

HELMUTH, SPEAKING FOR BOSKONE XVIII
Friday, Feb. 13, 1981,

Friends, Fandom, Earthlings - Greetings! and welcome to Boskone 18. I am Helmut, alias Dee Dee, and I'll be bringing you news, announcements, program changes, directions to parties, and other important happenings as reported to me. Speaking of which, Newsletter information forms will be available at the same place as the Newsletters, which is at Information and Andover. Fill them in with any announcements you want made and put them in the provided boxes at Information or Andover. Newsletter will be published at least once daily, and put out at 10 a.m. Deadline is 10 p.m. the night before. I'll try to squeeze in anything submitted after that; but, to quote the soothsayer, Don't bet what you can't afford.

Now for the heavy stuff. Pool is open 12 noon till 8 p.m., and no one will be allowed in after hours. I would suggest that the Jacuzzi-stuffing party be held before lunch, for greater seating capacity.

If you're wearing a costume, it would help if you could wear a robe or something over it in the Hotel public areas, since they will probably be full of non-fans who won't appreciate the artistry. Apparently, there have been complaints.

Food & Money: The maids will be looking for any non-Sheraton food and drink in the rooms. If they FIND any, it will cost you money - a \$5.00 corkage fee per instance. This includes pizza, soda, and beer. McDonald's is not considered to be outside food (hmm? Ronald, have you been insulted?).

IMPORTANT: We've been lax on the weapons issue in past years, but now we MUST crack down. ANY weapon, real or toy, which is seen drawn outside of the official photography area will be confiscated by any observing Committee member or any member of the Hotel staff. This means anything from a child's rubber knife to a \$75.00 electronic pistol. YES, WE ARE SERIOUS! If we confiscate it, it will be tagged & returned at the end of the Con (no, we will not mail it). We do not know the Sheraton's policy on returning confiscated weapons. If you do not surrender your weapon, you will be asked to surrender your membership, and the Sheraton may ask you to leave the premises.

As usual, keep your room locked and watch your wallet. N.E.S.F.A., Inc., and Boskone XVIII are not responsible for articles lost or stolen.

All you Beautiful People who want to help, People Mover will greet you with open arms and lots of work, and maybe a gift if some Wonderful Artist offers us a Volunteers' Gift Artwork.

ARTISTS! FREE PUBLICITY! Give us little pieces of artwork to go in the Newsletter, and in return you get a byline, high praise, and eternal gratitude for at least 5 minutes. The editor has final say as to what gets in, according to space and suitability. Inquire at Andover or Operations. Do NOT leave artworks in the Drop-off boxes, as we are not responsible for anything not signed for.

OPEN PARTIES: If you are planning an open party and would like a case of soda as a party seed, please sign up at the main bulletin board by 6 p.m. on the day of the party. You can pick up your soda at Headquarters (Hampton Room) after 6.30 p.m. ID required.

EARTHLIGHT GALLERY (249 Newbury St.) is offering a discount to all members of Boskone XVIII. The discount is 10% when you show your badge. Earthlight is also having an opening of a show featuring the illustrations of Murray Tinkelman on Friday, Feb. 13, from 5 to 10 p.m. The show will continue through March 12.

Would representatives of future Worldcon committees or Bidding committees please check in with Leslie Turek sometime this weekend.

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Saturday, 10 a.m.

PEOPLE LEFT OUT OF THE COMMITTEE: Operations: Theresa Renner, Assistant. Staff- Carl Wajenberg, Darryl Humphrys, David Chilenskus, John Turner, & Keith Fletcher. Parties & Den - Akicita & Michael Doyle, Staff. Registration-Sheila Oranch Gail Kaplan. HQ-Clarisse Patton & Wendell Ing.

PROGRAM CHANGES: Films--there is one addition to the program at 8:15 p.m. on Saturday night, the classic short, "The Wizard of Speed & Time".

This year's Punday is looking for puns. We know who the good punsters are - that is, those who can present a pun well - but some of their stock-in-trade is becoming stale. That is what we want to refresh this year. That is why we are soliciting puns from everyone who thinks they know a good one when they hear it. On Punday Night (Sunday, 8 p.m., Grand Ballroom according to the Program) the best presentors we can find will read these puns - probably by categories. (Of course, the categories we choose depends on the puns we receive.) After reading all of the puns in each category, we will have a "Can You Top This?" session, first for our presentors, then by our audience. The best (Worst) Pun will be awarded a special prize.

