

STORY OF THE WEEK:



"THE TWILIGHT ZONE" PARAPSYCHOLOGY

by Mary Evelyn Porter

Parapsychology is an unknown subject. As Kings College is soon to open an Institute of Parapsychology perhaps some clarification is in order.

Parapsychology is the experimental study of psi, which includes extra sensory perception and psychokinesis. It is tested through psychic research. Psychic research to most implies the concept of 'ghost chasing.' Extrasensory perception suggests a jumbled combination of mind reading and of the foreboding of coming events. These expressions are, in themselves, not well understood. The term extrasensory perception actually defines itself. It is the perception of events beyond the power of the senses. Extrasensory perception, ESP, is studied under

the headings of telepathy, clairvoyance and precognition. Telepathy, generally called mind reading, involves the perception of the mental activities in another person. Parapsychologists have attempted to study this phenomenon by a simple response to an extrasensory cue such as asking the subject to state what card another person is holding. Clairvoyance usually refers to extrasensory perception of an object rather than a person. A great variety of extrasensory phenomena are found under this category. A simple case might be a description of an actual town as yet unseen by the describer. Precognition or foreknowledge of an event is perhaps the strangest of these three psychic phenomena, and yet Mrs. J.B. Rhine found more ESP cases involving precognition than any other type.

Extrasensory perception and psychokinesis make up psi, a term used for all psychic phenomena. Psychokinesis concerns the extrasensory control of certain objective events such as the fall of dice. These phenomena and their subsumptions will form the material for study at the institute.

Plans for the Institute began with the personal friendship of Canon Puxley of King's College and Dr. J.B. Rhine, Director of Parapsychological Laboratory at Duke University. Dr. Rhine offered to finance and staff the Institute if Kings College would house it.

The Parapsychological Foundation of New York agreed to provide funds for three years. The difficulty in obtaining a director for the Institute has delayed its

opening. Canon Puxley explained "because of the restricted field and few qualified people, the Institute has not yet succeeded in finding the person it is looking for."

To staff an Institute of Parapsychology or to even find people to enter the field is difficult because of the disbelief of many psychologists themselves in extrasensory perception. The actual existence of the subject matter of parapsychology is still doubted. "Research, however, continues to be worthwhile", says Professor J. W. Clark, a member of the Dalhousie Department of Psychology, "because of the fascination of the problem and the degree of success that research in the area has had so far."

FROM THE MONASTERY WINDOW :

ALAN ABBOTT

ARGUES ABOUT



MR. ABBOTT IS ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE. HIS COLUMN WILL RETURN WHEN HE DOES.

PROSE and CON

By MARGARET PAGE

Did you ever stop to realize that the question of who should wear the pants in the household is by no means a modern one. It appears, for instance, in Chaucer's Canterbury Tales, written over 500 years ago, in an age which we think of as being very different from ours. In the tales of several of the Canterbury pilgrims there arises a discussion of who should, or does, have the upper hand in marriage — the husband or the wife.

This discussion, commonly called the "Marriage Debate," centers around the lively figure of the Wife of Bath, who considers herself an authority on marriage, as she has already outlived five husbands (having, she admits proudly, been their "whip") and is quite ready to tackle a sixth. The "Wife of Bath" feels strongly that women should play the dominant role in marriage. After all, men are the more reasonable creatures, she declares (although she is herself quite capable of developing a logical argument). Why shouldn't they be the ones to give in? This argument is continued in her tale, which tells how a young knight of King Arthur's court was forced to marry an old hag, who had saved his life by telling him what women desire most, to have (so the Wife of Bath believes) "sovereignty" over their husbands. His own happiness in domestic life comes when he yields to his wife's authority, for she then becomes a beautiful young woman.

It is only fair to point out, however, that several critics consider that the central theme of the Wife of Bath's discourse is not woman's proper "sovereignty" in marriage but the importance of courtesy, or even her search for a sixth husband! Nor is there by any general agreement on the idea that her views are debated and discussed by her fellow pilgrims. Nevertheless, it is possible to see this train of thought running through the tales of some of them and the tracing of it can form an interesting study.

