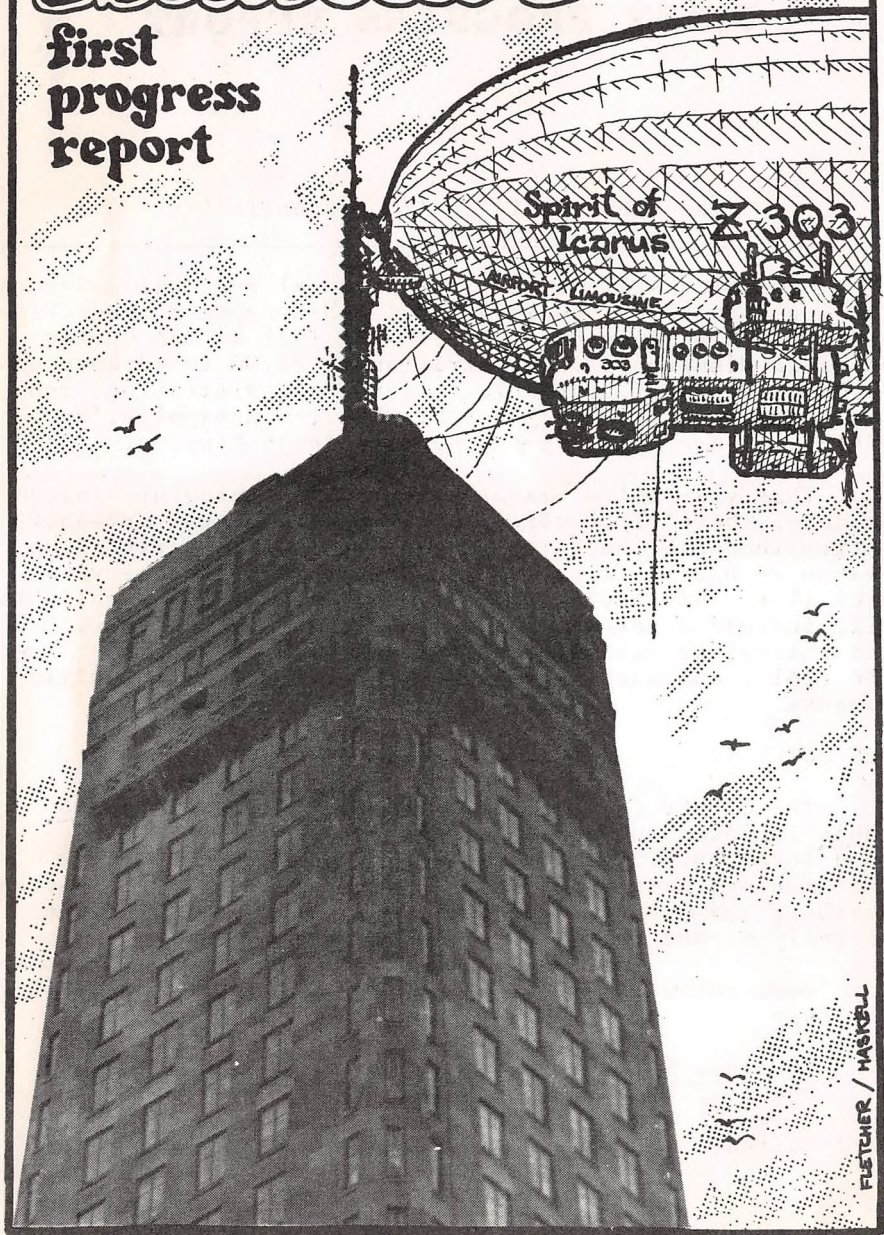


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THE HOTEL (Continued)

Family rates are also available, and there is free parking to registered guests in the Curtis Ramp (which is connected by a skyway to the hotel.) You may register from the lobby or the parking ramp, if you wish.

There are two swimming pools in the hotel's garden court. One is enclosed, and the other is open to the sky. Only registered guests in the hotel may swim in the pools, however.

Our meeting space is an experiment that we hope will work well for regional, medium-sized conventions: convention registration, art-show and huckster's area, and (separated by sound-proofing) the program auditorium will be in one large room. We've arranged it so that the entire area will be both convenient and secure.

