APO group sets record for upright piano reduction

By Lydia Cudlo

One of the most publicized of the design projects carried on by the Mechanical Engineering Department was "Project Arcturus," a problem in design devised by former Professor of Mechanical Engineering John E. Arnold. The project involved a test of "correspondence" and "reports" of the Massachusetts Interplanetary Traders, Inc., and the Terran Exporting Council Headquarters. The material related to the "newly-discovered" Arcturus IV, which was first surveyed in the year 2350. This project was started about 10 years ago.

The information contained in the text had been worked out by Professor Arnold, with the cooperation of the Science Fiction Society. When the details had been worked out, the material was presented to students of design. The assignment: design materials which could be landed with the residents of Arcturus IV for profit by the MIT, Inc.

MIT, Inc., the report says, is engaged in the manufacture and distribution of products for extranet consumption. This company, and all others like it, operate under the rules and regulations of the Terran Exporting Councils. For tectonic reasons the problem was assigned to students of the Massachusetts Interplanetary Traders, Inc., it is a large planet, 132 meters in diameter. The acceleration of gravity at the surface is 16,000 miles per hour squared per second.

The distance from a Boots is 8,000,000,000, and its sidereal period is 49.4 Earth-years. The length of day is one hundred forty-five Earth-hours, divided in the Chubus, Babius and Nahlos. The atmosphere is largely moth, which is a strange, the name of the bone races (translated to Methanians,) and the mean temperature range from -50°C in the summer to +20°C in the winter. The surface water is the Arcturan substitute for water.

Methanians described

A good description of the Methanians themselves is found in a report from J. S. Wick, Director of the Physiological and Psychical Bureau of TEL, "The Methanians weigh very little compared to Earthmen. Their long arms evolved from their long wings. The only animals that can fly are those of a horse. This adaptation seems to indicate an adaptation to ground living evolved very rapidly once the power to lift twice their own weight was lost." The females are about four feet tall. The males a foot taller. Their faces are somewhat like those of the indigenous human, but with large black eyes and a strong jaw line.

James McDowell was appointed to assist students and faculty in the community action projects. He assumed responsibility for this work last Wednesday.

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