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1973 SIGHTING REPORTS STILL POURING IN

The occupants of a UFO that dropped "acid" on an automobile; a police car that ran into a ditch after its driver saw a "creature"; other occupant reports; an object that emitted a light beam onto an automobile, causing it to stop and drawing it off the ground; UFOs that caused physiological and electro-magnetic (E-M) effects, left behind physical evidence, hovered over a Skylab equipment building, cars and a truck; objects that caused animal reactions, landed and took off, emitted sounds, were tracked on radar, shone lights on witnesses, the ground, automobiles, and a lake; others that frightened witnesses; a UFO that followed a car and circled a home; an object that flew at an estimated speed of 4,000 m.p.h.; another that paced a plane; a UFO that stirred up dust; and planes that chased UFOs were the outstanding characteristics of sighting reports from at least 20 states during the period September-December, 1973, as good sightings continue to inundate UFOR. Witnesses included radar operators, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) control tower operators, an air traffic controller, pilots, the owner of a flying service, an astronomy class and its instructor, police, a fire tower operator, a radio news director, a radio announcer, a security guard, and a Women's Army Corps member.



Jeanann Rader's sketch of UFO she saw on
December 3, 1973

(Courtesy: Woodbury Daily Times)

Jeanann Rader was driving near Glassboro, N.J., at approximately 9 p.m., December 3, when she observed a huge, hamburger-shaped UFO with a red light on top and a green one on the bottom and "extending bright, white lights coming from the side of the object, like thrusts from a missile," stated the December 5, 1973, edition of the *Woodbury (N.J.) Daily Times*. (See sketch, left). The object was about 50 feet in diameter, emitted a "hissing" sound, and hovered an estimated 40 feet above the witness' car.

"It stopped -- so did I," she related. "It flashed and moved back towards me -- flashed again, stopping, and then moved away. It was huge -- big enough to fit three or more cars within [it]."

The UFO's red and green lights blinked when the object stopped and the "thrusts" appeared only when the craft flew "in a darting, horizontal motion."

It was around 8:30 p.m., October 5, in Washington Township, N.J. Dr. and Mrs. Angelo Rose and their five children saw a large blinking light.

"Then you could see that it was spinning and it moved a little sideways," stated Mrs. Rose in the October 10, 1973, edition of the *Hackensack, N.J., Record*. "There were red

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and green lights, but it wasn't a plane. Sometimes there was a red ray coming from it. It stayed in one place, didn't move all that time, and, then, it disappeared with extreme speed."

The Roses alerted Debby Cotter across the street. She called her father, William, on duty at police headquarters as a special patrolman. Cotter rushed to the scene with Officer Alan Goodell. They observed "a bright ball of fire that stayed in one place."

Dr. Rose called the Teterboro Airport control tower. An official there said the tower was experiencing a considerable amount of static in its radio reception.

The state of Virginia had its quota of reports.

On the evening of October 15, an unidentified man near Mendota saw an object "with blue and red flashing lights" that hovered about 100 feet over his truck and emitted a "buzzing sound," the Bristol, Va., *Herald Courier*, October 16, 1973, said.

Two nights later -- at about 8 p.m., October 17 -- Jimmy Hardison and two friends were walking near Beaconsdale when they observed a red, blinking light fly over the trees and head "straight at us," according to *The (Newport News, Va.) Times-Herald*, October 18, 1973. It disappeared and reappeared, this time looking like "a flying saucer turned upside down, and it cast a light on the ground." The UFO "kept on going," Hardison said.

At 6:25 p.m., November 29, Connie L. Grobe, a member of the Women's Army Corps, and a friend, Patricia Childers, were driving through Ft. Myer, Arlington. They saw a large saucer 25-30 feet in diameter with "a ring of hundreds" of white, blinking lights. The UFO appeared to be spinning clockwise and executed a 90-degree turn, according to Patricia Childers.

"After I stopped my car and looked up again," Miss Grobe stated in her report to UFOR, "the object was hovering and slightly tilting from side to side... over the Ft. Myer parade field."

