

NOVACON 3

Organised by the Birmingham Science Fiction Group

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P.R.3

Hi fans, it's Novacon 3 again, dropping another P.R. onto your hungry, hairy, little doormats.

Well we've several big things to tell. The most important being that:-

THE GUEST OF HONOUR OF NOVACON 3 WILL BE H.KENNETH BULMER.

Author of much, fan of many, friend to all, not to mention editor of 'New writings in S.F.'

Next announcement : Novacon 3 will be having not a banquet but a grand buffet(not to be confused with British Rails excuse for transport cafe.)

We also give you fair warning that there will be a discussion of the Hugo award nominations, which are:

The Gods Themselves	Asimov
Choice of Gods	Sinek
There Will Be Time	Anderson
Dying Inside	Silverberg
Book of Skulls	Silverberg
When Harlie Was One	Gerrold

Please read as many of these as possible(most are available in American paperback or British hardcover)(from your local library 0000)

Watch this space and convince friends you really are insane.

We will again be holding a Fancy-Dress party this con. This year there will be positively no admission to anyone not in fancy-dress. It need not be elaborate, and there is no compulsion to enter the contest, though the customary booze will be awarded.

Costumes entered for the contest must be somehow linked with S.F. If in doubt the judges may ask for the link to be explained. So get thinking and creating and a whole bottle of luvrly plonk could be yours.

BOOK ROOM

For book dealers who want to display and sell their S.F.materials we have moved you to the Stafford Room, which is larger and directly between the bar and the Convention Hall. Charges stay the same as last year with one slight alteration. The cost per table (size 6' by 2½') will remain at £1, but if you have your tables in threes we will only charge you £2.50 for a group of three. To reserve table, floor or wall space the charges are the same. Please write to GEOFFREY WINTERMAN (address below) and let him know your requirements.

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We have decided to have a separate Art Room this year, and the cost for artwork that is for sale, will be 10% of price up to 50p. Artwork too priceless to sell will be accepted for display free at, of course, the owners risk.
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WAR-GAMERS !!!

The wargame display in the bookroom during Novacon 2 prompted much interest and discussion, and we hope to repeat this activity this year, giving the enthusiasts more space - even, possibly a room of their own.
If anyone would like to entertain us with a wargame, play some demonstration games

for example, please contact GEOFFREY WINTERMAN.
Someone somewhere must have invented an S.F. WAR GAME, come on - bring it along !

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AUCTION

As Novacon 3 draws near and your committee begin to put the programme items into some sort of order, someone says 'When shall we have the auction', says I, 'All we have so far is a dozen books and one piece of artwork! Well they all say you had better start asking for things. So here I am asking that oft repeated PR question. If you have anything you would like to donate to the auction

BOOKS FANZINES ARTWORK ETC we would be very pleased to receive it. If you have too much to post and live within ten miles of Birmingham I will gladly pick it up if you drop me a line.

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124, Galton Road,
Smethwick
Warley,
Worcs.
B67 5JS

Otherwise please bring it to a group meeting or the Con itself.

Advertising rates for the programme booklet will be:

£1.50 Full Page 75p Half Page.
Non-pro ads £1.00 Full Page 50p Half Page.

Copy requirements: The size of the booklet will be A5 (8 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 5 $\frac{7}{8}$ ") printed offset litho, black ink on white paper, all half tones must be screened and typeset by the advertiser. FINAL COPY DATE SEPTEMBER 21st.

THE NOVA

Many of you have still NOT sent in your nominations for the best British fanzine!!

Some very good zines have been nominated, but there are lost more that deserve recognition. You avid readers of S.F. and goers to Conventions must have a favourite zine, so send your nominations to:

GILLON FIELD
109, Windsor Road,
HALESOWEN,
Worcs.

See you next P.R.

Be good

H.C. Reynolds.