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All times are Minicon Publications time

Welcome to Minicon!

HELP!

We are in urgent need of volunteers to be go-fers or badgers.

If you'd like to meet people at Minicon, consider volunteering to be a badger! Badgers sit outside the con-suite or the artshow, and make certain that everyone going in has a badge. (This is wonderful for satisfying that hidden dictatorial urge - because we mean everybody!) You get to see everyone entering the room, and you can say Hello.

Go-fers sit around the Bridge and run errands as needed. Errands consist of "Take this thing to that place". Favorite needs are "Cans of pop to Registration" and "This tape to the consuite". Errands outside of the hotel are strictly voluntary, even after you've volunteered the first time.

Go-fer and Badger shifts are one hour each. You may sign up to be a go-fer or a badger on the Bridge, Room 215.

Art Show

Check-in

Friday: 5pm - 8pm
Saturday: 10am - noon

Opens

Friday 5pm - 8am
Saturday 10am - 6pm .
Sunday 10am - 2pm .

Dealers Room

Friday 1pm to 7pm
Saturday 10am to 6pm
Sunday 11am to 5pm.

There is no smoking allowed and no food or drink are permitted.

Pool Hours

Fri. & Sat. 10:00am - 4:00am
Sunday 4:30pm - ?

The Child Care Room

Friday: 3 pm to 2 am
Saturday: noon to 2 am
Sunday: noon to 5 pm

We're in 706. Come up and play with the kids.

Volunteers greatly appreciated!
Professional Child Care provided.

Questions or Problems? Contact the Bridge Room 215

The Bridge has always been Room 215. The Bridge may be called from any hotel phone. If you have any questions or comments on the convention, you are welcome to stop in at the Bridge.

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Sales

Friday noon to at least 6pm (maybe later if Denny's bladder and your checkbooks hold out)

Saturday 10am to 5pm

Sunday noon to 3pm

Buy The Way... that is, buy Minicon tee-shirts the way we're all used to: from the Minicon Sales Table in the lobby. Besides the 1988 tee-shirt (with front and back designs by our Artist Guest of Honor, Crystal Marvig), the Sales Table also has copies of Time Gum (the Minicon poetry anthology), Tales of the Unanticipated, Rune, Maturity (a limited edition Theodore Sturgeon hardcover), and maybe some other surprises. Shop early and often for best tee-shirt selection (last year's model sold out quickly). A limited number of Minnesota Science Fiction Society sweatshirts and a variously limited or not-so-limited quantity of tee-shirts from some previous years are also available.

04:00

Dance

DreamHaven Books of Minneapolis and Ace Books, publishers of Science Fiction & Fantasy, are proud to present Boiled in Lead. The opening act will be Cats Laughing featuring two Ace Book writers, Emma Bull and Steven K. Brust. Many other writers from Ace will be in attendance and we will have a special autograph session. DreamHaven Books will also be giving free books to all who attend the dance. Doorprizes will be awarded. Come and dance your feet off.

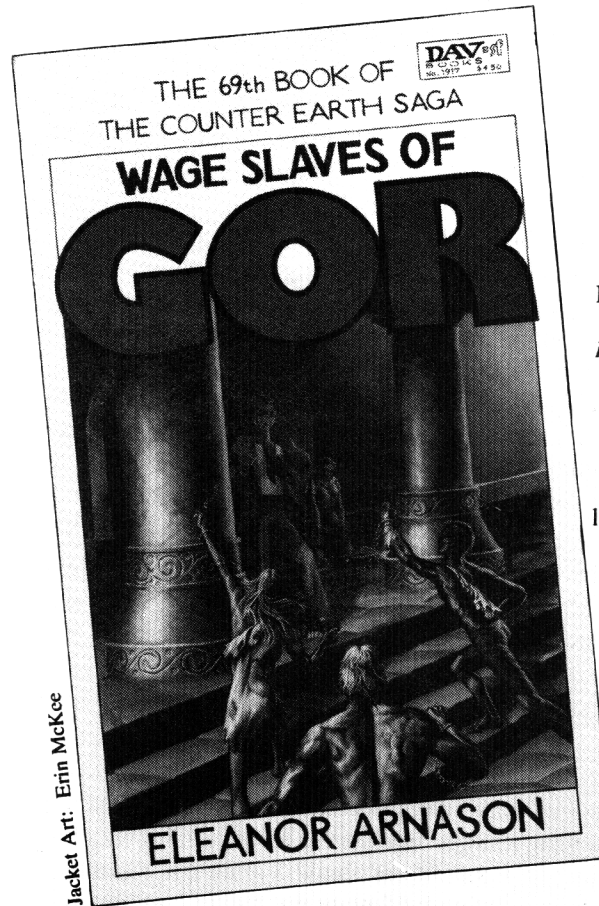
Kaffe Stuga

is the hotel coffee shop. It's open until 10pm Friday and Saturday. It has a good smorgasbord.

Brunch

The Radisson's traditional Easter Brunch will be served, as usual, Sunday morning by the pool. Ask the hotel for more information.

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- Mikhail Gorbachev

"Poetic, Moving, and Terrifying"
- Eric Heideman

They had nothing to lose but their chains!

Wage Slaves of Gor by Eleanor Arnason

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Available in October 1988

Eleanor Arnason

by Eric M. Heideman

Eleanor Atwood Arnason was born in New York City on December 28, 1942. Her mother was a missionary's daughter who grew up in China. Her father was an art historian of Icelandic descent who worked for the office of War Information in Iceland during World War II. During Eleanor's childhood, she lived in New York, Chicago, London, Paris, and Washington, D.C. The family came to comparative rest in Minneapolis, where Eleanor's father served as Director of the Walker Art Center from 1951 through 1961. (There were still trips to Paris, Honolulu, and through much of Asia.)

Eleanor grew up exposed to Chinese philosophy, Icelandic sagas, and the conversation of *avant garde* artists. In the early '50s she discovered science fiction: both early tv programs like Tom Corbett and Captain Video, and the printed stuff. She attended her first SF convention in 1961. In 1964 she took a B.A. from Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania, then did graduate study in art history at the University of Minnesota. In 1966-67, she found herself falling in love with James T. Kirk (she later co-wrote a story about him) and growing tired of spending all her time in classes and art museums. She dropped out of college and after a year of travelling found herself doing clerical work in Detroit from 1968 to 1974.

She'd been writing all of her life, but the experience of living in a tough city, meeting blue collar workers, gave her fiction a new edge. When she was thirty, her stuff started selling. Because her stories were kind of weird, and each new one was different in a different way, it took her a while to develop a committed audience. I'm betting that around 1999, with 20/20 hindsight, people will be saying that after John Varley, she was the second most important short story writer to enter the SF field in the 1970s.

Like the good grandfather of Minnesota SF, Clifford D. Simak, Eleanor writes about ordinary, every-day people, working at mundane jobs, who suddenly find themselves caught up in something strange. Her work is often puzzling on a first reading—and deeply rewarding on a second and third. I think that's because, although we keep saying that science fiction and fantasy are "for fun," we are made nervous by writers such as R.A. Lafferty and Eleanor, who have fun with the conventions of the forms themselves. She has a tendency to smirk at our storytelling pretensions, and her people do unexpected things, the way people do. Conflicts occur and problems get resolved, but when her stories get ready to end, her people don't conveniently fold up and go away. They go right on living inside our heads. Once we get used to it, that can be very enjoyable.

It will be interesting to see what changes she brings to a long-established series when she takes it over this fall. Meanwhile: read her latest novel, Daughter of the Bear King. I could say a lot of things about it, but it's enough to say: it's wonderful.

She moved back to Minneapolis in 1974, where she's worked at the Art Institute, in a Munsingwear warehouse, a hat factory, and as an accountant, and written radio spots on inventors and facts about American history. Right away she started generating organized SF activities. In 1974 Eleanor, together with Ruth Berman, founded the Aardvark Writing Group, the senior SF writing group in Minnesota. (Its other members have included P.C. Hodgell and Mary Monica Pulver.) She was an early member of the Rivendell Group; she's worked on Minicon Programming since the mid-70s; she was a founding member of Second Foundation and the Minnesota Imaginative Fiction Writers' Alliance, and is currently Treasurer for the National Writers Union Local #13.

Back in the early '80s when I was a shy fringe fan who didn't know anybody, she was one of the two or three Minicon movers-and-shakers who took the trouble to talk with me. She hooked me into working on Programming, then prodded me into volunteering to put together an SF coffee house, which Programming Head Mike Smith named Krushenko's. There are many people who can tell similar stories about Eleanor. She's one hell of a mentor. In her quiet, non-self promotional way, Eleanor Arnason has done more than any other person to nurture an SF community in Minnesota.

Thank you so very much, Ms. Arnason. May I have your autograph?

An Eleanor Arnason Bibliography

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And finally - Bar Hours. We'll have it open as long as:

- a). We've got bheer
- b). We've got people to pour bheer
- c). We've got people willing to drink the stuff, &
- d). We feel like it.

So, there you are, have fun...and remember, be careful somewhere!

* Ask me about it sometime...

* Ya know, before becoming a Parties Head I couldn't even spell 'volunteers'.

* I guess this means its from Wisconsin, eh?

"A Word From Your Dept. Of Partiology Dept."

by David Charles Cummer

Co-Head of Minicon Parties Dept. (Retired)

GOOD MOOOOOOOORNING MINICON!

As you may have noticed by my byline Sue Grandys and I are no longer running the show this year. (Ya bribe the right people, and *anything's* possible!). Sue's gone on to greater glory on the Minicon Executive Committee, ("Dave, ya gotta get me outta here before I kill somebody!!") while I've settled for a quiet life as a Sub-Head and elder ~~god~~ statesfan. However, our replacements, Lynn Litterer & Victor Raymond, are two people who can more than adequately fill our spiked heels. (Ya oughta see what they've cooked up for the bathtub this year!)

Speaking of bathtubs...

This year, in order to free up an extra bathroom (and keep me from trying to walk through mirrors*), Lynn & Victor have declared one of the serving tables an honorary bathtub. Look for the "Horror From The Bathtub" there.

What next, hmm... Well, there's always the standard **CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!** We need bartenders, twinkies, (lotsa really keen-o deely bobbars just waitin' for ya!) or people to run on the bheer relay team. All you've got to do to join up is ask your friendly Sub-Head on duty. (We'll be wearing the spiffy lab coats, and oddly colored bandanas this year.)

