

# Kinison and Co. KO Scope crowd with humor

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He rants and raves, clutching the microphone as he swaggers across the stage. His free hand is clenched in a fist of rage as he screams into the microphone. And the audience loves it.

Axl Rose? No, just a night with Sam Kinison as he and the Outlaws of Comedy played to a crowd of about 5,000 last Saturday night at the Norfolk Scope.

The Outlaws of Comedy — Alan Stephan, Jimmy Schubert, Mitchell Walters and Carl LeBove — opened in sequence for Kinison. They were all fine comedians who were worthy of headlining any nightclub, though they did have their flaws.

"When I was in high school," said opening comic Stephan, "all I had was a pencil and the kid next to me. If he had applied himself, I could have been somebody."

He was funny, but though his material was good, he sometimes lacked adequate delivery in his seven- to eight-minute act. It was easy to see why he was the opener.

## Answers

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Across: 4. FROLIC 7. WITHER  
9. CONFLICT 10. CRAMPS  
11. ROSIN 12. WISTARIA  
15. LEANDER 19. FUCHSIA  
21. DEMONIAIC 23. JUNTA  
25. ADDICT 28. RHODESIA  
29. ODDITY 30. ODDS ON

Down: 1. BIER 2. AHM  
3. ERASER 4. FUNEREAL  
5. OGLES 6. INCAN 8. ACTUAL  
13. IPSF14. TALC 16. DEAN  
17. RAVI 18. ASSASSIN  
20. ADONAI 22. MEADOW  
23. JIHAD 24. NODES 26. DADA  
27. CITY

Schubert and Walters both performed well. But by the time Walters was midway through his act, I began to notice a pattern. It seemed as if they all based a good deal of their comedy on jokes at the expense of women.

LeBove was not much different in this aspect either. Though he was a good storyteller, he seemed to rely upon this angle of comedy too. I laughed heartily at all four, but I would have enjoyed comics with more original material, rather than disciples of Kinison's.

Kinison, who has the ability to offend more people in one hour than I can in 2,000 words, took the stage after a 30-minute intermission. As usual, he wore his trademark trenchcoat and beret.

Not wanting to disappoint anyone, he opened his act by

assailing those who criticized him for making fun of homosexuals. They cited that his assertions about AIDS were medically incorrect.

"I don't write f---ing prescriptions, I tell jokes," Kinison screamed in his defense.

And that he did for nearly an hour, with the venom of a rattlesnake. His topics covered a wide range: the aforementioned gay bashing, his usual misogynistic humor, how to obtain alcohol past the legal hour limit.

His act was tight and he had it down pat. Though he claims to live a life of reckless abandon, he has become not only a top comedian, but a good performer as well. There was no recklessness evident in his act.

But with such a precision per-

formance Kinison seemed to have lost some of his edge. There were no jokes about God in his act (unusual for him) which I cannot help but feel he omitted because he was in the midst of the Bible Belt. He also seemed to be looking towards his right constantly, as if awaiting cues from his crew.

Yet the jab of his humor was as effective as a Mike Tyson punch. He sets you up against the ropes with the story line and then KO's you with the punch line.

Because his material was new, the show was not a redundancy if one owned either of his two albums, "Louder Than Hell," and "Have You Seen Me Lately?"

Kinison closed his act by asking a male member of the audience for the name and phone number

of one girl that "really made your life hell." He then had a telephone brought on stage with the phone call being played over the PA system. His act ended with him screaming sexual epithets and other profanities at the recipient of the phone call on behalf of the member of the audience. Disappointingly, he did not perform "Wild Thing."

Kinison's approach to comedy is much like heavy metal's approach to music. If one does not appreciate it for its intrinsic simplicity, then surely one can understand its cathartic worth.

"I'm just trying to represent family entertainment," says Kinison. "Something that would bring a tear to old Walt Disney's eye." Oh! OHHHHHH!



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