

HELMINTH, SPEAKING FOR BOSKLONE

The BoskLone Newsletter

Friday, Feb. 15, 1980

Welcome to BoskLone! This is the first of what we expect will be three daily newsletters, to be published Friday afternoon, Saturday morning, and Sunday morning. If you have any news items to go in the later editions, leave it at headquarters in the Middleton Room.

The Salem Room, the location of Saturday's Special Program, is not named on the map in your program book, but it's just beyond Middleton on the second floor.

Correction to the pocket program: The "banquet" Sunday morning will be in the Atrium, not the Running Board. The price will be \$8.50, including tax and tip.

Babysitting is in room 330.

Here are the hours of soft drink sales in the Middleton Room: Friday, 7:00-9:00 PM; Saturday, 3:00-4:30 PM and 7:00-9:00 PM; and Sunday, 1:30-3:00 PM.

We aren't quite occupying the entire hotel, and there are a few non-convention members whom the hotel is concentrating on the seventh floor. Keep this in mind in your partying, and try to be relatively quiet on that floor.

Correction to the restaurant guide: The Hilltop Steak House does not take credit cards. Speaking of which, those of you who heard about the Hilltop's fire last Saturday (there was an orderly evacuation, with many customers carrying their steaks) can be reassured: they were open for business as usual the next day.

To reach other rooms in the hotel by phone, dial 7 and then the room number.

Printing (and a bit of typesetting) for the BoskLone Restaurant Guide were provided courtesy of Goodway Graphics of Burlington, Mass.

We have a few exhibitors who came in after the listing in your program packet was printed:

- 223 - H - Paperback Paradise
- 225-226 - H - Fat Cat Books
- 227 - H - Karen Kay

There will be a table where you can buy memberships in Noreascon II, this year's World Science Fiction Convention, to be held in Boston over Labor Day weekend. Attending membership is \$30 until July 15, but will go to \$45 at the door; supporting membership (which entitles you to vote on the Hugo Awards) is \$8 at all times. Don't delay: membership is 2941 as of yesterday, and the Sheraton-Boston is filling up fast; the deadline for Hugo nomination ballots is March 15.

PROGRAM CHANGES: Diane Duane and Dr. Paul Black will not appear on the "Future of Medicine" panel at 2:00 PM Saturday. -- Jim Baen (Destinies) will also be on the panel "Is SF Selling Out to the Mainstream?" at 3:00 PM Sunday. -- Spider Robinson will indeed give a reading at 4:00 PM on Sunday.

We don't have a final preregistration count yet, but it's about (including 105 Boskone Life Members). For comparison, last year's Boskone had 936 preregistered, c. 2050 total reg., c. 1950 attending.

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PROGRAM CHANGES:

Joan D. Vinge will be on the "What Shall We Tell the Children?" panel at 1:00 PM Saturday.
Jeff Carver will be on the "Future of Medicine" panel at 2:40 PM Saturday, but Diane Duane and Dr. Paul Black will not appear.
There will be a DUFF/TAFF auction at 6:00-7:00 PM Saturday in the Danvers Room.
Jim Baen (Destinies) and Jim Frenkel (Dell Books) will be on the "Is SF Selling Out to the Mainstream?" panel at 3:00 PM Sunday.
Spider Robinson will indeed give a reading at 4:00 PM Sunday.

REGISTRATION: The official preregistration count was 534. 246 new members registered Friday night, for a total of 780. (But a lot of people arrived after registration closed down.)

FILM PROGRAM: Two small corrections to the film schedule: the collection of trailers does not include The Empire Strikes Back distributor's goof), and the Bugs Bunny cartoon Hareway to the Stars was changed into Mad as a Mars Hare by another distributor who thought there was no essential difference between the two. Actually, I already had Mars Hare from another source, and I didn't catch the swap in time. Sorry. So everywhere you see Hareway, substitute Mars Hare (Saturday 9:40 PM, Sunday 2:07 PM). I also apologize for starting Send In the Clones one minute early at 6:03 PM last night. Since the trailers ran short, I foolishly ran right into the next film. The simple solution to this is to always start the trailers one minute late - but they really won't be one minute late because I've told you about it in this newsletter - so we're really on time again! - Bill Carton

MORE PROGRAM CHANGES: Gordon R. Dickson has had to leave the convention because of an accident to his mother. Thus he will not give his reading at 5:00 PM Saturday nor appear on the "What Shall We Tell the Children?" panel (1:00 PM Sunday) or the "What Makes a Good Filksing?" panel (3:30 PM Sunday). His autograph session at 1:30 PM Saturday has also been cancelled.

