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The newsletter of the British Columbia Science Fiction Association which can be reached at P.O. Box 35577, Vancouver B.C. V6M 4G9. Memberships now due: Active \$4 (family \$6); associate (non-voting) (only kind of membership available to non-B.C. residents) \$3 (family \$5). Both active and associate members receive the newsletter; the category of "subscriber" is defunct. Ed and Norma Beauregard, David George, and Winifred helped to get out the last issue. All unsigned material is by the editor. Art by Tim Hammell, Dale Hammell, and Winifred.

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ALL MEMBERSHIPS, WITH THE OBVIOUS EXCEPTION OF THOSE WHICH WERE RENEWED IN THE LAST MONTH OR TWO, EXPIRED LAST MONTH. IF A CHECK MARK FOLLOWS THIS SENTENCE YOU WILL NEED TO SEND MONEY (SEE RATES ABOVE) IN ORDER TO REMAIN A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING AND CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THIS ZINE. _____

The JUNE GENERAL MEETING will happen at John Park's abode, 179 West 19th Ave., Vancouver B.C., on Saturday, June 19 at 8:00 or so. There will be slides of V-Con 5 shown and Hopefully also a film or two. All new and prospective members are especially welcome. BYOBooze, mixer; plus munchies to share with all. Out-of-towners guaranteed a place to lay your weary heads--though it's wise to bring a sleeping bag.

The JULY GENERAL MEETING will happen at Allyn Cadogan's (co-op) abode, 2116 Grant St., Vancouver (Grant is parallel to and two blocks south of First Ave.) (it's just east of Victoria Drive) at 8:00 on Saturday, July 17. (Note that, with very few exceptions, the BCSEA meets on the third Saturday of each month.)

JUNE EXECUTIVE MEETING: Tuesday, June 22 at Al Betz's, 3162 West 8th Ave.

For information on VAN-CON (Westercon 30) and final V-Con 5 meetings contact Fran Skene at 879-7009, Bus. 682-5911 and David George at 263-5733 respectively.

The CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE will probably next meet some time in July. Time and place T.B.A.

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NEW SCIENCE FICTION AT V.P.L.

- Bayley, Barrington J. THE GARMENTS OF CAEAN Doubleday 1976 6.95
About a tailor who puts on a suit of clothes from the Caeanic Worlds--and instantly becomes clever and successful.
- Biggle, Lloyd THIS DARKENING UNIVERSE Doubleday 1975 6.95
World after world is mysteriously destroyed so private detective Jan Darzek sets out to discover how and why.
- Bova, Ben MILLENNIUM Random 1976 9.25
A novel about people and politics in the year 1999.
- Caidin, Martin HIGH CRYSTAL Arbor 1974 6.95
In which the Six Million Dollar Man tracks the hidden source of a mysterious laser energy.
- Carr, Terry, ed. UNIVERSE 6 Doubleday 1976 6.95
Brian Aldiss, Journey to the heartland; Gordon Eklund and Gregory Benford, What did you do last year?; Harlan Ellison, The wine has been left open too long and the memory has gone flat; and other stories
by Utley and Waldrop, Shirley, Chang, and Haas.
- Clarke, Arthur C. IMPERIAL EARTH Harcourt 1976 9.50
Clarke's new one, an adventure story. Has received both good and bad reviews (latter mainly for two dimensional characters).
- Coblentz, Stanton A. THE DAY THE WORLD STOPPED Avalon 1968 4.95
About Earthlings and aliens and saving the world.
- Coney, Michael HELLO SUMMER, GOODBYE Gollancz 1975 6.66
In which young Alika-Drove has a series of adventures in a well depicted world other than Earth and discovers how cruel adults can be in the fight for survival. This novel includes fewer potshots at women than other Coney stories.
- CONTINUUM 4 ed. Roger Elwood Berkeley/Putnam's 1975 8.25
The final stories in cycles by Farmer, Anderson, Oliver, Scortia, McCaffrey, Wolfe, Pangborn, and Malzberg.
- Deweese, Gene and Robert Coulson NOW YOU SEE IT/HIM/THEM Doubleday 1975 6.95
Murder at an SF con in which the murderer escapes by teleportation. Very entertaining.
- Disch, Thomas, ed. THE NEW IMPROVED SUN Harper 1975 10.50
Stories, most of them published for the first time, about Utopia by, among others, Sladek, Aldiss, Russ, Harrison, Disch, and Wolfe.
- Effinger, Geo. Alec IRRATIONAL NUMBERS Doubleday 1976 6.95
A collection of eight stories, first published 1973-75.
- England, George DARKNESS AND DAWN Hyperion 1974 (c.1914) 5.95 (pap.)
The classic trilogy in one volume; about a man and woman who wake up in the world of 1500 years hence containing the "debased remnants" of humanity.



