

18 May

WESTERCON XVIII PROGRESS REPORT 3



HOTEL RESERVATIONS

The Edgewater Inn is giving us special off-season rates: \$10/singles, \$14/doubles/twins, and \$25-\$45 for suites. A \$3.00 charge is added for each extra person ~~they pay~~ in the rooms. Persons who forget to specify they are Westercon attendees when checking in will be charged normal [higher] summer rates.

It will be false economy to plan on a last-minute check of local fan-arrangements before finally deciding to get a room in the hotel. The Edgewater is many miles from the nearest fan haven where you might ordinarily save hotel fees by sleeping on the couch. Unless, of course, you don't mind spending your con-time driving back and forth instead of drinking and filk-singing at late, late fan parties at the hotel.

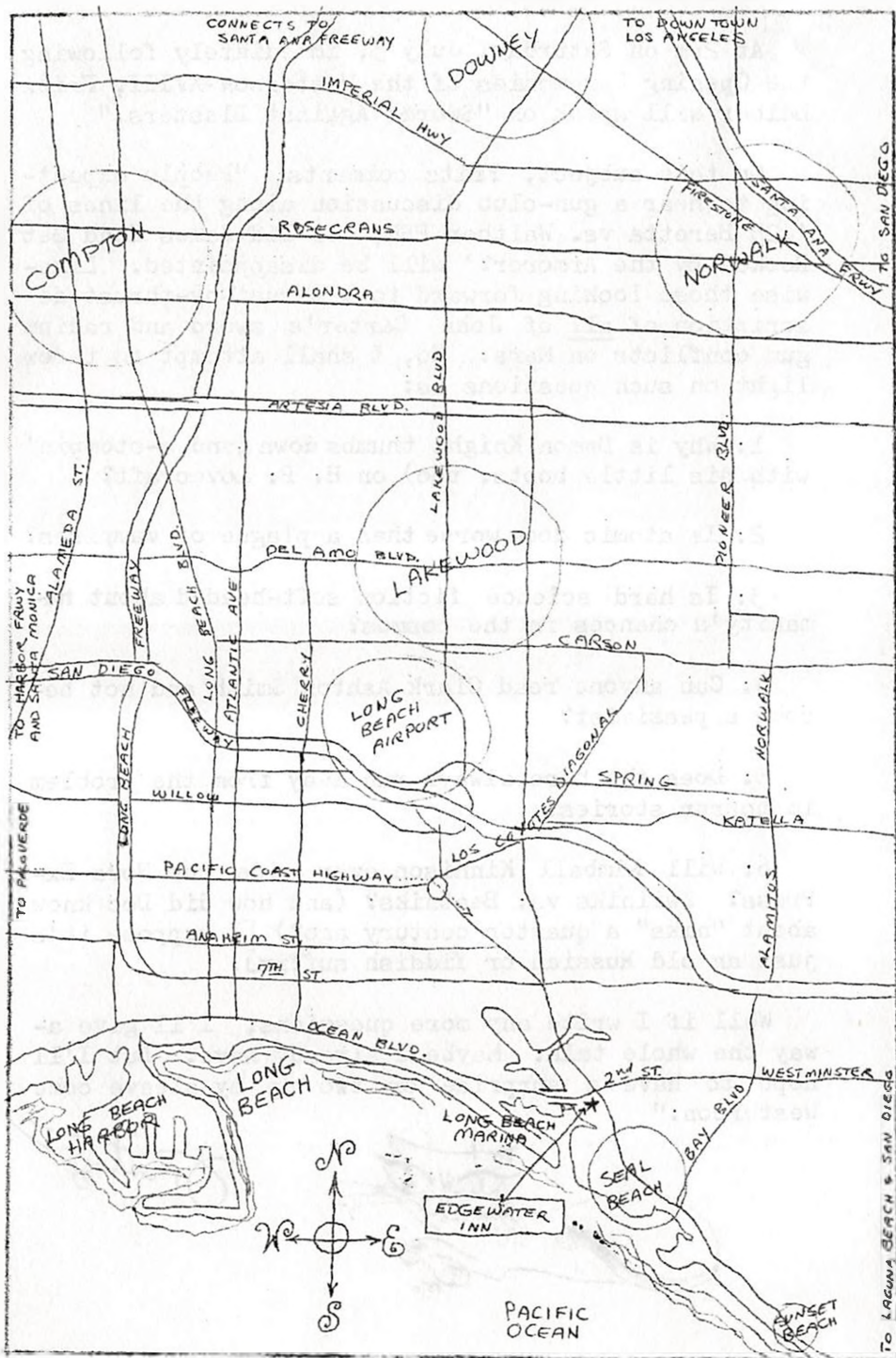
The hotel has 200 sleeping rooms, approximately half of which have been put on reserve in a block for the Westercon. But these rooms will not be held on reserve longer than June 1, 1965, because this is prime tourist season for any beach town hotel.

