

Graphologically Speaking

Dear Mrs. Green,

Ever since your column began, I have tried to analyze my own handwriting by applying anything from your columns that I thought applied to me. I have now decided to scrap that idea and write you myself.

A.S.H., Utica, N.Y.

Dear A.S.H.,

I am glad that you decided to write, as it can be very misleading trying to isolate a trait. No trait stands alone. Each one must be considered in relation to the total picture of your handwriting.

The small size of your handwriting tells me that you are a person who can concentrate all energies on the task at hand, be it work or play. A keen awareness of details is shown by the precisely dotted 'i's.

Poise is your hallmark (vertical writing). You are

a person who is very objective, and your head tends to rule rather than your heart. Your emotions are kept under control. Those straight word endings that often hug the baseline tell me you are not one to take chances. You are, in fact, quite a cautious person.

Yours is a strong need to be independent, especially in matters that concern you personally (very short d's and some short t's). A tactful manner (shown by the final humps on some of your m's and n's that are shorter than receding humps) is a real plus here.

I see some signs of frustration that you find difficult to discuss, and the slant of some of your 'i's hint at something in the future that is causing you concern.

There is a pattern of breaks between letters in your handwriting that suggests music or poetry. Are you doing anything in either of these areas?

Although I think you probably came from a mother-dominated home, it was your father who taught you the importance of getting out into the world to earn a living and to make your mark.

You are not a person who seeks close relationships with people. The large spaces between words and lines are symbolic of the distance you actually place between yourself and others. The very wide connections between letters suggest calculated amiability.

The gestalt picture of your handwriting tells me that you are neat and orderly. Everything has a place and you like having everything in its place.

In observance of the International Year of the Child, I am most interested in receiving letters from some of my young readers. If you have a question regarding your personality, write to me in care of this newspaper. Please use a full sheet of white paper and write in the first person singular.

By
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Series probes options for your aging parents

"The adult children of aging parents often have many more options than they realize."

That's the opinion of Sydney Reiter of Oakland University's Continuum Center, who will lead a six-session program called "You and Your Aging Parent" to be held 7-10 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21 to March 28, at Oakland University.

Mrs. Reiter of Southfield, coordinator of the Gerontology Training Project at the center, designed the program with her co-leader, Adele Weaver of West Bloomfield, a counselor and trainer at the center.

The program was designed under grants by the National Institute of Mental Health and the Administration on Aging as part of a series of older adult programs that won creative programming awards from the National University Extension Association in 1977.

"WE ARE TRYING to help men and women who are concerned about their aging parents on several levels," Mrs. Reiter said. "Some are just beginning to notice that their parents are getting older and wonder what that will mean to the future."

"Others are overwhelmed by parents who aren't functioning well and need help. But what kind of help they should give and how can they give it? Some adults have very old independent parents, but they still wonder whether they are doing what's right for them."

The program will be held at the Continuum Center on Adams Road south of Walton, on the east side of the Oakland campus. Fee is \$55 for an individual and \$90 for a couple. Enrollment is limited. Advance registration is required.

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