Production on the MST3K movie wrapped on April 24th. That's right, your letters to Mr. Casey Silver paid off! The movie deal was approved after Universal Executives made the trek to the Convention to see the live show. They were so impressed with the reaction the show received from the fans, they said yes to the movie. So we would like to extend a hearty thank you to all of you who wrote letters on our behalf!

While the budget and sets are bigger, the handmade look of the television show remains intact. Some of the new stuff you'll be seeing on the Satellite of Love are: Tom Servo's bedroom, the storm shelter and below deck. You'll meet a Metalunan and see Tom Servo fly through the air and climb down a ladder. As we get closer to a release date, you'll see more press on us and the film. Watch for possible stories on Entertainment Tonight and in Entertainment Weekly and Premiere Magazine.

Some Basic Information on the movie

Title of the film: Mystery Science Theater 3000: The Movie
Movie being riffed: This Island Earth
Cast: Mike Nelson as Mike Nelson, Trace Beaulieu as Crow and Dr. Clayton Forrester, Kevin Murphy as Tom Servo, and Jim Mallon as Gypsy
Directed by: Jim Mallon
Distributed by: Gramercy Pictures
Release Date: Unknown as of this writing. The studio decides such things. We'll let you know when we know!
Movie Written by: Trace Beaulieu, Paul Chaplin, Bridget Jones, Jim Mallon, Kevin Murphy, Mike Nelson and Mary Jo Pehl.
Julie's Frequently Asked Questions

I've received many letters over the past year requesting that the newsletter include more information on Best Brains, the show and how we do stuff, etc. Here's my attempt at my own Frequently Asked Question list.

Where the heck is my Info Club Member number? Your member number is in the upper left hand corner of your mailing label and is 5 digits long (if you've recently joined). As of May, current member numbers are in the 54,000's.

When is the show on? The schedule seems to change a lot. The current schedule (May 95) is: All times Eastern and Pacific

Mon-Thur - 12 noon
Fri - 8am, noon, 8pm, 2am
Sat - 10am, 4pm, 1am
Sun - 10am

AND beginning June 13th MST is back on at Midnight! The midnight shows will replace the noon airings.

Comedy Central controls the broadcasting of our show. If you have a question about broadcasting you can write them at Comedy Central, 1775 Broadway, New York, NY 10019 or call the MST Hotline at (212) 767-8851.

How often does the newsletter come out? The Satellite News (formerly the Binding Polymer) is published twice a year in May and in early November.

Why did Joel leave the show and where is he now? Joel decided to leave the show in the summer of 93 after charming audiences in his role for over 100 shows. He said "I'm grateful to all the MSTies for all the ongoing support and input, but I see it as important to my own creative ecology, to start dedicating more of my time to creating new shows, pop trends and inventions." His last show was "Mitchell" show #512. Joel is currently living in Los Angeles.

Who is that guy who hosted the MST Hour? Why that was our own Mike Nelson in apparently a very convincing 4 1/2 hour make-up job!

How do you folks choose the movies you use on the show? HBO Downtown productions picks out the movies that meet our criteria (we can afford them) and sends them to us. Someone on staff reviews them all and then shows the "good" ones to everyone. We don't select the movie titles ourselves so please don't send tapes to us!

Are you guys on-line? And where can I find other MSTies on-line? We are most definitely on-line! You can write to us through me, Julie Walker the Info Club Poobah, at the following addresses:

Juliewa on America On-Line. Check out the Science Fiction/TV area for a whole MST area on AOL. juliewa@aol.com on Internet.

Check out rec.arts.tv.mst3k.misc and rec.arts.tv.mst3k.announce.

GBGU80A on Prodigy. Check out the TV BB for the MST3K area.

74201,1550 on CompuServe. Check out the MST3K & Best Brains folder in the SHOWBIZ forum.

I regularly post news about the show, the movie and appearances or special press that we might be receiving in all the above newsgroups so join us on-line. Some of our writers and performers are online as well although they prefer that I not publish their addresses here! They occasionally post in the groups above too so keep your eyes peeled.

