



Extraordianrist Craig Karges tapes his eyes shut to begin his routine of reading people's minds and other mind-related tricks at the Nebraska Union Auditorium Thursday night.

Performer uses senses to stun crowd

BY MARC SALEM

Extraordinary is the best way to describe the mind-blowing stunts pulled off by Craig Karges Thursday night in the Nebraska Union auditorium.

"I'm not a psychic, I'm an entertainer," Karges said.

But he claimed that a lot of what he did was based on extrasensory perception.

The University Program Council sponsored the event.

Karges is an extraordianrist, not to be confused with an illusionist. Illusionists usually have big props, but Karges said he was different.

"The people are the show," he said of his own performance.

The show began with the reading of an audience member's mind wherein Karges cor-

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rectly guessed a word the audience member thought of. He went on to correctly guess the serial number on a random dollar bill.

When he stepped off stage to concentrate on knocking over a block of wood, the auditorium was absolutely silent until the block leaned backward and fell.

A student from the audience helped Karges levitate a table to waist-height using only their fingertips.

"It was just baffling," said Spencer Pahlke, a UNL fresh-

man.

Karges has been doing these extraordinary things for almost twenty years, he said.

He was inspired by his uncle, who also did extraordinary things on stage. He worked with his uncle for about a year, learning the basics of entertaining.

Karges was voted the best entertainer on the college circuit for 11 consecutive years and has appeared on national television more than 31 times, said Carly Wendt, a UPC spokesperson.

The crowd seemed impressed with the entertainer's hijinks.

Ryan Wilkins, a freshman marketing major said of the show: "It was like a party in my cerebellum, and everyone's invited."

Student makes grasshoppers research topic

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lot of time studying grasshopper literature and attending lab meetings to present his ideas.

"When he came to the second year of the project, he knew what he was doing and why," Joern said.

Dietz said the experience was a good preparation for post-graduate life.

"In research, things don't always work out the way you want them to," Dietz said.

Last year, when preparing for his field work, Dietz had to work around the effects of a dry spring, a hot summer and the lack of equipment available specifically for studying grasshoppers.

"I couldn't buy the type of cages I needed, so I had to build them," Dietz said.

Using a wire mesh with openings wide enough to let spiders in, but fine enough to keep grasshoppers from getting out, Dietz spent the month of June assembling grasshopper huts.

"Spiders have more flexible bodies and they can fit through much smaller spaces," Dietz said. "Grasshoppers have a much stiffer exoskeleton and can't get through those spaces."

Commenting on the challenges of Dietz's research, Joern

said he wished all undergraduates could do hands-on research.

"But it is a lot of work. A student won't succeed unless he is self motivated," Joern said.

Looking back on the summer spent immersed in the ecology of the prairie, Dietz said he learned a lot.

Though originally excited to work in a remote area where vehicles weren't allowed, Dietz said after hauling dozens of fence posts on his back, he began to rethink his hilltop location.

When asked if he had any advice to give other undergraduates considering ecological research, Dietz responded: "Do research in a valley."

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Reinhard's firing found to be unjust

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university, but his supervisors were aware that he was doing consulting work. Buntain said Reinhard eventually did obtain the necessary approvals.

■ Reinhard may have been "rude" and "insensitive" in his dealing with colleagues, but there is not sufficient evidence of a pattern of harassing behavior which would support his termination.

■ Evidence does not support the special committee's conclusions that Reinhard improperly withheld remains that had been repatriated to the Omaha Tribe.

■ The faculty committee was not in a position to judge whether Reinhard engaged in invasive testing. Buntain said Reinhard may have believed he had permission to proceed with testing on remains.

Reinhard faced investigations in 1998 for allegations of mishandling American Indian remains. University-hired attorney Robert Grimit found no credible evidence to support the charges, and an investigation by the Nebraska State Patrol cleared Reinhard of the charges.

Riding In said there was no other recourse for the complainants now that the special committee's recommendation had been overturned.

"We went through the proper proceedings and did what was called upon by the tribal governments," he said. "We have no recourse now."

Reinhard said Buntain's report was another legal step toward clearing his name.

"I think we're done with defense mode," he said.

Party aims to diversify student government

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cation between students and student government.

"This could bridge the gap between ASUN and students," said Pacquette, a senior economics major.

Although student government would be diverse, that doesn't mean that ASUN wouldn't take a stand on issues if it divides students, Clements said.

"You can't only address issues that 100 percent of the students agree with because you'll get what you have now, which is a student government that does nothing," she said.

NU Force also would establish more upperclassmen scholarships and financial aid for students, Clements said.

Many students have to work to pay for college and this takes away from their studies, she said. "We're a third-tier university because students don't have time to take all they can out of the intellectual community on campus," Clements said.

Pacquette said that she would work for more scholarships and financial aid for minorities and international students.

NU Force also would work to make academic resources of non-honors students equal to honors students' resources, Clements said.

"I think that before we pour more money into an honors dorm, they need to upgrade our other residence halls," she said.

Erick Kinyungu, first presidential candidate, said even if NU Force didn't win the election, the party still would have made an important effort.

"Someone has to take the

first step," said Kinyungu, a junior biochemistry major. "I think that's what NU Force is doing. We're trying to steer ASUN in the right direction."



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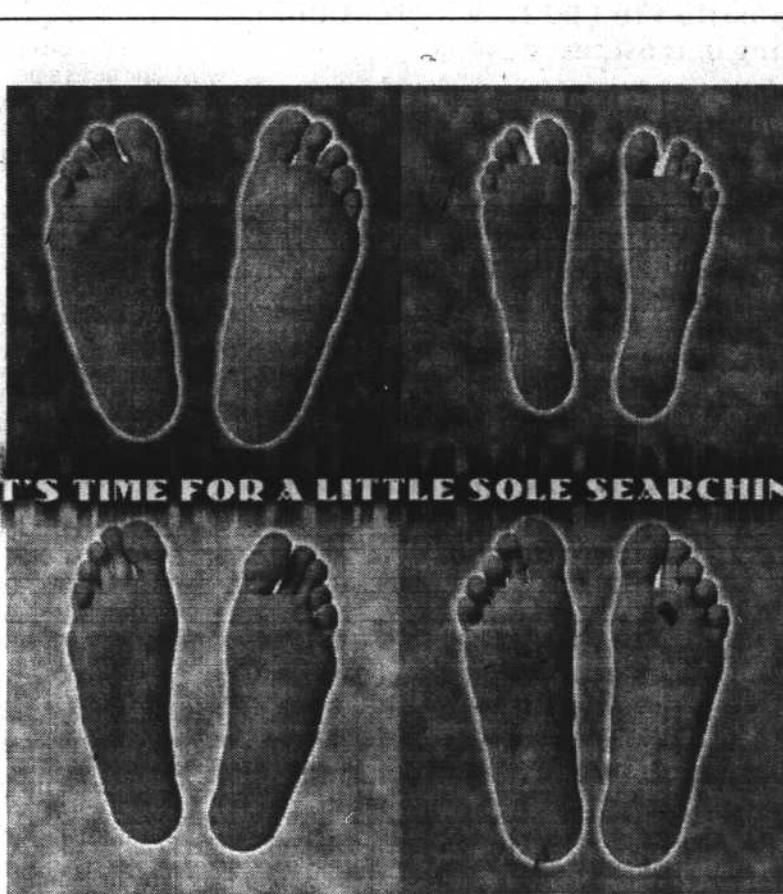


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