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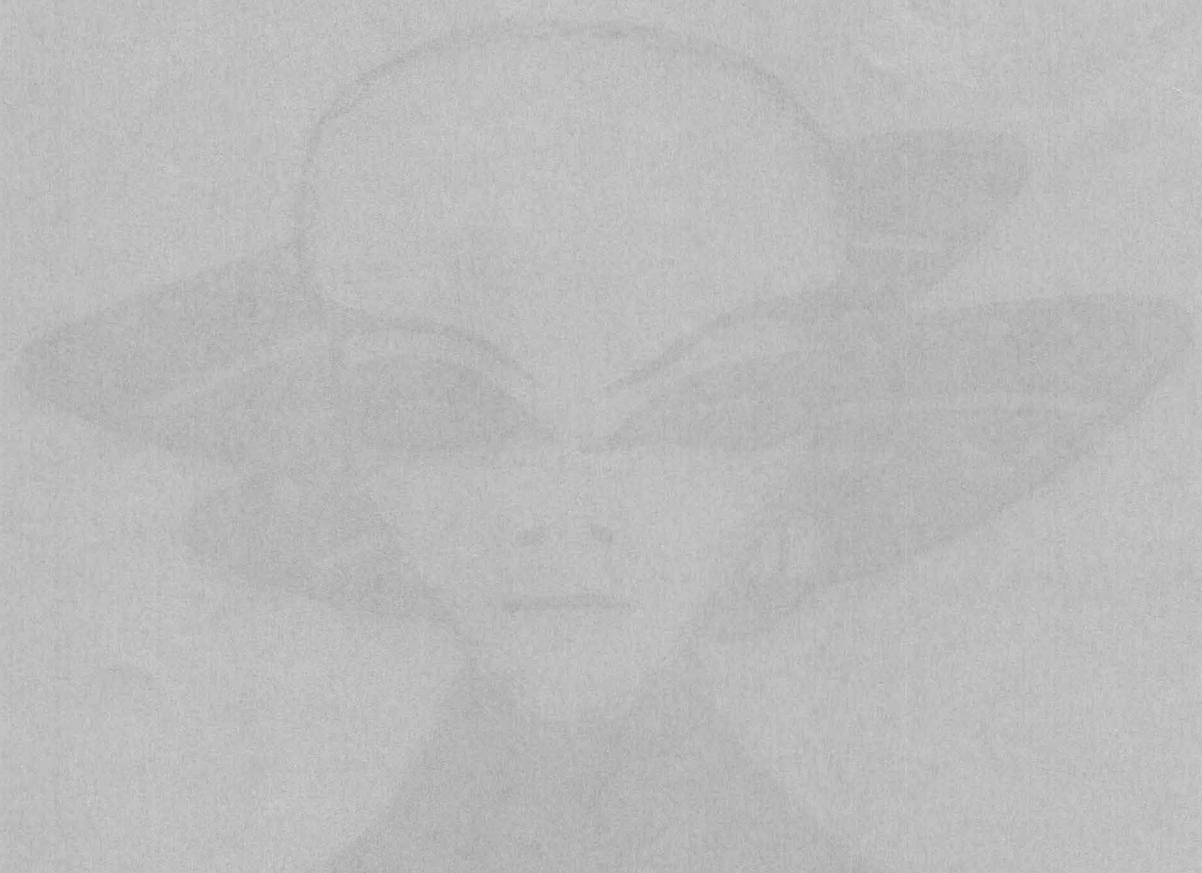
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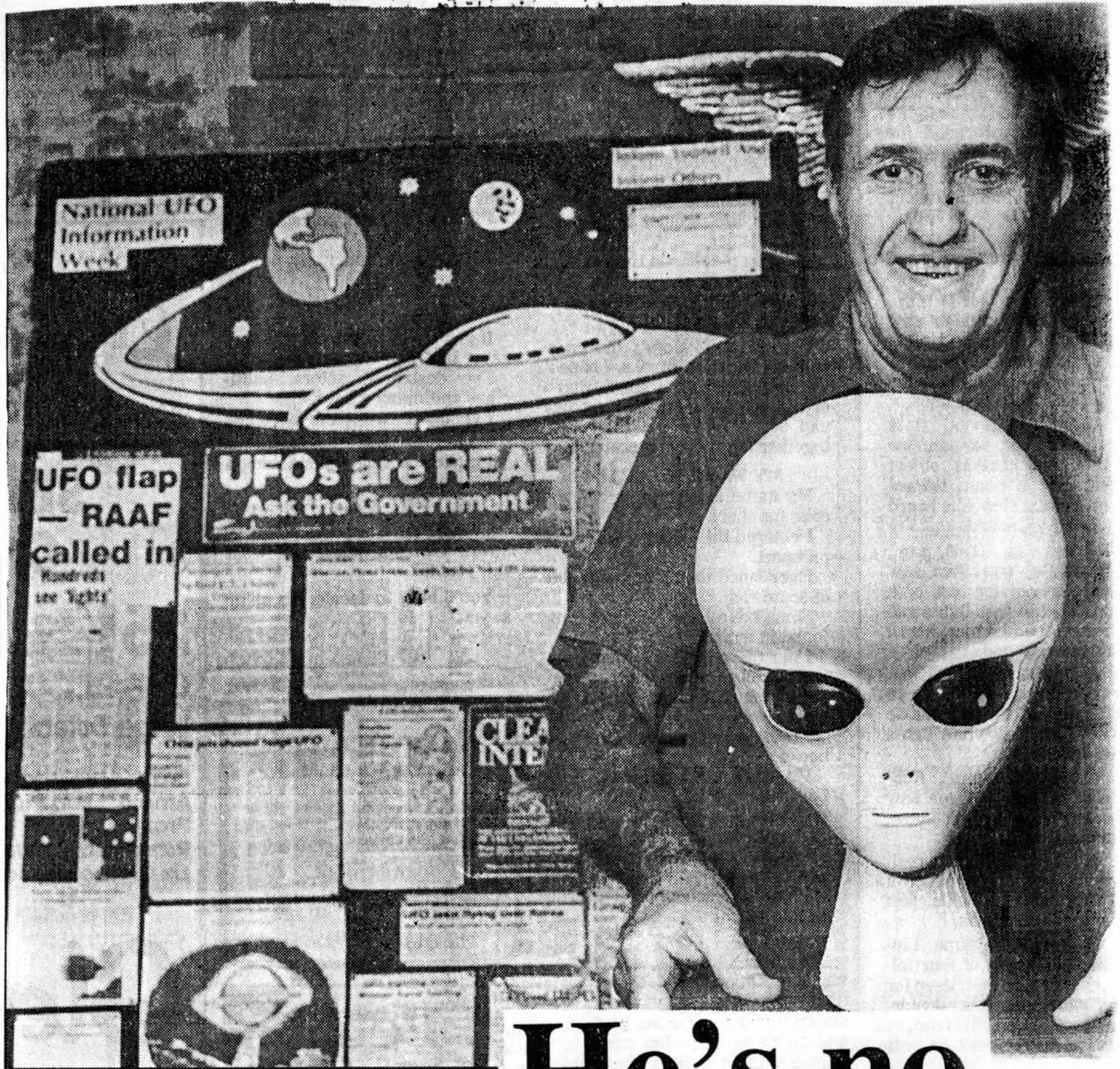
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George D. Fawcett at home with a bust of an alien

He's no alien to UFOs

By **DEBBIE MOOSE**
Staff writer

LINCOLNTON — They're here, says George D. Fawcett; no doubt about it. The only question is: What do they want? "If you don't believe in UFOs, you're in the minority today," he says.

Today marks the 42nd anniversary of the first officially reported sighting of an unidentified flying object in the United States. A military pilot saw winged objects hovering in the sky at Mt. Rainier, Wash., on June 24, 1947.

Mr. Fawcett, 59, has been investigating possible UFOs longer than that, ever since a World War II newspaper clipping sparked his curiosity 45 years ago. That curiosity took off like a rocket.

He has filled seven filing cabinets in his leaky garage with neatly indexed clippings, studies and photographs concerning visitors from outer space. He went to Lee-McRae College and Lynchburg College in the 1950s and got a degree in psychology but since then has educated himself in sciences relating to the investigation of UFOs. Investigators use the term "UFOlogy" (pronounced youf-ology) for the study of UFOs.

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Mr. Fawcett founded the N.C. unit of the worldwide Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), which now has about 30 members, and is its state director. He keeps a count of UFO reports in the state and investigates their veracity. The worldwide organization, which is marking its 20th anniversary

this year, ranks N.C. fourth in the country in number of reported UFO sightings.

Mr. Fawcett can tell that public attitudes about UFOs have changed over the past 40-some years because attitudes toward him have changed.

"When I started, people thought I was a kook, called me a crackpot or worse than that," Mr. Fawcett says. "Some of them call me a UFO oracle, whatever that means. Now, I don't get ridiculed anymore."

Facts, figures, dates of sightings, descriptions of phenomena, details of government studies pour out of him at an amazing rate. He says his memory is so good simply because he has gone over it all so much. He sits at his office in a corner of the living room, a plaque commemorating the Apollo 11 moon landing on the wall behind him, along with photographs of astronauts and UFO clippings. A bucket sits on the floor to catch water from a leak in the roof — there has been no time for home repairs. A drawing of his proposed state UFO museum is on an easel by the fireplace, near the bust of an alien which one of the MUFON members made.

He says he's tired from a long shift at Mohican Mills, but it doesn't show. He relaxes with "Andy Griffith" — a high-school classmate of Mr. Fawcett and his twin brother, Garnet — and Dan Rather after work at his Battleground Road home. The driveway contains two older American sedans with bumper stickers that say "Robertson 88" and "UFOs Are Real — Just Ask the Government."

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odor of something burning or a burning sensation in the nose, and signs of electric shock or radiation.

By his count, 55 UFOs have been sighted in North Carolina since the early 1900s. In 1988, he got reports of 11 sightings in nine towns.

"Abductions are going to be the next big thing," Mr. Fawcett says. UFOlogists call that CE4 — close encounter No.4. That's a more intense version of "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," the movie which he says was "absolutely true." (He didn't like "E.T." — too cute.)

"Did you see the National Enquirer that came today?" asks his wife, Shirley. She opens the magazine to a story about a man who's building his own UFO for travel around town. He's willing to build and sell others for \$150,000 to \$300,000.

"For that, he can keep it," Mr. Fawcett says.

Mr. Fawcett took the mill job after spending 10 years as a writer/editor/general manager at the Maiden Times. He lost his job when the small newspaper was sold. Before that, he spent 20 years managing YMCAs in six states.

Along the way, he has traveled to several other states to investigate 1,200 UFO sightings, train other investigators and give talks. And there are the several hundred articles he's written and the petitions to get the government to release military studies on UFOs.

It all started with the small clipping that's now in one of his four photo album-scrapbooks. It talks about mysterious silver balls in the sky, which at the time the government thought were Nazi weapons.

"The first five years I was into this, I was skeptical. I tried to disprove all the cases," he says. "Over the years, I got it down to 27 percent out of the ones I

investigated that I couldn't explain by weather balloons, fakes, satellites and so forth."

