

# Mass. MUFON NEWS LETTER

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## VIDEOTAPE

Two Emerson College students, David Schwartz and Eric Osipow, are in the process of making a 30-min. program for television, regarding MUFON and the UFO phenomenon. The format of the program will be similar to that of "60 Minutes," and will include 3 segments. They will cover MUFON, govt. documents, and possibly, the Andreasson case. The film will be viewed by Barry Greenwood and Marge Christensen before it is released to any television stations.

## IDEAS EXCHANGE FAIR mufon to exhibit

On Saturday, Oct. 30, at Beverly High School, from 10a.m. to 3 p.m., the 2nd Ideas Exchange Fair will be held. The fair is intended to make teachers, parents and other interested adults aware of the community resources available on the North Shore & greater Boston area. Over 40 museums, organizations, and businesses will present exhibits and demonstrations. Some of these include: Continental Cablevision, Mass. Electric Co., New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co., the Boston Shakespeare Co., the Barton Square Playhouse, Radio Shack Computer Ctr., Hammond Castle, the "Children's Express," Project COPE, Project Adventure, North Shore Education Ctr. (recycling), The Health Hustle, American Cancer Society, Alternate Math Angles, Marine Ed. Assoc. of the North Shore, No. Shore Council on Alcoholism, GLOW Energy Ed. Ctr., the Beverly Solar Photovoltaic Project, House of 7 Gables, "Salem Evening News," Peace Education, Essex Institute, New England Divers, the Map Grotto, and many others, including the Mass. M.U.F.O. N. organization.

In addition to marvelous exhibits, there is also a special events program with events scheduled every 45 min. Dr. Adams, who spoke at our last meeting, will be giving a presentation on recognizing narcolepsy in the classroom. There will be a dramatic presentation, a program on whales by the Gloucester Fishermen's Museum, health presentations, a program on peace education, and several others. (See Marge Christensen for schedule)

Also; there will be a Free Items Section, with literally thousands of free materials ordered from businesses and state and fed. agencies throughout the USA. Another feature will be a section on creative lesson ideas.

One of the highlights of the day should be the display of entries in the 'MAKE YOUR OWN E.T.' CONTEST which is being sponsored by MUFON for students in grades 4-12 throughout the North Shore, and in which students must not only create a model of an extraterrestrial being, but must also write a description of how it breathes, communicates, moves, etc. Also, the student must write a description of the environmental conditions on the home planet, and illustrate that these conditions would be able to support the type of E.T. life form created. Scientists in our organization will serve as judges, and prizes will be awarded to winners in three age groups at 1:00 p.m.

Anyone wishing to attend the Fair should contact Marge Christensen (922-6406) for further information.

## magazine drive

This year's profit from the magazine subscription drive is \$291.00. This amount will go toward defraying the remainder of the 1981 Symposium debt. We would like to thank Phyllis Brandt and Linda Seal who served as co-chairpersons for the drive. Also, we thank and applaud the efforts of Marion and Bob Taylor, who obtained the greatest number of subscriptions.

## Due\$ (1983)

MUFON treasurer, Fred Chaffee, would like to remind everyone that dues to Mass. MUFON (which is separate from the \$15 paid to the national organization) will be due by Dec. 31, for the year 1983. Dues are \$10 per single member, and \$15 per couple. Checks should be made payable to Mass. MUFON, and given to Fred.

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# NEWSLETTER

The newsletter began as an experiment, but since it has been so well received by our members, it will continue to be published monthly, as long as there is news relating to Mass. MUFON and to the national and international UFO scene. If you have any news or notices that you would like included in the next newsletter, please notify Marge Christensen(922-6406) by Nov. 1.

## STATE SECTION DIRECTORS:



Joe Santangelo would like to remind you that he would like a summary of the 1982 cases in your county by the Nov. meeting. This information is needed for his annual report.

## TYPISTS Needed

Barry Greenwood is in need of good typists with access to typewriters of professional quality (e.g., IBM electric), in order to type the proposal for the book he and Larry Fawcett are currently writing, on the 1975 UFO intrusions on military bases. Eventually the book chapters will be needed to be typed. Typist volunteers are asked to contact Barry ( 438-5187).

## Radio Show Brings New Cases

Budd Hopkins (author of Missing Time) was a guest on a talk show on WBCN radio on Sept. 5. As a result of his presentation, Mass. MUFON received 15 new cases via telephone calls from listeners. At the Sept. meeting, Joe Nyman gave a summary of these cases, and distributed them to the state section directors for assignment to investigators. Anyone wishing information on these cases, or wishing to assist in the investigations should contact the state section director in his or her county. They are:

Worcester County- Jules Vaillancourt  
Middlesex County- Barry Greenwood  
Essex County - Marge Christensen  
Norfolk County- Paul Smythe

## "NOVA" program -bad news

The first Mass. MUFON Newsletter listed a "Nova" program on UFO's to be aired on Oct. 12, on Channel 2. As first revealed in the Channel 2 publication, this program was portrayed as being extremely biased in favor of such UFO skeptics as Phil Klass. From the synopsis of the program in the WGBH publication, one may infer that the intent of the program is to debunk the topic of UFO's altogether through the use of baseless sweeping generalizations such as the following comments: We need UFO's more than they need us. This is because we cannot bear to deal with the possibility of a nuclear holocaust, and thus, we fantasize that there are higher intelligences than we are, in the universe, and they are keeping an eye on us. Of course, there is no such thing as a UFO, since all UFO's can be explained in logical terms. Furthermore, the US Govt. funded two major studies which both concluded that UFO's do not warrant serious scientific study. Also, some people who are paranoid feel that the govt. is actually covering up information on the subject of UFO's since requests for information on the topic result in a complete lack of documented govt. evidence.

As this summary clearly points out, this program is evidently a deliberate attempt to discredit the scientific respectability of the UFO topic, and to willfully mislead the public. Dr. J. Allen Hynek, after previewing the film, expressed his extreme displeasure with "Nova"'s treatment of the subject, in a lengthy editorial which will appear in the next CUFOS "International UFO Reporter." Also, MUFON's International Director, Walt Andrus, has issued a letter to all MUFON chapters in the USA urging us to contact our local PBS stations and seek to obtain air time to present the other side of the story, and thereby present a balanced picture of the topic. Mass. State Director, Joe Santangelo, has assigned this task to Barry Greenwood and Marge Christensen, who will soon be in contact with Channel 2, WGBH TV.

This program again illustrates the critical need for objective, accurate public information on the topic of the UFO phenomenon. This can be accomplished through newspaper interviews, tv and radio talk show interviews, cable tv programs on the subject, courses such as the one currently being given at the North Shore Community College, guest lectures, etc..

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