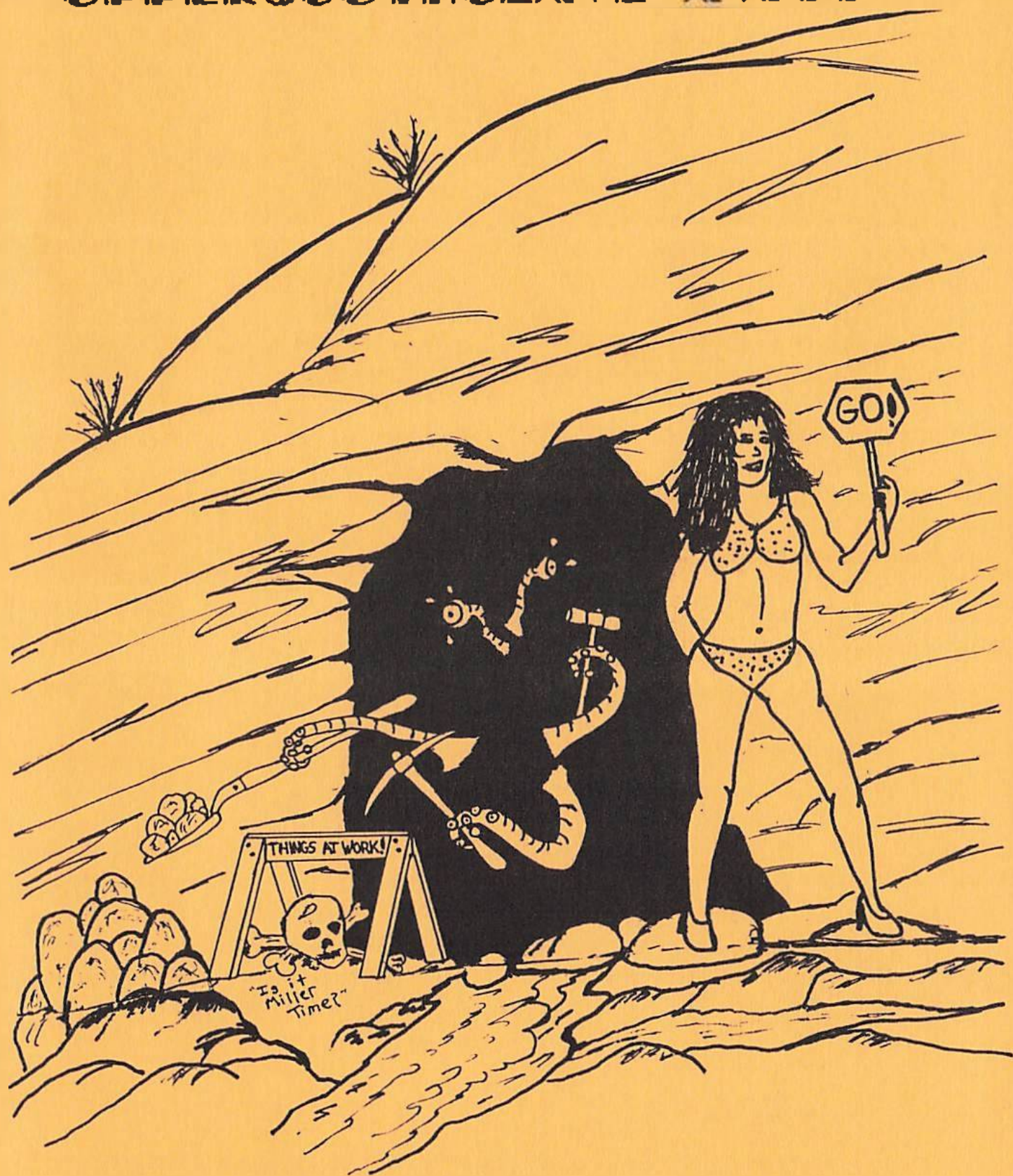


CONCAVE 13

WIDPIERSOUTHCLAVE XXII



FEB. 28-MARCH 1, 1992

PARK CITY, KY

GRIUMBLES FROM THE CAVE

This certainly has been a year for change. Last year operation Desert Storm unfolded during Concave. This year, the U.S.S.R. has splintered, the Arabs and Israelis are talking peace, and George Bush is sweating out the New Hampshire primary. Closer to home, this year Corlis and I moved to East Tennessee, and became first time parents. Hopefully, Concave will survive these changes, and will continue as it has been for the last 12 years. It is a true test of friendship to keep Concave together for this long without the power trips and palace coups which have plagued SF fandom since the early days. Moving 300 miles has brought home how much Concave depends on the work of many people. Most things going wrong this weekend are my fault, and most of what is right is theirs. In the perspective of world events, getting excited about Concave seems trivial, but we find that our world is a little more fun by doing it. We all hope you will agree.

At Concave we don't have many rules and a horde wearing radios to enforce them. There are a few upon which we insist. The first belongs to the Commonwealth of Kentucky where the legal drinking age is 21. You will be asked for ID at registration, and where alcohol is being served. To avoid problems, wear your badge in public areas of the hotel. Drinks removed from the Consuite should be poured into cups. The people serving you **ARE THE BOSS**. If you are refused service you are doing something wrong. If you have a problem with

that, come to me. Do not to wear weapons or look-alikes at Concave. If you have weapons or toys, please confine them to your room. Please heed all posted rules of the hotel—the night watchman is an Edmonson County deputy sheriff. Unruly behavior can be rewarded with a visit to the county jail. Also, there is the continuing question of noise. While there are no mundanes to complain here, just because your neighbors are fen doesn't mean that they appreciate noise in the wee hours. Finally, when you leave do it sober or designate a driver. We will help anyone who requests it. We try to make Concave as fun as possible for everyone here. If we can improve in any way, please let us know.

