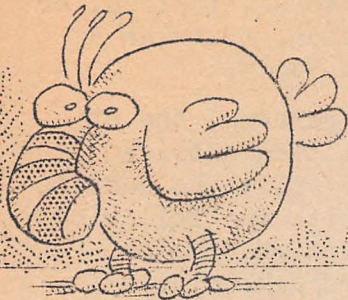


MINICON 12

Minneapolis
April 8-10, 1977



the DododecaCon

EASTER. This year it falls on the week-end of April 8-10 (1977), and once more Minnesota fandom is having a convention. This has been an exceptionally cold winter for us, and so we expect our traditional digging-out party (i.e., the con) will be a real bash this time!

GUEST OF HONOR at MINICON 12 will be Ben Bova, author, and editor of Hugo-winning ANALOG magazine.

Our FAN GUESTS OF HONOR will be one of the most esteemed and admired couples in fandom: Buck and Juanita Coulson.

And MINICON 12's TOASTMASTER will be Joe Haldeman, Hugo- and Nebula-winner (and a good guy to have at a party).

REGISTRATION: You can obtain a membership in MINICON 12 (and put yourself in the good graces of the MINNEAPOLIS IN '73 Committee) by sending \$5.00 (per person) to: MINICON, P.O. Box 2128, Loop Station, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402 -- before 31 March, 1977. After that date membership will cost \$8.00. Make all checks payable to MINICON.

The MINICON is also making available a special one-day membership rate, at \$3.00. This rate will allow you to attend all MINICON functions except parties on one particular day: Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. However, no one will be allowed to buy two one-day memberships; rather, a person seeking a second one-day membership will be allowed to convert to a full membership (at \$5.00 more).

MINICON 12 plans to have a banquet, of course, and programming events -- we'll publicize details of these later. Those who remember last year's fun rendition of the MIMEO MAN, however, will be pleased to learn that the same crazy bunch is currently working on a never-before-presented (because only just written) item entitled MIDWESTSIDE STORY.

HOTEL: MINICON 12 will be noisily doing its things throughout the Leamington Hotel, on the edge of downtown Minneapolis. For your convenience we are enclosing a room reservation post card. A room for one will cost that one just \$19.00/night; a double (2 people -- 1 bed) is \$23.00/night; a twin (2 -- 2) \$28.00/night. An extra person in one of these rooms will raise the price of the room by \$5.00/night, or, if a cot or rollaway is requested, by \$5.50.

... In addition, the hotel will be offering special rates for students: high school -- \$6.50/night; college -- \$7.50/night. These rates are based on two or three persons per room. However, the hotel cannot handle finding roommates for individuals; each student must find his own roommates before applying for

the special rate. Married students may bring their spouses at the same rate.

HUCKSTERING? Six-foot tables are \$10.00 for the duration of the convention. Tables may be reserved in advance by writing MINICON, P.O. Box 2128, Loop Station, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402. Make checks payable to MINICON. Mostly first-come, first-served.

ART SHOW: Entry fee is 25¢/item, and cash prizes will be awarded. Anything is eligible as long as it has at least some relevance to SF, fantasy, or whatever. And we're easy to convince.... For more information, write us at MINICON, P.O. Box 2128, Loop Station, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402.

AUCTIONS: We're planning on holding several, including (perhaps) one at midnight. The Committee would like to encourage those submitting entries to inform us as early as possible. For that reason, we will split the auction proceeds 80%/20% (in the donor's favor) if we are provided with the following information by 1 April, 1977: donor's name, title and description of each article to be auctioned (e.g., oil painting, 1st edition hardback, etc.). Write Auction, c/o MINICON, P.O. Box 2128, Loop Station, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402.

Space is still available for advertising in the second (and last) Progress Report, or in the Program Book. Advertising will cost \$10.00/page for fans, \$20.00/page for professionals. Advertising copy must measure 5½" X 8½" (including margins), and must be photoready. The Second Progress Report will be out in late February, and will go to over 1000 people. Ads for the Program Book must be received by March 31. Make checks payable to MINICON, and send materials to MINICON, P.O. Box 2128, Loop Station, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402.

DIRECTIONS: Approaching downtown Minneapolis from the East (on I-94) or from North or South (on I-35W) -- take the 11th Street exit. Be careful: the hotel is only a block from the top of the exit ramp. And if you try to come in from the NorthWest on I-94 -- try to head for downtown, and good luck!

ALMOST FORGOT: PARTIES -- No beer kegs are allowed into the hotel. The MINICON will provide beer, wine, blog and pop in the partysuite -- BYOB. If you want hard stuff, be advised that Minnesota has high prices and early-closing licquor stores.

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