Greenhough, Terry TIME AND TIMOTHY GRENVILLE New English Library 1975 5.20
Timothy is drawn to a small Stonehenge and steps into timeslips.

Herbert, Frank THE BEST OF FRANK HERBERT Sidgwick 1975 9.15
Thirteen stories first published 1952-1970 plus a bibliography of his books.

Herbert, Frank CHILDREN OF DUNE Berkley 1976 10.50
The third in the Dune trilogy, in which the protagonists are the "preborn" twin children of Paul Atreides. A complicated novel; the motivations and machinations of the characters are only gradually revealed. (Mike Bailey really liked this novel.) Entertaining as usual.

Holland, Cecilia FLOATING WORLDS Knopf 1976 12.75
About Paula Mendoza, peacemaker, in the much populated solar system of the future. By a well-known author of historical novels.

Jakober, Marie THE MIND GODS Macmillan 1976 7.95
About a rebellion in a colony planet; by a new Canadian author. This time the rebels are the bad guys and in the end are about to take over all other human-settled planets.

Logan, Charles SHIPWRECK Gollancz 1975 5.70
About the one survivor of a destroyed space ship. A prize winner by the author of Logan's run.

Lupoff, Richard A. THE TRIUNE MAN Berkley/Putnam's 1976 8.25
A galactic adventure about trip'e personality, duplicate people, and saving mankind. Starring comic strip artist Buddy Satvan and his creations, superhero Diamond Sutro and villain Dr. Anubis.

Mitchison, Naomi SOLUTION THREE Dobson 1975 5.90
About a world in which aggression between sexes is eliminated by changing to society-wide homosexual relationships.

Morland, Dick ALBION! ALBION! Faber 1974 5.62
England in the 1990's, run by four football clubs.

Niven, Larry TALES OF KNOWN SPACE Ballantine 1975 1.50
Collection of stories first published 1964 ("The coldest place") to 1972 ("Cloak of anarchy").

O'Leary, Liam WELKIN'S RIFT Ollavian 1974 5.20
About a race to stop the environment of Earth from collapsing.

ORBIT, 14 ed. by Damon Knight Harper 1974 8.25
ORBIT, 15 Harper 1974 9.50
ORBIT, 16 Harper 1975 10.50
ORBIT, 17 Harper 1975 9.50

At last we're caught up in receiving ORBIT. The problem was that the agency that handles continuations made no attempt to find out what happened when the editor changed publishers. These books are well produced, with better cover illustrations.

Pangborn, Edgar DAVY Dobson 1967 £2.00
At last at V.P.L. in hard cover, the classic after-the-collapse novel.

Pohl, Frederik THE EARLY POHL Doubleday 1976 6.95
Eight stories and a poem, each with a lengthy and very interesting introduction.

SCIENCE FICTION OF THE THIRTIES, ed. Damon Knight Bobbs
1975 12.50

Stories by Leinster, Campbell, Long, Weinbaum, Russell,
de Camp, Wellman, and del Rey among others, divided
into three sections (early, middle, end), each with an
introduction by the editor. Original illustration with
each story.

SCIENCE FICTION ROLL OF HONOR ed. Frederik Pohl Random
1975 10.25

Stories and talks by some worldcon GoH's: Anderson,
Asimov, Blish, Bloch, Campbell, Clarke, del Rey,
Eshbach, Gernsback, Heinlein, Leiber, Ley, Paul,
E.E. Smith, Sturgeon, Van Vogt and Hull.

Silverberg, Robert CAPRICORN GAMES Random 1976 7.95

A reprint collection of stories in which unconven-
tional use is made of the traditional subject matter
of SF. Received good reviews.

Simak, Clifford D. THE BEST OF CLIFFORD D. SIMAK ed. Angus
Wells Sidgwick 1975 8.22

Ten stories first published 1939-71 plus a bibliography of his books.