If you liked the "Chips du Jour" bit from last year you'll be glad to hear we're doing that again, but as of this writing I don't know what flavors we're getting. Also Victor wishes it to be known that we'll be running "Bheer du Jour" during the con (in his words, "a fine selection of domestic and 'imported' bheers.") featuring one keg each of Summit Brewery Pale Ale, Summit Great Northern Porter, and a keg of Leinenkugel Bock. (Victor says its good, but I say it's bheer, and I say to hell with it!)

The usual ~~gang of idiots~~ goodies will be available, including kosher munchies, (remember, if you eat 'em and you're not Jewish...well, I guess we'll just have to talk to your mother, *won't we?*), brought to you by our very own Gerri Balter, along with gorp, various fruits and veggies, chocolate, and (sigh) oatmeal.

There will be soda (or pop, or what-*ever* it is you call that stuff) on tap, and even cans of Canfield's Diet Fudge Soda (which I think is an abomination unto Ghu...) floating around. (Probably next to the fish...)

At this point I'll insert the standard warning about liquor consumption. You must be over the age of 21 in order to be served alcohol. Please, don't try and sneak a bheer or something like that, we'd rather not have to publicly embarrass you...

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Eric M. Heideman

by Marianne D. Hageman

Eric M. Heideman is a nice guy who's passionately involved in science fiction. Minicon is an excellent place to observe his permutation of the diversity of Minnesota fandom and the sharing of that diversity. In 1984, as Minicon programming cohead, he and cohead Kara Dalkey made the transition to Minicon's current pluralistic, multi-track programming. He co-headed programming for two more Minicons. The variety and depth of Minicon programming is due in large part to Eric's commitment and hard work.

Another visible Heideman contribution is Krushenko's—Minicon's SF Coffeehouse—which he began in 1983 and continues to manage. Krushenko's is a place where people can meet to talk about science fiction, particularly the books and stories and ideas that have hooked so many of us. It's a place of free-wheeling discussion, sometimes in scheduled panels or round tables on written SF, sometimes in impromptu conversations where the ideas flow thick and fast. It has also been the home of SF readings and the meeting place for literary-minded organizations.

In 1983 Eric founded Second Foundation, the science fiction book discussion group which he continues to moderate. Meetings usually focus on the works of one author: John Varley, Larry Niven, Ursula K. LeGuin, Kate Wilhelm, and Theodore Sturgeon, to name a few. There have been theme meetings too: SF movies, dystopias, and war in SF. (Check your programming schedule for our Minicon meeting!)

Eric has made substantial contributions to SF writing and outreach. In 1985 he was a founding member of the WW2 writing group, all of whose members are published. That year he was also a founding member of the Minnesota Imaginative Fiction Writers' Alliance, a resource-sharing network of sf/fantasy writing groups and individuals; currently he is their meeting convener. In 1986 and 1987 he was one of the organizers of the Minnesota Science Fiction Society (Minn-STF) Lecture Series, featuring Barry Longyear, Ruth Berman, a Liavek Round Table, P.C. Hodgell, Phyllis Ann Karr, and John Sladek. In 1986 he initiated Tales of the Unanticipated, the small-press SF magazine published by Minn-STF.

Eric is an "up-and-coming" writer (see bibliography) who knows his stuff. He has lured several local beings into active fannish involvement (I haven't forgotten, Eric, it's all your doing!). He's the guy who walks up to you at fannish gatherings and introduces himself if he doesn't know you. He makes newcomers feel welcome. You can easily find him at Minicon: he's the weird, bearded guy who does a lot of panels, hangs out between Krushenko's and the consuite—and he's great at parties.

P.S. He's seen Forbidden Planet 27 times . . . so far.

A Selected Eric M. Heideman Bibliography

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Frederik Pohl

by Eric M. Heideman

Born 26 November 1919, Frederik Pohl has spent a good part of his life in New York and New Jersey, currently lives in Palatine, Illinois, and has spent time in many parts of the world. About 55 years ago, when he was around 13, he joined science fiction fandom while it was still wet behind the ears. He helped found several Brooklyn and Manhattan fan clubs, most notably the Futurians, whose other members included Isaac Asimov, C.M. Kornbluth, Damon Knight, and James Blish. He was one of twelve people in attendance at the first known SF convention, which occurred in Philadelphia in 1936. Together with several of his fellow Futurian rabble rousers, he was barred from attending the first "world" SF convention in Manhattan in 1939, for reasons which seemed quite important at the time.

Also in 1939, Fred Pohl found himself, at 19, the editor of two professional SF magazines, Astonishing Stories and Super Science Stories. Though strapped with a minimalist budget, he was able, through hard work or genius or something, to get good stories from the likes of Heinlein and Asimov. After World War II Air Force service, he went to work for an advertising agency, then became a literary agent specializing in SF. He was the kind of agent every writer dreams about, actually *paying* his clients to write whatever kind of SF they really wanted to write, then worrying about where to sell it later. That way he not only got to represent a plurality of the best SF writers of the '50s; he also provided them with the peace of mind to write many of their best stories. That was wonderful for the writers and their readers, but his generosity drove his agency into debt, and he switched to writing full-time. In the early '50s he collaborated with Kornbluth on a Galaxy sequel called Gravy Planet, which shows what the world might be like if advertisers were completely in charge. In book form, as The Space Merchants, it has sold millions of copies in two dozen languages. It remains, with Huxley's Brave New World, one of the two masterpieces of science fiction satire.

Also during the 1950s, Pohl advised Ian Ballantine on the new line of SF paperbacks he was launching. For Ballantine Books, Pohl launched the Star Science Fiction series, the first SF anthologies consisting entirely of never before published material. Then, from 1960 to 1969, he served as a magazine editor again; his several titles included Galaxy, Worlds of If, and Worlds of Tomorrow. He encouraged Ellison, and Tiptree, and Niven, and Silverberg during his best and most experimental phase. A lot of people think that Pohl was the best SF magazine editor of the 1960s. His If received the Hugo Award for best SF magazine three times in a row.

Oh, God, but Frederik Pohl has done a lot. Worked as an editor for Bantam. Helped found the Hydra Club, a social group that included most of the New York SF writers of the late '40s and early '50s. He has served as President of the Science Fiction Writers of America (SFWA), and as President of World SF, a group which

puts science fiction writers from different countries in touch with each other. He is a lecturer to many groups, in many places, on a wide variety of topics, applying the perspectives of science fiction not to escaping from this world but to making it a better place. He writes in a casual, conversational, always clear style, and any writer worth her salt knows that that is one of the hardest ways to write. As an editor and a writer, he has rarely been content to rest on his laurels. When he finds himself falling into some kind of rut he tries something new. Gateway and Chernobyl are perhaps his most impressive "something new" books of recent vintage.

Since childhood he's read an average of one book a day, including a great deal of SF but all sorts of other things, too. And he keeps doing new things, just for the sake of doing them, although some of them eventually show up in his fiction. He wrote a biography of the Roman emperor Tiberius, and is the Encyclopedia Britannica's source for information on that person; for a year he spent four hours a day learning chess moves; for a couple of years while he was editing Galaxy he also served as a volunteer fire fighter. He is a dedicated fan of science, and writes that "with not enough formal education to qualify me as a mailman I know about as much about, say, astronomy as any biochemist, as much mathematics as most physicists." He is, in short, a committed human being, and that commitment shines through in his actions, and in the works he edits, and in the stories he writes. A while back I got to see him sitting on a panel in which writers who are experienced enough to know better were saying a lot of blarney about technique as the be-all and end-all of writing. Fred Pohl said, more or less, "If there isn't something inside of you which you passionately need to express, you will never be a writer, no matter how much technique you have." I know a few other words as true as that, but none truer.

Mr. Pohl has written of SF writers, "We are all risk-taking and inquisitive by nature, and if there is a Renaissance Man alive I think he is a science fiction writer."

I think I know his name.

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Nebula Award Winners Fourteen, 1980.
The Great Science Fiction Series (co-edited with Martin Harry Greenberg and Joseph Olander), 1980.
Yesterday's Tomorrows, 1982.
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Magazines Edited

- Astonishing Stories: February 1940 through September 1941 (9 issues)
Super Science Stories: March 1940 through August 1941 (9 issues)
Star Science Fiction ((magazine version)): January 1958 (1 issue)
If: November 1961 through May 1969 (74 issues)
Galaxy: December 1961 through June 1969 (51 issues)
Worlds of Tomorrow: April 1963 through May 1967 (23 issues)
International Science Fiction: November 1967 through June 1968 (2 issues)

Book Lines Edited

Pohl was a book editor for Popular Science during 1946-1949, anonymously editing "maybe a dozen books" of nonfiction. He was science fiction editor for Ace during 1971-1972 and for Bantam from 1973-1979.



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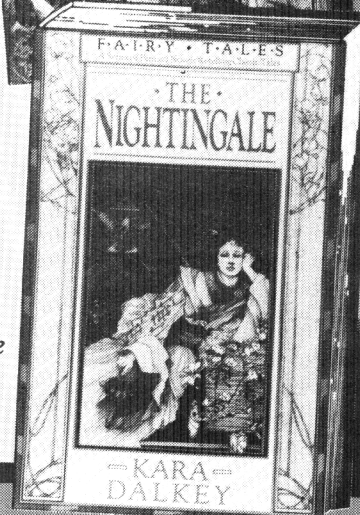


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THE #1 PUBLISHER OF SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY

Crystal Marvig

by Val Lies

Crystal Hope Marvig recently moved to the Twin Cities from the Fargo/Moorhead area. She has been attending science fiction cons since the age of 12. Her first convention art display was when she was 16. Convention art shows across the U.S, in Canada, and in England have displayed her art work. She has been a Fan Guest of Honor, Art Show Chairperson, Dance Performer, winner of several Best of Show art awards, and a consuite partier.

Crystal displayed her artistic talents early using crayon-on-wall as her first medium. She rapidly moved on to sketching Superheroes for her own comic books and then fantasy characters such as elves and unicorns.

Crystal's two-dimensional flights of fancy take the viewer to Elfland, the far future, moonlit glades, and fantastical side-dimension universes. She produces portraits of fine detail as well as a cartoon dragon with the personality of a St. Bernard puppy—known as "Rover".

Experimenting with color and light is one of Crystal's favorite artistic endeavors. She enjoys working in oils and airbrush, as well as several other media.

