

Self-proclaimed psychic 'uses powers for good'

By Larry Lutz

Self-proclaimed psychic, dream reader and clairvoyant Allene Cunningham says she has not crossed the fine line between being psychic and schizophrenic because she uses her powers for good causes.

Those powers include the ability to read the energy field, or "aura," which she sees around people, Cunningham said.

Cunningham, a Wichita native, former singer and author of a new book, *Heaven Sent*, was in Lincoln this week to give private counseling sessions. She gave advice to callers on area radio stations and appeared before about 50 people at the Lincoln Hilton Hotel Wednesday.

She said she can make predictions, advise people on money, personal matters, careers and sexual relations by reading the aura that comes from them.

She said she couldn't see an aura coming off everyone all the time because psychic powers cannot be forced. People must relax and wait for them.

No miracles, magic

She said her service will not create any miracles, isn't magic and must be used to serve.

She said many people do not believe in her. However, she said this doesn't bother her because she is used to criticism, even when some persons call her a "kook."

She said people thought Einstein and Edison were crazy, but they later proved they knew what they were doing. She has developed her powers over a number of years and now is touring the country talking to people in person and on radio programs.

Her first experience was typical for a

person with psychic powers, she said. It was a vivid dream, in which she saw her father die although he had not been ill. A few days later, he died of a stroke, she said, and that convinced her she had dream interpreting power.

She said she learned to not cultivate her psychic powers, but to let them grow naturally. People don't realize they have psychic powers until after they have taken an "astro flight," she said, which is an involuntary dream state. Following that, psychic powers grow gradually, she said.

Aura is energy

Cunningham said she soon realized the aura she saw really was energy coming from the god who lives in each person.

"Our mind controls our energy," she said. "This energy is sent out through projections. These form the aura, which comes

from within and determines people's lives.

"That determination is done by the god in us. He makes decisions through our creative mind, which comes out through our aura."

She said these auras are what attract one person to another and indicate personality and sexuality.

She said most persons come to her with family or money problems. One of the most common questions is how to make money or plan a career.

"I tell them there are no short cuts, that a person must take action," she said. "I tell people they can do anything they want to do, can be anything they want to be. It's all a matter of what they choose."

"Hard work is not what gets things done. It is the right thoughts that gets things accomplished. With the right aura, a person can attract those good ideas."

Administrators hesitate to support SAB handbook

By Scott Whitcomb

UNL students will have an opportunity to become better informed about financial scholarships offered next semester with the help of a student handbook put out by the Student Alumni Board (SAB).

But two administrators say they are hesitant to support the handbook.

Kathy Olson, SAB coordinator, said the handbook will be a detailed guide to help students become more aware of financial aids and grants.

"There is nothing like this (student handbook) available right now except the list that high schools receive of financial scholarships offered here," Olson said.

John Scharf, chairman of the committee to organize the handbook, said it would increase the students awareness of financial scholarships available to them, therefore increasing the likelihood of submitting an application.

Administrators 'apprehensive'

"It could help faculty advisers tremendously when informing students what is offered here, as well as high school advisers," Scharf said.

Olson said it would be too difficult and expensive to distribute 20,000 copies of the booklet.

"We will concentrate on distributing the handbook to advisers in the different departments here on campus," Olson said.

"We'll also concentrate on distribution to high schools around the state, especially those with a high rate of enrollment at UNL."

The committee has heard a few negative comments, Olson said. She said the Financial Aids Office is concerned that the handbook will change the process of application.

"Currently, when students submit an application to the Financial Aids Office, they don't specify which scholarship they want," Olson said.

Interest enhanced

"They (Financial Aids Office staff members) are afraid that by listing all available scholarships specifically, more students will apply for a certain one," she said.

Olson and Scharf said they wanted to stress that the procedures for application would not be changed by the handbook, but would enhance the interest of students.

Jack Ritchie, director of scholarships and financial aids, said he is "in favor of the concepts of the handbook," but is a little apprehensive about the financing and work involved.

"I have talked with SAB members and I think the handbook is a good idea," Ritchie said. "However, I don't know where the money is going to come from."

Outdated quickly

"The last half of the year at the Financial Aids Office is operated in the red," he said, "so we can't afford any additional costs such as the handbook."

Ritchie said the handbook would become outdated

quickly and his office could not take the time to keep the scholarship list up to date.

All financial scholarships go to the NU Foundation, except those administered directly by the university. The Foundation then reports all scholarships to the Financial Aids Office.

Herb Potter, secretary of NU Foundation, said he too was apprehensive about the handbook.

"We are not against it," Potter said, "but they must realize that it will become outdated very quickly."

Potter said the foundation is in charge of receiving and allocating scholarships.

"Some scholarships are renewable every year," Potter said, "so they (SAB) will have to incorporate an updating procedure."

Scharf said SAB would plan to renew the book every year, "so the first issue will just be an indicator as to what is available."

Olson said the handbook committee hasn't given extensive thought to financing yet, but is "just concentrating on compiling information right now."

"We hope that the administration will be convinced the handbook is a worthwhile project so they will help us with financing," Olson said.

The handbook has a tentative deadline of Dec. 10, Olson said.

"If it is not done by then," she said, "it will definitely be completed by the deadline for second semester financial aid applications."

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