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The Hotel

The Town and Country Hotel has 1000 sleeping rooms (including 64 suites) and over 165,000 square feet of function space — not to mention a jacuzzi large enough for an average-sized room party!! It'd be a great place to hold any convention, and we're very fortunate to have reserved it for Westercon 39.

The City

Over a dozen restaurants and a large shopping complex are within walking distance of the hotel, and some fifty more restaurants are within a five minute drive. The Reuben H. Fleet Space Theatre is only 15 minutes away (and yes, we are looking into arranging a special show; we've done it for other cons). Equally close is the justifiably-world-famous San Diego Zoo (the only zoo you can spot from orbit!). We could go on and on.... San Diego bills itself as "America's finest city," and while we're hesitant to endorse that sort of hype, we must bashfully admit that the place does have a lot to offer visiting fen.

The Committee

Our committee includes fans who've been working on conventions for over ten years — as well as some talented, enthusiastic newcomers. We think it's essential to maintain fandom's traditions — and also to help start new ones. Naturally we invite your ideas, advice, help, etc., but what we need most right now is your vote!

Vote for

SAN DIEGO ^{FOR} WESTERCON 39

For more information (or to volunteer to help!), please write to us at:
Westercon Bid Committee, P.O. Box 81235, San Diego, CA 92129.

NOTES FROM A CHAIR
by Steve Berry

Two months from now you'll be in Portland.
The Westercon 37 ~~Working Party~~ committee is working hard to provide you the best Westercon possible.

There are, however, three things that you can do ensure maximum r & r:

NUMBER ONE: Read the entire contents of this progress report. Yes, I know that the print is tiny, but we had to cram lots of info in here. If you read the whole thing you will discover that it is time to...

NUMBER TWO: Vote for Westercon 39. (Be sure to read the message from the Vancouver group that follows this article.)

NUMBER THREE: Read your program book when you get to the convention. Don't stick it in your suitcase to read later. There's useful information in it! And the really special news is that ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX IN THE NEXT WEEK'S~~.

Darn! Censored by the thought police again!

(The following is reprinted from the BCSFA-zine by request of the Vancouver in '86 Bid Committee:)

April 1st, 1984--Despite the date of this item, it is very much for real. The Vancouver in '86 Westercon Bid Committee deeply regrets that we must announce our withdrawal from the bidding for Westercon 39. There are many reasons for this decision. Among the most important is the conflict between the weekend available to us and Midwescon.

Perhaps the most important, however, is that, after much deliberation, we concluded that not only could we not run a Westercon that would be what we wanted it to be, but that we could not put on a Westercon that we would even be satisfied with. Thank you all for your support of the bid effort. Perhaps another bid will arise in the future.

-David George

VOLUNTEERS INFORMATION

Westercon 37 will have a gopher hole available for hard-working volunteers, complete with chairs, TV, and munchies.

To qualify for entry into the "hole", you will need to have your time card validated by the department head of the area you worked in. A minimum of 4 hours of validated time per day is required.

To volunteer, come to the convention office and sign up. Experience is not necessary for most jobs. We look forward to having you as a part of our team!

by Pam Davis
operations chair

TROUBLESHOOTING TEAM

Westercon 37 will be using a team of wandering troubleshooters as security this year. Their task will be to monitor the convention

chaos and help keep it to an acceptably low roar. To do this efficiently, they will be available for "trouble calls" from staff and members alike, as well as providing help and all around good advice to those who ask.

Our policies will focus on eliminating inappropriate behavior by weapon-brandishers and non-weapon-brandishers alike. Unacceptable behavior includes, but is not limited to:

- 1) Running anywhere in the hotel complex,
- 2) Brandishing of a weapon in a public area other than the masquerade (see masquerade rules for specifics),
- 3) Any behavior that obstructs traffic flow such as elevator parties, locking off elevators, punching elevator buttons unnecessarily, blocking stairs or elevators, etc.
- 4) Altercations and fighting of either a physical or verbal nature.
- 5) Damaging property belonging to the hotel, the convention, or another individual.
- 6) Behavior contrary to hotel policy or civil law.
- 7) NO projectiles, including lasers, incendiary devices, or unsheathed blades will be allowed whatsoever.

Troubleshooters will have the authority to hand out warnings for problem behavior and may also revoke memberships on the spot for repeat problems. The intention of this policy is to make the convention more enjoyable for all.