When is your next Convention? Labor Day 1996 in Minneapolis! Watch the November newsletter for more details and registration information.

What's this I hear about MST3K being syndicated? Yes, MST3K will be in syndication this fall. No details on exact stations yet. Write your local independent stations if you want MST3K carried in your area.

Why have you asked Comedy Central not to air the season 1 shows? The resources we received for the first season did not allow us to fully realize the vision of the show. Therefore, we view season 1 as only a work in progress. We were able to make the significant cast, writing, and art direction changes beginning with season 2 and those shows represent our vision of MST3K.

How long does it take to produce a show? One show takes 9 working days to produce. 3 days to write -- the writers watch the film 2-3 times while someone transcribes their comments into the computer. 2 prep days, one rehearsal day, 2 days to shoot and one day for post mortum and review.

Can I buy VHS copies of the show through the Info Club? Not right now, we have not yet acquired video rights to the movies that we riff on.

I've heard Best Brains is working on an MST3K book and CD ROM, is this true? Yes, we are working on a book with Bantam and a CD with Voyager. No details on availability for either project yet.

Well I hope that clears up some of the confusion and questions that have been out there! I apologize to Kevin Murphy for taking a whole page of the newsletter up for this. I selfishly took his Ten Billion Names of Tom Servo column away to satisfy my own needs. Kevin, please forgive me.

julie

(NOTE: Kevin forgives, but does not forget.)
Joot Alpaca steered his hovercraft onto the Lymanthian Landing pad at Rythglythan 4 and pulled on a cigarette but it wouldn’t come out of the package. Losing his concentration, he smashed into a pallet loaded with jyltelthor rocket fuel and blew his hovercraft into ten trillion pieces. He brushed himself off and made a mental note not to do that again.

“Need any help?” the robot sentry asked him.

“Yeah, you can shut up for starters,” Joot shot back.

The robot turned and killed him.

Joot awoke and staring at him was a really beautiful woman. She had long hair and legs and her breasts were pretty big.

“You okay?” the pretty woman asked.

“I’m better now,” Joot insinuated lubriciously.

The woman shut off his life support system and killed him.

Joot Alpaca awoke again. Staring at him was the same woman only she seemed mad. He high-tailed it out of there and made his way to his FutureRoom on TekLand Road. He turned on his HoloTekFutureScreen and tried to think. Why would the Celtronions be asking him for all his old year books? It didn’t make sense. A rerun of When Things Were Rotten came on and he snapped off his HoloTekFutureScreen.

He drank a lot and went to bed drunk.

Joot awoke and taking a fresh bottle of Gee Your Hair Smells Terrific he made his way to his TekShower. In it was a beautiful woman with breasts.

“Oops. Sorry,” said Joot and left his FutureRoom without further incident.

Further Chronicles by Mary Jo Pehl, Writer

As we at Mystery Science Theater 3000 are in the throes of our MST3K movie, I can’t help but recollect my rich employment history.

I left a thriving career as a temp to accept a position as writer with Mystery Science Theater. Naturally, MST3K had to make a pretty generous offer to lure me away from temping. I’m not at liberty to discuss numbers but let’s just say I’ll be able to pay my electric bill.

Before I temped for a living, I had been fired or laid-off from several jobs, and several companies I worked for filed for bankruptcy. I got fired from jobs for various reasons: bad attitude; bad telephone manner; and then there was the time I was sending out a memo to the Board of Directors for the non-profit arts organization I was working for, and in the rough draft I turned the Board president’s name into a expletive for my own amusement. I forgot to delete it before I sent out the memo. I was asked to leave.

These experiences were just nature’s way of telling me I should become a temp. I had begun doing standup comedy but I had the good fortune to supplement my income with my first love, data entry.

