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Hi. This is your Boskone XXI committee newsletter. Issues will appear as often as we can ~~assemble~~ assemble enough news. This first issue is being produced Friday morning, Feb. 17, with Ken Knabbe's typewriter (none other having yet arrived).

MAILBOXES -- Committee members should check their mailboxes for messages (and newsletters) at fairly frequent intervals. (Remember, if you fail to pick up your mail, our agents will administer a slow-acting poison to you and leave the antidote in your mailbox.) Mailboxes should also be used when you want to leave a non-urgent message for someone else on the committee. A helpful hint on this: when you put a message in someone's box, push it all the way in (they're deep), so that the name under the box isn't hidden.

PHONE LIST -- The following phone numbers may be useful to you:

Art Show (Georgian)	465	Green Room Hospitality	463
Babysitting	306	Hucksters (Terrace)	337
Bid Parties	7421,7433,7437	Information (Dart./Ex.)	460
Children's Programming	7412	Logistics	7402
Con Suite	7436	Operations	450
Con Suite (smoking)	7442	Operations Hospitality	7403
Discussion Groups	7405,7406, 7407,7410	People Mover	464
Dragonslair	7413	Program Overflow	7433,7437
Filk (Eastern)	7434	Programming (Arlington)	313
Filk (Western)	7405	" (Fairfield)	318
overflow	7407	" (Imperial)	372
Film Platform	466	" (Stanbro)	309
Games (computer)	414	REKON-2 call-in	470
Games (board)	416,417	Registration (Berkeley)	314

If one of these numbers doesn't work, or if you need to reach an area not on the list, then go through Operations (ext. 450).

Speaking of Operations, note that in general room 400 is for Operations staff only. If you don't have business there (like checking your mailbox) and you want to hold a conversation, then go somewhere else. Room 403 has been provided as a convenient somewhere else.

COMMITTEE MAINTENANCE -- Remember the basic rules: all committee members must get at least two meals a day, and at least five hours' sleep a night. The Den Mother is empowered to enforce these rules (you really don't want to find out how). To facilitate this, the Den Mother wants everyone to check in with her at least once a day (a phone call will do) to demonstrate that you're still functioning, because she is sick and doesn't want to have to wander around checking up on you.

The Den is room 549, and is open to all committee and staff. Drop by and relax when you can.

FIRE ALARMS -- If a fire alarm goes off, the first thing you will hear is a beeping sound (many of you heard one last year). This does not mean that people should start evacuating the hotel. When the beeping stops, tell people to be quiet and wait for an announcement over the public address system: one way or another, something will be announced within six minutes. In the unlikely event that evacuation is called for you should of course stay calm yourself and try to see that people move out in an orderly fashion.

REGISTRATION -- The official preregistration figure is 1744: see Helmuth for more details. (Last year it was 1683.) With regard to your own registration: if you were one of the people who registered early in room 400, don't forget to drop by sometime and pick up a Program Book.

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THRILLING OPERATIONS STORIES -- The Operations Log was started at 1:10 Thursday afternoon, and by 5:00 two pages had been filled; isn't that disgusting? All the entries up to then were dull, however. Among the more interesting entries later on:

1910 -- Alex reports having been told that Rm. 400 is empty at this time. This log entry confirms that.

2138 -- Gene Wolfe asking about party tonight. Sent to Den.

Then there's the radio net, which is supposed to announce its call letters at regular intervals, but doesn't have any call letters. As I understand it, the man in charge of assigning them went off to the Olympics and took the paperwork with him....

HOTEL -- As of Thursday night, we had 585 rooms reserved for Saturday night. We're blocked on floors 5, 6, 7, 8, ... (full range not yet known). Don't forget that 5 is a quiet floor.

CALL FOR RICKSHAW BEARERS -- All committee (and committee emeriti) who can or wish to help carry in the sedan chair should sign the list posted in Oms by noon Friday. (That's the way the message was given to me, but this newsletter is not going to be out by noon Friday. However, you can check and see if the list is still there.)

That seems to be all the news for now. Stay tuned.