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The AUGUST MEETING will happen at John Park's house, 179 W. 19th Ave, Vancouver at 8:00 or so on Saturday, August 16. This will be a movie meeting with two feature length movies planned. I can't publish the titles but let's say that one of them isn't your average monolithic monster film. BYOB AND SNACK. Guests welcome.

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CALENDAR

General-meeting, August 16 (see above)

Executive committee meeting (all members welcome) Tues., Aug. 26 at David George's, #104, 8770 Montcalm, 7:30 P.M.

September general meeting Saturday, Sept. 20 at 8:00 at Fran Skene's house, 207 W. 21st Ave., Vancouver

Westercon 30 and Constitution committees will be meeting regularly though dates are not set at this time. Names of those who wish to attend and/or help will be gathered at the August and September general meetings or phone Fran Skene at 879-7009, Bus. 682-5911, Loc. 37. The Westercon 30 committee has met three times since W<sup>30</sup> 28 and will continue to meet frequently until the first progress report is out before the end of the summer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be an opinion column, SF FORUM, in the newsletter each month. If you have thoughts on (the state of) fandom, science fiction, fantasy, movies, etc. or some general ramblings that you would like to communicate to the people who receive this newsletter please type them up and give to me at a meeting or mail to the club P.O. Box. Length need only be one typewritten page, two double-spaced or longer if you are feeling inspired. Don't worry about spelling, etc. as these will be corrected before publication; no other changes will be made without your permission, neither will I reply in print. I'll leave that up to people who write to the newsletter afterwards. The idea is to have a different writer each month and all members and subscribers are invited to contribute.

Announcements (cont.)

A LETTERS COLUMN will, hopefully, be another monthly feature. To give it a good start there will be a prize, a cassette tape of the panel discussion on pornography and SF that took place last November, for the most interesting (genuine) letter received during the next few months.

The BCSFA will be publishing a list of names, addresses, and/or phone numbers of members and subscribers who wish to be on it. It was felt by members at the July meeting that this would be a service to fans who would like to get in touch with others in the same area. A positive response will be required (see enclosed form), i.e. if we don't hear from you, you don't get on the list. However, the executive committee will be making every effort to get in touch with those who don't reply so if you do not want to be on please let us know that too.

The V-Con IV Final Report will be out in two or three weeks at which time the affairs of the convention will finally be wrapped up.

Any groups wishing to put on the V-Con V convention in May (either the last or second-to-last weekend) are invited to make a presentation at the August executive meeting. Actual voting will take place at the September General Meeting and the group chosen by the membership will then be given money for initial expenses plus the mailing list from V-Con IV. Already interested is a group chaired by David George.

Once again Mike Bailey is sending out a large order for in print science fiction and fantasy, hard cover or soft cover. There's a discount of 20% off American price and if you would like to piggyback on his order please phone Mike at 731-8451, Bus. 666-6604.

NEWS

The July meeting attracted 15 people including Mike Coney and his wife Daphne. Victoria members Linda Thomson, Bruce Zado, Kirk Bullough, and Stan Hyde were there and told us that they are organizing a Victoria club, name yet to be decided. There was a meeting July 31 at the home of Alan McGuinness, #10 Bushby St., Apt. 3, and no doubt Alan can give further information as to meetings. The possibility of a Victoria con was brought up and was met with enthusiasm on my part. The con would be modest and might happen in two years.

Many thanks are due to Daphne Coney who, in spite of suffering from a toothache, did her hostess thing not only Saturday night but Sunday morning for those who stayed over. Incidentally the Coneys' home is in a lovely place, with a field with horses in it across the street at the front, woods across the street on one side, and more woods for a back yard. Later I went to visit an old friend who lives in Saanich and soon we went swimming at Elk Lake with her preschoolers. The lake was warm, clean, and five minutes from her home. She also lives near the ocean. I think you can really live the good life on the island provided you don't require too wide a variety of places to go at night.

