

# Three comics from Yuk Yuk's keep ADHS audience in stitches

By Matthew Reid

A bellow of harmonious laughter erupted from the audience at the Yuk Yuk's performance at Acton High School on Thursday, Feb. 28. Stand up comedians Tim Nutt, Mike Cameron and Judy Croon graced the stage in the school's cafeteria to raise money for the school's band trip to Boston.

The MC and only women comedian on the set was Judy Croon. She was formally a DJ on Mix 99, and she used this former job as part of her comedy. She opened the all ages show with jokes about living in Toronto, the horrendous weather and the winter driving that comes with it. Her set also included jokes about working at Mix 99, dating and relationships, babysitting and the daunting task of disciplining children.

Next through the red curtains was Mike Cameron. Noticing the large amount of young people in the

crowd, he began the set talking about things the younger generation would be interested in such as World of Warcraft. The young kids in the front few rows laughed at his quip remarks while blank stares came from those in the crowd who were over the age of 30. Noticing this, Cameron laughed and changed his subject to the weather.

His set covered many different topics including marriage, the RIDE Program, dogs pooping, if the Olympics allowed cows to compete, and the war in Afghanistan.

"Could you image Canadian troops trying to sneak into Pakistan for a beer?" he said, referencing that Afghanistan was a dry country. "The patrol guard would say, 'We do not have any beer here! We are a Muslim nation. NOT a Molson nation!'"

At the end of his set he spoke of things people didn't have when he was growing up, such as seatbelts.

"We didn't have seatbelts when I was a kid, we had mom's outstretched arm," Cameron said. "It didn't matter if we were doing 200 km/h, mom's arm would stop us in a crash!"

Cameron concluded by talking about the lives of rocks, and the irony of spending millions of years under the ocean, then finally being washed on shore as a small stone, only to be skipped back into the water by a small child. The crowd erupted with laughter and applause as Judy Croon came back on stage to announce an intermission. Headliner Tim Nutt would be on stage next.

After a 20 minute break, Croon came back on the stage for another short five minute set, and introduced Tim Nutt.

Nutt came on stage and had an interesting question for the audience, for members of the school band in particular.

"So this is a benefit for a school band trip right?" he queried. "Then why have a comedy show? Why not a concert? Is the band that bad?" The crowd burst into laughter some nodding their heads in agreement as they held onto their sides to stop from rolling in the aisles.

Nutt's included many top-

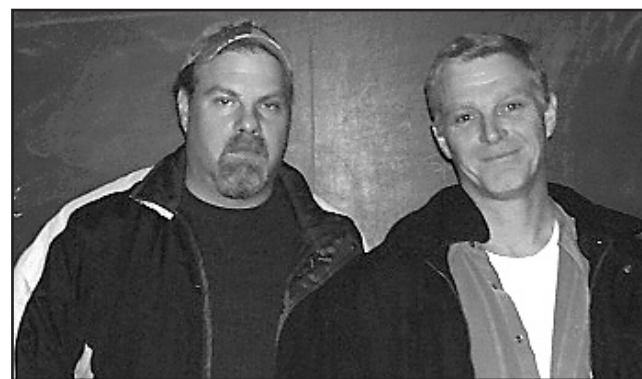
ics in his 40 minutes. He told stories about looting through the lost and found at casinos, James Brown's death, "stealth idiots," Ontario town names, Canadian Tire, bread, Jared the Subway guy, blind people and the search for a reasonable woman.

"You all moan at some of my jokes like it was bad," he started. "But I think it's fair to assume that we are at a comedy show and there is a pretty good chance that I'm joking."

Nutt spoke about doing a comedy show for the CBC in Afghanistan and told tales of travelling in a Hercules aircraft and having the Taliban fire rockets at them while they were performing.

"Now when someone heckles me for telling a bad joke, I'm not afraid, because I've had worse."

After the show, Nutt said that much of his routine had to be censored because of the young children in attendance. But this, he said, was great practice for doing television shows where comedy must be censored. He said he had a great time, and organizers say there might be another Yuk Yuk's comedy show coming to Acton in the future.



**YUK YUK COMICS:** Comedians Tim Nutt (left) and Mike Cameron left the crowd holding their sides together at the Yuk Yuk's comedy show at Acton High on February 28. — Matthew Reid photo

## March Break...

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in a treasure chest. Also, drop in crafts will be running Tuesday to Thursday from 2-4 pm. And on the Friday, it's Munch at The Movies, with a showing of Muppet Treasure Island at noon. Young buccaneers are encouraged to bring their own lunches.

Also at the library this March Break is their annual Lego Contest. Kids create original pieces of art using only Lego. The creations can only be a maximum of 12x12x12 inches. They should be dropped off at the library between March 6 and 13. Judging will take place from March 14-19 and prizes will be awarded to the winners. And of course, says the library, everyone is welcome to drop by and vote on their favourite.

Over to Acton Arena. The Acton Rotary Club is sponsoring a free skate every afternoon Monday to Friday from 1:30-2:50 pm. The arena is also still running its regular programs and it will be a busy place all week.

Also at the arena during March Break is the DASH program. DASH is a non-competitive program that

teaches the fundamentals of soccer through skills, exercises, drills and game play in its two age group, one hour long clinics.

The clinics run Tuesday March 11 from 1-2 pm for 5-6 year-olds, and 2-3 pm for 4-6 year old kids.

If you feel like getting a little wet this March Break, both the Acton pool at Mackenzie-Smith-Bennett and the pool at the Gellert Centre in Georgetown will be offering a free swim from Monday to Friday, 1:30-3 pm and is possible because of the generous sponsorship of Tim Hortons.

But what about if your kids are the outdoors type? Spend the day or night at Rocky Ridge Ranch in rural Rockwood. Rocky Ridge is preparing a day camp for children aged 9 and up. They offer horseback riding, classes on how to groom and saddle your horse, nature hikes, snow activities, and cozy fires. Rocky Ridge Ranch is located at 10486 5th Line, RR #2 Rockwood. Today, March 6, is your last chance to register. You can reach the ranch by calling 905-854-2584 or at 905-854-0964.



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