

Spanky the Comedian Leaves Mixed Impressions with Audience

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His hour long performance surely made an impact on his audience. Comedian Spanky made an appearance at Mont Alto on Tuesday, January 17, 2006. In the beginning of his performance Spanky made it quite clear that his intentions were not to offend anyone. Throughout his performance there were no jokes specifically aimed at one group. He dared to be bold in bringing up things such as religion, race, and politics in his diversified audience.

A free-spirited person, Spanky joked about his own life. With all his jokes Spanky still made it possible to get across life

lessons such as "the opposite of love is not hate, it is fear." Spanky believes that if you "strongly dislike someone; it was probably because you fear them." At the end of his performance Spanky states "he believes that laughter is an important part of everyone's life and everyone should have the opportunity to enjoy a good laugh." With a combination of clean and dirty jokes he had everyone in the audience laughing at least a couple of times.

On the other hand, many audience members found the performance below average.

The Blues at Mont Alto

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A calm atmosphere, the sipping of coffee, the rocking of heads back and forth, and tapping of feet was the scene on Wednesday, January 25th in Wiestling. K.J. James, a blues guitarist, was entertaining a big audience as he sang them his blues. Being nominated twice for best campus performer of the year, K.J. definitely makes an impact when he sings his blues on your campus. Mont Alto definitely felt K.J.'s blues that Wednesday night.

According to Jesuit University K.J. James is referred to as "one of the country's most celebrated blues artist and most beloved campus entertainers in the country" because of his moving performances. He grew up surrounded by blues in South Carolina. His Uncle Henry is one of the influential people in his life that he first heard sing the blues. K.J. soon started singing the blues himself. He soon began performing at countless performances

showing off his incredible capabilities. With his hands on his guitar, the sound instantly sweeps you off your feet. His voice mesmerized the audience as we listened.

Mont Alto had a big turn out the night K.J. performed. Audience members ranging in ages, from student to professor to parents, and an overall copies amount of people came out to see this tasteful blues singer. Looking around, people listened attentively as they were overwhelmed with K.J.'s words. His words captured the attention of audience members immediately. His humor made his blues even more interesting. K.J. was truly humorous as he sang some of his blues such as in the song entitled "Breakfast Blues." K.J. noted that some of his songs were mostly improvisational. With playing his guitar and singing the blues improvisational, K.J. has an astonishing quality to

Mont Alto Freshman Winnie Kastroll states "the comedian's performance was okay" and Kastroll states "the flow of Spanky's act was random and less funny." Mont Alto Freshman Antonia Houston states "that the jokes mimicking God were over doing the whole comedian act" and "is one topic that should not have been touched upon."

When questioned about Mont Alto, Spanky claimed it

seemed like a nice place even though he didn't get the opportunity to see the campus much because he arrived when it was already dark. "My audience was great..." was what Spanky left feeling because he thought we were all good listeners and were very respectful during his performance. We all wish Spanky good luck with his future endeavors.

Spanky has made 43 television appearances including shows such

as ER and The Late Show. Beginning his career in Texas in 1985, he soon earned the title of "Funniest Man in Texas." Spanky has performed at over 400 colleges and clubs all over the United States. Spanky's comedic talents are not limited to the United States; he has also been to Canada, the Caribbean and countries in Europe. He recently returned from living in Holland.

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combine those and still be understood so clearly.

K.J. captures the essence of the blues as he sang. "It was truly an incredible performance" states Mont

Alto Freshman Mayra Calle. Leaving the Wiestling Student Center, people were overtaken by the great performance they had just seen. It was inspirational to

hear the words of a man that had so much to sing about in his blues songs. K.J. definitely ranks highly as one of the most enjoyed performances Mont Alto has brought to us.