






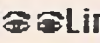



# Merchanter's Helmut


the first issue of the *Baskone B&B* committee newsletter


Thursday late

 Just how many of us are there going to be here? Prereg kingpin Andy Cowan says there were 2669 preregistrants, which with 147 program participants, 141 life members, and 2 other comps equals 2959 registrants before the doors even open. For those keeping score, last year the prereg total (not counting lifers etc.) was 2180. This year we're 489 above that, for a 22.4% increase. Oh, my....

 The hotel has requested that people stay out of the renovation areas marked with legends like *Authorized personnel only*. Please obey, and see that fans do, as well.

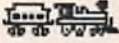
 My apologies for some of the items I got wrong in *Helmut minus 2*. Program items of note (for you lucky folks who might actually get to see some Program this year) coming up before the next committee newsletter comes out (late Friday or early Saturday) (all are Friday):  C. J. autographs 4:30 to 6 in Independence B.  Tupperware Party for Diane Duane at 7:30 in Liberty D, followed by a  Lingerie Party at 9 (these two are not on the Pocket Program, and are not for general announcement.  Nor is Diane's wedding, Sunday morning at 10, to which all committee members are invited.)  **Eye of Argon** dramatic reading (definitely not for the faint-hearted) midnight in Independence.  And Chip is on the "Eating Your Way Through the Back Bay" panel at 5 in Independence West. There will be no active elevator management Friday night, but it will be run Saturday night.



 Speaking of which, Andi Shechter needs bodies (no, not just for the E of A) for the **active elevator management** Saturday night. Please see her (in Services) if you can spare an hour or two for this. It can't work without staff. Andi says her elevator staff at ConFederation had a great time (though they had those neat glass ones....)



 And Kelly still needs bodies for the **NESFA Sales** table. Please sign up with him for an hour or two (or more, if you can spare the time). This is where NESFA shows its colors, folks; *please* help. And Gay Ellen needs two more people who can spare about 4 hours Sunday





afternoon to work **Art Show Sales**. That's a large chunk of time, but it's another very important area. Please talk to her as soon as possible if you can help out.





 **People Mover**, in a bit of an oxymoron, says: *Please don't yell at your gophers. Gophers are people, too.* They also remind staff and committee that they, as well as gophers, must sign releases (available in Services).

  For those still (or continuously) in transit, be advised that Monsignor O'Brien Highway (Rte. 28) will be closed for repairs of the bridge by the Museum of Science from 9pm Saturday to noon on Sunday, and will be restricted to one lane each direction the rest of the time from now till 21 February. Ye **Helmoth** editor, who takes said road to and from work each day, feels that to begin destruction on today of all days, is a personal plot against her by the officials of the MDC....



  Ye **Helmoth** editor requests anecdotes, announcements, and newsbits from everyone. While I probably *can* cover the convention by myself (at a run), I get out of breath easily. Input would be most welcome welcome..

**FF** **Treasurer Debbie** says: People who have received advance money or who have had checks written to vendors, please be sure to get receipts (and **don't** pay tax. Tax-exempt forms, expense forms and account numbers are available if you need them; in Services.)

  Don't forget that rates for **Noreascon 3** go up right after Boskone. You can convert your supporting membership, or (\*blush\*) take out your full attending membership at the **MCFI** table this weekend, located in the Exhibit Hall, near the Huckster's Room/Art Show area.

    **Newsflash!** We've just been informed that Pluto reaches perigee (or perihelion; whatever) in 1989! Mark your calendars! N3, plan Program!

**†††** A noted fan says: **Don't do it!** (too late, George; it's already started.)

  This sheet has been photocopied (oh, the shame of it all) rather than fannishly mimeo'd to save wear and tear on the mimeo-*ers*. Thanks to Kelly for artistic advice on this edition.