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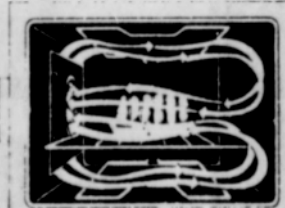
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'Close encounters' told

Although Dr. J. Allen Hynek's fame perhaps has increased tenfold following his assistance in making the film, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," the doctor has been studying UFOs for 30 years now.

And Hynek, technical adviser for one of the science-fiction hits of the year, claims at least four out of five well-reported UFO sightings can be explained rationally.

But he claims the fifth cannot.

Hynek will examine these unexplained sightings April 28 at 8 p.m. in the Mt. Hood Community College gymnasium. The program includes slide illustrations.

Hynek coined the terms "close encounters of the first, second and third kind" in his 1972 book, "The UFO Experience—A Scientific Inquiry." The phrases prompted the movie's title.

Widely recognized as this planet's leading expert on the UFO phenomenon, Hynek has pioneered research and writing on the subject. He is presently professor of astronomy at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.

Prior to moving to Northwestern, Hynek was associate director of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory in Cambridge, Mass., where he was in charge of the U.S. Optical

Satellite Tracking Program. He was responsible for the precise tracking on man's first artificial satellite, as well as for some 270 volunteer "Moonwatch" stations in various countries.

From 1948 until 1969, Hynek served as astronomical consultant to Project Blue Book, an Air Force program dedicated to the collection and investigation of all reports of UFO sightings. About the project he says, "I started off as an outright 'debunker', taking great joy in cracking what seemed at first to be a puzzling cases. I was the arch enemy of those 'flying saucer' groups and enthusiasts' who very dearly wanted UFOs to be interplanetary."

"My transformation was gradual," he continues, "but by the late 60s it was complete. Today I would not spend one further moment on the subject of UFOs if I didn't seriously feel that the UFO phenomenon is real and that efforts to investigate and understand it, and eventually solve it, could have a profound effect—perhaps even be the springboard to a revolution in mankind's outlook on the universe."

Hynek's work with the UFO problem continued actively after the Air Force closed its Project Blue Book. Working with other scientists studying the UFO phenomenon, he established the Center for UFO Studies in 1973 with the primary objective of promoting serious UFO research.

Hynek is now the scientific director of the center which provides a central clearinghouse to which all persons, official or private, can report UFO experiences, without fear of ridicule or unwanted publicity, but with assurance that all reports will be given serious investigative consideration by qualified experts.

Worldwide, there are an average of 100 sightings every 24 hours, one every 15 minutes—several of these reports remain truly

unidentified. The largest number of reported sightings are between 9 p.m. and 3 a.m. with peak months being July, August, and October, even in those parts of the world whose seasons are the reverse of the Northern Hemisphere's.

Hynek defines a UFO as "the reported sighting on an object of light in the sky or on land that remains unidentified after close study by technical experts."

The astronomer has devised a classification system based solely on what is reported and observed. Three of the classifications, nocturnal lights, daylight disks, and radar indicated, refer to sightings at a distance from the observer.

The other three classifications consist of the sightings that occur very close at hand or within the observer's own frame of reference, say within a few hundred feet. These are the close encounters.

