

Helicon

Helicon's Newspaper
5 • Saturday Evening

The Voice of Fate

JOHN CLUTE tergiversates: 'Text is terrifying!' BANQUET. Those who have not collected or not paid for their tickets *must* do so before 1100 on Sunday, at Registration.

CARCINOGEN BAN: *Please note* that the Skyline bar is NON-SMOKING.

BSFA AWARDS. *Mexicon* speaks: 'We refute the foul and pernicious rumours. We *may* once have been asked if we'd host the awards. We have been asked to (and are) hosting the BSFA AGM, but have heard nothing about the awards. Our degree of willingness is a figment of your correspondent's [*Jenny Glover's*] imagination.'

QUOTE ½R UNQUOTE: the saga continues. ½r is #2 in Millennium's members list—the computer sorts 'quotes', then numbers, then letters.... Bernie Evans uses alphabetical order, so ½r will be under C in her *Mexicon* list, E for Novacon.

REAL ALE SURVEY: 'I've found out why the new Mary Ann beer is called "Old Jersey Ale". They keep it in the brewery until it's past its best.'

LOST! *Parris's* black leather wallet and passport. Before trying to gain residence in Jersey she issues the usual pitiful pleas for return of passport, wallet and contents, including a rare photo of her taken during her run-away-from-fandom-to-join-the-circus days, and several maxed-out credit cards. Finder will be most kindly rewarded. [*Not Jan Howard specifically—Ed.*]

BID RUMOUR! Rock Con, a 1995 Easteron in or on Gibraltar, has just been whispered.... (The logo is a traditional Gibraltar moose.)

COSTUMERS' NEWSLETTER Would you like to receive, contribute to or even wear such an organ? Giulia De Cesare wants to produce trial issues: what follows depends on the level of interest. Contact Information to learn more.

FORBIDDEN PLANET is pleased to announce an informal signing with Katharine Kerr at 1300 hrs Sunday in the Dealers' Room.

WANTED. Russian fan Anton Sviridenko seeks a lift to Paris on Monday/Tuesday. Contact in Dealers' Room or via Voodoo Board.

NOW HEAR THIS. *Convention Killer* players are reminded that the back sticker 'I've got a life' means something rather different from 'I'm alive'.

(Our editor asked: 'Why not *Pre-Dead?*')

do se ciani pei? lo rutni bangu ('Are you interested in constructed languages?'): Lojban is a language being created, written and spoken by linguists, logicians, computer scientists and people with an interest in the mechanics of the languages they speak. It is the latest implementation of the ideas of *Loglan*, first described by James Cooke Brown in *Scientific American* in 1960. If interested, come to the Colony Room at 1600 on Sunday, or contact Colin Fine or Iain Alexander via the voodoo board. There will be a further session on Monday (1000, Basement).

It's INCONCEIVABLE! This is *not* a spoof Eastercon bid but the sequel to *Inconsequential*. 'We didn't feel like calling it *Inconvenient* or *Incontinent*. Now stop telling us it's a spoof and join.'

Pink Fluffy Bunnies on Elm Street has been resurrected. Past, present or future members should please contact Tom Abba (Voodoo Board).

TSAR OF THE RINGS. Want to join *Hobbit Games* in Kazan (Russia) in August? Addresses to Ann and/or Mikhail at their Dealers' Room table.

Intersection reminds its 'friend' members and presupporters that their membership discounts expire on 30th April. Get the cheaper rate now at the *Intersection* table, Dealers' Room.

WORLDCON: IRELAND. The 2001½ Worldcon bid (also bidding for the 2002 Eastercon and Eurocon) is around again. Its committee will be at the proposed SFC party, seeking support. The use of 8 inch punched cards means that all membership lists are now unreadable and can no longer be used. Presupporters should indicate continuing interest by inscribing their name and address on the top of a pint of Guinness and passing it to a committee member, who will file it appropriately.

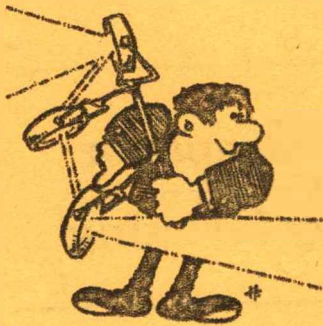
AD SPACE for sale in the biggest Ukrainian sf series! Contact Boris Sidyuk, Dealers' Room.

CHOCOLATE JUNKIE EXPLODES! These 5Kg chocolate bars contain over 50,000 kilojoules—enough to sustain an average human for 6 days or melt 154kg of ice at 0°C.

Reality Check

LATE MOVIES (i.e. early morning): tonight, *Slither*; Sunday, *Young Einstein*.

JACK COHEN's talk is at 1030 Sunday, not 1100.



Lionel Fanthorpe:
Justly Neglected
Author (1500 Sunday)
... cancelled through
lack of courage.

TVSF: *What Is A Cult*
And How To Make
One. Be Seeing You?
(Basement, Sunday
1600.)

