

## Strange Sightings Investigated

A statewide volunteer scientific clearinghouse that conducts open minded investigations of UFO sightings and other strange occurrences reported by the public, reports that such incidents were very active during 1987.

The Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained (PASU), based in Greensburg, investigated several hundred cases of these events and received reports of such occurrences from 22 counties in the Commonwealth. PASU also is now investigating incidents that occur into the bordering areas of neighboring states as well.

The PASU membership for the most part is made up of research specialists including scientists, medical doctors, engineers and technicians who donate their time and equipment to analyze these reports. PASU was founded in 1981 by UFO researcher Stan Gordon, an electronics technician, who has been investigating the unexplained for over 28 years. Gordon, who has investigated thousands of such events, has never personally seen a UFO but is convinced that some UFO cases reported by responsible observers, and having associated physical evidence, can't be easily dismissed and deserve serious study. Most UFO sightings and other unusual sightings reported to PASU are found to be explainable when they are investigated.

During 1987, these strange incidents were reported by people from all walks of life, including trained observers such as police officers, engineers and pilots. The majority of strange incidents reported in 1987 were alleged sightings of UFO's but, many other odd occurrences were also reported. These cases include sightings of Bigfoot, mountain lions and other strange animals, unusual underground rumblings, fireballs, unexplained sounds, disappearances and unusual killings of farm animals, and giant footprints found in the ground.

The PASU group maintains a statewide historical file on these events. The cases which remain unexplained are passed on to other reliable research organizations for

comparative study. It is PASU's policy to keep identities of the witnesses confidential, which is done to encourage those people who have such encounters to be able to report the incident without fear of ridicule. PASU passes important current cases on to other researchers around the country via a computer network. All statewide cases are filed in a computer program for easy access for research purposes.

Many types of specialized field research equipment is used when conducting on-scene investigations. In cases where physical evidence is located, samples are taken for further laboratory study. PASU field investigators and the Phenomena Response Team (PRT) will respond to an important case around the clock. In many instances PASU had

a team at a sighting location within a short time of having the case reported. This quick action has been important in obtaining physical evidence associated with the cases.

If you have seen a UFO or have experienced other strange occurrences, PASU suggests you to write a narrative report of when, where and what you saw and what took place. Send to: Stan Gordon, Director PASU, 6 Oakhill Ave., Greensburg, PA 15601 or call the 24 hour-a-day Pennsylvania UFO Hotline, 412-838-7768, to report an incident.

The 1988 roster of PASU officers are Stan Gordon, director of operations; Steve Pellas, assistant director and a Pittsburgh electronics engineer; and George E. Lutz, director of information.