

## Comedians KT Tatara and K-von perform at Heritage Hall

By Jackie Knell

As K-von would say in his stand-up comedy, “tanks god” that comedians KT Tatara and K-von brought laughs to Penn State this weekend.

The comedians performed a free show Friday in the HUB-Robeson Center’s Alumni Hall, courtesy of the Student Programming Association.

Some students, like Alyssa Feldman, had high expectations — and though it started late, she said she was happy with how the show turned out.

“I watch ‘Disaster Date,’ so I was excited for K-von’s performance,” Feldman (sophomore-English) said.

K-von’s act started out the night and focused primarily on racial observations and impressions. Tatara, who is also known for his witty perspective on race, surprised fans by concentrating on gender and relationship stereotypes.

Saul Wecht (junior-computer engineering) said although the show emphasized sex and race, subjects he thinks are often overused in comedy, it was still funny.

Yashira Diaz was first to volunteer to be on stage for one of Tatara’s songs. Diaz (sophomore-broadcast journalism) said she was worried about what he was going to do because he seemed very “spontaneous.”

Tatara often worked imitations of audience members’ reactions into his act and accentuated society’s apprehension of racial jokes.

“I’m still nervous to laugh at this part,” he said in one impression of the audience’s reactions.

Tatara and K-von seemed to relate well to the audience, and both comedians also used characteristics of their own racially-mixed backgrounds for comedic material — at one point, K-von said that he has been called a “mutt.”

Feldman said both comedians did an excellent job of relating to the audience, and she said she connected with the comedic material in the show due to her own background.

“I could really identify with that,” Feldman said, adding she has been called “a mutt” herself.