He began reading and taking trips to places where UFOs supposedly had been sighted. He studied ball lightning to be able to identify it when reported as a UFO. He studied behavior and psychology to

help him determine if witnesses were telling the truth or making up their experiences.

The more he found out, the more he wanted to know. Gradually, he decided there were some things that could not be explained, except by the existence of visitors from outer space.

Then he had his first and only close encounter. In 1951 in Virginia, in broad daylight, he saw something the shape and color of an orange cut in

half — but the length of a football field. It moved up and down as he watched, then took off.

He believed what he saw, but how do you know others are telling the truth? "You begin to get a gut feeling that they're not lying," he says. "And their descriptions are similar."

Among those descriptions: animal reactions ("People may lie but animals don't," he says), power failures or fluctuations,

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Contact with aliens — UFOs, they're called — might not be a good thing. Most UFOs have shown hostile tendencies, he says, and the government has withheld information because it considers UFOs a threat to national security.

So, if one lands in the back yard, maybe you shouldn't go out and offer the visitors some Reese's Pieces.

"I might say, 'I've had a full, rich life, let's go,'" he says. "But often what you say you'll do, you won't do."

More investigation is needed, he says over and over. The media should probe UFOs the way they did Watergate. There should be Congressional hearings. And, most of all, a UFO museum to

preserve history, research and artifacts about them, a center for research and lectures. But zoning laws would have to allow the colored lights on the base of the saucer-like building shown in his plans.

He opens one of the albums to a drawing of the first sighting in 1947, autographed by the pilot. There are UFO Christmas cards, too, with little aliens lining up to visit Santa.

He does have a sense of humor about all this, especially when he talks about the menu he would like to see at his UFO museum snack bar: Space Doggies, UFO Burgers and Unidentified Fried Objects.

1988 sightings

In 1988, George D. Fawcett says he received reports of 11 UFO sightings in nine North Carolina towns:

■ Dec. 14, about 6:30 a.m., Lincolnton, a furniture manufacturing worker saw a "pearly white diamond-shaped object," estimated 65 feet wide, with red, yellow and white lights that drifted overhead for two minutes at 150 feet.

■ Dec. 6, about 6:20 p.m., Lincolnton, student saw two bright yellow lights descend vertically near her home and move away rapidly.

■ Oct. 14, about 11 p.m., Murfreesboro, student saw a black disc-shaped UFO about 70 feet in diameter with red and blue lights hover above power lines.

■ Oct. 1, about 11:30 p.m., Denver, woman saw UFO and another object that cast a beam toward her and the ship. She heard a humming sound.

■ Sept. 28, 11:50 p.m., Farmville, two men saw object about the size of a small house with lights and cone-shaped bottom, heard humming sound.

■ May 23, 9 p.m., King, couple watched UFO for 10 minutes, was red inside with blue and white lights on outside.

■ May 5, 9 p.m., Robbins, woman and son saw saucer-shaped UFO above home.

■ May 3, Lexington, residents reported seeing UFOs hovering, which left three 8-foot circles.

■ April 8, daytime, Lincolnton, family of four followed UFO in their Jeep for 15 minutes; was double-saucer shape, silver and gray-blue color.

■ Jan. 6, Princeton, two women saw large oval object in sky near their car.

■ Jan. 2, night, Hamlet, family of three saw UFO coming toward their car, had two lights on each end and one in middle.

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UFO reports intriguing but still not convincing

In June, 1947, businessman and private pilot Kenneth Arnold saw something unusual in the sky during an otherwise routine flight. In his report, Mr. Arnold described what he saw as a formation of strange aircraft that resembled saucers. That report set off a storm of controversy and wonderment that, 42 years later, shows no sign of abating.

Wire services quickly picked up the story of "flying saucers," and the world hasn't been quite the same since. What are now called unidentified flying objects — UFOs — were first recognized.

Swiss psychologist Carl Jung was one of the first scientists to recognize the psychological and social impact of the phenomenon. In one of his last papers, Dr. Jung postulated that a crisis in the collective mind of modern humanity brought on by war and technological change was causing humanity to project an image of wholeness — the circle.

He also speculated that contact with an advanced extraterrestrial civilization, however benign it was, would be a catastrophe for the planet's human societies. For his example he cited the impact, right here on earth, of any society advanced in engineering on any non-technological society.

Soon after Dr. Jung's theory was posited, two trends emerged regarding UFOs. One was conservative, as epitomized by the late U.S. Marine Corps Maj. (Ret.) Donald Keyhoe, and by the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena.

This faction sought to apply the scientific method of research and study to UFO sightings. NICAP took a very dim view of reports of close encounters, regarding them as the reports of deluded individuals or those seeking to carry off a hoax.

At the other extreme were the "contactees," who claimed to be in personal contact with UFOs and their crew members. These crew members were invariably described as pleasant, well-groomed, youthful-appearing caucasians of whom any parent could be proud.

Their mission — as in George Adamski's book, "Inside the Flying Saucers" — was usually believed to concern monitoring nuclear tests and impending earth catastrophes that were certain to occur unless mankind changed its ways.

New Age

By Fred and Sally Vallongo



In the 1960s, a New Hampshire couple, Betty and Barney Hill, under hypnosis told an incredible tale of being abducted from their car by the crew of a UFO and subjected to medical tests. It should be noted that this crew in no way resembled George Adamski's well-scrubbed humanoids.

In the years since that event, many similar stories have emerged. Perhaps the most well known today is that of Whitley Strieber, whose account of close encounters with

otherworldly beings turned his book, "Communion," into a best-seller. A New York City psychiatrist conducted studies with dozens of people who reported, under hypnosis, similar contacts, some of them continuing from childhood into adulthood.

In Lima, O., banker John Timmerman has investigated hundreds of reported sightings throughout the Midwest for the Chicago-based Center for UFO Sightings founded by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, an astronomer and consultant to the U.S. Air Force's Project Blue Book.

Toledoan Thomas Titus conducts his own research, focusing on work begun by Frank E. Stranges, an author of several books on UFOs who has reported contact with a Venusian delegate named Valiant Thor who now resides — invisibly — in a Nevada desert.

A recent controversy concerning the "Majestic Twelve" memoirs they supposedly reveal the retrieval of a crashed UFO and its crew and contents in the American Southwest by the U.S. government — only serves to heighten the sense of strangeness that pervades most aspects of this phenomenon.

Knox engineer studies UFOs, solves mysteries

Booms, green ice part of his probes

By JAN MAXWELL AVENT
News-Sentinel staff writer

David Hackett is a scientific ghostbuster.

He spends hours of his free time searching for scientific explanations to reported sightings of unidentified flying objects and ghosts.

He solves unsolved mysteries.

He has studied the Brown Mountain lights, the Bristol booms and the chunk of green ice that fell from the sky in 1978. So far, he hasn't found anything that cannot be explained scientifically.

"I've not seen anything I would call a mystery," said Hackett, an engineer in private practice with an interest in science,

"but I'm not willing to make the jump from skeptic to cynic and say there is nothing (supernatural) that exists.

"Science is not to the point where we can explain anything and everything. Sometimes we explain one mystery with another. We say a UFO is swamp gas or ball lightning, but we don't know what that is."

Hackett, who lives in Northwest Knoxville, is a member of Orion Research Forum and Network, ORFAN, an outgrowth of the old Oak Ridge Isochronous Observation Network, ORION. ORFAN was chartered, he said, because many of its members were unhappy with the UFO hobbyist image of ORION.

The original group included many scientists and engineers at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Hackett said. "Whatever UFOs

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The answers to the questions about all this, alas, are no more clear than they were 42 years ago, when Mr. Arnold first jolted the world with his sighting. Those who believe they have spotted something in the sky that fits no earthly description are likely to keep their observations limited to their most trusted friends.

While many scientists will admit there is no reason to assume that earth is the only planet in our galaxy with intelligent life, it is an enormous step to accept the limited evidence that we have of visitors who measure travel in light years rather than miles. The impact of this knowledge has been left to science fiction writers to describe.

It may be that Dr. Jung is right after all, that the continuation of a mystery may be what we need. Perhaps it is better to look at the stars and wonder, rather than to claim to have answers to such troubling questions.

Moreover, those who believe solutions to earth's very pressing environmental and social problems can come from outer space may only have found another way to evade taking action in the here and now.

might be, they are worthy of scientific study. To refuse to look at something is not scientific."

The new ORFAN has more than 100 members, and the group includes a branch called Anomaly Investigations, which involves investigations of UFOs, poltergeists and close encounters.

The Brown Mountain lights are ghostly lights that appear on Brown Mountain in western North Carolina. Some say Brown Mountain is a UFO landing strip.

"There are probably 100 of these ghost lights around the country," Hackett said. "The Brown Mountain lights are one of the most famous."

The original lights, Hackett said, were probably ball lightning, the kind of lightning people sometimes see rolling around their bathtubs. The myth of ghostly lights continues, however, because stars or city lights beyond the mountain appear to be on the mountain.

"Any mystery light you see there automatically becomes a Brown Mountain light."

The Bristol booms, which shook houses in a subdivision in Bristol, Tenn., enough to rattle glasses in the cabinets, turned out to be sonic booms that were intensified because they bounced off a nearby ridge.

"The people believed a cavern system was collapsing under them," Hackett said. Although the Air Force Reserve did not confirm its pilots flew over the area, Hackett suggested a change of flight patterns, and within two weeks the Bristol booms had ceased.

The group has looked into several hundred reports of UFOs in the past 12 years, Hackett said, and most of them turned out to be Venus low on the horizon. "It does some rather spectacular twinkling," he said, explaining that the difference between the perception of the viewer's eyes gives the perception of motion that isn't there.

The group has investigated three reports of close encounters with alien beings, but Hackett said all three were of low credibility. "That doesn't say there aren't close encounters out there more credible than these," he said.

He investigated the meteorite that fell in Anderson County in 1978, striking a ridge and starting a fire. It turned out to be coon hunters sitting around a campfire. Viewers, Hackett said, didn't notice the fire until after they saw the meteor falling in the distance.

He also helped investigate the 25-pound chunk of green ice that fell in April 1978 in Ripley, Tenn. Civil Defense determined the ice was not radioactive, so some of the local people tasted it.

When members of the ORFAN group studied the samples, they discovered the ice contained strains of syphilis and gonorrhea.

"A military jet had a leaking commode," Hackett said. "It had frozen on the outside of the plane

and fallen off. What made it green was the copper sulfate disinfectant they used."

Investigators in the group try to leave the people who call on them for an explanation with a bit of uncertainty. "While we're skeptical, we don't make pronouncements," Hackett said.

"That's the way real life is. Nothing is certain. You're always left wondering whether you've misperceived it or whether there's something there."