The object, which emitted "a quiet, muffled sound," flew out of sight.

The California Reports

UFOs continued to be seen in California. (See *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. III, No. 7, p. 6, and No. 8, p. 3).

- October 17. Just after midnight. San Luis Obispo. Joe Lewis was awakened by "a buzzing sound like I never heard before" and the sounds of dogs and cattle barking and bellowing, stated the San Luis Obispo *Telegram-Tribune*, October 18, 1973. He saw, for about three minutes, "a bright glow like the moon" move steadily across the sky.

- November 12. Around 9:45 p.m. Los Angeles. Police Officers C.C. Smith and Joe Wynkoop observed an oblong-shaped, very bright, bluish-white object "like a mercury vapor lamp" that descended "on a crash course with the ground," according to three Los Angeles newspapers -- the November 13, 1973, edition of the *Herald Examiner*; the November 14, 1973, edition of the *Times*; the November 15, 1973, edition of the *Belvedere Citizen* -- and the November 14, 1973, edition of *The Pittsburgh (Pa.) Press*. The object, close to the ground, "almost obscured" an "entire market sign." It disappeared, reappeared, and rose. The policemen chased it at 70 m.p.h., but it headed south-southwest "at a tremendously high rate of speed." Smith and Wynkoop unsuccessfully attempted to photograph the UFO.

- November 13. 6:07 p.m. Near Arbuckle. Robyn Zittle watched as a large UFO hovered over her car and shone a light so brilliant "she was unable to see the beam of her own headlights," the *Sacramento (Calif.) Bee*, November 14, 1973, said. According to the witness, the object appeared to be examining the automobile. Then it suddenly disappeared.

Reports continued to come in from North Carolina. (See *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. III, No. 8, p. 7, and No. 9, p. 6).

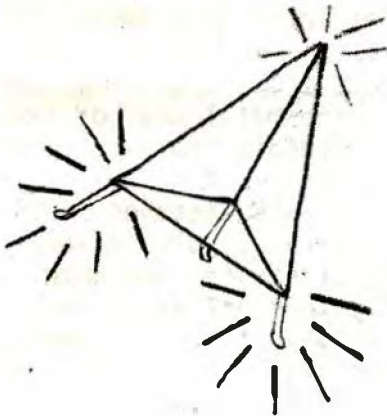
At about 8:30 p.m., October 23, Pat, Becky, and Bruce Escancy, Jimmy Penny, Terry Dupree, Gary Small, and others saw a red and white object with windows and red flashing lights that descended and landed in a soybean field near Garner, "then zoomed off into the northwest sky."

"I was terrified...", Pat Escancy admitted in the October 25, 1973, edition of the Raleigh, N.C., *News & Observer*. "I didn't get to sleep all night."

Six hours later -- at 2:30 a.m., October 24 -- Steve Pearce was riding his motorcycle in nearby Franklin when he heard "a loud fizzling sound" and saw a reddish-blue, basketball-sized "chunk" fall from the sky and land 12 feet away. It smelled like "rotten eggs."

North Carolina State University scientists were puzzled.

"It's not natural," Robert Carson, a geologist, stated. "It certainly isn't a meteor."



Sketch of UFO seen by Reuben Stewart at Goldsboro, N.C., October 25, 1973

(Courtesy: News-Argus)

At around 8 p.m. the following evening -- October 25 -- John Stewart, his son, Reuben, other members of his family, and others observed a triangular-shaped object "with lights at each apex of the triangle" and three long legs in Goldsboro, stated the *Goldsboro News-Argus*, October 28, 1973. (See sketch, left). It emitted "a whirring sound" and blinked red, then green, then yellow. At times a bright light shot from it and it appeared to be as big as a house. It "shot downward at tremendous speed," stayed in the area for about 30 minutes, executed a slow turn, "then shot across the sky in 4-5 seconds."

South Carolina continued to attract the UFOs. (See *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. III, No. 9, p. 6).

