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Fernando Q. Gouvêa — 30 Mar 2009, 16:44

Wolfe Man [John J. Miller]

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James Wynn — 30 Mar 2009, 16:53 · in reply to Fernando Q. Gouvêa

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The man is in his 80s. If he plans to mellow, he'd better get on with it. :-)

J.

Lane Haygood — 30 Mar 2009, 17:07 · in reply to Fernando Q. Gouvêa

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Sent from my iPhone

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Son of Witz — 30 Mar 2009, 17:53 · follows James Wynn

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Matthew Keeley — 30 Mar 2009, 18:06 · in reply to James Wynn

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I love the way this comes up right after the whole "Politics of Gene Wolfe" debacle.

-Matt

Fred Kiesche — 30 Mar 2009, 18:22 · in reply to James Wynn

If you download it, you're not "supporting" it...you're just (as James put its) "leeching" the bandwidth.

Right click (PC), save target as, give it a name, and you have the .mp3 file. If any ads are iembedded in the show, there's always "fast forward"...

F.P. Kiesche III

"Ah Mr. Gibbon, another damned, fat, square book. Always, scribble, scribble, scribble, eh?"
(The Duke of Gloucester, on being presented with Volume 2 of The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire.) Blogging at The Lensman's Children and TexasBestGrok!

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Son of Witz — 30 Mar 2009, 18:47 · follows Jordon Flato

Gotcha!

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Jordon Flato — 30 Mar 2009, 18:51 · in reply to Adam Thornton

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I was going to say, that is a remarkably ignorant attitude he's got there, but it isn't remarkable at all, is it? Just ignorant.

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I thought that was a very lively conversation. I certainly did learn a lot from it.

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don doggett — 30 Mar 2009, 23:19 · follows brunians at brunians.org

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www.don-doggett.blogspot.com

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Yeah, WTF? I can't even begin to tell you how wholly satisfying it was to put those four letters in the subject line. Keeping it relevant to Wolfe and trying to answer a question that's been bothering me about AEG was just cake.

Don

Jeff Wilson — 31 Mar 2009, 09:09 · in reply to brunians at brunians.org

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Oh, I m sure we would all be on our best behavior. If you don't feel that you can control yourself, by all means, stay away.

I've done this kind of thing before, it can work out well.

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Adam Thornton — 31 Mar 2009, 14:18 · in reply to Jeff Wilson

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Allan Anderson — 31 Mar 2009, 14:58 · in reply to Fernando Q. Gouvêa

Thanks, Fernando -- it's always fun to hear a voice and have an author become a bit more of a real person in my mind!

My favorite part was how he described Chesterson. I've only read The Man Who Was Thursday, but the lyrical yet sharp and insightful style of that book really clicks with what Wolfe says.

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Craig Brewer — 31 Mar 2009, 15:24 · in reply to Allan Anderson

Definitely thanks for the heads up on this!

Personally, I thought it was very typical Wolfe on his answer to the conservative question. Give a straight answer and follow it up with qualifications that ask more questions. What parts of Buckley, exactly, counted as mellowing? Why was he seemingly not perfectly fond of being a conservative in Buckley's image? And why back out of the question with a dismissive, "Oh, you talk about conservatism all the time, you don't want to hear about that."

And was his surprise that BotNS is so popular just modesty? He's said before that he's surprised that people stick with a torturer as a protagonist for so long, but certainly by now, his reputation lets it be known that isn't "just" a torturer, no?

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Craig Brewer — 31 Mar 2009, 15:54 · in reply to brunians at brunians.org

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Oh, I wasn't going to GIVE them to him. Just throw them. Certainly not AT him!

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James B. Jordan — 31 Mar 2009, 16:58 · in reply to brunians at brunians.org

Why not organize a festschrift, and have 15-20 authors write short stores in his honor?

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Jerry Friedman — 31 Mar 2009, 16:58 · in reply to Dan'I Danehy-Oakes

Or equally appropriate. Indeed, a dedication copy of a festschrift could easily be presented at the kind of dinner Josh has in mind.

I imagine Wolfe's children may be planning something, in which case people would need to join or coordinate with them.

Jerry Friedman

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Oh, I wasn't going to GIVE them to him. Just throw them. Certainly not AT him!

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Well, I don't know anything about doing this. I know I could organize logistics for a dinner/conference. I am wary of committing myself to large amounts of work that I am unfamiliar with.

