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## Re: Unique Skeleton Found - Could Be

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <[updates@globalserve.net](mailto:updates@globalserve.net)>  
>Subject: Unique Skeleton Found - Could Be Extraterrestrial

>Fellow Updates members,

>On Tuesday my new edition of MUFON Journal arrived.

>The cover story describes what may be what we have been hoping  
>for - the skeleton of an extraterrestrial. A paleontologist, the  
>late Dr. Slaughter's discovery of a unique skeleton discovered  
>in Texas. Dr.Slaughter was Professor of paleontology and the  
>director of the Shuler Museum at Southern Methodist University  
>at Dallas, TX. He examined it, casted it and removed it to his  
>lab for analysis. He wrote a technical report describing it as  
>the discovery of a new species of a new genus.

>The cover of the Journal shows Walt Andrus holding the plaster  
>cast of this 39" tall being with four fingers, including a  
>thumb.

<snip>

Let me be the first to pass on what was reported on the Project  
1947 list.

The skeleton is a fake, but a delightful one. Slaughter, a  
genuine paleontologist, amused himself by creating "fossils" of  
mythical creatures -- fairies, etc. -- and concocting fake  
scientific reports of how they were found. He assembled his  
material into a book. He wasn't trying to fool anybody, and  
never expected anyone to believe his "reports." It was all for  
entertainment -- a paleontologist elegantly spoofing his own  
specialty.

Nobody seeing the book would have believed any of it was real.  
Somehow, though, the alien skeleton got torn from its context,  
and taken seriously. Why Walt Andrus believed it is beyond me.

I've deleted the messages on the P 1947 list that explained all  
this, and gave web links to the whole story. Maybe someone else  
would like to supply them here.

Greg Sandow

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