RIGHT NOW, WHILE YOU HAVE IT TO HAND, SEND IN THE RESERVATION CARD: REMEMBER THE DEADLINE & DON'T BE LEFT OUT COME WESTERCON TIME!

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LONCON II

The 23rd World Science Fiction Convention will be held in London, England, during August Bank Holiday, August 28, 29, and 30, 1965. Memberships are \$2.00 plus another dollar registration for attendees. The worldcon needs your support--if you join NOW there is still a chance to vote for the Hugos. Send \$2.00 to US Agent, Bill Evans, Box 86, Mt. Ranier, Maryland, 20822 or to the treasurer, Mr. James A. Groves 29 Lathom Road, London, E.6, England. Please make checks payable to "23rd World S.F. Convention."



FRITZ LEIBER TO SPEAK

At 2pm on Saturday, July 3, immediately following the Opening Ceremonies of the Westercon XVIII, Fritz Leiber will speak on "Swords Against Blasters."

On this subject, Fritz comments, "People expecting to hear a gun-club discussion along the lines of '.25 Beretta vs. Walther PPK, or Did James Bond Get Rooked By the Armorer?' will be disappointed. Likewise those looking forward to a thrust-by-thrust description of all of John Carter's sword and radium gun conflicts on Mars. No, I shall attempt to throw light on such questions as:

1. Why is Damon Knight thumbs down (and a-stompin' with his little boots, too) on H. P. Lovecraft?

2. Is atomic doom worse than a plague of vampires?

3. Is hard science fiction soft-headed about humanity's chances in the cosmos?

4. Can anyone read Clark Ashton Smith and not become a pessimist?

5. Does the hero always run away from the problem in horror stories?

6. Will Kimball Kinnison ever ride the Nova Express? Zwilniks vs. Beatniks? (and how did Doc know about "niks" a quarter century ago?) [I suppose it's just an old Russian or Yiddish suffix].

Well if I write any more questions, I'll give away the whole talk. Maybe I already have. But I'll hope to have a surprise or two up my sleeve come Westercon."



Fritz

PROGRAM NOTES

RELAXATION is the word for Westercon XVIII, and this includes the committee! We've tried to keep the program from interfering with the fan-gab [the prime reason for attending a con] while providing enough events to entertain everyone. There will be plenty of time to visit the bar, the art show, take a quick dip in the pool or head for the beach, and still make most of the program items.

Quality instead of quantity will be the keynote! RAY BRADBURY will speak on Sunday afternoon, just prior to the Meet the Author Social. LEN MOFFATT & WALT DAUGHERTY will hold several auctions. KATYA HULAN will wear her Yellow Dress and raffle off art for the Institute for Specialized Literature. BJO TRIMBLE will direct the West Coast artists' display of Project Art Show.

To further committee relaxation, we have asked Anthony Boucher to be Parliamentarian and conduct the Business Meeting, which should guarantee a well-run session.

There will be movies, displays, and other items for your pleasure and interest.

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Other "Ring" material has included

Roger Zelazny's "Song of the Ring"

and C. S. Lewis's "End of the Wine."

THE BANQUET

A swinging affair scheduled for Sunday afternoon, July 4th, is the banquet, which features two top pro writers, Guest of Honor Frank Herbert and Master of Ceremonies Kris Neville.

Mr. Herbert mentions that he has "enough obscene jokes to occupy 15 minutes of speech making. They can all be given an SF flavor." And Mr. Neville, in spite of his experience in delivering his own Guest of Honor speech at Westercon XVI, plus his impromptu "sermons", says that he has never been an MC before, "which should guarantee terrified spontaneity."

