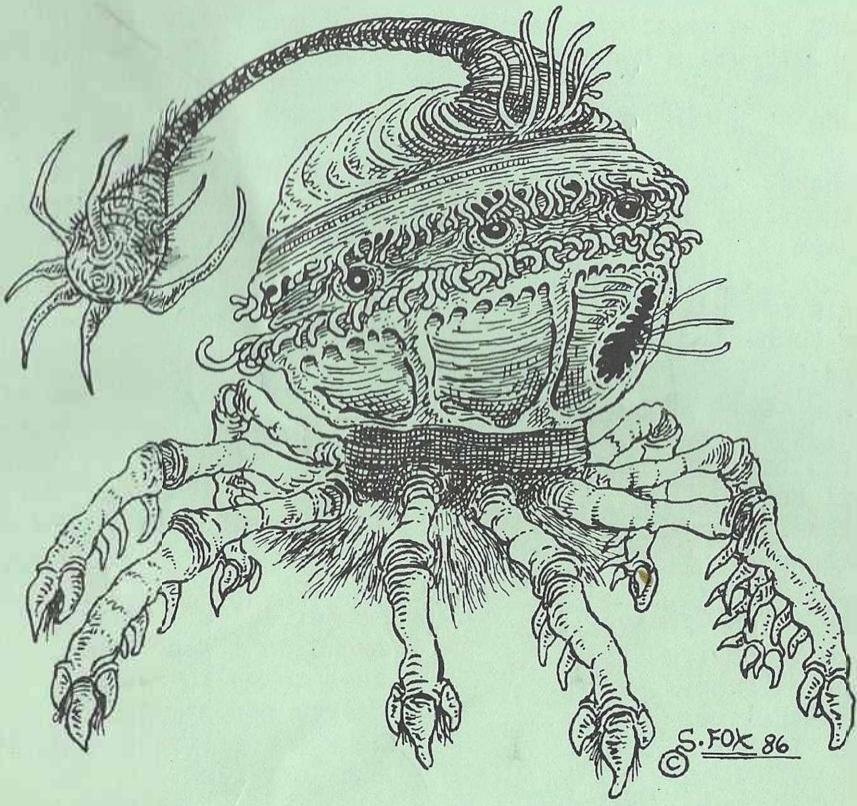




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"...AND HOW DID YOU GET INTO THIS?"

At the meeting on May 3rd, we asked those present to tell us how they happened into PorSFis in the first place. People had been dragged in by friends or went looking for us when they arrived in town; many had seen flyers for PorSFis or OryCon at Powell's; one person even got the meeting dates from a Pulsar at a bookstore. "I saw this flyer and then got around to a meeting a year later..." was a constant theme. "I met this strange person at a con" was another. Here are some of the stories we heard. Can you match them to the right person? (Answers on page 9).

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Jim Pilcher

1. Learned about SF cons from a hunchbacked flute-player at

a war-gamers' con in Philadelphia. Was told that they had lots of loose women and intelligent conversation. (He had it backwards.) Was about OryCon in Tony White's SF course at PSU. Was surprised when overheard mentioning this by a crazed Pam being desperate to find out about local centers of SFing.

2. Learned from the fellow in Carl's store that "there's this kind of group..." Eventually found a year-old flyer in Powell's and went to the next meeting, which just happened to be the day they first started electing officers and taking money.

3. Held a Mensa party for people interested in groups like the Fireside Theater, and one of those present was Sam Butler.

4. New to Portland, although not to fandom, she saw an ad in the paper for a con here. It was memorable for sharing the hotel with the Prayer Intercessionists of the U.S.

5. Got into Mensa when his mother and sister were sick and didn't want their test fees to go to waste. Michelle Pearce met him and realized he was too strange for Mensa but just right for us.

6. Moved here because of PorSFIS. Went to work in a small town after college, met PorSFIS members when visiting college roommate Sam Butler, and decided he'd rather be in Portland.

7. Never knew about fandom until a fellow worker at Floating Point Systems showed up one day in a Pigs in Space costume.

8. Got a job interview re-scheduled so that he could go to EuCon since he was flying all the way from the Midwest. (Got the job.)