The Wife of Bath's argument is perhaps sparked by two preceding stories, the long-winded prose tale of Melibee and the Nun's Priest's Tale. Both these tales deal with the question of value of women's advice, the first showing its wisdom and the second its folly. After the Wife of Bath has had her say, the discussion of women and marriage is continued by the Clerk's tale of the unbelievably patient and long-suffering Griselda, by the Merchant's tale of a foolish old man who is speedily cuckolded by his newly-wedded young wife, and by the Squire's tale of courtly love. The Franklin's Tale, which probably gives Chaucer's own views on the subject, concludes the debate by telling about an ideal marriage, in which neither husband nor wife try to dominate the other, but abide by the principles of courtesy and true nobility of character.

SPECIAL REPORT

Sex and Sin In Saskatoon

FROM THE SHEAF

Warning: The above title is purely misleading.

We are about to answer the question that has been disturbing the minds of the fairer sex frosh ever since they first set foot on campus. We realize that they could not even consult Mother, as this thing just did not go on in her day.

Now, on to the question: What are intramural sports? . . .



CANON PUXLEY "Few qualified people . . ."



PROFESSOR CLARK "... fascinating problem"

FEDERATION CROSSROADS FERMENT IN AFRICA

BY THOMAS DRAPER (The Michigan Daily)

A convention in London and two approaching elections may decide the fate of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

The Nyasaland Constitutional Convention opened allowing leader of the majority party, and co-minister Dr. Hastings Banda to push for internal self-government now and the right to secede when the Federation gains independence.

Britain set up the Federation in an attempt to join Northern and Southern Rhodesia and Nyasaland into a self-sufficient economic unit. Nyasaland is the least developed of the three and would benefit the most economically from union.

WHITE RULE

However, the almost totally African population feels that the Federation is an attempt to maintain white rule. Dr. Banda's Malawi Congress Party ran and won on a platform of secession after independence.

Five weeks ago Northern Rhodesia held an election for the forty-five seat Legislative Council. African parties that supported the secession won an overwhelming majority, but because of the constitution formed by the British, did not win the election.

The Legislative Council is split into Upper, Middle, and Lower role seats with fifteen seats in each section. A person's wealth and education determines in which role he is entitled to vote. Europeans control the upper role, Africans control the lower role, and the middle role is elected by both. Each white candidate must receive 10 per cent of the black vote and vice versa.

In this last election insufficient crossing of racial lines prevented the filling of 10 seats, and a majority could not be claimed by either side. British-appointed Governor Sir Evelyn Hone decided not to form a government until these seats were filled by an election Dec. 10.

The final leader will probably be African nationalist Kenneth Kuanda of the United Nationalist Party.

Southern Rhodesia, which presently has an all white legislature, already had an election December 1 under a new constitution. This constitution also has the legislature split into levels with different constituencies based on land holdings and education. African candidates were expected to win 17 of the 65 seats.

Although Prime Minister Sir Edgar Whitehead is basing his campaign on less discrimination and

more rights for the African, the black population faces a tough fight for power. Two-thirds of the Federation's white population live in Southern Rhodesia. They will not grant concessions unless necessary.

Next spring representatives from Britain, the Federation, Northern and Southern Rhodesia, and Nyasaland will meet to decide the future of the Federation. With African majorities in Nyasaland and probably Northern Rhodesia the Federation as a political unit may be ended. If it is, Britain will push for and get some form of economic union.



Johnny Wayne and Frank Shuster in a scene from The Wayne and Shuster Hour, Monday, Dec. 10 at 8:30 p.m. on CBC-TV

Comic strip 'gort' with four panels. Panel 1: GORT! GORT! I'VE LOST A RIB!! Nonsense, Adam! Just settle down... calm yourself! Panel 2: FEEL!! By Jove... you're right! Panel 3: ...And I had it just yesterday. 'Tis passing strange! No laceration... no stitches... no scar... Panel 4: Why would anyone want my rib?! I don't know... but one thing's for sure: no good can come of this!