Temp agencies are usually staffed by professionally perky women named Vicki who act like they’re your agent and you’re hot property. Your ‘agent’ will call you at 6:30 a.m. in the morning with an ‘assignment.’ Vicki always makes it sound like she had to do some high stakes wheeling and dealing to get you this great gig sorting paper clips. She’ll say something like, “Hi, Mary Jo! Vicki here - International Poopie just called and they need someone with strong Liquid Paper skills and I was able to get you in. Sounds pretty good, huh?”

Temp assignments are always always always an hour and a half drive from where you live. And when you arrive at your ‘gig’, the guy or gal who you report to will be genuinely surprised to find out you’re not stupid.

I worked in offices where I was considered a libertine because I wore separates. And in all my years of temping, I found it was much more difficult to look busy than to actually be busy. Sometimes I would leave work, absolutely drained from eight hours of trying look busy.

In March 1990, I was named Norrell Temporary Services Employee of the Month. It was an unexpected honor, considering my employment history. I was honored with a plaque featuring a faceless gal wearing a jacket and a knee-length skirt, striding purposefully with briefcase in hand. I felt the artist captured me perfectly.

This bestowment of Employee of the Month gave me quite a bit of clout for future ‘assignments.’ I don’t like to brag, but basically, I could pick and choose where I did filing. And I always get the best tables at Perkins.
In show 624, Samson vs. The Vampire Women, Torgo the White visited Deep 13 and took TV's Frank off to second banana heaven. In real life, Frank Conniff, the lovable TV's Frank has decided to leave the show. The news and Frank's goodbye was posted on the major online services on November 4 last year. The complete text of the message was as follows:

Subject: TVs Frank news

hi everyone. I'm posting this message for Jim Mallon, Producer of MST3K. I have some sad news to report. Best Brains is announcing today that Frank Conniff or TV's Frank to all of us, has decided to leave the show for new endeavors. The following are Frank's comments to you all:

As of this January I'm leaving my job at "Mystery Science Theater 3000". Why? Because I've lost my mind. But there are also a few other reasons. I've discovered that after 5 seasons and 109 episodes, I have a need for change, even if change means losing the best job I've ever had and most likely will ever have. I have a need to grow and evolve and to find new challenges and adventures in my life.

The hardest part about leaving MST3K will be having to say goodbye to everyone here at Best Brains. It is unlikely that I'll ever be able to find a group of people as intelligent, kind and down right fuuny as the BB staff. I will miss them all dearly. They will no longer be my co-workers but they will always be my friends.

This has been a hard decision for me to make, but everyone here has been extremely supportive. I'd like to thank all you fans for your love and support throughout the years. I hope all you Misties out there will be equally understanding. If any of you run into me in the future, I hope you'll be nice and tell me how much you enjoyed my work on MST3K and how much you admired me for taking that big risk in my life when I left the show. If you do, I promise I'll give you one of my patented TV's Frank smiles, look you straight in the eye and say, "would you like some fries with your order?"

Frank Conniff

Frank will be working on new projects including a humorous autobiographical book and has, as he describes it, grandiose plans for screenplays, TV shows, plays novels, etc.

I'm sure you all join us here at BBI in wishing Frank all the best albeit with a tear in our eye.

Jim Mallon

push the button frank

Frank has moved to Los Angeles and is working on his book. We haven't chosen replacement as of May 1995.
FEED YOUR VCR!
Two New Tapes for the Spring

MST POOPIE
Best Brains is proud to present this highly undignified and embarrassingly fun look up the pant leg of MST3K. MST Poopie has bots falling apart, sets crumbling, Crow cutting up, Servo goofing around, Joel forgetting lines, Trace ad-libbing hysterically, Mike going off script, and Frank busting take after expensive take with his penchant for uncontrollable giggling. It's roughly thirty minutes of fun. Thank you, MST, for making us laugh, etc. Item* 18A $15.00

