

Hicks offers bald-faced humor

By SCOTT ROLFE

Comedian Renee Hicks performed Sept. 13 for a packed house in the Student Activities Center. Over 120 students crammed in the SAC to hear Hicks' antics as she currently tours colleges on her "Bald Ambition Tour."

Hicks, formally a certified public accountant, started a comedy career on a dare. Her first performance was during an "open mike" night in San Francisco.

Review

Hicks claims no popular influences on her comic style. Hicks said her brothers did have some Richard Pryor albums she liked.

She has always been told she was funny, but her family had problems with her quitting her accounting job after they had paid her way through college. However, her mother now accepts her

decision, and likes to watch her performances.

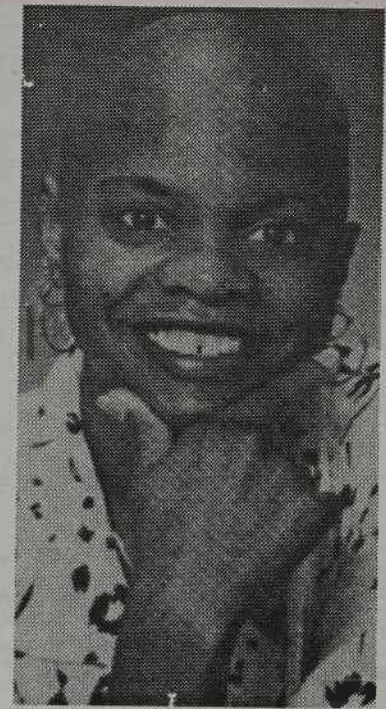
Hicks said she loves working colleges mostly because of the audiences' energy. Most of her subject matter comes from the school policies and students in the audience. During the performance she worked up and down the audience talking to the crowd.

Hicks said she also gets her subject matter from life in general and current events. Some of the subjects she discussed were country music, ugly people, crime, hair products, and parents. Hicks shaved her head after her niece had done a terrible job on

her hair and she shaved it off. After her friends saw her head they talked her into keeping it bald.

Hicks advised potential comedians to "Get on stage as much as you can and write as much as you can." She also said that she was "Heckled by men on Death Row and lived to tell about it." Hicks said if she could do this, anyone can get up on stage and do comedy.

After the performance, Hicks talked to interested students and gave them some pointers on getting started in show business.



RENEE HICKS

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Hats off to the Tater

The Tater Tot is 40 years old and Ore-Ida is celebrating with a contest. The company is searching for tot lovers. Call 1-800-982-8377 if you're a true tater lover! Forty winners will win a 40-month supply of tots. Look out, Wesleyan! If Marriott Food Service won, we'd have Tater Tots for about 3,600 meals in a row!

Washed out

The 22nd Cycle to the Clouds, a 7.6-mile race up Mount Washington in New Hampshire, was canceled recently. Some 400 bikers were stranded because of 60-mph winds, freezing rain, and a wind chill of one degree at the summit.

The fans strike back

Baseball fans in Boston figured out a way to fight back against the strike. Somebody broke into Fenway Park and stole home. Someone actually dug up the heavy rubber slab and took it. They also climbed a flagpole and took three flags from outside the stadium. Red Sox Vice President John Buckley said of the thefts, "We're amazed by the flags. How anyone could get up there and steal them in the middle of the night is beyond me." Like stealing home was easy.

Words of wisdom

Ways to solve the baseball strike from Ben Hamrick:
 "Accept all the Cuban refugees as long as they come with gloves."
 "Put all the players and owners in the stands and give all the fans bats."

Fox gets skates

As if taking football wasn't enough, the Fox Network needed to show that it is now the new network of sports. Fox signed a contract with the NHL for five years for \$155 million. Look out, the 2000 Olympics may be next. Fox is projected to take a \$20 million loss on 12 games this year. By the way, Fox beat out CBS for the rights. Can we say CBS is still reeling from the loss of football?

Now that the season is over

The results of a study of losses from the Baseball Strike was released recently. Each Major League City averaged a loss of \$1.2 million per home game, the study found. The teams lost \$442 million and the players \$236 million with the early ending. On average, cities are losing \$91,000 in taxes per game. In Baltimore the Marriott Inner Harbor hotel lost 3,000 room reservations for a cost of \$750,000.

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