SHUTTLE BUS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: Leaving Sullivan Square for the Radisson Ferncroft hourly from 9:00 AM till 2:00 PM.
Leaving the Radisson Ferncroft for Sullivan Square hourly from 9:30 AM till 1:30 PM.
Sunday: Leaving the Radisson for Sullivan Sq. hourly from 2:00 till 6:00.
Leaving Sullivan Sq. for the Radisson hourly from 2:30 till 5:30.
(Any changes will be posted on the bulletin board near the main program area.)

Anyone wanting a membership for Datclave (the Washington Science Fiction Association's celebration of the fifth Friday in February) contact Kent Bloom, room 438. (Memberships \$5, Crystal City VA Marriott, Feb. 29-Mar. 2.) - Kent Bloom

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DISCUSSION GROUPS:

The following are all in the con suite (room 840) unless otherwise stated.

| Time | Subject | Leader |
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| 11-12 AM Sat. | Poetry Workshop & Discussion Group | Scott Green |
| noon-1 PM Sat. | Darkover | Cynthia Hanley |
| 1-2 PM Sat. | Fantasy Role-Playing & War-Gaming | Sean Cleary |
| 2-3 PM Sat., | INCOMPATIBLE TIME-SHARING SYSTEM (ITS) | Richard M. Stallman |
| 3-4 PM Sat. | Filksongs | John Carroll |
| 4-5 PM Sat. | Computer Security & the Lack Thereof | Jeff Del Papa |
| 9 PM Sat., room 121 | TECO SIG Meeting | Dave Cantor |
| noon-1 PM Sun. | The SCA & Carolingia University | Cassandra Bell & Charles of the Dark Forest |
| 1-2 PM Sun. | Real Science in Science Fiction | Karl Heinemann |
| 2-3 PM Sun. | Network Hacking - Telephone, Telex, and Data | Ozzie (The Worms Crawl Thru the Net) |
| 3-4 PM Sun. | The Future of Law & Society | Dave Broadbent |
| 4-5 PM Sun. | Astronomy & Astrophysics: What's Been Happening in the Sky Lately | John Doty |

(See the bulletin board near the main program area for updates, or to set up new discussion groups.)

WOULD-BE SF WRITERS: Come to the SFAY workshop at the L-5 suite (224) and evaluate the preliminary version of "Starship Express". This AV show, with all-original special effects, will be shown continually.

AUTOGRAPH SESSIONS in room 130 (Nova Enterprises):
Spider and Jeanne Robinson, 2:00 PM Saturday (tentative)
Hal Clement, 3:00 PM Saturday
Joan D. Vinge, 4:00 PM Saturday

I am soliciting information on science fiction (and related) specialty bookstores for eventual publication in Mike Glycer's File 770. I need names, addresses, phone numbers, general description of stock (new/old, hardcover/paperback, special items, services, etc.) and anything else of interest. Obituary notices also welcome. Help support your favorite bookstore! Information can be given to me in room 230 or mailed to: Extequer Press, P.O. Box 4193, Pasadena, CA 91106. - Gavin Claypool

THE L-5 SOCIETY. Dedicated to the Exploration, Development, and Settlement of Space. Working to make permanent space habitats and industries a reality within our lifetime. Talk to some L-5 members in suite 224 and find out more.

PARTIES: The only open parties I know about at press time are the one in the con suite (room 837-840, 10 PM Sat.) and the following:
Chicago in 1982, room 522, 10 PM Saturday
Baltimore in 1983, room 105, midnight Saturday
Don't forget that party supplies are available in con HQ (Middleton Room).

Warning to fans breaking their fast in the Greenery: the hotel thinks that "hash browns" are the same thing as home fries. - Mike Blake

The latest weather report I've heard is snow, sleet, and freezing rain, followed by more snow; but Sunday is supposed to be clear.

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CORRECTION: As I hope people figured out yesterday, the "What Shall We Tell the Children?" panel, to which Joan Vinge was added, is still scheduled for 1:00 PM Sunday, not Saturday. (This is what comes of typing at 8:30 AM in the middle of a con.)

SKYLARK AWARD: The Skylark (see p. 24 of your program book) has been awarded this year to Jack Chalker. (The presentation was made in absentia by David Gerrold, last year's winner, whose speech was read by Spider Robinson at the close of last night's costume party.)

