

SMOFCON 8

**"If This Goes On"
The Future of Science Fiction Conventions**

December 13-15, 1991

**Shilo Inn/Portland Airport
Portland, Oregon**

PROGRESS REPORT ONE

COME ONE, COME ALL!

(Well, maybe not all!)

Smofcon 8 will start unofficially on Thursday evening, when Hospitality opens. There will be no scheduled programming until Friday evening, but we encourage folks to come early, to see sights and buy books, and to use the opportunity to hold committee meetings (i.e. for events such as Worldcon and Westercon) with the folks who don't usually make it to the West Coast. Since the Shilo Inn is an all-suites hotel, there will be plenty of space for this (and, of course, Hospitality will be open during the day on Friday).

There will be one track of programming, with the suites giving plenty of space for continuing discussions past the allotted time. Also, there will computers available for demonstrations of convention-related programs.

We're also hoping to video tape sessions. More on this later.

There will be two more progress reports. PR #2, which will contain a programming questionnaire, is planned to hit the mail in late summer. PR #3, with the program schedule, should be in the mail by mid-November (or come to OryCon, and pick yours up in person).

HOSPITALITY

Great beer!

Excellent Chocolate!

Unusual Munchies

And good company... That's Hospitality at Smofcon 8. Other tidbits to follow in the next progress report.

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THE SHILO INN/AIRPORT

Enclosed with this progress report, you should find a hotel reservation card, and a brochure about the Airport Shilo Inn. Hotel prices at the Shilo Inn are a flat rate of \$83 a night, up to four people in the room. (*There is no longer a surcharge for more than two people.*) Each room contains either two queen beds, or one king bed (with hideabed sofa and a larger living area).

The hotel is near the airport (but not close enough to see the in-flight movies from the top floor), and has a complimentary airport shuttle. Amenities include a covered pool, with exercise area, large jacuzzi and steam room. The hotel provides a complimentary continental breakfast each day (which can be delivered to the room). Also, there is a hotel hospitality area, with a happy hour each night.

Each room is divided into a sleeping area and a living area. Each room also contains kitchen facilities, with microwave and refrigerator, and four phones (each with two lines), three televisions (includes one in the bath!) and a VCR.

The meeting space holds about 100 people during the day, 50 during the night.

The hotel has a restaurant, and is within easy driving distance to several more (and there will be several Portland people attending the con, with cars).

PROGRAMMING

Thanks to all the people at the Fort Lauderdale Smofcon, who have already provided ideas for programming for this year's edition. There are several ideas that we will be using. These include (but are not limited to): inviting in hotel reps to discuss the future of the hotel industry; panels on the future of convention trends relating to size and specialization, as well as media vs. literary conventions; and discussion groups on children in fandom and development of readers of SF. We also will attempt to offer a video workshop for presentations of bid or convention materials.

We are interesting in receiving more input on what kinds of sessions you would like to see at a Smofcon built around the theme of the future of SF cons. If you have a specialty in either your fannish or professional life which would relate (e.g. tax issues, the travel industry, legal liability issues), we would love to take advantage of your expertise. We will be sending out a questionnaire later in the summer, but your input in the next few months can help to make the questionnaire more useful and more focused.

Written input can be sent to the Smofcon PO box. If you want to discuss a program topic, I can be reached by phone at (503) 232-5692. The caveat with this is that we are adding twins to our family probably in May. Between May and about the end of July, the household is anticipating total brain death. Any phone conversations will be immediately forgotten.

Let us know about your ideas and your willingness to be on the program. We'd like to use as many people as possible in order to create a varied, interesting program.

Patty Wells

ROOM RESERVATION



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Dates _____ December 12 - 16, 1991

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Reservations must be made by November 28, 1991

CHECK-IN TIME 2:00 P.M. / CHECK-OUT TIME 12:00 NOON

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Date of Arrival _____ Time _____ No. of Nights _____

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Where are conventions heading? Can we still have the "everything for everybody" conventions (no matter how large they become), or are we faced with the need to split into "sub-genre" conventions? And what are we going to do for the next generation of fans who are now appearing? These questions, along with more standard topics, will give us plenty to talk about throughout the weekend, as this annual gathering of convention-runners comes to the Pacific Northwest for the first time.

