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the book *Nuclear Tracks in Solids* (reference 1 of our article). Much of our article was devoted to a discussion of the new CR-39 detector and the fascinating applications it permits. Major improvements in the quality of CR-39 detectors have been made by J. H. Adams Jr (Naval Research Laboratory), Denis Henshaw and coworkers (University of Bristol), and Denis O'Sullivan and Alex Thompson (Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies). Future space experiments not mentioned in the article include experiments on Spacelab by S. Biswas and D. Lal (India), and on the Long-Duration Exposure Facility by Adams and by O'Sullivan and Thompson.

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The boojum again

Although I recognize the need for expanding our language—especially in the area of scientific nomenclature—I feel I must protest the admission of boojum into the vernacular.

At first I was delighted to encounter such a "charming" word (You would almost think boojum had been suggested by a particle physicist!), but I was dismayed to find that David Mermin still existed after his encounter with the so-called "boojum." If he had *really* seen a boojum, he would have "softly and suddenly vanished away, and never never been met with again!" So in the interest of accuracy, I submit that boojum does not describe *any* property of superfluid helium-3.

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Our request to David Mermin for a reply has been met with silence.

THE EDITOR

Correction

The article about the APS Industrial Summer Intern Program on page 73 of the September issue contains an error that I wish to correct. Cheryl A. Hanzlik was indeed a Summer Intern at Xerox Corporation. She was *not* a student from Cornell, however, but she is and has been a graduate student in the department of physics and astronomy of the University of Rochester.

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