Troubleshooters can be contacted by calling the convention office. Troubleshooters are there to help.

PSSST!

The Registrar wants you to know that Registration will **open** the following hours:

- THURSDAY - 6PM to 10PM
- FRIDAY - 10AM to 11PM
- SATURDAY - 9AM to 9PM
- SUNDAY - 10AM-6PM
- MONDAY - 10 AM-6PM
- TUESDAY - 10AM-12noon

The first thing to do when you get to the convention is to drop by Registration and pick up your name badge, program book, pocket program and related data. Then take the whole mess back to your room and decide what you want to do when.

HOTEL INFORMATION

The Portland Marriott Hotel is located at 1401 Southwest Front Street (ZIP Code is 97201) and the phone is (503) 226-7600. Front St. runs along the west bank of the Willamette River in downtown Portland.

Westercon 37 has blocked 400 sleeping rooms at the Marriott plus all of the suites. This should minimize the number of non-fannish folk in the hotel during the convention.

But please remember that the hotel has a regular clientele for their restaurants and

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HOW TO GET TO THE WESTERCON 37. Proceed to Portland then:

FROM SEATTLE

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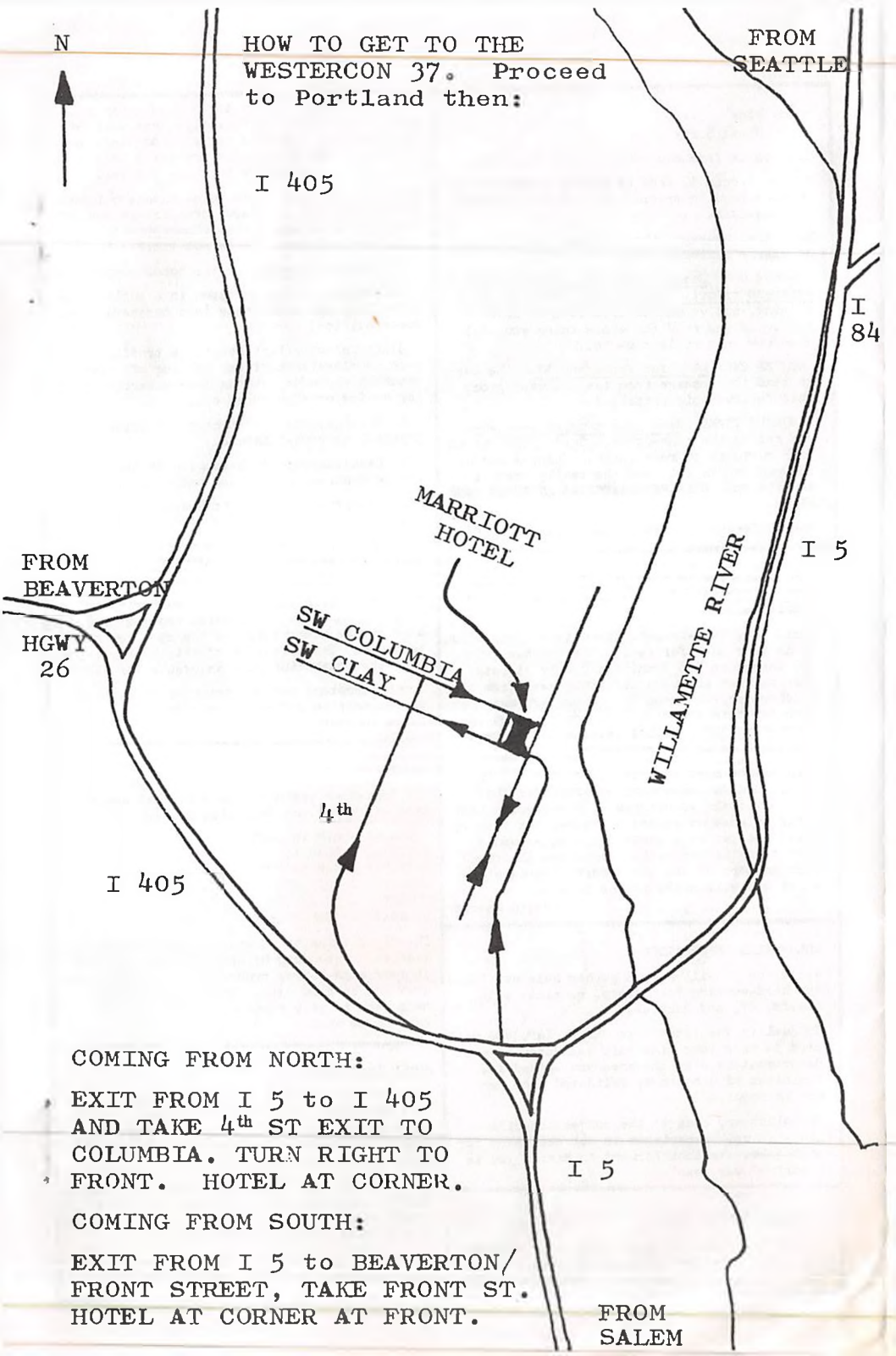
COMING FROM NORTH:

EXIT FROM I 5 to I 405 AND TAKE 4th ST EXIT TO COLUMBIA. TURN RIGHT TO FRONT. HOTEL AT CORNER.

COMING FROM SOUTH:

EXIT FROM I 5 to BEAVERTON/ FRONT STREET, TAKE FRONT ST. HOTEL AT CORNER AT FRONT.

FROM SALEM



HOTEL INFO, continued

lounges. We will not be competing with any other meetings during the convention, but there will be the usual airlines crowd about, outside of our assigned block of rooms:

There are two restaurants and two lounges in the hotel for your convenience. Typical hotel prices, but the food is pretty good.

Westercon will have a snack bar on the exhibit hall level, with fast foods available during the convention. (Prices should be better than those of some of the local deli's.)

We hope to have an all-night ice cream parlor and canteen area. The amount of use it gets will determine if it will be continued through out the convention.

Partyfloors will start on the 24th floor and move down. Non-party floors will be from the first floor and move up. Parties held outside the party room block are on their own, and will probably hear complaints from non-party people.

Parking for registered guests is \$5.00 per day with in/out privileges. Parking is valet type (they park the cars). Hourly parking prices are between \$1.50 for one hour to \$10.00 for 10-24 hours. Crown Plaza (across the street from the Marriott) has parking available for \$2.00 all evening after 5PM and \$2.00 for weekends. Prices are subject to change without notice.

Marriott room rates are \$37.00 for single, \$42.00 double, \$45.00 triple, \$50.00 quad, and \$62.00 for a parlour suite (with murphy bed). Add 6% for city tax for all rates.

These hotel rates "shall be in effect during the convention and will be extended to attendees arriving prior to and/or staying after the convention, if in attendance in hotel during the convention."

If you have a disability, it would help us to know in advance, so we can better accommodate your special needs. Wheelchair accessible rooms are available.

GRAND BANQUET

Westercon 37 will bring back an old Westercon tradition in the Grand Banquet on Sunday evening.

Banquet will be Baked Chicken in mushroom sauce with appetizer, vegetable, potato or rice (chef's choice), and dessert.

Vegetarians or others with special dietary requirements should include a note with their reservation.

The cost of the banquet is \$15.00. Register now to be sure you'll have a seat!

The Banquet will be followed by presentations by our Toastmaster and Guests of Honor.

Send a check to Westercon at our PO box; write or type "BANQUET" on the envelope.

R. Malin

They brought you

R. Pilz

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WESTERCON SITE SELECTION BALLOT
Voting Instructions

Voting for Westercon Site Selection consists of:

1. Filling out this ballot.
2. Paying the voting fee of \$10.00 (US) [to be applied toward membership in Westercon 39].
3. Turning in this ballot to the current Westercon committee for tabulation.

Vote by the "preference" method. That is, when you have chosen the site you wish to vote for, place a "1" next to that site on the ballot. Place a "2" next to your second choice, a "3" next to your third choice, etc. "No Preference" and "None of the Above" are valid site choices. You may also write in a site of your choice in the space provided and treat it like a printed choice. Mark a preference for each choice on the ballot. If there is a mark next to only one site, the ballot will be counted as a first-choice vote for that site. Any ballot that has marks other than described above will be disqualified.

For example, if you want Westercon 39 to be held in Emerald City, but don't really care where it's held if Emerald City isn't chosen, place a "1" next to Emerald City on the ballot, and a "2" next to "No Preference". But, if you want Westercon 39 at Cair Paravel, which is not on the ballot, and wouldn't vote for Emerald City if your life depended on it, write in Cair Paravel in the space provided for write-ins, put a "1" next to it, and put a "2" next to "None of the Above."