Siodmak, Curt CITY IN THE SKY Putnam's 1974 6.95

Prisoners in a satellite prison riot.

Smith, Robert THE KRAMER PROJECT Doubleday 1975 7.95

Politics and a race-against-time, by a Canadian writer.

Stableford, Brian M. MAN IN A CAGE Day 1975 6.95

Starflight destroys the minds of sane men but Harker Lee is insane so he is
taken out of his "cage" and sent into hyperspace. An ambitious novel which
has received good reviews.

Tate, Peter SEAGULLS UNDER GLASS Doubleday 1975 6.95

A collection of twelve stories first published 1966-1974. Pseudo Bradbury
at times.

Van Scyoc, Sydney J. STAR MOTHER Berkley/Putnam's 1976 8.25

A young volunteer in an interstellar peace corps is sent to a rather strange
world.

Van Vogt, A. E. THE MAN WITH A THOUSAND NAMES Sidgwick 1974 6.76

A new novel, about a person from a colony planet who suddenly finds himself
on Earth in another man's body.

Watson, Ian THE JONAH KIT Gollancz 1975 5.41

Two mind-boggling discoveries are linked by the world's whales.

Wellman, Manly W. and Wade Wellman SHERLOCK HOLME'S WAR OF THE WORLDS

Warner 1975 1.25

The dramatic roles of Challenger, Holmes, and Watson in the Martian inva-
sion. Parts previously published in F&SF.

Zelazny, Roger CREATURES OF LIGHT AND DARKNESS Faber 1969 3.12

At last at V.P.L. in hard cover.

Zelazny, Roger DOORWAYS IN THE SAND Harper 1976 8.95

"Good-natured space operetta in which a symbiotic super-intelligence
unaccountably takes a notion to inhabit the body already comfortably



occupied by perennial student Fred Cassidy...Slight but snappy." (Kirkus)
I agree.

Zelazny, Roger FOUR FOR TOMORROW Ace (Garland repr.) 1967 11.00
The furies; The graveyard heart; The doors of his face, the lamps of his
mouth; A rose for Ecclesiastes.

741.8 Sl2h Sadoul, Jacques 2000 A.D.; illustrations from the golden age of
science fiction pulps Henry Regnery 1975 17.95
A lot of info, visual and otherwise, about the early pulps. One sentence
in a plot summary that really breaks me up: "Having set out for Mars,
Richard and Dana Dorr ultimately land on the planet Abrui."

COMING SOON TO NEWSSTANDS (HOPEFULLY)

Brunner, The shockwave rider (Ballantine); Carr, Universe 5 (Popular Library);
Cooper, The dark is rising (Atheneum Aladdin); Effinger, Those gentle voices
(Warner); Foster, Star Trek Log Six (Ballantine); Marshak and Culbreath, Star
Trek: the new voyages (Bantam); Bradley, The shattered chain (DAW); Zelazny,
My name is legion (Ballantine); Lee, The storm lord (DAW); McIntyre and Anderson,
Aurora: beyond equality (Fawcett); Randall, A city in the north (Warner); The
best of Jack Vance (Pocket Books); Brackett, The big jump (Ace); Pohl, In the
problem pit (Bantam); Sargent, Bio-futures (Vintage) and Cloned lives (Fawcett).