Now that she is living in "The Big City", Crystal plans to pursue further education in art. Her goals are to learn more oil techniques; design and composition; and better airbrush, acrylic, and watercolor techniques. She also wants to broaden her talents into new media, specifically sculpting, glass etching and painting, and working with metal.

Crystal is a five foot, one and a quarter inch, blue-eyed blonde of Scandinavian



descent. She is very shy—read "painfully"—and yet loves talking with listening to all types of people. So, if you see her around the Con—trotting through the Consuite, helping out at the art show, or dancing with the belly dance troupe—say "Hi, Crystal. Val said to stop and visit with you for a while." She may look at you blankly for a moment. But then that bright smile and little snicker will erupt and you'll have started making a new friend. Enjoy.

18:00

Attempted Self Portrait

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Science Guest of Honor

Richard P. Feynman

(1918 - 1988)

by Rob Ihinger

When the Minicon Committee decided to create the category Science Guest of Honor for 1988, the overwhelming choice for the first person to fill this position was Richard P. Feynman.

Dr. Feynman worked on the Manhattan Project at Los Alamos, was awarded a share of the 1965 Nobel Prize in Physics for his pioneering work in quantum electrodynamics, and served as probably the most effective member of the Presidential Commission investigating the Challenger tragedy.

As important to us were his impish sense of humor, artistic endeavors, and penchant for all-night music parties.

Knowing that a man of his stature was bound to receive innumerable demands upon his time, we felt an unconventional approach would be helpful. Recalling his description of safecracking games at Los Alamos from his autobiography "Surely You're Joking, Mr. Feynman!", Beth Friedman decided to submit our invitation locked within a toy safe. I contacted our inside man on the Caltech campus and made arrangements to have the invitation hand delivered by one of his former artist's models attractively (un)dressed. Most unfortunately for Dr. Feynman the respective schedules of his and our model conflicted over a sufficiently long period of time that we had to have our invitation hand delivered by our fully attired inside man.

My brother greatly enjoyed the two hour conversation which ensued. Dr. Feynman protested that the nubile female approach was totally unnecessary and would have been a waste as he was a 69 year old married man (rather polite of him, I'd say). He was quite amused by our play-it-safe invitation, but scornful of the quality of the safe we selected. He demonstrated his musical talents on it and proclaimed it a much better bongo drum than safe. His immediate response to the invitation was "Interesting, sounds like fun. I'll have to think about it."

He considered the proposition for a long time. Long enough that we sent a follow-up letter requesting a decision (encoded in a multiple rotating transposition cipher—after all, the man did claim to be decoding the Mayan Codex on his honeymoon!). By fall of last year his battle with abdominal cancer became public knowledge on his campus and we were informed not to expect him to come. Finally, in December he notified me that he was expecting to be teaching class and was unable to serve as our first Science Guest of Honor. I think it was a question of conserving his limited strength for his highest priority, teaching his students.

Dr. Feynman passed away February 15, 1988, as a result of the cancer. Even though he was not able to be with us to be honored in person, we would like to honor him in spirit. We wish Programming had his teaching and storytelling, Art Show had his paintings and Consuite his bongo-playing, but we are left with his memory.

Our 1988 Science Guest of Honor: Richard P. Feynman.

Microprogramming

Microprogramming is the recreation of vaudeville. However, since no one attending Minicon was around then, this gives us tremendous latitude in what we can get away with. The mylar fish and other Weird Things floating around we caught, cleaned and named by the Microprogramming committee. (Guess the correct name for any fish and you may have already won!) The SHOCKWAVE part of Opening Ceremonies and Closing Ceremonies are under our auspices. We will be doing Strange Things at unpredictable times, from "The Elevator That Says 'Nih!'" to greeting our Balticon friends, to events and situations not yet identified as this report goes to press. The Microprogramming Chair, David E Romm, hopes to frequently exercise his power to retroactively declare that something was officially Microprogramming.

Greetings, Gamers!

Welcome to the Balticon Suite (a.k.a. the Poolside Consuite / Gaming Suite) where numerous strangenesses await you. Among the things (down, Mongo!! Don't eat the gamers!) we have this year:

The Big Board. This tells you what's going on in our scheduled room. There will be scheduled events to sign up for (first come, first signed) running in 4-hour blocks on Friday, Saturday, and part of Sunday (see hours below.).

The Grandson of the Mike Wood Memorial Silly Games Table. Mindless entertainment for 3 a.m. when the brain goes bye-bye.

Bridge Below the Bridge. A bridge table and decks of bridge cards will be available. We will also have basic instruction available (details in the suite).

The Quest For The Philosopher's Stone giveaway! Courtesy of the Games Gang, we will be giving away a copy of Quest for the Philosopher's Stone. It's a game where you have to think to get ahead. Details at the big box on the gaming freebies table. (Photocopied, mimeo'd, dittoed, or hecto'd entries are right out!)

All This and Less awaits you at the Balticon Suite, Room 114 (just below the Bridge—show your badge to the troll.) See you there!

Ed Eastman (badge name: Tuck)
Gaming Master

Filkroom

The Filk Room is a non-smoking music room designated for use of the fans for filk music. Parties Committee has set aside one of the small consuite rooms for this purpose. We are putting this schedule of filk topics together so that like-minded flikers can find each other. If you wish to add a topic, there will be a schedule in the Filk Room for this purpose. Any times not designated are (of course!) Open Filk Times. Have Fun, and Happy Filking!

Friday

10:00p.m. - Midnight Sacred Harp

Saturday

2:00 p.m. Star Trek songs

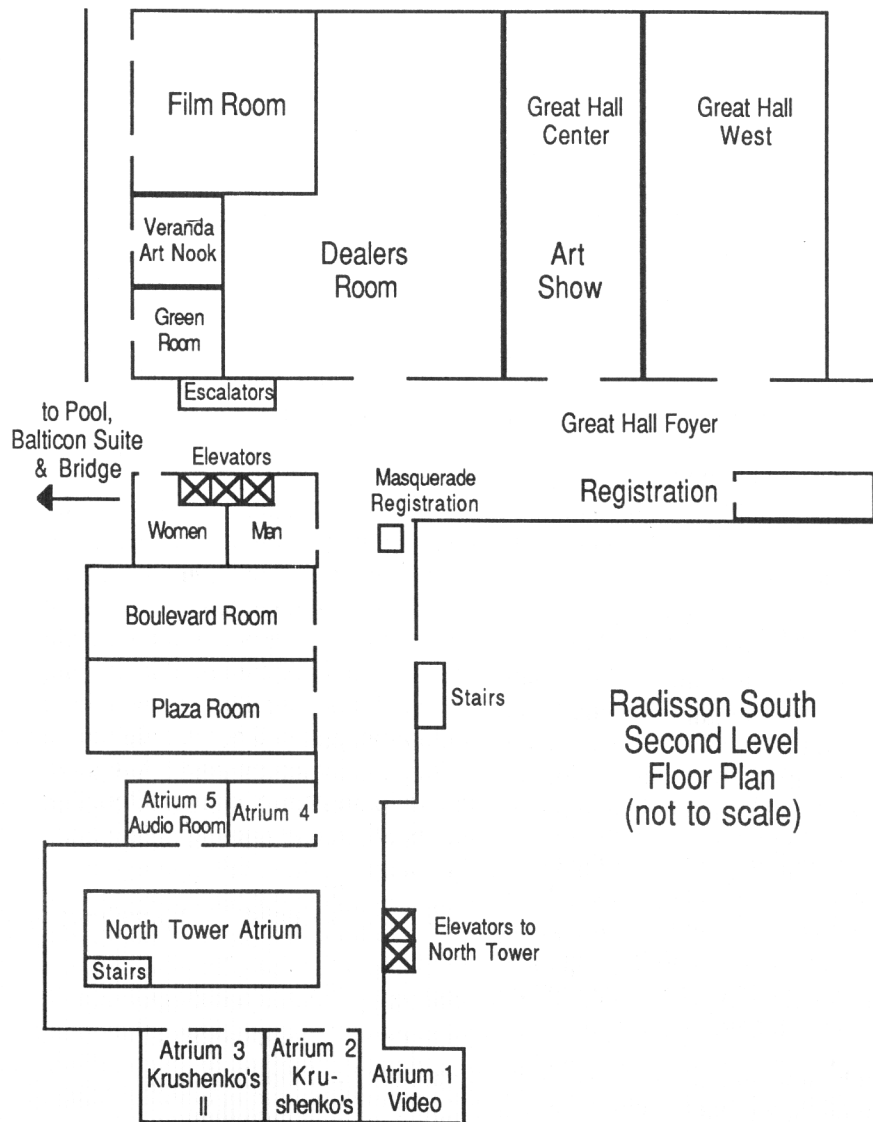
3:00 p.m. Dr. Who songs

6:00 p.m. More SCA songs

10:00 p.m. Sacred Harp

Sunday

2:00 p.m. Scottish and Irish ballads



Radisson South
Second Level
Floor Plan
(not to scale)

Programming Schedule

Friday, April 1

2:00 pm

Tolkien's World and Welcome To It

Krushenko's II
David Lenander, moderator; David
Bratman; Ruth Berman; Steve Deyo

Christian Fandom Boulevard

Marty Helgesen

Kij Johnson Reads (Out Loud) Audio
Room

3:00 pm

Boys in SF Plaza

Some characters in SF are men...and
some are definitely boys. Come and
learn the difference from our panel of
author(itie)s.

Will Shetterly; David Charles
Cummer; Steven Brust; Emma Bull

Food in SF Boulevard

A few words about concrete realities...
Heather Gladney, moderator; Curtis
Hoffman; Barry B. Longyear

Kara Dalkey Reads (Out Loud) Audio
Room

Tales of the Unanticipated

Krushenko's II
Eric M. Heideman and Terry A. Garey,
co-moderators; Kij Johnson, staff;
various contributors to TOTU

4:00 pm

Bad SF Movies Filmroom

Kevin Stahl, moderator; Doug
Friauf; Richard Knaak; Ed Eastman;
Steve Deyo

Exploring Future Technology: Has SF
lost the pioneering spirit? Boulevard

Sally Morem, moderator; Fred Pohl;
Curtis Hoffman

Is There a Minnesota School of SF?

