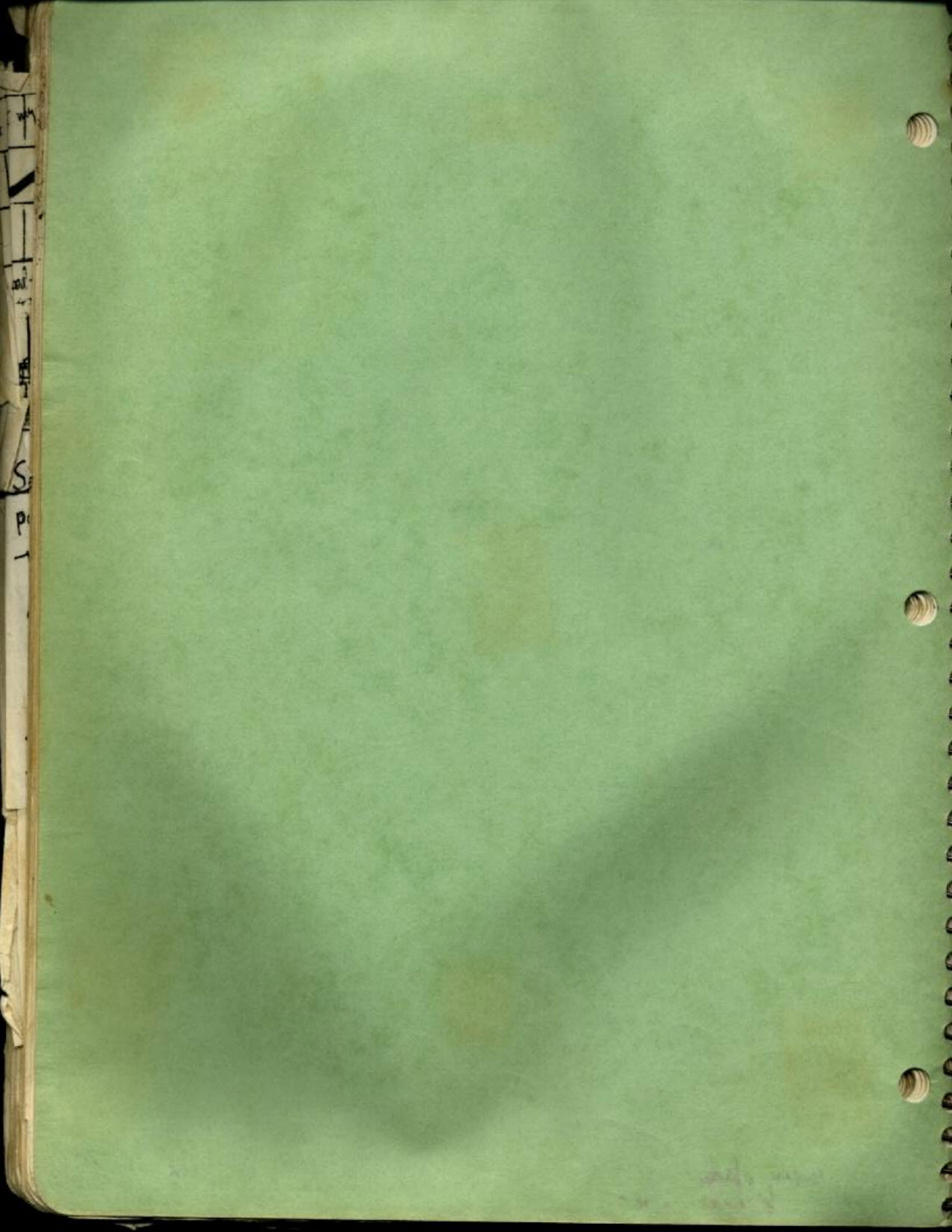


Log Book 7B

From 2/21/79
PLANETARY ROCKET LOG

to 3/13/79
PLANETARY ROCKET LOG



Tom contd.

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than to me (I hope): And certainly they have no place in the forum.

Extenuating (but not much) circumstances.

1) I was very tired & overworked. My father's Scotch-Irish temper has a bad tendency to come through at such times.

2) I tend to be somewhat (ha-ha) (over)protective of the forum. Maybe not over, who knows? Anyway all I know is that all of my friends* made since I have been at Scumby Brook (with the exception of a couple at Marine Science) have been made within 15 feet of this desk. So the forum is very important to me.

Pause for Question: Is it my imagination or is the atmosphere in the forum similar to Callahan's Bar? If so, do you think Spider Robinson was inspired by the forum?

IN CONCLUSION

I APOLOGISE TO ALL FOR INSULTING DIRECTLY A MEMBER OF THE FORUM (FRED) FOR VOICING AN IDEA REPUGNANT TO ME. I SHOULD HAVE CAST ASPARAGUS AT HIS OPINION, NOT HIM. I HOPE NOONES TOO PISSED.

* Linda I met in the Union but I was then (CONTD)
finding directions to the forum & he was attracted by the talk of SF & Wargames.

2) I have just finished a ~~real~~ really fun painting. It is pen, pencil, ink, brush (metal & hair), finger, acrylic, Xerox ballpoint, and white out. Examine it carefully and write below how long it took you to fathom its secret. I'll write in those who saw it while I was here.

THE BIG ACTOR! MYSTERY

LINDA
M. McL
IS A
COMPUTER

New
Bill

Banco
is
newest

Bill
Bill Ellerton
Bill Oll
Bill Allen
E. West Bill

Kurt - 45 sec

Larry - after 1 min he gave up

Joe Brenner - 25 secs.

Will - 35 sec

Billy Gasarch Monster - gave up

Bill (New) $2 \rightarrow$ sec with clues

Marlow - 1 min. Fred - 1 sec (honest)

Scott - 1 min

1 R-1pt - 65 sec

know Cl: Ford - gave up 120^+ sec

ALL Jim gave up 50+

ALONG

Jay Fader 54sec

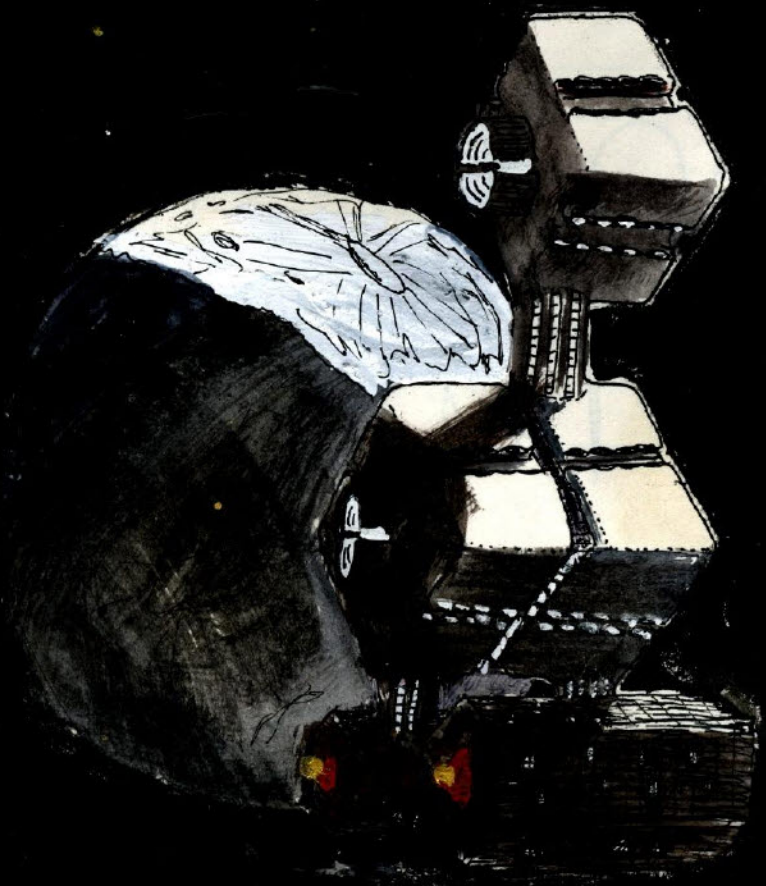
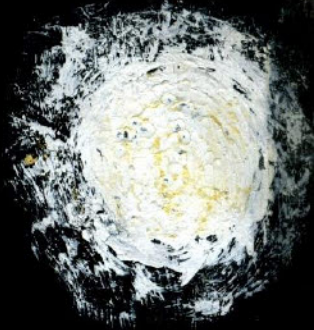
I don't know where I'll put - oh yes I do - the next page will one day have the picture mounted on it. In the meantime I'll paste it up for all to see

~~Faking that~~ Backing that is my flyer for Dr. Strangevel.

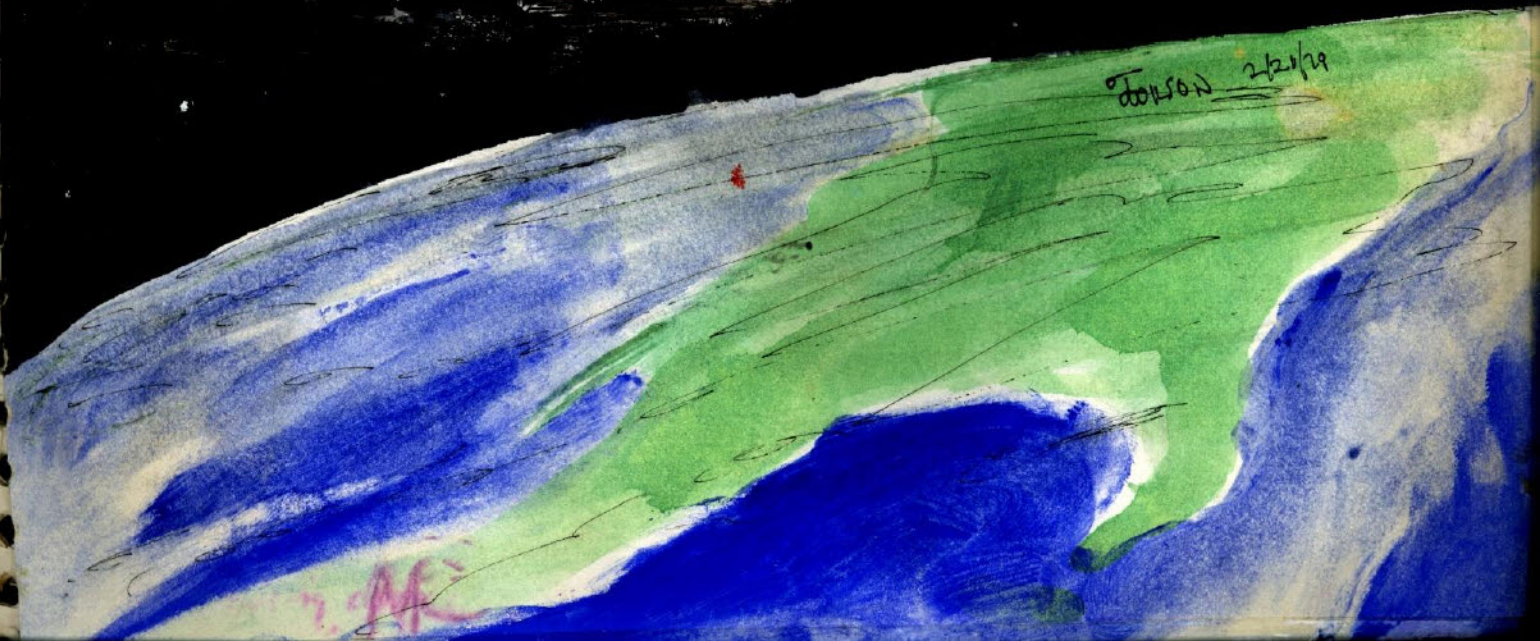
LINDA- You made a remark about our "slothful members". Well I don't know about yours, but mine sure isn't.