- September 21. Approximately 1 a.m. Near Easley. An object with red and white lights paced Sherry Smith's automobile home, where it constantly circled the house while the rest of the Smith family watched, stated the September 26, 1973, edition of the *Easley Progress*.

- September 27. 11 p.m. Sumter. Mark Riles observed a "quite large," oval-shaped object with four legs and a band of square-shaped lights around a cone on

top that were almost blinding, stated the September 28, 1973, and the October 10, 1973, editions of *The (Sumter) Daily Item*. The frightened witness watched the craft hover over a yard, ascend, stop, then head south.

- September 29. Evening. Near Greenville. An unidentified couple reported seeing an oblong-shaped UFO with two-inch conduits leading to multi-colored lights on its pitted body. The object, which was "stirring up dust," apparently caused the car's radio to cease functioning and the woman said she experienced a sensation in her eyes "like her pupils were exploding" and "had a severe headache," the December 7, 1973, edition of the *Greenville News*, related. The strange craft suddenly ascended, "zoomed over a pine forest, and disappeared."

- September 30. 11 p.m. Sumter. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Crisp saw multi-colored lights attached to two egg-shaped objects, which appeared to have thin pieces of tubular metal extending from their bottoms, according to *The Daily Item*, October 10, 1973.

- October 6. Evening. Sumter. Millard Carter, Jr., a WSSC Radio announcer, and Lawayne Baird followed a hot dog-shaped object with flashing red and green lights and 2-1/2 car lengths long in their automobile, *The Daily Item*, October 10, 1973, stated. The UFO moved in a zig-zag pattern and had "a metallic-like finish." It "suddenly picked up speed... and disappeared over the treetops."

Once again, Pennsylvania came under the scrutiny of the mysterious objects. (See *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. III, No. 1, p. 3, No. 2, p. 1, No. 3, p. 3, No. 4, p. 1, No. 6, p. 4, No. 7, p. 5, and No. 8, p. 8). The first three cases were reported in the November 1, 1973, edition of the Greensburg, Pa., *Tribune-Review*.

● October 6. 1:40 a.m. Near Flatwoods. Two women and a girl watched "a large red ball" hover over their car. The light was so brilliant one of the witnesses consulted a doctor for eye irritation.

● October 12. 3:20 a.m. Near Circleville. A large, bright object hovered over a millworker's automobile, causing E-M effects to his lights and radio. The frightened driver watched as the UFO "sped off."

● October 17. 7 a.m. Kiski. A large, round object "buzzed" four school students. One girl was so frightened she was medically treated for hysteria.

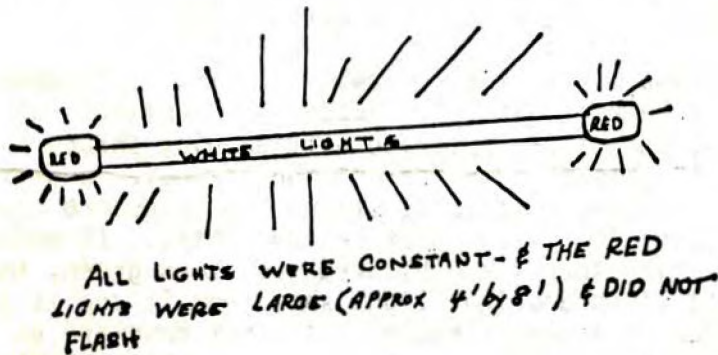
● October 17. About 8 p.m. Levittown. Several police officers saw a saucer "about as large as a small ranch style home" with flashing lights that "cast an eerie color on the metal body of the craft," according to *The (Philadelphia, Pa.) Evening Bulletin*. (See sketches, left). There was also a second object sighted and both "suddenly took off at an incredible rate of speed" toward the northeast.

West Virginia was also privy to reports.