HUCKSTER'S ROOM ARRANGEMENTS

Charge per table is \$5.00 for the whole convention. We'll provide covers for the tables, and keep the room as secure as possible. However, hucksters will be responsible for their stock's safety. For information or reservation of tables, contact Walt Schwartz (4138 Wentworth Ave. S., Minneapolis, Mn., 55421).

THE ART-SHOW

The art-show will be held in the same area as the huckster's facilities, along the lines of last year's Minicon.

All entrants must assume responsibility for the delivery and pick-up of their own work. An entry fee of 50 cents per piece will be charged.

Four prizes will be awarded: Best of Show, plus two honorable mentions to be awarded by the judges; and a prize for the Most Popular in Show to be determined by ballot of the convention membership.

Any type of art -- painting, drawing, prints or sculptures -- showing some relationship to science fiction or fantasy may be submitted. All work will be juried by the judges, and any work not accepted will be returned, together with the entry fee, after the show.

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We will be able to put up for auction art by artists unable to attend the con. We'll publish dates by which such art must be submitted (plus the address to send them to) in the second progress report.

PUBLICATIONS

All publications for Minicon 4 will be published in the 8½" by 5½" size. They'll be printed by photo-offset methods; thus all advertisements must be camera ready.

Rates are as follows, for both progress reports and program book: Full-page: \$8.00; half-page: \$5.00. Please make all checks payable to Minicon.

Dimensions for the ads for both program book and progress reports are: Full-page: 5½" x 9"; half-page: 5½" x 4½", or for columnar ads: 2-¾" x 9". These are the dimensions of the margins of your ad copy. Please do not exceed them.

Deadlines for ads: Second progress report: 27 November, 1970; Third Progress report: 26 March, 1971; Program Book: 4 June, 1971.

Mail all advertising copy, with payment, to Jim Young (1948 Ulysses St. N.E., Minneapolis, Mn., 55418).

We'll be sending off the progress reports to about 1000 people, and they would make a very convenient advertising place....

GETTING HERE FROM THERE

No matter where you live it's easy to reach Minneapolis, and especially the Curtis hotel. If you're flying in, the hotel is one of the first stops for limousines and buses. And if you're driving in, the hotel is at the foot of the I-35W and I-94 downtown exits. If you're coming in by train or bus, it's only a matter of a ten minute bus-ride to the hotel. (Of course if you like to walk, it can be a very pleasant stroll up the Nicollet Mall to the Curtis, of a summer day.)

We think this Minicon is going to be better than any of the previous Minneapolis regionals. With a good hotel, more Minn-stffers working on the con than ever before, and the finest programming we've yet come up with, it's sure to be a lot of fun. We'd like to see you there!

MINICON 4

FIRST PROGRESS REPORT

The Minneapolis in '73 convention!

Minicon 4 will be the fourth annual regional science fiction convention sponsored by the Minnesota Science Fiction Society. It will be held June 18-20, 1971 at the Curtis hotel in Minneapolis. Registration is \$2.00 in advance or \$3.00 at the door. For information and registration, contact Jim Young (1948 Ulysses St. N.E., Minneapolis, Mn., 55418). Please make all checks payable to Minicon.

This year we've planned the most extravagant Minicon to date. There'll be more programming, a larger art-show, better-than-ever huckster's area, and a fine party. (The reason we use the singular re the party is because we expect it to last the entire con....) Programming highlights will include a science fiction college bowl, speeches by and interviews with professional authors, chaos games in the pools, and much, much more, including a buffet-style banquet.

THE HOTEL

The Curtis is located at 10th Street and 4th Avenue South in downtown Minneapolis. It's a fine hotel in a good location. There are two 24-hour-a-day restaurants just a block away, a late-night grocery store a few blocks farther; and our worldcon bid hotel, The Leamington, is directly across the street from the Curtis.

Room rates are nice and low, as well. They go as follows:

Singles, \$11.50 per night.
Doubles, \$14.50 per night.
Twins, \$16.50 per night.
Suites, \$50.00 per night.