There are some perennial activities which may be of interest. First, the annual tour of Wigwam Village and the Cave Area backroads will once again be led by Rickey Sheppard. The tour leaves from the hotel lobby around 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, and it's a great way to work up an appetite for the afternoon banquet. What about the banquet you ask? Once again the hedonistic Concave banquet will be served starting at 1:00 p.m. Saturday. At only \$10.00 this exceptional value usually sells out. The pool will be open for the duration except for maintenance periods. Just remember that the pool is a public area. Behave well, and we can enjoy it for the whole weekend.

Harry Dean

Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

- 12:00 NOON Registration opens--Hotel Lobby
Consuite opens--Barn Room
Huxter Room setup--Blue Room
Art Show setup--Room 134
- 5:00 p.m. Huxter Room opens *
Art Show opens *
Game Room opens--Room 234 *
- 7:00 p.m. Opening Ceremonies--Patio Room
- 10:00 p.m. Room 136 opens for Filking/Dancing



WELCOME!

* The Art, Huxter, Music, and Gaming Rooms have no set closing times. They will close when those in charge get tired of running them.

NOTE There will be room parties! Look for announcements.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

- 10:00 a.m. Registration, Art, Huxter, and Gaming Rooms reopen.
- 10:30 a.m. Wigwam Village Tour--Hotel Lobby
- 12:30 p.m. Registration Closes
- 1:00 p.m. Buffet--Dining Room, \$10.00 per person
- 7:00 p.m. Art Show closes for bidding.
- 8:00 p.m. Art Auction--Patio Room
- 10:00 p.m. Music Room (136) reopens.



SUNDAY, MARCH 1

- 10:00 a.m. Art show checkout: No sales after 11:00.
Huxter Room opens
Kentucky Fried Fandom Meeting--Patio
- 10:30 a.m. UpperSouthClave business meeting--Patio
- 12:00 noon Hotel Checkout, Gaming closes.