(4:00 pm Friday, continued)

Krushenko's II
Eleanor Arnason, moderator; Ruth
Berman; Eric M. Heideman; Will
Shetterly; Phillip C. Jennings;
Carolyn Ives Gilman

Pamela Dean Reads (Out Loud) Audio
Room

5:00 pm

Sanity without Mundanity: Keeping
Yourself Together at a Con
Filmroom

Con-goers share survival strategies
from 12-step programs and other
support systems.

Jeanne Papish, moderator

The Influence of Phillip K. Dick

Krushenko's II
John W. Taylor; Algis Budrys; Greg
Ketter

Patricia C. Wrede Reads (Out Loud)
Audio Room

6:00 pm

Phillip C. Jennings Reads (Out Loud)
Audio Room

6:30 pm

Welcome! Great Hall West
Announcements and Warm-up.

7:00 pm

Shockwave Live! Great Hall West
Opening ceremonies begin with a Real
Time broadcast that will leave you
thinking "Let's see them do THAT on
television!" No more of this "taped for
later" stuff. This time it's On The Air,
Live! on KFAI, 90.3 FM.

8:00 pm

Opening Introductions Great Hall West
Opening Ceremonies continue with the
introduction of Minicon's Guests and
other Notoriously Fun People...

(Friday, continued)

8:30 pm

Meet the Artists Reception Art Show
(Great Hall Center)

Mass(ive) Autographing Session
Plaza
Forty-five minutes of fast and furious fun!

Meet the Pros Party Krushenko's II
Everybody welcome!

10:00 pm

Dance Great Hall West
Dance to the music of Boiled in Lead until 1 am (or so)

Mapmaking in Science Fiction and Fantasy Plaza
A participatory exercise...
Lisa Bah, organizer; P.C. Hodgell

How to Compete in a Masquerade
Boulevard
Deb Jones, Masquerade Director

Late Night Roundtable for Gamers
Balticonsuite (also known as the poolside consuite, or the gamer's lounge)
"Combat Systems: No Matter Which Way You Slice It, It's Still Baloney"
Victor Raymond, moderator

Algis Budrys Reads (Out Loud) Audio Room

11:00 pm

Ordnance at SF Cons Plaza
Offspring of "Don't Point That at Me; You May Be Loaded"
Bill Lochen, moderator

Midnight

Weapons Physics 101 Plaza
Air Hockey as it applies to Hovercraft Tanks, or how do those high tech weapons work, anyway?
Bruce Bethke, moderator;
Jeol Rosenberg; J.R. Dunn;

Barry Longyear.

24:00

Saturday, April 2

10:00 am

A Shy Person's Guide to Minicon
Filmroom
Eric M. Heideman, moderator and shy person

Barry Longyear's Writing Workshop
Plaza
(Part one; 10am to noon)

NASA's Proposed Space Station
Boulevard
MN Space Frontiers Society meeting
Sally Moren, moderator

Rivendell Group Book Discussion
Krushenko's II
Topic: Merlin's Booke by Jane Yolen.
David Lenander, moderator; Jane Yolen

Mickey Zucker Reichert Reads (Out Loud) Audio Room

11:00 am

Paganism in Fantasy and Science Fiction Filmroom
Magenta, moderator; Kirby Titus; Charles Obert; Lon Levy

Artists Running Art Shows Veranda
Art Nook
Giovanna Fregni, moderator; Erin McKee; Crystal Marvig

How To Tell Good Science Fiction From Bad Boulevard
Lee Reynolds, moderator; Algis Budrys; Al Kuhfeld; Frederik Pohl

Time Travel Krushenko's II
Marianne D. Hageman, moderator; Bruce Bethke; Kevin Stahl; Ruth Berman; Curtis Hoffman; Doug Friauf; Carolyn Ives Gilman

P.C. Hodgell Reads (Out Loud) Audio Room

(Saturday, continued)

Noon

Phoenix on Warpdrive: The New Star Trek Filmroom
Ed Eastman, moderator; Ruth Berman

Reproductions in Art Shows: Do They Belong? Veranda Art Nook
Erin McKee, moderator; Crystal Marvig; Giovanna Fregni

How To Write Magic Plaza
How do writers convey images of magic at work in their fantasy writings?
Elise Krueger, moderator; Jane Yolen; Joel Rosenberg; Emma Bull; Patricia C. Wrede; Caroline Stevermer

SF in the 80's: Is There Any Hope? Are There Any Women?
Krushenko's II
Eleanor Arnason, moderator; Jan Bogstad; John W. Taylor; Mike Levy; John Rezmerski

1:00 pm

USS Nokomis Hour Filmroom
Meet the Trekkers!
Art Johnson, moderator

Belly Dance Workshop Plaza
Troupe MonHarr (Val Lies, Sue Grandys, and Crystal Marvig) invite you to join them in exploiting your body's full abilities. This year they will instruct at two levels of experience: Beginning and...Somewhat Better. Wear loose, comfortable clothing that you can be exploited in...oops, we mean that you can move in.

Spring Forward, Fall Over Boulevard
Do our ethics keep pace with our technological advances?
Polly Peterson, moderator; Melinda Hutson; Paul Kirst; Bruce Bethke; Frederik Pohl; Joel Rosenberg

(1:00 pm Saturday, continued)

How To Approach an Editor Without Coming Across Like A Pencil-Necked Geek Krushenko's II
Peg Ihinger, moderator; Kij Johnson; Emma Bull; Patrick Lucien Price; David Hartwell

2:00 pm

25 Years of Dr. Who Filmroom
Mike Fanslowe, moderator; (maybe Richard Knaak) and members of Whoniversity

Stuffed Animals Panel Veranda Art Nook
Gerri Balter and Herman Schouten, moderators, with help from the whole stuffed menagerie

Building an SF Community Plaza
Eric M. Heideman, moderator; Frederik Pohl; Ruth Berman; Nate Bucklin; David Lenander

AIDS: Scienc Fact and Science Fiction Boulevard
David Charles Cumber, moderator; Perry Tilleraas; Mickey Zuker Reichert

Easy Writer Krushenko's II
Writers talk about that forbidden, never-before-discussed topic: How They Do It, Exactly.
Tess Meara Kolney, moderator; Heather Gladney; A.B. Max; Gail van Asten; Patricia C. Wrede

3:00 pm

Massage Seminar Filmroom
(runs for two hours)
David E "Fingers" Romm

Artists/Cartoonists Jam
Veranda Art Nook
(runs for two hours)
Crystal Marvig, host

25:00

(3:00pm Saturday, continued)

Fanzine Readings Audio Room

(runs for two hours)

This was so much fun at Wiscon that we decided to steal...er, import it.

David Emerson, host.

Heather Gladney Reads (Out Loud)

Krushenko's II

4:00 pm

Guest of Honor Interview Plaza

(runs 1 1/2 hours)

Terry A. Garey and Eric M. Heideman interview Eleanor Arnason

5:00 pm

The Return of Airbrush Demo

Veranda Art Nook

(runs 1 1/2 hours)

Steve Fastner, artist

Seems Like Only Yesterday: Some

Former Bozo Bus Building Denizens

Reminisce Plaza

Scott Imes, Careturkey; Nate Bucklin; Margie Lessinger; David Emerson; Fred Haskell.

There's No Place Like Home: A

Celebration of Minnesota SF

Boulevard

Polly Peterson, moderator; Carla Mills; Duane Olson; Charles deVet; Kara Dalkey

SCA Music and Storytelling Audio

Room

Let local members of the Society for Creative Anachronism tell you tales of the current Middle Ages...

Their Excellencies Baron Caradoc and Baroness Bridget will hold court

Children's Fantasy Krushenko's II

David Lenander, moderator; Pamela Dean; Jane Yolen; Melinda Hutson; Mike Levy; Patricia C. Wrede

(Saturday, continued)

6:00 pm

Masquerade Great Hall East

(pre-registration required; see section in program book)

Minnesota Fanzine Recovery Act: We

Pub Our Ish! Plaza

Victor Raymond, moderator; Jeanne Mealy; Erik Biever; and a cast of thousands...

Wisconsin Fantasy and Science Fiction

Writers Krushenko's II

Ruth Berman, moderator; P.C. Hodgell; Sandra Lindow; Mary Monica Pulver

Women: Self-Esteem and Self-Defense

Plaza

A Free Amazon Discussion

Tess Meara Kolney, moderator

7:00 pm

What Is Nationalism? Plaza

How does it effect Canadian/US fan and pro activities?

DDB, moderator; Micheal Wallis;

Steven Stirling; Will Shetterly

Barry Longyear Reads (Out Loud)

Boulevard

Again, Writers' Organizations

Krushenko's II

The Minnesota Imaginative Fiction Writer's Alliance welcomes all interested parties...

8:00 pm

TAFF Auction Plaza

Bid on some interesting items, limber up for the Art Auction, and help the Trans-Atlantic Fan Fund — all at the same time!

Jeanne Gomoll, coordinator

(8:00 pm Saturday, continued)

Planetary Exploration: Filling the 11-

Year Gap Boulevard

Sponsored by the Planetary Society
Paul Richards, moderator: Sally Morem; Melinda Hutson; Paul Kirst

Ask Dr. Mike Audio Room

John M. Ford holds forth in chalk-talk format...

Poetry Reading Krushenko's II

(runs 2 hours)

Terry A. Garey, moderator; Eleanor Arnason; Ruth Berman; Tom Digby; K. Cassandra O'Malley; John C. Rezmerski; Jane Yolen.

9:00 pm

Hypnotism Demo Plaza

Charles Obert

Bad Manners Disguised as Political

Expression Boulevard

Conservative Libertarians; Threat or Menace?

Phillip C. Jennings, moderator; Martin Schafer; Kirby Titus; Mary Monica Pulver

9:30 pm

Art Auction Great Hall West

J. Micheal Blake and Lisa Golladay, auctioneers

10:00 pm

I Always Wanted To Be A Writer And

Now I Are One Plaza

A collection of first-sale anecdotes
Bruce Bethke, moderator: Curtis Hoffman; Richard Knaak; Phillip C. Jennings; Joel Rosenberg; Barry Longyear

WorldBuilding Group Krushenko's II

(runs 2 hours)

Late Night Roundtable For Gamers

Balticonconsuite (aka poolside consuite - aka gamer's lounge)

"The Rules Lawyer: Is Disbarment Necessary?" Ed Eastman, moderator

(Saturday, continued)

11:00 pm

Consenting Aliens Plaza

The infamous Gay-Lesbian-Bisexual fandom panel returns!

