

Duke Shown University's Saucer Trick

The Duke of Edinburgh yesterday saw his first "flying saucer" while on a tour of inspection of the Australian National University.

The "saucer" was the lid of an aluminium bread tin, which when placed under a rotating wheel above a 136ft. magnet slowly spun round, dropping on to the magnet after three or four spins.

The Director of the Research School of Physical Sciences, Professor Oliphant, gave the demonstration to the Duke.

Before being allowed into the room where the magnet was situated, the Duke had to hand over to

Duke had to hand over to a University official his watch and keys.

The magnet has severely damaged watches

The Duke also tried to lift some silver balls off the magnet but the magnet's attraction was too strong.

He placed his foot near the magnet and immediately it was drawn towards the magnet by the attraction of the nails in the shoes.