GOOD
BYE!

GUEST OF HONOR

PEGGY RAE PAVLAT

The first time I ever heard the word "schmoozing" was from Peggy Rae Pavlat describing a relaxed evening get-together with no specific purpose beyond meeting people and trading ideas. This may seem natural, since Peggy Rae lives near and worked in Washington DC, where the art of schmooze and the word to describe it are native.

The first time I ever saw a convention planning schedule on a computer time-flow chart was also with Peggy Rae Pavlat, as she recruited competent organizational folks to help the planning of Programming for ConStellation, the 1983 Worldcon in Baltimore. This may also seem natural since Peggy Rae is a born organizer whose credits include political volunteer work, Administrative Assistance to a state legislator, many years involvement in producing FAPA, the granddaddy of fan amateur press associations, and work involving dozens of conventions.

The first time I ever got a good, hard therapeutic fannish hug was from Peggy Rae Pavlat, when I had said something particularly stupid and needed reassurance that my boorishness was not a fatal disease. This well may seem natural, since Peggy Rae's focus is on accomplishment, and she knows that people who feel better about themselves, even when they have failed at something, will do a better job in the future.

Yet it seems decidedly unnatural that all these contradictory talents should be borne in one person. Who is this Peggy Rae to be a relaxed schmoozer, an organizational dervish, and a sensitive and sympathetic therapist?

Above all, she is a fan to the roots, a reader and fanziner and club member and convention organizer. She grew up in fandom, as one of the first young second generation fans. She married into fandom, as wife to Bob Pavlat, a founder of the Washington Science Fiction Association, long-time FAPAN and convention planner, who died suddenly and much too young in 1983. She perpetuated fandom as her son Eric carries on a family tradition in the Washington area.

Personally, Peggy Rae is both sensitive and sensible. Supportive of her staff and helpers, she soothes and strokes, but won't keep a volunteer in a job they can't do. She always loves to have people help, but sets as her own task matching the volunteer with a satisfying and manageable position.

Peggy Rae is a tireless worker herself. Laboring on Diacon II, the 1974 Worldcon in Washington, was so much fun that she chaired a bid for Washington again in 1977. Although the bid was voted down--much to many people's regret--she jumped back in working as Press Relations head for the 1980 Boston Worldcon. She organized the Programming Ope-

rations for the Worldcon in 1983. Next, she vice-chaired, then chaired Disclave, the Washington area regional convention. Additionally she has worked on the Worldcon in 1989, the DC bid for '92, and at some level on most of the Worldcons and Disclaves in the intervening

years. Whew.

Perhaps her most impressive and difficult accomplishment was organizing the ConStellation rescue to cover the unpaid debts from the 1983 Worldcon. Nothing is more thankless than raising money to help pay for an event that has already occurred; Peggy Rae, more than anyone made the bailout possible through long, hard work.

Above all, her attention is on results. While other conventions fight loutish behavior by their members with beefed up fannish security patrols and photo name badges, Peggy Rae's Disclave committee invented the Politeness Patrol to persuade and shame attendees into decency. It works! Where other volunteer con managers leave tasks half-undone for lack of volunteers, Peggy Rae sends letters to convention members asking for helpers.



That works too.

It is exactly her combination of strengths, recognizing the value of the schmooze and hug while insisting that everything be written so it can be tracked, that makes it all possible.

Peggy Rae's latest jump into the trenches is to work as vice-chair for ConFrancisco, the 1993 Worldcon scheduled for San Francisco. Added to the difficulty of working on a convention being organized across the continent is the untimely death of Terry Biffel last month. Peggy Rae is managing the transition to a new convention chair along with her other duties.

In between,, she just happens to find time to organize the Smofocon which will be held in New Orleans next December.

