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Subject: The Schulman Affair

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I understand Lawrence Schulman e-mailed a bunch of Judy fans today, trying to tell some kind of cover-up story. I don't know (nor do I care) what it has to say, but because I've received about fourteen requests today to tell people "what really happened", here goes:

Lawrence Schulman was kicked off the List about a year or two ago, for his constant baiting, badgering, demands for recognition as a foremost Judy Garland expert, and telling me what to put on the web site and what not to. He wasn't baiting or badgering ME at the time...but was trying to get some of the globally acknowledged Judy experts here to sink to his level. To their credit, they didn't.

Fast forward to about six weeks ago. Lawrence seems to have discovered the JUDY List BBS, where he could post his views and diatribes unfettered, even going so far as to "praise" me with what he must have considered terms of endearment. That was red flag #1.

Flag #2 was raised when, in the past few weeks, a number of whacked out, rude, (and...surprise!) badgering and baiting posts began appearing under a variety of names. Suspicious, I turned on the "IP Address Stamp" feature and found that Lawrence was using one name (usually "Lawrence, CA", sometimes "allen") to ask a question, one name to answer it, one name to confirm it, another to agree and put down anyone who DIDN'T agree, and then yet another name to congratulate himself on such excellent insight! All from the same IP address!

Although I didn't post that people could now see where all this was coming from just by looking at the IP stamp until a couple of days ago, enough people saw for themselves that it made Lawrence look like the idiot many of you have warned me he *is* over the years. Once the jig was up (so to speak), he then started demanding that I pull all of his posts from the BBS (which would eliminate all the evidence of what a whacko he is). And when I would not do that, that's when he started trashing the board.

By "trashing", I mean setting up a script that posted blank messages to the board every few seconds, with the goal of knocking every single post off the board (including those from people who were there to discuss Judy Garland, heaven forbid). In the middle of his little exercise, I was able to ban his IP address and stop the post-bumping, save what was left, and transfer it to another BBS system that disallows posting from the same IP address more often than every five minutes, and has a better "ban" scheme than httpboards.com.

The evidence still exists of what Lawrence did to The JUDY List BBS on httpboards, but because we have many younger Judy fans here, I don't want to give the link out for just anyone to read. If you're an adult and are curious and can tolerate the height of obscenity and raunchiness that Lawrence left, feel free to write and I'll send you the link. Lawrence chose not only to target ME, but anyone else who had questioned his maniacal ravings. He now thinks that all the posts were from me using different names (attributing his own previous actions to MY reactions in the situation), irregardless of the fact that with a cable modem, I have only one IP address (it's not dynamic, like a dial-up or AOL account) and that address does NOT appear on any posts other than my own.

I'm not happy having to explain this sick, deviant mind on The JUDY List (in one post he starts a thread based on the fact that his 220-lb. Irish/American "wife" looks just like Judy...when he's as Queer As Folk and everyone knows his partner is Alain Falasse...). But with the number of people who received Lawrence's pitiful "rebuttal" e-mail this morning, and the high esteem I hold the people who wrote me about it making me feel an explanation is necessary, here it is. There shouldn't be any more discussion about it on the List. But I understand human nature, and DO appreciate the condolences from those who have heard and understand the ENTIRE story. If you want to say anything about it, do so on the BBS, where the posts can be deleted after this blows over and not last for years into the future as an example of what kind of loony tunes Judy can still attract in the 21st Century.

We now return you to "The JUDY List"....already in progress. :-)

Mark

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Subject: Re: The Schulman Affair

From: "Debbie"

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I am glad you cleared that up Mark and I can't believe that for someone who is supposed to adore her so much can just ruin it for others by being this way.

I did read alot of his posts and I can't get over some of the things he wrote.