Votes will be tallied by the voters' first choices. If no majority is reached, the votes for the site with the fewest votes will be redistributed among the remaining sites by their (the redistributed ballots) second choices. This process will be repeated until a majority for a single site is reached.

Proxy votes will not be accepted either by mail or at the convention. "Guest of" memberships must be transferred to a specific person before casting the vote.

To Vote By Mail. Completely fill in Part 1 and Part 2 of the ballot. Do not complete Part 3, as your check will be your receipt.

Mail the completed ballot, along with a check for \$10.00 (US) made out to "Westercon 39" to:
Westercon Ballot
P.O. Box 16155
Portland, OR 97216

Be sure the the word "ballot" appears somewhere on the front of the envelope.

MAIL BALLOTS RECEIVED LATER THAN JUNE 20 WILL NOT BE COUNTED. So, if you are voting by mail, be sure and leave enough time for delivery.

To Vote at the Convention. Completely fill in Part 1 of the ballot. Take the ballot with your voting fee (\$10.00 (US) in cash or check to "Westercon 39") to the site selection table. A clerk will take your money, fill out Part 3 as your receipt, and cut the ballot into its three parts. The clerk will return Parts 2 and 3 to you. Fill in Part 2 and return it folded to the clerk, who will immediately place it in the ballot box (the clerks handle the ballots at this point to prevent ballot stuffing). Keep Part 3 as your receipt.

Did presentations: Saturday 11:00am. See your pocket program for location

Voting hours: Saturday 12:00pm to 6:00pm
Sunday 10:00am to 6:00pm
Monday 9:00am to 11:00am [Voting CLOSES at 11:00am Monday]

Voting location: In the ballroom foyer.

Business meeting: Monday 12:00pm to 2:00pm. See your pocket program for location.

SPECIAL NOTES: Many, many thanks to Alan White for the beautiful cover illustration...

If you are willing to run a game at the con, please contact Andrew Nisbet at 5204 SE 30th #79 Portland OR 97202...Unless otherwise noted in articles in this P.R., address all requests, questions, comments, payments, etc. to: WESTERCON, PO Box 16155, Portland OR 97216. Westercon's message phone is (503) 761-8768 NO COLLECT CALLS please.

Part 1

NAME _____

FANNISH NAME (if any) _____

BADGE NUMBER (if known) _____

[If current address is different from address at time of registration, please include both]

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE/PROV _____

ZIP/MAIL CODE _____ COUNTRY _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Part 2

SITE SELECTION BALLOT WESTERCON 39 (1986)

Mark in order of preference:

_____ San Diego, CA; Curtis White and Mitchell A. Walker, co-chairs;
Scott Norton, treasurer; Town and Country Hotel;
July 3 - 6, 1986.

_____ Write-In _____

_____ No Preference

_____ None of the Above

Part 3

RECEIVED \$ _____ (US) DATE _____

FROM _____

FOR: 1986 WESTERCON Site Selection Ballot — Voting Membership

FOR THE COMMITTEE _____

Tours, Field Trips, and Fireworks

from Bryce Walden, Program Chair

McBRIDE TRAVEL, official travel agent for WesterCon 37, will have a table near Registration in addition to their full-time office in the Marriott. Book your Western Airlines flight to Portland through McBride for our special convention rate. Plan your vacation trip to include the Oregon Coast or destination resorts in the mountains; white-water rafting or summer skiing on Mt. Hood (even in July!). Call McBride—they have several tour packages and options available, all at no extra charge to you for their service. Call them to discuss your plans at their toll-free number: 1-800-628-8008. Be sure to mention you're with the WesterCon to qualify for special group discounts.

SPECIAL TRIPS

ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

SOME TRIPS LIMITED CAPACITY.

PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY REGISTRATION.

Please make checks payable to and mail to WesterCon 37.

Oregon Winery Tour

Oregon wines are new on the market and are already receiving excellent reviews. Some of them are favorably compared to classic French wines. Judge for yourself! Bus tour leaves the Marriott early Friday morning. After a guided tour of one of the top wineries, stop for lunch in the beautiful Yamhill County countryside (picnic lunches OK!). Visit two more wineries and return to the Marriott in time for the opening ceremonies Friday evening.

\$10 (lunch not included) Day trip, Friday, June 29

MT. ST. HELENS Take one or both trips!

