

## BCSFA NEWSLETTER #9(a)

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Special Edition

This newsletter is being sent out with the agreement of the entire convention committee of Vcon III to all members, associate members (subscribers), and potential members (we need new blood, so please seriously consider joining). Please send mail concerning the BCSFA to P.O. Box 35577, Station 'E', Vancouver B.C. Mike Bailey (2416 West 3rd Ave #4, Vancouver B.C. 731-8451 or 666-6604) is publishing this newsletter and desires mail concerning himself or the newsletter sent to him.

### REVISED AGENDA FOR MARCH 30 MEETING

The BCSFA is in the process of setting up a constitution in order to be registered under the BC Societies Act. We will be looking forward for persons with ideas on the subject and who are willing to help in this complex matter.

Information on Westercon XXVII will be available and (if Mike Coney is present) a surprise announcement may be made.

John Thomson will be showing his Vcon III slides

~~This meeting is~~ at Pat Burrows' residence (6693 Wiltshire St.) and begins at 7:30 PM. It's BYOB and no smoking is allowed indoors. Outdoors is OK.

### CLARIFICATION

Mike Bailey is sorry if the working of a statement in the BCSFA Newsletter #9 concerning the censure of David George and Pat Burrows may have been misunderstood. Mike Bailey assumed that David George and Pat Burrows would present a motion at the upcoming meeting that he be relieved of his position of treasurer of the BCSFA and if this motion failed then he intended to raise a motion for the censure (at least) of David George and Pat Burrows. However, no such motions will be raised and no general discussion on the matter will occur.

### RESIGNATIONS

All executive positions of the BCSFA are vacant; all persons holding defacto, pro tem, or original founding-member executive positions have resigned effective March 24, 1974. After a constitution is formulated, elections for the executive will be held.

The convention committee will remain in existence only until a financial statement of the convention has been prepared and approved by the membership.

### PLUGS

Dan Say (P.O. Box 65583, Vancouver 12, B.C. V5N 5K5) is publishing a special Vcon III issue of GUARD THE NORTH. It will contain an interview of Frank Herbert and a transcript of a talk by Mason Harris on H.P. Lovecraft (from Vcon I) and is available for 60¢ at the above address

A speaker at the convention, Crawford Kilian, will be one of two teachers presenting a seven-week course on science fiction during the summer session at Capilano College (English 160, May 13 to June 26 at the Lynnmour campus). For further information on this course call Capilano College at 980-7511.

Ron Norton (who was in charge of Vcon III artshow) and Ken Witcher are looking for a site to rent for a bookstore specializing in comics and SF. If all goes well, they will have access to 30,000 comics when they open.

### MISCELLANEOUS

"The extract of hemp seed (*Cannabis indica*) administered to various persons produces a great exuberance of ideation; it is not new ideas but the exaggeration, amplification and combination of ideas that pre-existed in the person's mind. Hashish produces one curious effect...; this is a singular inclination to make puns and plays on words." SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN, March 1874

And who is "Quillotine Queen", or "Circads", or "Circadsvicercsizing"?

H. Warner Munn, an author whose stories appeared in WEIRD TALES during the 20's and 30's, attended our convention. It was the first convention he ever attended. Although I didn't talk with him as much as I wanted, he did mention that he had travelled with H.P. Lovecraft and he was very interested in hearing Dr. Mason Harris' talk, "Fear of Sex and Foreign Races in the Fiction of H.P. Lovecraft." It wasn't those things that Lovecraft was afraid of, Munn said, "He was afraid of fish."

I happened across a photograph of the cover of DAW Book #102, Hunters of Gor by John Norman (1.50). It shows a well-endowed young lady with a collar around her neck. Attached to the collar is a chain which is being held by a man (our hero?). Does someone care to review this book when it becomes available?

If you think Vcon III was a large convention...

Because of space limitations we had to turn away a number of people at the door who wished to attend Vcon III. However, there were 9,000 to 12,000 people at the recent Star Trek convention in New York, and they had the same problem -- including a near-riot at the door.

~~Jim Maloan who was the subject (victim?) of the Harlan Ellison letter printed in the last newsletter has sent me an "Open Letter to Harlan Ellison". I forwarded a copy of it to Ellison to obtain a response, if any. If Jim Maloan received some direct response, I think we'll let the matter lie; however, if Ellison again replies to me, I can only assume he wants it out in the open and I'll oblige.~~

#### PERSONAL EDITORIAL ON CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS

Most of you have not been receiving this newsletter very long and so are not aware of its evolution. I started it last summer on my own initiative in order to attract people to our meetings. Since that time it has slowly (and consciously) evolved from what you might expect to find in a newsletter to something which may be called a news-zine. (And I have a number of American subscribers to it.) I have attempted to put some personality into it, yet not sacrifice fact and credibility. Future plans included the adding of illustrations and special supplements such as essays on science fiction (by myself and others -- anyone who wants to contribute) and various listings. However this may be the last newsletter I do.

There may not be a newsletter for some time (until a new meeting, new constitution, and new officers are announced, printed and elected) and the next one will probably be devoid of outside news and comment. If you wish the newsletter to continue on the evolution I have described, now is the time to let me know.

Although because of my experience, I think I would have a reasonable good chance of being elected Publications Officer (or whatever the position may be titled), I may not want the position because of the way it might be restricted by the constitution. Consequently, in order to influence the direction of the (your) newsletter, I urge you to let your opinions and desires known, so that the persons setting up the constitution may make the best decision.

Because I have written the newsletter, the above applies to me; however the same ideas apply to all executive offices. The constitution is important. How it is written and how the offices are set up are going to affect the future, success or failure, of this association. So make your opinions known, (I can't promise, but I think it is highly likely that a proposed constitution will be published in the next issue.)

Meanwhile, I'm sorry that there's no letter column this issue (I have the letters, but not the time to put them in), but keep those letters coming in. Your opinions are important. And if anyone cares to contribute something...

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