Selected excerpts from Lobster Tales, the Noreascon II daily newsletter:

1788 valid Hugo ballots were received, 1003 after July 4. The following are the numbers of people who voted in each category: Novel 1532, Novella 1253, Novelette 1320, Short Story 1228, Non-Fiction Book 1406, Professional Editor 1524, Professional Artist 1357, Dramatic Presentation 1702, Fanzine 1008, Fan Writer 884, Fan Artist 982. For the non-Hugos, the totals were Campbell 1255 and Gandalf 1639 (#1)

The final preregistration count was 5447. Fully registered by 8am Wednesday: 174 (#1)

SATURDAY NIGHT MASQUERADE WINNERS: Continuing a long string of major Worldcon masquerade awards, Kathy and Drew Sanders were named Judges Choice, culminating the Noreascon II costume competition. Their costumes, Xochipilli and Xochiquetzal, used colorful designs on a bright blue field, dramatized by a huge-winged, twofaced god, to represent the Aztec deities for beauty, youth, dancing, etc. Named Most Beautiful was a four-costume group worn by Ann Chancellor, Sandra Miesel, Jere Rapp, and Frank Hynicker, titled The Elementals (Ylph, Salamander, Undine, Gnome). Best Sword and Sorcery was awarded to Sally Fink and George Paczolt's costumes titled Sword and Sorcery. Best Group went to Patri Pugliese & Co's 7-costume Polesotechnic League, featuring Nick van Rijn, and the even larger Adzel. Considered Most Himorous: Michael Newman as a Grog, from Niven's "The Handicapped". Best Alien was Jim Webb, Srook the Space Invader (design by Ray Heikes and Ralph Crim). Best Science Fictional Costume went to Yasheya Lee as Planetary Commander Setic, in full dress uniform, inspired by DUNE. Best Presentation was earned by Glenn Harrison and Wende Sides as the acrobatic Luke Skywalker, and Yoda. The following were given Honorable Mention: Joe Pavlo and Dan Niederich (Disco Klingons), Sarah Brownstein and Miriam Winder (The Yecchi and The Keeper), Richard Murray (Griffon), Karen Heath (High Lord Elena), Patricia Osborne (In'serinna, Daughter of the Stars), Lora Trimble (Empress Butterfly), Teresa Patterson (Morgan Le Fay).

CHICAGO LETS CAT OUT OF CELLOPHANE BAG: Even before the last-minute ballots were counted, the fate of the 1982 Worldcon site had been decided, with a majority of all available ballots having already been tallied in favor of Chicago. GUESTS OF HONOR for the '82 Worldcon: PRO: A. Bertram Chandler. Artist: Kelly Freas. FAN: Lee Hoffman. Co-chairs of the bid are Larry Propp and Ross Pavlac. Conversion of your voting membership to full attending membership must be done before the end of this year to secure the most favorable rates. For information, write to Chicon IV, PO Box A3120, Chicago Illinois 60690. (#7)

NOREASCON II ART SHOW BALLOT WINNERS: In a surprising show of unanimity at the polling station, both the artists and the public selected the same winners in the various categories. What this means in sociological terms we won't venture to guess. The winners:

ARTIST VOTE: PROFESSIONAL DIVISION -- Best Artist (Color) 1. Michael Whelan, Honorable Mention-Don Maitz; Best Artist (Monochrome) 1. Thomas Canty, Honorable Mention-Val Lakey; Best Artist (3-D) 1. Joel Hagen, Honorable Mention-Barclay Shaw.

AMATEUR DIVISION -- Best Artist (Color) 1. Steven Vincent Johnson, Honorable Mention-Sat Nam Kaur Keahey; Best Artist (Monochrome) 1. Bob Eggleton, Honorable Mention-Adam Smith; Best Artist (3-D) 1. Anne E. Trembley, Honorable Mention-Robert N. Charette.

POPULAR VOTE: PROFESSIONAL DIVISION -- Best Artist (Color) 1. Michael Whelan, Honorable Mention-Don Maitz; Best Artist (Monochrome) 1. Thomas Canty, Honorable Mention-Val Lakey; Best Artist (3-D) 1. Joel Hagen, Honorable Mention-Jane Voorhees.

AMATEUR DIVISION -- Best Artist (Color) 1. Steven Vincent Johnson, Honorable Mention-Linda Michaels; Best Artist (Monochrome) 1. Bob Fggleton, Honorable Mention-Michael Lichtenstein; Best Artist (3-D) 1. Anne E. Trembley, Honorable Mention-Deb Hartery.

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VITAL STATISTICS: Courtesy of John Cahill, Noreascon II Statistician, the Sunday afternoon warm body count looked like this:

PRE REGISTERED: 4091
FULL/AT DOOR 820
DAILIES 844
5755

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HUGO AVARD WINNERS: Best Novel: THE FOUNTAINS OF PARADISE, Arthur C. Clarke.

Best Novella: "Enemy Mine", Barry Longyear. Best Novelette: "Sandkings", George
R. R. Martin. Best Short Story: "The Way of Cross and Dragon", George R. R. Martin.

Best Non-Fiction of 1979: THE SCIENCE FICTION ENCYCLOPEDIA, ed. Peter Nicholls.

Best Dramatic Presentation: ALIEN. Best Professional Artist: Michael Whelan.

Best Professional Editor: George Scithers. Best Fanzine: LOCUS, ed. Charles Brown.

Eest Fanwriter: Bob Shaw. Best Fan Artist: Alexis Gilliland. (#9)

OTHER AWARDS: John W. Campbell Award: Barry Longyear. Gandalf Grandmaster of Fantasy to Ray Bradbury. First Fandom Award: George O. Smith. Pat Terry Award (for humor in science fiction) Douglas Adams.

BUSINESS MEETING: Seacon business ratified: an amendment to require publication of site-selection voting totals. // Business submitted to Noreascon II, which will be forwarded for ratification by Denvention in 1981. Item 3 (item numbers refer to your program book) to ban awards other than the Hugo and Campbell Awards from the Hugo ballot. Item 4, to require publication of Hugo voting totals. Item 5, to make permanent the Non-Fiction Book Hugo. Item 13, to raise the default voting fee from \$5 to \$10. Item 15, to define Hugo nomination procedures. Item 17, to amend the Hugo ballot to require a minimum support of nominees. Defeated were Items 8/10, regarding a change to the Fro Editor Hugo, and Item 22, about passing the mailing list. (#9)

SCAVENGER HUNT RESULTS: Linda Bushyager, Lise Eisenberg, Linda Loumsbury, Moshe Feder, & Jim Young announce the winners: Top team was Anne Norton, Skip Morris, John Houghton and Lee Winter, scoring 17 out of 27 items. Second place team, only half that size, compiled 13 items out of 27, and called itself The Flash and Captain Midnight. The second runner-ups tied between teams of Stephanie Staszak, Ursula Brice, Tom Wells and Elizabeth Zitzow, and Janet Howard, Dan Breslau, Christopher Book and Beth MacLellan. (#9)

VITAL STATISTICS: The latest body count provided totals 5921 - however, this should be reduced to an unknown extent by persons who bought daily memberships on Saturday and came back for a second one on Sunday. Official numbers, of course, will be generated after the convention when the committee has the opportunity to analyze its records. (#10)

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