

Professor links deception, fantasy during Fantasy Symposium lecture

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The same principles of deception used by magicians to entertain us can also be used to take advantage of our fantasies, said Ray Hyman, University professor of psychology and former magician.

Hyman's lecture on fantasy and deception, sponsored by the Northwest Forum in conjunction with this week's Fantasy Symposium, was held Tuesday in the

EMU. It featured a number of demonstrations which drew laughter and applause from the large, appreciative audience.

Hyman first contrasted what he termed "fantasy thinking" with "reality thinking."

"Fantasy thinking is more intuitional, irrational, and in response to our fears and desires, while reality thinking is more constrained and detached from our emotions.

"Yet the two are not opposites—both are very important

and one without the other leads to a distortion of reality," Hyman said.

"Ordinarily we can trust our fantasies, but they also can be exploited," continued Hyman, explaining three ways in which we can be deceived. He demonstrated with several amusing and baffling card and rope tricks.

"First is deception by the conjurer or sleight of hand artist, who plays on a temporary fantasy theme, but by mutual consent of the audience," who knows what he's up to, Hyman said.

"The conjurer isn't out to swindle his audience, but his techniques are used by other, less scrupulous deceivers.

"The second way in which we may be deceived is by the swindler," Hyman said. "He's out to get something for nothing." Hyman included the "occult charlatan," who plays on our desire for immortality by contact with the dead, in this category.

"Third is the psychic pretender," Hyman said. "He capitalizes on extrasensory perception and escape from the confines of the mind and body, a little more plausible than communication with the dead."

This he demonstrated using the "Ray Hyman Little Wonder Thought Projection System," "a gimmick to guarantee that people can send thoughts." This trick, more facetious than his others, used a "double oscillator," or eggbeater, to send out thought waves to a member of the audience.

"Fantasies can be deceiving yet at the same time are necessary to many aspects of our live and such things as art and legitimate magic," Hyman said.

"The problem is how to encourage fantasy without being harmfully deceived by it."



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Ray Hyman performs a rope trick at his appearance at the EMU during this week's "Fantasy Symposium."

Solar energy bill to be introduced in U.S. Senate

A bill providing \$50 million to determine the feasibility of utilizing solar energy to heat and cool homes and businesses will be introduced Thursday in the U.S. Senate.

Sen. Alan Cranston (D-Calif.), Sen. Bob Packwood (R-Ore.), and four other senators are co-sponsoring the bill, the Solar Heating and Cooling Act of 1973.

The \$50 million will be used for research and development of solar energy utilization systems, and the construction of demonstration projects.

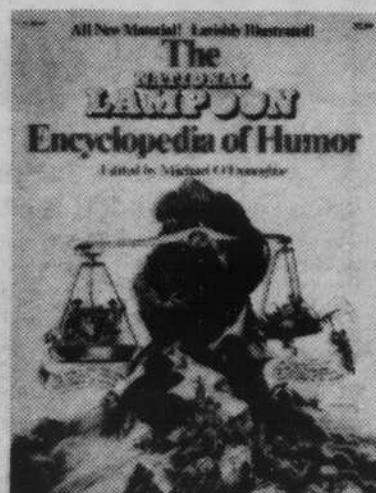
The bill would authorize the Department of Housing and Urban Development, in conjunction with the National Science Foundation and the National Bureau of Standards, to enter into contracts for research, development, and demonstration projects.

The first priority of the bill is a three-year program to test the feasibility of using solar energy for heating.

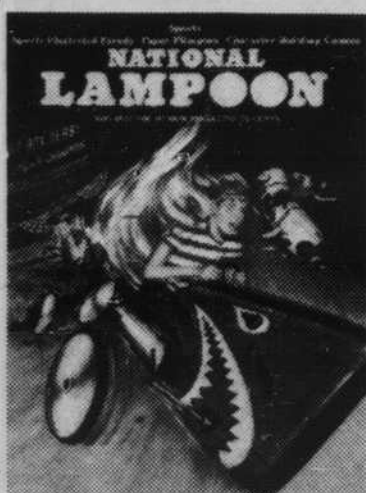
Concurrently, a five-year program will seek to develop and demonstrate the feasibility of a combined solar heating and cooling system.

Solar energy has been presented as an alternative to nuclear power by many anti-nuclear power groups.

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