

to or to tell jokes involving sex, to become sexually excited.”

The Marlowe-Crowne S-D Scale is derived from a study of the social-desirability response set which contaminates questionnaires. There are 33 questions in this scale. The more questions the subject endorses, the greater the likelihood that his test-taking strategy is aimed at giving answers which are socially desirable and probably uncharacteristic of himself.

It seemed highly probable that if the patient was a homosexual and reluctant to admit it his answers on the Heterosexuality Scale would not reflect his real sexual interests. It was anticipated that to avoid revealing himself he would answer questionnaires in the way he thought socially desirable.

To verify this it was predicted that he would:

(a) produce an above average score on the Heterosexuality Scale, thus giving the impression of being a ‘hearty girl chaser’

(b) produce an above average score on the S-D Scale, revealing the tendency to answer questions in a socially desirable way.

Both predictions were confirmed. His score of 21 on the Heterosexuality Scale was higher than those of 87 per cent of males in the general adult sample. On the S-D Scale he endorsed 31 questions, a score higher than 99 per cent of a normal adult sample.

Independent verification came from his Service record a few days later. He had been court-martialled for a homosexual offence.

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THE GUTHEIL- VON DOMARUS AWARD

DEAR SIR,

I would like to announce that the First Annual Gutheil – Von Domarus Prize of the Association for the Advancement of Psychotherapy was shared by two co-winners. They are:

F. Hocking, M.D. of Melbourne, Australia, for his paper ‘Extreme Environmental Stress and its Significance for Psychopathology’, and

Harry H. Garner, M.D. of Chicago, Illinois, for his manuscript ‘Confrontation Problem-Solving Technique: Developing a Psychotherapeutic Focus’.

It is interesting to note that Dr. Hocking learned of the competition through the letter published in the *British Journal of Psychiatry* in August 1968.

The competition for the Second Gutheil – Von Domarus Prize will close on 15 December, 1969. An award of \$750.00 and a Certificate of Recognition will be made to the author who submits the most meritorious, original, previously unpublished work dealing with psychotherapy, psychopathology, general psychiatry, social psychiatry, or any of the sciences having a relationship to psychotherapy or psychiatry.

For detailed information those interested should write to me at the address below.

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