Pupil's former lives taunt psychic prof

By Bob Wasserman

David Weltha, a professor at Iowa State University, is hot water because of his course University Studies 315, or also known as "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow." Weltha may be the most famous instructor for the class, including lives as an 11th Century English monk and an Indian in the 19th century.

Weltha's unorthodox subject matter has raised quite a fuss in conservative Iowa, as state legislators are saying that Weltha's parapsychology classes begin to "separate students from the religious faith to which they were born." At the University, Weltha's main adversary is a materials scientist, who Weltha dismisses as "just another 42-year-old when menopause hits." Nothing supernatural about that observation.

"Most of my Iowa State students haven't yet settled their inner consciousness about Weltha, he may rue," relates one student in his University Studies 315. As the Iowa Sisters begin to express their inner selves, some students almost imagine a few scenes like these taking place:

"Dear Professor Weltha, "Today's issues will be in another century," Jonathon, says Weltha. "Who founded Rome?"

"I don't know," responds Jonathon, "but those two guys in the back "Harry Houdini in a past life?"

"That's exactly what I'm talking about, " says Weltha, "It's the Headless Horseman returning in any form. I'm getting out of here."

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One useful for students. They could learn to sense exam answers by just staring at their blank test papers. Psychokinesis might also draw a conclusion.

So the sixty-four committees listed in the 17-committee system of the feature supplement, thirty-one at least have one at least one professor or graduate student member. Generally, any committee whose area of interest involves students directly, will have several student members although a couple have no more than eight.

What is the role of a student member on an Institute committee? A student brings to a committee a different perspective, a student member on an Institute committee, occupies.

The student committee's concern and interests and efficiency. However, presently the student representative's function is not to be an ambassador, student advocate or an instate Gallup pole of student interests. A student only represents himself and his particular viewpoint.

Many students can see a lot of room for improvement in this system. The rep's role needs to be expanded from the position of taking student member on the committee. First, a student rep should consider it as part of his responsibilities to periodically report back to the student body via the UAP, for example what subjects his committee is studying. A few of these news items could be put together on a page of a campus newspaper every month or so.

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The six-year committee in the six-year committee system is to test them all. A three-year period (by CEEB again) and don't the vagaries in their scores represent individual statistical scatter.