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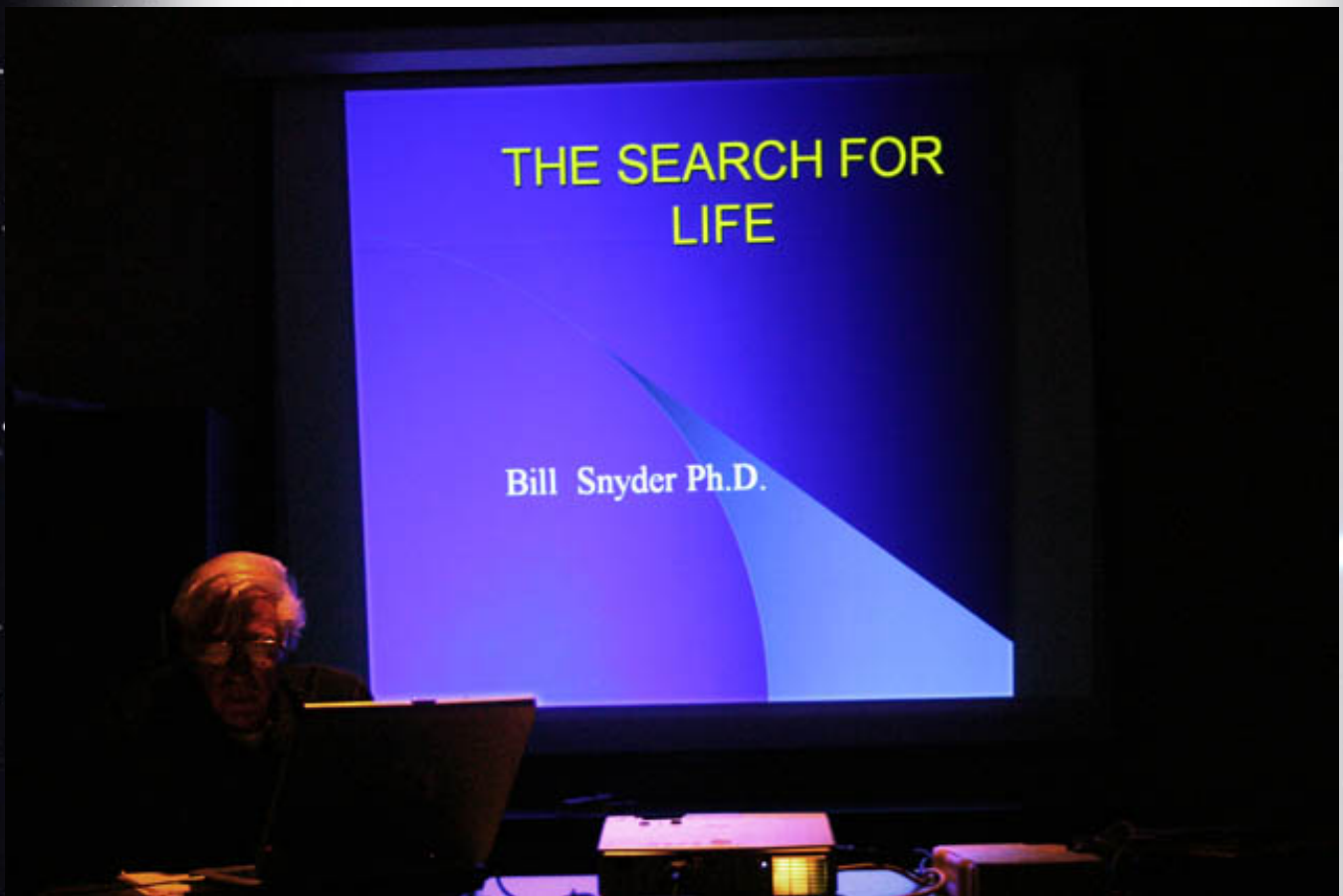
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