It is particularly fitting to the Concave

tradition of inviting fan organizers, starters, motivators, and doers--the "professional" fan guest of honor, as it were--to thank them for making it all possible--that Peggy Rae Pavlat should be our special guest this weekend. We hope that Concave can return in some minuscule fraction the tons of devotion, hard work, inspiration, and love that she has showered

on her extended fannish family over the years.

So please join us in welcoming Peggy Rae to Kentucky--with a hug, with a chat, or by ****shudder**** volunteering to help her with the Worldcon in San Francisco. It could be the start of a beautiful friendship.

--Scott Dennis

GEORGIE ALEC EFFINGER

AUCTION

Hugo award winning author, George Alec Effinger continues to have medical problems. He is ineligible for insurance, and has amassed debts of over \$40,000 in his fight to stay alive. The George Alec Effinger Medical Fund has been established to coordinate fannish efforts for fund raising.

Concave intends to do it's part in helping George. To that end, any money raised in the "doodle auction" which has enlivened the Concave art auction for the past three years, will be matched by Concave. We hope that you will all help in our efforts to aid this friend in need.

HOTTEL PROBLEMS?

It has been several years since we started reserving the entire Park Mammoth Resort for Concave. This has meant that there has been room for everyone, even in the convention has had to pay for any unused rooms. This year, The PMR sold out two weeks before Concave, entirely to fans. While this is great for the convention, it does pose some problems. Please remember that we are guests here, and even though we have filled the place, we don't own it. Second, several members (like the

chairman) have small children who may be sleeping. We have tried to put people needing quiet in the far end of the hotel. Please be aware of do not disturb signs, and respect them. With the large number of people expected this weekend, we will be needing extra help running the consuite and, art show, and game rooms. Don't be shy about volunteering. Finally, if there is anything which is interfering with your enjoyment of the convention, please let us know. I will be somewhere in the hotel, or in room 257 if needed.

A FAN'S GUIDE TO THE CAVE AREA

FOOD: The hotel restaurant offers excellent home-cooked style meals, and the justly famous cinnamon rolls are available for lunch. If you want to explore, turn left on 31-W and go about 6 miles to KY 90 in Cave City and turn left. You will be in fast food heaven. If you want something fancier, Bowling Green offers many fine restaurants in a 30 minute drive. Just ask the con staff for advice and directions.

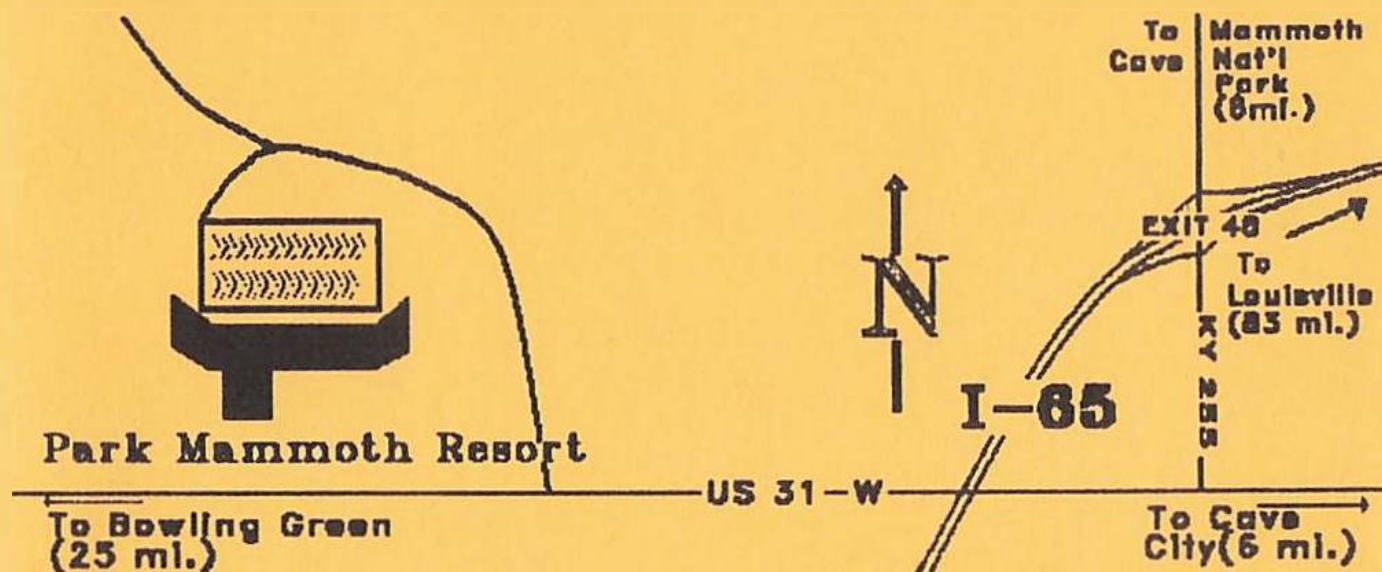
DRINK: If you need something not in the consuite, you will discover that you are in a desert. The nearest oasis is Bowling Green. To find it, turn right on 31-W leaving the resort, and go until you find civilization i.e.: liquor stores. A cynic might say that such strategically located stores exist only to serve the outlying dry areas.