The site is an all-suites hotel, conveniently located near the airport, and a short distance from several restaurants, including a good one of its own. Each room contains either a King bed plus sleeper couch, or two Queen beds, with a bedroom and a separate living room and kitchen facilities. This will give us plenty of meeting space in addition to the main programming track. Hospitality will keep people supplied with good food and the best of the Pacific Northwest beers to keep the discussions going.

We invite people to come early, and make Friday a West Coast meeting day for Magicon, ConFrancisco and other conventions.

Regular programming will start Friday evening.

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REGISTRATION FORM

MEMBERSHIP RATES

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PORTLAND

Despite the fact that we're way over on the upper left-hand corner of the map, it is possible to get to Portland. Portland is served by many of the major airlines, including Alaska, American, Delta, Northwest and United--as well as the semi-pros like Continental.

The weather? Well, it could be anywhere from 10° and icy, to 60° and sunny. Most likely, it will be 45° and raining.

But this won't prevent you from enjoying your visit to the city. The airport (and the nearby Shilo Inn) is about nine freeway miles from downtown Portland. This translates to a drive of about 15 minutes (non-rush hour), or a 30-40 minute bus ride.

Portland is home to several bookstores, including the newly-expanded Powell's (now the second-largest bookstore in North America) and Wrigley-Cross Books (I could say "no relation", but you probably wouldn't believe me). Expeditions will be organized to both.

Portland is covered with excellent restaurants, from Brazilian to Vietnamese. Since there will be several Portlanders attending the convention, we hope to organize dinner outings, matching out-of-town people with local transportation.

And Portland is also a well-spring of excellent beer. Besides Blitz-Weinhard (*the home of Henry's*), there are three microbreweries in downtown Portland, as well as scores more in Oregon and Washington. You'll be able to sample many of them in Hospitality, but a lot more can only be found on tap at local taverns, some of which have a huge selection. (One has more than 100 beers on tap!)

I think you'll enjoy your trip to Portland.

We welcome Smofcon to the Pacific Northwest

Who are these people putting Smofcon 8?

Diana Callihan (*Hospitality*)--the newcomer of the group, Diana was hotel assistant for OryCon in 1989 and Westercon in 1990. She was the hotel liaison for OryCon 12 in 1990, and is chairing OryCon 13 this year.

Debbie Cross (*Hotel*)--Debbie was the Coordinator (Chair) for the one-day Symposium in 1978 that started it all here in Portland. She was co-chair of OryCon in 1982, hotel liaison for Westercon in 1990, was the editor of the Westercon 37 Program Book and has run the art show, hospitality, dealers, and publicity at Portland conventions over the years. She was also in charge of Hospitality at the 1989 World Fantasy Convention in Seattle.

John Lorentz (*Publications and Chair stuff*)--John chaired or co-chaired OryCon in 1984, 1986 and 1989, as well as being co-chair of the 1990 Westercon. He ran OryCon video in 1985, and has run registration and/or treasury for far too many years, including Westercon 43. He was also one of the troika that ran At-Con Registration at Noreascon Three.

Patty Wells (*Programming*)--Patty co-chaired OryCon in 1987 and Westercon in 1990. She's also run programming, hotel, hospitality, security and the dance. She's the mother of a two-year-old, and is expecting twins, so she does more than work on conventions.

Paul Wrigley (*Registration & Treasury*)--Paul co-chaired OryCon in 1982 and 1989, and has run the art show, dealers, hospitality, registration and treasury. Also, along with Debbie Cross, Paul is co-administrator of the Susan Petrey Clarion Scholarship Fund, which provides an annual scholarship to a student of Clarion or Clarion West.

Additionally, there will be a lot of help from other folks.

Smofcon is sponsored by Oregon Science Fiction Conventions, Inc.--the non-profit, tax-exempt group which sponsors OryCon, CON ("the generic science fiction convention"), and the Susan Petrey Fund, and sponsored Westercons 37 and 43.

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