9. Had some contact with fandom elsewhere. Met John Andrews at Mid-AmeriCon before she met any fans in Portland. Remembers meetings at the Illustrated Store, before they came to the library and Got Organized and elected a President who hasn't been seen since...

10. Started hanging out around Apache with other D&D types.

11. Met Pat Steed in a gaming group, who told her about this club that exists as an excuse for parties...

12. Had to choose between an OryCon membership and groceries. Decided she'd

been eating groceries all her life and they're always pretty much the same. This would be something different...

13. After abandoning Sciencology, wandered into the Hilton in search of a bathroom. Found Fritz Leiber (OryCon '80). Stayed around to watch movies and get snubbed by famous authors.

14. Joined PorSFIS before ever seeing Portland, at a NorWesCon. First con was the WorldCon where he met his wife.

15. Learned of PorSFIS not here, but at Denvention, where someone said to her "If you live in Beaverton, why don't we know who you are?"

Kate Yule

WesterCon 39 will be held July 3rd-6th in San Diego, California. Bidding for the right to host WesterCon 41 in 1988 are Portland and Phoenix. To vote you must be at least a supporting member of WesterCon 39. For more information contact Patty Wells, Sam Butler or John Lorentz.

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Another Midsummer Night's Party!

Saturday, June 21st, 8:00

Ariel's Place

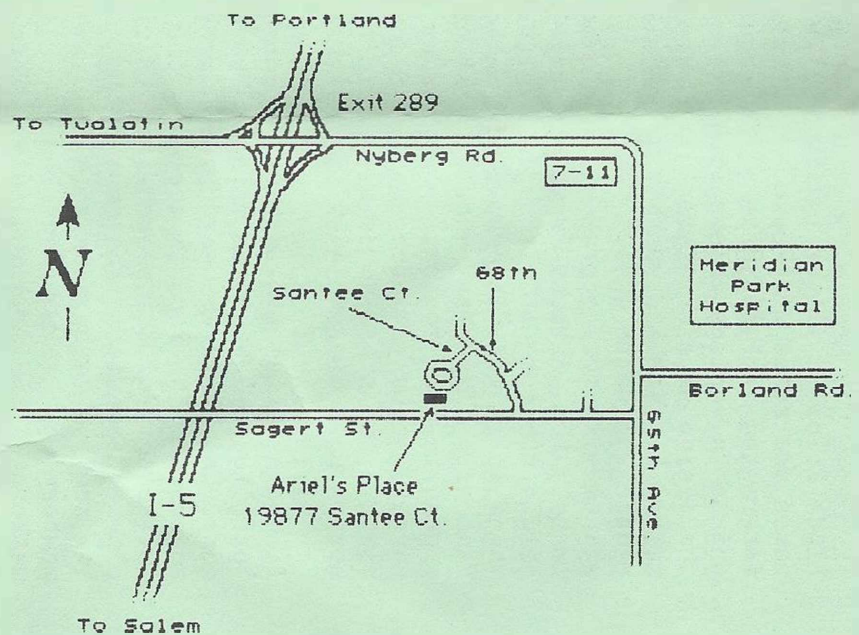
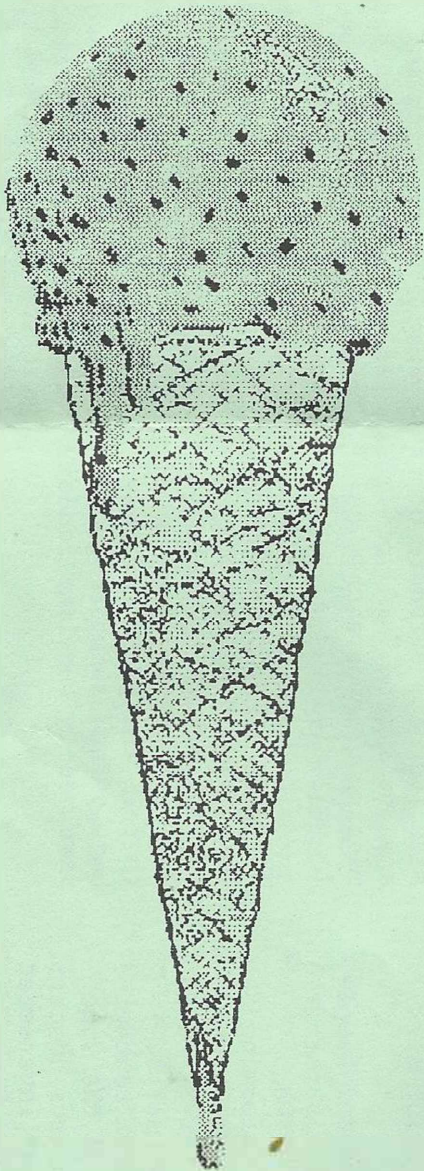
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*A light veggie summer dish to share
(salads, desserts, snacks)*