COSTUME PARTY AWARDS: The following awards were made by Guests of Honor Spider and Jeanne Robinson and Chairman Chip Hitchcock:

Guest of Honor Awards - Kathryn Goodwyn as "The Snow Queen" and Ann Layman Chancellor as "Isis, the Red Witch"

Chairman's Award - Patri Pugliese, Lori Lynn Haines, and Sue Doherty as "Change Warriors" (two Spiders and a Snake)

Honorable Mentions - Chuck Smith as "A Puppeteer"
Gary Arnold as "Prospero"
Diana Koretsky as "Dina"
Richard Murray as alien from The End of the Matter
with a name the Chairman couldn't pronounce/
Christine Bunt as "The Warrior Princess"
Barbi Johnson as "Brekke, the Dragon Lady"

STORY CONTEST: The winners of the NESFA Story Contest were announced at Saturday's Opening Ceremonies by contest chairman Gail Hormats. There were 30 stories entered by 22 authors; final judges were David Gerrold and John Varley. The Winners were:

First Prize - Ann McCutchen for "Aftermath"

Second Prize - M. Gilbert for "Documentary"

Honorable Mentions - Kathy Watts for "Old Allegiances"
Lori Schectman for "Celebratory"

FILKSONG CONTEST: The Filksong Contest winners were also announced at the Opening Ceremonies by chairman Lisa Raskind:

Winners (3 equal prizes) -

"Ballad of the Unemployed Fan" by I Abro Cini

"I Know a Young Fan" by Mark L. Evans

"Gor Is the Place" by Erwin S. (Filthy Pierre) Strauss

Honorable Mentions -

"The Ballad of Don Ford" by Jay Kay Klein

"A Ballad of Earthsea" by Jim Landau

(Judges were Lisa Raskind and Selina Lovett.)

Another note on the Greenery (for people staying till Monday): If your breakfast selection says you get juice, toast, and beverage, make sure you get them and don't get charged extra for the coffee, for instance. Besides their attitude problem, they seem to need to read the menu, too.

- Bill Carton

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ART AUCTION: A consotium (that's consortum, or would be if I had my corflu handy) of artists have decided the convention should not be without an art auction, and have organized their own. It will be held in the Topsfield Room, probably starting between 1:00 and 1:15 PM, with Jack Chalker as auctioneer. Please bring money. (Contact Rick Katze if you're an artist who wants to enter something.)

REGISTRATION: The revised count is 534 preregistrations, 260 new members Friday night, and 324 new members Saturday, for a total of 918 registrations. Only 765 of these have actually shown up, though (presumably the snow had something to do with this). New registrations on Sunday will be \$5.00.

DISCUSSION GROUPS: One addition to the list, at 12:30 PM Sunday in room 814 (knock twice) on Film.

PUNDAY: I don't have the list of finalists here, but they include all 8 people who were in the preliminaries. You know who you are.

LOST AND FOUND: Assorted "founds", including a Star Wars Pop-Up Book, are at Headquarters (Middleton Room). Also, Melissa Ackroyd-Livingston's copy of Charlotte's Web is at the People Mover's desk.

People have no doubt noticed the "No Bare Feet" notices around the hotel. This is required by local health laws, and is also a good idea because of the danger of glass splinters, so please observe it.

There are still free cases of soda available in the Middleton Room for open parties, plus additional party supplies for sale.

In the interests of the historical record, note that yesterday's panel on "The Future of Medicine" (three of whose four original panelists didn't make it to the con) wound up consisting of Hal Clement, Jeff Carver, Dr. Daniel Zoll, and Mark Keller. (At least that was the last I heard.)

FILM PROGRAM: Unbeknownst to the film committee at planning time, Escape to Witch Mountain (Which mountain did you say?) is being shown by Disney on TV tonight 7-9 PM. In light of this, we will resist and ignore entreaties for us to rerun it. Thank you. - Bill Carton

27 people were counted singing in the jacuzzi at around 2 AM; this may be a new record. (No count was made of the number of skinnydippers.)

The snow has stopped, the sun is shining (I know this will be a disappointment to those of you who were hoping to be snowed in), and I'm out of news items. Hope we see you all at next year's Boskone.

Oops, another news item: Hotel check-out time is at noon. You can stay till 5 PM by paying another half-day's room rent.

MORE LOST AND FOUND: A camera (left at the filksing) and Halise Shrago's MasterCharge card are in the Middleton Room.

All right, might as well finish the page. Again, don't forget to join Noreascon II, this year's World Convention, to be held Labor Day weekend in Boston. Memberships \$30 attending now, \$45 at the door; supporting \$8 at all times. See the Noreascon table opposite the film room.