

A MUTATED ADVENTURE  
AT A REGIONAL SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION  
**MINICON 21**  
held in Bloomington, Minnesota — 28-30 March, 1986 (73<sup>rd</sup> Chorp Dimension)

"The Monster Mash" on  
Irish Harp? Sure.  
I thought you might  
be Nameless...  
Agents of the  
Illumi-Laughity  
WOUR-RCOUR  
MEOW-FFFF!  
MEE-UWW!  
The New  
AC  
DC?

Probably Something, but not  
I hear you guys are now pros.  
Actually, we're blank verse.  
... But what's this  
"Filksinging for People  
who come in on the  
second syllable of  
each line?"  
AKKA  
David, this  
is David.  
With your  
glasses on...  
-you're... you're  
BEAUTIFUL!  
Heck's Mapmaker.  
That's a  
Silly Story.  
So there was this  
travelling sales rep  
who found himself  
outside the B Dalton  
Headquarters when  
a blizzard...  
So do you use  
a jewel or a jelly  
in your navel?  
Esoteric Art-form  
is not enough to  
deserve *Stagnate*.  
votie. I find this... educational,  
Captain... and therapeutic.  
Gimme that  
Older-Time  
Religion,  
Gimme That...  
Never mind the  
Neuro-Linguistic  
Programmer  
behind the  
curtain.  
I have you now!  
? SHUSH-SHUSH?  
? SHUSH-SHUSH?  
Let the chips  
melt as they  
may.  
Why not  
L-10? or  
even L-75?  
Huck. Huck.  
Huck-a-huck.  
You've got... "jaggies"  
Autograph? AUTO-GRAPH!  
Stoowow, I turned...  
I'm innocent!  
The terminal  
was dead when  
I got here!  
"Insert your out-of-  
context quote here."  
... So she took the  
29,000 fanzines...  
So what am I bid  
for this fine example  
of conceptual artist?  
Beam it out of your own  
eye, Scottie, you dog!  
So then he shows  
The Holcas a video  
of GREMLINS, and...  
First you take one  
freshly cleaned Supernova...  
The Hills Have Feet!  
Shy? Sure SF  
Fans are shy!  
For example, I'm so  
shy that I'd never  
dare to ask you  
to  
"In Old Araby"  
They do that dance.  
The Dancer of the Saen  
Veils - We'd tell  
you more, But...  
... They were  
called "pimps"  
because the orange  
color on the cover  
had little bits of...  
1200 Attendees—  
That's not too  
Pleighb much.  
... in the Science  
Fiction Section  
of the Lake  
Wabegona  
Public Library...  
My characters  
ran away with  
my editor to a  
new publisher.  
This is your  
LUCK Eon.  
Zelazny  
Roger Zelazny  
Look under 'Z'  
in the book section...  
Ken Fletcher ©1986  
As you can see from  
this Polaroid photo, They  
both are typing...  
SF Poetry has  
Better Scanners.  
I spell  
relief: FANTASY  
... Six Hip-Dice  
The Martian  
Image has been  
Video Enhanced!  
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# MINICON 21

*"Now we're just immoral and fattening"*

## Guests of Honor

### Professional

Kate Wilhelm & Damon Knight

### Fan

Denny Lien

### Musician

Ann Passovoy

### Artist

Ken Fletcher

### Toastmaster

Diane Duane

## Honored Guests

P.C. Hodgell

Terri Windling

John M. Ford

Phyllis Eisenstein

Radisson Hotel South

March 28-30

1986

# THE RULES

[batteries not included]

**PLAYER CHARACTERS:** You, if you so choose, may become a player character. It is up to you to determine your own qualities and powers. Hey, be whoever you will; we're easy.

**SPECIAL PLAYER CHARACTERS:** A special player character can be found in each of the convention spaces labelled on the treasure map/game board.

These characters all look alike; either:



or:



But there the similarities end.

A special player character may display any of the following qualities:

1) Veracious Human; a veracious human correctly reports his beliefs, which accord with local standards of reality.

2) Lying Human; A lying human incorrectly reports his beliefs, which accord with local standards of reality.

3) Veracious Mutant; a veracious mutant correctly reports his beliefs, which oppose local standards of reality.

4) Lying Mutants; a lying mutant incorrectly reports his beliefs, which oppose local standards of reality. ie: a lying mutant believes the Treasure Trove is a foul Prison, but will tell you it is a fabulous treasure trove.

Each of these special player characters will give you some

clue as to the location of the fabled Treasure Trove. It is up to you to untangle the true from the false, and false belief.

Which are liars or mutants? which are veracious or human?

Legend has it that in the Trove is an invaluable prize; the mutants call it worthless. But, whatever it holds, the Treasure Trove is here, in the Hotel, and its contents are available to you for the finding.

It is said that even those of insufficient wit to unravel the clues of the special players, may even so win to the Treasure Trove if they are Pure of Heart, and follow the Magickal Rite of Riddles.

Each of the convention spaces will display a placard marked with a strange symbol, or set of words. You will know these signs by their size (8½x5½) and various colors.

If you choose to follow the Rite of the Riddles, you may only enter a space to find the riddle posted there, if you have first solved the riddle whose answer is on the placard at its entrance.

There is space, provided on the key to the treasure map, to keep track of the riddles you have solved (and the identity of the special player characters.) The first riddle is free:

What is it?

The beginning of eternity,  
The end of time and space,  
The beginning of every end,  
and the end of every place.

Good Luck, Good Logic, see you at the Treasure Trove.

Room	Riddle Answers	Veracious Human	Lying Human	Veracious Mutant	Lying Mutant
A					
B					
C					
D					
E					
F					
G					
H					
I					
J					
K					
L					
M					
N					

# KEY

Registration

Recruitment

Foyer (Autographing)

Hucksters

Panels + Discussions

Artshow

Films + Programming

Uncle Hugo's

Noisy Panels

Kruschenko's

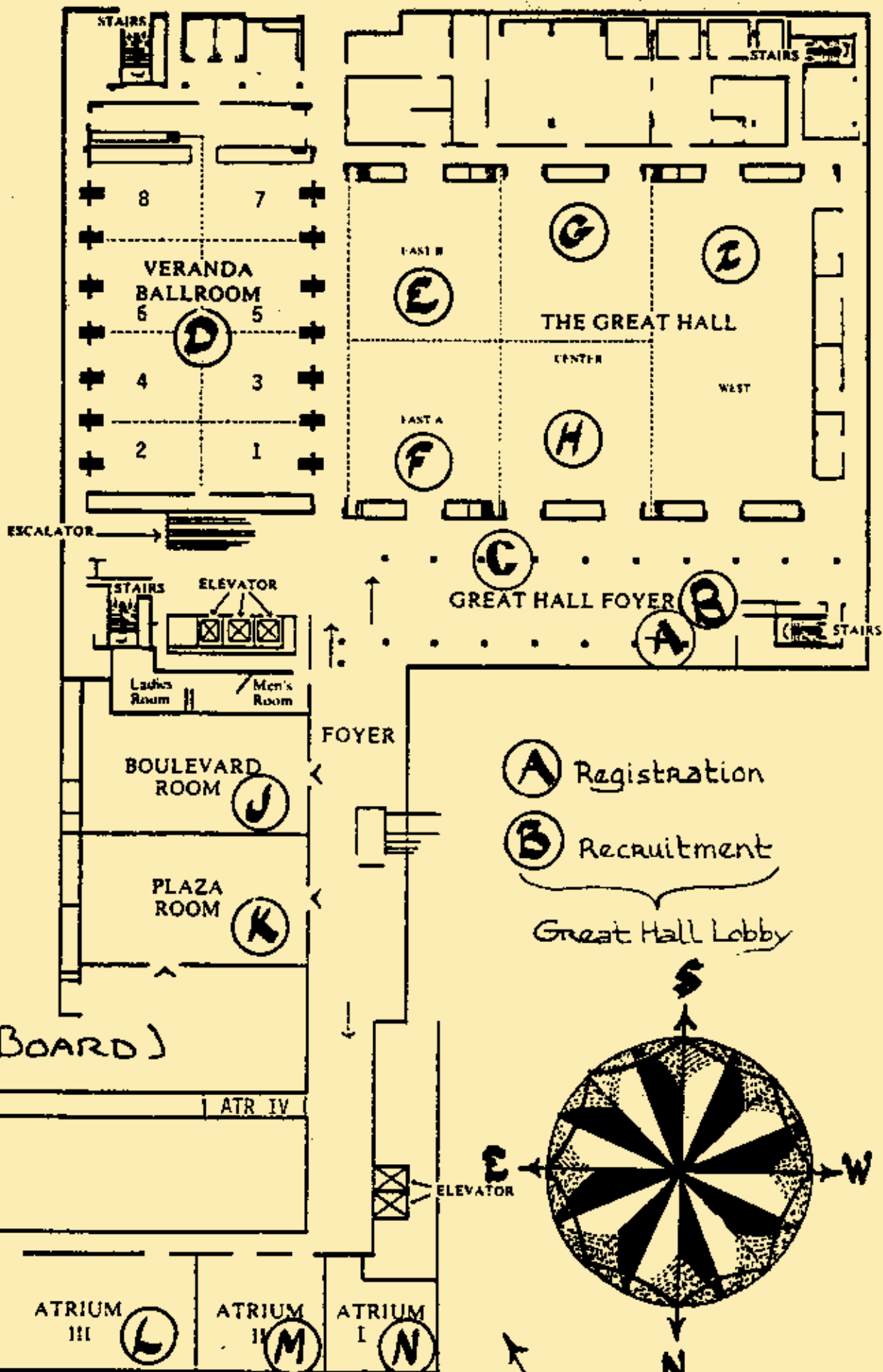
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Tally Sheet: where have the mutants hidden the Treasure?