Anti-cat masks provided upon request

PORSFIS MINUTES

The PorSFIS meeting on Saturday, May 3rd, convened at about 2 p.m. in the BPA auditorium, with about 40 people present.

Jill Pruett had heard, through a local Star Trek group, of a planned weekend get-together of various regional SF/fantasy clubs and fan groups, at Silver Creek Falls Park, Silverton, Oregon on July 25th-27th. The idea is that each group will have some responsibility for some aspect of the weekend. There will be more discussion of what, if anything, PorSFIS wants to do. For more information, call Jill at 244-9040. Sue O'Neill's divorce party will be 8 p.m., June 7th at Frog Keep. Bandit knows of a company, Stellarvision, that will paint a luminous starfield on your ceiling.

Paul Wrigley reminded people that they should not charge printing to the OryCon account without informing him. He is selling OryCon memberships and Pat Steed is selling Con memberships. Mell Beach has been contacted by the promoter of the June 25th Tangerine Dreams concert and encourages any interested parties to join her Elec-

tronic Dreams fan club now for the chance of a lifetime.

Linda Pilcher will be taking names and sizes of people interested in PorSFIS t-shirts in various colors with the design of a creature saying "...PorSFIS wants people who taste good." The shirts will cost approximately \$6. Anthony Pryor sold a story to a California magazine called "Threshold of Fantasy." The story should appear in 6-12 months; hurray, Anthony. Bob Flath's cat still needs a home. Call him at 244-9753.

In the official (or is that "officious?") business category, Con chair Anthony Pryor announced, "No PorSFIS meeting as part of Con programming please, because of the meeting needing to be open to all members who are not Con members. This does not rule out a PorSFIS meeting at the site, perhaps outdoors or in someone's room." An official meeting elsewhere that day is unlikely.

The programming consisted of "exploring our communal roots," according to Kate Yule. Attendees were asked to tell the group how they had learned about or gotten involved in Portland fandom.

The PorSFis meeting on May 17th, 1986 convened at 2.09 p.m. with about 30 people attending.

Ariel Shattan announced a Solstice party at her house at 8 p.m., Saturday June 21st. The location is 19877 S.W. Santee Ct. in Tualatin. Anthony wants to take another crack (no pun intended) at writing a "Starlust" sequel, perhaps at the beach. Sue O'Neill reannounced her "Spousectomy" party. Duck's Breath Mystery Theater is going to be in town Saturday, May 31st. Check with Michael Pearce for more details. John Lorentz recommended a store, Rockport Records, on S.W. 2nd near Burnside.

Paul Wrigley, "Pulsar" editor for June, is still selling OryCon memberships for \$14 thru' the end of May; YaLeah is still selling Con memberships for \$15.

After the break, programing consisted of an SF limerick contest. Prizes of notepads from Future Dreams bookstore went to Mell Beach, Leonard Erickson, Michael Pearce and David Levine. The meeting adjourned at 3.31 p.m.

Joyce Zimmerschied

WINNING LIMERICKS

There once was a PorSFis meeting time
Where "Asimov" was needed as a limerick rhyme
But the trouble with using "Asimov"
Is that it only rhymes with "has-a-moth"
Does someone have a better idea than mine?
by Mell Beach

A tavern now cowers in fear
Whenever our members are near
For the true fen of PorSFis
Say the beer tastes like horse piss
And that's how we like our beer.
by Leonard Erickson

Hello, I'm Jack and she's Sherry
Our lifes are so happy and merry
Our paint adorns docks
And bridges and rocks
And the floor of the Dammasch Infirmary.
by Michael Pearce

There was a young spacer on Mars
Who was tired of air out of jars
She let some plants root
Inside of her suit
And smelled springtime while travelling the stars.
by David Levine

PARTY

On Saturday June 7th at 8 p.m. at the house of Sue O'Neill - 2333 S.E. 54th, otherwise known as Frog Keep.