Off chuckling

TOM



Tolson 26/78



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P.S. Fred says Scott & Mark don't count - cause I had to give them broad hints. Judge for yourself.

TOM

P.P.S. I burned myself half to death this afternoon trying to fix Lisa's shoe. Everyone should be properly sympathetic

TOM

Lisa: I don't know what to say, I'm so mad. Where are you going. Yes. Don't you even ~~want~~ want to know what happened, I + doesn't matter. It's not funny. Ma Ma Ha. Actually it (ha) isn't (ha) even funny. Fred, (ha) (burp) (squelch). I almost did something I shouldn't. I'm having problems. I'm still mad it doesn't matter (hic) Oh God Oh no what are you going to do (Narhar) help I really wanted to tell everyone ~~something~~ something serious and here I am cracking up. TOM bb (snicker) Can I tell you? (snark)

~~Lisa is mad because her co-chairperson (in PUS!!)~~

I'm mad. Nora (my co-chairperson in PUS!!) just quit. I'm thinking of dissolving the club. No one gives a shit anyway.

(Fred) Eew! I just accidentally stuck my finger up Lisa's nose
(Yeech! Bleah! Gorf! Snork!)

I have a problem. does any one have an answer -

(Tom) Shoot em all! Death to the traitors!

(Linda) There should be someone who can go.

(Tom) If the club is so small and apathetic, your one persons effort might be better expended elsewhere. Especially if you are pissed at the situation anyway. So try something new & different; attempt to ~~make an "A"~~ ^{bring your} grade point above "C" level this semester **OUCH!!!**
ooo

(Lisa) God am I mad. I am really upset and dont know what to do.

(Linda) Not much to do. Resign, or call for help at the next meeting and see if anyone is interested in PUSH.

(Lisa) But we need an organization like this.

(Tom) But you cant carry the ball alone. That way lies scholastic disaster "Hit the Bull and Drag Charlie" doesnt work.

TOM (OH GOD!!! My foot asleep and and everyone is BEATING ON IT **OUCH! OW!**

GOF!
GOF!

AAAGH

OUCH!
ooo

SNORE!

WAUGH!

2/21
Kurt

Later
2:45 AM

I did get some work done; I might stay the night, Tom just left. His finger looks ugly. The one he burned looks even worse. **His Literals a**

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Everybody has left - what an evening! ... 3:25 AM ... Heavy nchl ... 4AM ... zzzzzzzzzz

Good Morning!! It is now 9 AM. My internal clock comes through for me again. Sleeping here aint that bad. Thank you whenever you are (I think it was Fred) for leaving a sleeping bag & pillow. I just noticed something, no matter what time it is it always looks like the same time in the Forum (must be the Twilight Zone). Well I'm going to get dressed and go home (in that order) Till next time Kurt

JE HOSHIAHAT! NOBODY MADE ANY FU-
TRIES THURSDAY EVEN IN 6!!

224 Joe Brenner Attention ARAICONERS with

2/23/79-F some time to blow:

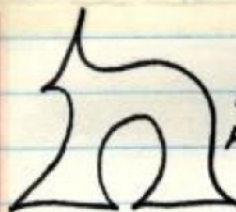
P.J. Plager is ~~an~~ one of the names that interested me most, on the ~~but I had~~ ARAICON Flyer, but I had only read one of his stories before (~~was~~ "wet blanket", in ~~an~~ an old Analog which the Forum does not have). I decided to double the number of his stories that I'd read, and found "Child of All Ages" in the March '75 ANALOG. I'm going to leave it on the desk for anyone who cares to see a Plager story before ARAICON.

Jeff - Donna or anyone who has minutes from the meeting where we voted for Strange Love. I need them to get money from Polity.

Z Just heard from Polity. We are no a club. Louis has managed to get you all de-registered. This means the SFF did not get 25 signatures on the form. Louis then went out and stole 25 honest signatures. I'm joining the SFLS, since I want to be a member of a real club.

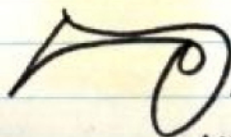
DATE	NAME	TIME	COMMENTS
2/23/79	Joe Brenner	6:21	Just heard from the infirmary. Fred has been judged psychotic. He has been having delusions that I de-registered you guys (which is impossible) and ex-post-facto invalidated your signatures (ditto). He has been entrusted to SFLS for treatment—we'll do our best.

To all who love "The Hunger Project." How do you feel about est? Is it a waste of money that could better be spent on "The Hunger Project." If you look on the back page of the book here, you will see that est provides funds to The Hunger Project.



O TIME TO WRITE. HAVE TO TAKE FRED & LISA TO PATHMARK.
HALF THE RUMORS ABOUT ME ARE TRUE. HALF ARE NOT.

AND DO YOU THINK BEAVERS WORK TOO HARD?



AND LUBKIN,
WOULDBE SCI-FI PULP AUTHOR

~~2/25/79~~ 2/25/79

All notes to David Lubkin can be sent via Fred Coulter (see latest address in whatever log book it appears)

I think we should subscribe to David's fanzine, as well as ~~Asst~~ fellow members in fandom Tom and Louis. These people (as SB students or alumni) are worthy of our support.

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Larry -

Larry

I have not been down here much lately - so here's some catching up.

Ton - IS "Zha-Zha" the girl ^{or woman} with whom you most want to go to bed with??? If so, you have unusual taste in women. Zha-Zha is in her 50's has had three face lifts, three divorces, three nose jobs. She'll probably only go to bed with you three times which is why she's had three divorces after the three guys gave her three broken noses and unlifted her face three times.

The more typical american dream is Cheryl Tiegs, Farrah-Fawcett or "Cassiopeia". Get hip, man. Groove with times. Dig the action. And, hey, get your shirt together man. Dig?

Ton - anyway the girl was very pretty (american dream type) and explained to me that the ring had great sentimental value for her (it was from an ex-boyfriend). After talking about jewelry and ex-boyfriends she appropriately expressed her gratitude.

Scott says, "Honesty works". What a naïve little twerp he is.

A famous american philosopher once said, "Nice guys finish last." His name was Leo Durocher. Leo must have studied under Nietzsche (I think there is a "Z" in his name!?!). Nietzsche preached the "superman" who realized that god is dead. Because god is dead a superman will not waste time on being nice. He is greedy and self-centered, though not necessarily mean and misanthropic. In short, the superman is a being which

is interested mainly in his own survival - "Great, I found a ring worth \$100. I'll sell it tomorrow".

Probably Nietzsche got a lot of his ideas from Darwin. Remember survival of the fittest?

To the person who wrote that I returned the ring "because deep down you are a nice person Larry" - You stupid, moronic, imbecile! Fuck you!!! I'm not nice! I'm a superman.

To the person who wrote "How do you know" that god won't reward you in the afterlife, - I have no reason to believe in E.S.P., U.F.O.s or life after death. I take that back. I do believe in ESP, UFOs and life after death. I also believe that there are subterranean beings, "molemen" I call ~~them~~ them, that have subterranean cities and eat silver and gold to stay alive. These molemen also eat copper, which is a subterranean aphrodisiac, which causes them to get very horny and rape their subterranean molewomen by licking their armpits. These molewomen, after submitting their armpits to being licked, get pregnant. In order to stop the pregnancy the molewomen hop up and down on one foot chanting an anti-pregnancy song.

I also believe there is a space ant colony in which engineer ants, scientist ants, and technician ants are working diligently on an ant solar power satellite. This satellite will beam down energy to Earth where the ants can collect the energy to run their ant-sized cars, washing machines, pin ball machines - all the things that make an ants life so pleasurable.

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BM

Heavy dose of something from Larry on page last. I'm not quite sure what the flavor is w/ed.

WHO PASTED MY PICTURE TO THE
LIBRARY DESK SEAT CUSHION. LOUIS

I HAVE NO DESIRE TO HAVE YOU
SIT ON MY FACE. While this is not true

for all Forum members, I'd prefer to have a choice
rather than have my face sat on in effigy by just

ANYONE.

Finished the dear (mostly) tonite. Needs some touchup,
but I'm pretty satisfied overall

REPLACEMENT OF
"FORUM" WITH "LIBRARY"
I.E.

Apricos was pretty good. Kurt, Joe Brenner, Will
& myself went. Good movies, good D&D tourney, Ben
Boval was lucid & interesting. Hockster room was
very small. Crowds were kinder this. I missed
the filksinging, except for hearing a trio on

"Science Fiction Double Feature" at the end.

That's about does it for the night.

Take care all
TOM

Will: Apricon was not the best.

Because of its low turnout, it lacked the vitality of most cons I've been to. Also the speakers were not great (except for Jim Baen (not Ben Bova,) who was very good. However, we did see several things that we would like to add to our con. They ~~showed~~ showed all movies twice, which is an excellent idea. We should look into getting Jim Baen for our con.

BEWARE.
IT IS COMING.
SOON!

As usual, depressed. In one fell swoop, Lisa & my room is turned into not-my room. No, the university did not catch on. It's a matter of interior decor. While I was at work, someone decided to 1) get rid of Goldie's bed 2) make the instruments impossible to get to & 3) get rid of Fred, all by switching the bed around. A moving

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However, Good News, I have the opening of a song written on the guitar. I am finally thinking on it.

Finis

2/26
Kurt

Murphy has struck again. I went home for the weekend to watch the eclipse. 2 telescopes, 5 cameras... but... lots + lots of CLOUDS!!