CONVENTIONS

- July 2-5 Westercon 29 Hyatt House Hotel, Los Angeles CA; GoH Horace L. Gold,
FGoH Gregg Calkins, Toastmaster Robert Silverberg. Room rates start at
\$19 single. Registration \$6. Box 5384, Mission Hills CA 91345.
- Aug. 13-14 Intercon Salt Lake City. Combination Star Trek and SF con.
Guests incl. Larry Niven, Alan Dean Foster, John & Bjo Trimble. Membership
\$12. Intercon, Box 11057, Salt Lake City UT 84147.
- Sept. 2-6 MidAmericon Radisson Muehlebach Hotel, Kansas City MO. Membership
\$25 to Aug. 1, \$50 thereafter. Supporting membership \$6. GoH Robert
Heinlein, FGoH George Barr. Box 221, Kansas City MO 64141
- Oct. 1-3 Bouchercon VII Americana Hotel, Culver City CA. Len and June
Moffatt, Box 4456, Downey CA 90241.
- Oct. 15-17 LASFS-Con II Americana Hotel, Culver City CA. LASFS, 11360 Ventura
Bld, Studio City CA 91604.
- Oct. 29-31 Alpha Draconis Toronto, Ontario. Combo SF, fantasy, horror,
comics con. Guests: Gordon Dickson, Kelly Freas, Hal Clement, Mike Glick-
sohn, Roy Thomas, Jay Kay Klein. Holiday Inn, downtown. Membership \$5 to
June 30, \$7 to Sept. 30, \$10 thereafter. Hucksters \$35 incl. one membership,
\$50 after Sept. 30. Draco Film Society, 1384 Ludbrook Court, Mississauga,
Ont. L5J 3P4
- Oct. 29-31 Second World Fantasy Convention New York, N.Y. Thom Anderson,
1643 W. 10th St., Brooklyn N.Y. 11223.
- July 1-4, 1977 Westercon 30 (Van-Con) Totem Convention Centre, U.B.C. GoH
Damon Knight, Spec.G Kate Wilhelm, FGoH Frank Denton. \$6 to March 15/77.
Hucksters \$20 incl. one membership. Westercon 30, Box 48701 Stn. Bentall,
Vancouver B.C. V7X 1A6.

OUTATOWN FANAC (OR, THEFTS FROM KARASS *
AND SFINCTOR** FOR THIS MONTH)

David Gerrold has announced that he will sever all connection with fandom other than normal paid appearances and keeping in touch with friends.

Fans of Jacqueline Lichtenberg's Sime Series (include me in), of which HOUSE OF ZEOR is the first novel, may be interested in a Sime letterzine. Send self-addressed stamped envelope to Betty Herr, 2068 Main St., Rothville PA 17573.

Suncon (Worldcon '77) has moved to the Hotel Fountainebleau in Miami Beach. The former hotel, the Sheraton Towers in Orlando, refused to guarantee room rates when the Suncon committee went to renegotiate its contract after the hotel went into bankruptcy proceedings. Also the Sheraton Towers wanted the dates of the con to be moved back two days in order to accommodate another convention. After vainly trying to find other suitable hotels in Orlando the committee settled on the Fountainebleau. It has 1284 sleeping rooms and will charge \$27 single, \$31 double (much less than their current rates). There is a billiard room, nearby golf courses, 2 pools, a private beach with 200 cabanas, ice skating rink, gym, bowling alley, tennis court, etc. Membership \$10, supporting \$7.50; later increases T.B.A. Send to Suncon, P.O.Box 3427, Cherry Hill NJ 08034.

There are now two bidders for the 1978 WORLDCON: Los Angeles and Phoenix. The chairman of the latter group, Greg Brown, told me at Leprecon that they would probably bid for the con in addition to their bid for a Westercon to be held the same summer but that he didn't expect to win the worldcon bid. At last word the committee consisted of Greg Brown, Curt Stubbs, Bruce Arthurs, Tim Kyger, Carol Hoag, Jim Corrick, Hilde Brown, Bill Patterson, Rick Gellman, and Louie Spooner. They list their experience as two Leprecons, three Tuscons, four Desertcons, and an assortment of relaxicons. As reported by Craig Miller (a member of the L.A. bid committee but who promised to do his best to be objective) the bid hotel is the Hyatt Regency Phoenix (734 sleeping rooms). Across the street is the Adams (538 sleeping rooms) and the Phoenix Convention Center, with two main rooms including one which seats 2,557 people. The L.A. committee consists of Len & June Moffatt, Bruce Pelz, Milt Stevens, and Craig Miller. All or most have had experience with at least five Westercons plus locals, relaxicons, Star Trek cons, mystery cons. The bid hotel is the Los Angeles Bonaventure (1500 sleeping rooms), the largest room in which seats 3,230.

* KARASS Edited and published by Linda Bushyager, 1614 Evans Ave., Prospect Park PA 19076. Subscriptions are 3/\$1.00, also available for news, letters, 1 for 1 trades, artwork, and articles. Out of U.S. use money orders.

** SFInctor Produced approx. monthly by Craig Miller, Mike Glycer, Elliot Weinstein, and Glenn Mitchell. 9115 Beverlywood St, Los Angeles CA 90034. Available for 25¢/issue or \$2.50 for 12 issues; also for trades, usable news and artwork. Make checks payable to Craig Miller.