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## BADGES

Badges indicating that you are of drinking age in Minnesota are CANARY YELLOW.

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The ConCom and Guests of Honor are wearing a separate badge indicating their respective departments.



## KUCKSTER ROOM HOURS

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Sunday	11:00 AM - 5:00 PM



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Friday and Saturday

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# Kate Wilhelm

Kate Wilhelm (nee Meredith) got married soon after high school. In the mid-50's, living in Louisville, Kentucky with two small children and a husband who never read anything, she checked eight books a week out of the public library, science fiction along with everything else. In 1956 she wrote a science fiction story, rented a typewriter to type it out, and mailed it to ASTOUNDING. The check from John W. Campbell let her buy the typewriter. (She has described her decade as a housewife, not writing, as "lost" years - but those experiences gave her an understanding of ordinary people and their problems that she's used effectively ever since.) She kept selling short stories, then a novel, and married Damon Knight in 1963. Kate and Damon have been co-instructors at annual SF writing workshops for over 20 years.

Wilhelm was always a good craftsman. By the early 1970's she had evolved into an artist, her work growing broader, deeper, and more resonant. Who can I compare her to? Le Guin, because they're both elegant and humane; Sturgeon and Shirley Jackson, because Kate's writing is that strong, her people are that real, and her comedy mingles with her nightmares; Dick, because she knows that reality is a wider, stranger thing than most people - even most SF writers - are willing to acknowledge. Extraordinarily versatile, she has probably denied herself the fame and fortune that could be hers if she wrote the same book over and over. Nobody said the high road was easy.

# Damon Knight

Damon Knight discovered science fiction at 11, in Hood River, Oregon; he was immediately hooked, corresponded with other fans, and edited a fanzine. At 19 he was invited to join the Futurians, a New York fan club that included Pohl, Kornbluth, Asimov, Blish, Merrill, and Wollheim. (See his entertaining memoir, *The Futurians*.)

Out east he became an SF illustrator, did short stints of magazine editing, and worked for a literary agency. He started to sell his own stories in the 40's. In the 50's he became one of the mainstay writers of H.L. Gold's bright, sassy magazine, "Galaxy". In the 50's, too, he became the finest reviewer/critic that SF has had. (Anybody who thinks literary criticism has to be dull hasn't read his delightful book, *IN SEARCH OF WONDER*.)

Knight translated French SF, helped found the Milford and Clarion writing workshops, and was founder and first president of the Science Fiction Writers of America.

In the 60' and 70's he became a first rate editor, both of reprint anthologies like *A Science Fiction Argosy*, and of the *Orbit* anthologies of original fiction.

Now he's back in Oregon, writing again. His own fiction is everything SF should be: concise, well-told, imaginative, morally serious, and great fun.

If he sounds Olympian, remember that this guy once said, "We should absolutely wear propellor beanies to all official functions," and "How about an HP Lovecraft ice-cream eating contest?"

Meeting him will be one of the great thrills of my life. I hope you get to meet him, too.

by Eric M. Heideman





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Novels:

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Collections:

Far Out,  
In Deep,  
Off Center,  
Turning On,  
Three Novels/Natural State,  
Two Novels,  
The Best of Damon Knight,  
Rule Golden and Other Stories.

Novels:

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The Man in the Tree,  
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Want to gain Karma?  
Experience points?  
Learn the layout and  
gain ARCADE CONVENTION  
Wisdom! Come to the  
Dragon's Lair er, Gopher  
Hole! Learn shapechanging  
into such useful forms  
as Gophers and Badgers -  
and gain TREASURE.... Well,  
you get to keep the badge.  
Where is it? Room 202 on  
your Dungeon map, or ask a  
Con Committee Member.  
See you There!*



MINICON SALES

Sales Table Near Registration Table

Friday Noon - 6:00 PM  
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Sunday Noon - 3:00 PM

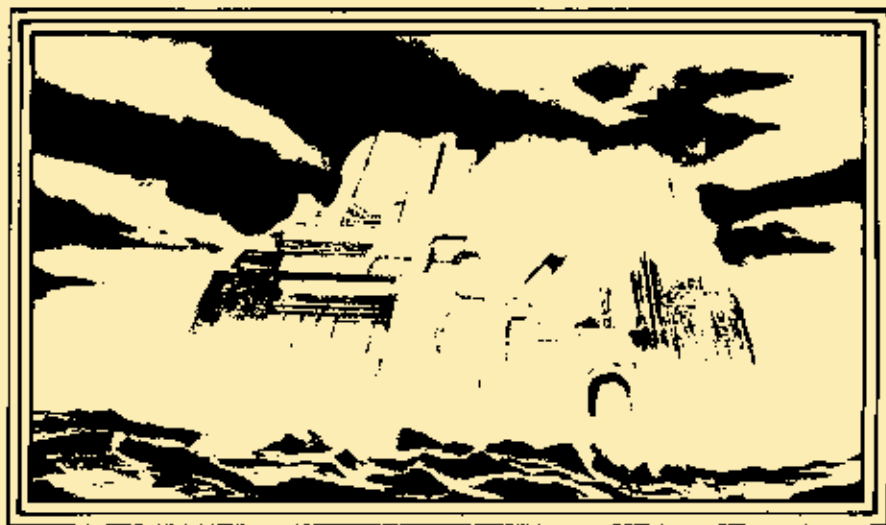
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but also the mastery of words necessary  
to describe his visions beautifully."

—James Michener

## DAMON KNIGHT

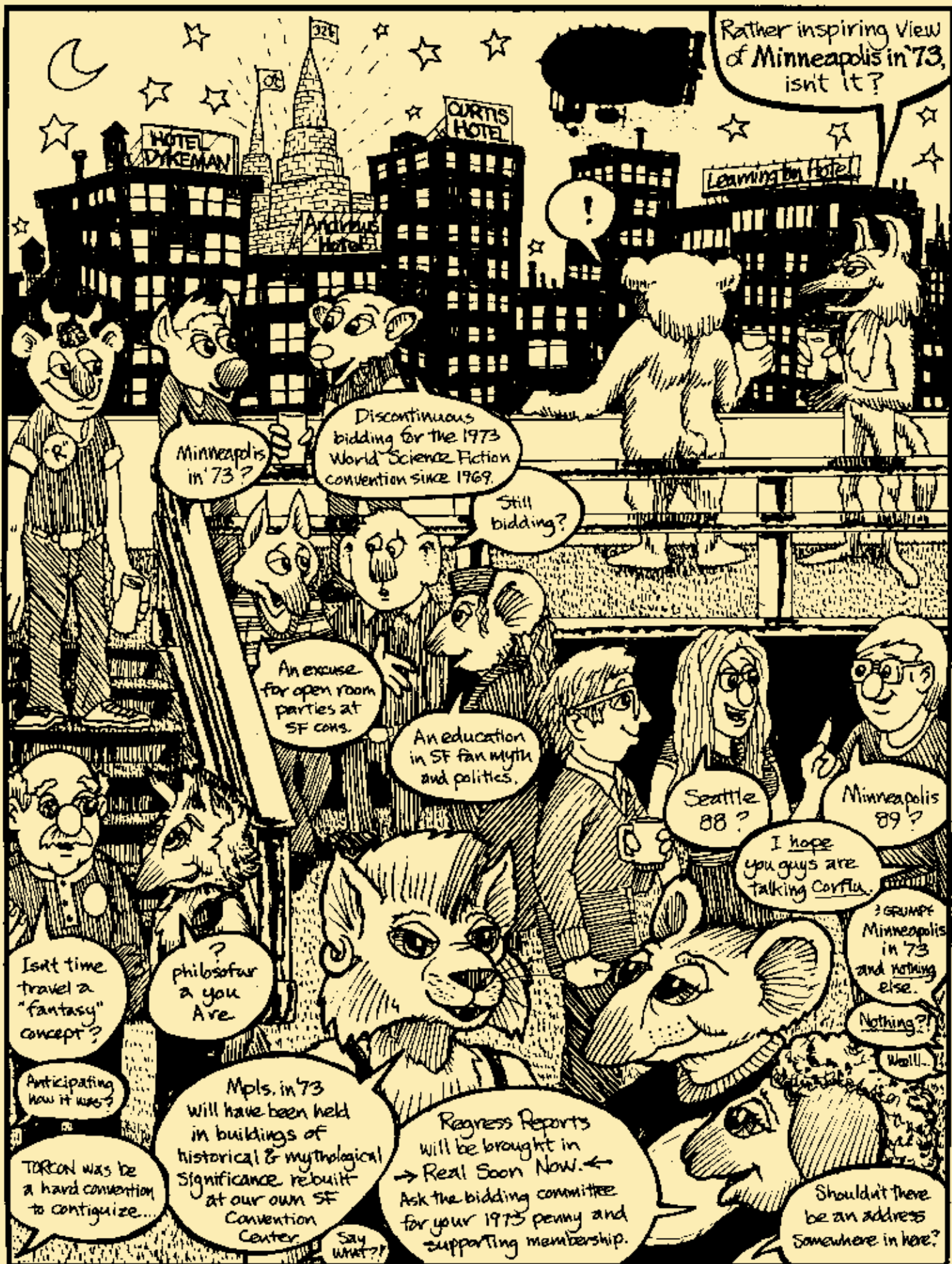
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I hope you guys are talking Corflut.

