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THURSDAY, June 20, 1996

2 p.m.–3 p.m. Opening Ceremony and Welcoming Remarks—Slee Hall, Amherst Campus

Paul Kurtz, Prof. Emeritus of Philosophy, SUNY at Buffalo; Chairman CSICOP
Kendrick Frazier, Science writer; Editor, *Skeptical Inquirer*

**3 p.m.–6 p.m. "The Role of the Mass Media in (Mis)Informing the Public"
—Slee Hall, Amherst Campus**

Moderator: Milton Rosenberg, Prof. of Psychology, University of Chicago; radio moderator, WGN Chicago; PBS, "American Reader"

George Gerbner, Prof. of Communications, University of Pennsylvania

Leon Jaroff, Senior Editor, *Time* Magazine; founder, *Discover* magazine

Piero Angela, Journalist, TV moderator, author, Italy

Phillip Adams, Columnist, TV moderator, Australia

John Paulos, Prof. of Mathematics, Temple University

Dean Edell MD., National Radio Medical Commentator

6 p.m.–8 p.m. Dinner (on your own)

8 p.m.–10 p.m. Conference Address: LEON LEDERMAN, Emeritus Director of Fermilab, and Nobel Laureate in Physics—**Slee Hall, Amherst Campus**

FRIDAY, June 21, 1996

9 a.m.–11:45 a.m. "The Growth of Anti-Science"—Slee Hall, Amherst Campus

Moderator: John Maddox, Former Editor, Nature, Great Britain

Paul R. Gross, Director of the Center for Advanced Studies, Prof. of Sociology,
University of Virginia

Norman Levitt, Prof. of Mathematics, Rutgers University

Susan Haack, Prof. of Philosophy, Univ. of Miami

12 noon–1:50 p.m. Luncheon—Atrium, Center for the Arts, Amherst Campus

Moderator: Gene Emery, Science Writer, Providence Journal

CHRIS CARTER, Creator of "The X-Files" Television Program

12 noon–1:30 p.m. Press Conference—Green Room, Center for the Arts, Amherst Campus

2 p.m.–3:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions—Knox Lecture Hall, Amherst Campus

UFOLOGY

Philip J. Klass, Senior Editor, Chairman, UFO Subcommittee, CSICOP, Wash., D.C.

James McGaha, Major, USAF, Tucson, Arizona

ASTROLOGY

Moderator: Cornelis de Jager, Prof. of Astrophysics, Univ. of Utrecht, Netherlands

J. W. Nienhuys, Asso. Prof. of Mathematics, Technical University, Eindhoven, Netherlands

Ivan Kelly, Prof. of Psychology, Univ. of Saskatchewan

HOMEOPATHY

Wim Betz MD., Academisch Centrum voor Huisartsgeneeskunde VUB, Belgium

James Randi, Conjuror, Author, Plantation, Florida

3:30 p.m.—5 p.m. Concurrent Sessions—Knox Lecture Hall, Amherst Campus

THERAPEUTIC TOUCH

Moderator: Vern Bullough, Prof. of History, California State Univ. at Northridge

Béla Scheiber, System Analyst, Boulder, Colorado; Exec. Dir., Center for Inquiry Rockies

Bonnie Bullough, Prof. of Nursing, Univ. of Southern California

Dale Beyerstein, Prof. of Philosophy, Langara College, Vancouver, Canada

CHIROPRACTIC

Stephen Barrett MD., Psychiatrist, Allentown, Pa.

William Jarvis, Prof. of Health Promotion and Education, Loma Linda University

CREATION/EVOLUTION

Eugenie C. Scott, Anthropologist, Exec. Dir., NCSE

H. James Birx, Prof. of Anthropology, Canisius College

5 p.m.–8 p.m. Dinner (on your own)

8 p.m.–10 p.m. Keynote Address: **STEPHEN JAY GOULD, PhD**, Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard University—**Alumni Area, Amherst Campus**

SATURDAY, June 22, 1996

9 a.m.–12 noon "Parapsychology: Recent Developments"—Slee Hall, Amherst Campus

Moderator: James Alcock, Prof. of Psychology, York University, Toronto, Canada

Ray Hyman, Prof. of Psychology, University of Oregon

Richard Wiseman, Prof. of Psychology, Univ. of Hertfordshire, U.K.

Susan Blackmore, Prof. of Psychology, Univ. of the West of England, Bristol, U.K.

Jessica Utts, Prof. of Statistics, Univ. of California at Davis

Stanley Jeffers, Prof. of Physics and Astronomy, York University, Toronto

12 noon–1:45 p.m. Lunch at Center for Inquiry—JOHN MADDOX, Editor

Emeritus, Nature magazine

2 p.m.–3:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions—Knox Lecture Hall, Amherst Campus

MECHANISMS OF SELF-DECEPTION: HOW WE MISINFORM OURSELVES

Barry Beyerstein, Assoc. Prof. of Psychology, Simon Fraser University, Canada

Thomas Gilovich, Prof. of Psychology, Cornell University

John Schumaker, Senior Lecturer in Psychology, University of Newcastle, Australia

ALTERNATIVE HEALTH CURES

Jack Raso, Board Member, National Council Against Health Fraud; Editor,

Nutrition Forum

Wallace Sampson MD., Clinical Prof. of Medicine, Stanford Univ.

PHILOSOPHY AND PSEUDOSCIENCE

Moderator: Paul Kurtz, Prof. Emeritus of Philosophy, SUNY at Buffalo

Lewis Vaughn, author

Theodore Schick, Prof. of Philosophy, Muhlenberg College

Tim Trachet, Exec. Dir., SKEPP; journalist, Belgium

3:30 p.m.–5 p.m. Concurrent Sessions—Knox Lecture Hall, Amherst Campus

PSYCHOANALYTIC THEORY AND THERAPY AFTER 100 YEARS

Adolf Grünbaum, Andrew Mellon Prof. of Philosophy, University of Pittsburgh

CRITICAL THINKING IN EDUCATION

Moderator: John Kearnes, Prof. of Philosophy, SUNY at Buffalo

Clyde Herreid, Prof. of Biology, SUNY at Buffalo

Lee Nisbet, Prof. of Philosophy, Medaille College, Buffalo

Carol Tavris, Psychologist, Author, Los Angeles

John Corcoran, Prof. of Philosophy, SUNY at Buffalo

SPIRITUALISM AND THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO EXPOSÉ

Joe Nickell PhD, Senior Research Fellow, CSICOP, formerly University of Kentucky

Gordon Stein PhD, Director, Center for Inquiry Library

**7 p.m.–10 p.m. Awards Banquet, Cash Bar, Reception, Hyatt Regency,
downtown Buffalo**

SUNDAY, June 23, 1996

9 a.m.–12 noon World Skeptics Update—Slee Hall, Amherst Campus

Moderator: **Barry Karr**, Executive Director, CSICOP

Tim Trachet, SKEPP, Belgium

Mario Méndez Acosta, Mexican Association for Skeptical Research, Mexico

Amardeo Sarma, Society for the Scientific Investigation of Para-Science, Germany

Michael Hutchinson, SKEPTICAL INQUIRER representative, United Kingdom

Miguel Angel Sabadel, PhD, Astronomer, *Alternativa Racional*, Spain

Henry Gordon, Ontario Skeptics, Canada

Stephen Bassier, Australian Skeptics, Australia

Lin Zinxin, PhD, former editor, *Science and Technology Daily* (China)

Shen Zhenlu, China Association for Science and Technology

Massimo Polidoro, editor *Scienza & Paranormale*, CICAP, Italy

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