Both these zines are major sources of fan news as opposed to LOCUS which is essential to have a subscription to but is fairly pro oriented. Of the two, KARASS is more continent-wide oriented and has a far greater number of news items. SFInctor has a lot on upcoming conventions of particular interest to west coast fans including a fair amount of commentary. In format it ranged from a one sheet mimeo effort to the latest, #9, which is 12 pages long, photo reduced offset. KARASS is mimeo but the most attractive and well-formatted (not to mention the excellence of reproduction) such zine I've seen.

Both of these fan newszines come to the club on a trade basis. If you would like to take a look I'll be bringing the more recent mail to this month's general meeting.

CONVENTIONAL MUTTERINGS

May 24, 1976. I am driving away from Gage Towers and stop to talk to Lauren Exter of Powell River who is loading his van. Lauren says that we will never again have a con as friendly as this one as after this we will concentrate on getting greater attendance so we won't lose our shirts (or words to that effect). I agree. The total attendance at the con held on a sunny holiday weekend in Vancouver in spring (after a winter of cold and rain Vancouverites are very restless) reached the grand total of about 390 including one-day memberships. At this point the committee is sure that it has lost money and is thinking in terms of also leaving town on the next Victoria Day weekend instead of trying to put on an indoor event. But the lack of street people resulted in the fans being able to find each other. Many congregated in bar and central lounge area in addition to movie and program rooms and at night the parties were really fun. It was, in fact, the most enjoyable con I've ever attended, in or out of town. In addition to low attendance the low room rentals (an important factor also at next year's Westercon) helped as a lot of outatown trufans were finally able to come to a V-Con.

June 3, 1976. I come to the first post-con V-Con meeting and see Rick Mikkelson, Susan Wood, and John Berry in the living room so sit down and chat. In the adjoining room Ed Beauregard, Norma Beauregard, David George, Al Betz, and others are going over the books. After a while Susan suggests that we go pubbing but as if on cue all others come into the living room to start the meeting. David makes an announcement: V-Con did not lose money after all. Shock. In fact it would be able to return the club's \$100 grant (later a particular bill is remembered so this wasn't the case). And relief. Meeting ends early.

Many people helped with the con. Laurels especially to Susan Wood and all the people and media who helped her with publicity; to all those who helped with the progress report and program book--writing articles, supplying artwork, typing, mimeographing, and collating. To Kat Ferguson, who worked for eight days straight (tending bar at the Four Seasons Hotel) so that she could help us at V-Con, and her assistants at the bar. (To David George who wouldn't budge when Ed Beauregard insisted that the bar was an unnecessary expense--it was the bar profits that put V-Con in the black.) To all those who helped at registration and BCSFA/Westercon 30 desks. To Ed Hutchings' projectionists. To all those who took part in the programming including GoH Larry Niven and Special Guest Terry Carr. To Lynne Dollis who got the committee registered as the Wreck Beach Science Fiction Convention Committee Association! To Tim Hammell who, in addition to coming through every time when we needed artwork, etc., took on a variety of jobs--before, during, and after the con. Finally, brickbats to the Victor projectors, supplied by Ed Beauregard and Al Betz, which broke down one right after the other when Ed Hutchings attempted, for the second time, to show THX 1138 in cinemascope!

Would YOU like to write a conreport on V-Con 5? Deadline is June 27 for inclusion in the next clubzine.

One of the parties happening on Saturday night was the "Pulpcon" gathering sponsored by the Powell River contingent. They were mostly joking when they talked about having a "Pulpcon" in Powell River but Rick Mikkelson, Lynne Dollis, and I may have persuaded them to do just that sometime this winter. I like the idea of taking the ferry for an out-of-town weekend of partying (and who knows, they may even have an item or two of programming for those more serious types).

Conventional Mutterings (cont.)