Famous Punsters of the Past, please see Pat Kennedy Saturday or Sunday.

FILMS: Capt. Celluloid is very popular. Don't miss the thrilling climax at 10:34 A.M. today! "Nosferatu" played to a full house. This is a Strange picture. "Bambi Meets Godzilla", at it's only scheduled opening, had standing room only & received a standing ovation.

Random Large Security Guards are removing any illegitimate (not on Bulletin Boards) notices, posters, etc., they find. This is approved procedure.

REGISTRATION: Registered beforehand-986, Pre-Registered's Attending-709. New Memberships 422. This means that, as of registration closing Friday night, we had 1400 Registered Members and 1131 Attending Members. Stay tuned for further developments.

PARTIES: Boxboro Regional Party (alias Valentine's Day S-F Party), rooms 1031 thru and including 1033, Saturday, 8 p.m. L.A. in '84, room 909, Sat. nite. Western Mass/S-College, room 916, Sat. 9 p.m. Baltimore in '83, room 740, Sat. 10 p.m. Markland!, rooms 742-743, Sat. 10 p.m. What is the Ultimate Answer?, Room 625, Sat. 10 p.m.

THE LEGAL DRINKING AGE IN MASSACHUSETTS IS 20. Muff said/ please listen.

SPECIAL NOTICE: All program participants should report to the Green Room -Liberty A - 15 min. before their panels begin.

If convention members are having problems with Con Suite party noise, please contact the Convention headquarters in the Hampton Room.

COSTUME PARTY: It was held, and was a big crowd pleaser. The Chairman(?)'s Choice was Luke Skywalker on Tauntaun, a slight anomaly sine Luke is Carol Salemi of N.Y., N.Y. She made the costume herself - in a week - with the help of Aletta Vett. Her father made the authentic-looking light sabre. This only her 2nd S-F Con, and she's doing well. Maleficent (Giu I spell that right?) won Guest of Honor's Choice and H-M. She is Leah Gobell, who does soft sculpture & is a photographer. The costume was made for an SCA event, the Halloween Lucretia Borgia Feast. It was made with the aid of Lynn Bourgeois, Providence, RI, who wants to become a professional costumier. Hint! The four other Honorable Mentions were Renaissance Prince, Sebela the Bloodstone, and Mri, the Warrior Mri from the trilogy.

There are pickpockets working the hotel! Be aware and guard your purses, etc.

Please, the halls and rooms are crowded. Be courteous, and do not draw your weapons in public.

Please watch your language in the film room: there are children present.

Corrections to registration figures above: 986, 710, 424, 1410, 1134.

L.A. in '84/L.A.Con II bidding party (room 909) is 11:15 p.m. -- Western Mass. party is open to others too.

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Saturday, 7 p.m.

There's not much news, and what I'm going to do for tomorrow's edition, I just don't know, but I have some announcements that should/must be made tonight, so here goes:

PICKPOCKETS!!! We Have Them, and they seem to be pros, so watch out!

Paul Edwards, a wallet was found with your name in it - no money. Ask at Information.

PARTIES! We have them too, (as if you hadn't noticed) and want to let you know about a couple that were reported to us. There are 2 Bidding parties tonight, as of this writing and that we were given notice of. World Con Scandinavia in '85 is being held in room 625 at 12:30. L.A. in '84 is in room 909 at 11:15. Note lack of conflicts in both dates and times.

There is also a Western Mass 12-College Party being held in room 916 at 9 p.m. or whenever. And, as you've seen from the bulletin boards and walls, there are also a great many other parties you can go to. Go forth and enjoy!

FILMS. Please! Many people who go to the films enjoy listening to the dialog, not the audience. I know you're here to enjoy yourself, but so is everyone elst. Loud comments and generally rude behavior spoil it for everyone.

"Bad Luck Blackie" is a mean, vicious film;;and I loved it. So did the entire standing room-only audience.

AWARDS

Boskone has awarded "The House on the Borderland" a special ribbon - for the Best Dealer's Reservation form.

The winner of the Skylark Award, given by H.E.S.F.A. for a lifetime contribution to Science Fiction & Fandom, is F. Kelly Freas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Jacuzzi is dead till Monday.

The South Tower is not being used, and the elevators are NOT supposed to be working, so please don't use them. This means the parties will have to be held in the lobby elevators.