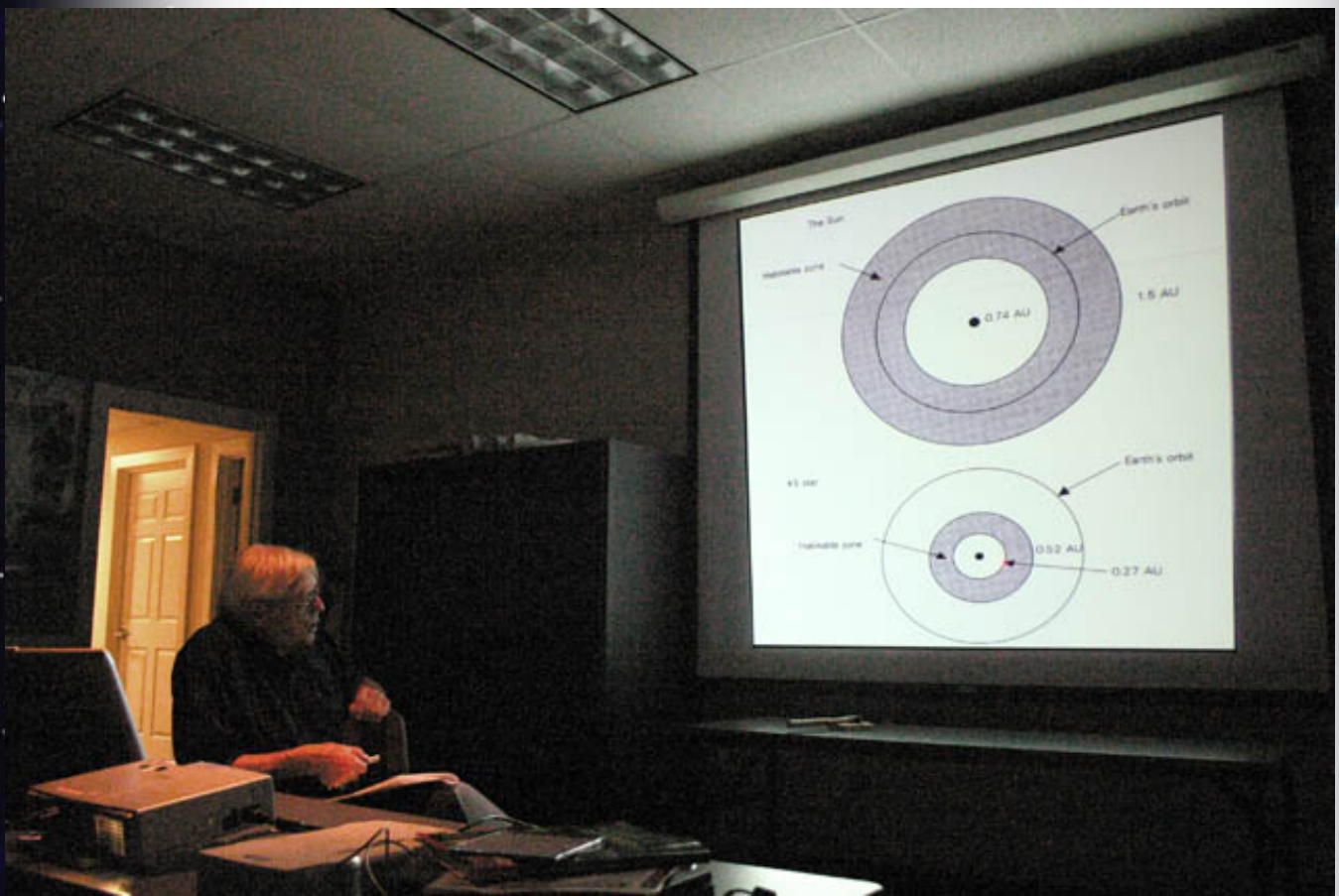
Feature Presentation for May 7, 2005:
"The Search for Life"
Bill Snyder, Ph.D.



