

# Comedy show generates loads of laughter

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The "joke grenades" exploded with laughter at Jo Coy's Comedy Jam II. The laughter filled event was held at the Huntridge Performing Arts Theater last week.

The comedians included Jo Coy, Geechy Guy and James Bean. The opening act was Style Elements, a group of breakdancers.

The performers played to a delighted crowd that filled about three-fourths of the Huntridge auditorium.

Although the show was 45 minutes late, the audience was quickly rewarded with raffle prizes, great breakdancing and some good comedy. Some lucky winners received T-shirts and coupons for auto service from Auto Service Systems, one of the show's sponsors.

After the prizes were exhausted, the show quickly moved on to the entertainment. Style Elements exploded onto the stage. This group of talented,

young breakdancers spun, twisted and propelled their agile bodies in creative ways probably not seen since the breakdancing craze was at its peak in the Eighties.

Some members of the group were, without question, better dancers than others, but every member added more captivating moves each time they were up to break.

The first comedian at bat was Geechy Guy who is a Guinness World Record holder for telling the most jokes in one hour-676, in fact. Geechy Guy is a tall, lanky jokester whose style ranges from Henny Youngman-like one liners, double entendres, wry observations on modern life to naughty jokes.

Guy was at his best when he was poking fun at himself and his childhood memories. Guy was weakest with some of his so-called "joke grenades" which were just plain lame at times.

The second comedian, James Bean, let loose some strong profanity as he came

on stage.

It took awhile for Bean to hit his stride, but he eventually connected with the audience.

He got big laughs when he commented on the absence of people of color on network television, labelling CBS the Caucasian Broadcast Network, and NBC the Nothing But Cosby Network.

Bean made the audience howl when he acted out celebrity jeopardy featuring Mike Tyson, Denzel Washington and Bryan McKnight and a "mating dance" between a male and female at a nightclub.

Bean disappointed when he solely relied on profanity and tired jokes about the gay community.

The final and feature comedian was Jo Coy, a Las Vegas native, who has also performed on BET, the Improv in Los Angeles and the New York Comedy Club. Like Bean, it took awhile for Coy to hit his stride, but he also found his groove.

Coy was absolutely

hilarious as he poked fun at his mother's mixing up of "p's" and "f's" and her weak excuses for her sex-crazed dogs.

Coy was equally hilarious when he imitated Michael Jackson.

The remainder of Coy's routine was quite risqué, but quite funny.

He expounded on a physical reaction that Meg Ryan showed was easy to fake in the movie *When Harry Met Sally*. Although Coy was

humorous, he failed to do some original "spin" on the topic of sex.

The Comedy Jam was a fun choice for expanding entertainment horizons beyond movies and television watching on a Friday night.



Sentinel-Voice photo by John Broussard

Verne Allison, Charles Barksdale and Michael McGill jam at the benefit concert.

## Benefit

(Continued from Page 1) down the aisles while playing. The Dells were up next, looking sharp in deep, green suits and sang old hits to the delight of the audience. The Whispers took the stage and belted out new and old tunes.

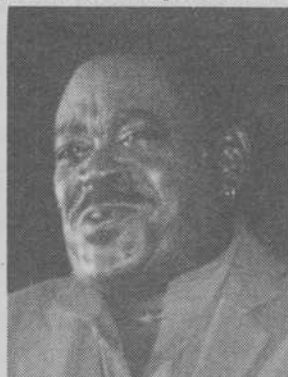
"Each act gave an individual show," Ballard said. "Each one performed for at least an hour, and the Whispers went well over. The people who attended were just elated. They felt they got their money's worth."

"We'll support any and all causes for involvement when it comes to health in our community," said



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Michael Cooper, one of the lead singers and a guitarist for ConFunkShun. "My Mom had double breast removal. My dad's brother died of throat cancer. Anything



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anyone can do to heighten awareness and promote a cure, they should go on and do it."

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