

Students admit 'flying saucer' hoax in N.Z.

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AUCKLAND, Thursday. — Auckland University students admitted today they had hoaxed a newspaper by telephoning that they had seen "a strange object in the sky."

Seven students had participated in the hoax, one giving the false name Bradley Headstone.

[This was the schoolmaster character in Dickens' *Our Mutual Friend*, the book set in the University English course.]

The newspaper gave the names of seven people who claimed to have seen the mysterious "flying thing" over Auckland.