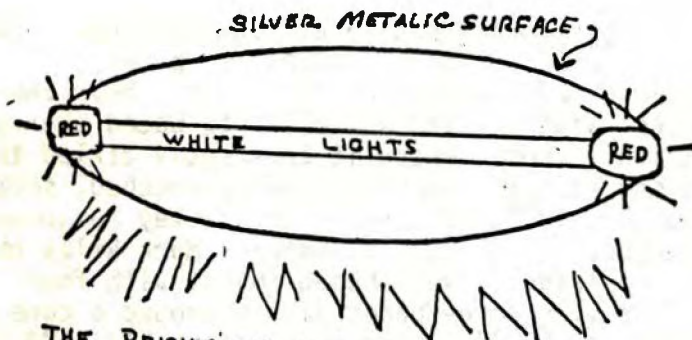
According to the October 30, 1973, edition of the *Terra Alta, W. Va., Preston County News*, the following entry was logged at the Preston County Sheriff's office early on the morning of October 26:

"Kingwood City Police and Terra Alta PD advise of unidentified flying object near Fire Tower, Caddell Mountain.

"Red and yellow flashing lights moving across mountain and also up and down. These three officers observed the unidentified flying object coming very close to the ground at times and was seen as far down as Albright.



ALL LIGHTS WERE CONSTANT - & THE RED LIGHTS WERE LARGE (APPROX 4' by 8') & DID NOT FLASH



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UFO sketches by policeman, Levittown, Pa.,
October 17, 1973

(Courtesy: The Evening Bulletin)

"Terra Alta PD advises that on way back to Terra Alta, a small, four-foot creature ran out in front of car. He slowed down, putting car in ditch.

"Borchert and Darrell Shay were called to investigate fire tower. These five subjects observed unidentified flying object for approximately two hours.

"Elkins and Shinnston State Police have had reports of similar occurrences."

Participants in the bizarre incident were Kingwood City Officer Bill Borchert, two other Kingwood policemen, Terra Alta Officer Willard Zinn, and Darrell Shay, fire tower operator. Zinn observed the "creature."

Paul Williams, air traffic controller at Benedum Airport, Harrison County, was on duty on the evening of October 16 when he saw a bright, color-changing object. He asked a pilot ready for takeoff to pursue it.

"As the plane went toward it, it would move," Williams related in the October 17, 1973, edition of the Clarksburg, W. Va., *Exponent*. "The plane went about 13 miles."

The pilot said "he saw something burnt orange in color come up from the ground." The UFO disappeared after the plane scanned the area.

Police Officer John Roberts, Freddie Rios, and Preston Crosby were driving near Erick, Okla., early on the morning of November 16 when they spotted two UFOs.

"We were watching one of them up in the air and everywhere we would go, it would go," Roberts said in the November 16, 1973, edition of the Oklahoma City, Okla., *Times*. "Then I looked in my rear-view mirror and there was another one. It had landed on the road about 500 yards behind us."

Roberts swung his car around to pursue the grounded object, but it disappeared "like somebody had switched off a light."

The first, bright red object alternately brightened and dimmed while the one that landed "was a real brilliant blue and it had a constant glow." The airborne UFO "would sort of dart in and out when we moved," but it flew away as the car approached. At other times, "it would zig-zag out in front of us and dart around." Then it flew off and disappeared.

"I can't explain what they were, but I am convinced there is some sort of UFOs out there," Roberts said. "I couldn't believe anything else after what I saw this morning."

Twenty-four hours later -- at 1:30 a.m., November 17 -- Mrs. Janice Boyd and Mrs. Willa Selsor were awakened from their sleep near Fairland, Okla., by a sound "like the beep of a computer and the frantic barking" of dogs. They observed "a large, burnt, orange-colored object" that flew "in tight circles" west to east over the house. Then it stopped and descended, stated the *Grove (Okla.) Sun*, November 22, 1973.

"It appeared to have a dark platform structure around its perimeter with the light inside the platform," Mrs. Boyd remarked.

The Miami, Okla., *News-Record*, November 18, 1973, said the object settled on or near the ground and disappeared several hours later.

The state of Tennessee had its reports. (See *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. III, No. 9, p. 5).