JOINT FAN FUNDS
AUCTION—proceeds to TAFF, GUFF and Fans
Across The World—will now be at 2330 not 2200
(Sunday, Golden Lounge). Please come and buy
books and Other Items for these worthy causes.
Further donations of material for sale are most
welcome: see Pam Wells (TAFF), Roelof Goud-
riaan (GUFF) or Bridget Wilkinson (FATW), or
bring material to the auction. Pam Wells

XENO BIOLOGY: quiz deadline extended from
Sunday noon to Monday noon. Exam papers from
Robert Sneddon; fee £2.00, all proceeds to Jersey
Wildlife Preservation Trust. A score of 75%+ will
earn valuable research books including Dougal
Dixon's *Man after Man* (signed), *Durrell in Russia*
by the Trust's founder Gerald Durrell, and
Barlowe's Guide to Extraterrestrials. Put completed
papers in the box at the Information desk.

The Golden Helix

OVERHEARD. Jack Cohen: 'I'm not going to move
very far for a free drink.' *Chorus:* Bool Fakefan!
• 'I'm desperately shy.' (D.Langford, very loudly,
in bar.) • 'I want to be dipped in chocolate and
thrown to the Klingons.' • 'I know that you're
female, because your badge says "Nina"' • Terry
Hunt: 'It's a good thing humanity doesn't depend
on explosive dispersal for reproduction.' Hugh
Mascetti: 'What an interesting idea...'

WEATHER NOTE. An unexpected heavy fall of
copies of *Concatenation* afflicted fans in the hotel
forecourt today. The prognosis is uncertain.

ER Delivered to the Heliograph offices: **ZOMBIES:**
Ari (the one with the nosering pissed on the
floor), Marko (the one with pony hair) passed
out, Danne (the king zombie) went to sleep
early, Eta (the Dutch zombie) pissed of everyone,
Tom (the Rock zombie) drank too much and
didn't understand science-fiction fans who
believed in UFOs or horror fans who believed in
supernatural. (Sic. *Will anyone owning this
message please take it back to Finland?*)

CENTENNIAL SCIENCE! In 1893, Wilhelm Wien
anticipated later findings at crowded room

parties with his Nobel-winning work on the
radiation of hot bodies. Charles Steinmetz pre-
pared the way for a later Frederik Pohl collection
title by completing the mathematical analysis of
Alternating Currents. And Sigmund Freud and
Josef Breuer published their seminal *The Psychic*
Mechanism of Hysterical Phenomena—the first
known study of Eastercon bidding sessions.

FAMOUS MUMBLERS OF FILMLAND. At *Visual*
Images 2 presentation: 'As you can see, there's
quite a bit of information in just the first three
pages of this script [*Aliens*]. If you were to just
read this the way you would a book, "Wuh wuh
wuh," you'd miss it all.' Is *this* why novels rarely
make a smooth transition to the screen?

JERSEY RADIO: the ace reporter found time to
interview one or two con members during brief
gaps in his demanding schedule of *Killer*...

HELICON STATISTICS! We have filled 7 Jersey
hotels and drunk 1,600 pints of real ale, as at
1,300 Saturday. Chocolate count: 2,500 cham-
pagne truffles, 55 of the 5kg blocks, 7 large
rabbits, 82 Easter eggs, 1 lifesize Tim Illingworth,
and 20 people have taken the behind-the-scenes
tour. (Still 3,000 truffles and 8,500 other chocs
to go. Must Try Harder.)

BEAR HORROR SHOCK. A copy of *Eon* was sold!
Sorry, start again... Overheard: 'I've been asked
to tell you the bear in the box is getting loose.' Is
it stalking the Art Show seeking vengeance?
Should John Harold be WARNED? Chris Bell

IF I RULED ... Urgent! Wanted for maleficence,
ballot rigging, brigandage, small furry animal
molestation, breaking and entering, and self-
effacement: *Stupendous Man, Boadicea, Ming the*
Merciless, Genghis Khan, Sir Edmund Blackadder.
• The Lido cinema has a special screening of *The*
Sound of Music by request of Mr G.Khan. • *Thog*
the Mighty doesn't want to rule the world.

TECH OPS were disappointed that the Inter-
section coverage in #4 was not by Iain Sorensen,
but wish to insert a token death threat anyway.

MODESTY forbids a cackling John Grant to say
whether or not it was his team (M.Scott, M.Cule,
V.Brown) that trounced that of fellow-*Encyclo-*
paedist John Clute (R.Robinson, B.Ameringen, M.
Rowland) by 365 to 220 in the FoF Official Battle
of the Titans Quiz. At one stage tech staff were
called to check whether JC's team's buzzers were
actually functional. Alas ... they were.

VOX POP (on *Heliograph*): 'It's all done with
mirrors.' 'Well, it's a pity they don't have a page
three, innit?' 'Is that the Spiegel catalogue?' 'You
could have made that 365 a bit bigger, Dave...'