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### Re: BBC: 'Fying Saucer' Grounded

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>'Flying saucer' grounded

>A flying saucer project which attempted to turn science fiction  
>into science fact has reportedly been thwarted by a lack of  
>funds.

<snip>

There is a retired York U. science professor and pilot, Daphne Schiff, who is attempting to turn ancient mythology into fact. Daphne is building an ornithopter, an aircraft that flies by flapping its birdlike wings. Daphne has recruited a fellow pilot, Patricia Bowman (who weighs under 100 pounds) to test out these wings. Their goal is to achieve human powered flight, the same way Icarus did for a while - before he flew too close to the sun. Who knows, one day people may strap on similar birdlike wings on their shoulders and flap their way to work or to visit a friend.

There have been no reports of feather covered UFOs over Toronto, yet.

Further information can be found in the April 28, 1999 issue of the York University Gazette Online:

<http://www.yorku.ca/admin/comm/gazette/past/archive/>

Daphne's husband, Harold I. Schiff (another retired York U. science professor) was directly responsible for the thwarting of another major aviation project, the American SST project. As we approach the end of the 20th century, supersonic flights would have been a common thing, but thanks to Harold, we are still able to go outdoors and enjoy the sun's warm rays with little injury to us.

Nick Balaskas

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