David Charles Cummer, moderator; Camilla Decarnin; Victor Raymond; Elise Kruger

Computer Music Demo and Lecture

Audio Room

John Borowicz

Midnight

Storytelling by Jane Yolen

Krushenko's II

Magic and the Supernatural: Belly

Dance Show Great Hall Foyer

Troupe MonHarr presents an encore performance of their almost interstate, kind of international Sword and Sorcery show! See Chrysilliss celebrate the Miracle of Magic! See Ssusminh explore the Wonders of Transformation! See Namira battle the Prince of Darkness! See scruffy barbarians attack! See the Show!

See the

Head of Publications

DANCE!

2:00 am

Temporal Shuttle departs for 3:00 am

Parking Lot

2:01 am

Mudwrestling Hall of States

Joanna Russ and Jerry Pournelle; Jessica Amanda Salmonson, referee

Robert A. Heinlein Gives all the Blood

Back Wabasha North

People's Front of Judaea Atrium V

Secret Masters of Minicon Senate

West (no riff-raff)

Eric M. Heideman Reads (Silently)

Minnesota Room

(2:01 am Sunday, continued)

Pacifism, Feminism, and British Contributions to Irish Culture

Steven K.Z. Brust, I.S.F.W. McKnight Suite

Eleanor Arnason Reads Labor Hall from her latest work, hailed as the first Marxist Gor novel: Wage Slaves of Gor

Ghost Writing Panel Indian Room

E.A. Poe, moderator; Philip K. Dick; L. Ron Hubbard; J.R.R. Tolkien; E.E. "Doc" Smith

International Association of Fringe Fans Merchandise Mart

Media Bash

Cumulative casts of Dr. Who and Star Trek shoot it out in the parking lot with projectile weapons...

Zoroastrian Fandom Star of the North Room

Hotel Staff Survival Awards Great Hall South

Note: This is our first experiment with thirteen-track programming for Minicon. The format of future conventions depends on your response!

2:30 am

Orbital Shuttle departs for Balticon

Parking Lot
(runs very fast)

Temporal Shuttle arrives from Minicon

'73 Parking Lot

Sunday April 3

10:00 am

Barry Longyear's Writing Workshop

Plaza
(runs 2 hours)

Murder, Magic, and SF Boulevard

Lee Reynolds, moderator; Mary Monica Pulver; Al Kuhfeld: L.A. Taylor

28:00

(10:00 am Saturday, continued)

J.R. Dunn Reads (Out Loud) Audio Room

Critical Approaches to SF, Fantasy and Other Fiction Krushenko's II

Kirby Titus, moderator; Algis Budrys; John Rezmerski; John W. Taylor; David Bratman; Eric M. Heideman

Martha Soukup Reads (Out Loud) Audio Room

11:00 am

Jewelry Making Veranda Art Nook

Darlene P. Coltrain; P.J. Beese

Costuming Tips Boulevard

Debby Jones

Editors Roundtable Film Room

Influence of Ursula K. Le Guin

Krushenko's II
David Lenander, moderator; David Bratman; Kij Johnson

The Nomans Filmroom

John and Dean Hyers, local filmmakers, present one of their works and answer questions.

Noon

ASFA Meeting Veranda Art Nook

Imaginary Twin Cities Plaza

David Lenander, moderator; L.A. Taylor; Curtis Hoffman; Charles deVet; Emma Bull; Will Shetterly

APA Challenge Twinkie Toss

Boulevard
Any APA members are welcome to uphold their APA's honor in this thrilling competition!

Elise Kruger, Instigator

Jane Yolen Reads (Out Loud) Audio Room

Writers of The Future Krushenko's II

Algis Budrys, moderator; Eric M. Heideman; Martha Soukup; Carolyn Ives Gilman; J.R. Dunn; Larry England

(Sunday, continued)

1:00 pm

Dual Artistic Citizenship: Pros In

More Than One Field Plaza

Elise Krueger, moderator; Emma Bull; Mickey Zucker Reichert; Curtis Hoffman; Bruce Bethke

They Walked Around The Horses:

Alternate Histories Boulevard

Victor Raymond, moderator; Stu Shiffman; Will Shetterly; Caroline Stevermer; John M. Ford; Barry Longyear

Eleanor Arnason Reads (Out Loud)

Krushenko's II

Eleanor will read from a new work, In the Light of Sigma Draconis

2:00 pm

Panel For Everyone Who Showed Up At

The Last Minute Wanting To Be On

A Panel Plaza

Them

Hey, Can I Join Your Universe?

Boulevard

Shared World Anthologies
Richard Knaak, moderator; Will Shetterly; Steve Deyo; Steven Brust

Second Foundation/ Rivendell Group

Joint Discussion Krushenko's II

Topic: The works of Eleanor Arnason
Eric M. Heideman and David Lenander, co-moderators

Hectography Demo Veranda Art Nook

Erik Biever, master of the Yellow Jello

2:30 pm

Emma Bull Reads (Out Loud) Audio Room

3:30 pm

Closing Ceremonies Great Hall West

Jerry Stearns, DavE Romm, et al.

Masquerade Contest

Come to the Masquerade! The third annual (revived) Minicon Masquerade will be staged in Great Hall West at 6:00 p.m. Saturday. Members of the audience are encouraged to wear costumes (optional). Come to see and be seen!

Contestants **must** pre-register. We have strict time limits for the show, so the number of contestants will be limited. First come, first served. Registrations will only be accepted between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Saturday (or until all available places are taken). Registration forms and copies of the Masquerade Contest rules may be picked up at the Masquerade Table after 8:00 p.m. Friday. Late entries and hall costumes in the audience will have the opportunity to parade on stage (out of competition) during the judges' intermission. Costumes that won awards in the Minicon Masquerade in a previous year are not eligible to compete but may be shown out of competition during the judges' intermission.

Worried about getting a seat to see the Masquerade? No problem! Sign up to be a Masquerade Gofer! We need lots of help, and all the helpers get to see the show up close. Sign up at the Masquerade Table Friday evening or Saturday before 2:00 p.m.

People who require wheelchair space should contact the masquerade desk in advance.

Sacred Harp

Sacred Harp singing will occur Friday and Saturday evenings—check for the schedule by the non-smoking filk room in the Consuite. Be there if you love to sing parts—the Great Spider awaits!

29:00

PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS

Welcome to Minicon programming! We hope that you will be in a delicious state of "Oh no, they've scheduled three things I want to see against each other!" Meanwhile...

Opening Ceremonies (7 pm Friday) will begin traditionally with SHOCKWAVE, but untraditionally (yet...) it will be broadcast LIVE over Fresh Air Radio (KFAI, 90.3 FM). Come early and warm up (6:30 pm).

The introduction-of-pros-and-guests part of Opening Ceremonies will (nicely, we hope) segue into a Mass(ive) Autographing Session in Plaza (8:30 pm), with many of said pros and guests available. Concurrently, the Meet The Artists Reception (8:30 pm) will be held in the Art Show, after which you should wander into the Meet The Pros Party (Krushenko's II, 9:15-10 pm).

Speaking of Krushenko's, the SF Coffeehouse has cloned itself and we now have Krushenko's I for informal, spontaneous discussions of sf, fantasy, and whatever, and Krushenko's II for more formal (but equally spontaneous) literary programming. For example, the Minicon SF Poetry Anthology, Time Gum and Other Poems, will be launched with a poetry reading here (8 pm Saturday). Wander into Krushenko's some time for coffee and a chat.

Author Guest of Honor Eleanor Arnason will discuss "SF in the '80s: Is There Any Hope? Are There Any Women?" (noon Saturday) and among other events will read from her novel in progress, In the Light of Sigma Draconis (1 pm Sunday).

Editor Guest of Honor Frederik Pohl seems to be doing a phenomenal amount of science programming, including the theme panel, "Spring Forward, Fall Over (Do Our Ethics Keep Pace With Our Technical Advances?)" (1 pm Saturday). Speaking of these panels, you can discuss "Time Travel" at 11 am Saturday.

Fan Guest of Honor Eric M. Heideman will give us "A Shy Person's Guide to Minicon" (10 am Saturday) and will tell us about "Building an SF Community" (2 pm Saturday), after which you can check out many of the local organizations he mentions in his article somewhere in this program book—because many of them have meetings here at Minicon to introduce themselves to you.

For aspiring writers, Barry B. Longyear returns to Minicon with his writing workshop (10 am-noon on Saturday and Sunday—we know it's early, but we all have to make sacrifices for our art, don't we?).

One could go on and on about Jane Yolen Storytelling (midnight Saturday), a hypnotism demonstration (9 am Saturday), a Heinlein-and-Sex free-for-all (midnight Friday), and all of the people who will be doing readings, but, hey! read the program schedule yourself!

*Polly,
Elise,
and the Programming Committee*

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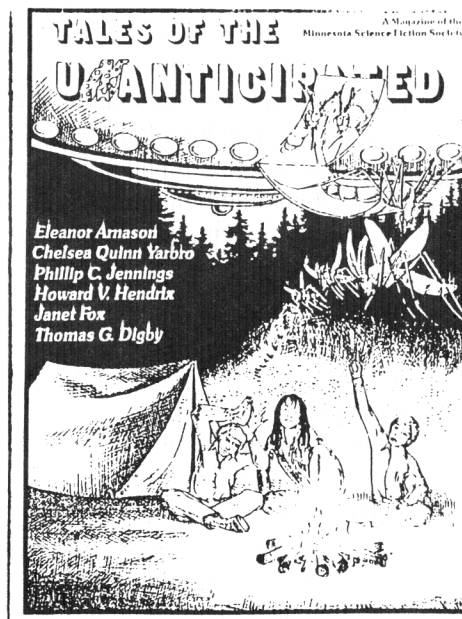
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Film Schedule

The Minicon films room is Veranda 5-8, entrance from the balcony overlooking the pool. (Not just like last year.) Films will run Friday night from 9:00 pm to 4:30 am, and Saturday night from 9:00 pm to 5:30 am.

