

Is there a tall, myopic man in your future? Only the palmist knows for sure

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Prophets and seers are a dime-a-dozen today. They come in all shapes, sizes and colors. Some are believable and accurate merely because the "prediction" is well-founded or scientific in source. These predictions can range from weather forecasts to your mother's intuition.

Then there are the other prophets — the palm readers. With them there is a certain sense of mystery: a way to gain knowledge of the future, a sense of being a little bit better prepared, come what may. Palm reading is kept alive by one human trait — people like hearing things about themselves whether good or bad.

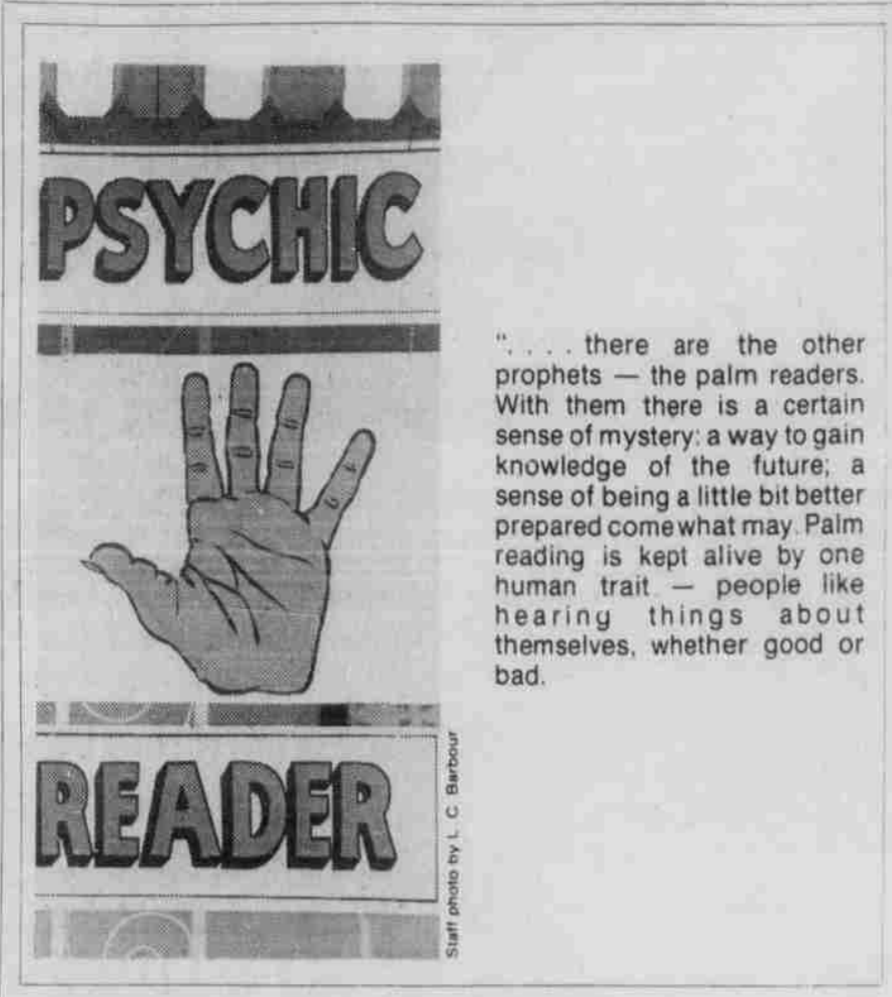
Lady Jace, the psychic reader, lives on the Chapel Hill-Durham Boulevard. She and her family are new to this area.

As I entered the driveway of her house with the huge red palm suspended from the roof, I was a little disillusioned. Maybe I was expecting the sound of gypsy music, or a covered wagon or curly-haired men in boleros with devilish grins.

The young woman's woman's thick Rumanian accent lends itself to her occupation. But she does not have the dark, unruly hair that I had imagined nor does she have a swirling taffeta skirt. Lady Jace has long reddish-blonde hair and dressed simply in a skirt and pullover.

As two hands were nervously held out to her, she took them in her own, looked at them briefly and then began.

"You have a very long life line. Did you know that?"



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I looked. It was true. My life line almost crawled up under the cuff of my sleeve.

"You will have no real health problems."

Well, that's always good to hear.

"I see you are worried right now. A relative of your mother's has been in an accident of some sort up North. Is that true?"

Gulp. Now *that* was something. I'd

only told my roommate about my uncle's car accident.

"Your hands say you are contented right now. You are a very relaxed, easy-going person. You are kind-hearted. Is that true? Your hands show success."

I began to glow with admiration for this woman's obvious gift to see truth in the hands of others. "How strange that she could be describing me so perfectly." I thought. I began to wish I'd brought a tape recorder along so I could replay

how great I was when I got depressed.

"Yes, you will be successful. I see a large house for you. Yes, a fine grand house. You will travel a lot in your work. But all of your travels will be safe. I do not see you, though, in the field you are studying."