Bring your own everything!

However, paper plates, styro-foam cups and cheap plastic silverware will be provided.

Come as your concept of total freedom!

For more details, or if you get lost, call 236-1812.

PULSAR #100

The February 1987 issue of Pulsar will be the 100th issue of the Portland Science Fiction Society newsletter.

Debbie Cross, editor of the first newsletter will be editing the 100rd edition.

If you have ideas of material to be included in this issue or material you wish to be considered for inclusion, talk to Debbie at any PorSFis meeting or call her at 774-7592.

APACHE books has moved. I'm not certain of the exact new address but it's on S.E Division at about 36th.

ANSWERS TO "...AND HOW DID YOU GET INTO THIS?" QUIZ.

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WANTED - GREEN THINGS

As your garden grows, so can your donations to OryCon/-WesterCon/Con Hospitality & Publicity parties grow. I'm looking for green fruits and vegetables suitable for making pickles. This means unripe (but nearly mature) rather than green in color. Good items to consider are zucchini, cherries, string beans, cucumbers, tomatoes, apples - basically firm bodied fruits and vegies. To donate contact YaLeah's phone slave @ 281-8183 or YaLeah in person at PorSFis meetings & parties.

Thanks,

YaLeah

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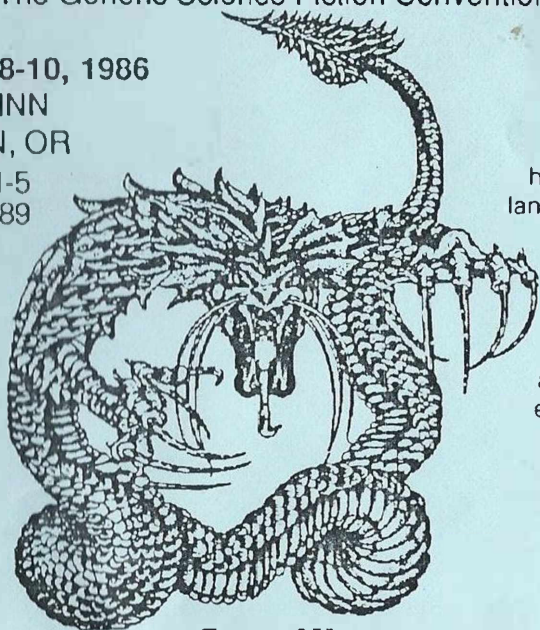
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| Sat Jun 7 | 15:30 | "Electronic Dreams" meeting at Multnomah County Library Room "E". |
| | 20.00 | Spousectomy Party at Sue O'Neill's, 2333 S.E. 54th (see article for more details. Alternative Reality Days #3, University of Victoria. |
| Sat Jun 14 | 14:00 | PorSFiS meeting at the BPA auditorium. Programing:- BUILD A RELIGION. Given an alien world, what sort of religion is practiced? What effects does this have? |
| Sat Jun 21 | 09:00 | Garage Sale at Wrigley-Cross Station, 5429 S.E. Bush. Computer, typewriter, books and much more. |
| | 20:00 | Solstice party at Ariel Shattan's, 19877 Santee Ct. (See announcement for info.) |
| Sun Jun 22 | 16:30 | OryCon general meeting at the house of John Lorentz, 6323 N.E. Mallory (283-0802). ALL committee members should bring material for inclusion in the first Progress Report. |
| Fri Jun 27 | 20:00 | Celebrate the birthdays of Patty Wells & Jim Pilcher at Patty's house, 819 S.E. 16th. (232-5692). BYOB. |
| Sat Jun 28 | 14:00 | PorSFiS meeting at BPA. Sue Petrey auction. Programing: Debbie & Paul whet your appetite for a trip to England next year, with slides from their 1984 visit. |

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