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## 'Can you identify the aircraft?'

# Pilot reports UFO, disappears

United Press International  
MELBOURNE — "It isn't an aircraft. It's . . ."

Moments after pilot Frederick Valentich told an Australian control tower an unidentified flying object with four green lights was chasing him, radio transmission was cut off, and nothing more was heard from the 20-year-old pilot or his single-engine Cessna 182.

A full-scale search by the Australian Air Force resumed Monday for the plane — and its lone occupant — whose last known position was over the Bass Strait, 130 miles south of Melbourne.

Transport Department spokesman Kenneth Williams said Valentich radioed Melbourne Flight Service Control Saturday at 7:06 p.m. (5:06 a.m. EDT Sunday) and reported a UFO was following him at 4,500 feet.

He described his pursuer as "a green light and sort of metallic light on the outside."

Ground control said there was no air traffic in the area below 5,000 feet.

Valentich disagreed. "It has four bright lights — appear to be landing lights. Aircraft has just passed over me about 1,000

feet above," he said.

"Can you identify the aircraft?" control asked.

"It isn't an aircraft. It's . . ." Then silence.

Two minutes later, Valentich's voice rasped over the radio again.

"Melbourne, it's approaching from due east toward me. It seems to be playing some sort of game. Flying at a speed I cannot estimate. It is flying past. It is a long shape. Cannot identify more than that. Coming for me right now. It seems to be stationary. I'm orbiting (circling) and the thing is orbiting on top of me also. It has a green light and sort of metallic light on the outside."

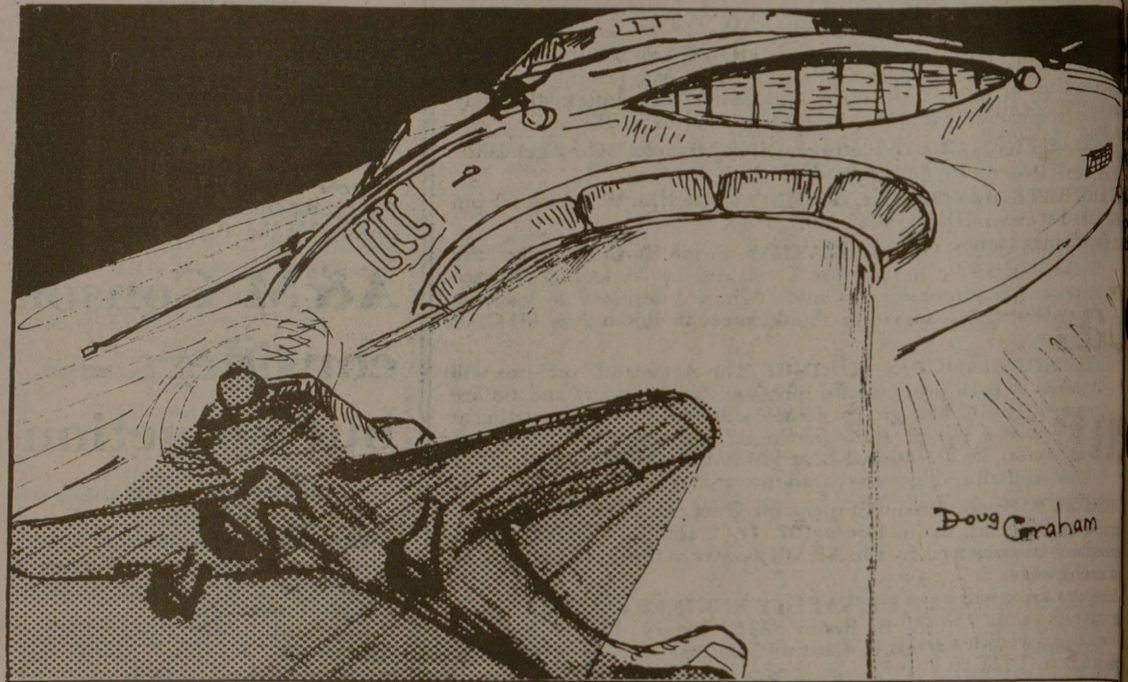
Suddenly, Valentich reported his engine was choking.