At this point, she paused because I was beginning to wring my hands. Surely the world would not lose the next Woodstein? And I was so young.

"But you will be very successful with your career. You will never have a lot of money but you will never want for it. Do you understand my meaning?"

Not rich, not poor — i.e. middle class. Got it.

"I see you signing a document of some sort which will bring you some money. It will be soon. Do you have any knowledge of such a paper?"

This document-signing didn't ring a bell. Maybe I have a long-lost millionaire uncle who will, while surveying his vast oil empire, die saying, "I'm going to leave it all to..."

"You were born in a good sign. In fact, your sign is at its highest point right now."

Well, at least she didn't say anything about Gemini's schizophrenic tendencies.

"Ah! I see a dark-haired girl who is very jealous of you. She is of medium-height and build. Dark hair. Do you have any knowledge of someone like this?"

Well, frankly no. After all, there were so many it could be.

"And a tall dark — no — brown-haired-person cares for you very deeply. Male."

She paused and looked again.

"Yes, male."

I looked at my hands. Maybe she was noticing Hershey bar traces from lunch? I looked carefully down my heart line. Nope.

"Really? A tall brown-haired male person?"

"Yes. Do you know of someone it could be?"

I blushed furiously. Of course, I knew. Well, wait... maybe it's... no... maybe it's... could be...

"You will have two great loves before you meet the man you will marry."

Two great loves? Only two? I raised a skeptical eyebrow.

"And I see three children."

THREE CHILDREN!!!! Didn't you say there was a husband in there somewhere?

"Yes, a husband. You will marry someone tall and dark and..."

Handsome?

"... has very dark eyes. He will have intense, penetrating, searching eyes." Oh, is he nearsighted too?

Palm reading is not illegal in Chapel Hill or the rest of Orange County. But just eight miles down the road in Durham palm reading is illegal and punishable by a fine.

She said most of her clients come to her because they need an adviser in their business, financial and personal affairs. Most of her clients are also usually steady customers.

"I am a person who is not related to them that they can talk to and confide in. I try to help them as best I can but most of them only need somebody to talk to. I give them advice as I read what their hands say they should do."

I asked her if she had studied how to read palms. She said she occasionally referred to books but that palm reading was like her power of clairvoyance. She just knew how.

"I was born with the power."

Student Stores, APO Co-Op only two of several options for the book-seeking student

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Buying textbooks, like waiting in long lines and paying parking tickets, is one of the first essential activities that await the fall rush of students into Chapel Hill. And like the others, it can also be one of the most painful.

Several options for buying new and used books may help to ease the budgetary pain, although students can still count on spending anywhere from 50 to 100 dollars on textbooks, depending on the courses taken.

The largest, but not always the most economical, textbook inventory in Chapel Hill is in the UNC Student Stores. This year, Manager Thomas Shetley expects to sell over a million dollars worth of texts during the fall rush.

The Caduceus bookstore, located in the Pre-Clinical Sciences building, stocks all the texts for health-related areas such as dentistry, pharmacy, public health, speech and hearing, physical therapy, nursing and medicine.

Student's Bookstore, Inc., an independently-owned store that recently opened in the NCNB plaza, also stocks all textbooks that will be used at UNC this fall. New books will be sold at slightly lower than retail prices. For example, Morgan and King's *Introduction to Psychology*, which retails at \$15.95 at the Student Stores, will sell for \$15.70 at Student's Bookstore, Inc.

Used book prices will be at least 25 per cent off at the Student's Bookstore, but may be lower, depending on the supply and demand for the book. A used Morgan and King text will sell for \$9.95 at Student's Bookstore, Inc., and \$11.95 at the UNC Student Stores.

All new medical texts will go for 10% off the suggested retail price at Student's Bookstore, and used medical texts will be reduced 30%.

The price students may receive on used books that are sold back to these stores is more difficult to determine. The Student Stores and Caduceus usually will pay 50% of the retail on hardbacks and 30% on paperbacks. If the books are brought back after the end of the exam period, or if they are not to be reused, the prices may be lower.

Ken Stapleton, owner of Student's Bookstore, Inc., said that all used books there would be bought back for 50% of the retail cost during the exam period and 40 to 50% at all other times.

Another alternative to the bigger stores is the Alpha Phi Omega (APO) Book Co-Op, where students bring in the books they want to sell, set their own prices, and wait for a buyer. APO operates in Rooms 202-206 in the Carolina Union, and will be open August 24-31.

No matter where the student decides to buy books, the problem of when to buy them is always present. If they wait until classes start to find out which books will be used most, the crowds will be thicker and the lines longer. But if they buy now, they may end up with books they don't need. Waiting too long may result in the book being sold out. The best bet, according to Student Stores officials is to buy as soon as class schedules are final, and keep the cash register receipt in case the student finds the book is not needed. Full refunds at the Student Stores will be granted for two weeks after the start of classes.



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Buying textbooks is a necessary task for students. Student Stores, Caduceus bookstore, Student's Bookstore, Inc. and the APO Co-Op are options to satisfy the demand for books.

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