

Eye on Campus

O'SHEA IS O'AWESOME

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A new and different type of comedian has come to Penn State Brandywine. His show took place during Common Hour, Wednesday, April 15, 2009. There were a good amount of students present and most stayed for the performance. The performer's name was Eric O'Shea, and according to him, he loves what he does and tries to improve upon it all the time.

At the beginning of the performance, he kept cracking jokes about his own name. He would say things like "Don't you hate when you're typing your name and the spell check tries to correct your name. You're like, I know my own name." There were a different variety of jokes that were said during his performance and most of them came from the audience itself. He would use the different actions of the students and the other people in the Den to his advantage.

Whenever someone would walk in the room or go to leave out of the room, he would point them out and try to make fun of them. For some people, Eric O'Shea wasn't really that funny. Therefore, the people that weren't laughing would become targets as Eric would try to make fun of them as well. Even though Eric was talking about and picking on the students in the Den, it was all in good fun because everyone knew that it was only done to enhance his performance and that that was

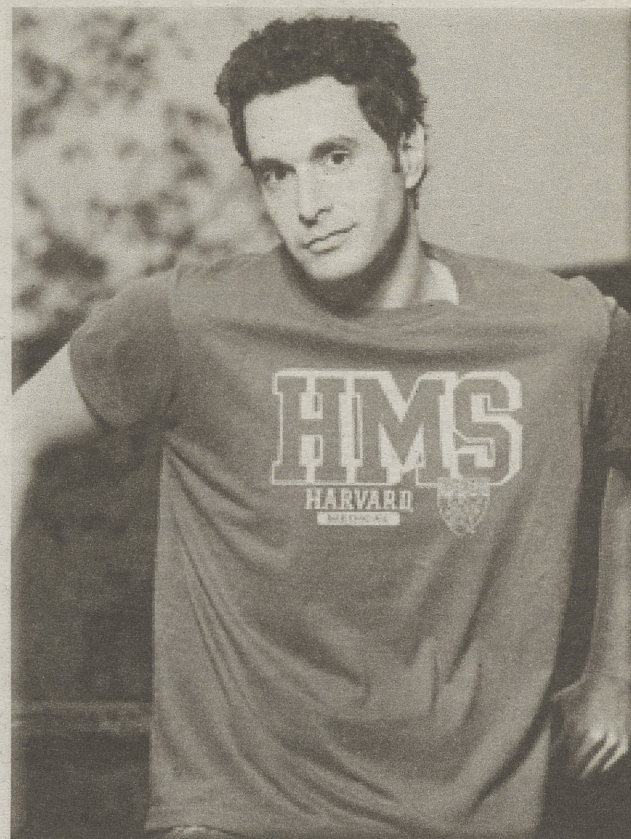
how he could get other people to participate in it.

"This has been one of my favorite lunchtime crowds," said O'Shea after his performance. O'Shea also says that he tries to make his performance even better by trying to include all kinds of humor in his act.

"I try my best to bring a variety of things that are appealing to everyone to make everyone happy" stated O'Shea.

During his performance he did use a lot of sexual jokes. One of the funniest jokes was an impression that he did towards the end of his stand up routine. Eric tried to impersonate the Family Guy characters from the popular television show. He was totally awesome when he made those particular impressions, because he sounded just like them and that's what threw everything over the top. All of the students were cracking up and clapping their hands because he sounded just like the characters, especially when he did Cleveland.

For the most part, everyone had a nice time and loved Eric O'Shea. Overall, the performance was very good and however long he took preparing his performance was most definitely worth it. He is always welcome back to Penn State Brandywine to make everyone laugh.



Comedian Eric O'Shea. (photo courtesy of Eric O'Shea)

The Sound of Silence

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Sometimes silence can be more powerful than speech, and for thirteen years, it has.

Over the course of two days, Thursday, April 16th and Friday, April 17th, the Day of Silence and LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, and Transgendered) appreciation was honored. Organized by Penn State Brandywine's Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) and PSU Brandywine's Student Affairs office, Moises Kaufman's adaptation of The Laramie Project was shown in the Lion's Den during common hour to start off the two day event. The Laramie Project was originally a play, retelling the events following the murder of Matthew Shepard in Laramie, Wyoming in 1998 - this is a true story. In the film, a group of investigators traveled to the town of Laramie to question and talk with townspeople who knew Matthew Shepard. As a student attending the University of Wyoming, Shepard was beaten and tortured to death by two men on October 6th, 1998 because of his sexual orientation. The aftermath reactions of Shepard's death caused nationwide awareness and action, forming events such as The Day of Silence.

In addition to The Laramie Project, on April 17th members of the GSA, while wearing their red Day of Silence t-shirts and handing out stickers to increase awareness, remained silent throughout the day - not speaking to their professors, faculty, or even fellow students. Even non-GSA-members were emphatically encouraged to wear red and Day of Silence stickers to support the GSA and all who have stayed silent on account of being gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered.

The Day of Silence began in

1996 at the University in Virginia and was highly successful and according to their website, the commemoration has become the largest single student-led action towards creating safer schools for all, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.

To clear up any misconceptions about this day, the official website of the Day of Silence addresses four key truths:

1. *The Day of Silence's purpose is to bring attention to anti-LGBT name-calling, bullying and harassment and effective responses.*
2. *Hundreds of thousands of students of all beliefs, backgrounds and sexual orientations participate in the Day of Silence.*
3. *Day of Silence participants encourage schools to implement proven solutions to address anti-LGBT name-calling, bullying and harassment.*
4. *The day is a positive educational experience.*

Not only did our Brandywine campus participate in the event, but other Penn State campuses did as well, in addition to middle schools, high schools and colleges throughout the nation. A common fallacy about the Day of Silence is that some believe you can only partake in the event if you are gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgendered. This is not true. Anyone can participate in the Day of Silence. Even if not LGBT, the goal of the day is unite everyone together, honoring the silence of others to work towards breaking that silence for good.



Please join the Penn State Brandywine community for a very special event.

A Campus Memorial Tribute to
Dr. Barbara Daniel

Monday, May 11, 2009
11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Penn State Brandywine
Tomezsko Classroom Building Lounge

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