? GRUMP Minneapolis in '73 and nothing else.

Nothing?!  
Well...

Isn't time travel a "fantasy" concept?

? philosofar a you Are

Anticipating how it was?

TORCON was be a hard convention to contiguize...

Mpls. in '73 will have been held in buildings of historical & mythological significance rebuilt at our own SF Convention Center.

Say what?!

Regress Reports will be brought in → Real Soon Now. ← Ask the bidding committee for your 1973 penny and supporting membership.

Shouldn't there be an address somewhere in here?

# Thrilling Wombat Stories

By Terry A. Garey

One evening Geri Sullivan and Eileen Lufkin turned up on the door step and asked to speak to Denny. "Step right in," I said. After a while I peeked out and there was Denny, with Geri and Eileen on their knees in front of him. "Whoops," I thought, "Must be asking him to run parties, or something."

In a few minutes they called me in and announced that Denny had agreed to be Fan GoH at the next Minicon. Denny looked considerably dazed but agreed that it was true. That very night he took a solemn vow to never again agree to anything without first declaring that he needed a day or two to think about it. I am happy to say that he has not kept this vow in all matters.



Denny stands above most crowds. This is because he is 6'4" tall, and so it isn't surprising. Other distinguishing marks are muttonchops whiskers, dark, heavily framed glasses, and a brimmed cap.

Denny's "Fannish Education", as he calls it, started with his first SF book ever read, which was Heinlein's GREEN HILLS OF EARTH. He received his first fanzine in the mail in 1961, and by 1963 had produced a one-shot fanzine called FIASCO.

Denny is co-author (with Susan Waller) of the fannish musical MIDWEST SIDE STORY, and co-compiler of MATURITY, a collection of three stories by and a bibliography about Theodore Sturgeon,

published when Sturgeon was Pro GoH at a Minicon. Denny acted the part of Anti-fan in MIDWEST SIDE STORY, played in a local production of THE MIMED MAN, and can be heard variously as Death or an executioner in local radio broadcasts of CEREBUS THE AARDVARK. He has written for fanzines like YANDRO, CRY, DYNATRON, SCIENCE FICTION COLLECTOR, AMRA, RUNE, QUINAPULUS, SUCH ARE LEGENDS MADE, and the WSFA JOURNAL. Hacking in apas has included Minneapa, Anzapa, Spinoff, and Stipple-Apa, of which he is current co-official Koolaidier.

Until this past year Denny was the Chair of the Minneapolis in '73 Bid Committee, selling memberships for minus 1 cent by giving the new member a 1973penny. While president of MinnSTF he instituted the fine old tradition of having the president "assassinated" by the incoming president and our interesting form of Australian Ballot for voting on board members and Minicon Guests of Honor. Scott Imes and several others claim that while Denny was secretary of MinnSTF, he wrote the funniest, most interesting minutes of all time, and they wish he would take it up again. (see "Again, Dangerous MinnSTF Minutes," and "The Last Dangerous MinnSTF Minutes, Rune 43 - 75.) He has also run the hucksters' room at several Minicons, done roving security, helped out at Worldcons, run the loading dock at Denvention, parties at Plergbccon, and generally made himself useful.


In living with Denny for the past three years, I've learned more about fannish and SF history than all of the rest of the years I have spent in fandom, including the time I worked at a science fiction bookstore.

Denny's favorite sport is moving parties, which is Minneapolis fandom's favorite warm weather sport, as well. As a book collector, Denny's other favorite sport (of course a person can have more than one favorite!) is used book hunting. He makes lists. He makes lists of almost everything: his mail, the books he's read, the books he's bought. He takes care of me when I'm sick. He listens to me and to other people. He empties the mousetrap and he holds me when it thunders.

# NOLACON II

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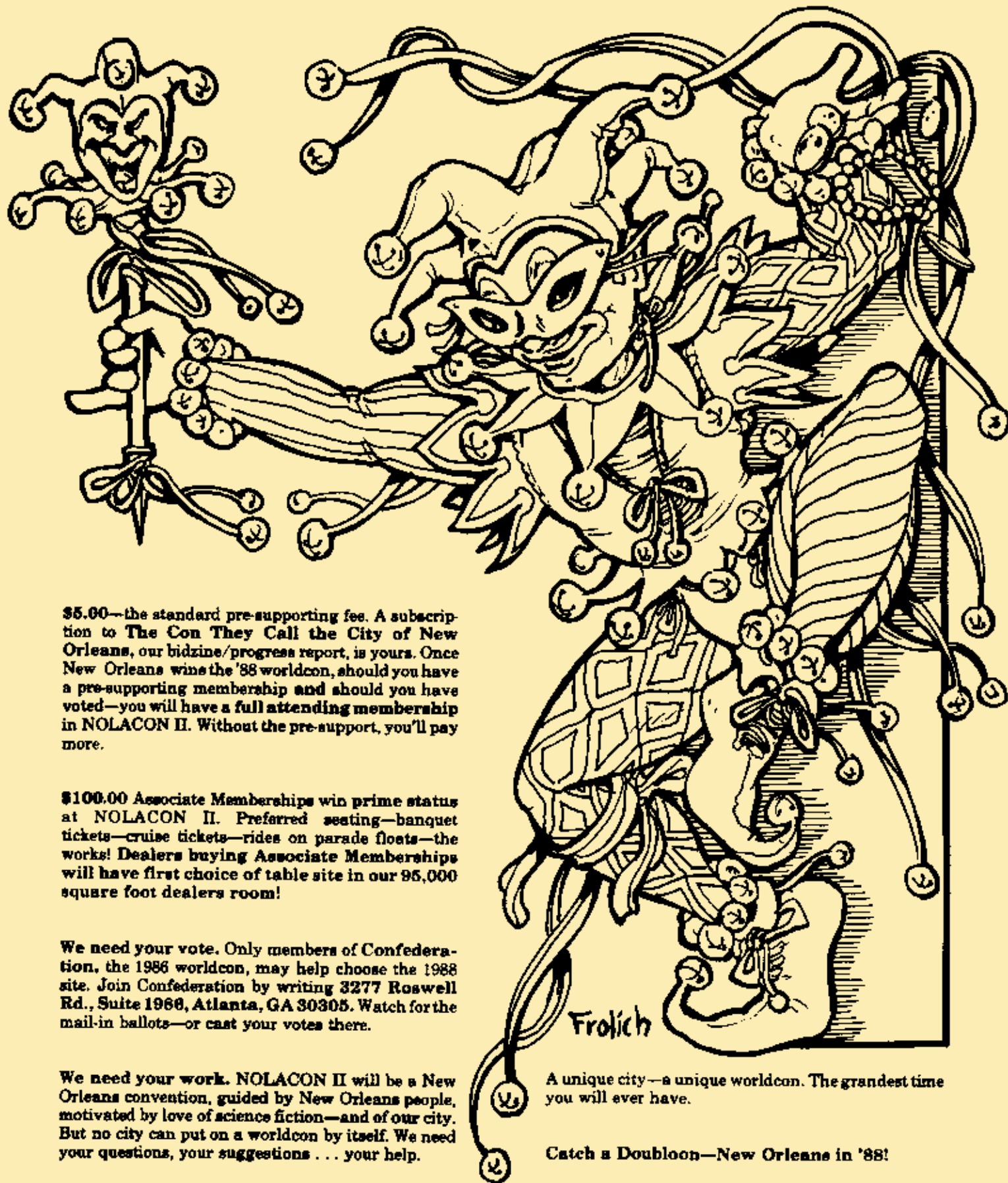
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Lien, continued from page 13

He's been to Australia twice. He likes watching Twins baseball and pro wrestling on TV, beer, Australian fans and fandom, wombats, reading, and dreaming up infamous Halloween costumes.

I asked him once what was the most fun he ever had. He got a dreamy look on his face, and said it was the time back in July of 1965 when he happened on a find of 650 mint condition pulps at the dizzying price of two for a quarter, and proceeded to spend his life savings on them.

Yup, that's our Denny. Long may he read.

IN MEMORIAM

Theodore Sturgeon (1918-1985)  
Frank Herbert (1920-1986)

## Programming Highlights

Krushenko's coffeehouse will be open around the clock or those who think that anSF-fantasy convention is for talking about SF and fantasy.

Attend the "Meet the Pros" party, Friday, 8:30 PM, and an artists' reception, Friday, 10:00 PM.