FRIDAY NIGHT

- 9:00 **The Wizard of Speed & Time** (1980)
- 9:03 **CARTOON**
- 9:25 **Time after Time** (1979)
H.G. Wells meets Jack the Ripper who steals his time machine, and escapes to modern America. Wells chases him through the streets of San Francisco.
- 11:17 **Hardware Wars** (1978)
Yes, folks "You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll kiss three bucks good-bye for Hardware Wars!"
- 11:30 **Bambi Meets Godzilla** (1969) If Bambi were to meet Godzilla, he wouldn't stand much of a chance...
- 11:32 **Bambi's Revenge** (1976)
...however...
- 11:34 **The Man in the White Suite** (1952) What really happens when one man invents something so useful that it could put an entire industry out of business?
- 1:03 **CARTOON**
- 1:25 **Heavy Metal** (1981)
A wonderful animation potpourri of fantasy.
- 2:56 **Closet Cases of the Nerd Kind** (1980)
- 3:08 **Corpse Grinders** (1971)
Lagging cat food sales are boosted by adding a special ingredient that makes the kitties go wild!

SATURDAY NIGHT

- 9:00 **The Wizard of Speed & Time**
- 9:03 **CARTOON**
- 9:25 **The Day the Earth Stood Still** (1951) Still one of the best SF films of all time. A spaceship lands in Washington to deliver a vital message for the Earth, while the planet's inhabitants react in "human" fashion.
- 10:57 **Hardware Wars** (1978)
- 11:10 **Bambi Meets Godzilla** (1969)
- 11:12 **Bambi's Revenge** (1976)
- 11:14 **The First Men in the Moon** (1964) An eccentric scientist and his friends take off on a fantastic adventure to the moon, with the help of an anti-gravity compound.
- 12:57 **CARTOON**
- 1:20 **Invasion of the Body Snatchers** (1956)
The original version of this classic horror film.
- 3:40 **CARTOON**
- 4:00 **Wrestling Women vs. the Aztec Mummy** (1964)
One of the most famous super-camp titles. The infamous Black Dragon uses every evil means possible to secure the coded directions to a lost Aztec treasure. His main opposition comes from two policemen and two attractive (and formidable) female wrestlers!

Video Room Schedule

The Minicon video room is located in Atrium I. (Just like last year.) It will open at noon on Friday, and show continuously until 1:40 on Sunday afternoon.

Friday Afternoon

- 12:00 **The Man Who Fell to Earth**
- 2:30 **When Worlds Collide**
- 3:41 **Invader from Mars**
- 4:59 **Timerider**
- 6:33 **The Andromeda Strain**
- 8:40 **Ladyhawk**
- 10:44 **Wolfen**

Saturday Morning

- 12:30 **The Fog**
- 2:09 **The Fly**
- 3:43 **Outland**
- 5:32 **War of the Worlds**
- 6:37 **The Philadelphia Experiment**
- 8:19 **Westworld**
- 9:47 **Futureworld**
- 11:31 **The Big Bus**

Saturday Afternoon

- 12:59 **The Thing**
- 2:21 **Barbarella**
- 3:59 **The Dunwich Horror**
- 5:28 **The Cat People**
- 6:41 **Brother From Another Planet**
- 8:31 **Silent Running**
- 10:00 **Time Bandits**

Sunday Morning

Minicon video presents the very worst of the worst: The "Plastic Turkey" awards. 6 hours of really bad SF, in only 7 hours!

- 12:00 **Where Time Began**
- 1:27 **Them**
- 4:01 **Lifepod**
- 5:40 **They Saved Hitler's Brain**
- 7:01 **The Final Countdown**
- 8:44 **Invasion of the Bee Girls**
- 10:02 **Fahrenheit 451**
- 11:53 **The Time Machine**

Meet the Film Makers

Both take place in the film room, Veranda 5-8.

Saturday

- 6:00 **SF Filmmaking: The Minnesota Scene (Part I)**
Filmmakers Jon Hyers and Dean Hyers discuss amateur film production in Minnesota. They will also be showing their locally-produced film, **Glide Breaker**.

Sunday

- 11:00 **SF Filmmaking: The Minnesota Scene (Part II)**
More discussion of local filmmaking with Jon and Dean Hyers. The film "The Nomans" will be screened.

Minicon Art Show

Minicon Art Show hanging fees are 25¢ per piece of art hung or displayed. This includes prints. Only one copy of each print is to be allowed into the Art Show, and they must be limited edition prints, individually signed and numbered by the artist. Sketch table art is displayed free. This art will be sold by direct sale only and must have a maximum price of \$15.

The Print Shop is a special section of the Art Show for prints only. An artist can place 10 different prints or 10 copies of any one design. Please don't enter prints displayed here in the Art Show. There is no fee, but there is a 10% commission on sales. Artist can trade working the table for the 10% commission.

There will be security at all times. There will be a badger with a check table and orders to allow no cameras or large bags or packs into the Art Show room. Please be cooperative.

There will be one auction Saturday night. All art with three or more bids will be auctioned. Items with only one or two

written bids will be sold to the highest bidder after the auction.

There is a space labeled "After Auction Sale Price" on the bid sheet. This is the price the art can be sold for on Sunday if it has failed to receive a bid. No artist is required to put a price in this space, nor does it have to be the same as the minimum bid. There will be no selling of art for minimum bid after the auction.

Art that has been bid on may be picked up by the buyer on Sunday (for pieces that do not go to auction) or during and immediately after the auction (for pieces auctioned).

Art left after 3:00 pm goes home with Steve Cox, 3917 24th Ave. So., Minneapolis, MN 55406.

Art Show is open:

Friday	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sunday	10:00 am - 2:00 pm

There will be a "Meet the Artists" reception Friday night, time to be announced. Check the schedule.

The Audio Room

The Audio Room (Atrium IV) is for programming to which people come to listen. What is the root of the word "audience?" We hope to have music concerts, readings, speeches (speeches??), storytelling, and other delights for the ear.

We also will audition tapes: we have radio stories by Frederik Pohl, Gordon Dickson, Robert Sheckley, Fritz Leiber, and Robert Heinlein. We have a wide variety of short surprises. And we have lots of SHOCKWAVE, Twin Cities Science Fiction and Fantasy radio productions—including all eight of the SHOCKWAVE/MINICON Opening Ceremonies programs; "Food Wars"; "Goblin Tax"; and the History of the St. Paul Spaceport. There won't be time to play everything we have available, so come to the AUDIO ROOM, see the list of what we have, and let us know what you'd like to hear. We take requests. And we'll pick our favorites, too.

So have a seat, turn down the lights, relax, and let your ears take you to places outside the realms of this reality. To a place not of sight, but of sound. Welcome to the AUDIO ROOM.

Poetry Anthology

Time Gum and Other Poems from the Minicon Poetry Readings is out and is on sale at the Sales Table. This anthology, edited by Terry A. Garey and Eleanor Arnason, contains poems by Tom Digby, Jane Yolen, John C. Rezmerski, Tess Meara Kolney, Terry A. Garey, K. Cassandra O'Malley, Ruth Berman, and Eleanor Arnason. Official Book Party will be held at the poetry reading Saturday, 8 to 10 pm. Copies are \$3. Look for the bright pink cover!



Rune

Rune is the fanzine published by the Minnesota Science Fiction Society, Inc. It contains a wide and ever changing variety of articles dealing with Minnesota fandom, reviews of other science fiction fanzines, selected minutes of the Minn-STF Board of Directors, an incredible variety of art and computer layout and anything else we can get away with. To introduce Rune to people who might want it but don't know it yet, Rune #78—the Fanzines and Vegetables Issue—will be sent to everyone who attends Minicon 23. Back issues are available at the Minicon Sales table. We hope you enjoy your complimentary Rune, which will be mailed sometime in late April or early May. Any inquiries, letters of comment, trade fanzines, subscriptions (\$2 for 1, \$10 for 4) [yup] should be sent to Rune, PO Box 8297 Lake St. Station, Mpls MN 55408; an address you should be familiar with by now.

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The Minicon 23 and Balticon 22 have a reciprocal arrangement: Any member of one con who shows up at the other con with this year's namebadge will be admitted free! We feel this is a tremendous way to encourage the cross fertilization of two major fan organizations. Just get your Minicon badge, party here for a while, then enjoy the hospitality of a completely different con. To facilitate this enterprise, both Minicon and Balticon will have shuttle transports leaving at 2:30 am Sunday morning. Since Balticon is an hour ahead, we should expect an influx of East Coast fans for about an hour, creating confusion and crowded elevators, before enough Midwest fans leave and things calm down.

Balticon: A Brief History

by Larry Schroeder
Minicon Microprogramming
Chairman, Balticon

Balticon was first held in 1966 at the Lord Baltimore hotel in downtown Baltimore Maryland. Nobody on the 1966 Balticon committee wanted to hold their first con in Baltimore but, given the con's name, no other city would take it. The ConCom decided to make the best of it, though, and was pleasantly surprised to find that sentient life did indeed exist even in darkest downtown Baltimore. The convention continued on in downtown Baltimore for eight years, growing in this dangerous and gloomy place like a mutant fungus until it reached a peak of 106 attendees in 1974. Finally, the downtown

pressures became too great and Balticon fled to the *gasp* suburbs. Strangely enough, Balticon grew on and on, even in the bleak and unchanging environment of suburban Pikesville. Admittedly, life in the suburbs wasn't great, but Balticon was finally out on its own and refused to go crawling back home to mother.

Time passed and Balticon continued to prosper. Attendance was up, profits were up, and in 1976 it was time to gentrify. Hunt Valley was the place. There, amid the placid green fields of Maryland's thoroughbred country, Balticon transformed itself into the cultured, witty, urbane, intelligent and supremely civilized convention we all know today.

Since that time, Balticon has grown on and on. It briefly flirted with downtown life a second time, from 1984 to 1987, but found that you can never return to a home that you have outgrown. Today, Balticon lives on in rural splendor providing thousands of fans from all over the East Coast (as well as a few extremely discerning Midwesterners) with a much needed refuge from the mundane world. With luck, it always will.

Transcriber's note: Balticon 22 is being held at the Hunt Valley Inn just outside Baltimore. For directions on how to get there, ask anyone with a Balticon badge, or check with Larry who will be bopping back and forth between the conventions. Or just take the convenient Transspacial Shuttle leaving from the main parking lot at 2:30 a.m. Sunday morning.

