

## I see ..... Students discover future through palm-reading

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When Eric McAfee was a freshman, a palm reader told him he would meet the girl he would marry in a class specific to his major and have a very wealthy family. Three years later, McAfee, a junior wildlife and fisheries major, is still waiting to meet his rich dream girl.

McAfee was at a party where three palm-reading sisters were brought in as entertainment. He had his palm read for fun, but still remembers what the reader told him and wonders if what he was told will come true.

"She told me I would go to A&M and would meet the girl I was going to marry," he said. "She said the girl would have red hair and her name was going to start with an M. So far, it hasn't happened, and I'm still waiting."

McAfee's experience is not unique. People from New York to Los Angeles spend money on palm readers with hopes that they may catch a glimpse into the future of their career, love life or family life.

Jeremy Bartlett, a senior industrial distribution major, went to a palm reader a few years ago with some friends. He was in Irving, was bored and had time to kill so he and his friends found a palm reader on the side of the road, went inside and paid for a palm reading.

"The room we were in was really contradictory," he said. "There were Stars of David next to crucifixes, posters of palms with the lines drawn on them and Christian candles next to Menorahs. It was weird. And I think the lady lived there because we would hear a baby crying in the back room."

Bartlett said the palm reader gave him a lot of information regarding the future of his career and love life.

"She told me someone with a name starting with P was looking for me," he said. "She said I would marry in five years and would have three kids — a boy, girl, boy, in that order. She said I was very loved and would make good money at a job I liked."

Bartlett said the lady described his personality well, which made the reading more fun.

"She told me my friends are my life, which is true," he said. "And she said I have a lot of love to give. She did mention that I was going to take a tropical vacation sometime soon, but that was three years ago, and I haven't taken one."

Those who practice palm reading consider it an art and a trade that must be learned and practiced to be mastered.

Hazel Whitaker, author of *Palmistry: Your Highway to Life*, has studied palmistry, numerology and Tarot card reading for more than 30 years. In her book, she states that it is important to take into account both hands when reading palms.

The hand used to write with is the major hand and the other is the minor hand. The major hand is supposed to show the potential a person is born with while the minor hand shows if and when a person has reached that potential.

The most easily identifiable lines on the hand are called the main lines, which consist of the life, heart and head lines.

The life line runs in a curve from in between the thumb and forefinger down to the wrist. The life line is a timeline of significant events in one's life, and a long and unbranched life line indicates a long and "perfect" life.

The heart line runs horizontally across the top of the palm, usually starting where the joints of the fingers begin. This line is an emotional barometer of the person and can also answer questions about one's health given other clues from other lines.

The head line runs horizontally through the middle of the palm between the heart and life lines. From this line, a palm reader can judge which intellectual activities are most stimulating for any given person, a handy reference to have when one is torn between becoming an accountant or living the life of a beatnik. The head line may reveal phobias as well.



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The fate line is also considered by some palmists to be a main line, but it does not appear on every person's hands. If a person has one, the fate line runs vertically through the middle of the hand, and an experienced palm reader can tell an interested party what kind of trials and triumphs they will experience.

Lorraine Fano, a senior psychology major, had her fortune told at the Texas Renaissance Festival a few years ago.

"I did it for kicks," she said. "I

don't take it seriously. I went in with a predisposed notion of wanting to hear stuff about a specific person. I was really skeptical, but for a few days after, I kept thinking how wonderful she was and how great the things she told me were."

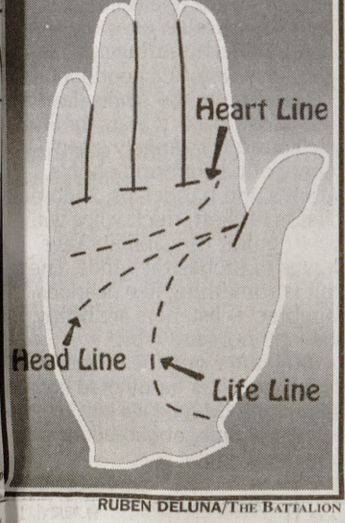
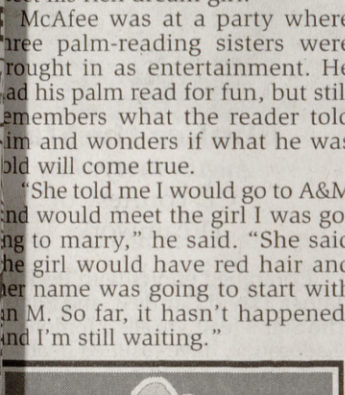
Fano said palm readers feed off the reactions of the people whose fortunes they tell.

"They'll feed off your facial expressions, your body language and tell you what you want to hear," she said. "You can apply what they say to anything in your life."

McAfee said he probably would not have his palms read again because it is too expensive. However, McAfee said if a palm reading was free, he would do it again.

Not everyone is a skeptic. Bartlett said he believes people do exist who possess an extra sense who can actually read palms and tell fortunes.

"The people who can really do it aren't charging for it," he said. "There are too many people out there making too much money for them all to be real."



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