MST3K MOVIE TEE'S
In March and April of 1995, Best Brains closed its doors, locked itself in and feverishly went about principal photography for "Mystery Science Theater 3000: The Movie" (working title). We needed strong, sturdy t-shirts to hold up to the severe demands that motion picture riffing and puppeteering put on a film crew. Our answer: The Movie Tee!
This is the same high-quality Hanes Beefy-T 100% cotton shirt we use for our other shirts, in black, bearing the official production period logo—a silvery MST planet embellished with "The Movie" in big red letters beneath. And due to a limited agreement with the high-powered attorneys at Gramercy and Universal, we can only sell them to you until the end of October. They will not be available ever again. These are truly destined to be collectors' items, so buy some now, wear one, bag a couple, keep 'em for thirty years then auction them off at Southby's! Item* 19A $22.50

MST SCRAPBOOK
This is the collection many of our fans have been drooling to get their grubby little meathooks on! The MST Scrapbook is our loving look back at ourselves. Oh, sure it's self-love, but not in a sick way! We're proud of our little cow-town puppet show! And The MST Scrapbook takes you way behind the scenes, all the way back to the humble KTMA years, to views bits of shows promos and presentations. You'll see home videos of the Best Brains Years, from the construction of our sets, the shooting of the famous doorway sequence. You'll see samples of each season, each successive show open; many of our special effects; unseen footage from "This is MST3K"; snapshots, convention footage and many candid moments, and much more than I have room to describe here. The MST Scrapbook is over 90 minutes of the cast and crew at work and play, and many other rare and obscure tidbits you will never find anywhere else. This tape is a great gift for that MSTie in your family! Item* 19A $15.00

THE POSTER
Here is a classic for that dorm room, vacation cabin or any satellite you happen to find your fine self on. A big beautiful baby, bursting with color, boasting the crisp images of the entire cast, snapped by our own artiste photographique Mickey Kienitz. And at a great price, too! Our own Kevin had his handsomely framed, and it covers up the hole in the wall where he continually bangs his head. Item* 1A $10.00

THE PINS
Say you're at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, proudly wearing your MST T-shirt. Suddenly it's dinner, and you have to wear a coat and a tie! Or a dress! First of all, what the hell are you doing at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island? Second, you can wear one of these fine cloisonne style pins! Tastefully sized, with a sturdy clasp. Choose Gypsy, Crow, Servo (humans don't do pins well), or the Satellite of Love. $3.00 each. Please specify. Item* 9A-Crow, Item* 9B-Tom, Item* 9C-Gypsy, Item* 9D-Satellite
THE SWEATSHIRT

Let's face it, Minnesota gets colder than a bucket of penguin poop. So when these cozy soft yet very sturdy sweatshirts were introduced, they were hungrily snapped up by the Best Brains Staff. Don't worry, we have plenty of these lovelies. Thick heather grey cotton, with a tasteful 20 percent Fortrel for softness, stretchiness and durability. It's beautifully embroidered with a full-color portrait of Mike, Gypsy, Crow and Tom over the left breastical region. Stay warm! These run one size larger than normal. Avbl. XL, L, M, S Item* 11A $40.00

THE MAUS PAD

On every desktop at Best Brains, you'll find one of these babies under the mouse. Why? Not because we have to, but because we love to and we have to! This is a thick, sturdy die-cut slice of neoprene, dove grey, with the silhouette along the bottom, the logo floating in the heavens. They stink a little when you get 'em, but hey, so does a car. Item* 13A $10.00

THE LIFE SURVIVAL KIT

These little beauties come stuffed full of surprises, so lay down a five spot and give it a try! Includes the newest csat photo, Wacky Rolling Action Figure (some assembly required, marble not included), movie title list, theme song lyrics, other neat stuff, maybe. Item* 16A $5.00

THE MASTIE DENIM SHIRT

Best Brains Prexy Jim Mallon was a little skittish about selling a denim shirt. "Denim?" he scoffed. "Denim, you say? What's this, some kinda Seattle trend you're trying to export like Starbucks coffee?" Yet our own Juliewa insisted and here they are! With one look at this high quality light blue 100% combed cotton denim shirt with its finely embroidered full-color portrait of Mike and the Bots over the single pocket... well, let's just say we haven't heard another word from Jim on the matter, and he's been seen roving the halls with his own Mastie Denim Shirt! HA! Item* 12A $45.00 Avbl. XL, L, M, S