There is a Mural in the lobby between Liberty and the ballrooms. This is for the joy and delectation of anyone who wants to participate in (on?) it. Go and create to your heart's content.

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Lots of stuff for you this morning. First, however, something for us. Please fill out the questionnaires available at Information. This helps us plan future Boskones the way you want them.

- * PEOPLE MOVER INFO: To all of you who have worked on the con, THANK YOU!
- * We do need help for tear down. Starting about 3 p.m. in Republic.
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- * We will be giving out thank you posters starting about 3 p.m. to closing. People
- * Mover will be open from 8 - 10 p.m. tonight. -- Rick

Con Suite will be open from 8 p.m. - 3 a.m. tonight.

PROGRAM CHANGES: 1:00 Publishers & Other Bloodsuckers - Dave Hartwell has been added to the panel. 2:00 Equal Time panel has added Charlie Grant.

There will be a Gripe Session at 3:00 featuring the following Committee members: Chair-Gail Hornsby, Registration-Wendy Glasser, Program-Krissy, Information-Selina Lovett, Operations-Sparkle or Glamour.

*** ART SHOW AWARDS WINNERS ***

AWARD *	FIRST PRIZE *	HONORABLE MENTION *
Best Artist-Pro -Amateur	Don Maitz Steven Vincent Johnson	Thomas Canty Bob Eggleton
Best Color-Pro Amateur	Don Maitz 'The Ghostslayer' Susanna Griffin 'Elf Princess Portrait'	Dean Morrissey 'The Letter' Kathleen Blanchard 'Lurker'
Best Monochrome-Pro Amateur	Richard Salvucci 'Maestro, the Tree's Conductor' Bob Eggleton 'The Sky Dragons'	Thomas Canty 'The Embrace From Fields of Sleep' Bob Eggleton 'Sentroid 6000 A.D.'
Best 3-D-Pro Amateur	Ginny Dildine 'The Owl and the Pussycat' Margaret Peacock 'Dragon Hatching Eggs'	Joel Hagen 'Homaroplana' Michael B. Seiden 'Wind God' paperweight
Best Astronomical-Pro Amateur	Ron Miller 'Jupiter's Atmosphere' Dexter A. Dickenson 'Lying off Ithtar'	Joe Bergeron 'Saturn from Titan' Steven Vincent Johnson 'The Path'
Best Fantasy-Pro Amateur	Joe Bergeron 'The Ringwraith' Kathleen Blanchard 'Masquerade Ball'	Carl Lundgren 'The Sable Moon' Barbara Morrissey 'At the Full Moon'

THE REST ARE ON THE OTHER SIDE

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Best Humor-Pro	Phil Foglio 'Close but no Cigar'	Michael Coddwin 'The Federation Strikes Back'
Amateur	Kathleen Blanchard 'Store-bought Teeth'	Bob Eggleton 'Oh, Shit...'
Best S-F - Pro	Thomas Kidd 'Earth Defended'	Eric Ladd 'The Cache from Outer Space'
Amateur	Bob Eggleton 'Sentroid 6000 A.D.'	Mark Horton 'Missile Ship'
Best Blizzaro-Pro	Joe Bergeron 'The Fell Winter'	Ginny Dildine 'Blizzard'
Amateur	Ann L. Chancellor 'A Meeting in Jarnia'	Corcen Criss 'Snowflakes'
Best Cliche-Pro	Philip Hagopian 'The Alliance'	Robert W. Lavoie 'Dragonlayer'
Amateur	Kristina Trott 'Spock'	Bob Eggleton 'Jedi Master'
Best Vampyr-Pro	Don Maitz - 'Sometimes after Sunset'	
Amateur	Phillip Hale - 'Caught by Dawn' 55704	

REGISTRATION - Figures not available

Lost & Found has many things, some of them yours. Check at Information. And while you're at it, there's a black machete gone missing.

EDITORIAL COMMENT: I didn't have any information to put in this spot.

I've been wandering around the Con, looking for news. I haven't seen much from a sensational viewpoint (thank goodness), but I have seen a lot having fun. We've all done our best to see that you enjoy yourselves, and we'd appreciate your help in evaluating our performance. If you could just fill out the questionnaire and/or come to the Gripe Session at 3:00 and tell us what you liked, disliked, would like to see more or less of at future cons, we would be very grateful. Thank you.