Kate Wilhelm, Diane Duane, and Kara Dalkey will give readings from recent works. Check programming schedule for times and places. Kate Wilhelm and Damon Knight will be interviewed (out loud) at 4:00 PM Saturday.

Anne Passovoy will do a filksinging workshop, Saturday, 2:00 PM. Ken Fletcher will do a cartooning workshop, Sunday at Noon. Denny Lien will present "Da Denny Lien Slide and Snide Show" of pulp SF covers, Saturday from 11:00 AM to Noon in the Great Hall West.

Singer-songwriter James Alan returns to Minicon at 7:00 PM Saturday with songs of wizards, witches, and sentient spaceships. Gordon Garb, of Digital productions, gives a presentation on the State-of-the-art in computer special effects, 1:00 PM Saturday.

Veteran Minicon soft-rock band Paralon Security returns with the "Head of the Lizard tour, 1986," 10:00 PM Friday. There will be dancing to recorded music, with a costume show at 10:00 PM Saturday. Bring costumes and cameras.

In honor of this year's theme, we're doing an "SF, Morals, and Calories" forum, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Saturday. Included will be the results of the bad SF writing contest in "It was a Dark and Stormy Knight."

Fred Haskell, local trufan, photographer, musician, and raconteur hosts a comfy little be-in sort of thing (rather than his usual multi-media extravaganza.) The Happy Deadwood lives on! "Da Fred Haskell Chat, Tune, and Snapshot Show".

The effects of the CHALLENGER disaster will be considered in a panel at 6:00 PM Friday evening, and a great former Minicon Guest of Honor, Theodore Sturgeon, will be commemorated at 10:00 PM Saturday.

### GREAT SPIDER ANNUAL SACRED HARP SING

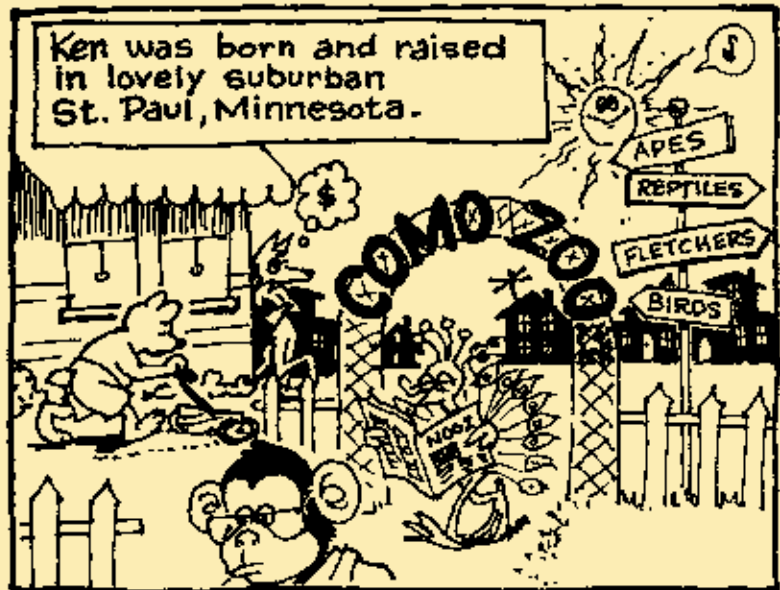
A Sacred Harp sing will take place - maybe even more than one. Watch for signs announcing when and where. If you like unusual 4-part harmony, come and join us! All fervent Spiderists, wayward Arachnoids, and unwilling converts are welcome (religion optional).







Ken was born and raised in lovely suburban St. Paul, Minnesota.



His phenomenal talent was evident early on...

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MINICON 21 ARTIST GOH

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Triumph followed lofty triumph, as the young artist gained stature

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# I Have Always Counted on the Consuite of Strangers

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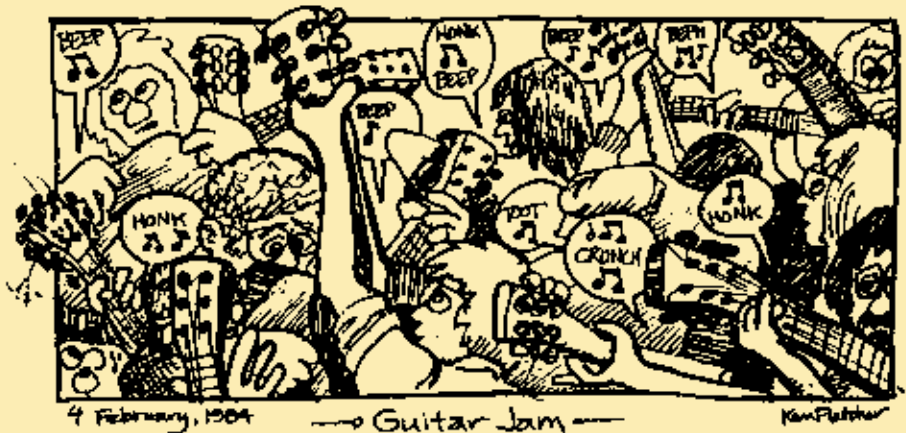
David Charles Cumber, Co-head of Parties (recruitment)

So here I sit, the day after "Fat Tuesday" (which must make this "Anorexic Wednesday") in front of a rubber squeaky triceratops with a computer underneath it, while trying to write something about the Minicon 21 Con Suite, when I really should be belly dancing.

I hope you appreciate this.

Anyway, one thing you should know is that all of us in the Parties Department are here to give you a good time (or at least that's what Sue says.) So, come on up to the Con Suites. We're here on top of the hotel with loads of food, pop, bheer, bhlog, and a great view of the airport to the east, and the ski jump to the west. (No, the planes do not take off from the ski jump.) Make sure you have your badge on; you won't be able to get in without one.

Now, in order to give you that good time I promised before, we need help. LOTS of help. In response to numerous suggestions (read complaints) we're making an attempt to provide food and beverage in both the Smoking and Non-Smoking Con Suites. In order (or in chaos) to do this we need about twice as many volunteers as previously. Volunteers have their choice of Con Suites to work in. If your favorite section is closed due to lack of warm bodies, round up as many people as you can find, and come and talk to me. (I'll be the man underneath the green and pink flamingo cap.) Or you could talk to the other Parties Department Heads. (They'll be the ones crying in the bar.) Come on and be a bartender, a sub-head, a twinkie, or whatever. We'll love you 'til death (or the Dead Dog Party) do us part.



There will be many strange liquids available for you to drink, such as New Blog, Diet Blog, Caffein Free Blog, and of course, CLASSIC Blog. I think we have Bheer, too.

**A WORD OF WARNING!!!** The State of Minnesota has passed some very strict laws in regard to alcohol consumption. One of them, THE DRAM SHOP ACT, states that if someone gets drunk to the point of endangering themselves and/or others, is served alcohol, and then goes out and harms themself or someone else, the person who served them that last drink is legally responsible. Needless to say, we want to be able to have a party suite with alcohol next year, so we will be taking very good care of you, even if that means cutting off your liquor.

Besides, we'd like to have you around next year, OK?

The Bar hours will be Friday and Saturday evenings, from 6:00 PM until...

- A) We run out of bheer.
- B) We run out of volunteers.
- C) We run out of patience and want to go home to bed.

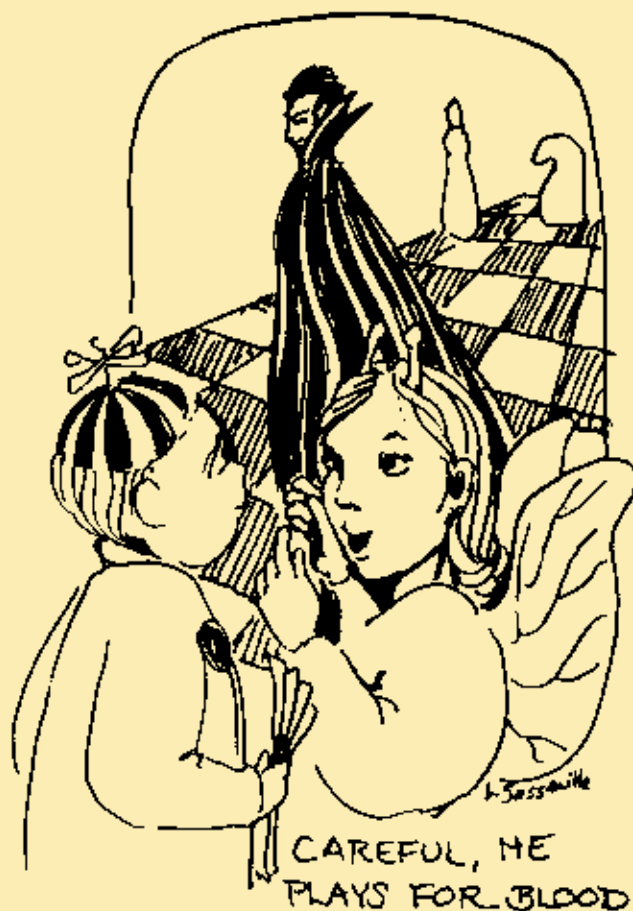
And now a word about FOOD! There will be doughnuts and bagels (fresh every morning!!) popcorn, gorp (aka Purina Fan Chow), and fresh vegetables. Sue's also planning on instituting fruit this year. (A wonderful idea, in my own humble opinion!) There won't be any Kosher munchies this year, however, since somebody screwed up and scheduled Passover wrong.

