SEC delivers stand-up comedy
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Comedy is the perfect cure for helping a person get over the school work blues. On Monday, Nov. 17, laughter was in the air. Comedians Rich Vos, Billy Burr and Patrice O'Neil served up the jokes in the Bart Luedeke Center Theater.

From the beginning it was made clear that the comedy acts for the evening would not be politically correct. This was evident from the moment the show, Vos, started the crowd off with jokes about Rider and the dreaded parking. “Wow, talk about bad parking,” said Vos. “I had to park in Trenton to come to this.”

With topics like how horrible New Jersey is to jokes about his ex-wife and stepson the crowd was able to get a taste of different topics, although some individuals may have been offended by a joke or two made at their expense. Burr followed Vos and his act was not in the least bit lacking. Burr joked about how the current president, George W. Bush, makes him think that he can be president too, naturally, complete with a priceless Bush imitation. Burr used education as well in his act. “I learned that geometry is like a cult. All you do is sit in class and repeat everything the teacher says,” he said. “You don’t know what you’re talking about. You just repeat. When you’re in high school they should only make you take geometry if you plan on designing bridges. If you aren’t going to be a designer they should send you to the gym where you can work on upper body strength because you’re going to be the one carrying the materials and building the bridges.”

Because he was able to make the crowd laugh without being as vulgar as the other comedians, Burr really caught the audience’s attention. Last, but not least, O’Neil came to the microphone. Staring in shows on Showtime and Comedy Central it was an honor to have him here at Rider. O’Neil aimed his act towards the male audience with jokes about women and how they control men. He may have taken his comedic relief a step too far. Although he focused on women for most of the act he ended in a big bang by giving the men tips on how to really treat their “lovers,” which was somewhat provocative.

All three comedians kept the audience awake and wanting more. The show left crowd members in pain from all the laughter the night had to offer.

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