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ALGIS BUDRYS

by Eric M. Heideman

Algis Budrys, currently of Evanston, Illinois, was born January 9, 1931, in East Prussia, to Lithuanian parents. In 1936 the family fled Naziism to the United States. After the war, Lithuania became part of the USSR. As a young man, Algis assisted his father, who served as American representative of the Lithuanian government-in-exile. Algis' immigrant experience made him feel like an alien-in-disguise. He told interviewer Charles Platt "I very quickly acquired the accent and mannerisms of a born American... But I do not come from the same place that most people in this country come from. I've always had the consciousness that there were larger destinies to be worked out, responsibilities extending beyond one's personal family; you spent your life in the service of an ideal, and toiled for it."

Those who know Algis even slightly know his passion for detail, his desire to do a thing as well as it can be done. Like other aliens, he turned early to science fiction, discovering it at eight and selling his first story at 21. He became one of the bright young stars of the 1950s, producing novels and stories that were consistently solid and sometimes brilliant. In Rogue Moon, he wedded the novel of ideas to the novel of character about as well as anyone has.

From the early '60s through the mid-'70s he turned to other pursuits with equal passion, working in advertising and writing many kinds of nonfiction. But he kept his hand in the SF field by regularly reviewing for science fiction magazines from 1965 on: first for Galaxy, then for Fantasy and Science Fiction. For those who look to review columns as a stimulus to thought, Algis is the best SF critic around today, the rightful successor to Damon Knight.

With Michelmas, Algis demonstrated that he was still in top form as a fiction writer. In the 1980s, the late L. Ron Hubbard established the Writers of the Future Contest for the support and encouragement of promising new writers. What could have been just a gimmick became a serious literary endeavor when Algis became editor of the volumes containing the contest-winning entries. Then in 1986 Algis donned still another hat by setting up an annual writing workshop for contest winners.

I can testify to the care and love he brings to his work both as editor and teacher. His stories speak for themselves. And the man? He's sometimes shy (aren't we all?), but gosh, he knows a lot. Approach him with warmth and respect and I think you'll find a lot to talk about.

The Books of Algis Budrys

Novels

False Night, Lion, 1953; revised and expanded as Some Will Not Die, Regency, 1961; again revised, 1978.

Man of Earth, Ballantine, 1955.

Who?, Pyramid, 1958.

The Falling Torch, Pyramid, 1959.

Rogue Moon, Gold Medal, 1960.

The Amsirs and the Iron Thorn, Gold Medal, 1967.

Michelmas, Berkley, 1977.

Short Story Collections

The Unexpected Dimension, Ballantine, 1960.

Budrys' Inferno, Berkley, 1963; also published as The Furious Future.

Blood and Burning, Berkley, 1978.

Nonfiction

Truman and the Pendergasts, [published under the name Frank Mason], Regency, 1963

Bicycles: How They Work and How to Fix Them, Rand McNally, 1976; also published as Cycle Repair and Maintenance.

Nonliterary Influences on Science Fiction: An Essay (pamphlet), Chriss Drumm Books, 1983/

Benchmarks: Galaxy Bookshelf, Southern Illinois University Press, 1985.

As Editor

Writers of the Future, Volume I, Bridge Publications, 1985.

Writers of the Future, Volume II, Bridge Publications, 1986.

Writers of the Future, Volume III, Bridge Publications, 1987.

Writers of the Future, Volume IV, Bridge Publications, forthcoming in May 1988.

The Minn-STF Mailing List

The Minn-STF mailing list, sometimes known as the Minicon mailing list or the One True Mailing List, contains the names and addresses of most recent Minicon attendees, as well as sundry other people. From time to time, at the judgment of the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Science Fiction Society, our mailing list is made available to nonprofit and fannish enterprises. If you would prefer that your name and address not be made available, you may so inform us by writing to the Vice President/Data Processing, Minnesota Science Fiction Society, P.O. Box 8297, Lake Street Station, Minneapolis, MN 55408, and ask to have your name and address restricted to Minn-STF and Minicon publications.

If you wish to inform us of your changes of address, please send us your address changes at the same address. Failure to inform us of your changes of address may delay or prevent your receipt of convention progress reports.

Jane Yolen

by Pamela Dean

Pick a book, any book; Jane Yolen has written upwards of a hundred of them. It may be the brilliant and painful Cards of Grief; one of the Commander Toad series, that repository of dreadful puns; something cool and thoughtful and spare, like The Girl Who Cried Flowers; the sharp and impassioned apologetics for fairy tales in Touch Magic; that happy marriage of the Edwardian mystery with the beast-fable, Piggins, grinning at you over its shoulder; a consciously unified collection like Merlin's Booke or a varied one like Dragonfield or one she had edited to very good effect, like Dragons and Dreams. It is far easier, once you have met her, to believe that all these works were wrought by the same person.

Of herself she says, "I've been on the Board of Directors of the Society of Children's Book Writers for 15 years. I have gone down the Colorado River white water rafting. I have gone dog sledding in Alaska. I camped with my husband in Europe for 9 months, coming home 8 months pregnant. I worked in a kibbutz in Israel picking oranges with Yemenite Jews and, since we had no common language, singing old English ballads to them under the burning Middle Eastern sun. I was elected to the Massachusetts Democratic delegation for the 1972 convention because during my vote-for-me speech I was (without realizing it) waving my one-year-old baby's bottle as I spoke. I am God Emperor of SFWA. I am a professional storyteller as well as having been called (often if inaccurately) the 'Hans Christian Andersen of America'. (Hans Jewish Andersen, maybe.) I don't do windows, toilets, or the Peppermint twist."

What she does do is read aloud better than anybody in the world, tell stories better than that, and write like an angel. Whatever else you do or do not do at Minicon, go and hear Jane read. If you can get wind of any speaking engagements she has after the convention, go to them. It doesn't matter what the topic is; she will be enthralling and thought-provoking, and probably move you to laughter and tears in the same ten minutes. And talk to her if you can; she will be wise and funny and charming and kind, all at once and in turn. But be kind to her, if you meet her after ten o'clock at night, because she is a morning person.

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David Hartwell

by Greg Ketter

One of the most important and least-recognized laborers in the SF/fantasy field is David Hartwell. He has been a major contributor to the field for over 20 years, and yet most people will never hear his name. Unless an editor is also a writer, rarely does one get any recognition at all.

David is a great lover of science fiction and also one of its severest critics. He is very good at helping a new talent along, nurturing it, and producing some spectacular results. His Timescape line at Pocket Books was a critical success and (depending on who you talk to at Pocket) a financial one also. David was also senior editor at Gregg Press while they were doing their highly esteemed hardcover reprint series.

Earlier David co-founded Dragon Press (with Lloyd Currey) and published a number of very good books of critical essays, particularly those by Samuel R. Delaney (Jewel-Hinged Jaw; American Shore; Starboard Wine). David has also been editor/publisher for some years of The Little Magazine, a small magazine devoted to prose and poetry.

David has written extensively about the field, and his book Age of Wonder is a remarkably astute observation about science fiction and fandom—how and why we become fans.

Currently David is an editor at Tor Books and is science fiction/fantasy editor at Arbor House (now Morrow).

The Arbor House/Morrow line is a particularly impressive list of hardcover fiction. Critically acclaimed, the line has been expanded while the rest of the company has tightened its corporate belt...a good sign that the SF is succeeding.

David is also quite the party animal. He can usually be found at the noisiest party—many times in his own room—singing (“Teen Angel” at midnight), dancing on tables, and debauching with the best of them.

And if you think you’ll have trouble picking out David in a crowd, don’t worry. He’ll provide a beacon for you with his clothes. You can’t miss him.

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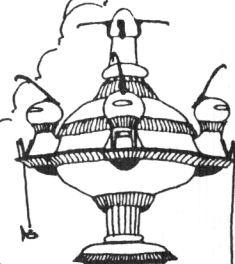
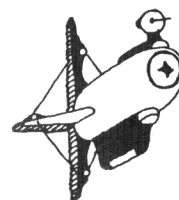
The creator of the Cthulhu Smile Face (T-shirts available at Minicon, hopefully) has done it again. For X-con's annual blood drive and in honor of X-con's author GoH,

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Who Am us, Anyway? A User's Guide to the Minnesota SF Community

by Eric M. Heideman

This article will survey those Minnesota fan and professional groups which can reasonably be described as belonging to the Minnesota SF community. While as comprehensive as I was able to make it, it does not pretend to be complete. I suspect, for instance, that there are more than two gaming groups out there, but they didn't respond to my request for information in Minicon Progress Report II.

When writing a group for information, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed return envelope (SASE). Most of the people listed are volunteers, and many of them are poor. If you're asking for their time, don't stick them for the price of a stamp and an envelope, too.

The groups about which I was able to obtain information follow, in more or less chronological order.

The Minnesota Science Fiction Society, Inc. (Minn-STF) was founded in November 1966, and chartered as a nonprofit educational organization in 1972. Minn-STF meets in members' homes on alternate Saturdays. Minicon (founded in 1968) is the principal fund-raiser for Minn-STF, as well as the club's largest activity. Other activities include a smaller fall convention, a fall lecture series featuring SF writers and historians, and several publications. Rune, the quarterly club fanzine (fan magazine), serves as a forum for topics of interest to club members, and also has a strong tradition of humorous pieces. Tales of the Unanticipated is a semiprofessional magazine of fiction, poetry, nonfiction, and artwork; it's currently published at nine-month intervals, although the staff hopes to increase its frequency to twice yearly during the next year. Einblatt is a monthly newsletter of events in the Minnesota SF community. There are also the occasional onetime ventures such as Time Gum, an SF poetry anthology premiering at this year's Minicon. For more information on the club and its activities, write: the Minnesota Science Fiction Society, P.O. Box 8297, Lake Street Station, Minneapolis, MN 55408.

Minn-Con, founded in late 1970 or early 1971, is a group of fanciers of the Weird Tales horror tradition. The group meets in members' homes on alternate Wednesday evenings, and sponsors an annual fall convention, also called Minn-Con. For information on their semiprofessional magazine Minnesota Fantasy Review, write to Ed Shannon, Rt. 2, Box 132, Avon, MN 556310. For more information on Minn-Con, contact John Brower, 3136 Park Ave. So., Minneapolis 55407, (612) 825-8256; or Jack Koblas, (612) 727-1001.

The Rivendell Group, founded in late 1973, meets one Saturday afternoon a month to discuss the works of fantasy writers. The Rivendell Group publishes an occasional newsletter, Last Homely Hearth, and is affiliated with the national

Mythopoeic Society. For more information, contact David Lenander, 293 Selby Ave., St. Paul, 55102, (612) 292-8887.