So we hope you spend lots of time here at the Con Suite, meet lotts a gheat people, and have lots of fun. That's what we're here for, after all. (Lord knows, its not the money!)

# Schedule of Events

## Friday

- Noon: Krushenko's opens (Atrium III).  
SF/Fantasy coffee-house: open continuously until 10:00 pm Sunday.
- 2:00-3:00 pm Great Hall West.  
Panel: Fannish Non-fan Cultures.  
Tom Digby: Moderator; Terry A. Garey, Elise Krueger, Jonathan Pinkerton, Matthew B. Tepper.
- 2:00-4:00 pm Plaza Room.  
Juggling Workshop. Herman Schouten, instructor.
- 3:00-4:00 pm Great Hall West.  
Panel: SF-The Next wave.  
Eric Heideman, Moderator; William F. Wu, Eleanor Aronson, writers; John W. Taylor, South Dakota University; Greg Ketter, Dreamhaven Bookstore. The State of the Art, 1986-.
- 4:00-5:00 pm Plaza Room.  
Slideshow of Bluejay Book covers.  
James Frankel, Bluejay Books.
- 4:00-6:00 pm Krushenko's.  
Workshop: Daughter of Psychological Survival for SF Writers.  
Eleanor Aronson, moderator.
- 5:00-6:00 pm Great Hall Center.  
Discussion: "Why did you smash my camera?" Bob Passovoy, moderator  
Terry A. Garey.  
why the art show has security rules.
- 6:00-7:00 pm Great Hall Center.  
Discussion: Copyright Law.  
Robert Ihinger, Dave Wixon.
- 6:00-7:00 pm Krushenko's.  
Panel: How Does the CHALLENGER Disaster Affect NASA's Future?  
Rick Gellman, moderator; Joan Verba, Curtis Hoffman, Luke McGuff, Neil Rest, Sally Morem, Kathy Ahlers.
- 7:00-8:20 pm Great Hall West.  
Opening Ceremonies. Diane Duane, Toastmaster; various notables.  
Radio show: Generic Movies.
- 8:30-9:00 pm Great Hall East A.  
Photo session: The Legion of Super Davids. David S. Cargo, Head David.
- 8:30-10:00 pm Krushenko's. Meet the Pro's Party.
- 9:00 pm-3:00 am Great Hall West.  
Friday Films. (See Film schedule.)
- 10:00-Midnight Great Hall Center.  
Reception: Meet the Artists.  
Erin McKee, coordinator.
- 10:00-Midnight Plaza Room.  
Parlor Security Concert.  
Soft-rock band presents "The Head of the Lizard Tour, 1986." Michael Morley, Scott McInroy, Mark Morley, Brad Moe.
- 10:00-11:00 pm Krushenko's.  
Panel: The Old Religion in Fantasy Literature.  
Susan Leigh Scott, moderator; Diane Duane, P.C. Hodgell, Patricia C. Wrede, Emma Bull, Susan Henry.
- 11:00-Midnight Krushenko's.  
Discussion: Marion Zimmer Bradley's Free Amazons.  
Elise Krueger, Tess Kolney, moderators.
- Midnight-1:00 am Great Hall East A.  
Belly Dancing. David Cumber, Val Lies, Sue Grandys, Karen Schaffer.



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PLAYS FOR BLOOD

# Saturday

# Schedule

- 8:30-9:30 am Great Hall West.  
Panel: How Not to be Seen.
- 10:00-11:00 am Krushenko's.  
Diane Duane Reads (Out Loud).
- 10:00-11:00 am Plaza Room.  
Meeting: Christian Fandom.  
Marty Helgeson, moderator.
- 11:00am-4:00 pm Great Hall West.  
FORUM: SF, Morals, and Calories.
- 11:00am Panel: Skiffy - Not Just for Breakfast Anymore.  
Marianne D. Hageman, moderator;  
Alex Eisenstein, Gerri Balter, Mike Donn, Glen C. Cook. If "the Golden Age of SF is 12," why do we still read it?
- Noon- Panel: SF - Not Just Immoral and Fattening.  
Polly Peterson, moderator; Arsen Darnay, Rob Chilson, William F. Wu, John C. Reznemski, Paul Kinst. Is SF nutritious-- or Junk Food of the Gods?
- 1:00- Panel: It Was a Dark and Stormy Knight.  
John C. Reznemski, moderator; Damon Knight, Danny Lien, Tom Digby, John W. Taylor. Is bas SF a sin? Damon picks the best of the worst!
- 2:00- Panel: Science Fiction and Mrs. Brown.  
Marianne D. Hageman, moderator; Kate Wilhelm, P.C. Hodgell, Phyllis Eisenstein, Eleanor Arneson. How does SF treat ordinary people?
- 3:00- Panel: Fat, Feminism, and Fandom.  
Gerri Balter, moderator; Terry A. Garey, Tess Kolney, Gerry Wassenaar.
- 11:00am - Noon Great Hall East B.  
Roundtable: Fanzines - Not-for-Profit Publishing or Esoteric Art-form?  
Ken Fletcher, immoderator.
- 11:00am - Noon Great Hall Foyer.  
Autograph Session: Kate Wilhelm, Damon Knight, P.C. Hodgell.
- 11:00am - Noon Plaza Room.  
Presentation: "You Want What by Who from Where?" Making sure your small press book can be located. James Carroll, Kansas State Library.
- Noon - 1:00 pm Great Hall East A.  
Panel: Mysteries and SF.  
Lee Reynolds, moderator; Al Kuhfeld, Mary Kuhfeld, Matthew B. Tepper.
- Noon - 1:00 pm Great Hall East B.  
Panel: The Art Auction as Theater.  
Bob Passovoy, moderator; Anne Passovoy, Bill Roper, E. Michael Blake.
- Noon - 1:00 pm Great Hall Foyer.  
Autograph Session: Diane Duane, M.A.R. Barker, Glen C. Cook.
- Noon - 1:00 pm Plaza Room.  
"Dr. Fred Haskell Chat, Tune, and Snapshot Show."



- 1:00 - 2:00 pm Great Hall  
Discussion:  
Fiction Art  
Erin McKee.
- 1:00 - 2:00 pm Great Hall  
Panel: Stuf Fandom. Go E.V.O.S.A.
- 1:00 - 2:00 pm Plaza Room.  
Presentation:  
Volume Three
- 1:30 - 2:30 pm Great Hall  
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- 2:00 - 3:00 pm Great Hall C  
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- 2:00 - 3:00 pm Great Hall E  
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- 2:00 - 3:00 pm Plaza Room.  
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Ann Passovoy
- 2:00 - 3:00 pm Great Hall E  
Panel: Men  
Steven Brust  
Kelli Shetter
- 3:00 - 4:00 pm Great Hall E.  
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Images: Science
- 3:00 - 4:00 pm Krushenko's.  
Discussion:  
Len Wein, DC  
M. Heideman,  
Scott, Ed Eas
- 3:30 - 4:30 pm Plaza Room.  
Belly Dancing  
David Cumber,  
Karen Schaffre
- 4:00 - 5:30 pm Great Hall We  
Damon Knight  
Interviewed  
Eric M. Heide  
Interviewer
- 5:00 - 7:00 pm Great Hall Ea  
The U.S.S. No  
Arthur Johnson
- 5:00 - 7:00 pm Plaza Room.  
Message Semina  
David E. Romm
- 5:30 - 6:30 pm Great Hall East  
Panel: What: Characters Run  
Kara Dalkey, P.C. Hodgell, Steven Brust.
- 6:00 - 7:00 pm Krushenko's.  
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# of Events

Center.  
A Guide to Buying Science  
 Moderator: Greg Ketter.

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uffed Animals: The Neglected  
 Terri Baltar, Herman Schouten.

East B.  
A Minn-Stf Family Album,  
 David Dyer-Bennet.

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Creative Anachronism Martial  
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East A.  
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 Terri Windling, Ace/Berkley;  
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Workshop.  
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In Science Fiction.  
 t, moderator; John M. Ford,  
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nce. Should we go to Mars?