Not long after I bumped into Mike Coney at the European News store on Robson Street in Vancouver and it turned out that we both frequent the place (they have a wide selection of paperback SF). Mike mentioned that he was going to meet with someone from Gollancz (a British publisher that picks up a lot of paperback SF from North America and puts it out in hardcover for

NEWS (Cont.)

the first time) who was quite enthusiastic about the female protagonists in Mike's last two novels (not yet available in Vancouver).

Andrew Porter, publisher of *Algol*, was in Vancouver for 24 hours or so in the week previous to the July meeting. He stayed on a few days after Westercon 28, then mosied on up the coast. In Seattle he stayed overnight with the Dentons, then went over to Victoria to see the two *Algol* subscribers there. In Vancouver he got shown around Chinatown and Gastown by Daniel Say among others then the following day came to the library and took me out to lunch. At 5:00 he got on the train for Regina. When Andrew finally got back to New York he sent the BCSFA \$2.00 for an associate membership.

In June I attended a meeting of the Nameless Ones, the Seattle group that once put on a Westercon and a Worldcon though is now primarily a social club. The Nameless Ones meet on the second Friday of each month at the Horizon Book Store which is run by Don Glover. I had to go to work the next morning so had to drive back the same night but was glad I came. There are some really good people in this club. We stood around among the shelves of books just talking and generally enjoying people's company. It shows that who is attending a meeting is more important than an elaborate location or program. I hope to attend another meeting, on Sept. 12. This time I'll arrange to have Saturday as my day off so that I can stay in Seattle overnight. Vicki Bushell almost made it to the June Nameless meeting and I'll try to persuade her to come to this one. Anyone else who would like to come along will be welcome.

James Blish has died at the age of 54 after a long illness, at his home in Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, England.

Frank Herbert's Children of Dune will be serialized in *Analog* starting in January.

Rod Serling of "The Twilight Zone" among other T.V. programs and dramas and who won six Emmy awards died at the age of 50 on June 28.

CONVENTIONS

Aussiecon (Aug. 14-17) (world convention) Southern Cross Hotel, Melbourne, Australia. GoH Ursula Le Guin; fan GoH Mike Glicksohn and Susan Wood. Membership \$12 attending, \$4 supporting. Box 4039, Melbourne, Vic 3001, Australia.

MYTHCON VI (Aug. 15-18) Scripps College, Claremont, Calif. Annual Mythopoeic Society convention. GoH Walter Hooper and Ed Meskys. Membership \$6.50, supporting \$1. Room & board: \$48 for the whole con. The Mythopoeic Society, Box 4671, Whittier CA 90607.

NASFIC (Aug.28-Sept. 1) Los Angeles Marriott, Los Angeles. GoH Harlan Ellison; fan GoH Dick Eney. Membership \$10. Write Chuck Crayne, 734 S. Ardmore, Los Angeles CA 90005. This is the large con that happens in North America when the Worldcon is elsewhere.

Milehicon VII (Oct.24-26) Sheraton Airport Inn, Denver. GoH Joanna Russ; fan GoH Bob Vardeman. Reg. \$3 advance, \$5 at door. Info: Ted Peak, 1556 Detroit, Denver Co 80206

Conventions (cont.)

- Tus-Con III (Nov.7-10) Tucson, Ariz. GoH Gordon Eklund. Membership \$4.00 until Nov. 1, \$5.00 after, \$2.00 supporting. P.O. Box 49196, Tucson AR 85719.
- La 2000 (Dec.5-7) International Hotel, Los Angeles. Celebrating the 2,000 meetings of LASFS. Info: LASFS, 11360 Ventura Blvd., Studio City CA 91604.
- Leprecon II (Mar.12-14) Phoenix ARIZ. GoH Roger Zelazny. Membership \$4.00 until Mar. 1, \$5.00 after. P.O. Box 1749, Phoenix AR 85001.
- WESTERCON 29 (July 2-5) International Hotel, Los Angeles. GoH H.L. Gold, fan GoH Gregg Calkins. Membership \$5.00 until June 1976, \$6 after, supporting \$3. Write: Westercon 29, Box 5384, Mission Hills CA 91345.
- MIDAMERICON (Sept. 1-6, 1976) (Worldcon) Hotel Muehlebach, Kansas City. GoH Robert Heinlein, Fan GoH George Barr. Membership \$10 until Sept. 1, 1975, \$15 Sept. 1-Jan. 1, 1976; \$20 Jan.1 - May 1, \$25 May 1 - August 1, \$50 after, and at door. Supporting \$5 till Jan.1, \$6 after. Write: P.O. Box 221, Kansas City MO 64141.