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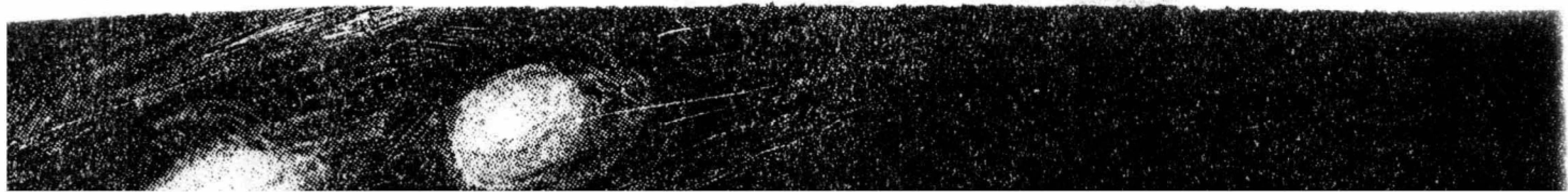
UFO fans land Friday in

Federal Way for meeting

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By Vance Horne

The Olympian

For most of his adult life Wayne Aho, Tacoma, has waited for UFOs to come. This weekend, still not discouraged by years of no proven landings, he will hold his 28th annual New Age Space Foundation Convention, this one in Federal Way.

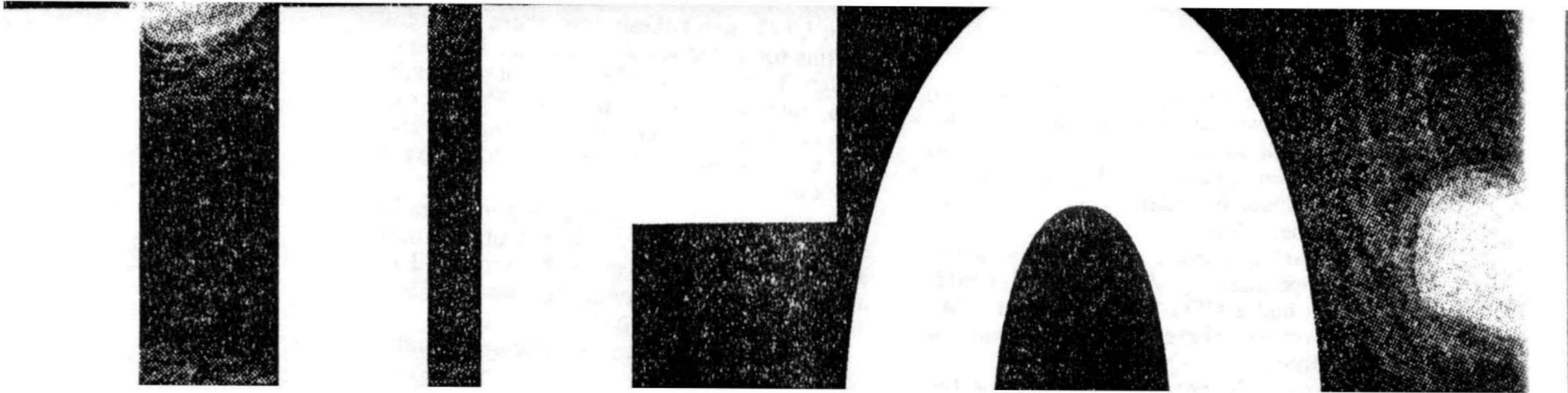
Ten years ago, these were famous Northwest Happenings and Aho, now in his mid-70s, even had a UFO landing field at a Mt. Rainier retreat where he held the conventions in those days.

"It doesn't bother me," he says of the

In UFO circles these days, there is a hero on this topic. He is the Rev. Barry Downing, a New York state Presbyterian minister with one degree from Princeton Theological Seminary and a doctorate from the University of Edinburgh, one of the world's great schools.

Partly, what he is saying is that miracles in The Bible, like Elijah's chariot of fire that ascended to heaven, could be explained in terms of UFOs ferrying religious leaders back and forth from space.

The idea appeals to many church funda-



ago that it would be a gradual change.

What he means is that Earth culture must change to make ready for the UFOs and he thinks many of us are actually colonists for the space beings and that we are preparing the way for them.

"Some of us are here as volunteers," he says, as he sits in the living room of his large and graceful but aging house where he performs weddings to pick up a little cash.

What: 28th Annual New Age Foundation Space Age Convention.

When: Friday, 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 1:30 pm. to 8 p.m.

Where: Federal Way Unity Church, 35905 16th Ave. South, Federal Way.

Cost: \$25 for the weekend; \$15 for Saturday only; \$10 for the other days.

Information: 472-6565.

"Some of us aren't here as volunteers," he adds.

He has a sense of humor about this. "Some people believe that Earth is the lunatic asylum of the solar system," he says. The non-volunteers may be space people who were so sick they were dumped here.

Starting Friday night, at the Unity Church in Federal Way, speakers from all over the United States will come to Aho's convention. Basically, they will believe as he does, that our solar system is inhabited by beings who

have spacecrafts.

It's no coincidence that the conference will be at a church. Many UFO believers, and this includes Aho, are more and more often seeing links between UFOs and the Christian religion.

The first speech at the conference will be "UFOs, Jesus and your Survival."

The last speaker, Jorgen Kurstholm, all the way from Denmark, will talk on "UFO's and Spirituality."

that miracles actually happened. It appeals to some theological liberals, he says, because it gives a scientific underpinning to the Bible.

"If the government weren't lying in denying that UFOs exist, we'd have had a religious revolution starting 40 years ago," Downing told an Associated Press reporter.

Aho says that a UFO interpretation of Bible miracles doesn't take the miracles out of them. "It just changes them to being understandable," he says.

Aho's latest version of the New Age Space Age Convention will, as always, have its collection of health crusaders, including naturopaths and organic food proponents, and it will have its New Age religion types.

There will be the usual stories by people who have been taken aboard UFOs. Aho has never been taken aboard bodily, but he says he has been up close to ships and has mind-traveled in one.

"I said to the captain, 'Be extremely care-



Dick MilliganThe Olympian

Wayne Aho: 'It doesn't bother me'

ful. Certain nations are building big sophisticated weapons to shut you down."

UFO SIGHTINGS

By ADAM BLUST

Chronicle staff writer

They seem to come straight out of the movies or comic books: glowing metallic saucers, orbs and cigar shapes, sweeping soundlessly along the horizon, hovering or even landing.

They are said to leave scorched earth or fragments behind, even abduct people from their homes and return them with their memory of the experience erased.

They are known as flying saucers, space vehicles, unidentified flying objects — UFOs.

THE STUDY of and interest in UFOs has continued since the 1940s, when a series of sightings began the current public fascination with things that go "swoosh" in the night.

Many scoff at the reports. "UFOs," they say, are weather balloons, airplanes, cloud formations, bright planets, swamp gas. But one West Michigan man is doing all he can to learn about these mysterious craft, whatever they may be.

Rex Schrader Jr. of Nunica, is a purchasing agent for CMI-NOREN in Fruitport. But in his spare time he is also an investigator for Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), a worldwide organization now in its 20th year of investigation into UFO

sightings and abductions.

SCHRADER has been interested in UFOs since the late 1970s, but only since 1987 has he been actively involved in MUFON. That was the year he passed a wide-ranging MUFON examination in astronomy, aviation, photography and other subjects to become an official MUFON investigator.

He now oversees UFO investigations for Muskegon and Ottawa counties for the organization — and he's not discouraged by only getting the opportunity to investigate one UFO sighting in 1½ years.

"There aren't that many sightings reported," Schrader said. "People just don't speak up. Some studies say 80 to 90 percent of people who see a UFO don't report it."

It's this willingness to report that Schrader hopes to cultivate in area people. He wants them to know, he said, that people can discuss their experiences with him without being laughed at or being dismissed as a crackpot.

"**MOST PEOPLE** don't talk about UFO issues," Schrader said. "In this society we have a norm, a group of things that are regularly accepted. If a subject is beyond the norm at all, it's seen as not worth talking about."

Schrader himself has had two sightings. In December 1988, he was traveling home from a MUFON meeting near Lansing when he saw from his car a glowing, cigar-shaped object flying at about 100 mph. And in April of this year near his home in Nunica, he saw a bright light directly overhead which zoomed to the horizon in just seconds.

Some might dismiss Schrader's sightings as the wishful thinking of a man wanting to actively participate in his interest. But Schrader said it is simply a matter of awareness.

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"I JUST wasn't as aware of the sky and the things in it before. Now that my eyes are more trained, I know what to look for," Schrader said.

One of the most fantastic elements of the UFO theory is abduction, where people are said to be taken inside spaceships or far from their homes and examined by alien beings.

Skeptical at first, Schrader said he has come to accept at least some abductions as fact.

"Until you experience something for

state director and central regional director respectively, have been investigating UFOs since their first sighting in August 1983 at their home near Flint. Since then, they said they have looked into some 50 abduction cases and many other sightings in Michigan alone.

"THE FIRST thing we try to do is prove that it's *not* a UFO," George Coyne said.

Their first sighting in 1983 was of a saucer-shaped object with a lighted dome, which swooped in from a stand of trees near their rural property and hovered 10-12 feet above the ground. They ran out into the yard to catch up with it, but "it had just disappeared," George Coyne said.

Other sightings involved cigar- and orb-shaped forms, they said, and George Coyne's pacemaker was replaced twice after encounters with UFOs. Coyne said he believes microwave radiation from the craft fouled the devices.

"The doctor told me I should get a lead vest to wear," he said.

While the Coynes said there are instances of people faking sightings and abductions, they have an unshakable faith.

egotistical to think that we were the only planet of all those in the universe that had intelligent life," Coyne said.

Still, the scientific community remains largely unconvinced.

"Just because it's egotistical doesn't mean it's wrong," said Ed Hansen, assistant professor of geology at Hope College who teaches a class in planetology at Hope.

"If I found out that we were the only planet with life in the galaxy, I wouldn't be surprised."

Hansen said he feels the real promise of extraterrestrial research lies in work with radiotelescopes that listen for transmissions from possible life on far-away planets.

