

All The News That's On The Bus

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## A Reminder About Our Hotel...

During Minicon 33, please remember to be kind to our hotels – the Radisson, the Sofitel, the Wyndham Garden, and the Holiday Inn. We've been here quite awhile, and we're likely to be here again. In fact, whichever convention you plan on attending next year here in Minneapolis (be it Minicon, MarsCon, or Convergence), it'll be right here at the Radisson South.

So remember to treat the hotels well – pick up after yourself, don't mark things up or break things, don't forget to tip the maid, all that. After all, you're likely to be here again next year.

Thanks! *(a friendly reminder from the Minicon 33 Exec)*

## Spindizzies Hit Twin Cities!

—Sharon Kahn

Conventions have funny life cycles. Sometimes they shoot across the skies like a comet, sometimes they build slowly to a moment of glory and then burn themselves out, and sometimes they just grow steadily until they start shooting off spinoffs (hereafter, with a nod to James Blish, referred to as "Spindizzies.")

Minicon has spawned some very notable Spindizzies in its time.

The first and longest-running is the seemingly endless parade of Fall Conventions. As different committees have taken their turn at the fall slot and implement their particular vision, the fall convention has ranged in scope from the slightest of relaxacons to the gloriously ambitious string of ReinCONations. Last year, ReinCON never built up a full head of steam and drifted into the station as a string of great local parties and no clear plans for 1998. But Fallcon never dies! It will be reborn this year in yet another form. Watch for fliers at the con, and the roving registration station.

Fourth Street Fantasy Convention, for instance, was started in 1986 by a group of active Minnstf members and local writers and ran for 9 years. Originally conceived as an unpretentious little brother to the World Fantasy Convention, Fourth Street's motto was, "The best convention on the block!" In its 8th year, the Fourth Street Committee bid for and won the right to put on World Fantasy Con right here in Minneapolis.

S.F. Minnesota's Diversicon was a different type of spin-off convention. While Fourth Street focused narrowly on issues of interest to writers, editors and "serious readers," S.F. Minnesota takes as its guiding principle, "Diversity through Speculative Fiction." Heading into its 6th year, Diversicon is still going strong.

Meanwhile, Minicon continues to grow in popularity, and finds itself increasingly less able to be all things to all con-goers. When the Minicon 34 bid went to the High-Res Committee (which has a stated aim of making Minicon smaller and more focused), the stage was set for a new crop of Spindizzies. Two new conventions are announcing their plans for 1999 at this year's Minicon: Marscon and Convergence. These proposed cons won't just happen by themselves - they need the support and hard work of a good member base. A good place to learn about these new cons is at the Krushenko's "local con party", 9 pm - 2 am, Saturday night, Room 2214. *Check out their hospitality suites at rooms 106 and 124 poolside.*

## BBT 98.2 Announcements

### Sales Table Hours

Fri noon-8:00  
Sat noon-6:00  
Sun 10 am - 3 pm

### Gaming Schedule for Friday, in Sofitel

4 - 10 pm Vampire, the Masquerade (Beginners): Paris  
6 - 10 pm City Raven: Lyon  
6 - 10 pm Chartmaster: Cannes  
6 - 10 pm Part1 Feng Shui Adventure: Toulouse  
6 - 10 pm Tempest: Bordeaux

### Programming Ops Moved!

The Bridge would like you to know that Programming Ops, which used to be where the Bridge is now, has moved to Atrium II, in the Plaza Tower.

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## The Minnesota Munchie Movement

is in room 722.

## Author reading in the Sofitel Fountainbleu Room:

Friday 2000: Lois McMaster Bujold

## Highly Recommended Friday Parties!

2214 Krushenko's TOTU "Not-A-Publication Party"

9 pm - 2am

108 Philly in 2001 Bid Party

9:30 - 12:30

## The Look-and-Feel So Far It's Minicon!

—Karen Cooper

Me, I can't tell the difference between Thursday night and Friday afternoon. The Great Hall foyer is just as crowded with people. The walls are just as covered with party adverts. Maybe there's a few more hall costumes on Friday. Certainly more people were waiting for their registration packets on Thursday.

