

Scientist presents case for E.T.s, UFOs

AUBURN — "The evidence is overwhelming," argued Stanton Friedman, who then overwhelmed his audience at Cayuga Community College yesterday with the case for extra-terrestrial visits to the earth.

The nuclear physicist from Frederickton, New Brunswick, told an audience of 100 about thousands of sightings of unidentified flying objects. He spewed out statistics, showed slides of flying discs on an overhead projector, and responded to questions about UFOs with logical answers.

One question he saw no need to answer was: "Where are extra-terrestrial beings from?"

"The point is, you don't need to know where they're from to know they're not from here," Friedman replied.

He detailed sightings from the 1940s and 1950s of crafts that could not have been manufactured here because of the speeds at which they traveled and the maneuvers they made.

Friedman apparently affected his audience.

Bill Zobkiw of Scipio Center said, "I was just made aware there was a lot more data than I knew before, more reliable sightings."

Stephanie Stone, a telecommunications major at CCC, commented, "I'm pretty convinced now."

Neither Stone nor Zobkiw has ever seen a UFO. One listener, a computer and math student at the college who asked not to be identified (fearing ridicule), said she has.

This woman said of Friedman's lecture, "It left me very curious. I'd like to find out more, maybe be-

cause I'm one of the people who has seen one."

She was interested enough to chat with Friedman after the talk, and asked him to name some typical shapes of UFOs. She stopped him when he said "boomerang."

The woman said she had seen a boomerang-shaped UFO, hundreds of feet in wingspan, pass overhead during a trip to Florida five years ago. It had rose and amber-colored lights, she said.

"Unfortunately I was the only one who saw it," she said. "It was gone by the time I called my uncle."

Friedman, 48, in yesterday's talk, juxtaposed his belief in extra-terrestrial visits with his belief that earthlings are self-destructive. He believes visitors that may come to earth from other star systems are more intelligent than human beings

"It's time to grow up," he told the audience. "We're part of a galactic neighborhood, and we've got to realize we're Johnny-come-latelies. How do we look to the others in the neighborhood?"

Answering his own question, the physicist who worked on fission and fusion rockets as well as nuclear power systems for space applications, said earthlings are probably viewed as primarily engaged in "tribal warfare."

Friedman suggested the civilizations that make visits here are those that managed to go beyond our stage. "They apparently got through this phase of too much technology and too little sociology," he said