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Bill Nye: 'Change the world'

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As some of you may know, Bill Nye is kind of a big deal.

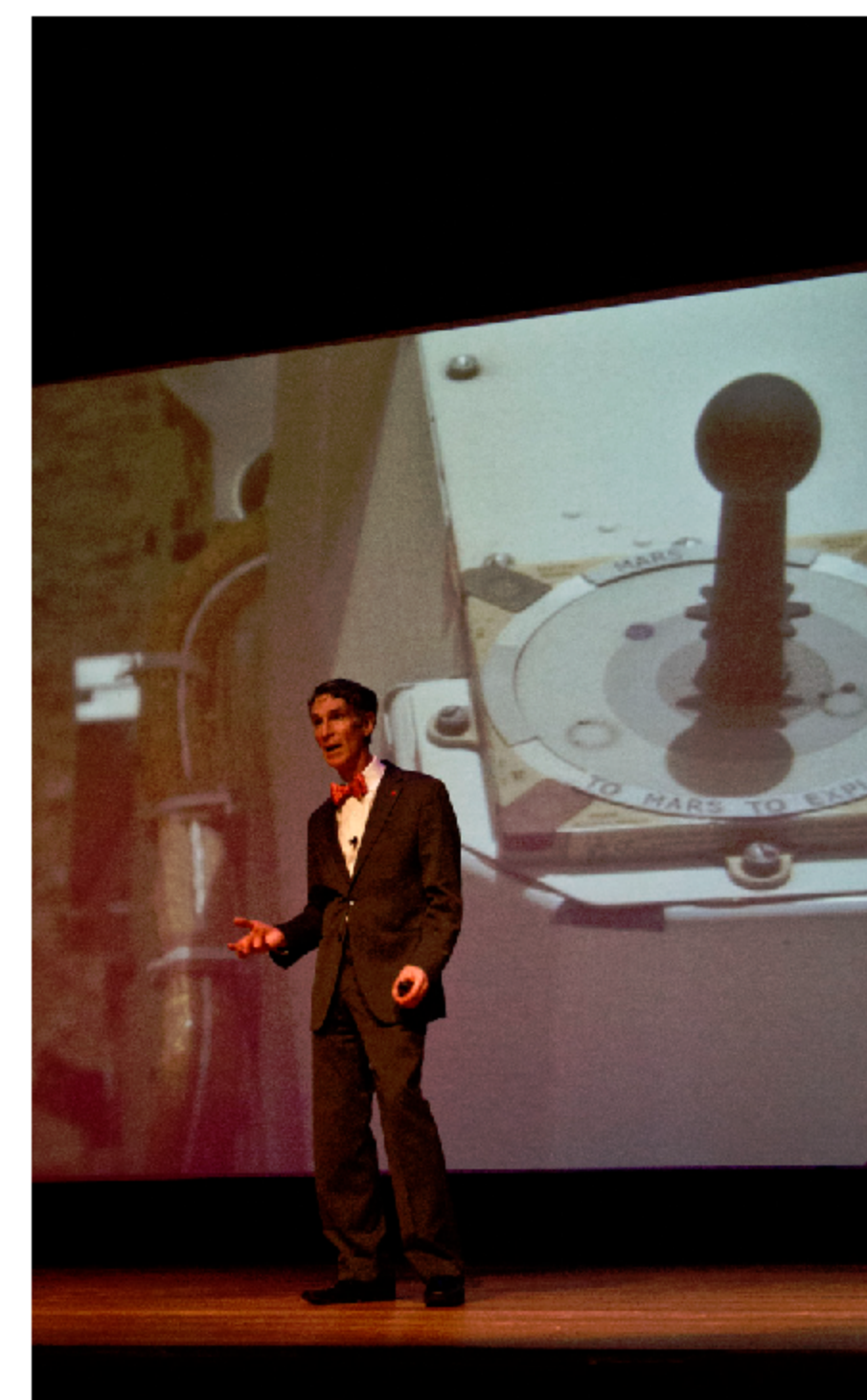
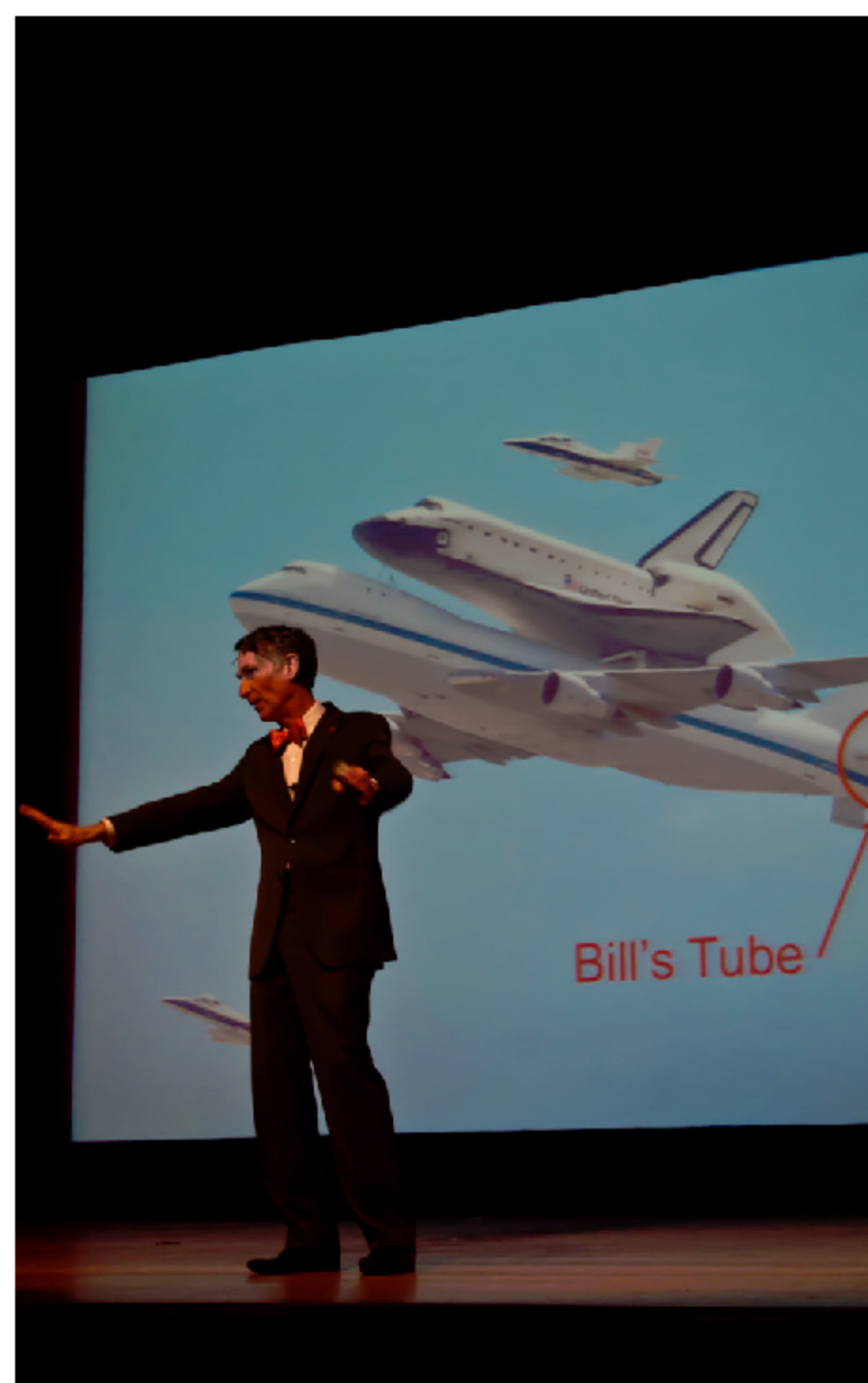
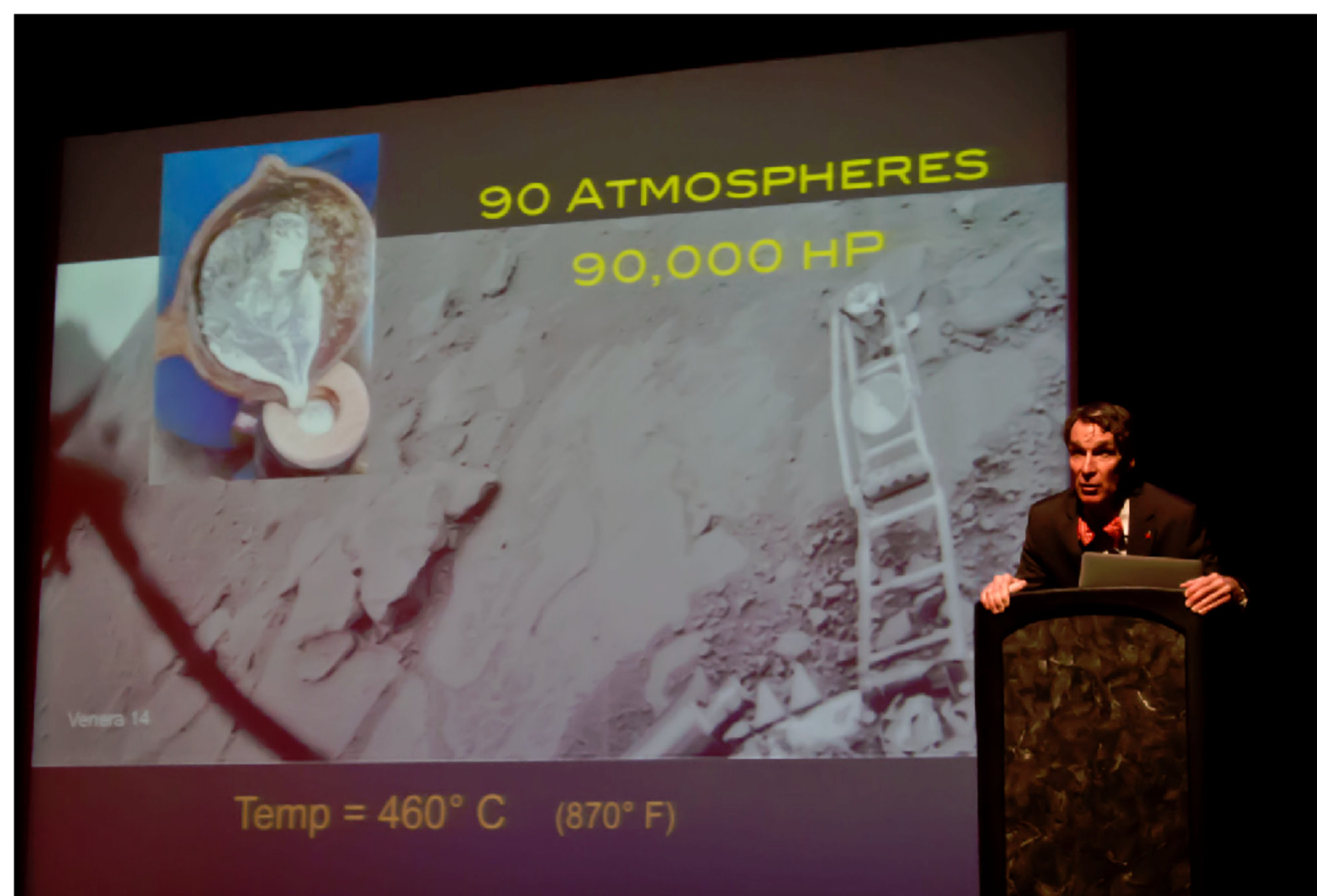
As you might also know, he came to our campus, creating one of the most successful events this semester. People were standing in line to hear our childhood science hero more than two hours before the event started, and when the doors opened at 6:30 p.m. the line wrapped around three sides of the Hermann Hall Auditorium. The lucky first few people in line were able to meet Bill Nye and receive a signed picture, and the first two front rows were filled by VIP guests who had won tickets on the WIIT radio show or Office of Campus Life Facebook page.

The audience waited anxiously for Nye to appear on stage, and greeted him with thunderous applause and a standing ovation, the first of three that night. The talk seemed like a flashback to his science videos, except as a much more advanced look into the science of sundials and space. Nye had the audience laughing for much of the talk, whether due

to his mocking of geologists, innuendo about sundials, or energetic catch-phrase: "change the world!"

At the end of his presentation, Nye took over 30 questions from the audience, ranging from complaints about standardized testing, requests for handshakes, advice on how to change the world without a science degree, and the Reddit favorite "Would you rather fight one horse-sized duck or ten duck-sized horses?" Nye definitively "science'd" the latter by referencing the physics of animals, explaining that a horse-sized duck would collapse on itself and duck-sized horses would freeze to death. A meme of the answer hit Reddit later that night, earning over 1800 up votes and 200 comments, probably due to the supreme awesomeness of Nye.

Without a doubt, Bill Nye on campus has been one of the most successful events on campus, thanks to the planning of the best radio station around, WIIT. Tune in to 88.9 FM during the week, or listen to it live at radio.iit.edu; most of all, be sure to thank them for the opportunity to see Bill Nye live for free by calling the studio at 312.567.3088.



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