The Twin Cities C.S. Lewis Society, founded in the late 1970s, meets on the first Tuesday of the month to discuss the works of C.S. Lewis. Call (612) 545-9444 or (612) 474-8089.

The Minnesota Space Frontier Society (MSFS) is a group lobbying for an expanded American presence in outer space; the group takes particular interest in space colonization. The group participates in a variety of activities, including Spaceweek, Astronomy Day, displays, lectures, slide shows, film and video showings, discussion meetings, and trips to conferences and rocket launches. Its publications are L-5 Points, a quarterly newsletter covering local space news; Downrange, a monthly calendar of events and summary of recent space news; and RBBS, a computer bulletin board system with up-to-date national space news. Minnesota Space Frontier Society, P.O. Box 1127, Minneapolis, 55488, (612) 927-9743.

Second Foundation, begun in January 1983, meets on Sunday afternoons at approximately six-week intervals to discuss science fiction. Most discussions focus on the works of particular writers. There are also occasional discussions of science fiction themes, as well as SF VCR parties and film expeditions. Contact me at PO 8036, Lake Street Station, Minneapolis, 55408, (612) 825-9353.

The Minnesota Imaginative Fiction Writers' Alliance (MIFWA), founded in May 1985, is a resource sharing network of writing groups and individuals, specializing in science fiction and fantasy for professional markets. MIFWA holds quarterly meetings, to discuss topics of common interest and to share resources and market information. MIFWA has been useful in lining up people who are interested in joining an SF writing group with those groups which are available; on at least one occasion it helped generate a new group by putting several people in touch. Contact Dan Goodman, the editor of the quarterly newsletter, at (612) 649-5139; or myself (see Second Foundation).

The U.S.S. NOKOMIS, founded in 1984, is an organization that seeks to provide fellowship for people interested in Star Trek. NOKOMIS members range in age from nine to the mid-sixties; from professionals to students. Write: U.S.S. NOKOMIS NCC 1858, P.O. Box 33142, Coon Rapids, MN 55433.

The U.S.S. Czar'ak is affiliated with the international Star Trek fan club, Starfleet. Meetings are on the first Saturday of each month. They try to participate in public events, and have a strong affiliation with some of the area Doctor Who clubs. Write: The U.S.S. Czar'ak, P.O. Box 23352, Richfield MN 55423.

The U.S.S. PHOENIX, founded in August 1987, has members from all over the Twin Cities metro area, with varied backgrounds. The group's emphasis is on getting together with other Star Trek fans to have a good time. The PHOENIX meets at noon on the third Saturday of each month, at "Starbase One," also known as Matthews Community Center (East 24th St. and 28th Ave. So.) in Minneapolis. Visitors are more than welcome. Yearly dues (mainly for subscribing to their monthly newsletter, Phoenix Rising) are \$10. There are special arrangements for

associate members and family memberships. Write: U.S.S PHOENIX, P.O. Box 4111, Hopkins, MN 55343-0111.

Mini-UNIT, founded in 1983, has about 80 members of all ages. They print a bimonthly newsletter, which includes news, interviews, fiction, cartoons and illustrations. Club activities include supporting KTCA's pledge drive and auction, working conventions and festivals, and hosting an occasional party for all Who and Star Trek clubs. From these gatherings has grown the MU Minstrels, who do such video creations as "Faulty Tardis." Annual membership is \$8. Write: Mini-UNIT, 24776 St. Benedict Rd., Jordan, MN 55352.

The Whoniversity, founded in late 1985, is a local chapter of the Doctor Who Fan Club of America. They meet monthly at various Twin Cities locations, publish a bimonthly newsletter, help with KTCA pledge drives, and work on area conventions. They are sponsoring this year's Time Festival (see below). Whoniversity membership is \$8 a year, check payable to The Whoniversity. Call Anupan Kharbanda, (612) 631-9111, or write: The Whoniversity, 1835 W. Shryer Ave., Roseville, MN 55113.

The Whovian Elite has about 100 members. They publish a newsletter, the Prydonian Press, and participate in KTCA pledge drives and MUM (Mini-UNIT Minstrels) videos. Membership is \$5 a year and includes a subscription to the newsletter. Contact Debbie Bauer, 16524 Franchise Ave., Rosemount, MN 55068, (612) 432-5087.

The Celestial Affiliation of Time Lords (C.A.O.T.L.), founded in January 1987, is a St. Paul-based Doctor Who and general science fiction fan organization. C.A.O.T.L. is committed to strengthening Twin Cities fandom and producing a newsletter going to over 2,500 individuals and fan clubs all over the Twin Cities and beyond. There are over 100 members, plus 300 honorary members. During their first six-month fund-raising effort they sold over 800 pounds of Jelly Babies and even ate a few. Yearly dues are \$3.50 per individual, \$7.50 per family, or \$2 for an out-of-state membership. A \$1 to \$2 donation is also requested for newsletter postage. They have T-shirts, as well as a button which sells for 25¢ plus 50¢ postage. The C.A.O.T.L., c/o Wayne R. McCloud, 2695 E. Fremont Ave., St. Paul, 55119, (612) 739-0844.

Other Minnesota Doctor Who groups include The Doctor's (Stillwater), The Galifreyan Recall Circuit (Chanhassen), The Fans of the Companions (Minneapolis) and Vortex Rift Tardis (Winona). For general information on Minnesota Doctor Who groups, contact Wayne R. McCloud (see C.A.O.T.L.)

The National Role Playing Alliance is designed for maximum participation by fans and players. Meetings are held regularly at Worlds Within Ltd., 324 Broadway Ave., Minneapolis. For more information call (612) 522-3925. Ask for Peter Breiter or Devlin Johnson.

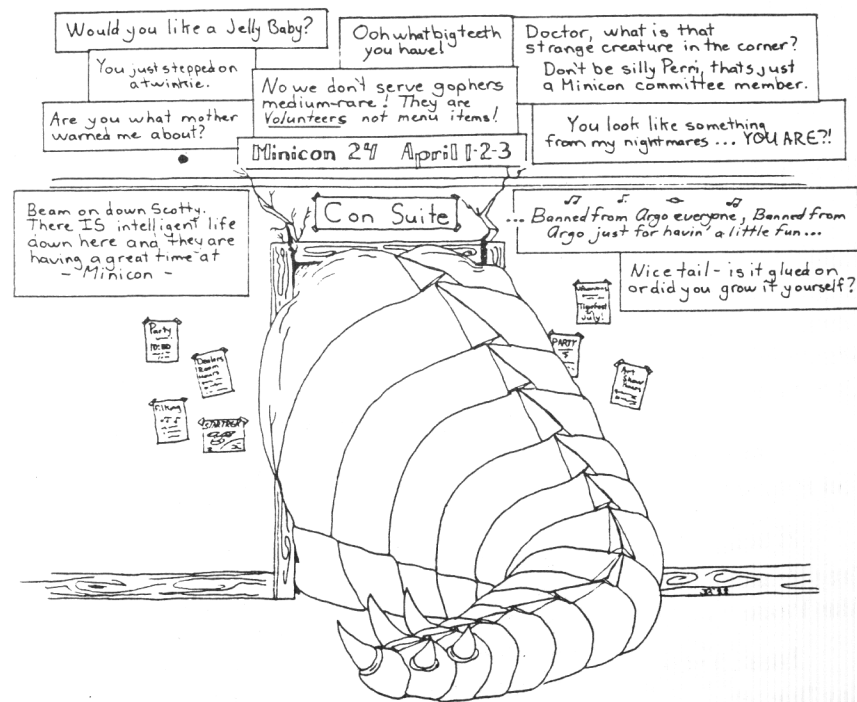
The Constructive Imagination Association, founded in 1987, is a group devoted to increasing the enjoyment of gaming, and to helping gamers meet other gamers. They publish a fanzine, Enigma, free to members, \$1 an issue to non-members. Members also have free access to a computer database service for locating other players and gamemasters. The membership fee is \$3 for three

months, \$10 a year. Write: Constructive Imagination Association, 700 Washington Ave. SE, Ste. 1, Minneapolis, MN 55414.

Other conventions. Fourth Street Fantasy Convention, founded in 1986, this year meets on June 17-19, in Minneapolis. The convention has a strong emphasis on literary programming pertaining to fantasy. This year's Guests include John Crowley and David Hartwell. Registration is \$20 to June 1st; \$30 at the door. Write: Fourth Street Fantasy Convention, c/o David Dyer-Bennet, 4242 Minnehaha Ave. So., Minneapolis, 55406.

The 1988 North American Time Festival: A Celebration of 25 Years of Doctor Who, meets July 1-3 at the Radisson St. Paul. Guests will include Jon Pertwee (the third Doctor) and Frazer Hines (Jamie). A three day pass is \$35; there is a registration limit of 1,500, so it would be wise to register soon. Checks to Time Festival. Write: The 1988 Time Festival, 15301 Willowood Drive, Minnetonka, MN 55345.

Of the many people who helped in the preparation of this guide, special thanks are due to Wayne R. McCloud for services above and beyond the call of duty. Several of the above groups will be participating in Minicon Programming and/or hosting room parties. Check your program book and hall flyers for more information. And welcome!



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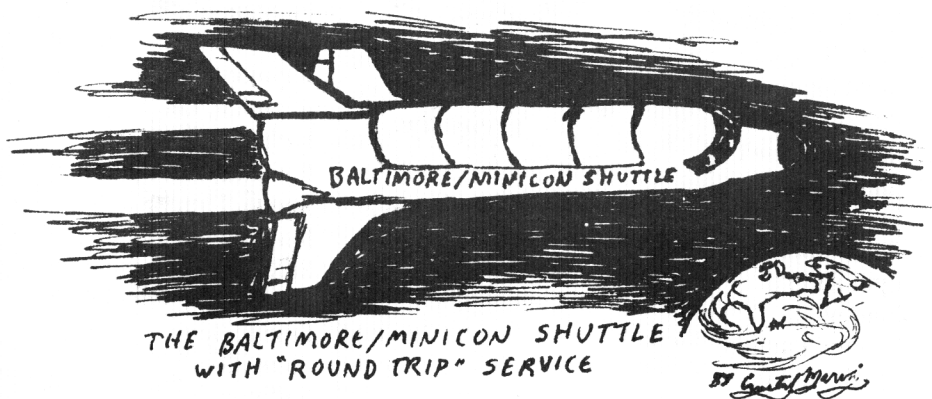
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