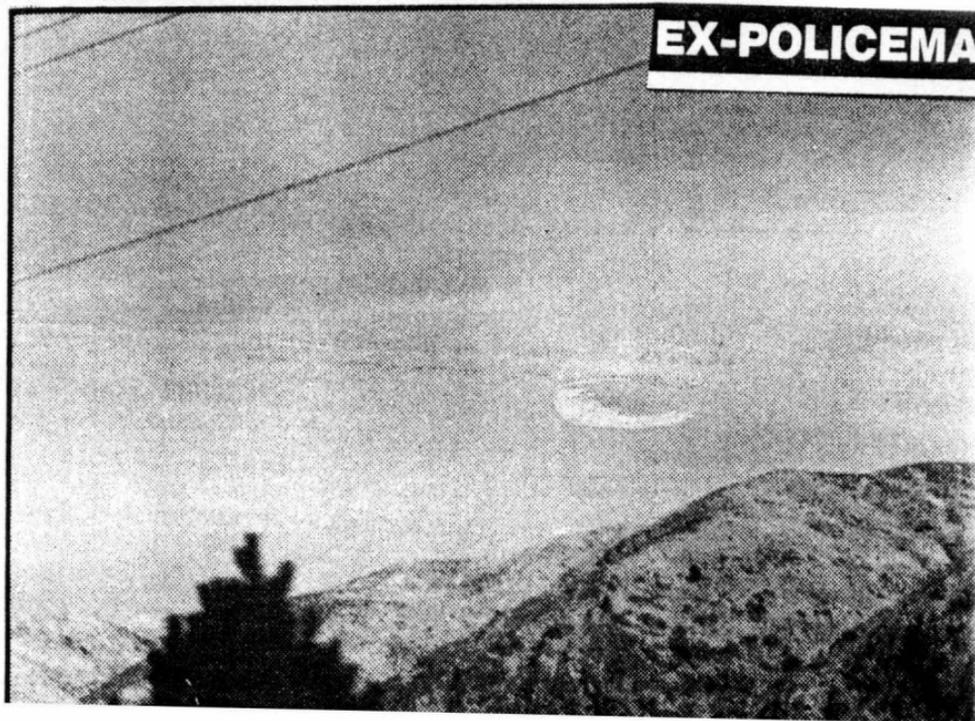
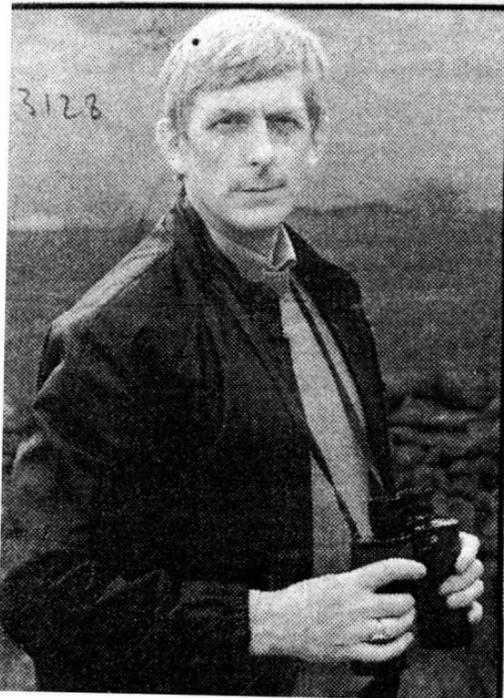
BUT SCHRADER and the Coynes are convinced that their work will lead to better understanding of the UFO phenomenon.

And, according to Walter Andrus, MUFON International director, said there is great value in an organization designed to respond to people who have had UFO sightings and other experiences when out

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ARE UFOs PIE IN THE SKY? NOT TO GRASSINGTON'S SOBER

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tion) does happen. Every day I investigate makes it more believable."

Shirley and George Coyne, MUFON

those of others, in the vanity of UFOs as visitors from other civilizations.

"WE WOULD have to be supremely

"We're very serious about our work from a scientific standpoint," Andrus said. "And we're going to listen."

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UFO seen 3128 over city

STARTLED city folk watched in amazement as a bright object hovered in the sky before disappearing over the horizon last night.

Baffled neighbours in Ripon Road, Ronkswood, saw the bright light above their homes just after 11pm.

Mrs Shirley Baddeley, who had just returned home after taking her dog for a walk, said the object was about five or six times the size of a star.

"It was most peculiar. The light was so large you couldn't help noticing it," she said this morning.

"It seemed to be stationary. But as I walked down the drive it moved across the sky. A very bright orange light started

flashing on one side of the object - it was a very good imitation of an aircraft light, but there was absolutely no noise at all.

"I thought it could have been a weather satellite, but it was moving much too fast," she added.

Neighbour Tony Tyrer, who also saw the object, commented that it looked like an aircraft, but added that there was no noise.

The object disappeared behind clouds before re-appearing and moving off in the direction of Tibberton.

City police say they have not received any calls concerning the object.

UFOs circling under earth?

I SUGGEST that the mystery circles in wheat fields "Something very strange is going on..." (3 July) were indeed caused by UFOs, but ones with underground rather than above ground origins. Perhaps they could be called "Underground Fungus Objects".

Circles, sometimes very large, appearing in pastures have been known for centuries as "fairy rings" and are caused by the rapid underground growth of fungi.

Ring growths extend radially from some starting point and grow at such a rate as to temporarily deplete soil of nutrients essential to growth. Other plants, such as wheat, which grow on the same ground become weakened and prone to wilt or die. Swirling wind effects, often seen on grasslands, are all that is needed to complete the story.

Fairy rings are known in folklore for their sudden appearance, often overnight; sometimes they do not form circles because the fungus growth is impeded by some underground object. Occasionally they recur in the same place for many years although stubble burning may stop this happening in wheat fields.

In short, could it be that the mystery circles are the result of fairies at the bottom of the wheat fields?—M J Hands, Princes Avenue, Woodford Green, Essex.

Detective Dodd's lights fantastic

RETIRED policeman Tony Dodd handed me the scoop of the century.

Long-lived aliens from outer space who feed on the bodily fluids of humans and cattle are holed up in a New Mexican underground bunker and have wiped out soldiers sent to dislodge them.

The alien life form, known as ALF, are described as hairless, three to five feet high, with large tear-shaped eyes, thin lips and four-fingered, claw-like hands and toes, grey reptile-like skin and arms which reach their knees. They are particularly partial to strawberry ice-cream. Science fiction? Utter fantasy? Not according to 54-year-old Tony.

His bizarre claim, he said, comes from a bemedalled American air force and naval intelligence officer Milton William Cooper, who had access to secret documents, and claims to have seen a huge UFO rising from the sea next to his submarine.

Cooper has challenged the White House by charging the Government with treason against the American people.

His story is that the aliens have temporarily abducted and medically probed thousands of people. The American top military have known about them for years and have given them them several remote underground bases in exchange of the kind of technology which enabled them to build the Stealth bomber.



ALIENS are here, living in America and with a taste for strawberry ice-cream, says former policeman Tony Dodd. And he means it! JOHN HEWITT wasn't sure what to believe.



OBJECT LESSON: Tony's drawing of a UFO seen at Cononley





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Previously sceptical of UFO sightings, Mr Cooke

went to have a look at it from the bottom of the garden, and it seemed to

Warminster was once regarded as virtually the Paddington station of flying saucers. Reports of strange objects in the sky, flashing lights and strange electrical activity all flooded in from bemused Wiltshire witnesses. This in turn



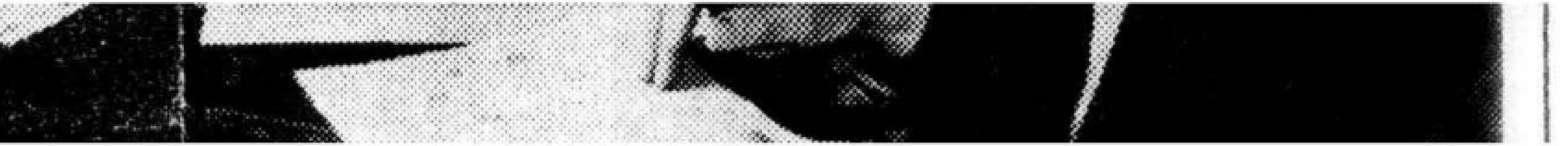
the strange object more closely but couldn't discover its identity.

"I've always been very

"Then I looked away for a split second and when I looked back it had completely disappeared

ing to make contact with little green men or their vehicles.

Little has been heard of that lately but in more recent years Wiltshire and Hampshire have been to the forefront of flattened cereal crops. A detailed scientific survey based





MYSTERY SIGHTS: A UFO (or cloud?) over a California lake (top) and Tony Dodd's photo of unexplained lights above Carleton Moors (above)

was when I was on the force," he said.

He does not mean the Stars Wars variety. He is talking about the North Yorkshire Police, where he served for 25 years, based at Skipton.

He was out with a colleague on night patrol in a country lane at Cononley in January 1978 when a 100ft UFO floated across the road in front of their car.

"It had three great spheres underneath and there were coloured lights flashing and rotating. The whole thing was giving out an incandescent glow.

Since then he had been out with binoculars and geiger counter on the Carleton Moors, near Skipton, which he claims is prime UFO-spotting territory. He reckons he has seen about 60 UFOs.

"It was as though it was signalling, and it was so close I could see the dimpled glass windows," he said.

The authorities ridicule UFOs, but they are interested in them, Mr Dodd asserts.

Mr COOKE.

"It seemed to be motionless and low over Caldecote with this incredibly bright light coming from it — it was far too bright for it to be navigation lights from an aircraft, and even too bright to be floodlights from a police helicopter.

I'm wondering if anyone else in the area may have seen it too."

Mr Cooke has now contacted the British Unidentified Flying Objects Research Association (BUFORA) who are to look into the incident.

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Puzzle of 'large green objects'

POLICE in Ross-on-Wye are mystified by reports of "large green objects" falling from the sky over the villages of Weston-under-Penyard and Rudhall on Tuesday.

Officers were sent to investigate the sightings and returned to Ross Police Station empty handed and showing no signs of

experiencing a "close encounter."

"Whatever it was couldn't have stayed very long," said Sgt Terry Nixon.

The objects were first seen from Ross town centre then, later in the day, residents in the area said they had changed colour to "blueish" as they hovered high over fields in clear skies.

Probe into UFO sightings

A STRANGE object spotted in the sky by a Hockley couple is being investigated by a team of UFO specialists.

And they are already being kept busy looking into a number of other recent sightings of unidentified flying objects in South East Essex.

The Hockley couple saw a ball of intense white light one afternoon about 2.30pm and watched it for about 25 minutes before it disappeared.

About the same time a Thorpe Bay couple spotted a cigar-shaped object which was shining brightly.

And at 2.15pm the same day a couple from Canvey told East Anglian UFO investi-

gators they saw an object which they at first thought was a balloon. They realised it was not and watched the noiseless craft for 40 minutes before it disappeared in the

Published next month meanwhile will be a hard-back book by meteorologist Dr Terence Meaden who lives at Bradford on Avon. He has concentrated his work on the corn field circles but also touches on lights in the skies and UFO reports. However the doctor is giving little away ahead of the publication date.

"I think on the whole this will prove pretty interesting reading. I have provided answers which I think fit the facts."

Another man with an eye on Warminster's reputation for sky watching is retired North Yorkshire policeman Anthony Dodd. The 54-year-old director of investigations for a group called Quest International wants to hear first-hand accounts from anyone who experienced the Warminster phenomenon back in the 60's or since. He says he first saw a UFO when he was on patrol on a remote part of the moors with a colleague several years ago and believes that these are extraterrestrial craft.

"UFO's are real and structured craft. There is no doubt about that. Basically this whole matter is the best kept secret of all time," he claimed.

Both he and Dr Meaden are anxious to hear from anyone who can throw any more light on the mysteries or who has encountered them in recent years. Dr Meaden is at Bradford on Avon 2482. Mr Dodd is on 0756 752216 where he mans the UFO Hotline.

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Silver UFO still around

THE silver disc with accompanying orange lights is still floating around the Southend area.

UFO researchers have had four more reported sightings.

The noiseless object in one sighting had the orange lights flashing in a circle round it.

There have now been more than a dozen separate reports.

If anyone else saw the disc they are asked to contact the UFO hotline on Basildon 286079.

■ Dr Meaden supplies some answers in his new book

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Mystery circles the shapes of things to come?