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NEW SCIENCE FICTION AT V.P.L.

- Anderson, Poul Homeward and beyond Doubleday 1975 7.95  
Reprint anthology although some stories are slightly changed. Stories are Wings of victory, The long remembering, Peek! I see you!, Murphy's hell, The pirate, Go at song, The visitor, Wolfram, and The peat bog.
- Caidin, Martin Cyborg IV Arbor House 1975 7.95  
Further adventures of the Six Million Dollar Man, in which he becomes attached to a space ship.
- Brunner, John The shockwave rider Harper 1975 8.95  
A young fugitive genius tries to save the world from future shock. From the reviews I would say that this is one of Brunner's better written books. (Care to review it, Vicki?)
- Cummings, Ray The girl in the golden atom Hyperion 1974 (c.1923) 10.95  
A scientist invents a (miraculous) microscope that sees into an atom, then shrinks himself and enters the world that is in orbit around the nucleus. Reprint of a classic scientific romance.
- MacLean, Katherine Missing man Berkley/Putnam's 1975 8.25  
MacLean has been writing SF since the forties but this is her first novel. A man who uses his ESP gifts to find missing persons becomes a missing person himself. Based on the Nebula award winning novella. "Iffy" reviews.
- O'Brien, Robert C. Z for Zachariah (publ. info next time)  
The last woman on Earth meets the last man--but the result is terror. One possible end of a nuclear war from a distinguished writer of juvenile books.

New science fiction at V.P.L. (cont.)

- Russ, Joanna     The female man     Bantam 1975     1.25  
About alternate worlds and the war of the sexes. Savage and entertaining though not for those who are sensitive on the subject. This is a feminist novel with science fiction trappings and must be taken on its own terms.
- Silverberg, Robert     Feast of St. Dionysus     Scribner's 1975     6.95  
Short stories/novelettes are in my opinion what Silverberg writes best and here are some really good ones: The feast of St. Dionysus, Schwartz between the galaxies, Trips, In the house of double minds, and This is the road.
- Simak, Clifford     Enchanted pilgrimage     Berkley 1975     8.25  
Adventure in an alternate Earth with goblins, elves, gnomes, hell-hounds, witches and so on. The veteran author is just going through the motions but his fans will no doubt enjoy it.

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BOOK REVIEW by Daniel Say

BERNHARD THE CONQUEROR by Sam J. Lundwall. DAW June 1973  
ISBN 451-UQ1058-095 95¢ 18cm.

"One reaction to Heinlein's STARSHIP TROOPERS (1959) was one novel, Harry Harrison's witty and intelligent BILL, THE GALACTIC HERO (1966), a Catch-22 on a magnificent cosmic scale."\*

So says Sam J. Lundwall on a book of which this is a pastiche or parody. Both heroes start out on the soil but while Bill starts out as a naive rustic, Bernhard Rordin has already been in the armed forces of the Galactic Empire and is now working off a sentence on a prison planet when a huge spaceship comes by.

Bernhard (from the Old High German Bero = bear and hart = bold, hard, so literally bold as a bear) is however not naive but is cynical and often as cunning as a European bear is in the myths. He whines and moans a lot in the right places and is self-pitying as befitting this stock cardboard character. He reacts on the Pavlovian commands of the author and is to be talked at, not talked with. He is a counter being moved by the play of the author's dice. On the board . . .