I heard they had to start badging the consuite on Thursday night, the body count was that high. It's time, I think, to drop the pretense: Minicon starts on Thursday.

## Call for Volunteers

I dropped in the Registration Office to ask about attendance numbers. Before I could ask, a weary volunteer (who'd worked last night, too), asked if he could be replaced, as he'd been on duty for several hours. I hied myself off to the Volunteers desk, where one lone staffer had a total pool of no available warm bodies. She wrote down my request for a replacement registration worker, and started asking passers-by to volunteer some time. I headed back toward the registration area, and walked past Boston fan Chip Hitchcock, whom I asked for help. He had a few minutes and chipped in to man the laminator.

I still don't have the registration numbers, but at least that department is still up and running. Now, I'm not actually on the committee, and I'm not working in registration. I just helped out and solved a problem that needed solving. You can solve problems, too, and you should. That's what makes Minicon work. If you don't, who do you think is going to?

## Sharp Dressed Man Award

Anybody else think Erik "On The Exec" Baker looked pretty darned spiff in that pinstriped suit last night?

## The Television Channel

The constantly flipping screens showing the play set-up were hard to watch, but the long-running Mars Con 1999 advert caused me to wonder if they are planning to serve chowder at their convention? And, I thought Pat, Pam, and Laura looked like sure-nuff pros on their television show. Nice job, ladies.

## 1998 Hugo Nominations:

### BEST NOVEL

Forever Peace by Joe Haldeman (Ace)

Frameshift by Robert J. Sawyer (Tor, SFBC)

The Rise of Endymion by Dan Simmons (Bantam Spectra, SFBC, Headline [UK])

Jack Faust by Michael Swanwick (Avon, SFBC, Orion/Millennium [UK])

City on Fire by Walter Jon Williams (HarperPrism, SFBC)

### BEST NOVELLA

"The Funeral March of the Marionettes" by Adam-Troy Castro (F&FS July 1997)

"Ecopoeisis" by Geoffrey A. Landis (SF Age May 1997)

"Loose Ends" by Paul Levinson (Analog May 1997)

"Marrow" by Robert Reed (SF Age July 1997)

"...Where Angels Fear To Tread" by Allen Steele (Asimov's October-November 1997)

### BEST NOVELETTE

"Moon Six" by Stephen Baxter (SF Age March 1997)

"Broken Symmetry" by Michael A. Burstein (Analog February 1997)

"Three Hearings on the Existence of Snakes in the Human Bloodstream" by James Alan Gardner (Asimov's February 1997)

"We Will Drink A Fish Together..." by Bill Johnson (Asimov's May 1997)

"The Undiscovered" by William Sanders (Asimov's March 1997)

### BEST SHORT STORY

"Beluthahatchie" by Andy Duncan (Asimov's March 1997)

"Standing Room Only" by Karen Joy Fowler (Asimov's August 1997)

"Itsy Bitsy Spider" by James Patrick Kelly (Asimov's June 1997)

"The 43 Antarean Dynasties" by Mike Resnick (Asimov's December 1997)

"The Hand You're Dealt" by Robert J. Sawyer (Free Space, Tor)

"No Planets Strike" by Gene Wolfe (F&SF January 1997)  
(There are six items due to a tie for fifth place.)

### BEST RELATED BOOK

Space Travel by Ben Bova with Anthony R. Lewis (Writer's Digest Books)

The Encyclopedia of Fantasy edited by John Clute & John Grant (St. Martin's Press)

Infinite Worlds by Vincent DiFate (Penguin Studio)

Spectrum IV: The Best in Contemporary Fantastic Art edited by Cathy Fenner & Arnie Fenner with Jim Loehr (Underwood Books)

Reflections and Refractions: Thoughts on Science-Fiction, Science and Other Matters by Robert Silverberg (Underwood Books)

### Jeopardy Question:

Dick, Sturgeon, Heinlein, Frank.

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### Kashia Ferguson gave birth

to necfan Autumn Skye LeBeau on Wed. 4/8 and won't be here this year.