New Yorker's humor hits close to home

Comic Dan Wilson does some trav-eling, but his frequent filer miles would only entitle him to an extra bag of almonds.

"There's plenty of work out there.

"There's plenty of work out there, don't like, log away for too long or too often," said Wilson, 31. "I'm just ahome guy, obviously." Wilson, who's from Tarrytown, N.Y., about a half hour outside New York City, is looking forward to an expensive performance at Joey's in Belleville. He's been to Michigan for cariler shows and remembers making fon of the Detroit areas sumbered mile roads.

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He grew up in Tarrytown and still calls it home.

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"Was absolutely the funny guy all through school." He brought a ventriloquist's doll to school to entertain his classmates, and the teachers didn't protest.

"I wasn't rude with it, either."

WILSON ENTERTAINED at the

school sophomore. He wrote his own material, but remembers performing in the style of George Carlin.

"He was funny." Wilson had heard Carlin's material and based his pedformance on that because he hadn't yet developed his own style.

"I'm in my sixth year of comedy."

Wilson, who's single, attended the State University of New York at Bulfalo for one year.

"When I came home, I started working for the General Motors people." He was fin autoworker for about four years before moving on. at cutally did theater for a long time, I was a musical theater guy."

Wilson was hosting a talent night in fort deferson on Long Island when fort deferson on Long Island when home teomics deep Kola and Steve

O"Those were the guys who really got me involved with comedy. They just walked in one night. They're two very line comies."
Witson writes his own material and rarely watches other comedians perform. He avoids watching David Letterman's show, so he wort pick up Letterman's mannerisms or style.

as very hard to describe because I certainly don't tell jokes." Wilson said of his work. When he first started in comedy, he was asked to come up with a nickname. Wilson thought of Bob Newhart's Image.
"I'm a button-down comic but no starch."

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HIS MATERIAL comes from a variety of sources.

"It all just kind of pops into my head," he said. "Things just pop into my head," he said. "Things just pop into my head that I think are funny. I like to think of myself as a clean act. There's a little spice here and there."

He's performed at clubs on the East Coast and in the Midwest and South, and does some shows on the West Coast. Wilson frequently performs for college audiences. His work took him to Aquinas College in Grand Rapids.

"We had a great time. It was a wonderful show." He's never had a bad show in De'llevare or North Capstal South of the Performing in those state.

Wilson hasn't found audiences are

all that different from state to state. Attitudes vary some and if he stays in an area for some time he's more aware of that.

There are some pockets in the U.S. "that are just notorlously silly. No names need be mentioned."

Stage fright isn't a problem for Wilson, who's performed at Joey's in Livonia.

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"It's amazing, I don't get nervous before a show like I used to." There's still some anticipatory nervousness, but that helps Wilson prepare for his time on stage.

WILSON HAS also done TV work. He recently appeared on the syndicated program "Star Search" and the syndicated program "Star Search" and star Search" and star Search loser. He jokes that of on the syndicated pand then forced to wash Ed McMahon's car.

In 1982, Wilson performed at the American Comedy conventionsin Las Vegas, Nev. He has opened for Dana Carvey, Richard Belzer, Soupy Sales and others.

In his free time, Wilson exercises collects comic books and draws car toons. He likes to read horror novels and watch seary movies, "all othem, the good ones and the bacones."

He has some thoughts about what the future holds for him.

"All in all, what I really want is to have good shows." The respect of his fellow comics is important to Wil-son.

"Of course, we'd all like to do 'The Tonight Show."

Dan Wilson will perform Wednes-day through Saturduy, Dec. 5-8, at Joey's in Belleville. Performances will be 8:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturdoy. The club's at The Roxy restaurant, 1-84 and Huggerty in Belleville. Price is 35 Wednesday and Thursday, 39 Fri-day and Saturdoy, and reserva-tions are recommended. For res-ervations, call 699-1829. Dinner/ show packages are also available.



Dan Wilson's comedic career started out in school. As a sophomore he entertained in the style of George Carlin at

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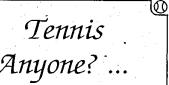
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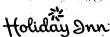


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