

# Comedian offers laughs during Welcome Week

By Ashley Williams  
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"You can't be a thug in college. You can be tough, but you can't be a thug because you're too busy," comedian Ronnie Jordan said.

On Jan. 14, Association of Campus Entertainment (ACE) brought Jordan to campus as a part of Welcome Week 2010. Welcome Week is something that ACE usually sponsors during the first week of every semester.

Jordan has been featured on shows, such as "BET's Comic View," "Martin Lawrence Presents: the 1st Amendment Stand-up" and "P. Diddy Presents:

Bad Boys of Comedy."

The hour-long comedy show was held in the UC Lounge. Before the event, music was played to keep the audience entertained.

According to ACE member Alexandria Watson, 383 people attended the event.

Jordan made jokes about Thanksgiving and college roommate issues.

Jordan joked about his own college experiences saying that he had a bad one because he was a germaphobe. He related this back to how high school boys' bathrooms are disgusting.

During his performance, Jordan said that he has been married for five years. He used his mar-

riage to explain to the guys in the audience how relationships change from the point where people start dating to the point where they decide to get married.

Jordan said that a female once broke up with him because she felt that he was too nice.

Every female has a friend that likes the worst kind of guy, Jordan quipped. Jordan asked the audience if they had ever run into an ex that was doing badly and it made them happy but they couldn't act like it?

"If you date the wrong female a couple of times, you'll know who the right one is," Jordan said.

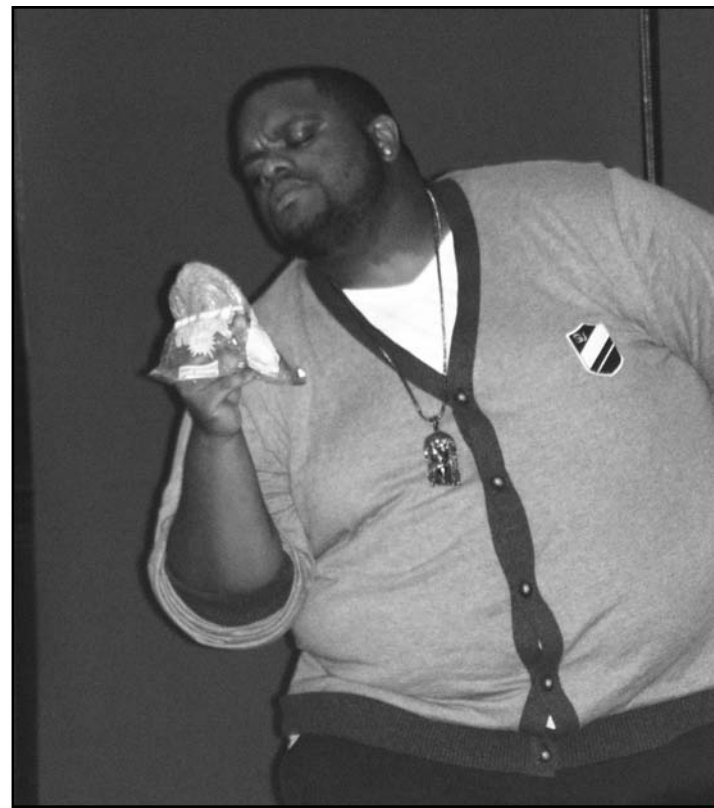
Jordan asked the ladies in the audience if

they liked big dudes. After asking that question, Jordan said that big dudes didn't come in style until 2005 when Ruben Studdard won "American Idol."

Jordan said that anytime books are worth less than you paid for them, they should have Ruben Studdard behind the counter.

Jordan joked that he didn't like cheap airline flights because you have to connect 15 times to get to somewhere simple and the planes are usually raggedy.

Jordan took pictures with audience members after the show and also sold T-shirts following his performance.



Comedian Ronnie Jordan performed in the UC Lounge Jan. 14 as part of Welcome Week 2010 presented by the Association of Campus Entertainment.

# Native American folk singer contributes to 2010 series

By Kayloni Wyatt  
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Pikuni-Blackfeet tribe member Jack Gladstone performed Native songs and shared stories with an audience of 50 on Jan. 20 in the UC Annex.

The performance was entitled "Buckskin Poet Songs." Gladstone's performance kicked off the 2010 Native American Speakers Series.

Gladstone played a small acoustic guitar and sang along to a backdrop of pictures of Blackfeet Reservation from Blackfeet Indian Nation.

The reservation is located in Montana and

he's lived there for 25 years. Each song had its own back drop of captivating photographs to draw in the audience's attention.

Between each song, Gladstone shared stories about his father and other people in his life.

The audience sang along, made wind hand gestures and growled like a bear throughout the evening.

Gladstone graduated from the University of Washington in 1978. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in speech communications.

He has collaborated with Lloyd Maines, who

has produced with the Grammy Award winning band the Dixie Chicks. In 2000 and 2003 Gladstone was nominated for Best Folk Album for "Buffalo; Republic," and "Tappin' the Earth's Backbone."

Gladstone expressed his desire to reconnect with the audience.

"The problem in our heart is separation and the solution is reconnection. I will do my best to reconnect with my audience," he said.

He is currently in the 25th season of "Native America Speaks," a lecture series he co-founded for Glacier National Park.

# Photographer discusses life, success in pictures

By Leon Preston  
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Photographer Titus Brooks Heagins visited the A.D. Gallery on Jan. 13 to discuss his art, life and success.

He is the first of three featured artists who will be presenting their work and sharing their lives with the University community. Heagins has a Master of Fine Arts from the University of Michigan and a Bachelor in Political Science from Duke University.

The A.D. Gallery opened its doors with Heagins' work on Jan. 11. The work, which is titled

"Durham Stories: Not Hell, But You Can See It From Here," features pictures of different people from the Durham area.

"Aiming for the truth, aiming to be non exploitive, judgmental or demeaning toward the people whom I photograph," said Heagins concerning the purpose of his photographs.

"Linda: Small Town is one of the many pictures that seemed to be confrontational because it's right in your face making eye contact," commented junior Heather O'Malley.


Senior Jessica Mabe said, "Real people and their lives and how they

live them." "Don't be quick to define who you are; always look for things you would not do and do it with gusto," Heagins said.

Heagins spoke to the students and faculty about exploring life and not looking for the obvious but exploring the world and its infinite possibilities.

The A.D. Gallery will be hosting a total of six exhibitions this spring. Three of them will be by visiting professionals, two exhibits will feature fellow University students and one exhibit will feature the work from local high school students.

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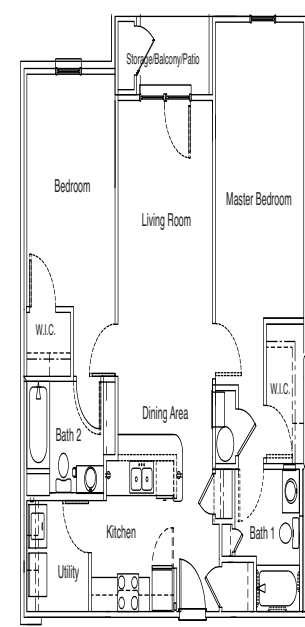
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