This long-haul space-ship crosses nearby the planet and its size (32,000 kilometers) upsets the guardians of the prison planet and their system breaks down. A scout ship sent down from the spaceship finds that this is no longer the paradise planet that was marked on their charts eons ago. Bernhard however finds an opportunity to get aboard the scout and so to the ship and off the prison planet.

Bernhard, however, is prevented from being free again in the story by a very crowded universe of stock SF figures.

There are innumerable encounters with the several robotic brains of the

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\*Sam J. Lundwall, SCIENCE FICTION: WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT, New York: Ace Books, page 69

Review of Bernhard the Conqueror (cont.)

ship which want to love him or to put him out with the garbage or to cut him up for parts. Each chapter has a new menace: a mad scientist who literally assembled his monster-making laboratory from movie sets; the army which needs a private to order around and Bernhard is elected; the TV sets who want an audience; Effjay Von Rhodin and his companions--Grog, a 3 metre tall robot, Otto, a 40 kilogram weakling who is a weapons expert etc. (No relation to P.R. at all, no sir.) The Von Rhodin companion known as the Brain gives Bernhard a "Mr. Hyde" potion which does the obvious gorilla-like body-bulldog-jaw treatment of the innocent private. Castaway later into space, Bernhard meets the Gentleman Adventurer of the Tom Swift Sr. type, a carnivorous planet, rival utopian communities, robot whores, a solar system with all the planets sharing a common orbit about the sun and so a common atmosphere, a God machine which gives a cardboard replica of SF philosophy about man's place and so on.

And of course back to the planet that he started out from but changed inside and out and with a new niche in the heirarchy of the prison planet. Read it to find out what happens. It's all rather predictable but fun.

This is a light novel meant to expose many things at one fell swoop and so exaggerated that Lundwall makes you laugh despite yourself. While Harrison only did in a few military and social unrest cliches, Lundwall does in all of them in a scattergun approach using short chapters with enough irony to be semi-effective.

A lot happens quickly. It is a rushing-onward book as any parody must be to cover the ground in doing in a genre. Yet it is not a sharp incisive razor that Lundwall wields but rather a slap-board. He exaggerated the scenes too much and hits obvious targets. It's no fun if you agree fully with him. It's a puff book but fun for the hour.

The cover by Tim Kirk of the many-planets-in-the-same-orbit is very good and effective. But it is a shame that they wasted the one interior illustration on a static pose instead of Bernhard in a mess again.

Daniel Say also publishes his own newsletter, SF<sup>3</sup> Newsletter, fact-filled and some very different opinions.

He has available a 16 page Convention Report on V-Con IV with summaries of all the talks and extensive comments on the con itself which should be taken with a grain of salt.

About 50¢ each from Box 65583, Vancouver 12, B.C. V5N 5K5

((Plug written by Daniel himself at the end of his review. See my review of local personalzines in next month's newsletter.))

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FICTION by John Park

An old-fashioned SF story

Demam climbed the last stairs alone and entered the apartment: the top of the building, the peak of the city. He hefted his ancient pistol.

'Morgan,' he shouted 'It's no use hiding. Where are you?'

'I'm in here.'

Demam found the old man sitting behind a dark wooden desk in a room mostly windows: Three walls and the ceiling were transparent, giving views of the grey city, the brown hills beyond, the overcast sky. Morgan watched him placidly, but did not speak; the door closed quietly. Demam waved his gun.

An old-fashioned SF story (cont.)

'It's over, Morgan; we've come from the farm-cellars, from the subways, the machine rooms; your guards are with us or dead -- it's all ours now.'

The grey-haired man smiled bleakly. 'I seem to remember using similar words myself once.'

'We won't let things rot the way you did. We know what we're doing, we have plans. We've come for real daylight and real air again and we know what we have to do to get them.'