Metallic scratching replaced the pilot's voice. Then there was no sound at all.

When the aircraft did not arrive at King Island on schedule, investigators began an air search, but found no sign of the aircraft.

Air force planes sighted an oil slick about 18 miles north of King Island, but Transport officials said it was not made by a light aircraft.

An Air Transport official said Valentich had been flying for 18 months and was accumulating hours for a



commercial pilot's license. "It is possible that he could have become disoriented," the official said. "The aircraft could have inverted and he could have seen the

reflections of the Cape Otway and King Island lighthouses on the clouds above him."

He also said the Cessna's engine would fail if it was flown upside

down. Valentich's father said his son had been interested in UFO's for many years, and reported sightings about 10 months ago.

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## Off-campus students' week set

By SUSAN SHILLINGS  
Battalion Reporter

Hassle Free will be conducting a series of activities each day this week for assistance and entertainment for all Texas A&M University students.

Hassle Free is an off-campus service group sponsored by the Department of Student Affairs.

Gaines West, students' legal adviser at Texas A&M, started the week of Monday with a Landlord-Tenant Law Seminar.

This session included skits and questions and answers concerning students' problems with their land-

lords. West answered questions concerning leases, repairs, roommates and security deposits.

Hassle Free representatives performed skits before each category. The session was in front of the Rudder Tower fountain.

Today, the Free-U course "How to live on less," will be at 7:30 p.m.

Everything from "A cookbook for the bachelor in all of us" to "How to get invited out to eat" will be included in this session.

in Room 401, Rudder Tower. Everything from "A cookbook for the bachelor in all of us" to "How to get invited out to eat" will be included in this session. Only those who have

already signed up for this Free-U course are allowed to go.

The bubble gum blowing contest is scheduled for Wednesday at noon in front of the Rudder Tower fountain. Everyone is invited to attend.

Only the first 25 people who arrive will be allowed to compete in the contest. Prizes will be given for the first three places. The first place winner will receive a dinner for two at a local restaurant; second place will receive a gift certificate from a sporting goods store; and third place will receive one free dinner at a restaurant.

A roommate session is scheduled for 3-5 p.m. Thursday in the Memorial Student Center. The men will meet in Room 137 C and the women

in Room 137 A. This session will be for students who need roommates for the spring semester.

Hassle Free representatives are planning several parties this week.

A roommate session is scheduled for 3-5 p.m. Thursday in the Memorial Student Center.

An official monitored information concerning these parties, go by the Hassle Free headquarters in the MSC.

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## Strip mining damages hold 'high potential'

United Press International  
HOUSTON — A federal official has warned that strip mining Texas lignite coal carries a high potential for environmental damage. The study by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service says the conservation community and the public should be more involved in lignite development. Recent changes in state and federal laws permit more public involvement in the issuing of permits for strip mining, the study said.

The study said Texas now has lignite-fueled electric power plants in operation, and at least others are scheduled for construction. With more than 10 billion tons of near-surface lignite, Texas is expected to be one of the nation's major coal-producing states in 1985.

However, the report said the potential for environmental damage is high because much of the lignite deposits lie in the wooded, wildlife-rich eastern portion of the state. Aquatic life in Texas streams could suffer from acid drainage and erosion turbidity from the strip mining, as well as from impoundment streams to make power plant cooling lakes.

The report states that wildlife faces adverse effects from the stream cooling lakes which often destroy prime habitat along wooded stream lowlands. Strip mining destroys large areas of land that provide food and cover for wildlife, the study said. It said fueling a 1,000 megawatt lignite power plant on its 35-year life would require stripping of about 21,000 acres.