But now for the aftermath. No con is complete without someone on the committee getting so frazzled that he or she decides to Get Away From It All (or, gafiate) and V-Con 5 was no exception particularly because, for the first 1½ weeks after, the members of the committee thought that V-Con had gone into debt, to be paid for out of their own pockets. This time there was something specific to resign from as the Westercon 30 (the big con that's happening in Vancouver next year) committee has many people in common with that of V-Con 5. When the dust cleared I was still chairfan of Westercon 30 and Ed Beauregard, David George, and Pat Burrows had gafiated (David also resigned as club vice-president). For the benefit of those who wonder what this will do to the Westercon I should point out that all three of these people have very little experience with out-of-town conventions (which Westercon essentially is). Ed went to Westercon 28 and a one day Star Trek con; Pat went to Torcon and a small con in Bellingham; David went to Torcon. Period. And the rest of the committee rallied round, including two people who had earlier been on the verge of gafiating themselves. For now Norma Beauregard is both Registrar and Treasurer and Rick Mikkelson and I are doing publicity. And Bubbles Broxon has taken on the job of pro liaison in addition to being in charge, with her husband, of the costume event. And at last word the Trimble's were still looking after the art show and Craig Miller of Los Angeles was in charge of alternate hotel accommodation. In addition to the "same old gang". Westercon 30 is very much together.

M O R E F A N A C

Tom Balabanov and Ed Hutchings are looking for a ride down to Los Angeles for Westercon 29 (July 2-5)--share gas, motel rooms, and presumably driving. I personally can vouch for the good character of both. They would be happy to take the bus down to, say, Seattle if that's where their ride were starting out. I would have been tempted to take my car instead of flying (the trip down with Mike Bailey, Mike Coney and others two years ago was fun in spite of the MCP sentiments of the first two) but just couldn't get enough time away from work. Ed's phone number is 738-3450 and Tom's is 872-0404.

Note that the phone number for Tom Balabanov is different than in the published list (but same address). Tom, by the way, got married the day before the Annual General Meeting but found time to attend with his wife Yukari.

John Thomson has changed jobs: he's now doing dispatching at Honeywell and his new work number is 291-6631. He's planning also to move out to that area next month.

The Annual General Meeting, held at Chuck and Edna Davis' abode on May 15, was quite enjoyable. First the votes for the extraordinary resolution were counted. Many yeses and one "no" (John Park had said beforehand that he didn't believe in going along with the crowd); thus a minimum of tension but a fair number of jokes. More than two-thirds of the entire voting membership voted for the resolution to change the by-laws so that two-thirds of the entire voting membership voting "yes" is no longer required to pass an extraordinary resolution! (To puzzled newcomers: ask and ye shall be enlightened.) Following this returning officer Lynne Dollis counted the votes for the contested executive positions (see minutes). Then Mike Bailey showed slides of various conventions (and of course that great continuing work of art, the BCSFA group story--so recently honoured by an Elron at V-Con 5--was being typed in the adjoining room). We didn't get to draw a monster--who knows, maybe someone will remember to bring the necessary roll of paper to the June meeting.

Victoria author Mike Coney has resigned from the club. He gave no reason in his letter but revealed all to a reporter for the Colonist who interviewed him in connection with V-Con 5: he has been persecuted in the pages of this clubzine. The reporter then phoned me long distance to discuss this. Then I offered to send her photocopies of the relevant passages but she said that this wasn't necessary: after talking to Mike herself she did not doubt my account in the least... (whether anything got published I don't know). Finally I stated that I already knew that Mike is extremely sensitive to criticism and that I should have been more careful; her answer was that those who can't take criticism shouldn't be writing. Just the same, it's too bad.

Andy Porter sent me a breakdown of Algol Canadian subscribers by province and, in B.C., by city:

PEI 0, NWT 0, N.B. 2, Man. 2, Sask. 3, Nfld. 3, N.S. 3, Alta. 5, Que. 18, B.C. 22, Ont. 45

In B.C.: North Van. 1, Invermere 1, Victoria 1, Surrey 1, Powell River 1, Duncan 1, Port Moody 1, Chilliwack 2, Burnaby 2, Kamloops 2, Vancouver 9.



Free plug for this month: There's a science fiction film festival happening at City Nights Theatre, 150 E. Hastings every Saturday and Sunday all summer long. June 12 & 13: K-9000: a space oddity and Village of the damned. June 19th & 20th: The mad baker and The ultimate warrior. June 26th & 27th: Science friction and The illu- - trated man. Time is 3:30 P.M.

There's a Star Trek con happening in Seattle early in July. Write to: Seattle International Star Trek Convention, 280 Kipp St., Hackensack NJ 07601, U.S.A.

