

**SAS Honors Seminar 259:  
Extraterrestrial Life**

**11/10/2008**

# GBT remote observing this evening

**When: 10:30-12:00 tonight**

**Where: Serin Lab 309W**

**(Busch campus)**

**Who: Baker + ???**

**How: Go to doors at west  
end of Serin (across the  
street from ARC) and  
call any time between  
9:30 and 10:15. I will  
come down and let you in.**



# Mid-term project: all options

What were the **most time-consuming** parts of the project?

What were the **most educational** aspects of the project?

What were the **most enjoyable** aspects of the project?

Did you find that you were frustrated by the data? by the software? by the open-endedness of the assignment?

# Reading for Wednesday (11/12)

**Bennett & Shostak 12.3 – SETI**

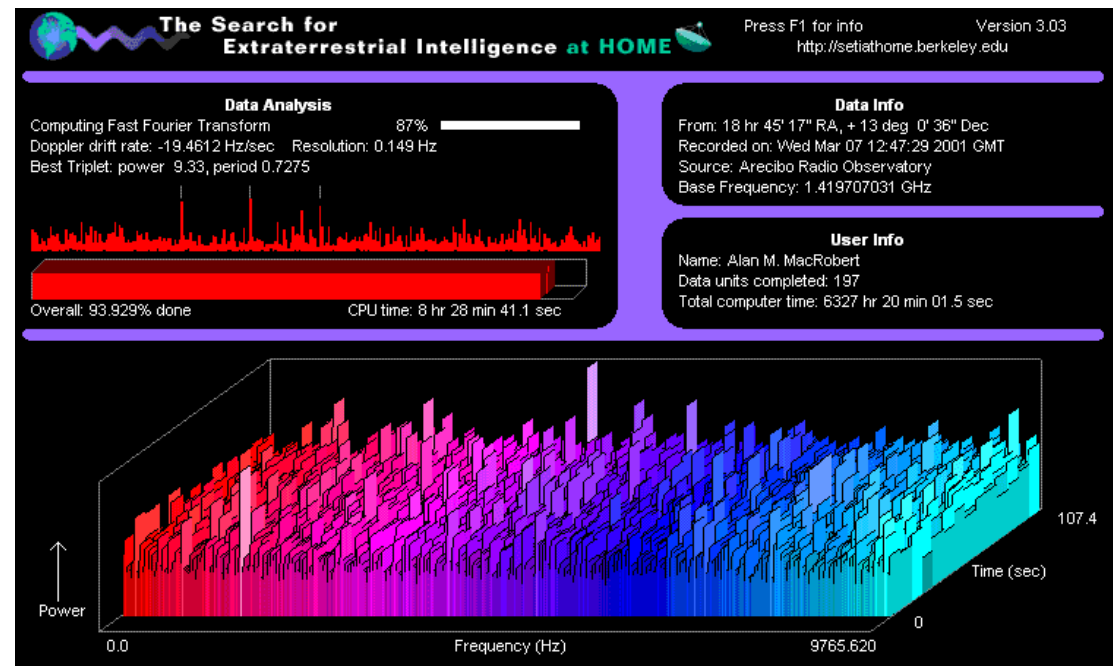
**(Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence)**

**Alexander & Anderson (2007) and Alexander (2008):**

**SETI@home**

**and a new search**

**strategy**





Due next Monday (11/17)

**Response paper #9:**

**The Arecibo Message, the *Pioneer* Plaques, and the *Voyager* Golden Records are three examples of deliberate efforts to communicate with extraterrestrial civilizations. Assess the effectiveness of one or more of these communications, and describe what information you feel our next such electromagnetic or physical message to the cosmos should contain.**

# End-of-semester scheduling

## Currently on the agenda:

**11/24 Final selection of “student choice” topics.**

**Last response paper due.**

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**12/3 Class 26: “the Drake Equation, revisited”**

**Topic, scope, draft reference list for term paper due.**

**(Note: term paper is now 10-15 double-spaced pages!)**

**12/8 Class 27: student choice #1**

**12/10 Class 28: student choice #2**

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**12/22 Term paper due.**

# Possible alternate schedule

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**12/8 Class 27: student choice #2**

**12/10 Class 28: three-way discussion of the Drake equation**

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**12/22 Term paper due.**