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I'll be going through a traumatic experience in the next few weeks, and I want it known that I expect everyone's sympathy.

Our oldest has announced with great jubilation that she has been accepted for driver training.

Her contemporaries are giving her the standard "better clear all the road" treatment. Her father points out the coming boost in insurance payments.

As for me, I'm grateful for the fine instruction available in the schools now. I'm sure I couldn't be as patient in the training process as my father was when I learned years ago.

I realize fully it's an important milestone in the process of turning into an adult. And it's going to be a big help and convenience to have another driver in the family.

I tell myself these things often. Very often.

Many friends have weathered the experience of having an offspring learn to drive, and they tell me I'll pull through too.

They also say it's worst by far the first time around.

I'll be ready with my opinion in a few years.

Margaret Miller

MSU Seeks More Women As Administrators

President Clifton R. Wharton of Michigan State University wants to see MSU put more women in faculty and administrative posts and boost continuing education for women.

He made the proposal during the university's annual bosses luncheon on campus last week.

Dr. Wharton acknowledged the heightened atmosphere of the women's liberation movement and said the university was prepared to make a serious response to the issues involved.

"JUST AS racism has been interwoven into the fabric of our society and our institutions, sexism or sex discrimination is equally endemic," Dr. Wharton said.

The educational backgrounds of a great many women, he noted, are not being fully utilized in their jobs today and many women hold jobs which are far below their training and talent.

"If we are going to do more than provide equal educational opportunities to women," Dr. Wharton said, "then we had better start providing equal employment opportunities following that education."

The MSU president noted that "strong positive steps must be taken to initiate an effective action program for women at Michigan State."

"HOW TO INCREASE the number of women in faculty and administrative positions is the single most basic problem facing the university today in this area," Dr. Wharton said.

He will propose that the Office of Equal Opportunity and the recently formed Committee Against Discrimination consider means to bring about an increased number of women in these posts.

"They should also study," he said, "the recruitment of women for faculty positions; tenure status of female faculty; salary levels of men and women performing the same work; and promotion policies and criteria and rate of advancement of women compared to men."

His second major proposal, Dr. Wharton said, would hopefully eliminate some of the barriers women face in their efforts to lead a meaningful life and to make a contribution to society after their families have grown up.

"It is a tragedy," he said, "that so many young women receive partial or full college educations and never put them to work in society."

"As part of my concept of life-long education in a pluralistic university, I believe we should study and consider the feasibility of broadening our continuing education program for those women who wish to re-enter a professional or technical field but whose earlier training has become partially obsolete."

COMMENTING on the current women's liberation movement, Dr. Wharton noted that two basic individual rights are involved—the right of female self-determination and the right of equality of treatment.

"The guarantee of these rights and the achievement of these goals are the very essence of a humane society," he said. "As a major repository of the humane, universities should be leaders in this quest."

"You may rest assured that Michigan State University will develop a sound, systematic affirmative action program for women."

Mr. ESP Weaves His Spell

By MARGARET MILLER

The Amazing Kreskin really is — even to a skeptic.

Mr. ESP of television fame appeared in the Farmington Town Hall Lecture series last week and made a good case for the theory that there's a lot more to communication than the five senses learned from childhood.

But not quite as much more as the demonstration indicated.

KRESKIN DREW A crowd to the Northland Theater in Southfield that was big enough to ensure a fourth season in 1970-71 for the Farmington Town Hall. It had been in doubt up to the moment of the lecture.

And he had enough demonstrations in his bag to keep the ladies amazed and enthusiastic all the way.

This skeptic felt determined there must be some sleight-of-hand when he procured three finger rings from different members of the audience, held them up linked together, and then returned them to the individuals separately.

BUT MRS. IRINE MacKINNON, a member of the Farmington Soroptimist Club that has sponsored the Town Hall series, looked down at her ring and said "I don't believe it."

And Mrs. Helen Moorhouse, another Soroptimist who was among 20 or so persons on stage with Kreskin at the end of the nearly two-hour performance, said later she "couldn't do a thing" about the fact that she joined the others in an off-key rendition of "Happy Birthday to Kreskin" — just as Mr. ESP had said they would.

"I heard him talking while I was on the stage," related Mrs. Moorhouse, who had obligingly pulled the Northland Theater curtain around her shoulders when Kreskin said it was cold and started unbuttoning her jacket when he announced the heat had been turned up.

"But I couldn't do anything about my actions," she added.

KRESKIN TOLD his audience he does not hypnotize anyone because he's convinced "there's no such thing as a hypnotic trance — it's strictly the power of suggestion."

The electric encephalogram — the EEG — shows that people in a trance do not have reactions like people asleep or in a coma," he said. "These people are awake — they hear what I'm saying."

In earlier parts of his demonstration, Kreskin had two women take cards from a deck in his hand and look at them as he named most of the cards in order.

