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cause of this, Hyman spent a lot of time figuring out how people performed tricks in his early days as a magician.

Hyman now describes himself as a modern-day ghostbuster, mostly for government agencies.

Some of the more interesting claims Hyman has investigated include one by a woman who was able to read through her fingertips and another by a man who did research on cells found in human saliva.

In the case of the woman, a doctor wanted funding to investigate further the claim that she could read regular print through her fingertips. He hoped to teach the technique to the blind.

After looking into the claim, Hyman said it was clear that the woman was cheating. Curiously, Hyman said, the woman had no motive to cheat the doctor.

In the case of the doctor who collected saliva, the doctor used cells from saliva in a test tube to tell when the person who gave the saliva was agitated.

The doctor claimed that he could tell when a person was agitated, whether they were in

the next room or a mile or two away, by whether or not their saliva was agitated in the test tube.

On the National Council Against Health Fraud, Hyman looks into all kinds of quackery, mainly people who claim they can cure diseases such as cancer and AIDS.

The Committee for the Investigation of Claims for the Paranormal acts as a skeptical inquirer and provides a skeptical view of the paranormal. This committee publishes a journal that Hyman described as a "counter of the *National Enquirer*."

As a member of a subcommittee of the National Research Council Committee, Hyman explores to what extent people are deceived for groups such as the CIA. The CIA uses the committee's research to see if it can tell whether or not informants are lying.

"The CIA feels they can tell when they are being deceived, but objective tests show that they can't," Hyman said. "The CIA does no better than college students. The difference is that college students know they can't tell when they are being deceived."

Hyman has authored or co-authored four books on various subjects dealing with both psychology and the paranormal. His newest work, *The Elusive Quarry*, is a collection of his writings about parapsychology and the paranormal.

Hyman said people do get outraged when he finds that they are fraudulent, but that for the most part he is a fair critic.

"People do get outraged as this is a very emotional issue," Hyman said. "Many people have built their lives on this (parapsychology) and when they are called on it, it hurts."

"I try to be fair, and for the most part, I am on good terms with parapsychologists. I am a fair critic in that I at least read what they do."

Hyman's main interest currently is whether or not there is anything to parapsychology.

Hyman said he finds it funny and ironic that with all of the events that have occurred in the Eastern Bloc countries, now psychics are appearing for the first time on television in Russia.

"Swindlers are over there for the first time," Hyman said.

So maybe now it's off to Russia for Ray Hyman.

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Student Health Insurance Committee meets today at 2:30 p.m. in the EMU Oak Room.

Students Against Apartheid meets tonight at 5:30 in EMU Cedar Room F.

Men Against Rape will hold its weekly

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meeting tonight at 7 in EMU Century Room E.

Club Sports Cycling will meet tonight at 7:30 in Room 307 Deady.

SPEAKERS AND LECTURES

"**The Materialization of the Body**" is the title of a lecture to be given by Prof. Maxine Sheets-Johnston from the philosophy department. The lecture will be today at 4 p.m. in the EMU Fir Room.

MISCELLANEOUS

The EMU Craft Center craft workshop schedules for spring term are available and

registration is under way for workshops in ceramics, fiber arts, glass, jewelry, and more. For more information and registration, stop by the Craft Center, or call 346-4361.

"**Ultimate Mountain Biking**", a how-to video for mountain bikers, will be shown today at 12:30 p.m. in EMU Room 23. The showing is sponsored by the Outdoor Program.

Students interested in volunteering for the national peace studies conference may attend an information session tonight at 6 in Room 311 PLC.

The Nicaraguan Elections: A slideshow/report and eyewitness account will be given tonight at 7:30 in the EMU Gumwood Room. On hand will be Nico Van Aelstyn, who just returned from National Lawyer's Guild elections delegation.

Student Mass will be held tonight at 9 at the Newman Center, 1850 Emerald St.

Summer Employment Orientation Session will be held today at 2:30 in Room 12 Hendricks.



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