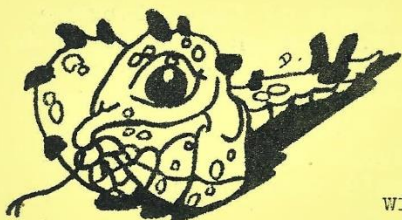
In a letter from Westercon GoH Damon Knight: "It would be good to meet you & the other committee members, and I hope you can stop in here on the way to LA. If not, maybe we can get together in a corner somewhere at the

con. We have open house the first three Fridays of each month--if you happened to be coming through then, you would get a chance to meet some other Eugene s.f. writers..."

Susan Wood relayed a message from the MidAmericon committee that room reservations should be confirmed and Hugo ballots arrive in the next week. I sure hope so. Also, Susan is organizing a panel on women in SF entitled "Their great and proper place" (from a 1932 pulp story called "Priestess of the flame", by Sewell Peaslee Wright) and is thinking in terms of starting in a program room, then adjourning to a smaller room so that those wishing to carry on the discussion can do so after the allotted time is up. Susan would like any suggestions in connection with this.

Also relayed by Susan is the announcement by Victoria Wayne that she is starting a women's apa (Amateur Press Association--i.e. write to a score of people at once via the modern miracle of mimeo). However, Wayne states that she doesn't agree with most things about the women's movement and is thinking of letting some men in. Some women's apa...but if you're interested her address is P.O. Box 156 Station D, Toronto, Ontario M6P 3J8.

ELECTION FOR VICE-PRESIDENT



On Monday, May 31, David George resigned as vice-president of the club. President Mike Bailey has therefore called an election for the August general meeting; this means that nominations must be in by the July meeting. By this time the new members (active--residents of B.C. only) will be eligible to vote. If only one nomination is in that person will be elected by acclamation at the July meeting. For further details phone a member of the executive. Taking over the duties of the vice-president: helping with the newsletter and acting as con liaison in the meantime is Tom Balabanov.

FROM THE SECRETARY

Norma Beauregard

General Meeting--15th May 1976 BCSFA Annual General Meeting Location the Davises

The extraordinary resolution to change the requirement for the passage of an extraordinary resolution from 2/3 of the voting membership to 2/3 of those actually voting. Passed 54 to 1.

Financial statement was read. Passed unanimously.

Tom Balabanov reported on V-Con 5 and Westercon 30. Ed Beauregard, Ed Hutchings, and David George spoke as well.

Election for president and treasurer:

Mike Bailey elected 27 to 25 over John Thomson

Alan R. Betz elected 40 to 12 over Tom Balabanov

Executive Meeting--May 15/76

The next newsletter will be published early because of the second Westercon progress report coming out.

President will write column in the newsletter.

Membership rates associate \$3, regular \$4 until decided later.

A change in post office box location was to be investigated by Norma Beauregard.

Executive Meeting--May 27/76

1. A report on Westercon 30 was given by Fran Skene at the request of the President, Mike Bailey. Westercon 30 now has about 250 members. A second progress report will be out in a couple of weeks.

2. The committee has decided to replace the computer labels now in use for the newsletter with Xerox labels. Proposed by Fran Skene and seconded by David George. Passed unanimously.

3. Associate family memberships will be \$5.00

4. There was a short discussion once again on changing the club mail box to the main post office, but nothing conclusive was decided.

5. The constitutional committee meetings will be giving the executive a copy of any decisions.

6. It was recommended that the list of members who don't mind having their names published should be updated.

7. Fran will design an application form for joining the BCSFA.

8. The President requests that people introduce him to new members and drop-ins if acquainted.

9. The next executive meeting will be on June 22/76 at Al Betz's.

The treasurer has reported that \$53 was taken in in memberships at the A.G.M.

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BCSFAFORUM

((Starting with Ed Beauregard's "Year-end report" last month, BCSFAFORUM is a place for anyone receiving this zine to air his or her views, etc. This month there are columns from David George and Mike Bailey. As with my editorials, opinions expressed here are not necessarily those of most others in club or executive.))

JUST THE FACTS, PLEASE.....

by David George

Some time late in July of 1973, after the rather good Bellingham convention happened, a bunch of Vancouver SF fans had been sitting around (separately) bemoaning the fact that no one got together to talk about SF any more, and that there were no more conventions.