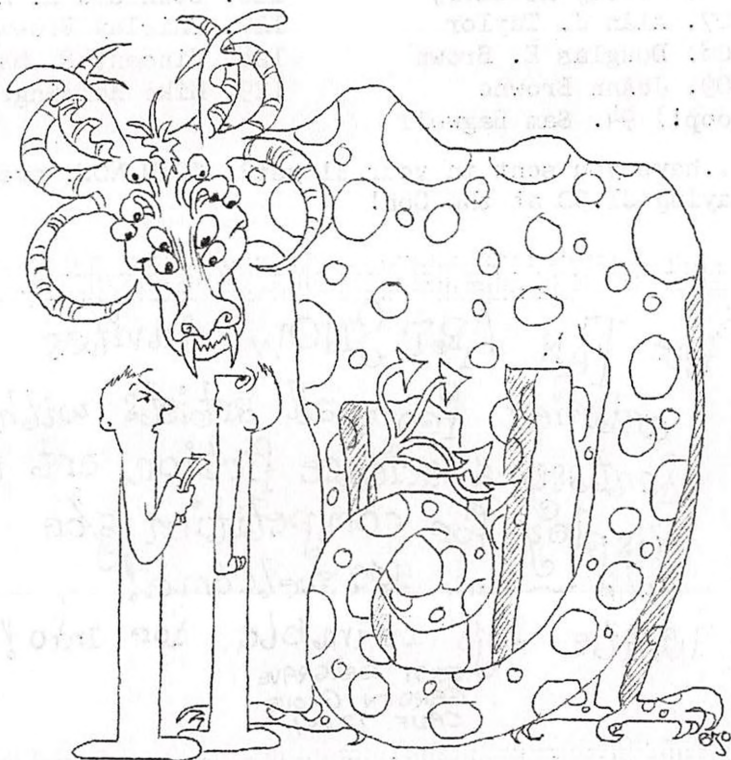
The stuffed roast boneless capon with salad, vegetables, dessert & beverage is \$3.00 now. A maximum of 175 tickets are available and many are reserved already. Banquet tickets sold at the registration desk after the Westercon opens will be \$3.25, so reserve your tickets now. Make checks payable to Rick Sneary, please!



THE COSTUME BALL

Lee Jacobs, late of the Fabulous Queebcon, and Ed Cox, of Bheer and Jazz Fandom, have agreed to select the music for the Westercon XVIII Discothèque Masque Ball. They promise a real Fantasy à Go Go on Sateve July 3rd, for listening, dancing, or ignoring.

Prizes will be for Most Beautiful Costume, Most Authentic Science Fiction or Fantasy Costume, Best Presentation, three Judges' Choices, and a Sweepstakes Prize chosen from among the winners. Groups will be judged in the category most appropriate for their costume theme. "Best Presentation" is to encourage those who wish to dramatize their costumes. Arrangements will be made to best facilitate each individual entry so that one costume will not "hog the whole show for the entire evening."



"Give it the **BEST GROUP** prize, and settle the whole problem!"

More WESTERCON XVIII Members....

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| 89. Kris Carey | 110. Paul G. Herkart |
| 90. William M. Donaho | 111. Barbara May |
| 91. Steve Tolliver | 112. Owen Hannifin |
| 92. Sylvia Dees | 113. Phil Castora |
| 93. Thomas McElrath | 114. William Rostler |
| 95. Joe Rolfe | 115. A. Barney Bernard |
| 96. Felice Rolfe | 116. Cynthia Goldstone |
| 97. John Hull | 117. Fritz Leiber |
| 98. J. Ben Stark | 118. Bill Collins |
| 99. Phil Salin | 119. Charles Ammann |
| 100. Norm Metcalf | 120. Earline Rogers |
| 101. Bernie Zuber | 121. John Koritar |
| 102. Alan J. Lewis | 122. Raymond Storie |
| 103. Dan Alderson | 123. Redd Boggs |
| 104. Ray M. Walker | 124. Gretchen Schwenn |
| 105. Clifton Amsbury | 125. Lyn E. Stier |
| 106. Jeremy A. Barry | 126. Stanford Z. Meschkow |
| 107. Alan J. Taylor | 127. Shirley Freeman |
| 108. Douglas E. Brown | 128. Vincent R. Marshall |
| 109. JoAnn Browne | 129. Mike Holsinger |
| (oop!) 94. Sam Bagwell | |

...have you sent in your \$1 yet? JOIN NOW; avoid paying \$1.50 at the Con!

the FAN ART SHOW invites
entries from all artists with
fantasy & science fiction art to
display for competition & for
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