

Messenger Mountain

Messenger Mountain #3: Sunday, July 4, 1982. The third daily zine of WesterCon-35.

The revised straight poop: Yesterday, an item appeared in this publication regarding an incident involving Dr. Jerry Pournelle and Greg Hildebrand. To remedy possibly incorrect impressions resulting from that item, this additional information is provided.

Dr. Jerry Pournelle did not convert his memberships in advance of the convention because he did not know in advance who would be using them. He did not pick them up Thursday evening when he arrived because Registration had closed.

Friday morning, Dr. Pournelle's children were refused entry to convention activities because they did not yet have their badges. The registration worker refused to issue them the badges designated "Guest of Jerry Pournelle". The children awoke Dr. Pournelle, who told them to go back to registration and explain that they had his permission to have the badges issued.

After two attempts, Dr. Pournelle got out of bed. Arriving at the Registration desk, he made an angry grab for the badges in Greg Hildebrand's hand and, although he doesn't remember it, accidentally hit Greg in a glancing swipe.

Both parties were separated and cooled off.

After reading yesterday's daily zine, Dr. Pournelle denied striking Greg, but after being informed that he actually had connected, contacted Greg, apologized, and offered to pay for any damages. Greg said none had been incurred, accepted the apology, and they sat down together and had a couple of drinks.

Dr. Pournelle and several other people feel that it was unreasonable for Registration and Operations personnel to refuse to issue his guest badges to his children, who had his explicit permission to pick them up and could have been identified by several bystanders. The WesterCon-35 committee feels it is unreasonable for Dr. Pournelle to expect a special case to be made for him.

We need your con reports: If we are to have any sort of accurate gauge of the success of this convention, it would be helpful to see the con reports that come out of it. You can help us out by sending copies of those con reports to us at P.O. Box 11644, Phoenix, Az. 85061. Thanx--we appreciate it.

Government in space: Visit the L-5 Society table, in the Ballroom Foyer, to pick up FREE literature and "write-in" information. Remember, only you can prevent the U.S. from being the only country without an effective space program! Help spread the word about the L-5 Society! Help write letters on-the-spot to your congresscritter or the White House! Do it now!

Government out of space: Think before you do the above! Mankind cannot effectively gain the stars as long as space is a government monopoly. Let's not export our national boundaries. Keep the High Frontier free. Write your congresscritter and tell him your tax dollars are better off in your pocket, and leave space (and everything else) to those willing to conquer it with their own money.

Messenger Mountain is published by the WesterCon-35 Publications Department, Don Markstein, editor. Published daily. Material for inclusion in #4 should be dropped off in the Fanzine Room no later than 8:00 p.m. Sunday.

Sacto in '85 Bid: First off, we are *not* the same as the Sacramento in '85 bid. They are an entirely separate committee. Secondly, we are very much in evidence at this WesterCon. Our committee is serving in various capacities in Registration, Security, Programming, and whatever else needs to be done. Our chairman, Laura Williams, is a Senior Staff member in Operations.

We are selling pre-supporting memberships for fifty cents, which entitles you to a Sacto in '85 button and copies of our progress reports as they come out. (PR Zero will be out when we get it done.) You will also be on the Tricon mailing list. (Tricon is our local con.) If you have any questions, just look for one of our committee buttons (and ~~stupid~~ confused looks).

Sneeho: As we go to press, we are happy to announce that Friday's Sneeho players are recovering nicely and all formal charges have been dropped. The accomplishment of spelling out "Space--The Final Frontier" in deck chairs was a resounding success! Also, the collection of hotel staffers and stray hucksters is growing alarmingly in the closet of the Sneehive. Several noted sci-fi authors have graciously autographed copies of their joint bestseller, *Be My Guest* (written under the dubious *nom de plume* of Conrad Hilton). But really now, all seriousness aside, the schedule of remaining Sneeho rounds is as follows:

Sunday

- 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. -- Round 6 Registration
- 2 p.m. - 9 p.m. -- SNEEHO -- Round 6
- 10 p.m. - 11 p.m. -- Round 7 Registration
- 11 p.m. - 10 a.m. -- SNEEHO, Round 7.

The Sneeho Top Ten will be announced at 12:30 p.m. Monday, at the Sneehive, Room 712.

Apa-59 Revisited: Apa-59, the apa published every 59 minutes, will *try* to get off the ground beginning at 2:00 Sunday afternoon in the Fanzine Room (hotel's Pima Room). People who wish to contribute should have material for the first mailing typed, written or drawn on stencil (stencils and typers available in the Fanzine Room). You can contribute either a page of your own, or we'll have one typer reserved for people to take turns typing a few lines each on a stencil. Stencil deadline for the first mailing will be 2:00, with (hopefully) the first completed copies out by 2:15. Subsequent deadlines will be 2:59, 3:58, 4:57 and so on till we stop. Get material for Apa-59 to B.D. Arthurs, Fanzine Room Honcho.

For sale: One box of 500 multilith masters. Of small value to present owner. Make offer for all or part. Contact Scott Norton, Room 1635, or leave a message on the bulletin board at the top of the escalator next to the Registration area.

D&D players: Also players of other fantasy role playing games. (The press release is unclear as to whether Sneehons are included.) Contact Bjo (anywhere at the convention you can find her) about an article in preparation on games-playing and religious misconceptions of same. Need feedback, opinions and other information.

Sunday films: 8:00 a.m., *Them* (Ballroom). 10:00, *Zardoz* (Ballroom). 12:00, *Doc Savage, Man of Bronze* (Ballroom). 2:00 p.m., *Forbidden Planet* (Apache Room). 3:45, *Fantastic Planet* (Apache Room). 5:00, *Alice in Wonderland* (Apache Room). 5:15, *Watership Down* (Apache Room). 7:00, *Time Bandits* (Hopi-B). 9:00, *The Wickerman* (Hopi-B). 10:00, *Fantastic Voyage* (Apache Room). 11:00, *Alien* (Ballroom). Monday wee hours: 1:30 a.m., *Asylum* (Ballroom). 3:20, *Tales from the Crypt* (Ballroom). 5:00, *Games* (Ballroom). 5:20, *Images of Life* (Ballroom). The room will close from 6:00 to 8:00 a.m. so the hotel staff can clean it up.

Lost and found: A silver ring with a turquoise stone, left in the Green Room, can be picked up by the owner at Operations, Hopi-A Room (behind Registration) any time Sunday.