'Are you sure?' Morgan reached across the desk and pushed a button. Deman twitched the gun, but nothing seemed to have happened. He glanced behind him. Where the door had been, was another window showing more of the city.

He turned on Morgan, who inclined his head with a twisted smile and pushed another button. One of the windows showed jungle under a blazing white sky. Another button, and the lights of the city smouldered in early evening.

Morgan laughed harshly. 'Are you quite sure you know what you're taking on?'

Deman snarled and went to the nearest window. He levered at its edge with the muzzle of his gun, tore with his fingers, and the viewscreen fell away from the wall with a clatter, trailing a snake of braided cable.

'A trick.' He advanced on Morgan. 'The other walls too?'

'The others too.'

'Then we're . . . underground? -- What about the ceiling?'

Morgan's face didn't change, but he seemed to stiffen. 'The ceiling's all right.'

'Get back in that corner.' Deman thrust the gun at his face. 'Go on!'

Morgan backed away, clenching and unclenching his fists. 'The ceiling's all right. Leave it.' He bit his lip.

Deman stood on the desk and grasped the edge of the viewscreen. He grinned savagely. 'The ceiling too.' He pulled. There was a snapping sound as the sheet of lumoplast came away in his hand, and all the lights went out. Deman stood blinking in darkness, and slowly grew aware of grey light coming from above. Morgan did not seem to have moved, but Deman could hear his ragged breathing. They faced each other in the dimness.

'You fool.' Morgan's voice was a croak.

Deman looked up. There was a circular window about a metre in diameter set in the ceiling. It was black, with parallel streaks of white light flickering across it: mostly dim, but every few seconds would come a brighter one. Deman swallowed. 'What is it?'

'It's the stars.'

'What do you mean? Are we falling?'

'No....Spinning. The whole ship spins. Oh, you fool! There's no solid ground for us, no earth anywhere, until we reach -- wherever -- If we still live. And then everything will end; it will all be torn away for something new....' He groaned. 'It's always night out there, and we can never stop. You fool -- you fool....!'

Deman had him taken away, and set about organizing his new power. The image of the starship plunging through darkness towards an unimaginable destiny troubled him, but he pushed it aside. This room would make a good headquarters; he would have to get the lights fixed and find a more imaginative content for the viewscreens; and that flickering light was distracting. He called in two technicians and ordered them to restore the ceiling screen.



From the secretary:

LIST OF MAIL RECEIVED SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER

- (1) July 23 Tus-Con III Brochure
- (2) 28th Sirius XIV, #26, Frank Catalano, Syntactics pub.
- (3) 31st Synapse II, OSFic newsletter
- (4) Aug. 3 Unapa VI, Klamath Falls, Ore., Jarod O'Danu
- (5) " Delap's F & SF Review, #3, June 1975
- (6) Memberships and renewals

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING JULY 19TH

At Michael Concy's on Vancouver Island, the July General Meeting drew four from Victoria, eight from Vancouver, one from Kamloops, and of course included Dapanc and Michael (North Saanich). From Victoria were Stan Hyde, Linda Thomson, Kirk Bullough, and Bruce Zado. From Vancouver were Ed and Norma Beauregard, David George, Pat Burrows, Fran Skene, John Thomson, John Park, Al Betz. Barbara Dryer came down from Kamloops.

A relatively short business meeting was held, and items were discussed as follows:

(1) We all reminisced and commented on the recently held Westercon 28 and its culmination in our successful bid for No. 30.

(2) As Al had not found a place for the August 16th meeting at which movies can be shown we asked John Park if his place could be used. John said that he would check with his two house-mates. The films will be ((censored)).

(3) The subject of Mike's use of the club mailing list came up, with regard to his personal publication. After a great deal of talk, almost all who were present came to the conclusion that it was the sense of the meeting that there was not a breach of ethics involved. Following this, John Thomson moved that "A club directory be set up, with each member's name, address, interests, etc., listed, at the member's option only." Kirk seconded the motion. After brief debate, in which the clarification was made that if a member doesn't want to be listed (all members will be polled individually soon), the name and address will be used only for mailing the club newsletter, the motion was passed.

