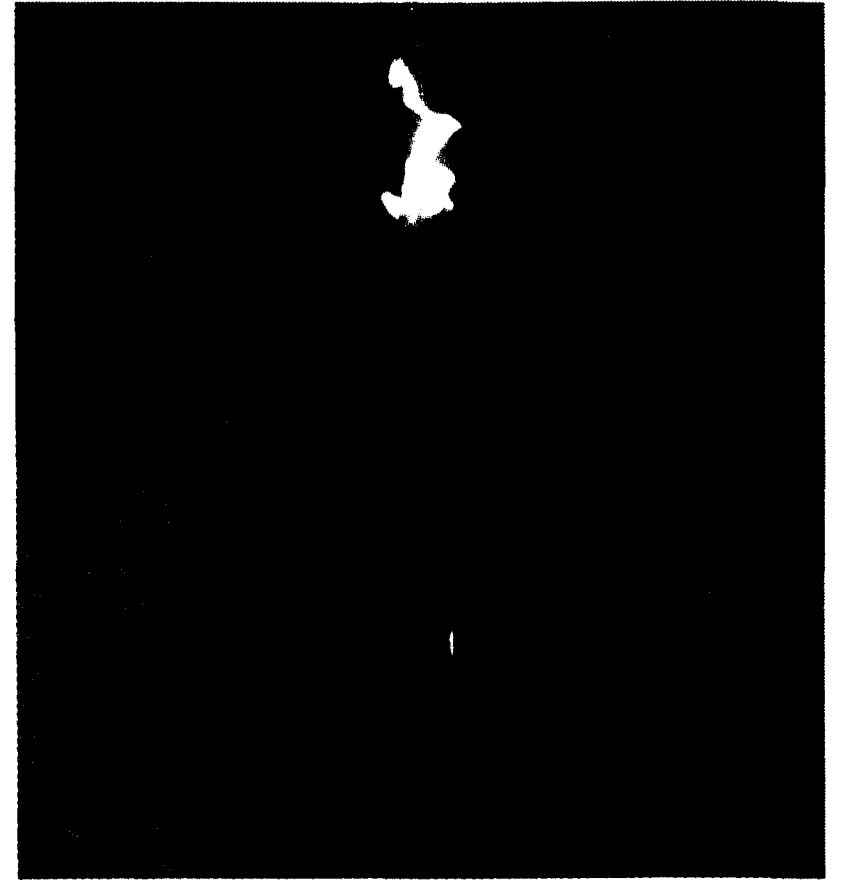
Reilly finished off the show by sharing his "famous" feat of stretching a condom over his head and inflating it. Reilly has done this over 20,001 times and is proud to hold this world records among comedians.

For more information on Dave Reilly and Joey Scarpelli, visit www.funnyguyproductions.com



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Reilly used brute force during his recent PSH show to escape from a straight jacket. The trick is a regular part of Reilly's show.



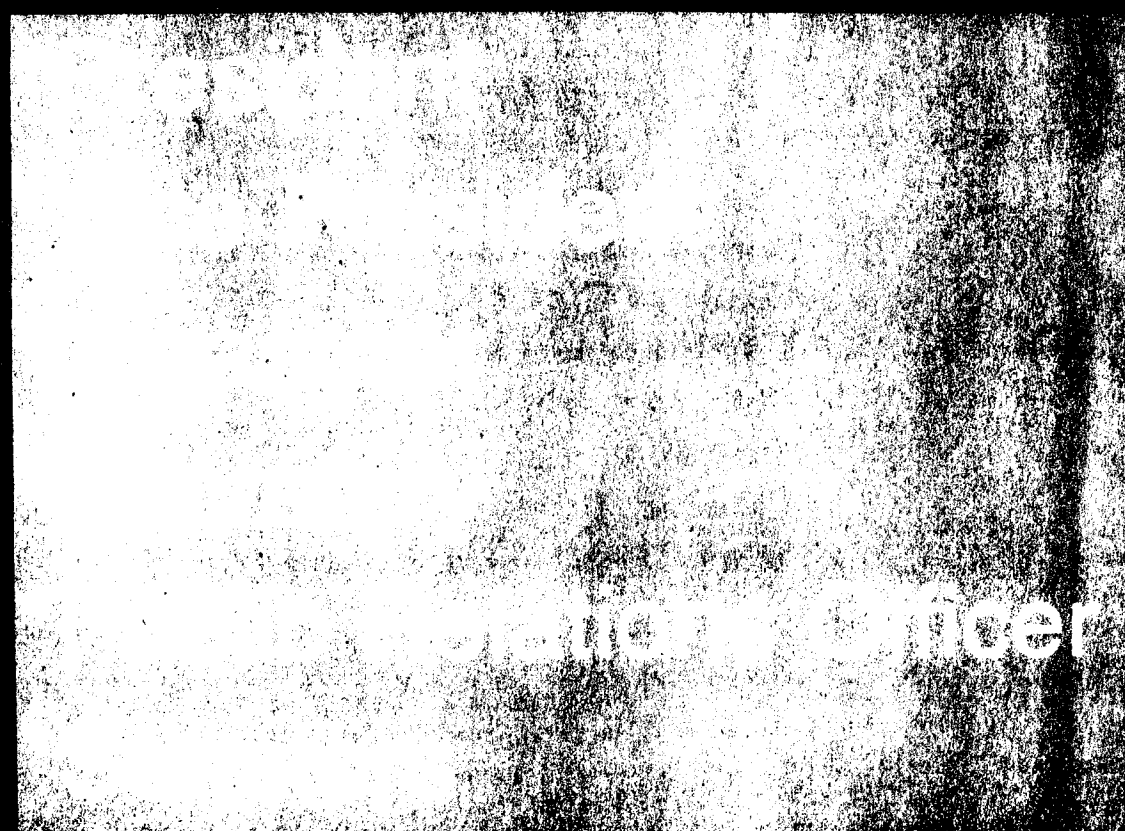
Firebreathing adds a spark to Reilly's show.



Reilly performs his "famous" feat of inflating condoms on his head.



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