DAMN IT!! (Janet)

The next eclipse in North America won't be until I'm 57 years old
How depressing...

African needed more people. More on that at the meeting
Larry - It's been good to hear from you again. That was beautiful nonsense.

Attention!! I want everybody to place their suggestions for our next movie in the logbook. But you must find it in a catalogue first!!

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TOM

No one has written in the log since I read it last - what a bummer. I'm exhausted and will have to save ~~the~~ enlightening discourse for later

Ps. Marlow is testing the limits of my ignorance in biochemistry
Sigh.

Sometime write,
TOM

A-HA!!! I just figured out a hard one

YIPPEE!
Tom

J. Brenner

ZERO TIME!

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2/27/79-TV

As usual...

MSM 132 Calc. Test: Beediculous. Orders of magnitude harder than all MSM 131 exams w/ no fore-warning that it would be so. Completed about half of it, but others I know completed around one question.

My fate is in the hands of the All Mighty Curve.

I walked in a minute ago and forgot the new-new-bill's name. I apologize deeply. It's OK - Everyone else does, too Bf

APAICON: Will's opinion may have been influenced by the fact that he's only been to Comic Conventions.

Tom's opinion's were probably influenced by the fact he is a P+Der.

~~I thought~~

I thought it was OK, even though a little un~~exc~~iting, but a lot like LONACON's in that respect.

(~~Not~~ what may have influenced my opinion is that I knew no groups of SF people then: I had no ins to parties and such).

I'd like to write more (about Greg's aliens, about space colonies + conferences?), and book buying, but tis late I really must go.

2/27/79 ~~Letter~~ - looking back over your comments on my entry I am puzzled by your reticence to people in glass houses shouldn't throw stones, could you explain.

After a long interim that has elapsed since I last wrote about the Focussed View of T.V.S. (Technology, Values, and Society) perspective. Aside from the nuts and bolts problems of building the thing and making it work (which is possible if we want to do it) and the problems of getting a closed system ecology to survive (something which we haven't yet found can or can't be done, ~~more~~ research is still to be done to answer that question) An important question is the individual psychological impact of the environment. The first thing considered was the enclosed nature of the colony. This is one of the first situations where a voluntary group of people are restricted to a limited area with a reasonably large amount of work necessary to move beyond those limits. Parallels do exist as a matter of fact a large fraction of the people who have ever lived were born, lived, and died within a relatively small area. Another parallel is the colonists of the U.S. in the ~~late~~ mid 1600s. Every prison has people restricted to a much smaller volume than that of a habitat of the size one will talk about. Also along with this are problems caused by claustrophobic reactions and crowding. ~~But~~ I don't believe that the T.V.S. group gave enough credit to the resilience of the human psyche. Claustrophobic reactions were controlled in the case of submarines and those unsuitable were weeded out. Also may I point out that there couldn't be sex-separation and that population density should be about that of Rome. Thus I don't think the problems of enclosure are that impossible, as to the problems of living in a "technological cocoon" (as Don Ihde puts it) What do you think ~~habitation~~ is

the only other problem I can see coming up is the differences in the day today experience that happen differently on a habitat than on a planet. We didn't see many of these perhaps because we didn't look close enough in the right places from the right perspective. However barring some unforeseen mind-blowing difference, the psychological problems while here aren't insurmountable. To end up some psychological effects may even be positive, climate has a great effect on mood. I imagine never having to go through it with depression when winter is just starting to come on.

By the way to those who don't know the pugget hearing was 7:40 last Sunday, I was there and presented what I thought was a good case it is all in the committee's hands now. I shall also try to get the money back strongly out of P.S.C. (adifficULT to do)

so until next time
good night

Joe

Joe Brenner

2/28/79-W

It seems to me that psychology is still a tad too inexact to predict individual (or even mass) reaction to a hypothetical environment. When, and if, space colonies are constructed, some will like living on them and some won't. Those who criticize the lack of attention to ^{the} psychological aspects of space colonies seem to me to be saying that they don't think they would like to live there, and that's all. ((Linda - what exactly did you mean when you mentioned "psychological" aspects" last meeting?))

My impulse is to say that psychology should be ignored, but re-reading the above, I wonder if that really makes sense... (after all, ignoring psychology seems to be the policy of SB, and look at this place...).

This is what happens when you don't write first drafts for your log entries!

Greg - One ^{example} ~~thing~~ you didn't mention:
There are people living in Antarctic weather stations, on the other side of the Antarctic circle. The Days and Nights are six months there, so if there is a biological need for the 24 hour ~~cycle~~ cycle, it would be noticeable there.

"The slashing ~~for~~ epic of a mythic empire under siege and the heroic barbarians who toppled it!"

The above is a blurb to a monstrosity I would rather burn than catalogue, but eventually it will go on the shelves.

There are also Gothics, which technically may be fantasy, but I would rather stick with the mainstream books.

Anyway, all the books that need to be catalogued I have moved onto

the three empty shelves, (and come 239 to think of it, why are they empty? Didn't Marla move all the books to be sold onto those shelves? Did Louis shift them back again?)

In any case, ~~I~~ the books to be catalogued are there, ~~temporarily~~ for a while, (in alphabetic order) until ~~they~~ I have a chance to catalogue them.

(Have I been spelling catalogue right?)

Larry 2/28

I just had a productive discussion with JOE (B.). We've solved the energy crisis. A lot of people have given a lot of thought to "beaming down" microwave energy from satellites that collect solar energy. Any engineer (even me) should see the weakness of this proposal. The atmospheric attenuation of any electromagnetic energy is on the order of 10^{-15} . This means that if you beam down one million watts of microwave power on the earth you will receive one billionth ($\frac{1}{1,000,000,000}$) of a watt - one billionth of a watt is doodley squat.

JOE and I have modified the solar power satellite idea. We propose that instead of "beaming down" microwave energy we transmit electrical energy (~~via~~ electrons not photons) through a very thick cable attached to the satellite from Earth. The advantages of this are

- a) avoids the attenuation problem
- b) stimulates the cable-making industry
- c) eliminates the need for the space shuttle!

The space shuttle will no longer be necessary because we can climb the cables to get to space.

BECAUSE
TO PUT
BOOKS TO
BE SOLD
ON THOSE
SHELVES
WOULD BE
A WASTE
OF
TIME
AND
MONEY
TO GO
ON THE
TABLE

THAT ANSWER YOUR QUESTION

Twenty
~~Leaves~~ Dozen
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Kurt - Nobody came to visit me. He's a boring kinda guy.
I hope he's not your close friend.

Tom - I sat on your face and didn't even realize it till I got up. You're really a two dimensional kinda guy.

15 THRS¹ | Donna - I love you.

Linda - Kichy Kichy Kooooo.

28 Feb Donna Tom: Scott never needs broad hints. He's been doing fine with women (from what I've seen, any way) for quite some time now.

¹ THE SCAR OF SOMETHING | Larry - I love you too.

I wasn't at ^{the} last meeting because I felt asleep ~~thru~~ again. Been sleeping a lot for 1 or 2 days out of a bunch.

I'm still waiting for my post card from Jamaica.

AS WHAT? | Does anyone want to employ a blonde?

OK. I need to think of something perverse for controversial. Let's see...

Actually, I can think of tons of perversity, can sometimes even say perverse stuff but don't typically care to share it with an improperly screened audience. Tough noogies on you guys.

Larry says he didn't think you had it in you. Hmm. Where did
you think it was, Larry?

Evil Tom

Gee, I don't knowwww Larry

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Larry - It is nice to see your entries again. (as
that a pun? Oh, for shame, Donna!)

The Donna R. Ruetzmann Memorial Bookshelf
will fit nicely between the end of the wood and
cinder block shelves & the metal shelves.

W R
T R
W R?

Does anyone want to house, clothe & feed a blonde?

Has anyone read Anderson's Earth Book of Stargate?
How is it?

Let's declare Andra officially dead and chuck out
her crap. ~~SHE MIGHT DISRUPT HER FUNERAL~~

You all should have been with us at Bucky &
Werner Saturday. It was amazing! Fuller is a re-
markable man. I myself was not overly impressed
with Werner but that is neither here nor there.

Linda here having a nervous breakdown! no time to
explain but I won't be here for my shift because I
have a calc. test.

10:08 pm 2/28

Tom at the pen. Some entries. Wheee! I can read/write
instead of studying for my geol. oc. test tomorrow.

Linda is studying (3). She says she bombed her calc. test. TSK TSK

Joe - 2nd semester calc. always takes everyone by surprise.

Prepare for a rough go of it. My first semester of calc. I got
a "B", second semester I barely passed.

To all - The preproposal for the colonization conference looks
interesting. I am fairly sure the possibility exists for a
successful conference - but there wouldn't be that much SF

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in it. It remains to be seen whether the SKF has the inclination to pursue this conference, possibly (but not absolutely, depends on effort) to the exclusion of BROOKCON III.

I think the psychology is less trouble than the ecology of a space colony. (Typical reaction from an ecologist) Larry Slobodkin, right on this campus, is one of the greatest ecologists of our time. He has done some work on this problem, to wit, the necessity for some critical size before an ecosystem works. Consider*

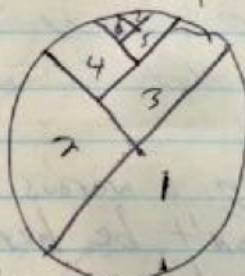
1) Take a pond. In the water of the pond is a great assemblage of plankton. Put a glass barrier across the pond

And wait a while



Chances are the phytoplankton won't change much, if at all. Keep cutting the pond in half though until you get this

And wait a while
(several days)



and you will find that as the area gets smaller, the diversity of the plankton will decrease ~~until~~ until in the smallest areas maybe only one or two species are still alive. So this ecosystem apparently has a great dependence on size, even though the ~~smallest~~ smallest division of the pond is many times larger than the plankton being considered

In the same ~~vein~~ vein; if you go into a forest and drive a barrier into the ground to a depth of six inches or so, and thusly enclose the soil

* This is somewhat paraphrased from one of his lectures.

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microfauna (mites and such), the size of the enclosure has made to do with the resulting change. Drive a fence around a 100 foot square, and nothing will happen. But a 3 foot square will become void of life in days.

(Me again) → ~~Microfauna~~ "closed ecologies" may be possible, but they are not easy to set up. ~~Ecology~~ ^{Ecosystems} tend to lose stability and resilience as they decrease in size. A closed system inside a 10 mile diameter colony might be a trick several orders of magnitude harder than simply building a structure up there.

Larry - you're full of shit if you think the atmosphere attenuates 10^{-15} !!! It's more like 10^{-2} and that's an average figure for visible light. You can select a microwave frequency that will slip in with less than 10^{-1} loss. Just pick a nice spot off a high absorption peak.

