

# Wesleyan greets 'SNL' member

■ Comedian Jimmy Fallon entertains university students.

By Margaret Behm  
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Even though the auditorium was less than half full, there was plenty of laughter for a "Saturday Night Live" star on Monday night.

Jimmy Fallon performed Monday night in the O'Donnell Auditorium at Nebraska Wesleyan University.

Fallon is famous for impressions of celebrities, including Jerry Seinfeld and John Travolta.

Amanda Graner, chairwoman for Union Programs, said having a comedian is nothing new for Wesleyan. The university has brought comedians before, including Adam Sandler and Paula Poundstone.

"We have a big event every year," said Graner, a senior social work major. "Historically, it's always been a comedian. It's a break from the stress of spring classes."

Amelia Nicolaus, a Wesleyan junior elementary education major, said she was glad for the chance to have a few laughs.

"I heard it was going to be really funny," she said. "I go every year

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Jimmy Fallon  
cast member of "Saturday Night Live"

because it's a nice study break."

Fallon said he enjoys traveling to colleges, but it is difficult to reach friends while he's on the road.

"It's harder to keep in touch with friends," he said in an interview. "They see Nebraska on the caller ID, and they say, 'Nebraska? I don't know anyone in Nebraska.' So they don't answer it."

Fallon said he started his comedy career at the age of 17.

"Me and my friend put on shows in college," he said. "We would get like a 40-ounce and go write comedy in the laundry room. We'd make each other laugh."

He said he has always enjoyed making people laugh.

"I like goofing off and seeing what sticks and what doesn't," he said.

Later, he went on to become a star on the popular late-night comedy show, "Saturday Night Live."

Even though he knew the job at "Saturday Night Live" would be stressful, Fallon said he was still surprised at how stressful it actually was.

"I got the job when I was 23. I'm 25

now. I feel like I'm 40," he said.

Fallon said it's hard work, but he does it because he enjoys it.

"It's like being in a boxing match," he said. "It's grueling, but it's fun."

Fallon said the best part of the night on the show is when he gets to wave to the crowd.

"At the end of the night, when you hear the band play, everyone is like, 'Yes, I can breathe,'" he said.

Fallon has plans beyond television, such as a comedy CD; he was also in a yet-unnamed movie that's coming out October 2. He had to play a dramatic role in the movie, but he said he liked the challenge.

"I had to grow a beard for it," he said. "It was my first beard. So it's a really bad beard that's co-starring with me."

Even though he enjoys his job on TV, he also likes spending time with college students on the road.

"SNL is awesome; it's the greatest," he said. "But colleges are good because it's all kids, so we get the same things."

# Scientist supports evolution views

By Derek Lippincott  
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Evolution vs. Creation. It is a conflict that divides much of society.

Expressing her views on evolution, Eugenie C. Scott, executive director of the National Center for Science Education, spoke Monday at the Nebraska Union Auditorium.

Norm Smith, professor and chairman of geosciences, introduced Scott as "the person called upon by the media to put in the scientific view in evolution/creation conflicts."

Scott gave her speech, "Creation and Evolution: What Should We Do?" in front of a full auditorium of both teachers and students about the scientific teaching of evolution.

"It is clearly a misunderstanding that all scientists are atheists," Scott said. "They say you're either an evolutionist or a creationist, but I've yet to meet a Catholic teacher who hasn't taught evolution."

Scott talked about the misconception that evolution is evil.

Some people believe evolution should be kept from students, or they will lose faith in God and eventually lose salvation, Scott said.

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Scott also addressed her disbelief of teaching creation along with evolution. She said teachers should not spend as much time teaching creation as they do evolution.

"Americans are a fair-minded culture," Scott said. "They say it is only fair to teach creation with evolution."

"We have to consider that science operates by different rules. Science is not a democratic process. Unfortunately, we can't vote on how the world works, so therefore we should teach how it does work with science."

Scott said although she favored the teaching of evolution, she was not trying to sway anyone's religion.

"If creationism is your religious view, that is fine," Scott said. "But don't expect us to teach it in our sci-

ence class."

To the teachers in the audience, Scott recommended certain tactics to teaching evolution. She encouraged them to teach more evolution and teach it better by sticking to the big ideas.

"Teachers get too involved, and students miss the big idea," Scott said. "They can teach a lot of technical stuff, but students miss the point of what evolution actually is."

Scott earned her doctorate in biological anthropology from the University of Missouri and has taught at the University of Kentucky, the University of Colorado and in the California State University system.

She is a co-author of the National Academy of Science's "Teaching About Evolution and the Nature of Science."

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James Griesen, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs  
Joel Schafer, President, ASUN (current)  
Andy Schuermann, ASUN President (1999-2000)  
Chuck van Rossum, Ass't Director, Minority Assistance

Discussants: representatives from the Student Union, Culture Center, Academic Senate, Inter-fraternity Council/Panhellenic, Daily Nebraskan, Student Involvement, Housing

Proposed Topics of Discussion:  
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