A SERIES of circles flattening crops in fields across southern England could be the work of an "unexplained intelligence," it was alleged last night.

Eleven of the swirling shapes were reported in Hampshire and Wiltshire on Sunday and two men investigating them claim there have been 170 so far this year.

Local government official Mr Colin Andrews said the phenomena could be linked with the 1987 death of a Harrier jump jet pilot whose body was found near a group of circles in Wiltshire after he fell from his plane. He said the pilot could have crossed a high-energy beam which may have caused the shapes.

His partner, retired radar expert Mr Pat Delgado, said, "There must be some force field manipulated by some unexplained intelligence."

He found three of the circles in 1981 and 110 were reported last year, appearing at random in a four-mile-wide band running from Alfriston, East Sussex, to Warminster, Wiltshire.

Mr Delgado said he had warned the Ministry of Agriculture—who thought the shapes could be caused by small whirlwinds or farmers' fertilisers—that cereal crops within the rings should not be used for human consumption. There was evidence that the circles affected insects, he claimed.

A group of French U.F.O. enthusiasts from a society called Lights in the Night travelled to Winchester yesterday to examine the rings.

The Ministry of Defence said it could not comment.

Jelly adds to the circles mystery

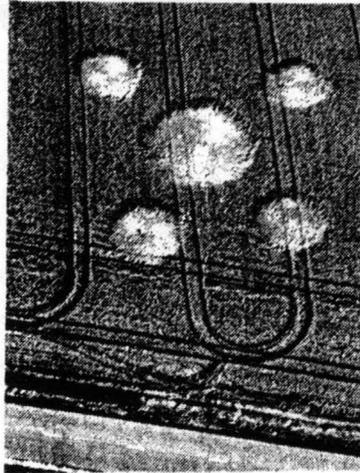
Mystery surrounding a series of circles flattening crops in fields across southern England has deepened, with investigators claiming they could be the work of an "unexplained intelligence."

A further 11 of the almost perfectly symmetrical shapes were reported in Wiltshire and Hampshire at the weekend, adding to a total believed to be around 170 so far this year.

Ministry of Defence chiefs are also reported to be investigating the phenomena after an infectious jelly was found inside one of the rings.

Nine people are said to have suffered severe chest colds within hours of coming into contact with the white substance.

Investigators Colin Andrews, a local government official, and retired NASA radar expert Pat Delgado believe the circles could be linked to the death of a Harrier



Mystery circles. These were seen last year at Firs Farm near Devizes.

jump jet pilot in 1987, whose body was found near a group of Wiltshire circles after falling from his plane.

Mr Andrews said the pilot could have crossed a high energy beam which may have caused the shapes.

"There must be some force field manipulated by some unexplained intelligence," said Mr Delgado.

The Ministry of Agriculture believes the shapes could be caused by small whirlwinds of fertilisers, and Mr Delgado has warned that cereal crops within the rings should not be used for human consumption.

Mr Andrews also believes further tests on the white substance, which he is reported to have collected from a ring in a field near Marlborough, could hold clues to the mystery.

It is said that tests have failed to identify it so far, but scientists at the University of Surrey and at Guildford are expected to re-examine it shortly.

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Taking an alien view of Close Encounters

DO aliens exist? The question appears to have created something of a rift between UFO observers in the States and Britain.

At the fifth Unidentified Flying Objects Congress in London yesterday the burning subject of the moment was abduction by aliens, with the American contingent firmly contesting that such events were fact.

The rather more reserved British, however, were of the opinion that it could all be in the mind.

"I contest that UFOs when they land on the Earth are nuts and bolts devices because you can go and touch them," said Walt Andrus, summing up the prominent view in the States.

But Jenny Randles, of the British UFO Research Association, said: "We are not a promotion agency for ET. We are here to try and explain scientifically what the public sees."

Of the 400 sightings in Britain each year all but about 30 could be explained.

"The people who claim to have been abducted are deeply traumatised by it. But they do not prove that there is some sort of intergalactic cavalry out there.

"Reports of the different types of aliens in different parts of the world show that the whole thing is culture-dependent."

The congress pledged itself to set up a working party to establish guidelines for investigations.

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ALIENS IN RED SKY AT NIGHT

RUSSIAN sky-watchers are going crazy over some amazing close encounters with alien spaceships.

Dozens of UFOs have been sighted hurtling over Kharovsk in the Volga region.

Eye-witnesses say an enormous light appeared in the sky and suddenly lots of silver flying objects flew out of it at high speed.

Marina Shiriaeva was gathering mushrooms when a UFO landed 20 feet away from her.

"It landed and I was terrified because it was so big. Then a door opened in its side," said Marina.

"I didn't wait, I was terrified and ran home."

Sisters tell of mystery lights

'WE SAW A UFO' — CLAIM

MYSTERY lights in the skies over Hemel Hempstead have sparked a new UFO scare.

Just five months after green sparks were seen flying over Gadebridge Park another strange sighting has been reported.

Beverly Lahey-Bean, of Greenway, Adeyfield, phoned The Express to tell us of her experience which happened late last Monday.

She was walking with her sister, Harriet Kercher, in Highfield, at 11.15 pm after taking their mum back to her home in Catsdell.

She claims that when they reached the Bellgate shops they looked up and saw a massive

light over Randall Park.

"It was white and oval shaped with a fuzzy outline," said Beverly.

By Marco Giacomelli

"We thought it could be an aeroplane but it

was too big.

"It was also too low, stationary and didn't make any noise.

"We were looking at the outline for 10 minutes trying to get it in perspective with everything else.

"Comparing it to the chimneys and trees it was really big.

"The light kept getting dimmer. To the right side of it there was a deep pulsating orange light and to the left there were occasional green streaks," said a puzzled Beverly.

And she was adamant "It couldn't have been anything else but a UFO."

The sisters, who thought the phenomena was about 200ft in the air, decided to

run down Allandale to get a closer look.

But in Beverly's words this was a bit "too close for comfort" and so they backed away.

After about 10 minutes two planes came into view and as they did the UFO drifted away in the Adeyfield direction, slowly picking up speed, claimed Beverly.

Although the craft was going in the opposite direction the lights still pointed towards Bellgate Shops, she said.

Beverly believes that this is proof that it was not a plane in the sky.

She said the light of the craft got dimmer and as the planes got nearer it suddenly disappeared.

She has been to many airshows and frequently watches the stars and cannot explain what it was in the sky unless it was a UFO.

Beverly says that there were other people in the area at the time and she is keen to hear if anyone else saw anything.

Air Traffic control at Luton Airport could not shed any light on the mystery.

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Experts probe circles mystery

A team of French scientists and corn circle enthusiasts have visited Silbury Hill on the Marlborough Downs to carry out further research into mysterious corn field circles.

Colin Andrews, who heads the Andover-based Circles Investigation Group, reported that four more circles had appeared in a field north of the monument on Monday. Last week there were 28.

"It seems to be where the major activity is. And there have been a number of reports of orange lights being seen that seem to be going into the ground, but we don't know what that's all about," he said.

Scientists are working on the theory that the circles are formed through imbalances in the world's geo-magnetic field, brought on by the ozone layer crisis.

"We've eliminated so many possibilities, but there are still so many questions," said Mr Andrews.

Another strange development in the mystery is the sudden appearance of circles

with tadpole-type tails. The first was found south of Winchester two weeks ago and 12 more have been found in heather on two neighbouring Welsh mountainsides.

But the most peculiar find to date, an infectious jelly-like substance found in 1985 within one of the Hampshire circles, will be returned to this country from Spain where it has been in deep freeze.

Baffled scientists are still trying to discover what the substance is. At first it was thought to be some kind of confectioner's sugar, but further exhaustive tests have failed to identify it.

The white blob, about the size of a bar of chocolate, has been slowly melting and vaporising since it was discovered.

Those who first came into contact with it experienced severe breathing problems within hours of sniffing it, but later recovered.

One man thought his dog was going to die after sniffing it - for several hours the animal lay listlessly on its back, hardly moving and suffering respiratory problems.

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Did you see the silver UFO?

DOZENS of people have reported seeing a silver disc accompanied by lights in the Southend area.

Their sightings are being investigated by UFO researchers. The latest were on Sunday night when people reported a black-greyish object accompanied by orange lights over the Thames Estuary.

Earlier in the week others reported seeing a silver disc with orange balls round it. There was no noise.

A silver spinning object was also seen by a family and their neighbours enjoying a barbecue in Southend. There were 20 orange lights at the side of it.

East Anglian UFO researchers had four other reported sightings during the week. If anyone else saw objects they are asked to contact the UFO hotline on Basildon 286079.

The Notebook

STUART WAVELL



Close encounter: Colin Andrews, left, and Pat Delgado in one of the 148 circles that have appeared in the fields of southern England

Running round in circles

in the past month

THE circle was 37 ft across, a perfect swirl of flattened green wheat spinning out from a tight centre. Despite a week's exposure to passing rambles, it was in almost pristine condition, the horizontal plant stems neatly brushed towards a sharp division with the surrounding crop.

"I have never seen anything like it before," declared Pat Delgado who, with fellow researcher Colin Andrews, had recorded the mysterious appearance of 148 circles in the fields of southern England during the previous four and a half weeks.

Delgado, a retired electro-mechanical design engineer, was referring to a distinctively baffling feature of this circle near the village of Chilcomb, two and a half miles from Winchester. Curving out from its edge, like a tadpole's tail, was a 28-yard channel whose flattened stems were combed immaculately towards the cir-

cle. Enormous pressure appeared to have been applied to these precise formations so that the soil carried impressions of the otherwise undamaged stems.

The circle's centre lay between a tractor's wheel tram lines and some 200 yds from ancient tumuli.

Why, one wondered, would an alien leave his spacecraft to walk into the field and then return? Perhaps for a very human reason. I recalled that Delgado and Andrews's new book, *Circular Evidence*, mentioned the discovery of a "luminous, white, jelly-like substance" which had defied analysis.

Aliens are, of course, taboo among serious British UFO investigators. The two researchers, who favour the theory of a rotating energy field, say they are working with 35 scientists, and stress their own technical credentials.

Delgado worked at the British missile testing range in Australia and later for Nasa. Andrews, whose Andover home is their operational base, is a senior electrical engineer with the local borough council.

Their remarkable aerial photographs are largely due to Busty Taylor, a fully qualified driving instructor with a pilot's licence. Busty is a man.

But last week their professionalism was called into question by the British UFO Research Association (Bufora)

... and them of foster ... then rejection of a meteorological explanation, of ignoring the extent of hoaxes and of perversely insisting that the circles are mostly confined to Hampshire and Wiltshire.

It also cited the authors' apparent reluctance to reveal that they were consultants to *Flying Saucer Review* — "a journal which has featured a secret 'plot' to remove UFO books from libraries and linked UFOs with genies".

circles

I put this to Andrews. "I am indeed a consultant to *Flying Saucer Review*," he said. "I don't see what that has to do with it. I haven't gone out of my way to push that because we want to keep the research scientific."

"The vortex doesn't have to be intelligent, although personally I believe it is."

