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DEADLINES: PR #3, March 15

PR #4, May 1

Program Book, June 1

(Absolute Deadline: June 15)

WESTERCON PROGRAM is coming along apace: Jack Vance will be our Guest of Honor, and Alva Rogers will be Fan Guest of Honor; Alva is known to old-timers and newcomers alike for his remarkable artwork, his talented pen (witness his history of Astounding Science-Fiction currently running in Viper), and his able execution of many offices in fan-clubs in the San Francisco Bay Area. Also to be seen at the conference will be Poul Anderson, A. E. van Vogt, Robert Bloch, Fritz Leiber, James H. Schmitz, Mark Clifton, Ray Bradbury, and multitudes of other fans and pros.

ANTHONY BOUCHER will again command the evening as Master of Ceremonies at banquet time, and during the banquet, usually so long on unprogrammed munching, your attention will be delightfully distracted by a display of futuristic costumes and styles on attractive models...the first West Coast Fashion Show. Another First, the West Coast Fan Art Show, will be on exhibit to the public all day, both days; your membership will entitle you to vote for the Award of Merit.

PANELS and other events are scheduled to provide a variety of entertainment, including a panel discussing SF movies, & a showing of a classic SF film.

THE HOTEL ALEXANDRIA, which so well housed the 1958 World SF Convention, is providing the Westercon XV with special convention rates; there will be a flat room rate for all attendees, and all rooms will be in the newly redecorated portion of the hotel. Insofar as possible, unless otherwise requested, all will be on the same floor.

ROOM RATES:	Singles	\$7.00
	Doubles	8.50
	Twins	10.00
	Triples	12.50

Circle this price on the room of your choice on the enclosed reservation card and return it immediately (no postage needed) to help your committee, the Hotel, and yourself.

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BANQUET MENU will be one-half roast chicken, soup, salad, vegetable, potato, drink and dessert. Cost is \$4.00 per person, a very reasonable figure for a banquet. The best time to make reservations, of course, is right now, and you can ensure yours by enclosing \$4.00 with the banquet card accompanying this Progress Report. Send another \$1.00 for membership and assure yourself of further Reports and a low membership number. Make all checks payable to William B. Ellern, Treasurer.

~~THE WESTERCON XV Committee in-~~
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JACK VANCE

to be
Guest of Honor, and got this
reply...

Your invitation is very flat-
tering. I haven't been partic-
ularly active in the SF field
during the last few years and
on this account feel a qualm
or two about accepting. But
why fight it? I'll submerge my
few remaining tatters of modesty
and sense of fitness and accept
with pleasure.

Re speeches: a dismal aspect of
the proceedings. Everything
interesting and significant (as
well as everything uninterest-
ing and trivial) has already
been said, not once, not twice,
but ad infinitum. I'd prefer
to judge a beauty contest, or
dive into a vat of beer from a
height of five feet. But you
possibly have your heart set
on a speech, so I'll start
thinking along those lines.

Sincerely,

Jack Vance

JACK VANCE is one of the most
original authors in the genre
well-known for such books as
the classic Big Planet, The
Languages of Pao, and The Dy-
ing Earth. His most recent
magazine appearance was "I-C-
a-BEM" in the October, 1961,
issue of Amazing Stories.

"There is a Monster Fandom, too," says Don Franson in his recently published Fandbook #1, "A Key to the Terminology of Science Fiction Fandom," and Mr. Science Fiction is currently at a fever-pitch of activity in the role of Mr. Monster. Are you used to Forrie Ackerman as Toastmaster (with his incredible Toastmaster joke), Agent, Writer & Fan in the s-f field? For the jolt of your life, rush to your newsstand for a view of him as Editor and Critic (raking the horror films over the coals with his incredible Toastmonster joke) and pick up the bi-monthly collector's item of photographs from outre films old and new, liberally spiced with the inimitable Ackermanese.

FAMOUS MONSTERS OF FILMLAND

35¢ at all newsstands

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THE LOS ANGELES SCIENCE-FANTASY SOCY

meets every Thursday at 8:00 pm; phone DU 90619 for information as to location. LASFS meetings feature discussion of anything under the sun or in it, with informal business, reviews of recent science fiction, and refreshments. Guests always welcome.

SHANGRI-L'AFFAIRES, official organ of the LASFS, is bi-monthly; the April issue will be the E. E. Smith appreciation issue and will feature an index of "Doc" Smith's Lensmen stories. Sample 25¢ from Fred Patten, c/o 222 S. Gramercy Pl, LA 4.