(4) An opinions column was suggested for the newsletter by John Thomson, who moved that "There be an opinions column in the newsletter, and articles for the opinions column not be edited except for grammar and legal responsibility." Al seconded, and after brief debate the motion was passed.

(5) Al asked that anyone present who had not renewed membership in the BCSCFA do so that night.

There was a short discussion among the photobugs in which the hot-shoe vs. the hot-foot was defined, and Al moved that the meeting adjourn. Kirk seconded, the meeting adjourned, and less restrained partying ensued, with particular delight being expressed that there are in fact ten in Victoria.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING JULY 24TH

All present, plus Norma.

(1) David gave the Secretary's report on mail received. See list above.

(2) Al, as Treasurer, reported receiving three renewal memberships at the July meeting and two recently by mail, which gives a total of \$58.09 in the chequing account, and \$277.67 in the savings.

(3) A spontaneous notion occurred to all of the executive that it would be a good idea to list the mail received each month in the newsletter. The notion was informally moved and passed by acclamation.

Minutes of Executive meeting (cont.)

4) The deadline for this newsletter was fixed at August 3rd with mailing on August 4th. A call was issued in the same discussion for anyone interested in the Westercon 30 Committee, or the yet-to-be-formed V-Con V Committee to get in touch with either Fran or David. Mike Bailey is putting together a book order, and invited people interested to join in. See item elsewhere.

5) The general meeting will indeed be held at John Park's.

6) There is an apparently good restaurant on Pender called The Air Affair (Mike Bailey).

7) We will be sending the BCSFA newsletter in trade to Linda Bushyager for her "Karass".

8) The bill to Northern Comfort Communications was sent in error to them in Smithers. (This bill has since been paid, despite the fact that it was going to be taken care of by Carl Chaplin)

9) Ed asked when the final report of the V-Con IV Committee will be out. Mike said it would probably take two or three more weeks.

10) There was a long discussion by everyone of the convention post office box in the Bentall centre. No conclusions were drawn.

11) On the general subject of V-Con V, David applied to the executive with Fran, Ed, Norma, Al, and Rick as the core of a committee to put on the con. Fran moved "That the BCSFA executive hear presentations of all groups bidding for V-Con V at the August 26th executive meeting, and submit a recommendation

to the membership and have presentations made to the membership and a vote taken at the September general meeting." Al seconded. Motion passed, 4-0.

12) Ed asked about moving the August meeting to the 23rd. David pointed out that the date of the 16th has already been published.

13) The August executive meeting will be held at David's, at 7:30 PM on Tuesday August 26th.

14) The September general <sup>meeting</sup> was set for Saturday the 20th at 8:00 PM at Fran's house.

15) The minutes of the Victoria meeting were read, and Fran gave her definition of the opinions column which will shortly be a regular feature of the newsletter.

16) Mike made objection to the fact that the Victoria meeting conducted business. It was agreed that the possibility had been discussed of not having a regular meeting (we are required to have only ten a year) in Victoria; however Fran pointed out that it had been announced as a regular meeting in the newsletter.

17) In further discussion about executive decisions Al moved that "The secretary keep a separate notebook in which all motions and votes at executive and regular meetings are kept, so that decisions can be looked up without going through all the minutes of every meeting there ever was." Fran seconded. Ed moved to amend by specifying that "The Secretary prepare a list of all previous executive decisions on record, by the Sept. executive meeting." Mike seconded. Amendment passed 4-0. Motion passed 4-0.

18) Fran moved "To set up a Standing Constitutional Committee" in order that we may clear away some of the confusion surrounding our long-suffering Constitution and By-Laws. Al seconded, and the motion was passed 4-0.

