

No put-on

Grant helps finance study of UFOs

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The Canada Council has awarded a \$6,000 grant to John W. Musgrave of Edmonton to finance an historical study of sightings of unidentified flying objects in Canada.

"It's not a put-on," said Paul-Emile Leblanc, head of the council's explorations program. "It's a serious study."

Mr. Musgrave has a master's degree in science and teaches at Athabasca University in Edmonton. He has been interested in UFOs for some time.

He intends to study newspaper clippings, journals and local histories and to follow up with personal interviews with people who have sighted strange things in the sky.

The grant will cover his travelling expenses.

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Mystery time

The sighting of unidentified flying objects, or UFOs, by a host of people has brought an element of mystery, gaiety and harmless speculation to our age. A Canada Council grant of \$6,000 to an Edmonton scientist who wants to do a study of the sightings shouldn't be lightly dismissed.

Whether or not little men — perhaps they're leprechauns — have been visiting from outer space, a lot of people think they've seen spaceships. Some even think they've seen the voyagers themselves. If these experiences are recorded, it will help historians 100 years hence to understand what kind of people we were.

Perhaps it's just as well that we won't be around to hear their judgment.