An interesting idea - what if atmosphere did attenuate 10^{-15} ? Since solar flux on a good day is about $1 \text{ cal/cm}^2 \text{ sec}$ at the surface that would mean that it is $10^{15} \text{ cal/cm}^2 \text{ sec}$ above the atmosphere. This means a satellite up there would be exposed to about as much energy as if it were at ground zero of a hydrogen explosion (fusion, dummies $\text{not } 2\text{H}_2 + \text{O}_2 \Rightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$). ~~that~~ Must ask Neil Armstrong how he trained to survive the warm weather.

On a less sarcastic note

DONNA - Is the blonde you refer to you? If so, let me be the first to express an interest of a deep and probing nature about you. When did I give broad hints to Scott? It's always Louis that I tell to cheer up. Even Cornute agrees that somewhere out there is a girl for him. I just hope the kids take after her. The prospect of dozens of little Louises writing marginal notes in the log, scribbling obscene comments on the bottom 3 feet of the door, standing on each others' shoulders

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HAVING
NIGHTTIME
RES??

to try to change "Forum" to "Library", forming
myriad of societies opposed to us and each other. NO!! Too
horrible to contemplate! In other words made famous by a
thousand narrow-tied ~~sci-fi~~ ^{Nineteen fifties} sci-fi (here used accurately) movie
scientists.

WE CAN'T LET IT REPRODUCE !!!

I've got to study. Maybe more later,

TOM

DATE	NAME	TIME	Comments
3/1/79	Donis Cramer the irreproducible ideal	12:20pm	I just dropped a copy of Spider's letter off on the desk. I annotated it a bit. Just got a
		12:29	nice letter from a membership (NCL) applicant. So long,
		12:41	well, not so long. Tom has left now - yesterday Greg con- fessed to having burned the 2 nd incarnation of the SFLS due-date/cataloging sheet, and to folding back the pertinent written matter on the 3 rd - which I crumpled rather than let him repeat that offense - #4 is now in place. However the SPF may feel about being exploited by SFLS, exploiting SFLS material is by the Golden Rule a statement that you <u>want</u> to be exploited. Now - so long.
		12:45	

3/1/79 - Bill Bianco

(7:15pm) Having wandered down here and finding the SPF
locker ~~was~~ tighter than a drum, I figured I might
as well open up (if this was presumptuous of
me, sue.) Anyway, it did give me a chance to
check out the communication from Spider Robinson.
As a first glance will show, it is addressed to ~~me~~
our dear friend, Louis. I wonder if perhaps the
letter had been less ~~supportive~~ ^{supportive} to Louis!

cause whether we would have seen it. Though this issue (SFF vs SF-Ls) has ^{often} ~~gone~~ quite too much overlap. I shall put my 2¢ in here:

- (1) Conclusion: Louis is the essence of Robert ^{Heinlein} ~~Heinlein~~
- (2) He has put all of us feeling bastards into a bad position: destroy (literally) the SF-Ls and appear bad, as we are in effect lessening the exposure of SF-Ls to SF and therefore we look like garbage; or we ~~to~~ allow the "SFF" to in effect split itself in half and lose potential members and possibly polity funding.

NO! I RECRUIT FOR SF-Ls AND NO PEOPLE NOT YET SCARED BY YOUR CLUB. I DID ANOTHER CLUB OUT OF THE 80-OS OF FORDHAM. MOST SFF PEOPLE, I WOULD NOT WANT IN SF-Ls!!

OUR ACTIVITIES DO NOT, AND WILL NOT OCCUR WITHIN YOUR CLUB. THEY OCCUR WITHIN THE ROOM TO WHICH WE HAVE TITLE BUT LET YOU NOISE, WHICH DESPITE THE MISAPPOINTING IS THE SF LIBRARY.

- (3) The solution, in my opinion, is to serve notice on Louis that the activities of the SF-Ls will not occur within the SFF. Ever. Or appropriate action will have to be taken. (I leave that up to our fertile imaginations.)

(4) I suppose that this all sounds nasty (and like Heinlein) and I don't like to sound nasty. But I see no other way.

On a lighter note, Every Given fan should buy Convergence series - it's a lot of old Given + some new stuff + new series. (Draco's Tavern series, for one - take that, Spider Robinson. That's all for Now. Tata, fellow citizens.

P.S. I take it that Tom agrees. Perhaps we could get together on this. EJB

pps: Larry, A.C. Clarke's latest novel deals with the "elevator to the stars" concept. You see, you drop cables from synchronous orbit to the surface + then haul things up - same guy in ~~the~~ Pen U. thought

it up - Clarke says it will work. Interesting thought
"Doorman to the Stars" - the story of a young unfortunate
who works for Otrs Elevator and space travel corp.

Back again. it's like trying to eat one person.
Larry: Nice guys may finish last / get stomped on / not
get the girl in the end, but they retain the ability
to smile through it all. and when they win (which
does happen) it's all the nicer. Really.

Larry

Bill - What good is smiling when there
is nothing to smile about. That's being phoney.
Can you picture running the marathon and smiling
for three hours while suffering from excruciating
pain

Tom - you caught me. Attenuation certainly
isn't 10^{-15} . I was just testing all the scientists & engineers
here.

However 10^{+2} is equally ridiculous. The
fact is that when W.V.S.B. transmits its signals
the power is about 5,000 watts. When a radio
receiver receives that signal it is about 5×10^{-3} watts.
This is an attenuation of 10^{-6} . This is the attenuation
after the wave travels only about 10-50 miles.
A satellite in geosynchronous orbit is at 22,500
miles. $\frac{22,500}{50} = 450$. The attenuation is then
 $450 \times 10^6 = 5 \times 10^8$

Therefore if you beam down one million
watts all you get is one watt.

Can you find the fallacy?

Test!! Think we should use 22,000 w/c Tony cables.

DATE	NAME	TIME	COMMENTS
3/2/79	Scott Finley	12:20m	Scott Finley has just admitted that he knows that I am smarter smarter and better than he is! Could there possibly still be hope for him? Will and Stephen Criot have both now attained the racial status of Double Shit Tuboo.
"	"	12:34m	Lisa says Goldie says hello, but Goldie refuses to comment.
"	"	11:08m	I have just corrected a 5-year-old injustice and amended the Main Master List by reversing the membership numbers of Bill Ellerton and Karla Anne Jacobsen. She did not first shift first, but he squeeze his entry above hers. Nasty.
Revised List - SFF Presidents (nearly correct & complete)			
Jan. 1969 - ?		Jim Frenkel	(1)
Fl. 1971		Jim Eilbert	(2)
? - March 1973		Norman Hochberg	(3)
March 1973 - Jan 1975		Harold Croot	(4)
(Jan) 1975 - 1976		Lenny Dorsky	(5)
(from Jan) 1976		Lee Burberry	(6)
From Jan. 1977		David Lubkin	(7)
" " 1978		Stacy Mandell	(8)
Sept. "		Larry Brownstein	(9)
from Jan. 1979		Marla Tanzman	(10)
Lisa, I still think it should be <u>Foundation for Research to Enfranchise the Disabled</u>. Triple Shit Tuboos: Michael Warden, Steven Burzco. Double Shit Tuboos: Daniel Ciccarone, Fred Colter*, William Rabinovich, Stephen Criot, Deborah Burross, Peter Cuff. * Had he been honest about Bebe - I (due date "wherever", and <u>the man who was magic</u> (none at all), he would be a <u>Quadruple Shit Tuboo</u>! DON'T YOU SEE EVIDENCE OF A SLUG BUT CAN-REMITTING DECLINE & FALL?			
11:30	Rising		

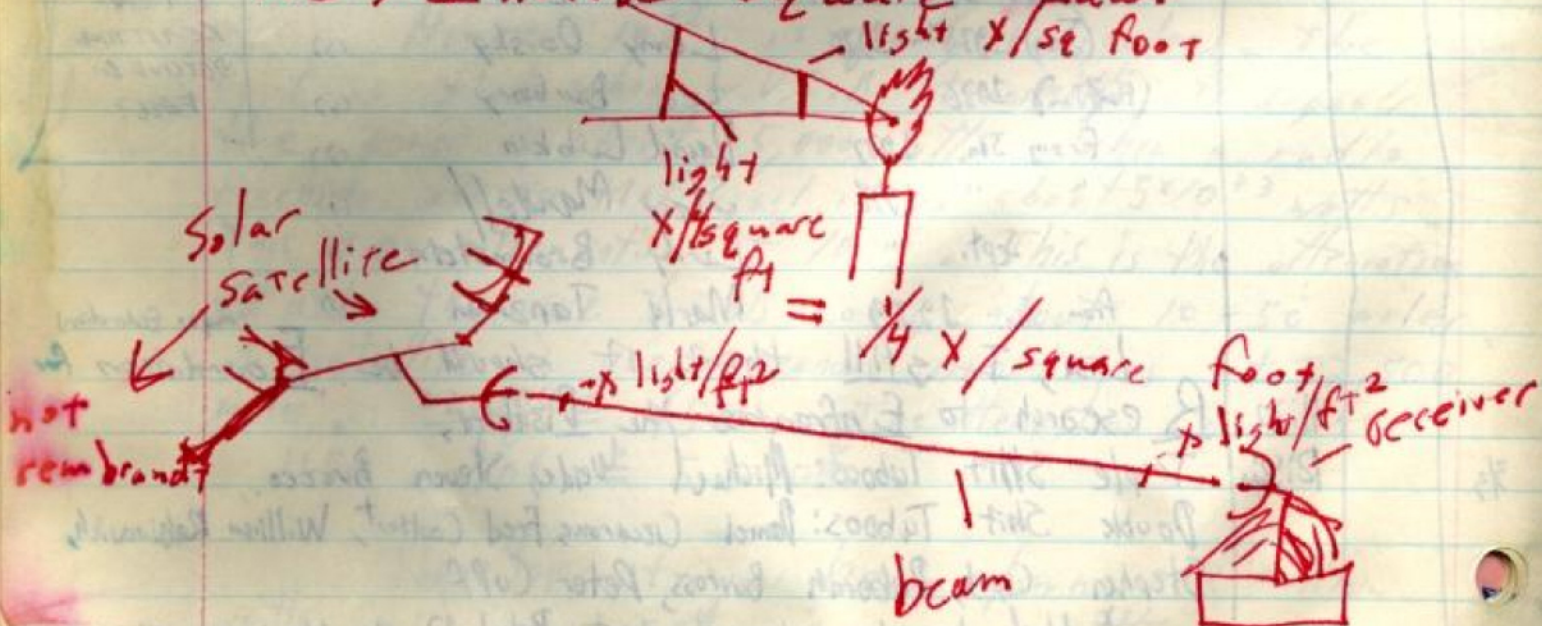
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3-2 Mail for our exalted treasurer! It's in the top drawer, Jek. Greg. Door's looking nice, Tom.