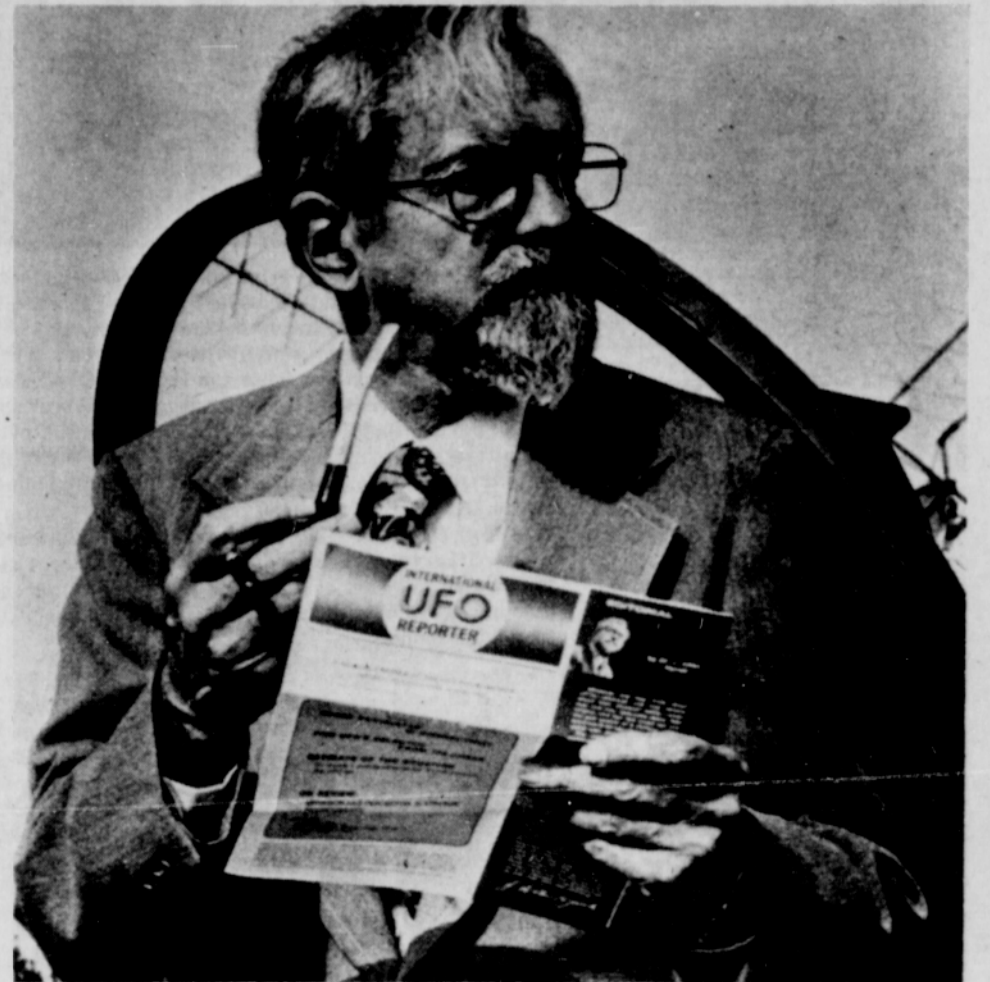
Close encounters of the first kind are sightings at a very close range, but with no interaction with the environment other than trauma on the part of the observer.

Close encounters of the second kind refer to physical evidence found at the site of an observation. These include effects on animals and inanimate material, burn marks, vegetation pressed down, car engines killed, and electric lights dimmed or

extinguished. Close encounters of the third kind are actual contacts with the UFO occupants. These are the most extraordinary of the close encounters—actual sighting and contact with "UFO" beings.

Hynek projects that the long-awaited solution to the UFO problem will provide a mighty and totally unexpected quantum jump in human understanding.

Tickets for Hynek's presentation are available at the college bookstore on the Gresham campus. Bookstore hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday with evening hours from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday.



DR. J. ALLEN HYNEK, technical adviser for the film, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," and UFO researcher for

30 years, will present a slide-illustrated UFO program April 28 at Mt. Hood Community College.

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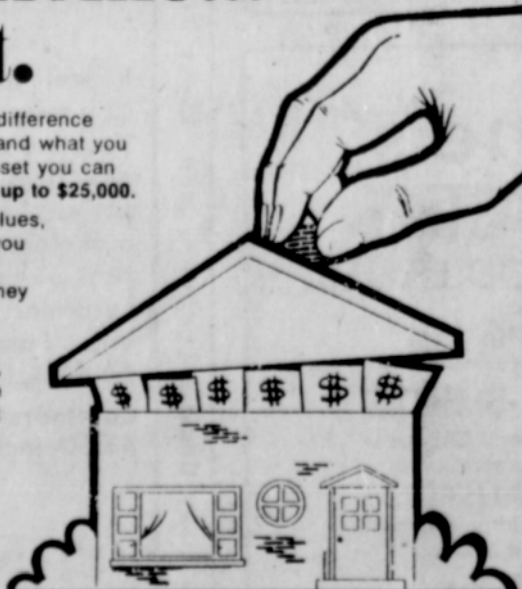
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Monday, April 24

Spaghetti with

meat sauce

Tossed green salad

French dressing

Cinnamon twist

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Tuesday, April 25

Hot dog on a bun

French fries

Catsup

Carrot sticks

Orange wedges

Milk

Wednesday, April 26

Chili beans

Celery sticks

Corn bread with

honey butter

Mixed fruit

Milk

Thursday, April 27

Fried chicken

Seasoned green beans

Bread and butter

Peach cobbler

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Friday, April 28

Barbeque beef on

a biscuit
Vegetable salad
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Monday, April 24

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Tuesday, April 25

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