CASH: A QUEST machine is located at the South Central Bank branch in Park City. Turn left at the entrance to the resort. For other flavor of cash cards, try the Greenwood Mall area at I-65 exit 22 in Bowling Green.

GASOLINE: There are two gas stations on KY 255 in Park City. For other flavors of petrol go to Cave City as described in the above food section.

CAVE TOURS: Mammoth Cave National Park is located about 8 miles from The Resort of KY 255. The way is well marked. The registration table, or the hotel desk will have a tour schedule. The caves are a major tourist attraction, and the tours often sell out in advance. Plan to get to the Visitor's Center at least two hours before your tour departs.

THE RESORT: Park Mammoth Resort has many unusual features for a SF con hotel. The front desk can equip you for the sauna, billiard tables, or miniature golf. For serious duffers there is an 18-hole golf course. The riding stables are open, so follow your nose to the horse barn. The mini-train is not running, but walking the 1.5 mile track is a popular Concave tradition in good weather. Along the track you will pass two cave entrances. Other favorite outdoor activities are the Lookout Point and the Tilt House. Any resemblance between the Tilt House and Ken Moore's kitchen can probably be blamed on Vat 69.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

THE CONCAVE 13 COMMITTEE:

ANNETTE CARRICO--Consuite Commander

STEVE FRANCIS--Huxter Room Honcho

CORLIS ROBE--Registration Regent

DOMINIC ROBE--Distraction General

GARY ROBE--Some Stuff

RICKEY SHEPPARD--Night Auditor

THANKS THESE FRIENDS FOR

THESE CONTRIBUTIONS:

SUE FRANCIS--Consuite

JOHN HANS--Game Room

KEN MOORE--Registration

GARY WILLIAMS--Art Show

MARY MARTIN--Grandmother GoH

PATTY TEAGUE--Game Room

SCOTT DENNIS--GoH Bio

LIZ WILLIAMS--Art Show

And the perrenial elevator committee ...you know who you are.

AND SOME OF THE IFEN WHO

~~WERE DRAFTED~~ VOLUNTEERED:

Pat Molloy

Naomi Fisher

Jeff Lockridge

Kim Lockridge

Rick Daugherty

Sue Daugherty

David Miller

Alan Clark

Bill Cavin

Dick Spelman

Kenny Reasoner

John Hollis

Bob Embler

Jim Wooaley

Jann Melton

Jamie Cook

John Sapienza Jr.

Sean Molley

Mark Linneman

Tim Young

Bart Spikeberg John Young

Mike Lator

AND ELEVEN YEARS OF TOLERANCE
FROM THE MANAGEMENT AND STAFF OF

PARK

MAMMOTH RESORT