By Storm Kauffman

Storm Kauffman in his column of November 12 argues that there is no reason to have a "student government" and that the only legitimate function needed is one of communication. He cites several authors who have written SF (even Mark Twain got in on the act) and concludes, "Asimov, Clarke, Heinlein, Niven, Science Fiction has been encountered by humans, but they have never reacted to situations which have never been encountered by anyone else." He concludes that "the general public...swamped by the scientific foundation of SF stories..."

Asimov's prediction that "in a world full of knowledge, SF is the only branch of literature able to allow us to contemplate our permanent problems" seems as valid now as it was then. SF is a wide open field that lends itself to a variety of interpretations and applications. As Asimov himself said, "SF is a method of envisioning possibilities." It is true that SF can be optimistic about our future. It can be unconvincing about the legitimacy of the present system, but there is much that is very good. Many SF tales are characterized by the use of technology in an SF tale need not even be a part of the story..."