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We are not amazed

BY SHANNON GOWANS

An awards banquet is designed to honour the best in students. Somehow, last week's Dalhousie Student Appreciation Night brought out the worst.

The Amazing Santini, a hypnotist brought in by the DSU for the evening did not impress everyone.

"In the course of a bit of entertainment he in some way exploited or defamed women, non-white cultural groups, and gays and lesbians," said Laura Makarenko, a member of the Dalhousie Women's Group. "It was such a striking contrast and contradiction to an achievement night," said Makarenko.

A number of women approached Santini during intermission to express their concern. "He seemed quite

exasperated and didn't want to discuss it," said Annette Huyter.

When Karen Balcolm tried to talk to Santini, she was cut off by a member of Santini's crew, "Not another one. We don't have time for this. Why don't you fuck off, grow up and die."

Some of the suggestions Santini gave to hypnotized students showed sexist, racist, and homophobic undertones. In one segment Santini asked students to yell at each other in Chinese. As none of the volunteers could speak Chinese, they screamed gibberish instead.

Also, the internalized prejudices of the volunteers became apparent. When male participants were asked to pinch each others' bums, two men ended up in a yelling match calling each other fags and queers.

Some members of the audience encouraged the offensive material to continue by laughing and cheering.

The Gay and Lesbian Association of Dalhousie and the Women's Group complained to council about the act. GLAD wanted council to apologize to their members and to state publicly that they feel the views expressed in the show are wrong and they do not agree with them, said Peter Edwards, the GLAD representative to the DSU.

Council will be writing a strong letter to Santini and his agent expressing concern about the prejudicial demeanor of his act.

The DSU has a policy stating they do not tolerate sexist, racist, and homophobic acts. Council plans to ensure all future acts are well aware of this policy before they are booked, said Peter Pottier, DSU president.

Reading only ghost writers

BY ED DOWELL

There have been reports of a ghost in the Shirreff Hall, however there also appears to be a phantom lurking in the S.U.B. The phantom's mischievous doings include pilfering items from the Frank G. Lawson Career Information Centre.

This academic year, to date, the disappearance of more than fifty books and thirty per cent of university calendars has been attributed to the illustrious phantom. Jeanette Hung, co-ordinator of Career Services, is not angry. "Students are in the same position we are. They don't have enough money to buy books either," she said.

The concerned and dedicated volunteers at the L.C.I.C. are asking

for participation in tracking this poltergeist. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of any of the missing books will have an opportunity to return them penalty free during Amnesty Week (Monday, April 6, to Friday, April 10). Books can be dropped off at the Counselling Centre, given to a secretary or a professor to be transferred through inter-departmental mail.

A scan through unused books may uncover material which would benefit the L.C.I.C. Hung helps the centre in her own unique way. "I ask individuals to donate books to us when they are finished using them. I also teach a career counselling course and have the money directed to the L.C.I.C. rather than to myself," she said. Students may find in them-

selves a way to help the centre.

The L.C.I.C. indisputably provides a valuable service for all students. The centre offers books on what to do with your degree, presenting yourself as a professional (resume writing, interview skills, hidden job market, etc.), as well as careers into the 21st century.

Kristie Kennedy, a volunteer in the centre, said "Disappearances are extremely frustrating as the information I have previously used to help people is no longer in the centre." Along with your efforts, hopefully the actions of the phantom can be thwarted thereby benefitting all students.

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