He contends that the phenomenon is not only increasing at an exponential rate, but that it is evolving. Indeed, the book's photographs show a bewildering array of single, double and triple circles, ornamented with permutations of 'Saturn' rings, satellite circles and swirl patterns.

The latest twist claim the researchers, is a molecular change in affected crops which is passing into the food chain

"The pattern is initially spiralled, but it starts growing into patterns like a dart board," Delgado said. "Of the 95 circles reported in Wiltshire until last week, one third were developing the same molecular damage."

Their critics at Bufora assert that by drawing media attention to Wessex and ignoring evidence of wider distribution, Delgado and Andrews are inadvertently encouraging elaborate hoaxes by groups fixated on the mysticism of Stonehenge, Avebury and Silbury Hill.

The researchers readily agree that the mysterious force appears to be taking an interest in them. "We can be talking, even on an aircraft, and the phenomenon appears to respond to the discussion, even the thought," Andrews said.

Fortunately, they can identify genuine circles with dowsing rods. And by felicitous circumstance, Delgado's naked hands are tuned to energy forces and subterranean water. In their book, Andrews relates several personal close encounters with the paranormal.

I asked if they had any evidence of animal life being affected. Andrews triumphantly

emerged from his kitchen with a frozen jamjar containing a fly, still clinging to a stem. "This was taken from the centre of the vortex at Chilcomb. His wings are outstretched. He was about to take off. He's been zapped dead." Andrews beamed.

They have other flies in the sky - the Optica aircraft of Hampshire and Wiltshire police who, they say, exchange details of new circle formations. "They recognise we can't keep sweeping this under the carpet," Andrews said.

"It's big. We need help. We have the Japanese and French flying in, and still our government is not prepared to get off their backsides and come down here."

He flourished a graph of sightings. "The way this is going, something is going to happen in the next few months."

Circular Evidence by Pat Delgado and Colin Andrews is published on Thursday by Bloomsbury (£14.95).

The recently published Controversy Of The Circles, by Jenny Randles and Paul Fuller, is available from Bufora, 37 Heathbank Road, Stockport, Cheshire, SK3 0UP (£3.95).

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Engineer says he usually explains 'unexplainable'

By JAN MAXWELL AVENT
Scripps Howard News Service

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — David Hackett is a scientific ghostbuster.

He has studied ghosts and other unidentified flying objects, sonic booms and the chunk of green ice that fell from the sky in 1978. And he has yet to find anything that could not be explained scientifically.

"I've not seen anything I would call a mystery," said Hackett, an engineer in private practice, with an interest in science. "But I'm not willing to make the jump from skeptic to cynic and say there is nothing (supernatural) that exists."

"Science is not to the point where we can explain anything and everything. Sometimes we explain one mystery with another. We say a UFO is swamp gas or ball lightning, but we don't know what that is."

Hackett is a member of Orion Research Forum and Network, an outgrowth of the former Oak Ridge, Tenn., Isochronous Observation Network, otherwise known as ORFAN. The group was chartered because Hackett said many group members were unhappy with the image of UFO hobbyists.

The original group included many scientists and engineers from Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Hackett said. "Whatever UFOs might be, they are worthy of scientific study. To refuse to look at something is not scientific."

The group has more than 100 members and includes a branch called Anomaly Investigations, which investigates UFOs, poltergeists and close encounters.

One of the "unexplainables" that Hackett explained was the Brown Mountain lights, ghostly illuminations that appear on Brown Mountain in western North Carolina. Some have said that Brown Mountain is a UFO landing strip.

"There are probably 100 of these ghost lights around the country," Hackett said. "The Brown Mountain lights are one of the most famous."

The original lights, Hackett said, were probably ball lightning, the kind of lightning people sometimes see rolling around their bathtubs. The myth of ghostly lights continues, however, because people often see stars or city lights beyond the mountain which appear to be on the mountain.

"Any mystery light you see there automatically becomes a Brown Mountain light."

Hackett also has investigated the Bristol booms, which shook houses in a subdivision in Bristol, Tenn., rattling glasses in the cabinets. Hackett said the booms turned out to be sonic booms that were intensified because they bounced off a nearby ridge.

"The people believed a cavern system was collapsing under them," Hackett said.

Although the Air Force Reserve did not confirm its pilots flew over the area, Hackett suggested a change of flight patterns, and within two weeks the Bristol booms had ceased.

The group has looked into several hundred reports of UFOs in the past 12 years, Hackett said, and most of them turned out to be Venus low on the horizon. "It does some rather spectacular twinkling," he said, explaining that the difference between the perception of viewers' eyes gives the false impression of motion.

The group has investigated three reports of close encounters with alien beings, but Hackett said all three were of low credibility. "That doesn't say there aren't close encounters out there more credible than these," he said.

He also researched the meteorite that fell in Anderson County in 1978, striking a ridge and starting a fire. The flames, it turned out, were from a hunter's campsite. Viewers, Hackett said, didn't notice the fire until after they saw the meteor falling in

the distance and then assumed the two were related.

He also helped investigate the 25-pound chunk of green ice that fell in April 1978 in Ripley, Tenn. After Civil Defense determined the ice was not radioactive, some area residents tasted it.

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UFOs? Soviet readers lap it up

But the ice remained unidentified until the ORFAN group studied samples and found they contained strains of syphilis and gonorrhea.

"A military jet had a leaking commode," Hackett said. "It had frozen on the outside of the plane and fallen off. What made it green was the copper sulfate disinfectant they used."

Investigators in the group try to leave concerned callers with a bit of uncertainty. "While we're skeptical, we don't make pronouncements," Hackett said.

"That's the way real life is. Nothing is certain. You're always left wondering whether you've misperceived it or whether there's something there."

MOSCOW (AP) — Headless aliens from space invade Russia!

"Huge hairy creature" terrifies villagers in the Volga valley!

Possible UFO lands in Moscow!

Although President Mikhail S. Gorbachev's reforms haven't spawned U.S.-style supermarket tabloids — let alone U.S.-style supermarkets — *glasnost* has changed the Soviet media, as evidenced by these recent stories, and a lot of people seem to love it.

The change is evident on state-run television, once a showcase for morally uplifting and dull "Boy-Loves-Tractor" movies about building communism, and news reports lauding factories overfulfilling the Five-Year Plan.

Now, six days a week, as part of the breakfast TV program "120 Minutes," gray-haired mystic Alan Chumak waves his hands on camera to cure viewers from Minsk to Vladivostok of what ails them.

Soviets with heart disease are requested to watch the self-described journalist on Tuesdays. On Fridays, Chumak will help viewers get rid of allergies. People with stomach bugs or bone and muscle aches should tune in on other days.

The inability to watch the program is not a problem. Leave the set on, and a jar of water, juice or massage cream placed by the TV screen supposedly will be "charged" by Chumak's gestures and can be used later for treatment.

Earlier this summer, after about a month on the air, Chumak was pulled off "120 Minutes" by broadcast executives, who said they wanted to make sure his treatment brought positive results.

They must have been convinced — the man in his mid-50s was back on TV waving his hands within a week.

Since the days of the wild-eyed monk Rasputin, hypnotist and confidant at the court of the last czar, Russians have been intrigued by the occult and fantastic, and stories about UFOs, vanished planets and ESP have always had an eager audience.

With *glasnost*, or greater openness, such topics are getting more exposure than ever in the once-stuffy official Soviet media, and despite the firmly materialistic and rationalist ideology of the ruling Communist Party.

In fact, the unlikely organ in the forefront of the weirdness campaign belongs to the party itself. The 1-million-circulation daily newspaper Socialist Industry, an organ of the party's Central Committee, has a mandate to report on the Soviet economy, but often makes space for news items that have nothing to do with either socialism or industry.

On Tuesday, there was this intriguing account of invaders from space landing in Central Russia's Perm region. Milkmaid Lyubov Medvedev told the newspaper, "At about 4:30 in the morning, I was

going to the farm when I saw a dark figure seemingly riding a motorcycle. . . . But when I looked closely at the figure, I noticed there was no motorcycle, but just something resembling a man, but taller than average with short legs."

The creature had "only a small knob instead of a head," Medvedev said. "I was frightened to death. . . . Then it became fluorescent and disappeared."

Beekeeper G. Sharoglavov saw two egg-shaped "fluorescent objects" as big as aircraft hovering at a height of 600-1,000 feet. Others in mid-July also saw aliens with no heads, the paper said.

It quoted V. Kopylov, Communist Party boss in the Chernushinsky region, as acknowledging that "something unusual is going on the territory of our two collective farms."

It was Socialist Industry as well that informed Soviets of the huge, fleet-footed hairy creature that terrified residents of the Kirovo settlement in the Volga basin.

"I saw the creature pretty well," said resident R. Saitov. "It was about 2 meters (6½ feet) tall, its body covered with dark brown hair and it had shoulder-length hair. . . . Being a veterinary surgeon, I can say the creature was neither a man nor an ape."

Saitov and a friend tried to approach the creature after spotting it on the other bank of a pond, but it bounded away at astonishing

speed when they pursued it in a car. The newspaper noted disapprovingly that Saratov University biologists weren't taking reports of the sighting seriously or even deigning to talk to witnesses.

The very official Soviet news agency Tass later picked up the newspaper's story for national and worldwide distribution, headlining it "Huge Creature Sighted in Volga Region; Men Give Chase."

Later, however, Tass deflated another Socialist Industry report about a UFO landing.

Last month, the paper reported in great detail on a 26-foot-wide patch of burned ground found near a southern Moscow highway.

It quoted UFO specialist A. Kuzovkin as saying the grass probably had been blasted by powerful radiation, which he called probable evidence of the landing of an Unidentified Flying Object.

Not so, Tass reported. Firefighters think a haystack simply caught fire and scorched the ground.

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Couple sharing UFO experience

By **BETSY PICKLE**
News-Sentinel staff writer

It sounds like a tabloid story — "Couple taken for ride on alien spaceship" — but Dan and Leilani Dearing aren't pregnant with five-headed babies or acting like cosmic zombies.

Their out-of-this-world experience has them preaching world peace.

"When I first thought about it, it seemed like a dream," says Leilani Dearing of her May 15, 1987, close encounter. "There was a beautiful, peaceful, surrealistic quality about it."

The Dearings, who last month opened the Southeast Regional UFO Communications Center in Nashville, came to Knoxville Monday to conduct a seminar on UFOs. They say they began communicating in 1987 with extraterrestrials called Pleiadians, who come from a group of planets in the constellation Taurus.

"They have messages and suggestions as to how we can achieve world peace."

Dan Dearing
UFO Communications Center

It was at the Pleiadians' suggestion that the Dearings move from Nashville to a remote location on the island of Maui for six months beginning in the spring of 1987.

"They felt like that would be a good place for us to go," says Leilani Dearing. "So we went. We thought we were going over there to make megabucks."

It turned out to be a learning period for the Dearings, who lived "45 minutes from the nearest gas station or post office or grocery store." The Pleiadians

made physical contact with them and inspired them "to set up a center for information, a place where people could come," she says. "It was more of a time for preparation to work with them."