19) Ed moved "That Fran Skene be invited to be Chairman of the Standing Constitutional Committee." David seconded. Motion passed 4-0. Fran was duly invited, and accepted. Mike commented that we were acting "Ultra vires" in asking Fran. Ed disagreed, and stated that though we were not "Ultra vires" it might be Staphylococcus.

20) David moved to adjourn. Al seconded. Meeting adjourned.

David George, Secretary

FANZINE REVIEWS

Next Month: Review of local personal zines,  
#2 in a regular feature

(1) "The Big Three"

ALGOL: the magazine about science fiction  
Andrew Porter, Editor and Publisher  
Twice a year; six issues \$6.00, single copy \$1.50 (Canadians use  
Canadian cheques or currency); ALGOL MAGAZINE, P.O. Box 4175, New  
York NY 10017 USA.

This is a slick magazine with a professional look to it; in fact Andrew winces when this is described as a fanzine. However he, like other 'zine editors, has to have a job on the side. Regular features are: editorial, column by Ted White, book reviews by Dick Lupoff, letters column (which gives the address as well of those whose letters are published--an excellent idea in my opinion), a photo and brief biographical information of/on one or more Algol contributors, and classified ads. In the last three issues are, among others, articles by Robert Bloch, Poul Anderson, Barry Malzberg, Jack Williamson, and Brian Stableford; interviews with Roger Elwood, Arthur C. Clarke, and Ursula K. Le Guin; related articles on a theme: Science fiction and Film; Arthur C. Clarke. In other words, very meaty. Editing is good, illustrations are numerous.

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Dena and Charlie Brown, 34 Ridgewood Lane, Oakland CA 94611  
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If you have only a limited amount of money to spend on subscriptions you should get this one. It will make you "hip" to what's going on in fandom in the shortest possible time and in addition publishes from time to time an exhaustive list of other fanzines with a short annotation on each including recommendations or otherwise. (If you would like such a list right now send your 50¢ and ask for Issue 168--hopefully they have some left.) LOCUS is usually eight photoreduced pages long (two sheets folded) and arrives by first class mail. The frequency of publication, speed in arriving, and huge amount of news (people, conventions, awards, upcoming books) make the label "newspaper" very apt. In addition there is a large number of book reviews.

SCIENCE FICTION REVIEW (THE ALIEN CRITIC)  
Richard E. Geis, Editor and Publisher  
Quarterly; \$4.00 (Canada \$4.50) /year, \$7.00/\$8.00 /two years,  
single copy \$1.25 U.S. Funds SCIENCE FICTION REVIEW, P.O. Box  
11408, Portland, OR 97211

Dick Geis has a very interesting personality which is particularly evident in his editorial comments and general ramblings. In addition his alter ego, Alter, is pretty entertaining as he speaks out from the depths of his dungeon. The zine has interviews, (irregular) columns, articles, book reviews, and letters and Geis' personality is evident in all, including the style of writing of his contributors. One by-product is that the book reviews are of no use to me for selection of books for the library: they are not objective enough. Another problem is the game that Geis is playing: Let's You and Him Fight (see Berne, Games people play). At any one time there are a half-dozen quarrels happening via his published letters-to-the-editor. Nothing like promoting happiness in fandom. If you dig knowing about all the controversies this 'zine is for you. Otherwise get a sample copy and make up your own mind.

ACCESSIBILITY DEPARTMENT

In case you've forgotten, or if you just want to comment on something the club is doing, should do or shouldn't do, here is a list of executive members. And if you haven't the time to write a letter, their phone numbers have been included below. So you have no excuse.

President -	Ed Beauregard	732-8202
Vice-president -	Mike Bailey	731-8451
Treasurer -	Al Betz	733-7607
Secretary -	David George	263-5733
Information Officer -	Fran Skene	879-7009

COMING NEXT MONTH:

- Another book review by Daniel Say
- More SF on TV by A. R. Betz
- Review of local fanzines
- And more fiction, fact and fancy

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