DATE	NAME	TIME	COMMENTS
3/4	David apostle	1:5	Will has now moved from the doubles to the Triples, the only member with such standing. Tomorrow he becomes a Quad and the day after a Quint, unless he starts returning books. Is someone with more than 5 books overdue a Shit Taboo Ace??
		1:40	

Tom: We had Brookcon III. It was held in October 1977. The first two were Sunycon I (in antiquity) and Mudcon I, in May 1977.

Larry: WUSB is not "beaming". It is subject to the (Help, what's the law about candle light getting dimmer per square foot as you get further away. The only thing that comes to mind is the Inverse Square Law.



Louis: Whoops. I'm more we elect Louis

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QUARTER-
MILLENNIAL

librarian in September. He works
a bit on records

~~Finis~~

I waste pages! WASTE!

PAGE 250.

Will: 3/9/72

RUN, HIDE, DO ANYTHING!!
BUT YOU WILL NOT ESCAPE!
IT IS HERE!!

MURDER IN NEWTON! A PHYSICS MYSTERY

The sun rose over the hills, spreading warm, golden, photons over the village of Newton. It was Saturday, the day of the big benefit for the Newton hospital.

One by one, the alarms went off, and the villagers (or as they preferred to be called, the Newtonians) rose.

At precisely 7:31, the alarm went off in the house of Dr. Positive, Chief Surgeon of Newton. But Dr. Positive did not rise!

Ten minutes later, his housekeeper, Miss Mary Momentum, went to the doctor's room to bring him some breakfast. Her considerable air displacements filled the village.

Dr. Positive's chief assistant, Dr. Victor Volt, checked over the doctor's body, and shook his head.

"IVO!" screamed Dr. Positive's fiancée, Nurse Nancy Negative, who was obviously in shock.

"I'm afraid so, Nancy," said Volt, "he's dead!"

"Murdered!" said a new voice. It was Inspector Heisenberg, the towns chief detective.
 "At least I think so," he continued, "It's so hard to be certain, you know."

"But, inspector," said Nurse Negative "He has a knife sticking out of his back."

"Yes, well... uh. Anyway remember to touch nothing in the room, we must be detached observers, and in no way affect what we observe."

At that moment, Eric Positive, Dr. Positive's son burst into the room, accompanied by Irving Squared who was to have been the host of the benefit.

"Where is he?" yelled Eric, "Is he...?"

"Yes, he is dead."

Eric started to cry, but Inspector Heisenberg could not help but notice the smile that passed briefly over his face.

"I've sent my assistant, Particle, out to get some evidence I need. Meanwhile I will start my investigation here. You will all stay and answer a few questions."

"First you Miss Momentum, you discovered the body did you not?"

"Yes sir yuv'nor, 'twas me alright. Who found the good doctor, God rest his soul."

"Could you tell us what you saw?"

"Certainly sir, well I ~~was~~ 'ad gotten up a bit early - was going to serve the doctor breakfast in bed, I was. I decided to on a whim. I've always been a bit impulsive. Well anyways I went up into the room and there 'e was the doctor 'at is, 'is head on the desk and a knife in 'is back."

"~~and~~ His I 'and was clutchin' a pencil and he 'ad a paper in front of 'im."

"Was there anything on the paper Miss Momentum."

"Why yes, yuv'nor, there was. It had an E on it. Here it is."

E

"Obviously a dying clue!" exclaimed Heisenberg

"But he didn't get to finish it, I wonder what he meant to write."

"Well now Miss Momentum. A few questions about your relationship with Dr. Positive. Isn't it true, that you and he had an affair. And that you are insanely jealous of Nurse Negative his fiancée?"

"No sir, I mean yes sir, I mean... yes we had an affair. But I wouldn't 'ave killed 'im."

"We shall see. Now to you, Nurse Negative, how long had you known Dr. Positive?"

"About 3 years, we were attracted to each other the minute we met."

"But what about the rumors that he was going to break up with you?"

"They were a lie. Why just yesterday he said to me, 'Nancy, I still get a charge out of you' and then invited me out to dine with him."

"Um hmmm. NOW to you Dr. Volt."

"We? I had no reason to kill him, he was like a father to me, and I like a son to him why just the other day he said to me 'Volt, you've got a lot of potential!'"

"But isn't it true that with Dr. Positive out of the way you'll be the new head of the hospital?"

"Yes, but I never would have killed him!"

"Perhaps, Now onto you Mr. Squarade. You are running the benefit performance for the Newton hospital tonight, correct?"

"Of course, Oh what a question, everyone knows I am the master of ceremonies."

"But there have been allegations of fiscal mismanagement. Perhaps Dr. Positive was going to turn you in!"

"They say there was fiscal mismanagement so V, they always say that. The doctor now I was honest."

"Maybe, Now onto you Eric Positive, it's well known that you and your father didn't get along. And now you stand to inherit a lot of money."

"My father and I had a few arguments that's all."

"That's not true!" screamed Nanny negative, "he hated his father!"

"Alright, it's true! I found my father repulsive!" but I didn't kill him!"

just then, Inspector Heisenbergs assistant, Particle, broke into the room and handed Heisenberg some papers. Heisenberg looked them over and smiled.

"Now I know who killed Dr. Positive" he said "But I actually didn't need these. The dying clue was enough."

"How was that boss?" asked Particle.
"It was just an 'E'. From that you know who killed the doctor!"

"Of course," said Heisenberg confidently.
"It was elementary, my dear Particle."

WHO KILLED DR. POSITIVE?

solution in my next entry

Larry

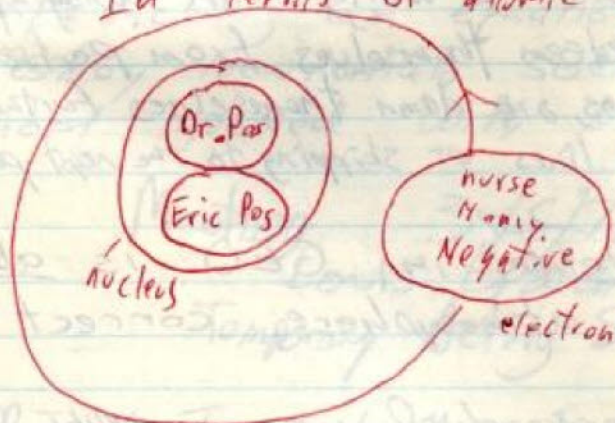
Will - That was an electrifying story, I got a charge out of it, but I'm shocked at a mistake you make. We can never be sure who killed Dr. Positive, we can only determine the probability that someone killed him.

At first I thought Miss Momentum might have bumped into Dr. Pos., imparting all her momentum to him, killing him.

Then I began to realize that not only ~~Eric~~ Dr. Positive but Eric Positive

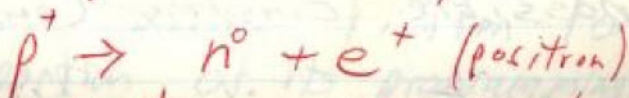
also must be attracted to Nurse Negative (like father like son) because opposites attract. This leaves us with a strange relationship - a ménage a trois in which the two members of the same sex hate and repel each other.

In terms of atomic theory



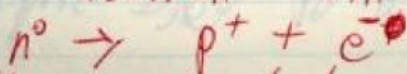
— an atomic ménage a trois

Since there is one more proton than electron a proton will undergo a beta decay



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but this neutron will also decay

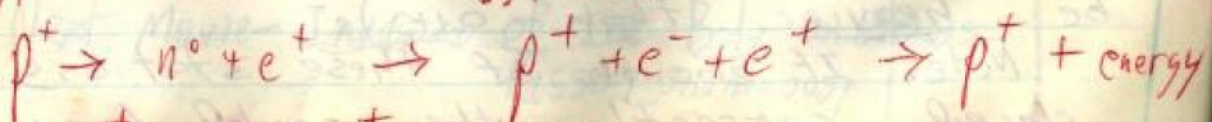


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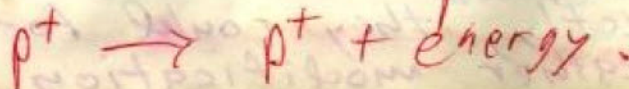


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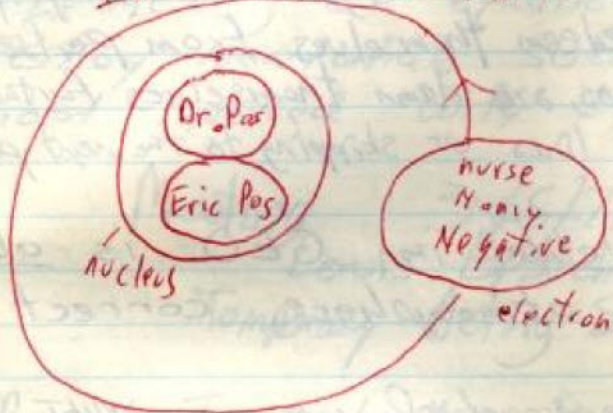
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THOUGH LARRY SAYS I SHOULD SAY THIS

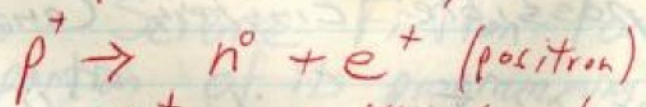
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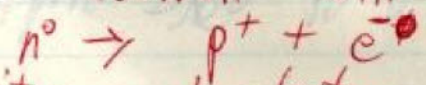
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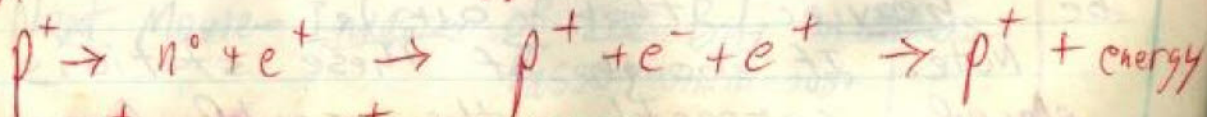


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THOUGH LARRY SAYS I SHOULD SAY THIS
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3/5/79

TIME
1:55

COMMENTS

Comment on 5/11/76 entry: Donna Rae Ruettimann is not illustrious. (Though at least she used lines/columns then...) I am writing a new constitution for the SFF, though it may be rejected unanimously by youse guru whom it is supposed to help.