The Dearings were asleep when the Pleiadians came for them. The details of their experience have come back to them piece by piece in the months since it occurred, they say.

Dan Dearing says the Pleiadians would rather not be thought of as aliens.

"They say they prefer to be called 'people of the light,'" he says. "Sometimes the word 'alien' will invoke a fear in people. They say that their intent is not to impose themselves upon our society. They have messages and suggestions as to how we can achieve world peace. That's their whole purpose of being here — world peace."

Although only a few humans will ad-

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mit to encounters with extraterrestrials now, that is due to change, he says.

"They're saying that by 1992 there will be increased sightings to the magnitude that everyone will be saying, 'Oh yes, this is reality.'"

In the meantime, the Pleiadians are using humans who are receptive to their overtures — such as the Dearings — to communicate their messages.

"They say they were exactly like this planet today," says Dan Dearing, who turns 37 on Wednesday. The Pleiadians were able to avoid nuclear war by "grouping together in smaller groups and having joy celebrations. They focus on having a good time, being in joy."

Leilani Dearing, 33, says she experienced a Pleiadian celebration firsthand.

"When I awakened and we got off the spaceship, I walked into this cloud and I walked into beams," she says. "I'm aware now that I walked into one of their joy celebrations. I think they may have come up to hug me. I don't remember what happened after that. A lot of people gathered around."

She describes the Pleiadians as being about 5-foot-7. "They have long arms, kind of slick bodies. Their hair was about shoulder length — black or dark brown — with kind of a little '60s flip right at the end. Their eyes were very bright — bright black eyes.

"And little pointy noses that curved up. They were kinda cute — just very friendly."

The Pleiadians returned the Dearings to their bed and then took off in their ship.

"I heard this noise, and I leapt to the end of the bed," says Leilani Dearing. "I saw it taking off across the valley."

She awoke to find herself in her clothes, not her pajamas.

"We talked about it the night that it happened," says Leilani.

"She went, 'Did you hear that sound?'" recalls Dan. "She described it as sounding very similar to a jet engine, but where we lived was on a cliff overlooking the ocean. There was no way an airplane could have landed there.

"The ship landed behind the house in a small space. The sound she described was the sound of them leaving."

The couple's chronology of interaction with the Pleiadians is confusing.

"For two years neither one of us remembered the experience," says Dan, an Arkansas native.

"I remembered, but it was like I just didn't say anything," interjects Leilani, an Army brat who was born in Hawaii and spent her first three years there.

"In March of this year you started remembering fine details," her husband says. "At that time when the memories came they suggested that we go public with it. They suggested we create the Southeast Regional UFO Communications Center."

"In January I started feeling like it was time to start talking about it," Leilani Dearing says, who has given up her practice as a psychologist to devote all her time to the UFO center.

Her communication with the Pleiadians has been the most direct. They speak to her through song, they say.

"The Pleiadians communicate through Leilani telepathically," says Dan Dearing, a sax, flute and clarinet player who continues to do free-lance studio and production work. "They prefer to communicate through song, so in August of 1987 she started singing all at once — whole songs, lyrics, beginning to end."

"They know what we're thinking, what everyone is thinking," Leilani Dearing says.

For Dan Dearing, the communication usually comes in written form during a meditative state.

UFO inquiries

"They're connected with our energy field. I can ask questions and they will give an answer."

The Pleiadians aren't the only extraterrestrials in contact with Earthlings, the Dearing's say. Inhabitants from the Lyra, Sirius and Orion star systems are in touch with humans as well.

"It's different," admits Leilani Dearing. "But with every idea that is a major shift or transition in our society, the first people were laughed at, scoffed at."

People need to look at contact with other beings from a societal perspective, she says.

"The Pleiadians want to help humanity realize our dreams — to

live in peace, for everybody to have the things that they need, to live without war, fear, not to be hungry. That's why they're here now."

The Dearing's aren't affiliated with other UFO research groups such as MUFON, the Mutual UFO Network.

"Our focus is a little different," says Dan Dearing. "They're more wanting to prove or disprove. We just want to share information that we have been receiving for three or four years."

"It takes quite a bit of trust. We thought about it. We're willing to push a little bit ahead of the mass consciousness and believe these things."

The Southeast Regional UFO Communications Center receives correspondence at P.O. Box 22067, Nashville, Tenn. 37202. The phone number is (615) 352-7301.

SINCE unidentified flying objects became a media topic in 1947 there have been many sightings made by the public. The British UFO Research association (BUFORA) has been investigating and doing research into this unusual phenomena. If you think you have seen a UFO then please write for a UFO account report form.

All reports will be treated in strict confidence. As the Regional Investigations Co-ordinator for East Anglia I would like anyone who has seen a UFO to contact me at the address below.

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Nutters and sceptics have close encounter of a terrestrial kind

THE SMALL walrus-like man from the British Flying Saucer Bureau shuffled his papers impatiently as he waited for the fifth International UFO Congress to begin. He was clearly rather important, since his plastic badge said "Graham F N Knewstub, delegate 1", and his tie was discreetly patterned with small rockets and stars.

Mr Knewstub, it turned out, had been in the unidentified flying object business since 1952 and showed a certain wariness of the post-Spielberg school of thought.

"All these cases of abductions and contact with extra-terrestrials have grown along with media interest and films. I also wouldn't discount the lasting effect of psychedelic drugs in the Sixties. You hardly ever heard about kidnappings back when I started, but now hundreds get reported."

Extra-terrestrial abductions by Martians were the subject of that afternoon's debate, which was basically a battle between the nutters and the sceptics.

The sceptics were winning 3-0 when Walt H Andrus Jr, director of the Mutual UFO Network Inc of Texas (Mufon), took the podium. "There are tens of thou-

By Kate Muir

sands of people who have been abducted by extra-terrestrial beings," he said. "I'm not exaggerating. These people are dual victims. They are abducted and abused. They need help."

His point is quickly proved by a glance at the monthly *Mufon UFO Journal*. One abductee, who obviously needs help, writes: "I was abducted from my home in Chicago and taken to a mountain in a country which I will not mention, and shown things that, to this day, I will never forget."

"How dare you tell me that the things I've suffered as a result of these intrusions, such as low-level radiation poisoning, microwave burns, plus things I will not mention, were not real!"

Organisers of the conference at the London Business School, were suspicious of such reports. As they headed for the lunch queue, one warned: "You've got to watch out for the nutters and loonies." She was not, however, referring to the ufologists, but the reporter from *Sunday Sport*.

It was rather an uncharitable remark, considering the sterling efforts of the newspaper in pro-

moting UFOs, with such stories as "Aliens turned my son into an olive", "World War II bomber found on the moon" and "Exclusive pictures of Heaven".

The conference only had exclusive pictures of balls of light, "luminous floating spheres which persistently defy ufologists' efforts to explain them". A man with a Shakespearean haircut stood up and started showing slides with big yellow blobs on.

"There's a lot more to balls than at first appears," he said. The man rumoured to be from *Sunday Sport* perked up at the key word, then fell back into a stupor. The rest of the audience remained in a state of high excitement.

"I saw a ball of light about 15 years ago, you know," Milos Krmelj, a chemistry teacher from Yugoslavia, said. "Then, there was virtually nothing close to encounters with UFOs in the Eastern bloc. Even now, you never hear anything from Albania or Czechoslovakia. But in the Soviet Union, Glasnost has had an extraordinary effect on sightings. They're going UFO-crazy now."

Meanwhile in Africa, sightings among tribesmen have just started to come in.

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Mystery corn circle theory

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The world's ozone layer crisis is believed to lie behind the reappearance of mysterious corn field circles on the Marlborough Downs.

The annual phenomenon has so far puzzled scientists. Researcher Colin Andrews believes he has the answer.

"It could well have something to do with the problems the planet is experiencing," he said.

Mr Andrews has been working with a professor at Nihoy University, Tokyo.

"He is a plasma fusion expert who is studying the electric field distribution around the planet, which is changing, and it's probably changing because of the ozone problem, the greenhouse effect," he said.

"They are not appearing in a random fashion which has eliminated meteorological conditions and hoaxes.

"And we are picking up energy emissions from these sites which is unnatural. They

last for about two years."

Within the last month more than 120 of the symmetrical circles have been seen in fields throughout Wiltshire and a further ten or so in Hampshire.

There are 28 alone in a field north of Silbury Hill. They also appeared near the man-made monument, between Marlborough and Beckhampton, last year.

Mr Andrews said the affected plants appeared to have undergone a molecular change and the Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food should instruct farmers not to harvest plants until it was established there was no molecular contamination.

Other theories for the circles include marks left behind by visiting UFOs, whirlwinds, helicopters, psychic energy and even copulating hedgehogs rotating in unison and flattening the corn.

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UFO buffs from around the world gather in park

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THIS weekend, UFO enthusiasts from around the world are meeting in Regent's Park for their bi-annual congress.

Among those attending are several people who will give terrifying, first-hand accounts of being abducted by aliens.

Camden man Ken Phillips, an investigator with the British UFO Research Association, counts himself lucky he will be there to listen — and not to pass on similar experiences.

His 20 years of looking into reports of unidentified flying objects, without making a single sighting of his own, has left him anything but frustrated.

"I used to feel like that, but in hindsight, I don't think it's a particularly pleasant experience, especially the close encounter-type experience," said the 49-year-old.

"Witnesses I have spoken to have been left with various symptoms, including disorientation in time, headaches, sleeplessness, and just a general physical and mental discomfort. They have strange dreams, nightmares, skin rashes and burns, and their work and social lives are often very upset by what they have gone through."

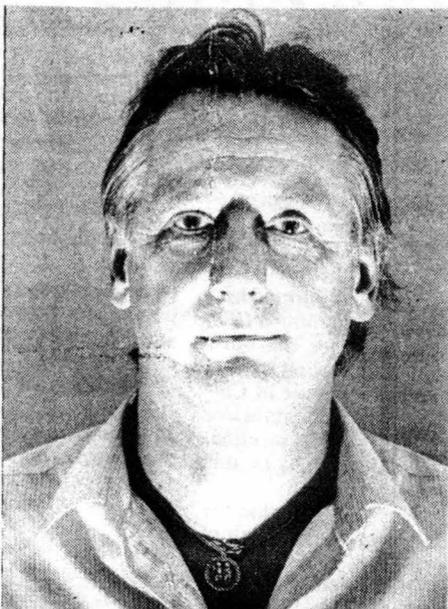
Hobby

Mr Phillips has travelled around Britain to talk to people who claim to have witnessed UFO activity, but his hobby has barely involved him locally.

"I don't know what it is. Maybe the people of Camden don't see these things, or if they do they're keeping very quiet about it.

"There was a report in Highgate but it wasn't particularly interesting. It was just a brief observation of a roundish object which was seen in the sky. It could have been a kite or a balloon.

"The only other local one I can recall was from Parliament Hill fields. I had a call from a producer with ITV, who said he saw a very bright, rotating object in the sky. I went along to his house in Highgate, and got details and spoke to a neighbour who had seen it too.



● Ken Phillips

But when I investigated it further, I found the object was an exotic kite, being flown on a 2,000ft tether, but it sure did look strange."