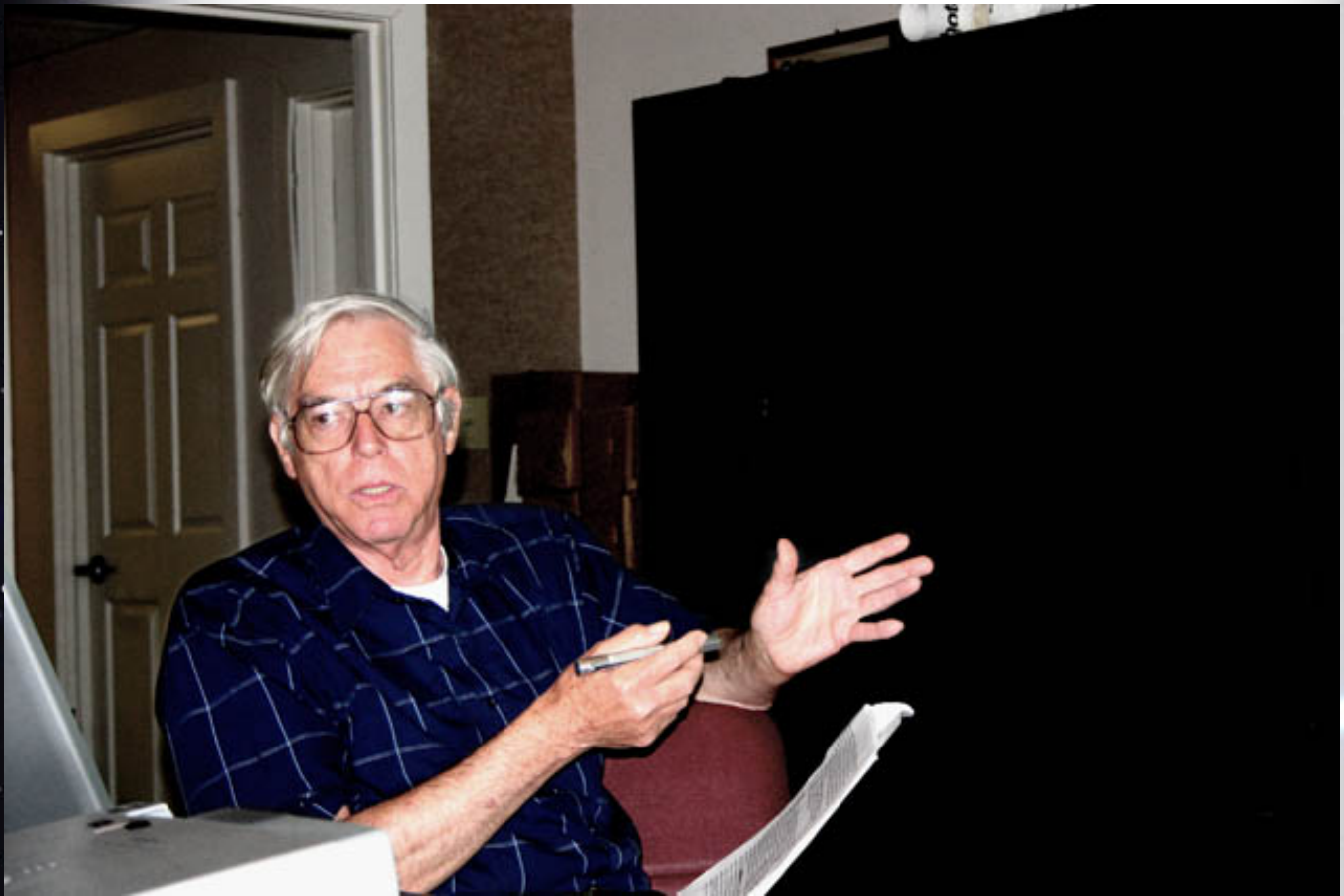
To the orange glow of the planet Mars in the background, the presentation opened with a quotation from the classic science fiction novel "War of the Worlds" by HG Wells.



Bill then slowly transitioned his audience from visions of fictional alien beings to the science of detecting life on other worlds.



From the complexities of defining life itself, to the chemistry of "extremophiles", Bill lead us through the theory behind NASA's past and present attempts to find alien life on other bodies in our solar system.

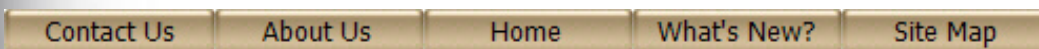


Moving outward from our solar system, Bill's presentation concluded with a discussion of environmental "sweet spots" around other stars and the possibility of life throughout the universe.



A lean but keenly interested group.

Thanks Bill for an excellent presentation!



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