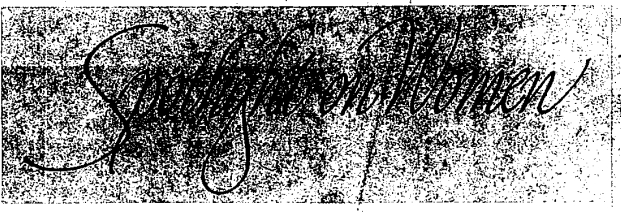
He also asked the women to write names or numbers on slips of paper and managed to tell the contents of a number of the slips. Then he located his own paycheck — hidden while he was outside the room in the company of Farmington City Manager John Dinan. Women in the audience had decided to put the check under the perky white hat of Observer columnist Emily Orr.

"I DON'T FORTELL the future," Kreskin said. "I cannot give you an answer that is not already in your mind."

He also quipped that he doesn't read minds "because they're hard to find."

"I read thoughts," he said. He said he had offered \$20,000 to anyone who could prove he had accomplished, and for a long time that was a very dramatic gesture, because I didn't have it."

MAYBE—Mrs. Irene MacKinnon was glad to retrieve her ring. (Event photos)



Switzerland's Home

"I think I want my children to go to school in Switzerland. It's more peaceful there, and the training is better."

Those are the words of a former Livonia resident, now a young mother in Zurich, Switzerland, during a visit here with her husband, a former American Field Service exchange student, and their young daughter and son.

Carol and Rudi Schild and their children left yesterday after a visit with Carol's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Puffer, 9822 Brookfield, Livonia.

They had come this time to attend the wedding of Rudi's brother, Hans-Peter, who married Sally Hanlon of Dearborn and will take her back to Zurich to live.

CAROL AND RUDI talked a bit about the comparative school systems as they considered the future of their children, Michelle, nearly four, and Patrick, 18 months.

"THERE IS more emphasis on social life and sports here," he added. "In the Swiss schools there is very little inter-school sports."

Rudi and Carol first met at an APS party during the 1958-59 school year when he was an exchange student here.

He was spending the year visiting the R.M. Grinager family in Farmington, and attended the party with his American brother, Jon Grinager.

Carol went with her "sister" from Finland, Helena Tuorimäki.

The two hit it off very well indeed and kept in close touch when Rudi went back to Zurich to attend the Federal Institute there and Carol enrolled at Eastern Michigan University.

And, in the summer of 1963, after Carol graduated, Rudi came back to claim her as his bride in a wedding in the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

RUDI STILL is attending the Federal Institute, now working on his doctorate in computer science and serving as a graduate assistant. He may yet take more training in this country or in Canada.

The couple has made several visits to the Puffers with their children, but are always glad to return to their apartment in Zurich.

Life is different in Switzerland, Carol said. "One thing is that big refrigerators are rare and we don't have one, so I have to shop just about every day."

The standards of living in the two countries are comparable, they agreed.

"Not everyone owns a car in Switzerland," Rudi pointed out, "but you don't need one there."

"And there doesn't seem to be the universal urge to own a home," Carol added, "but there wouldn't be room."

CAROL, who majored in German at EMU, had no language problems. Michelle is growing up bi-lingual, speaking both English and Swiss German. Patrick doesn't talk much yet.

Carol is an only child and said her parents are now quite used to the idea of her living an ocean away.

"They have visited us several times and are thinking of retiring in Switzerland," she added.



LIVONIA TO ZURICH—Carol and Rudi Schild and their children, Patrick (left) and Michelle, are going back to Switzerland after a visit with Carol's parents here. (Observer photo by Harry Moultrie)

Secretary Rated Tops Likes People

A Livonia secretary who enjoys working with people and gets plenty of opportunity to do just that is being honored tonight as an outstanding member of her profession.

Mrs. Mary Lou Horen, 14232 Doris, becomes officially the "secretary of the year" for the Town and Country Chapter of the National Secretaries Association (International).

She'll be honored during a chapter dinner in Raleigh House, Southfield, and among the guests will be Hal Bricker, chief engineer, and Everett Randlett, manager of proposal engineering for Micromatic Home Corp. in Detroit. Mrs. Horen has been employed there since 1951.

"REALLY I WORK with a whole department of about 30 men," Mary Lou said, "and they all come to me with letters and small problems."

"When you've been with one company this long you get to know most of the operations and can help lots of workers. I enjoy working with people and get more chance to do it than most secretaries."

Mrs. Horen went to Micromatic, a division of Ex-Cell-O Corp., as a member of the accounting department.

"Then they asked me one day if I could operate a dictaphone. I said I'd never seen one. They said I could learn, and I did."

THE NEW Secretary of the Year is a graduate of Denby High School and computer school and has taken classes at the Detroit Business Institute and the University of Detroit.

She and her husband, Charles, a certified public accountant, are long-time Livonia residents.

A member of her NSA chapter since 1959, she has served as recording secretary and is presently chairman of the communications committee, which edits and publishes the Urban Post, the groups newsletter.

She has served on the ways and means, civic and secretary of the year committees and been a hostess for several workshops and conferences of the Great Lakes District.



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