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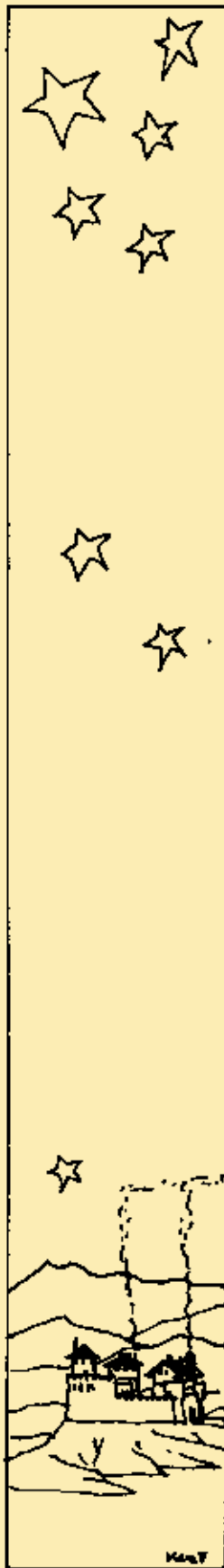
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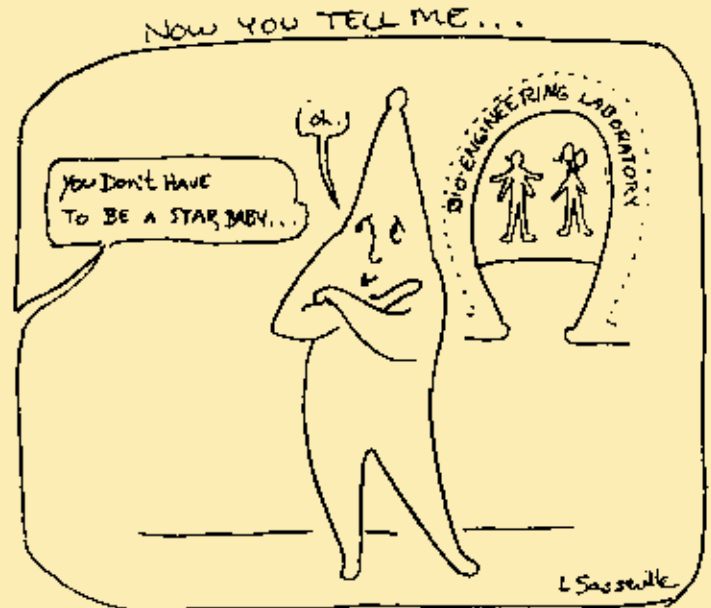
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 , Patricia C. Wrede.

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 moderator: Phyllis  
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- 7:00 - 8:00 pm Krushenko's.  
Minnesota Imaginative Fiction  
Writer's Alliance Meeting:  
 Writers' Organizations.
- 7:00 - 8:30 pm Great Hall West.  
 Concert: "Tales of Other Worlds."  
 James Alan, songwriter/singer.
- 8:00 - 9:00 pm Krushenko's.  
 Panel: SF/Fantasy Poetry.  
 Terry A. Garey, moderator; Ruth  
 Berman, Tom Digby, Tess Kolney.
- 8:30 - 11:00 pm Great Hall East A.  
Art Auction.  
 Erin McKee, coordinator.
- 9:00 - 10:00 pm Krushenko's.  
SF/Fantasy Poetry Reading.  
 Terry A. Garey, John C. Reznarski,  
 Ruth Berman, Tom Digby.
- 9:00pm - 3:00am Great Hall West.  
Saturday Films.
- 10:00pm - 1:30am Plaza Room.  
Dance.  
"Disco Dan" (Ed Eastman) Ratlov.  
 Dee Jay: Lee Reynolds, sound  
 engineer.  
Includes costume show, 10:00 pm.  
 Elise Krueger, coordinator.
- 10:00-11:00 pm Krushenko's.  
 Panel: The Wonders of Theodore  
Sturgeon.  
 Eric M. Heideman, moderator;  
 Denny Lien, David E. Romm, John  
 Yankovich, Jonathan Pinkerton.
- 11:00-Midnight Krushenko's.  
Kara Dalkey reads from UGUISU.
- Midnight-1:00am Krushenko's.  
World-Building Workshop.  
 Dan Goodman, moderator.



# Schedule of Events

## Sunday

- 11:00am - Noon Great Hall West.  
"Da Denny Lien Slide and Slide Show."
- 11:00am - Noon Great Hall East A.  
Workshop: How To Huckster.  
Elise Krueger, moderator.
- 11:00am - Noon Krushenko's.  
Panel: "Llavek."  
Dave Lenander, moderator; Will Shetterly, Emma Bull, John M. Ford, Kara Dalkey, Steven Brust, Patricia C. Wrede, Pamela Dean, Terri Windling? Nate Bucklin?  
Writers and editors discuss the making of a shared world.
- Noon - 1:00 pm Great Hall East A.  
Panel: Worlds into Books II.  
Jeff Berry, moderator; P.C. Hodgell, Steven Brust, Patricia C. Wrede, M.A.R. Barker, Glen C. Cook.
- Noon - 1:00 pm Great Hall Center.  
Round Table: Cartooning: Not-for-Profit Publishing or Esoteric Art-Form?  
Ken Fletcher, imoderator.
- Noon - 1:00 pm Great Hall Foyer.  
Autograph Session: John M. Ford, Rob Chilson.
- Noon - 1:00 pm Krushenko's.  
Rivendell Group/Second Foundation Meeting: "Tales of Inner Space: The Fiction of Kate Wilhelm."  
Dave Lenander, Eric M. Heideman, moderators.
- 1:00 - 2:00 pm Great Hall West.  
Presentation: Computer Special Effects - The Leading Edge.  
Gordon Garb, Digital Productions.  
The State of the Art in computer animation.
- 1:00 - 2:00 pm Great Hall Foyer.  
Autograph Session: Kara Dalkey, Will Shetterly, Steven Brust.
- 1:00 - 2:00 pm Krushenko's.  
Kate Wilhelm reads from THE HILLS ARE DANCING.
- 2:00 - 3:00 pm Great Hall West.  
A Panel for Everybody Who Showed Up at the Last Minute Wanting To Be on a Panel.  
Susan Leigh Scott, moderator.
- 2:00 - 3:30 pm Krushenko's.  
Second Foundation/Rivendell Group Meeting: "Forward, Then Sideways: The Fiction of Damon Knight."  
Eric M. Heideman, Dave Lenander, moderators.
- 3:30 - ? Great Hall West.  
Closing Ceremonies.
- After Closing Ceremonies:  
Great Hall West.  
Old-Time Movie Cereals.





GAMING AND GAME RELATED PROGRAMMING

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, and SUNDAY

Tekumel gaming in the Tekumel Games Suite in the pool area: role playing with Professor M.A.R. Barker.

FASA Games (Star Trek, Battledroids, Dr. Who) in the pool area: FASA staff will be on hand.

Other games will be posted at the registration area: see the message board.

SATURDAY

An Illuminati Tournament: Saturday, beginning 11:00 AM in the game room.

Tekumel miniatures: morning and afternoon sessions. Tekumel Games suite.

Costumed Tekumel reception at the Tekumel Games suite: 7:00 PM, for the Lt. Governor of the City of Hekellu.

THROUGHOUT THE ARTSHOW HOURS:

Display of Tekumel art and artifacts, covering the forty years of Tekumel campaigns.

Also, tours will be given of the model of the Temple of Vimuhla, built by Prof. Barker.



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# F I L M S

by Herman Schouten

## FRIDAY, MARCH 28

9:00 PM to 3:00 AM

9:00	Cartoon	(6 min)
9:05	BATMAN, Ep. 1	(20 min)
9:27	BATMAN, Ep. 2	(18 min)
9:46	BATMAN, Ep. 3	(18 min)
10:05	Barbarella	(98 min)
11:43	BATMAN, Ep. 4	(18 min)
12:02	BATMAN, Ep. 5	(18 min)
12:20	BATMAN, Ep. 6	(18 min)
12:38	Cartoon	(6 min)
12:44	The Court Jester	(101 min)
2:26	BATMAN, Ep. 7	(18 min)
2:44	BATMAN, Ep. 8	(18 min)

## SATURDAY, MARCH 29

9:00 PM to 3:00 AM

9:00	Cartoon	(6 min)
9:06	BATMAN, Ep. 9	(18 min)
9:24	BATMAN, Ep. 10	(18 min)
9:42	BATMAN, Ep. 11	(18 min)
10:00	The Adventures of Buckaroo Bonzai	(100 min)
11:40	Cartoon	(6 min)
11:46	BATMAN, Ep. 12	(18 min)
12:04	BATMAN, Ep. 13	(18 min)
12:23	BATMAN, Ep. 14	(18 min)
12:40	Forbidden Planet	(98 min)
2:18	BATMAN, Ep. 15	(18 min)
2:36	(if requested)	
	The Adventures of Buckaroo Bonzai	(100 min)

## SUNDAY, MARCH 30

After closing ceremonies (about 4:00 pm)

Old tyme movie cereals:  
BATMAN, Ep. 1 - 15 for those  
who missed an episode or three.



## BARBARELLA Queen of the Galaxy

Midnight Immoral movie favorite. Based on a popular French comic strip about sexy 41st century space adventuress. Before Jane Fonda's workout tapes there was: Barbarella.

Time: Friday Evening - 10:05 pm.

## THE COURT JESTER

Remember "the pellet with the poison's in the vessel with the pestle, while the flagon with the dragon holds the brew that is true." And Danny Kaye finds himself the world's greatest swordsman as well as: The Court Jester.

Time: Late Friday Night - 12:44 AM Sat.

## THE ADVENTURES OF BUCKAROO BONZAI

Across the 8th Dimension.

Beings from another dimension have invaded your world. You can't see them...but they can see you. Your only hope is the leader of a rock band called the Hongkong Cavaliers. And his name is: Buckaroo Bonzai.

Time: Saturday Evening - 10:00 PM.

## FORBIDDEN PLANET

SF's version of Shakespeare's "The Tempest." Before Carrie Fisher and R2D2, there was Anne Francis and Robby the Robot to deal with Dr. Morbius' monsters from the id.

