

Ed thinks that Erie is a cosmic kind of town

by Ed Miseta

Last week I read an article in the Erie paper which left me quite shaken. It seems a U.F.O. landed in the Soviet Union, out of which emerged three space aliens.

They were large (over ten feet tall), wore some type of silver outfit, and had three eyes. One of them carried a tube-like weapon which he used to zap a Soviet boy, causing the lad to disappear. They then got back in the ship and took off. The story was substantiated by law enforcement officers and even appeared in Tass, the official Soviet news service.

I felt a little weird after reading it and later that night had a dream which also dealt with aliens.

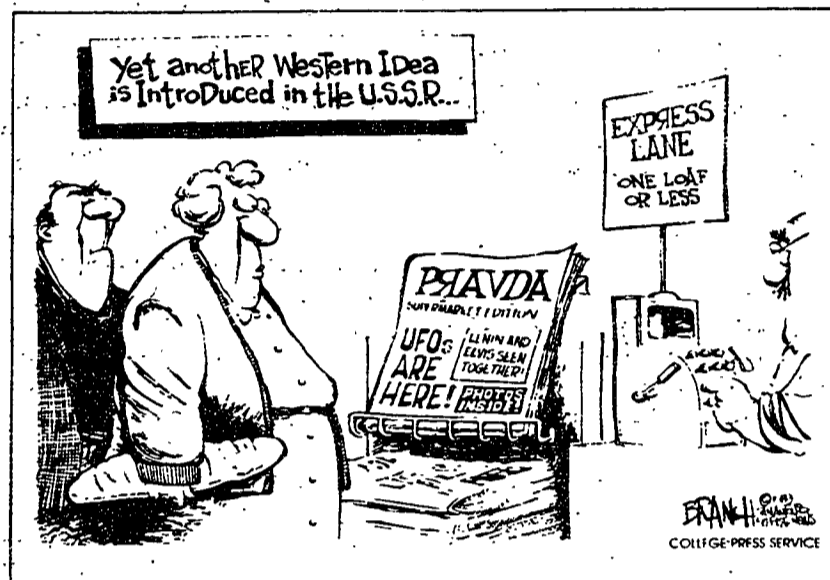
I was in downtown Erie standing in front of an old, rundown building that had broken windows and was all boarded up. I couldn't tell which building it was, since this description fits several buildings on State Street. I suddenly heard a loud humming noise and looked up to see a U.F.O. coming towards me. It was very large, round, and shiny. In fact, it sort of resembled Elizabeth Taylor covered with galls of Wesson oil.

It kept coming closer until finally it was hovering just a few feet away from me. A hatch opened up and out came an alien. Like the aliens spotted in the Soviet Union, this one was very large, silvery, and had three eyes. Across his chest was a small

label which contained what I assumed was his name: LU 2-LEO. Upon exiting the saucer he immediately began telling me his problems. It seems he was the leader on his home planet for twenty years, but the populace eventually threw him out, claiming he did not provide them with any leadership.

"That's amazing" I told him. "Erie also has a leader with

jobs that have been new to the Erie Area in the last twenty years are in fast food restaurants and at Katie's Health Spa down on 16th and State. Work in the former and your face breaks out. Work in the latter and you get AIDS. A few years ago one of the most popular pastimes in Erie was guessing which manufacturing firm on 12th street would be the next to close it's doors."



similar name, who has not provided us with any leadership in twenty years."

He seemed relieved to know that he was not the only "worthless" politician in the universe. He went on to say his constituents were also upset that their local economy was not properly developing.

"That's another thing we have in common" I said. "Erie's economy is like pond water, only it doesn't move as fast. The only

"But we have other problems too" He added. "our planet does not pull in visitors like we used to, so now our hotels sit empty. And what's worse, my colleagues seem to ignore all this, pretending it's not happening. We have three eyes because one sees all the good that goes on, one sees all the bad that goes on, and one sees only what the viewer wants to see."

"Unfortunately, my board members use that third eye most

often."

"That's nothing" I said. "Our council members all have two eyes, yet use both of them to see only what they want to see. To them, crime, poverty, and budget deficits are non-existent in our city. They certainly never do anything about them. And speaking of hotels, we have one on 10th and Peach that has been there approximately fifteen years and has yet to have anyone sleep in it. Every year it goes bankrupt and is sold to a new owner."

"Perhaps you could turn it into housing for the elderly" he said.

"That's just what we need" I replied. "Erie is already the elderly housing capital of the world. We probably sell more Geritol, per capita, than any other state in the U.S."

"But what about your roads?" he asked "And all that lake front property?"

"Well," I said, "the city has just started work on a new bayfront highway that our leaders have been talking about building ever since the Chinese first started talking about building a wall around their country. And although Erie is Pennsylvania's only port on the great lakes, our bayfront is as bare as Mother Hubbard's cupboard."

"I guess ineffective leadership is a problem throughout the universe" he said.

"I'd have to agree with that," I replied.

He then thanked me for taking the time to talk with him, got back in the saucer, and took off. The gust of wind produced by the

liftoff blew a newspaper into my face. I looked at the headline which read:

'Police Hose Down Tammy Bakker, Find Jimmy Hoffa Underneath'. The thought of that was scary enough to snap me out of the dream. I just hope the next time I have one, it's about something much more pleasant. Maybe a holiday in Cambodia.

The Collegian is now accepting applications from students interested in serving as editor for spring of 1990. Interested persons should apply immediately by placing letters of application in The Collegian mailbox. Letters should include information about your past experience as well as an explanation of your personal philosophy of running a student newspaper. Deadline for applications is November 10.

SHRM speaker series gets under way

by Stan Lefes

Edward Pietkiewicz, Human Resource Director of Lake Erie Institute of Rehabilitation spoke at Behrend last Tuesday.

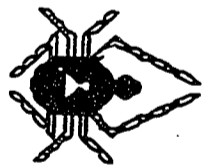
Pietkiewicz was brought here by the local chapter of Society of Human Resource Managers (SHRM) as part of its speaker series. In his speech, he stressed the importance of education and people/writing skills required in today's business world.

Pietkiewicz divided the audience of 40 students into four groups. These groups were charged with suggesting solutions to a human resource scenario. This was done as part of a demonstration of typical decisions that a human resource manager face in their job.

Pietkiewicz was the first in a series of speakers sponsored by SHRM. The program will run throughout the academic year for students interested in hearing from successful members of the local business community.

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