DEEP 13 T-SHIRT

Rickeracker, firecracker, sis-boom-bah! Deep 13! Deep 13! Rah-rah-raaaahhh! Be part of the team, go over to the playfully evil side with this grey cotton tee, proudly bearing the Mad's logo and the words "Property of Deep 13 Athletics". Item* 15A $15.00

THE NEW DEEP 13 HAT

So our own Trace Beaulieu comes in one day wearing this very nice black felt baseball-style cap. Everybody says "Hey Trace, great hat!" Then it got us to lookin' at our nice but simple white cap we've had forever, and we decided it's time to offer your heads something fresh and new! It's a black felt, one-size-fits-all cap complete with an embroidered "Deep 13" logo. Made in the U.S. of A., and it's just a pip. Item* 14A $18.00
PLAY MST FOR ME 2
Best Brains is somewhat proud to present this VHS videotape collection of some of the great songs of late season 5 and early season 6! Love with Mike in "The Janitor Song". Carelessly objectify Kathy Ireland with our sexist gang in "My Wild Irish Ireland"! Look into Frank's heart with "NummyMuffinCoocolButter"! Look back into Frank’s heart and intestines with "The Greatest Frank of All (Theme from Endlessfrank)"! Watch Crow make a fool of himself with "Kim Cattrall"! Try to sing along to "Tubular Boobular Joy"! All recorded on a fine YHS videotape in full monaural sound, so you get all the rich midrange sound quality. Item 2A $15.00

THE WATCH.
Our own Trace insisted that we find a durable yet good looking plastic watch. It's not easy, but this one might fit the bill. The MST Planet logo is the exquisite face of this black plastic watch, suitable for dressing up to visit the crowned heads of Europe or dancing in your underpants to Simple Minds. Item 4A $25.00

THE POSTCARDS
Here's a full color solo shot of each and every character, plus an SOL & Deep 13 shot. Collect 'em all! Each has a pithy description on the pack, penned by our own Paul and Mary Jo. Boy, they crack us up. Buy 'em in singles or get one of each in the eight-pak today! 8-pak Item 6Z $5.50, or Single $1.75 Item 6A-Sol. Item 6B-Deep 13, Item 6C-Mike, Item 6D-Forrester, Item 6E-Frank, Item 6F-Gypsy, Item 6G-Crow, Item 6H-Tom

THE MUG
You mean you don't have a mug yet? Here's the whole cast playing tug-of-war at Gypsy's peril on a hefty, comfortable all-purpose mug. It's dishwasher and microwave safe, so it'll be around for a while, which means it will be stolen many times before some clown drops it and you have to get a new one. Item 7A $15.00

NOTES-TWO KINDS
A round Post-it with a ghostly apparition of the MST Planet Logo built right in! It's round and therefore fun! Or, if rectangular's your thing, a nice Post-it with the famous shadow at the bottom and the Planet Logo orbiting above in the 3M heavens! Two great products, two low prices! Have it all! Packs of 50 sheets. Round-Item 5A $2.00, Rectangle-Item 5B $1.00

THE POWER TEE
It's a 100% cotton pre-shrunk "Beefy-T". It's a luscious black, with white puff paint logo. Available in Adult's S, M, L, XL. Item 17A $15.00
THE PORTFOLIO
Carry top secret documents or the latest issue of Crew's Nest in this high-quality glossy paper portfolio. Two to choose from with a nice big color photo of Mike and the Bots or our loveable planet logo on the front. Great for school, the

THE BUMPER STICKLERS
Make your car say something cute and innocuous! Five different sticklers in a pack: "HI KEEBA", "I'M HUGE", "OH, BITE ME, IT'S FUN", "JOIN US!", and of course, "MOVIE SIGN!" Item* 8A $4.00 for 5-pak (Not available individually)

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