Time: Late Saturday Night -  
12:40 AM Sun.

## BATMAN - the 15-part serial.

Adam West hasn't been the only man to don the caped cowl. Come see Batman battle diabolical enemies, electric brains, autos that vanish, and robot-like zombies. You think I'm making this up? Come and see for yourself. We will run 8 episodes Friday night, 7 episodes Saturday night, and all 15 episodes Sunday afternoon, after closing ceremonies.



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# Ann Passovoy

by Dave Wixon

I have it on pretty good authority that this is Ann Passovoy's seventh GoH appearance; but I don't vouch for that, because I long ago gave up the notion of trying to keep statistics about her. I mean, why should I do all the work for whoever she appoints her official biographer?

It is a matter of public record, though, that Ann is married to Doctor Bob, who can himself be found if you simply look for the most evil-looking Klingon-type about. (You can tell both Passovoy's are Klingons when they have pointed ears and iridescent-blue jackets, but Ann is much prettier; the other drag they both appear in now and again is the uniform of the Dorsai Irregulars - and if you don't recognize the reference, shame!)

The lady is slim, blonde - and I suppose she's considered good-looking, objectively speaking; it's just that people fortunate enough to be smiled at by her can no longer be objective about it... And since she smiles a lot, there are droves of us who feel she's beautiful. (This fits very well with her major personality trait: she's perfectly able to "nice" people to death - this she does so well that the victim invariably thanks her for it.)

She is also smart, strong, and willful; this in turn leads to her major

personality flaw: her two favorite foods seem to be chocolate and garlic (a fact that gives me the creeps as I wait for her to somehow combine the two flavors in a brownie).

Passovoy's live in Chicago, in a profusion of people and cats - if that's not redundant - that includes about three children. (I told you I wouldn't keep statistics for you!) Despite those, a job as a technical writer, and extensive gardening activities, Ann has become one of the best-known and most popular filk-singers in all of fandom. She is renowned for songs like "A Captain Is A Father To His Crew," "Harbours," "Juan-Henry," "Lullaby," "Vandy Vandy" - and many others. Listen to her sing them, and you'll hear how well she can bring you any emotion she feels herself. (If you're feeling both brave and outrageous, ask to hear "The Chicken Song." She won't want to do it, but egg her on a bit...)

It happens that my own absolute favorite filk-song is "Mary O'Meara," as performed by the sweet and clear voice of Ann Passovoy. This alone could make her never-forgotten, and it's true that she sang it first at a long-ago Minicon. If she'll sing it for us this con, you may find yourself near tears; I come pretty damn close every time. Well-come, Ann.



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Sucharitkul & Tepper Music Room

Ken Fletcher

# Diane Duane

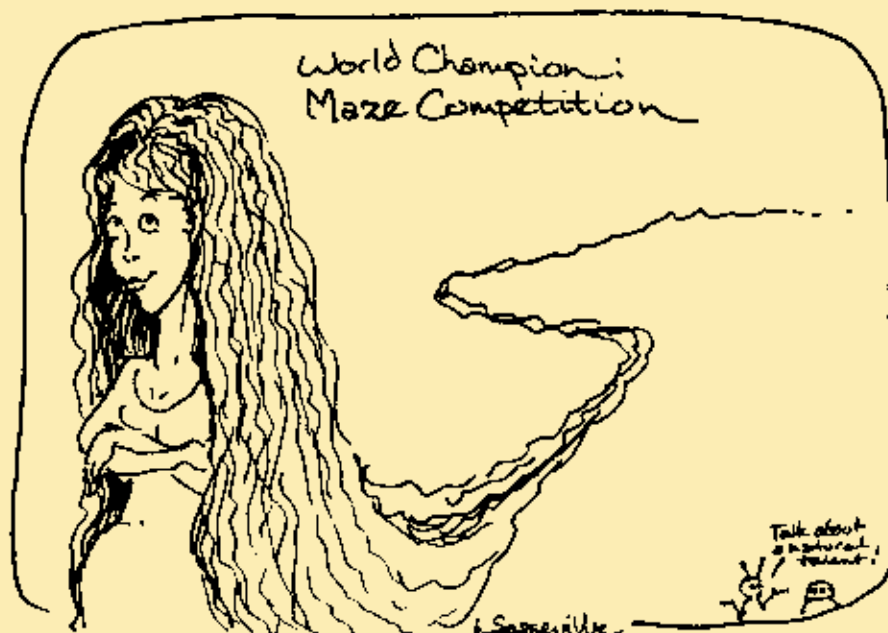
by Pamela Dean

It's customary for the person writing the Program Book essay about the toastmaster to be acquainted with said Toastmaster. Nobody around here knows Diane Duane, which defect we are hoping to remedy. Her invitation to act as Toastmaster, and this essay, are therefore examples of her capacity for action at a distance: an appropriate skill for a Toastmaster, who may not wish to hit the obstreperous over the head and may be too far away to kick them under the table.

I was introduced to Diane Duane, briefly, in the aftermath of a Meet the Pros party that had combined a large collection of people whose feet you felt you should be kissing with a good loud band and a masquerade. I was wilted. Diane Duane was still energetic. She looked at me with a mild perplexity, because I was looking at her with my mouth open. I was doing so because here was the author of *THE DOOR INTO FIRE* and *THE DOOR INTO SHADOW*, two beautifully-written and unconventional fantasy novels; of *SO YOU WANT TO BE A WIZARD* and *DEEP WIZARDRY*, two charming and moving young-adult novels that combine new elements with the standard children's fantasy in a most satisfactory manner; and, in a genre that has committed just about every literary, linguistic, and logical folly known to mankind, of two very fine "Star Trek" novels.

I was thinking then of the more serious qualities of her work. (She is not yet, not quite, a candidate for having her feet kissed; just give her a few years.) I think now of the purposeful and lunatic wit that could blandly send the Recreation Officer of the *ENTERPRISE* off to find a sonic screwdriver; that could slip her own agent's name into a list of people about to embark on a necessary but probably suicidal mission; that could insert, into a book dealing with matters of desperate seriousness, a talking white shark named Ed; that could create a child whose response to the information that her sister is a wizard is, "You DID go to the Moon! And you didn't take ME! I'M GONNA KILL YOU!"

She can do it in person, too. I saw her on a panel, about book covers, that began well but floundered, probably out of a combination of fear, courtesy, and prudence, for lack of horrific examples. Diane Duane suddenly came up with a hilarious description of the cover on the British edition of her first novel, a description complete with a parallel structure and a reasonable explanation of why each element of the cover was irretrievably wrong. I have bought that British edition just to remind myself of the occasion. Diane Duane can deal with any toast we may choose to give her, but especially with the rye kind.



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# Terri Windling

TOO FEW WORDS ABOUT TERRI WINDLING

by Will Shetterly

Terri Windling deserves a better write-up than I can give her. Terri Windling deserves a better write-up than anyone can give her, so I might as well say too little, too baldly.

As far as Minneapolis is concerned, Terri Windling is all Pat Wrede's fault. Pat sold her first novel to Terri, and Pat's in a writing group which consists of Pat, Steve Brust, Nate Bucklin, Kara Dalkey, Pamela Dean, Emma Bull, and \*ahem\* me. So Steve was the second to finish a novel, and he followed Pat's example. Terri bought it. Shortly after that, Steve, his wife, Reen, Emma, and I decided to go to the east coast.

The trip had been taxing, New York was strange, and we were all about to meet a Real Editor. What would she be? A preppy princess in a designer dress? A young exec in a dress-for-success suit? A self-styled intellectual in jeans and a sweater, a romantic in Danskin and skirt, a free-spirit in a peasant dress?

Terri shows up. Her hair's a mane the color of dandelions just before the wind scatters them, and she's dressed in black leather. We think maybe she's okay.

Oh, all right. You'll have to ask the rest what they thought. I fell in love.

Terri began her career in publishing as an editorial assistant at Ace Books, was quickly promoted and for several years was their only fantasy editor. With Mark Alan Arnold, she edited the three Elsewhere anthologies (the first volume won the World Fantasy Award in 1982.) She also edited faery! and the forthcoming Borderlands books. She is a talented artist; the illustrations in Elsewhere are her work. Last year, she was a judge for the World Fantasy Awards.

While she still edits two books a month for Ace Books, she is a co-founder of the recently formed Armadillo Press, a book-packaging operation whose presence will, I tell you now, soon be noticed in the world of publishing. She loves champagne and progressive contemporary music. She will tell you she has no sense of humor, but this is only because she has a very good sense of humor and doesn't want to hurt your feelings. She is a very private person - she'll be embarrassed by all of this, so you mustn't embarrass her further by revealing that you learned anything from me. But if you are at all interested in the possibilities inherent in fantasy, seek out one of her anthologies. Terri Windling loves the genre and she thinks about it; her love and her intelligence are evident in her selections.

