

November is UFO Month

UWM News Service

Beware, UWM students. November is UFO season at UWM. Of the four speakers that have spoken on the subject of unidentified flying objects over the past thirty years, two of them have appeared during the month of November.

Dr. Marcus Bach appeared at UWM for a speech on Nov. 18, 1966. Dr. Bach was the head of an organization called NICAP, which was committed to studying extraterrestrial sightings. Of the 30,000 reports it received, it studied 100 of them and were not able to find logical explanations for the sightings.

In his speech Dr. Bach discussed the new religion that emerged from UFO sightings. "According to this religion, Eliza's fiery chariot was a space vehicle and angels appearing in the Bible and Christ himself were 'spacemen,'" stated an article from the student newspaper. "His own personal theory on the substance of UFO's is that the spacemen, and possibly the vehicles have the ability to materialize from one place to another. This would explain the great distances that any living form would have to travel to reach the earth."

A member of the Spiritual Frontier Fellowship, Dr. Bach described the experiment of placing

thought waves on film. Twice a man tried to place a picture of the Taj Mahal on a Polaroid camera film without snapping the shutter. While both attempts failed, it succeeded the third time when a large group of people thought the image onto the film.

In November of 1973, former newspaper editor John Wallace Spencer spoke at UWM. He stated that UFO sightings come in six year cycles and that 5000 sightings were reported in one year alone. He also attributed the disappearances of people within an area known as the "Bermuda Triangle," the area between Miami, Puerto Rico, and Bermuda, to kidnappings by extraterrestrial beings.

Why would extraterrestrial creatures kidnap humans? "I've heard theories that this planet is soon to become extinct and that people from earth are being taken to other planets in the galaxy to start a new society," Spencer was quoted in the student newspaper.

UFO speakers do appear at UWM in other months beside November. James Moseley, editor of Saucer News magazine, spoke at UWM in

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April of 1967. He described the extraterrestrial life as little humanoid men at 3 1/2 to five feet tall that "wear coveralls of some sort."

He described the incident in 1955 when "little men" terrorized a farm family of eleven in Kentucky. At one point the "space people began to cling to the windows of the farmhouse," as if "trying to get in." The family held off the creatures by firing shotguns at them for two hours before they left after one of the adults escaped the house and alerted police, stated an article from the student newspaper.

In February of 1975, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, chairman of Astronomy at Northwestern University, spoke at UWM. He stated that 80 percent of sightings had logical explanations but that 20 percent were "incredible tales told by credible persons." "Our sun is just one star of 150 billion in the Milky Way Galaxy," said Hynek, explaining the possibly of extraterrestrial life. He said the sighting occurred at times when human were least likely to spot them, and the most of the sightings were made by white collar workers.

concerned with trivial matters like making enough money upon graduation to pay for increasingly burdensome student loans. Perhaps changes in our economy and rising educational costs are the real villains here, not the personal moral compasses of students.

At the same time that he was attacking conservatism, Dr. Stikes chose to blame all of white society for the ills of American blacks. We can never accept this kind of imprecise, broad racial smear. White

segregation and the systematic separation of persons into groups based on skin color. But the UW system perpetuates this grim reminder of another era when

white students of equal academic need should be forced to accept higher tuition so that black students can receive a free ride highly discriminatory and objectionable.

problem, fairness in treatment of all people, and a little faith in human achievement might just pay off.

Letter to the Editor

Information Incomplete in UFO Article

To the UWM TIMES:

I'm writing about the "November is UFO Month" article in the Nov. 2 issue. Although it started "Beware, UWM students, November is UFO season at UWM," I do not think it is anything to beware of, and in fact was looking forward to the UFO programs that I presumed the article would proceed to plug. But it turned out that the article was about four UFO speakers between 1966 and 1975, two of which happened to be in November.

Any statistics professor could have told you that it is risky to draw conclusions from such small samples. If there had been one more UFO talk in either February or April, there would have been a second "UFO month." As a matter of fact, April had two more UFO lectures that the article missed. Stanton T. Friedman spoke here about UFOs on April 18, 1973, and April 9, 1975.

An update on UWM's UFO speakers might be in order. John Wallace Spencer (Nov. 1973) has left the UFO field. James Moseley (April 1967) still publishes a UFO newsletter, out of P.O. Box 1709, Key West, Fla. 33041. Dr. Allen Hynek (Feb. 1975) passed away in Arizona in April 1986. The organization he founded, now called the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies, still exists and flourishes, at 2457 W. Peterson, Chicago, Ill. 60656. Friedman now lives in Fredericton, New Brunswick; he works as a nuclear physicist, but still studies UFOs on the side. (By the way, Friedman has cousins in

Milwaukee.)

When it comes to "Dr. Marcus Bach" (Nov. 1966), my mind is a total blank, even though I have been studying UFOs for many years. Even George Eberhart's two-volume UFOs and the Extraterrestrial Contact Movement: A Bibliography (Scarecrow Press, 1986) has no entries for Bach. Allegedly Bach was "the head of an organization called NICAP." The only NICAP I know of was the National Investigations Committee on Aerial

Phenomena, which from 1957 to 1969 was directed by Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe (USMC-ret.). Bach sounds like a phony to me.

I'm glad to see a UFO article in the UWM TIMES, and hope you'll have more coverage in the future.

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