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Comedian Seth Meyers to bring b

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Seth Meyers has two words to describe his show: No doves.

"It's pretty much a stand-up show. I do a few jokes from Weekend Update, but mostly it's stuff people haven't seen before," he wrote in an e-mail Tuesday. "I have an improv background so I always enjoy interacting with the audience. Also you could have expected a thousand doves flying out from behind the curtains as part of a giant finale, but the dove company screwed up the delivery."

The University Park Allocation Committee (UPAC) is bringing Meyers to the Bryce Jordan Center (BJC). Meyers will perform at 8 p.m. Friday. Tickets are \$9.99 for students and \$27.50 for reserved seats. Tickets can be purchased at the BJC, the Penn State Downtown Theatre Center or online.

At a young age Meyers' parents — both big comedy fans — introduced him to "Monty Python" and "Saturday Night Live," Meyers wrote. And it was from that point on that Meyers' interest in acting and comedy blossomed to what it is today.

By high school, he wrote, he was doing sketches in talent shows with his brother.

"I didn't go to college (Northwestern) for acting but once there I saw the improv troupe and had a feeling I wanted to do that until someone told me to stop," he wrote. "It also helps that I had no other skill set that was useful in the workforce."

Bernie Punt, BJC director of marketing and sales,

said Meyers will be able to connect well with the Penn State audience because he is already part of the family.

"He's a part of the Big Ten family. He went to Northwestern and was in Phi Gamma Delta, which is Fji here," he said.

Though Meyers has never been to Penn State, he is excited to come here, he wrote.

"The last time I saw a group of Penn State students live was Nov. 4, 1995 when the Northwestern Wildcats beat them 21-10 en route to the Rose Bowl," he wrote. "(Is it cool to brag about something that happened 15 years ago? Does it make me sound old?)"

What Meyers likes most about college audiences is that they still enjoy laughing.

"Life hasn't crushed college students yet. They still are happy to laugh," Meyers wrote. "I guess I should have said 'spoiler alert' before telling you about the life crushing part."

Before Meyers got his start on SNL, he was doing a two-person show in Chicago with his comedy partner Jill Benjamin.

"When I [heard] someone from SNL liked the show, that seemed like a dream come true so you can imagine what getting hired was like," Meyers wrote.

SNL taught Meyers a lot about sketch writing and for those students interested in sketch comedy or acting in general, Meyers had advice to offer.

"Use this time in your life to get out on stage as much as possible," he wrote. "Everyone who succeeds fails a lot first. The sooner [you] get those fail-