For the first time in a while, I am leaving space below for people to redeem themselves from perfidy by using lines/columns, or damn themselves further by writing over the lines or skipping to the next page.

JOE
BRENNER
3/5/79-M

Larry - A sattelite in GEO is above much of the atmosphere, correct?

An SPS girl approached me in PHI 247 today. She suggests we get together with ~~a possible~~ the SPS for a possible Einstein Centennial Party.

My God! I'm writing within the lines! Ah, that's better.

I have been trying to work out some of the engineering problems of satellite power via cable. Suppose we only ran them part way, to lighter than air stations floating in the atmosphere. The stations could have fans mounted on them to transmit via wind power to the ground. (If the fans were positioned correctly the station could be heavier than air).

Note: If enough of these stations were placed correctly, they could form a valuable part of a weather modification network.

Attention: As of 7:30 PM March ^{Fifth,} ~~5th~~ 25th 1979 Steve Buzzeo is off the shit list!!!
He just returned 3 books.

Will Insists: I ~~go~~ finger Dr. Volt ^{for} ~~for~~ ^{because}
Because: The Dying clue could easily be
"E=mc²", an equation that could totally
destroy Newtonian Society. Dr. Volt is
most involved with Newtonian politics, therefore...

Meeting 3/5/77

Louis Epstein
Temporary Acting Secretary Pro Tem

Present: Tom W., Wm R., Kurt L. (presiding), Greg T.,
Bill Branco, Joe B., Linda L. Mul. Fred, ~~Greg~~ Joe R.
(late)

MOTION: The Science Fiction Forum will devote
the major portion of its programming resources from
now until April 1980 to a science fiction convention.
Passed Unanimously

MOTION: Date will be Saturday - Sunday after Spring
recess.
Passes unanimously

MOTION: Movie - ~~Invasion of the Body Snatchers~~ Invasion of the Body Snatchers
unless next catalog has something sensational ~~passes~~ ^{calls} 5-4 4-5-0

MOTION: Movie - Day the Earth Stood Still - passes 5-4-0
+ Metropolis

MOTION: Next Movie - Invasion of the Body Snatchers
Passes Unanimously

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Motion: ~~Find Movie~~ Adjourn
Passes

3/5/79
Kurt

What a meeting! Thank you Louis for taking minutes of the meeting. I have another copy of them in my book if anyone needs them. Con Com meeting #2 is Thur 8:30 PM. This pertains to Tom, Will, Joe, ~~and myself~~ Ralph, & myself only! Louis new constitution looks good. I'm going to go over it when I get a chance. Attention Every body: Marla asked me to clarify something. For all of you who saw the persons in today's Statesman wishing Marla happy birthday from Joe it was a different Marla - Joe. Marla's birthday is April 15. Hope you feel better Marla. Donna: I would be glsd to feed, clothe, and house you if you need to be. My suite could use a pretty blonde such as you. But why do you only consider yourself as just a "blonde" You are a person! (Of the genus species: Femalium - blondicus.) You are a great and wonderful to be with person. And as an advantage you are also a beautiful blonde female. Now if you were to ask: Who would like to have, clothe, & feed a wonderful person & who is great to be with and who is also a beautiful blonde female? I think you would get more responses even though it would cost more to advertise it that way. Andrea is not Dead!! She stopped by tonight before the meeting. She works at the RNH on Monday nights so she can't attend meetings.

Did you know that we share a polity mailbox with two other clubs. They are The Exotic Games Club and the SCA (Society for Creative Anachronisms) - SCA isn't very creative though - How about The Wonderful Anachronism Tribute Tom, you lucky SOB; nobody ever sits on my face!! (Sigh) God it's getting late. Wish me luck on the physics test - Bye.

3/5/79
1:45 AM
Joe Brenner.

I am committed to sleeping here tonight. The basic factor in my decision is a 9:30 physics review class ~~this morning~~ this morning. This will be my 2nd time here.

Something Kurt didn't mention which 289
I think is worthy of note:

While discussing possible uses of the
Lecture Center we decided to walk over
there to look things over (Tom is not too
familiar with the facillities^{Facilities}). While looking for
a good hacker room, we walked into a
smallish side room, with a flat floor.

It had a few things stored in it.

One of them was a green chalk board.

It had some writing on it.

It was a program for Mudcon I. ~~th~~

That room (or at least the chalk board)
has not been used since Mudcon I.

Definitely a favorable omen.

3/6/79 - Lisa

I came down late for my shift, unfortunately, and was
sitting here all by myself reading shit Galaxys, ~~an~~ when Bill
came down to keep me company.

Fred says that the reason why the SFF shares a Polity
box with the Exotic Games club and SCA is because they
are both David Lubkin's clubs. ← I SAID THIS YESTERDAY

Bill says that Dr Volt could not have done it because he
didn't have enough potential. ← HOW DOES HE KNOW!

To Kurt: Where is my Poem??? I have been very curious
about what you might possibly write. We must get together another
time.

To Greg: I'd like to arrange another date with you; but
this time let's not meet at the forum.

To Marla: Sorry you got hurt yesterday I hope you're all
right.

DATE 3/6/79
 NAME G.E.
 TIME 8:35

COMMENTS ATTENTION

Polity polity: things bought with Polity funds are Polity property. Ergo the books in this library that are bought out of the SFF's polity budget are Polity's unless someone from the SFF buys them and all polity pays for is reimbursement. SFF's would rather have a room full of Forum books than one of ~~SFF~~ Polity books.

I've made a couple more copies of my proposed Charter and am leaving one here for general perusal.

An interesting point. How important is it? Would Polity really keep track of which books are which? MAYBE

3/6

Greg First let me suggest we start thinking about another log book. We are using this one up fast. Louis - Overall the constitution you wrote up seemed reasonable. There are some reservations I have though, I will bring them up at the meeting.

All B - Louis' actions need not be met by overtall just so long as he keeps his organization away from our property (ie books).

In his attempts (I don't expect that they will be too successful but there is a place for him in the forum should he ever lose this schismatic approach).

Joe R. - I already picked one up and it deals with something we don't have to worry about right now (the near future) by the way what makes you think that was a favorable omen.

Lisa - Happy to try again this time starting from somewhere else.
 General question - What happened to Maria (whatever it was I hope it wasn't too bad).

I am glad my discourses on space colonization are finally getting somewhere in answer to the discussion preceding this.

1) The attenuation factor is nowhere near as high as you claim. An experimental transmission with an efficiency of 56% has been ~~achieved~~ achieved (and that information is 2 years old already, at least). The attenuation factor couldn't be worse than 0 in extreme worst case.

2) The idea of using this power for weather modification is interesting but we don't know enough about weather to use the power for that purpose presently (with future advances change this?).

3) Just in case anyone takes the cable idea seriously. What about a little thing called angular momentum.

to Joe 4) When I was talking about psychology the main criticisms in T.V.S. were that it wasn't given enough consideration. It is not a kneejerk anti-colony reaction. I do agree with your assessment of the state of psychology as a predictive "science". But there will be an effect on the state of the occupants in the colony. Refer to my ~~entry~~ entry of 2/27 doing away with seasonal changes would have a ~~big~~ effect. Other changes from normal earth experience will similarly have influence (What is it like to look up and see the top of someone's head above you?). Let me re-emphasize an important point concerning this - The human psyche has tremendous resiliency. People have lived in much stranger places and ~~and~~ stayed quite sane.

to Tom 5) Larry Slobodkin was the person who caused me the greatest doubt of any neutral or critical party with that very ecological ~~argument~~ argument he was at the joint T.V.S.-C.U.E. core course that started me writing about this whole thing. I do consider the question of an artificial ecology the crucial question technically. He also brought up two points that are at least somewhat hopeful in the discussion with me following the meeting, they are

1) Just studying gives us a much better idea of how ecologies actually work. 2) It forces Theorists to face the experimental test of the scientific method.

and test their theories. This will have a beneficial effect on the state of our biological knowledge.

and 2) I may well be possible to artificially stabilize the system (at least there is no theoretical limit he was aware of at the time of discussion) so there is no reason to say we can't make it work, we must instead say

Let's Study It!

I'm extremely happy at the discussion of colonies. I urge anyone with something to say to write in its getting good.

Good day all

Greg

DATE	NAME	TIME
3/7/79	J.E.	12:00

Comments

Just out of MSC test, late for space colonization lunch. Probably the next person in here will be Donna. As person in charge of drafting the charter, I propose to supersede she will probably have the most reservations about mine. Well, we'll see what happens.

Note that the term for an out-check'd book is four weeks, NOT a month. That way the same librarian is there when the book comes due, or if it is the librarian who takes out the book they realize the necessity of returning it on his/her shift. Donna, you & John Masuro have 5 books due Friday. Will is now a Quadruple Shot Taboo.

12:30

Good

Joe Brenner Tom's (Slobodkin's) ecological argument 263
3/7/79-W is probably the best one I've heard
2-3 PM so far for building big. This may be
the only reason for building a ringworld-
scale habitat.

Greg! Do you ~~think~~ think angular momentum is
really the problem with the cable idea?
I always thought the main problem was
finding a material strong enough to support
it's own weight.

I thought of another way to reduce the necessary
~~the~~ length of the ~~necessary~~ cable: run
them to gigantic, lighter than air
capacitors, that can store enough charge
to periodically strike special ground
receivers with lightning ~~to~~ bolts.

The capacitors would probably be spherical
with ~~fig~~ a light gas inside the inner
sphere, and some kind of gaseous dielectric
between the inner and outer spheres.

The only difficulty I can see would
be in maintaining enough pressure between
the two spheres to hold them apart.

The forces pulling them together would be tremend-
ous.

They would also make interesting weapons.
You could charge up several capacitor
ballons, detach them from their cables
and float them over neighboring countries.
As they floated closer to the ground they
would suddenly zap the enemy with lightning.
(Take that you bastards).

11/6/64

7 March Hello hello. I did not attend ^{the} last meeting because
Donna I was at the Colonic Hill to get my skirt together
about a seminar which happened last night in
the same complex. Nice seminar!

To Whomever Wrote Stuff on my Last Entry: It is
the continuation of something. Pay attention to
entries; this was well grounded in previous pages.

Tom: the blonde I refer to is indeed myself.
I can't recall when I picked it up that you
had given Scott a broad hint - one of the
back entries (not too far back).

Scott is in California for his brother's wedding.

Larry: the Faith does work. Sometimes it works
shitty, that's all. From this you might be able
to deduce that a lot of things work, some better
than others, some with nicer results, some ~~and~~
sometimes and not others etc etc.

