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# Psychic events happen, but we don't know about it

By ERIN BECKERS  
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Psychic events occur most often in people's everyday lives unintentionally and without their knowledge, a parapsychologist said here Thursday night.

"These events happen in our lives in accordance with our inner needs and dispositions," said Dr. Rex Stanford, in a speech to about 30 sponsored by the Upper Room Christian Fellowship.

Stanford's speech, "Psychic

Phenomena in Our Daily Lives," outlined current scientific findings about the role of psychic events in everyday life.

"Psi-events and psychokinesis are mainly what parapsychologists study in the laboratory," Stanford said. Psi-events are those that exchange with the environment, such as extra sensory perception, or ESP.

"Psychokinesis (PK) deals with physical events influenced by ways related to our needs and wishes," he said.

The basic findings of psi (mind-related) research show that both ESP and PK function unintentionally in persons who do not label themselves as psychic.

"Most of us are used to thinking of psychic events as something to happen to the 'rare bird,' the so-called 'psychic.'"

There are subtle things that can happen in life that might be psi-events, which one might not be aware of, Stanford said, citing an example:

In one experiment, students were given a short-answer essay exam. Hidden in the general locale of the classroom was the same exam with half of the questions answered.

The students did better on these questions that were close-at-hand but not in view, according to Stanford.

"These experiments suggest that there are certain types of coincidences in everyday life in which psi may be guiding our behavior, but we do not know about it," he said.

The dramatic type of psychic events that most of us are used to hearing about, he said, are really "freak events."

"Freak events," such as flying objects, books or tables, cannot be explained, he said, but there is usually an adolescent in the house.

"There is a child deeply frustrated who cannot express his feelings," Stanford said. It is usually a psychokinesis expression of this person's frustrations that result in the moving objects," he said.

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# Student survey says More fees wanted

By DILLARD STONE  
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Texas A&M University students may look forward to an increase in student service fees and the institution of a user fee for intramural activities if the student government finance committee follows the guidelines set by a survey of students.

In a survey conducted by the committee, students by a 53 to 47 percent count approved an increase in student service fees "in order to have more programs you are interested in." Those surveyed also indicated by a 56 to 44 percent margin that they would be willing to pay a \$5 entry fee for intramural team sports.

Given the choices of 50 cents, \$1, \$2.50 or \$5 increases in student service fees for next year, the respondents opted for an average increase of \$2.45.

Wayne Morrison, student government vice president for finance, said his committee would recommend a \$23 ceiling on the fees, intended to replace the current \$20 ceiling.

Results of the survey and proposed recommendations were made available to the student body in a Thursday night committee meeting. Three students, one himself a member of the senate, showed up to raise questions over student government's allocation of student service fees.

The survey covered a wide variety of programs funded by student service fees, among them Memorial Student Center committees, student publications, students' legal adviser, and intramural and extramural sports.

The survey was conducted using telephone numbers supplied by a University computer printout. Morrison said the 75-student poll should provide a 75 percent degree of accuracy in determining how the student body feels about the type of programming it receives from student service fees.

Theresa Beshara, a finance committee member, told the meeting that, although students could expect a fee increase next year, the total of student service fees would still be low compared with other areas.

# CS council delays rate hike decision

By KEVIN D. HIGGINBOTHAM  
Battalion Reporter

The College Station City Council voted Thursday to delay Lone Star Gas Company's rate increase request pending further study.

The council suspended the rate request for up to 120 days. During that time the city manager and the city attorney will confer with Bryan officials to arrange for joint negotiations with Lone Star.

A. L. Bartley, local manager for Lone Star Gas, said that he wasn't surprised by the council's action and that similar action had occurred at the Bryan council meeting Monday.

"We took a little different approach in this request," Bartley said. "Rather than just asking for a base rate increase we're asking for an increase in the service charges also."

"I think this is fair because that cost is borne by the citizen receiving the service."

Bartley told the council that the rate increase would raise Lone Star's net rate of return from 1.71 percent to 9.21 percent.

"The rate now in effect is rather obsolete," said Bartley, adding that even the new rate would be low because it is based on a study made in June, 1978.

The average gas consumer uses 8,000 cubic feet at a charge of \$16.74. Under the proposed rate increase he would pay \$19.15, Bartley said.

According to Bartley the rate increase is due to increases in the price of natural gas, increased cost of operation and maintenance and other factors.

In other action the council considered several options for the use of the increased community development fund entitlement to the city from the United State's Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The entitlement doesn't necessarily mean the city will actually receive the money, though.

Jim Callaway, community development planner for the city, posed three alternatives for the additional \$30,000 if College Station gets it from HUD:

—Distribute the money among current activities

—Identify additional street paving projects

—Begin a new project such as parkland acquisition.

Callaway suggested using the money to partially pave Churchill Street.

Dozier, obviously wary of the additional HUD money due to problems between the city and HUD, questioned the reason behind the increase.

College Station lost its HUD community development funds because it lacked an adequate housing plan. There is still some disagreement as to what HUD considers adequate plan.

"I'm just trying to nail these federal jokers down," Dozier said, getting fed up with the federal government now. They have treated shabbily.

"Are they throwing us a \$300,000 bone, or just a shadow of a \$300,000 bone?"

"As far as I'm concerned they take the whole community development program and stuff it in Jimmy Carter's rear."

The council approved Callaway's suggestion to use the money to pave Churchill Street.

The council also voted to continue to investigate the problem of a transit system in the area and support Bryan's application for financing on a proposed bus system suggested by the Public Transit Study.

Mayor Lorence Bravenec, a several councilmen, though, pressed concern that the study neglected other forms of mass transit and had chosen the bus system solely for cost and ease of implementation reasons.

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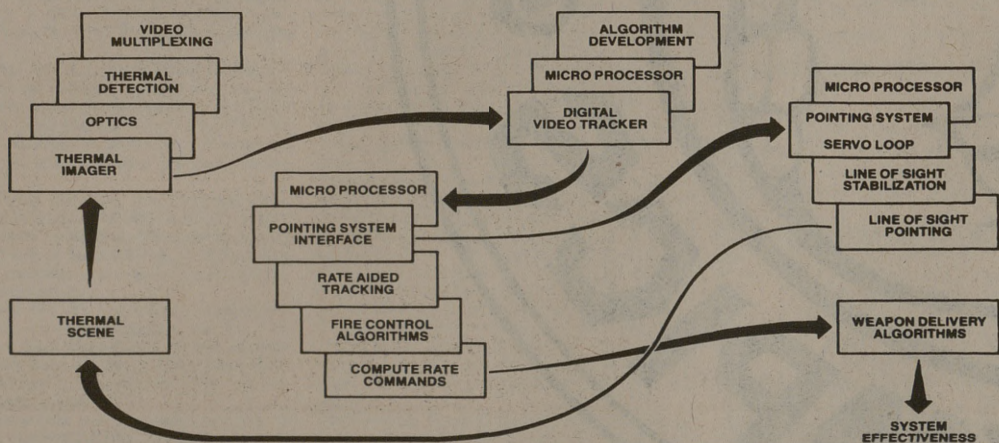
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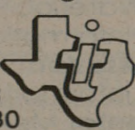
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