Police Spot Lights

Sheriff Lewis Gitchell, Deputy Sheriff Myron Kissell, and others observed two lights move up and to the southwest near Ripley at about 9:05 p.m., September 26, according to the Dyersburg, Tenn., *State Gazette*, September 27, 1973. The larger of the lights emitted a beam that moved from one position to the other.

Mrs. Brenda Holden and Mrs. Johnny Sealy were driving near Southaven on the evening of October 17 when they observed two round objects as "big as an airplane."

"As we entered the expressway," Mrs. Holden stated in the Memphis, Tenn., *Press Scimitar*, October 18, 1973, "one came up on the left, shined its two headlights on us and then backed off."

The object descended "and shone with a tremendous amount of light" while the second "was so close we could see... silver metal." Both objects had two headlights and smaller red and blue lights.

Mrs. Holden said other witnesses stopped to view the UFOs.

A UFO was observed shortly after two power outages in northeastern Massachusetts on the morning of October 24, stated the October 25, 1973, edition of the Boston, Mass., *Morning Globe*. The outages -- at 3:10 a.m. and 3:19 a.m. -- were on lines between Tewksbury and Woburn and Somerset and West Medway, according to Boston Edison Co.

At around 7 p.m., October 27, Frank Aubrey, a Burns Detective Agency security guard, observed a bluish-white, cigar-shaped object hovering over the American Science and Engineering plant, which manufactures parts for the Skylab space program, in Woburn, the Woburn *Times*, October 29, 1973, stated. The UFO, emitting "a loud humming sound," was 25

feet long and 10 feet in diameter and had a whitish-yellow light on top. It left after about 30 minutes.

Texas was also invaded by flying objects.

● October 22. About 8:15 p.m. Ft. Worth. A 15-member university astronomy class and its instructor, Lawrence Brown, observed a flat object "with a dull finish" zig-zag from west to east at an estimated 4,000 m.p.h., the October 23, 1973, edition of the Ft. Worth *Press*, said. At 9 p.m., in nearby Brownwood, the police department communications system blacked out as objects were spotted in the area. Among the witnesses was Dave Fair, KEAN Radio news director.

● October 23. 2:24 a.m. San Antonio. International Airport radar began tracking a sphere-shaped UFO with flickering colored lights, but lost contact at 2:35, when it descended below 800 feet, the San Antonio *News*, October 23, 1973, stated. FAA air tower controllers, Police Officer Wayne Davis, and others were among the witnesses. Pilots flying Braniff International and Eastern Airlines planes also viewed it. Both pursued it and the Braniff pilot got to within half a mile of it before the object "descended rapidly." Other witnesses reported the UFO landed.

● November 13. Around 6:45 p.m. Near Poteet. An unidentified man reported seeing a UFO that hovered over his car while "tall, thin, green occupants" attempted to stop it, said the November 14, 1973, edition of the Austin, Texas, *American-Statesman*. Acid dropped from the object burned some paint off the automobile, the man stated. Department of Public Safety Information Officer Richard Grimmitt said, "We did verify damage to his vehicle."

A witness in Georgia had an incredible encounter with a UFO. (See *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. III, No. 6, p. 1, No. 7, p. 3, and No. 8, p. 7).

It was the evening of October 20. Henry Lewis and other family members were near Albany when they spotted an object with blinking dome lights. Then, incredibly, the UFO emitted a light onto the car, causing the vehicle to stop.

"I mean dead," Lewis recounted in the October 25, 1973, edition of the Albany *Herald*. "Everything stopped in my car. Everything went out. It blew every fuse in the car."

The automobile was lifted off the road while Lewis frantically blew the horn.

"I know it picked that car up off the ground," he remarked, "and I know it turned me loose, and I don't think it meant to harm me."

Sightings from Alabama were reported. (See *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. III, No. 7, p. 4).

Object Hovers Over Boat

On the evening of September 15, Ed Bruner, a World War II pilot, and a friend were fishing in a river near Montgomery when they saw an object "the size of a washtub" that followed them 10 miles down the river. Reaching shore, the men entered their car and headed home. Four UFOs followed them.

