SAB offers throat-cutting chills

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Comedy, magic tricks, escape artistry and for the grand finale, sword swallowing:

All this and more will come to Truman on Tuesday when sword swallower Dai Andrews performs at 7:30 p.m. in the SUB Georgian Room.

Freshman Rebecca Martin, a member of the Student Activities Board special events committee, is in charge of the event. She said Andrews is known as one of the few who attempts to swallow curved swords.

In fact, she claims that Andrews is the only one in the world to swallow the largest curve, nearly 90 degrees. Sword swallowing is no longer included in the Guinness Book of World Records, because it is considered too dangerous.

Freshman Comedian Ferguson said he has seen a sword swallowing demonstration before, but would like to go see Andrews as well.

“I think it would be really interesting,” Ferguson said. “I always think it’s interesting when people pull off acts that most people think are impossible.”

Martin said the contract SAB had with Andrews called for the swallower to perform 10 different acts, including the man who cannot be hung, love healing, smoke reading, the human blackboard, straitjacket escape and sword swallowing. His show is scheduled to last 90 minutes and cost less than $2,000.

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