Once a month, members of BUFORA get together practically on the borough's doorstep for their meeting at the London Business School in Regent's Park. From tomorrow, about 100 UFO fans will be at the school for the congress.

Mr Phillips, who works as a messenger at the London office of the Birmingham Post newspaper, will be there helping with registrations, and to give a talk outlining his latest research. For five years, he

by
DAVID IKIN

has been putting together information from British UFO witnesses for an Austrian-based researcher, Dr Alex Keul, as part of a project called Anamnesis (life memory).

"I feel there is definitely something strange going on — I have no doubt about it. I've been very impressed with the sincerity of the witnesses I've spoken to...people who have gone through strange experiences and have very impressive stories. As to the origins of what they've seen, that is entirely unknown, it's a very debatable point."

Mr Phillips' off-beat interest in extra-terrestrials has at times brought criticism from sceptics — "though I think my biggest critic is my wife," he joked.

His interest developed after he followed reports of a series of flying saucer sightings around Warminster in the early 1960s. His work as a BUFORA investigator, a role he took up in 1969, started with him making inquiries after reading of sightings in newspapers, or receiving calls direct from witnesses.

"There's no training to become an investigator. You just go out and do it. I was as green as grass — just so naive — the first time, but I learnt as I went along.

"I think the most dramatic case I've worked on involved a woman and two members of her family in Manchester, who underwent a fugitive abduction quite near their home. The actual event was traumatic enough, but I think the aftermath, the post-event happenings, proved to be even worse, with the family and their lives being completely upset.

"But these reports do tend to come in waves or cycles. Sometimes you can be absolutely rushed off your feet, and at other times, like at the moment, it can be very quiet. Last year was quite busy, but we haven't had much come in recently."

Numerous Reports Of UFO Received, Authorities Say

By ERIC FRAZIER
Post-Courier Reporter

Bessie Dixon, her husband and five others were standing in the parking lot of the Burnside Dodge dealership near Rivers Avenue and Remount Road about 1:30 a.m. Sunday when a plane with a neon banner trailing it flew by.

Or at least that's what they thought it was.

It was a dark, shapeless object 300-500 feet long, and fiery white and yellow sparks were shooting out of what seemed to be its tail end. Its front end appeared to be glowing.

It didn't have any other lights or windows. It was about 1,500 feet in the air, moving slowly, and had just passed soundlessly above them from north to south.

"What the hell was that?" asked Mrs. Dixon. No one could answer her question.

Warren Richey, a retired Navy chief quartermaster who works as a security guard at the car lot, rushed to a phone and called North Charleston police, the Air Force Base and the control tower at the Charleston International Airport.

To his surprise, no one he talked to had seen or heard about this thing they had just seen.

About 1½ hours later, he called the control tower back, and this time the air traffic controller on duty said some pilots on a plane traveling about 20,000 feet above Columbia had reported seeing the enormous, dark object break into three pieces just above them. One of the pieces, they said, headed toward Charleston.

"It was a monstrous looking thing," said Mrs. Dixon late Sunday. "We just froze. It was coming right down the railroad tracks" which run parallel to Rivers Avenue, she said.

"What it is ... what it was, you make up your mind about it," said Richey. "The more we got to talking about it the more questions we had."

James P. Pierce, the Federal Aviation Administration supervisor at the Charleston airport tower, said that, although the controller on duty early Sunday didn't see anything, he did receive numerous reports of UFO sightings about 1:30 a.m., some of which came from as far away as Tybee Island near Savannah.

Officials at the Columbia airport and North Charleston Police Department said they didn't receive any reports of unidentified objects at that time, but an officer at the Tybee Island Police Department confirmed that a fellow officer saw something as he was driving to their police station about 2 a.m. Sunday.

According to Officer Charles Lanier, Sgt. Clyde Alley saw something that "looked like a shooting star. He said he'd never seen anything like it before ... it wasn't traveling fast, and it looked like things were falling off of it."

Alley wasn't available for comment Sunday night.

'What it is ... what it was, you make up your mind about it. The more we got to talking about it the more questions we had.'

WARREN RICHEY,
security guard

Neither was the air traffic controller on night duty or the others who stood in the North Area parking lot with Mrs. Dixon and her husband.

Nicole Parker, a Georgetown resident, said she and four friends were swimming in a pool around 1:45 a.m. Sunday when they saw "an object, bright in the front, trailing off with a tail in the back and it had white lights on the sides."

She said the object was bigger than an airplane and that it didn't make any noise. "It was low enough that if it was a plane we could have heard it," Ms. Parker said.

Some people guessed that it could've been a banner plane out of Myrtle Beach trailing an advertising sign. But a check with banner company officials along the Grand Strand found that none had their planes in the air early Sunday.

In addition, the planes and banners are not equipped with lights, the owners said.

Meanwhile, other authorities today said that they couldn't tell The Evening Post what the object may have been.

Capt. Rhonda Lustig, a spokesman for the Charleston Air Force Base, said "numerous" calls from the Remount Road to West Ashley areas were received by base operations from 1:35 a.m. to 1:45 a.m., but no threatening or unidentifiable objects showed up on their radar systems.

And, she said, a master sergeant stationed at the base reported that he had "seen something" early Sunday. At press time, the sergeant could not be reached.

In Atlanta, FAA spokesman Roger Myers said his agency no longer tracks UFO sightings.

"We tell people to call their local police," Myers said. "I guess it's the official position of the government that UFOs don't exist."

Meanwhile, Mrs. Dixon's question remains unanswered, but she seemed to come up with the most plausible response herself.

"I've seen all kinds of planes and helicopters out here," she said of her Midland Park neighborhood, which is near the Air Force Base's runways. "We were joking about it later, and I said it must have been that stealth bomber."

Post-Courier Reporters Terry Joyce and Bill Steiger contributed to this story.

ETexan Believes In UFOs

Longview Man Seeks Proof Of Extraterrestrial Visits To Earth

By KEVIN MCCARLEY
Staff Writer

LONGVIEW — Images of tiny green men stepping out of dazzlingly bright spacecraft might be enough to convince movie audiences, but one Longview Unidentified Flying Objects researcher says he is seriously searching for proof of extraterrestrial visits to earth.

Dwight Sirls, 30, has been interested in "UFOlogy" for 12 years. He recently was given the title of state-section director for the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), the oldest and largest UFO investigating organization in the world.

Sirls said he first became interested in the study of UFOs when he was 18.

"I saw something in the summer of 1977 that was different," Sirls said. "That caused my interest in the subject (of UFOs)."

Sirls said he joined MUFON when he was 28, as a field investigator. When someone calls with a possible UFO sighting, Sirls said, it is his job to try to identify the object.

"I first ask the person to tell me at what angle the object was, on a 0-90 degree scale, in respect to the horizon," Sirls said. "Then, by looking at the star charts for that day, I try to determine whether or not (the planet) Venus was in the proximity. You would be surprised how many people see Venus. It is a commonly reported

UFO. If there is any question, I tell the person to look at the same spot the next night and see if the object is still there."

If after the initial contact Sirls cannot determine what the object was, he said he goes to the location of the sighting. There, Sirls said, he attempts to plot the course of the object using compass readings, triangulation and data from eyewitness reports. He then completes a report on the sighting to send to MUFON, and determines whether further investigation, such as interviewing secondary witnesses and character witnesses, is necessary.

"Once we get a case and say, hey, this is something strange, that's when the big boys come in," Sirls said. "We (MUFON) have a network of about 45-50 scientists in various high-tech fields who act as consultants in this instance. We don't know of any government-sponsored organization which investigates UFOs."

Sirls said he believes the government is covering-up reports of UFO sightings.

"I personally think there is some sort of cover-up," Sirls said. "There have been reports of this phenomena happening since June 25, 1945, with a sighting at Mt. Rainier."

Sirls said one instance of the cover-up was in the late 1950s. He said Col. William Coleman and his entire crew sighted an object which looked like a saucer turned upside down, with portholes in the sides.

Sirls said Coleman filed a report with Project Blue Book, a government UFO study group, but when Project Blue Book was disbanded and its reports were made public, Coleman's report was gone.

Another instance, Sirls said, involved a rancher who lived near Roswell, N.M.

"On July 2, 1947, the rancher, W.W. 'Mac' Brassel, went to check his fences after hearing an explosion he thought was thunder the night before," Sirls said. "He found pieces of debris scattered. He gathered the debris and took it to the sheriff's office in Roswell, and was put in touch with the Air Force."

"The Air Force put an S-2 intelligence officer, Jesse A. Marcell, in charge of the debris. When he took the debris to headquarters and subjected it to tests, there were pieces as thin as foil, but they would not crease or bend, and nothing could scratch it. It was said someone hit it with a sledgehammer and the sledgehammer bounced right off."

Sirls said Marcell was given the assignment to fly the debris to Wright/Patterson field in Ohio. En route, he touched down in Fort Worth and was met by a Gen. Rainey, who told Marcell to go back and forget about the whole thing.

"There were several pictures taken with a weather balloon the government brought in," Sirls said. "They tried to pass this

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balloon off as causing the debris that was found."

At a symposium held in Las Vegas last week, MUFON addressed the question of government cover-ups. Documents were distributed at the meeting showing "classified" government papers concerning the Roswell incident. The documents have been proclaimed "poorly fabricated hoaxes," by the government, Sirls said.

"If these documents are genuine," Sirls said, "this would blow the lid off the whole thing. If this turns out to be a hoax, then the government has taken the time of serious researchers. It would be a deliberate attempt to strike down UFOlogists."

"The public is not willing to accept the fact that UFOs could exist, and the media always has an overtone that this is ludicrous," Sirls said. "It would be a catastrophe if Bush got on TV and said 'ET's' are visiting our planet and can hover silently and shoot rays of light into our homes. This phenomenon deserves detailed scientific study."

Why is there no government agency, that we know of, studying this? That alone tells you something.

"The public is not in on this, and so the government can get away with murder. When Project Blue Book was disbanded, to our knowledge, the government said UFOs posed no threat to national security, and there were no extraterrestrials visiting earth. Yet, we cannot get documentation from the government (of some of the reported sightings). The government always says, 'for reasons of national security.'"

"There have been highly credible people — colonels, scientists, astronomers, McDonald Douglas officials — who have all seen UFO's," Sirls said. "Most people are not informed, not educated in UFOlogy."

Sirls said his organization is in need of volunteers to act as consultants or investigators. He is trying to document as many local UFO sightings as possible.

Even cases from 15-20 years old I am interested in," Sirls said. "There was a big UFO flap in East Texas in 1973. One incident involved the Lake Palestine area near Frankston. The UFO allegedly dropped something which cut through an A-Frame house. One witness said it looked like it was cut with a fine blade. I am trying to validate this occurrence. One of the witnesses was a mechanic who worked off of Broadway, in Tyler. I am trying to locate him. Dr. Stanton Friedman, a noted nuclear physicist, appears interested in the Frankston incident."

MUFON, based in Seguin is an international scientific organization seriously interested in studying and researching UFOs.

MUFON firmly believes that a concentrated scientific study by dedicated investigators and researchers will provide the ultimate answer to the UFO enigma.