"They were on the level of the treetops and had red lights blinking," Bruner stated in the Montgomery *Advertiser*, September 17, 1973. "Then they just went away in an instant."

Bruner added he and his friend were fishing in Lake Jordan about two weeks before when a similar object hovered over their boat.

On or about the evening of September 15, Police Officer Gary Clayton and his wife saw a large disc "about the size of a car" with multi-colored lights near Carrville. The object "made a slight ringing noise like bells jingling."

"Then the thing just took off... and disappeared," Clayton explained in the September 20, 1973, edition of the Birmingham, Ala., *News*. "And so did me and my wife. We lit out down the road for home."

Residents later discovered burned grass in the area and Carrville authorities asked Auburn chemists to analyze it.

A UFO was tracked on radar at Eglin Air Force (AF) Base, Fla., on the evening of October 17 while witnesses saw four objects traveling in formation between Milton and

Crestview, stated the Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., *Playground News*, October 19, 1973. Early the following morning, Eglin personnel saw "a bright, glowing ball of light" pacing an AF C-130 aircraft.

On the morning of October 23, a woman near Russell Springs, Ky., walked outside to feed her dogs when she saw two small, red creatures approximately three feet tall standing on her carport, the Russell Springs *Times-Journal*, October 25, 1973, reported. After spotting the woman, the creatures walked around the side of a house, entered a landed, washtub-shaped craft, took off, and disappeared. Sheriff Wendell Wilson confirmed the ground and grass had been disturbed at the alleged landing site.

There was a sighting in Mississippi. (See *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. III, No. 7, p. 1, No. 8, p. 7, and No. 9, p. 2).

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Burt and Police Officer Charles Barranco, of Grenada, spotted a bright orange disc with "six prongs extending from it" that alternately dimmed and brightened, moved erratically, and shot out "a long light" on the evening of October 1.

"It looked like it divided to the north and another object the same size separated at a 45-degree angle," Mrs. Burt stated in the October 2, 1973, edition of the Grenada *Sentinel-Star*. "The second object went toward the earth behind some trees."

Terry Gross and Dave Ganje were driving near Mobridge, S.D., on the evening of November 26 when they observed an orange object above the city dump, according to the *Mobridge Tribune*, November 29, 1973. The UFO hovered, then moved over a lake.

Gross, owner of a flying service, and Ganje, a pilot, rushed to the airport and took off in a small plane. They saw the UFO below them, over the lake. It reflected a reddish light off the surface of the lake.

The object followed the curve of the lake, then headed west "at great speed." The plane gave chase at 200 m.p.h., but the UFO easily outdistanced it.

Michigan continued to be visited by the strange craft. (See *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. III, No. 7, p. 6, and No. 8, p. 4).

An unidentified woman was driving near Charlevoix at about 11:40 p.m., September 7, when she saw a round, near-blinding object with nine antennae that swerved toward her, alarming her other passenger, a dog, said the Charlevoix *Courier*, September 13, 1973. First seen above some utility lines, the UFO, estimated to be 75 feet in diameter, hovered just above the car, then disappeared behind some trees to the south.

On the evening of October 17, Police Officer William Notro, Shirley Shanahan, and others spotted a reddish-orange UFO that alternately dimmed and brightened in Gloversville, N.Y., according to the Utica, N.Y., *Observer-Dispatch*, October 21, 1973. The object moved erratically, then diminished in size and flew east. While the UFO was overhead, Notro reported, "there was a lot of static" on his radio.

An incident in Ohio was reported. (See *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. III, No. 7, p. 6, No. 8, p. 5, and No. 9, p. 4).

At about 8:30 p.m., November 9, near New Albany, several motorists saw a disc with multi-colored lights that beamed a light onto some parked cars, stated the Columbus (Ohio) *Evening Dispatch*, November 10, 1973. Then it "shot straight up and out of sight."

UFO COLLEGE COURSES IN PROGRESS

UFOs are the main subject of college courses in New York and California.