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# John M. Ford

THE FILE ON JOHN M. FORD

by Emma Bull

Yes, I really do have a file on John M. Ford. It's in an ordinary manily file folder. I started it with two perposterous pieces of satirical humor by the fellow in question. But it's gotten out of hand. You can't just collect funny Ford. You can't even limit yourself to fictional Ford, or even prose Ford. And you sure can't keep the whole collection in a damn file folder. It's scattered around the house, in appropriate places. The novels are on the library shelves - Web of Angels, Princes of the Air, The Dragon Waiting, (a World Fantasy Award winner), and The Final Reflection. (There are some things under a couple of pseudonyms too, but I'll let you sweat.) His short fiction is the reason why we've got back issues of Isaac Asimov's, Analog, Omni, and Amazing on the book shelves - not our usual practice.

The role playing games are on the shelves, too. "The Sherwood Syndrome" and "Free Enterprise" are part of the recently-released set of Star Trek solitaire games; "The Yellow-clearance Black-Box Blues" is a module for Paranoia. The two cassettes with the synthesizer improvs and compositions-in-progress are over by the cassette deck, of course. So what's in the file folder?

All the other things. The poetry and the song lyrics. The comic book scripts and outlines, and marvelous letters, with the most amazing return addresses: "Caligari Institute of Hypnotherapy, Staff Lounge (NO SLEEPING THIS AREA)." "FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF TIME TRAVEL, Penalty for Private Use the 12th Century."

His middle name is NOT Michael, but friends still call him "Mike." He is dangerously close to turning 29 even as you read this. He lives in Philadelphia, in an apartment with a bathroom the size of some people's studios. He has a shocking addiction to late-night TV and a mania for model railroading. He listens to Bryan Ferry and Brian Eno and Dire Straits, among others. He collects TWA Frequent Flyer mileage the way I collect - well, Fordiana. He is, for my money, one of the best writers in the whole wide world.

Anything else you want to know, you'd better ask him. Then come and tell me - I've started another folder.

★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

## P.C. Hodgell

by Eleanor Arnason

P.C.Hodgell lives in the family house in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. The house is large, and old, and crammed full of objects accumulated by previous generations of Hodgells. Half of the front parlor is occupied by a rectangular rosewood piano which was given to her great-aunt-the-doctor by a grateful patient. The piano no longer works, but it certainly looks impressive. Upstairs in the bathroom is an elaborately carved Victorian cabinet that has to be seven feet tall. There is a toilet paper holder screwed on one end (the end closest to the toilet, of course.) In the dining room is a framed letter of condolence from FDR, on the death of an uncle in World War II. The uncle survived pneumonia, and falling off a troop ship in the middle of the Pacific. He made it back to the United States, where he dropped a loaded rifle while on parade, and shot himself to death.

The house explains a lot about Pat's writing, which is dense and full of detail. Often the detail is as incongruous as a toilet paper holder on a Victorian cabinet. Like the house, her writing is full of history, and humor, and a certain amount of horror. There is more horror in her writing than in Oshkosh, which ought to reassure people from Wisconsin. Though I sense in her blood and gore the influence of Midwestern Methodism - there is a lot of blood in Methodist hymns - and of the dark side of life in Middle America. How many people out there remember Ed Gein?

What else is there to say? Pat is a nice lady, and a good writer, a tad bit shy, but very worth talking to. Look her up at a convention.

## Phyllis Eisenstein

by Scott Imes

Long time Minicon attendees will probably recognize Phyllis Eisenstein from some spirited discussions about mythology, anthropology, or history, which started around 2:00 AM, and went on until late. Others may recognize Phyllis Eisenstein from her novels: Born To Exile, Sorcerer's Son, Shadow of Earth, and In The Hands of Glory, or from short fiction appearing in Science Fiction periodicals and anthologies.

Eisenstein's themes vary from adventure fantasy through contemporary issues; her light style avoids the easy formulae, and prompts the quick smile that comes to the reader finishing one of her O. Henry-type short stories.

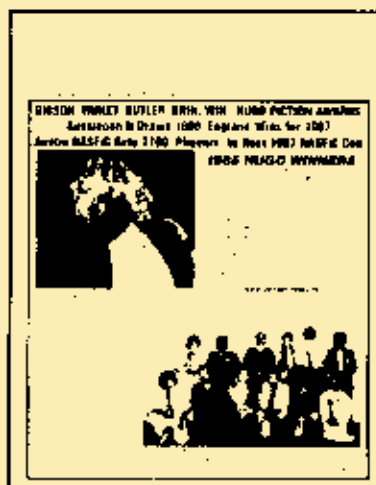
At ease with both the typewriter and the guitar, Phyllis contributes a special spark to late night folksinging. Involved in the Science Fiction subculture for more than two decades, Phyllis helps with both regional and world Science Fiction conventions, and is a fan frequently seen at a wide variety of Chicago Fan activities.

Phyllis lives with her husband, and sometimes collaborator, Alex; they live in the Chicago area, although we've tried for years to convince them to move to Minneapolis.

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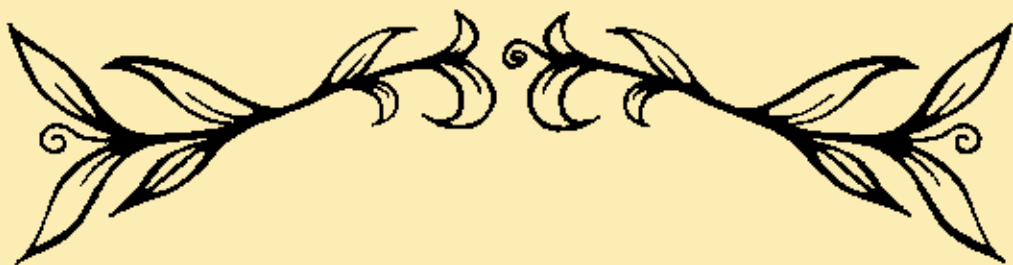
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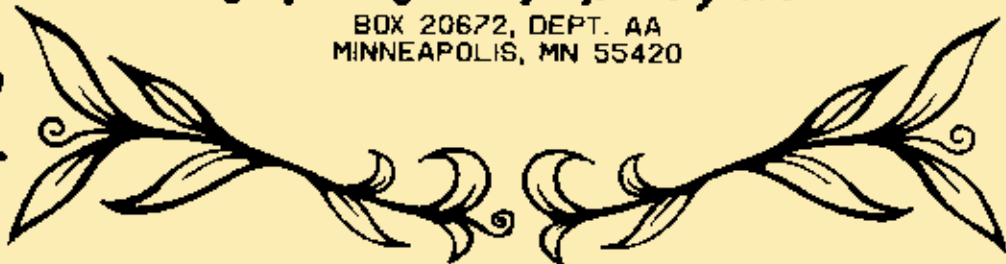
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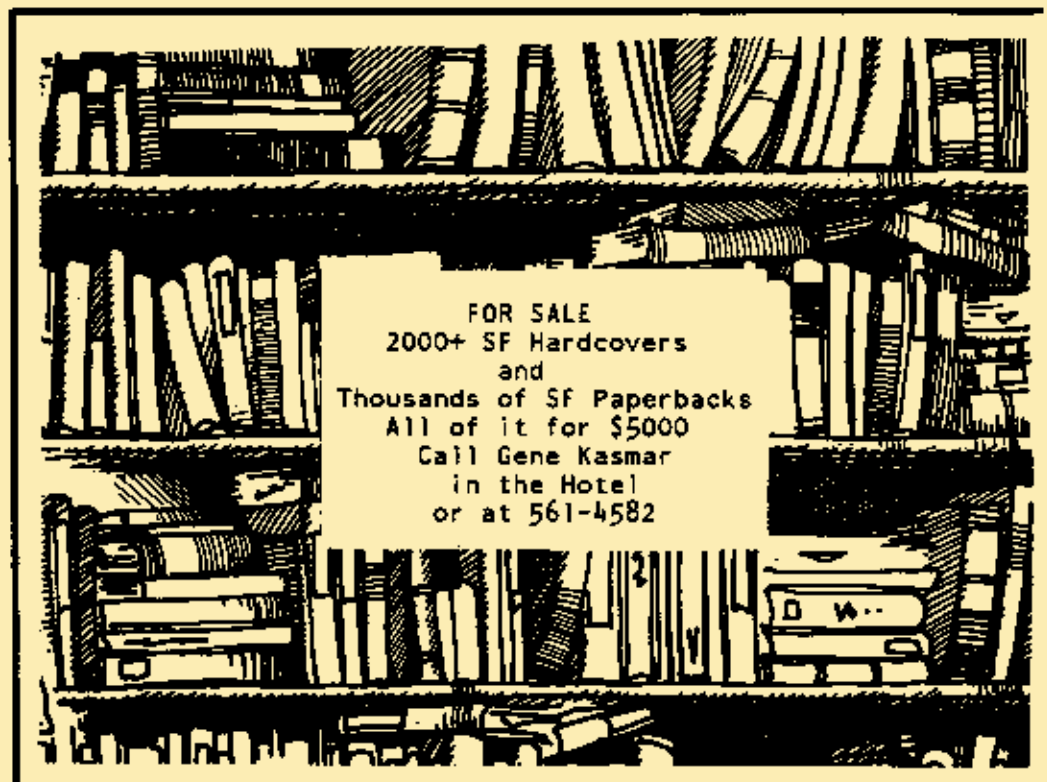
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