It happened that two of those fans, Pat Burrows and I, were especially regretful that meetings and cons seemed to be a thing of the past. Pat Burrows, in fact, bugged me to call a few people, mostly from the UBC SFFEN, together for a meeting at her house. This I did. About three meetings were in fact held in July, and also after TORCON II (where, in fact, Vancouver's successful Westercon 30 bid was born) the following people had been met with, plus perhaps some others whose names are lost in the past: Pat Burrows, David George, Mike Bailey, Rob Scott, Rob Leung, Brent MacLean, Diana Keswick, Eve Savory, Ed and Norma Beauregard, Michael Coney, Chuck Davis, and Michael Walsh.

Also at TORCON was born the determination to hold the Third Vancouver Science Fiction Convention. Chuck Davis had a meeting at his house at which names were tossed around. The very next week Michael Walsh printed a column in the Vancouver Province talking about the "V-CON" which would be held the next February; the date was selected by Pat Burrows to coincide with the UBC mid-term break.

Thus it happened.

A VOICE FROM ANOTHER SHORE

by Mike Bailey

The BCSFA had elections for two executive positions in May. I suppose the results are noted elsewhere in the clubzine, but I, Mike Bailey, am the new club president. To be honest, although I gave some serious thought to my goals if elected, I hoped to lose and thus be free of the internal politicking of the BCSFA. (In my election blurb, I didn't even state my major qualification--unlike other executive members, I read science fiction (lots of it).)

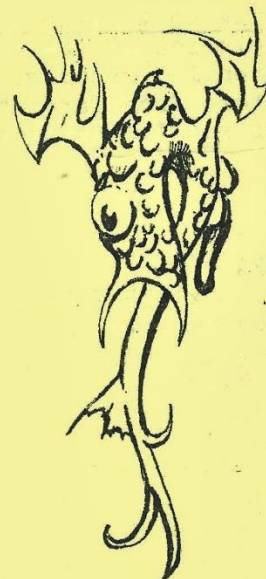
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During the coming year, I hope to point the club into some new directions. The first visible manifestation of this intent will be the appearance of a regular column in the newsletter. In this column I want to explain my reasoning for the changes I'm going to be proposing and I hope the unhandicapped presence of another voice will eliminate the one-dimensional quality of the reporting of the club news.

Currently, I am developing a questionnaire which will be designed to reveal whether the club is doing all that it can for its members. It will be mailed to all members and hopefully the returns will prod the executive into making some changes. For example, when we began having regular meetings about three years ago, we decided by consensus to meet once a month on a Saturday. Our membership has altered drastically since that time and I think the time has come to reassess our meeting traditions. Why Saturday? Why once a month?

((*Gee--I wonder what it is I've been reading all this time?!?))

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Mike Bailey column (cont.)

Should special interest groups hold additional meetings (Trekkies, collectors, fantasy fans, would-be authors, boozers, etc.)? This and more will appear in the questionnaire.

At the May 27 executive meeting, I asked David George to give a report on V-Con 5. He declined, stating that it was too soon after the con for the necessary material to be gathered and digested. He will give a report at the June general meeting. ((Update: Tom Balabanov will do so.)) This will be an important presentation because V-Con 5 lost money ((Update: no, it didn't.)) and club finances are going to be affected as a consequence. (There is a question of ethics here which has never been examined. The club contributed \$100 to V-Con and was to be the recipient of the profits. But what of losses? In the case of V-Con 5 it has been indicated to me that the committee is going to bear the responsibility and divide the deficit among themselves.) ((Update: no need.)) The club won't be in a position to cough up another \$100 until it receives a windfall--hopefully from Westercon 30. If Westercon fails, the existence of the club as we know it will be in jeopardy.

On that cheery note, I'll end this month's column. (You can't do that, Mike. Okay--did you know the working title of Monty Python's next film is "Jesus Christ--Lust for Glory"?)

Coming next month (or two) (in other words, we've run out of space):
Conclusion of "Something decent for the newsletter" (March meeting story).
Convention reports: Minicon, Leprecon, V-Con, and ?
Letters from Taral/Wayne MacDonald and Boozius Ignomoricon VII.
Year end financial report. Article by John Thomson.

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