"Borders of Science" is offered at the State University of New York at Albany by Dr. Robert F. Creegan, philosophy professor and member of the *National Enquirer's* UFO panel. According to Dr. Creegan, in a letter to UFOR, UFOs comprise 50%-75% of the course, offered for the third time during the Spring 1974 semester, and there is already an initial enrollment of nearly 100 students.

Dr. Creegan said, "So far we have covered: (a) the Greenbank Formula -- a statistical appraisal of probabilities for a number of centers of intelligence in the galaxy; (b) Project Cyclops -- a proposal for 'hardware' for radio listening and transmitting in probes for extraterrestrial intelligence; (c) description of some classical UFO reports; (d) description of some recent reports."

An analysis of the views of the late Dr. James E. McDonald, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Aime Michel, Wilbert Smith, Dr. Edward U. Condon, and others will be among the topics discussed as well as the psychological, sociological, and official secrecy aspects of the subject.

Allegedly the first college class for credit anywhere in the nation on UFOs commenced at Moorpark College, Calif., on February 4, stated the January 3, 1974, edition of the Oxnard, Calif., *Press Courier*. "The Literature of the UFO" is taught by James Staley.

Major questions concerning UFO sightings will be studied and various theoretical approaches to answering these questions will be presented:

FANTASTIC ABDUCTION CASE REVEALED

Startling details on the Dionisio Yanca case have been reported. (See *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. III, No. 8, p. 1). On November 3, 1973, Yanca was changing a flat tire on his truck in the vicinity of Bahia Blanca, Argentina, when he saw a UFO that emitted three creatures, one of which touched him, apparently rendering him unconscious.

On January 19, the newspaper *La Nacion* revealed six doctors in Bahia Blanca have been treating Yanca for unexplained nervous shock since the incident. Utilizing hypnosis and the truth serum, sodium pentothal, the doctors elicited a bizarre story from the witness. He said he was abducted on board the spacecraft for an hour and a half by the creatures from another galaxy.

Yanca remarked the UFO connected one hose to high tension wires and another to a small lagoon, apparently to take on electric power. According to *La Nacion*, the local electric company reported a sharp and unexplained surge in power consumption at the time.

The aliens, Yanca added, had humming voices made intelligible by a loudspeaker and predicted the earth would undergo "grave events" in the future. They said they had been attempting since 1960 to determine whether man could survive in their galaxy if the earth were destroyed.

The alleged incident occurred on the same day near the same place six Navy technicians in a control tower near Bahia Blanca tracked a UFO. (See *UFO Research Newsletter*, Vol. III, No. 8, p. 1).

HUGE OBJECT SPARKS CONTROVERSY

Photographs of a huge, bright, mushroom-shaped UFO taken by scientists aboard a Concorde supersonic jet on June 30, 1973, while tracking a solar eclipse over Africa, have sparked a debate in France. Is the object merely a cloud or is it the real thing? Since the pictures were shown on national television on January 31, many viewers have called local stations to say they thought the UFO to be a cloud, stated a UPI wire story dated February 1, 1974. Some scientists, at least, don't agree.

"Study of enlarged prints indicates the object was at an altitude higher than the 56,000 feet of the Concorde and had a diameter of at least 660 feet," Serge Koutchmy, an astrophysicist with the National Scientific Research Center, said.

Both Koutchmy and Claude Poher, a National Center of Space Studies official, listed the object as a UFO.

ASTRONAUT BETS ON UFOs

U.S. Navy Capt. John W. Young, who walked on the moon as an Apollo 16 astronaut, stated the odds favor the existence of UFOs, said the November 28, 1973, edition of the *Greensboro (N.C.) Daily News*.

"If you bet against it, you'd be betting against an almost sure thing," Young commented. "There are so many stars that it's mathematically improbable that there aren't other life sources in the universe."

Since UFOR still has numerous reports from the latest sighting flap, *UFO Research Newsletter* will be ready for mailing on or about March 15, 1974.