Besides, this is Gene Wolfe we are talking about: I am sure that both pros and fans are going to be doing similar things already.

That's why not from my end, anyway.

Why not organize a festschrift, and have 15-20 authors write short stories in his honor?

Nutria

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brunians at brunians.org — 31 Mar 2009, 17:36 · in reply to Jerry Friedman

Absolutely.

As someone pointed out to me in private mail, it would be absolutely required that we had the man's permission for me to be willing to do it. So it might be appropriate for those of you who have direct contact with him to see what plans might be for us to conform to.

Or equally appropriate. Indeed, a dedication copy of a festschrift could easily be presented at the kind of dinner Josh has in mind.

I imagine Wolfe's children may be planning something, in which case people would need to join or coordinate with them.

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Next year he is 80.

Most sources I can locate list his birthday as May 7, 1931.

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you can control yourself, by all means, stay away.

I've done this kind of thing before, it can work out well.

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Jeff Wilson - jwilson at io.com
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No one expects you to control the behavior of anyone except yourself.

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As I say, guarantee your own behavior and let others do the same for theirs.

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Adam Thornton — 31 Mar 2009, 19:18 · in reply to brunians at brunians.org

On Mar 31, 2009, at 12:29 PM, brunians at brunians.org wrote:
Wow, you're strong! Unless we're talking doll furniture or
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I figured I'd have help. It was supposed to be a get-together, right?

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brunians at brunians.org — 31 Mar 2009, 20:58 · in reply to Adam Thornton

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I'll bring my trebuchet.

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Rebecca Bushong-Taylor — 01 Apr 2009, 04:34 · in reply to brunians at brunians.org

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brunians at brunians.org — 01 Apr 2009, 05:21 · in reply to Rebecca Bushong-Taylor
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Son of Witz — 01 Apr 2009, 14:11 · in reply to Jeff Wilson

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brunians at brunians.org — 01 Apr 2009, 15:46 · in reply to Son of Witz

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to talk about some of the more controversial stuff that I do talk about. It is very easy to not do
so, and even to tell them why I am not doing so.

If they really insist, I find that the best thing to do is to say: "You know what? You are absolutely
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brunians at brunians.org — 01 Apr 2009, 16:38 · in reply to Jeff Wilson

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Jeff Wilson — 01 Apr 2009, 18:59 · in reply to Adam Thornton

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If there's one person I'd worry about trying to apply the Two Apricots to me, it's probably Harlan Ellison. So it's probably for the best.

Adam

Rebecca Bushong-Taylor — 01 Apr 2009, 19:05 · in reply to Jeff Wilson

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brunians at brunians.org — 01 Apr 2009, 19:12 · in reply to Jeff Wilson

I got a bottle of ether and some ketamine darts....

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brunians at brunians.org — 01 Apr 2009, 19:12 · in reply to Adam Thornton

Just don't drop him and don't let him kick you in the elbow.

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brunians at brunians.org — 01 Apr 2009, 19:15 · in reply to Rebecca Bushong-Taylor

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James Wynn — 01 Apr 2009, 19:17 · in reply to Rebecca Bushong-Taylor

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Just trying to establish realistic expectations.

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Rebecca Bushong-Taylor — 01 Apr 2009, 19:21 · in reply to James Wynn

I was under the impression that Teri was affiliated with Urth.net, and contributed from time to time. If you can't get her email address that way, I could check with her and see if it's ok to pass on her address to you....

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brunians at brunians.org — 01 Apr 2009, 19:25 · in reply to James Wynn

I imagine that if this is going to be real, at some point we will discover his likes and dislikes in these matters, which we will then conform to.

I remember from his writings that he doesn't want to be sent out after ice. That should be fairly easy....

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James Wynn — 01 Apr 2009, 19:47 · follows brunians at brunians.org

You know....the more I think about it, if this were called a Gene Wolfe Convention and were organized as such with all the events and forums and hoopla one expects from such things, and if it were held in the Chicago area, Gene would go. Also, it would probably attract more admirers on this list, and an impressive assortment of Named Authors as well. You should get in touch with the Windy Con people since they already have experience with such things.

If one wants merely to sit down at a meal with Gene and Rosemary, my recent experience was that he is an especially accessible person. If you contacted Teri and set a date, you could buy a plane ticket to Chicago and have the opportunity to take the Wolfe's to dinner yourself. Invite Teri along, because she's a real hoot.

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