Also, an explosion in the form of ~~the~~ ^a knife? I do
like your reasoning with Eric + Nurse Negative,
however. Question: how can one create except
out of nowhere? Dad did it ^a that way.

Kurt - many thanks for your offer. I had in
mind food, housing & clothing from May on,
actually. Being a blonde is only part of
what I am. I hadn't meant to put it
out that I consider myself only a blonde.

One doesn't be dead in order to be declared dead.
And when is my poem?

Lawrence Herbert Crownstein? | YES, SAY TO SAY...
MAYBE BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME.

Why should I need to be reminded about the books
John Mascaro checked out through my office? | JUST IN CASE
YOU'VE GONE SOMEWHERE

You know I am operating remarkably well for a
person who was up at 7 or 7:30 Tuesday am, played
squash, got showered & dressed for my seminar, went
to class, went straight to the seminar from class
spent many hours getting set for the seminar, doing the
seminar, clearing away the seminar, getting food, getting
laid (is that perverse*), getting 3 hours sleep, not
breaking expensive glassware at 7:30 this am, being
awake in Victorian Sit, being awake & forceful with
my Latin teacher about not having done my work,
getting phone business cleared up this early pm, going
to gyms & being awake there & coming here to be
awake & soon to be going to a Sounding's meeting,
still awake. I amaze myself.

I was totally beautiful at the seminar last night.
God, you know, I even enjoyed being stared at by
a bunch of men in a dinner*. It was wonderful!
And I found out ^{how} to be beautiful no matter what
your features are. Werner did a video thing, shown
at the seminar, which pointed it up & it really
struck home for me. Be interested!

Life is pretty ~~simple~~ simple, since
you look at it, really look at it.

(TAKE TAKE)

* it happened down here, not the best setting.

AKK!! MORALS SQUAD, DO YOU HEAR THAT?

↑
OGLERS
↓
** generally, I do not
appreciate ogles (ogglers?
- whatever) ~~at~~ this
time I rather enjoyed
it and got sort of pleased.

~~208~~
LARRY

JOE - You're right - the atmosphere!
Also V.I.S.B transmits its signal in all directions.
A satellite will transmit a beam that is very directional.

Donna - I'm not sure I understand your question. The point is most energy is created from the annihilation of mass. I started with a proton and ended with a proton + energy.
no. 1 Maybe I am a FOP!

Vill - sorry I stole your punch line.

Donna - you never minded when I stared at you. And I saw more than most.
- Don't brag about getting laid. ~~I'm not~~
~~It's sort of degrading.~~

Linda - was here, just succeeded in wresting the log book (badamity let go!) from Larry. Am leaving to get real food. Just had half a bottle of log cabin syrup and 6 pounds of fulge for dinner. Really. See you.

TOM
H I was here in body but no sleep for 2 days. I'll write more when my frontal lobes get reconnected

Linda - Re connected?

TOM

DATE	NAME	TIME	COMMENTS
3/7/79	Donna	10:50	Donna - now that we know that Kurt is going to place a roof and walls around you, clothing on your body, and food in your mouth coming Mary, will you just sit there and let it happen for the rest of your life? I see that you didn't bother to add to Joe's comments on my proposed Charter. Do you have any opinions on it?

All - Tom wants me to design the main dungeon for the Stanion II D&D tournament. Any suggestions (I mean constructive ones, Tom) will be appreciated.

at 15 of
Stanion II
I'll

Greg - Is anyone going to Lund-Con Andrea and
I want to go and wonder about the idea of getting a room of people
from the forum I WANT TO GO! DO YOU STILL WANT TO?

8 March Larry: You wrote that you had "unwittingly
Sonra created energy out of nowhere." I didn't really
mean to focus so specifically on the creation
of energy (I know one can get energy from mass)
but rather creation in general. Fred pointed out
that God created from void. I guess I must be
better than God because I can create from
nowhere. Also, you are God! Also, sometimes
I minded your stans - I don't consistently
mind stans ~~but~~ and don't consistently not mind
stans. Set it? It doesn't matter how much
one sees. Also, I didn't think I was bragging
about getting laid. It simply fit in the
sequence. I very, very rarely brag about getting
laid, I'm generally too busy being pleased
and amazed. Hey! Could Eric get close enough
to Dr Positive (repulsive forces) to kill him?

will 3/8/79 HERE IT IS!

The Killer of Dr. Positive
is

IRVING Squared, the master of
ceremonies, everyone knows that
 $E = mc^2$

HAVE TO RUN

3/8
Kurt
12 AM

Yes will, You had better run and quick! We'll get you for that. We just had a ConCom meeting so that's why I'm here. I have to write a 45 second rhythmic music composition for tomorrow. Help!

Donna - Didn't you know you were beautiful? Being beautiful is actually a state of mind. ~~Knowing~~ ~~(being)~~ that you are beautiful makes you appear more beautiful. I always thought that you were beautiful and think that you ^{are} more beautiful now than when I first met you. I also sensed, when I first met you, that you didn't like being stared at so I did it quite discreetly. Did you ever notice? Some day you will get your poem (You too Lisa) but I've so busy lately and have not ~~had~~ any great poetic inspirations. I've been coming up with a lot of garbage lately such as: "Roses are Red, Violets are blue, But they cost so very much And I have five bills overdue." If you are willing to wait awhile I'll get back to my decent style. By the way; talking about getting laid just makes other people jealous. I would be glad to house you (etc) from May on but you would have to live in my parents house with my 2 sisters and Sheepdog in Woodmere (They are actually very nice people and my dog is ~~so~~ so lovable) (So am I by the way)

Everybody -- The new SWANK catalogue is here. I stole it from Statesman until Ova arrives. Gotta get to work Bye!

Later...
1:30 AM

Donna... After finishing my entry I got an inspiration and the following is the result. I hope you like it.

Listen young man
Although I am old
I know some truth
And you must be told
Oh I'm sure you'll say,
"I've heard it before,"
But I have known love
That I could not endure.

The answer I have found is a hard ball ~~269~~ 269

No, we did not meet
At her place or mine.
It was a one hour event
That's lasted a lifetime.

If anyone It was at a party
Thrown by Mad Hatter
Or was it the museum?

It really doesn't matter.

I forget her name

Donna or Marion.

She appeared quite prudish
Probably a librarian.

But when my eyes caught hers

My heart started stirring

For beneath her facade

A woman was burning.

She returned my glance

And let me know

That she was losing her grip

And wanted to let go.

So with our hearts

We raced into the night

And found a place

Where we were out of sight.

We embraced and kissed

And stated our love

Witnessed by heaven

And the stars up above.

Then tenderly with care

The time had come

We would now join

And soon become one

AND YOU DIDN'T
TRY TO SAVE
HER? SHAME!!
(A HOSE-DOWN MIGHT
HAVE DONE IT)

6/27/04

The universe had stopped
And was ours to command
But for a few more moments
Was that such a demand?

To our bodies
Our souls were returned
But in our hearts
Our love still burned.

And so she went
Without a word
The sob in my throat
Was never heard.

"Did it really happen?"

I hear you say.

Yes, it did

Long ago and far away.

My memory is faint

Like the mourning dove

But I'll always remember

My only true love.

~~James~~

THIS SPACE WASTED

(AS AN AFTERTHOUGHT) BY

JOE BRENNER

3/10/98/10/15

Ben - speak for yourself, Kurt,
will - you're not some name, saying
that my highlighting a spelling error
is absurd, then correcting it out & correcting it.

Louis - I ~~was~~

decided it would be

inappropriate to

write immediately after

Kurt's poem. - 3/12/78

I appreciate the thought, But you all did anyway - Kurt.

Joe Brenner I have found a handball
3/9/79 or something on the floor of
the Forum, and I am going to
STEAL IT!

If anyone owns it, you know who
to come to.

(I'd forgotten how much fun handball is.)

3/9/79 Kurt I was out on my second day of jogging (ouch! pain!! Ouch!!!) and decided
to drop by and bring some BAD news. Our request for the lecture center
was turned down (baw!! Hiss!! Hang 'em by their genitals!!) They don't want
to commit themselves to giving us the lecture center this early. The earliest
possible date they could even think about giving it to us is January. This is
much too late! So I want everybody to try and think of another place to hold
our convention in. If Polity is ~~extremely~~ extremely generous with our line
budget we might be able to afford a hotel. Or how about the Union?
Let me know what you come up with.

Oh, by the way Joe. I think the handball is Larry's.

Larry: Your ~~name~~ name is listed in the directory as Lawrence Herbert Brownstein (might be Larry)
Hey we should start a club. My middle initial is H also.

DATE	NAME	TIME	COMMENTS
3/9/79	Z.E.	7:55	Bull News Dept: In the 4-hour-plus PSC meeting just concluded, we gave you only \$140 for the semester barely enough for anything. The original plan was to give you \$200, but we had to cut everybody, as we had \$7750 to give out (we decided to hold \$25 back) and and \$30,903.21 in requests.

Kurt, your ad that was supposed to be in last
Monday, but I saw in the box and "corrected spelling"
on the same day, which vanished before Wednesday's
Statesman but did not appear in it, which was last seen
in Steve Byer's hands Wednesday night, appeared
today, I taped a copy to the closet door.

DATE 3/9/79 NAME S.E. TIME 10:15

COMMENTS

Just read Flowers for Algernon. Sad. It's the reverse of the more recent IQ 83, which is about a disease that makes people stupid, and a two-way version of Anderson's Brain Wave.

The Budget committee will have its recommendations ready for the Senate meeting of 3/21, probably—I have little faith that they care much about SF. Therefore, appearing in force when the Senate makes supplemental appropriations. If possible, con your building Senators into giving you their proxies. Donna, has anyone been elected to replace Shirkman? If not, run. Try the Dutch Inn again, I tell you! And look elsewhere as well! Polity Secretary Paul Diamond has stated that I will get his next proxy—I hope he means it. The name, I stress, is

StoniCon IV

ESTRICK IT. DUTZ. WE ARE NOT CALLING IT A BACKGROUN

(A "y" instead of "i" would break the bottom symmetry) (The subtitle, while it may bother David Lubkin, will intrigue others).

Enough said. Will anyone be worthy enough to use the rest of these lines??

3/10
Kurt

Louis - 3 strikes against you in one entry. Amazing! Astounding!! For SF!! (sorry)
First of all to set the record straight: I corrected my own spelling mistake after noticing your remark. The word prudish is not ~~was~~ used very often in my ~~conversations~~ ~~writings~~ conversations + writings so I accidentally misspelled it. Secondly: Don't correct or change anything in the ads that I bring to Polity. They are signed by me and I alone am responsible for what they say. If I wrote Hendrix it was because I wanted it to say Hendrix not Henry! Please don't change them again! And last but not least: Don't draw these lines past your own entries. I don't draw blank space over yours so don't draw lines over mine @

(or under as the case may be)

SHIT!!! ONLY \$140
Who the Hell do they think they are! HES!!

