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NEXT meeting will be held at 7:30 PM sharp at 6693 Wiltshire St. on March 30th (Sat.). Wiltshire is four blocks west of Granville and the cross street is W. 51st. Agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- * The V-CON III Convention executive committee will state why Mike Bailey was voted out of office as treasurer and the legal status of the situation. Everyone is urged to attend this meeting.
- * The BC SFA is in the process of setting up a constitution in order to be registered under the BC Societies Act. John Thomson will be giving a summary of how we stand and looking for interested members to aid him in setting up a committee to work on this complex matter.
- * Information on Westercon XXVII will be available at the meeting. It is being held in Santa Barbara, Calif. July 3-7. We shall have information as to group travel costs too.
- * John Thomson will be showing the V-CON III slides. (See also article later on.)

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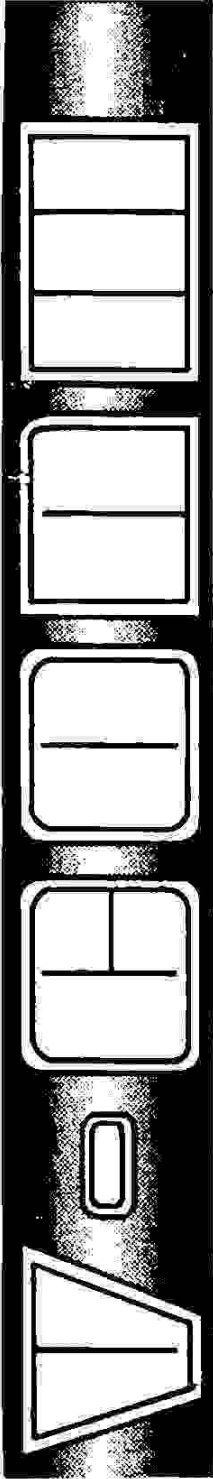
Thanks to all who attended V-CON III; we hope you enjoyed yourselves. Final membership was 418 attendees. Please let us know what you thought of the convention. Our new, temporary, mailing address is at the top of the page. We welcome suggestions for next year. Special thanks to all speakers, panelists, hucksters, artists, displayers, and the Society for Creative Anachronism.

FOUND - at V-CON III:

Two scarves, 1 hat, 1 pair ladies gloves, 1 small pink memo book with addresses in it. Claim these at the March meeting or write % the above address.

SPECIAL NOTE: At least temporarily, we are unable to get any mail at our old P.O. Box address. If you wrote recently and got no reply, use the above address--it's guaranteed.

and beyond



CONVENTION GOODIES FOR SALE!!!

Six cassette tapes covering most of the events at the convention are available for \$3.00 each from the BCSFA. Requests for tapes are to be sent to the BCSFA, %P.O. Box 35215, Station E, Vancouver, B.C., and must include payment in Canadian funds. The cassettes are good quality C-90's. Available are the following:

- C-1. Both of Frank Herbert's talks.
- C-2. The Authors Panel, and Crawford Kilian's talk.
- C-3. The Clarion Workshop Demonstration.
- C-4. Mason Harris on H.P. Lovecraft.
- C-5. The ELRON Awards, intro. to Metropolis, and Fan Panel.
- C-6. The ELRON Awards, and Mason Harris' Sunday AM talk.

Duplicate slides and/or colour prints made from the slides of the convention can be obtained from John Thomson. If possible try to come to the March meeting and select the desired shots in person. John can, however, supply copies of desired subjects, i.e. 'Frank Herbert on podium,' 'Clarion Panel,' etc. He can also prepare a selection of shots for anyone who wants a comprehensive coverage of the con. Cost is 65¢ mailing charge plus 50¢ for each duplicate slide and 75¢ for each colour print. After costs, any profit will go to the BCSFA. Allow approximately 3 to 4 weeks for delivery, as they are being sent to Kodak Toronto who do the best job. Send mail requests to John Thomson % BCSFA.

We have a limited number of posters of the Programme Book cover by Ron Norton left. They can be purchased at the March meeting for only 50¢ each.

Is there anyone in the BCSFA who would like to participate in setting up a Graeco-Roman (1100BC - 150 AD) household within the Society for Creative Anachronism? If so, please see Pat Burrows, Diana Keswick, or John Thomson at the next meeting, or drop them a line c/o the BCSFA. Pax Vobiscum.

Membership in the BCSFA is \$3.00 per year, and includes a subscription to the monthly newsletter. Newsletter sub. alone is \$1.50 per year. Cheques or money orders in Canadian funds should be sent to the BCSFA, % P.O. Box 35215, Station E, Vancouver, B.C., Canada. Please note that this is not the address which appeared in the V-CON III Programme Book.

This newsletter was written, edited, typed, and generally slaved over by: Pat Burrows, David George, Diana Keswick, Robert Leung, John Thomson, and Susan Walsh the blue-pencil fiend. Printing by A.B. Dick. We would like to close by reprinting in its entirety the following convention report....

REPORT E11

To: Museum of Earthly Studies, Andromeda E-W-27

From: Vital Laforce 1017

Re: Investigation of V-CON III

The mission was a success. Much information was gathered while the disguise was again not penetrated. A detailed report will not be possible until after the data-tapes on the conference can be analysed.

V-CON III was a gathering of earth primate type A, predominately caucasian, with no unusual sexual, psychic, or social variations. The common bond was an interest in conspecific fantasy projections, called science fiction. As usual, much time was occupied with sex, and in this tradition they had some difficulty differentiating between the physical act, the reproductive potential, the emotional interface, and the cultural imprint. (Ref. report on sexual-sensual liberation.)

The four main activity loci were:

- 1- The Display Room- The surveillance equipment was located here. Reactions were recorded revealing specific behavioral patterns when volunteers were subjected to simulated situations. These included: military/aggressive; religious; artistic; and scientific. Preliminary analysis shows results were similar to those found in arcades (Ref. report on pornography) though the elimination of monetary exchange did produce the anticipated increase in altruism.
- 2- The Ball Room- Mass gatherings were held here. This room was grossly underused when it came to the primary function, cultural inhibitions prevailing. The talks, Clarion session, and film were relatively superior in quality. The subliminal imprint on Frank Herbert is creating relatively valuable and stimulating situations; this type of experiment should be repeated.
- 3- The Bars- Everpresent. The consumption of alcohol was frequent, if restrained. A welcome innovation was the introduction of no-tobacco-smoking rooms, though they have yet to introduce official dope rooms.
- 4- Private Rooms- As per Reg. PET 68, no surveillance was permitted in the bedrooms of the nation. Conversational insight and the observable physical symptoms suggest that some persons had what is subjectively called fun.

In response to requests from the inter-galactic council on planetary development the following should be reported.

A- Most male, and many female, even of this gathering have yet to understand the development of post-industrial sex-role revision.

B- This group showed greater understanding of conspecific aggression than most, though it is far from ready for activity imprint.

Interim Recommendation: This species is not yet ready for knowledge. Preliminary explorations of the sentient exceptional can be profitable under control situations.

END OF REPORT

Press run - 350 copies. This issue is mailed to all members of V-CON III for whom we have addresses. Note that unless you subscribe or attend the March meeting this may be your last copy.