OK everybody: How can we get 3 films out of about \$200 - we have roughly \$60, maybe a little more, left from last semester. Back to the film catalogue I go. I shall return...

DATE 3/10/79
NAME ~~David~~
TIME 11:50

COMMENTS
Ott yeah? Then who DID draw THAT UGLY BLANK SPACE?? Prove you didn't do it! I usually draw lines to the bottom of pages I write on, as a way of urging other people to use lines - if you can think of a better way, tell me. Also, my one-man crusade to push the legitimate name for Henry College over its popular name may have been carried a bit far with the Polity ads. I also made a notation on next Monday's ad form but I believe I did so illegibly so I doubt that they'll change it (the deadline for Monday ads is past now).
Revised list of SFF Presidents (nearly correct & complete)

Jan. 1969 - ?	Jim Frenkel
? - Dec. 1971	Jim Eilbert
Dec. 1971 - ?	Lou Stathis
? - March 1973	Norman Hochberg
March 1973 - Jan 1975	Harold Groot
Jan 1975 - Jan 1976	Lenny Dorsey
Jan 1976 - Jan 1977	Lee Burberry
Jan 1977 - Jan 1978	David Lubkin
Jan 1978 - Sep 1978	Stacy L. Mandell
Sept. 1978 - Jan 1979	Larry Brownstein
Jan 1979 -	Marla Tanzman

Speaking of which, there is an interpretive case to be made under my new Charter for Marla having to give up one of her jobs. I presume she would choose to give up Librarian. Joe B has been doing cataloging, I have been bestowing Shit Tabooships, so we seen the logical candidates. (congratulations in advance, Joe ... retractable in the event of my victory by a miracle or the Charter being defeated).

27A

THE MONSTER

Once there was a monster
In southern New York State
Which did many monst'ings
Of which this tale's the slate.

It came from auld Long Island
And there, alas, it stayed;
For surely for its leaving
A crowd of folks had prayed.

It walked into the Forum
And gained a power there;
None dared to withhold it,
Will foul or Donna fair.*

Far-reaching chords
Proclaimed its arrival;
On hearing them foes
Did flee for survival.

It formed itself a cabal
Of henchmen young and old;
And they did deeds nefarious
Which will not here be told.

It named its plans ambitious
And unlocked people's jaws;
(And) In the halls of power
It gave the mighty pause.

*In the sense of collecting.

It gazed into the heavens
And to the future bright;
And in misspelled entries
Imparted its new sight.

Such clamor was aroused
By actions of this entity
That a call was raised
To find out its identity.

Some said its name meant "lifting";
And others "flesh-tone jeans";
Its⁺ start remained mysterious,
Unknown even to the friends.

A tribe of newsmen found it —
'Twas all that they could blurt:
"This thing, this beast, this being,
This Monster's known as **KURT.**"

— FROM THE BOOK OF ??

*the same's

Kurt
again

... I have returned... Beautiful Louis!! Thanks! Nobody ever wrote a poem about me before. I shall return the favor (beware!) I went through all the catalogues and have decided that we can only afford 2 films ~~which~~ which can't total to more than \$135 (There's a \$25 cleaning fee (or is it \$20) (Don't you love it?) for using the Union) (and also there are shipping costs) I have a list of films which I will present at the next meeting. My personal suggestions are Body Snatchers + Destination Moon (\$97.50 total) We could add The Fly or Things to Come to one of them to make a double feature Or... we can forget about the Union and find a place that doesn't have a cleaning fee. Another problem: I think will printed up our next Hyper with the announcement of a film that we are going to show but which we can no longer afford. Oh well. It's 3:30 AM and I think I shall go home and go to sleep. Goodnite! zzzzz

I INTENDED
THE POEM TO
BE ANONYMOUS
AND DON'T
OBLIGATED

DATE 3/10/74
NAME [unclear]
SOUND [unclear]
QUESTIONS

TIME COMMENTS

9:55 I was supposed to be dining with Greg, but we had arranged to meet at the Union TV room and somebody vandalized the Union TV. Oh well. So now I'm here. Tomorrow's meeting I will present my charter. You will be called before the Budget Committee again soon, because what they are doing now ~~is~~ is the initial cut phase, and they give a right to replead.

If the wart on Donna's knee and the wart on Tom's thumb (no pun intended there, incredibly enough) got together, would they cancel each other out or reproduce, giving rise to **THE WART MEN** (which I'll leave to someone else to write)?

Re StoniCon vs. StonyCon - you don't want it to look like a university logo, and you don't want to separate "Stony" from "con". The name must have flow, be pronounced "STO-nih-con", and not "Stony Con". As I recall, as I wrote it in SUSB MMXIV it was not even "StoniCon" but "Stonicon".

[Say, how about "BrookClave"?] [Or, in honor of a past Forum concorn head, "LubClave"?] [Or, for the narcissistic, Markon, Willcon, Kurtcon, Tomcon, Domacon, Billcon, Linkcon, Fredcon.....] [What if each of the preceding got one vote each?] [Don't you love LT?]

I have long thought of seminar training sessions in thinking & acting like me called **epst**. Now, I've thought up a wonderful spinoff:

OPERATION HUNGER!

It will provide a wonderful opportunity for people who really want to see the end of hunger to get together, to get on mailing lists, to read literature, to pretend they understand same, to feel happy, and give me money. Great!!

I really want to see the end of world hunger. Please come as fast as you can.

SAMPLE REGISTRATION

Fill in, kind, wonderful person

~~4278~~

THE WILLBEAST

The Fearsome Will that stalked the halls
of Science Fiction Fandom
Oft drove others against the walls —
A chance far beyond random.

Voice rasping and eyes bleary,
It had a strange proclivity
To talk about its theory
Rabinovitchity.

With pans bizarre it wandered far
On borders of insanity;
A sentiment arose to bar
It from its prey, humanity.

[I should talk, right?]

With Hyper dull and physics joke
It drove off any comers;
Dreaming it dead, many awoke:
Their dreams had just been bummers.

← beat off would
he more appropriate
Dr. apropos

Still standing by (if they did cry),
The fans remained situated;
They'd hopes their hearts would not deny
That it would one day graduate.

DATE	NAME	TIME	COMMENTS
3/12/19	Donna Lapin	12:30	Above is my latest poetic sin. I think I'll do one about Tom soon, but my bomb shelter isn't finished yet. I'll see you all tonight, unless you take appropriate precautions. So long for now.

3/12
Kurt

God, I'm writing almost as much as Louis is. Just stopped by to warm up.
Too bad there's nobody to warm up with. See you tonight. P.S. I just noticed
all the notes in the wall ~~box~~ (actually cinder blocks) next to the desk.
I feel like I'm in Israel. Why are you picking on a poor defenseless calendar?

DATE	NAME	TIME	COMMENT
3/12	Donis Lyster	3:14	Why are you picking on a poor defenseless desk cal- ender??
"	"	3:15	Where's the Shifty?? If the son is named after David, should it be Lublon or LubClave (w/second I slurred to d!)?

Joe Bremner 3/12/78-M I am the shifty. I
apparently came in moments
after Louis wrote the above,
I apologize for being late (I stopped
to eat dinner).

Louis, Louis, Louis... Could you give us
some straight historical background sometime?
I would like to know ~~you~~ your psychological
profile as you perceive it. Have you been
like this long? Did you get beaten up
a lot in ~~the~~ Junior High?

It would be nice if you would
present an explanation of the sense
of values that compels you to
~~push~~ actively annoy people...

Well, too much said already.
I know that ~~you~~ this is a
waste of time. (OBVIOUSLY WRITTEN IN BAD MOOD)

3/12
Kurt

Here's your poem Louis. enjoy!

It was early last fall
When our mesiah^{sp} came
He just walked right in
And Epstein was his name
God, did he say?

I think he slipped a cog.
Are you sure he didn't state
That he thought he was dog?

He said he was great
And was above us all
He would build an empire
That would never fall.

With structured pages and legal moves
The boat began to rock
He said he was God and this is true
But I believe he didn't grok.

But there were soft spots
In this Mr. Epstein,
For he did have a fondness
For Mr. JRR Tolkein^{sp}

He liked games with initials
And played in some of them
There was D+D, C+S,
And probably S+M.

Dear Louis was a schizoid
And never quite accepted
If only he would realize
That his efforts were misdirected

Kindness and consideration
Are the ways to make a friend
Think about it Louis
For this verse does mark the end

I NEVER GAINED EITHER
DOGHOOD OR GOODHOOD — JUST
INFALLIBILITY.
[SEE SINCINITY 11/10/69]

GROK NO
MORE!!

THE SIGN OF WISDOM,
NOT "SOFTNESS"

I DON'T PLAY CAS!
OR SEM!

YOU DO NOT REALIZE?
MY IMMENSE KINDNESS
IN HONORING YOU WITH
MY BENEFICENT PRESENCE?

#280th

Louis; I've been told that I've been very kind. If anyone else wants to add a verse be my guest. (Not you Louis)

At tonight's meeting we voted (due to budget considerations) to have only two more film showings instead of three. For our first showing, which was moved from 3/28 to 4/2, will be Body Snatchers (855) along with Metropolis (free). The other showing (I forget when) will be Destination Moon (42.50) along with Things to Come (\$30). Everybody!!!

Read the new ^{proposed} constitution. We will discuss it next meeting. Also a committee was formed to work with the Colonization Conference.

Any comments on all this poetry floating around? Anyway, it's time to MOUNT!!!

DATE	NAME	TIME	COMMENTS
3/13/76	Gouge (last name) Epstein	2:35	Have brought in three fresh copies of your nominally effective constitution, w/ comments.
		5:20	Came back & finished my comments - I HAVE MADE A DISCOVERY!! THE MAIN MASTER LIST IS IN ERROR! PEOPLE ARE IN THE WRONG ORDER!! I am compiling a new, meticulously researched MML.

Resolution: That since Tom doesn't want scotch tape on his door, ^{all} notices placed on it be affixed by Spikes & sledge hammer.

* Also - the fictitious "Ursula Uuold" appeared, & Laura Laster appeared twice. And I think there were some omissions.*

Re con site - the Stage VII quad office is loaded with unused rooms, including a theater. Try it!!

* Ray Towne was listed once read correctly and once as "forone" - I just caught myself.

And other errors!!

Donna declared herself Supreme High Commander on 2/19/76. How long did it take her to have the job?