(1) Ride our air-conditioned bus into the heart of the beast, following the newly refurbished and paved Forest Service road to Wind Ridge. Along the way stop for interpretive displays. On Wind Ridge, look down to Spirit Lake and across to the blasted side of Mt. St. Helens, almost close enough to touch! Experience the desolation of the former rain forest. Also see the zone where trees were swept over like combed hair. (Trip may be cancelled if volcanic activity closes the Red Zone, an infrequent occurrence).

\$15 + lunch Day trip, Tuesday, July 3

(2) Fly over and around Mt. St. Helens in a high-winged turboprop with a pilot-guide experienced with geological and special-interest groups. Lots of windows and plenty of photo opportunities during a morning trip for the clearest weather. See the actual dome at the center of the volcano (invisible from ground vantage points) and get the whole picture of landslides, devastated forests, and the full extent of the mighty blast. Still looks like it just happened, even four years later! Seating limited to 37, so register right away.

\$45 Morning trip, Monday, July 2

Special "No Mundanes" Mt. Hood - Hood River - Columbia Gorge Loop

The commercial Gray Lines tour does not run on Saturday or Tuesday. If enough people pre-register, we will rent our own bus and follow a similar itinerary on Tuesday. Trip includes a visit to magnificent Timberline Lodge (elevation 6000 feet), a trip through the Hood River orchard country, and back through the awesome Columbia Gorge, cut through the roots of the Cascades. See it from top to bottom!

\$12 (lunch not included) Day trip, Tuesday, July 3

Columbia Gorge and Sternwheeler Cruise

(1) Bus up the Gorge, stopping at scenic points such as overlooks, waterfalls, and Bonneville Dam, Powerhouse, and Fish Hatcheries. Board the sternwheeler "Columbia Gorge" at Cascade Locks and cruise further up the Gorge, enjoying a full-service supper on the way. Return to boarding point and board bus for Portland. (Add \$10 to stay on board for the fireworks cruise).

\$25 includes dinner Afternoon & early evening, Wednesday, July 4

(2) FIREWORKS SPECIAL! Bus up the Gorge as above and catch the late evening sailing of the sternwheeler "Columbia Gorge" for a special "Fireworks Cruise" on the great River. Cash bar on board!

\$15 Late afternoon & evening, Wednesday, July 4

"What in the Sam Hill?" WesterCon Special

Bus up the entire Columbia Gorge Scenic Area, topic of current Federal protective legislation (100 miles, 2 hours). Tour the Maryhill Museum, converted mansion of highway baron Sam Hill, featuring art by Rodin and a great collection of Old World artifacts (Museum admission included in cost). A little further along, visit the full-scale replica of Stonehenge that Hill, a pacifist Quaker, erected to commemorate peace after WW I. His tomb is located nearby. Then come back down the Gorge in time to meet the special evening "Fireworks Cruise" of the sternwheeler "Columbia Gorge" and return to the Marriott late at night.
\$22 (lunch not included) All day and evening, Wednesday, July 4

PLEASE NOTE: IF ANY SPECIAL TRIP FAILS TO MEET MINIMUMS, WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO ADD A SURCHARGE OR CANCEL AND REFUND YOUR PAYMENT.

COMMERCIAL TOURS

Gray Line tours may be reserved the day before you go; however, advance registration is recommended to assure availability of space. For these tours, send your reservation directly to McBride Travel, 15575 S.W. 116th, King City, Tigard, Oregon 97223. Again, be sure to mention WesterCon 37. Note that Gray Line tours do not always run every day. Days are listed in each tour. Lunch stops are included in day tours, but cost of lunch is not included in tour.

Tour 1: Mt. Hood Loop - Columbia River Highway Drive
8 1/2 hours; departs 9:30 a.m. daily except Saturday and Tuesday. Adults \$18.50; Under 12 \$9.25

Tour 2B: Columbia River Gorge Bus / Boat Combination
7 hours; departs 9:00 a.m. daily. Cruise on sternwheeler "Columbia Gorge" includes Gorge history, Indian life & legends, geology and river information. Adults \$18.50; Under 12 \$9.25

Tour GC 1: Volcano Country via Motorcoach
8 hours; departs 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Sunday, & Tuesday. Note this tour does not advertise going to the closer viewpoint at Wind Ridge; however, helicopter flights are available for around \$40 at the scene. Adults \$22.00; Under 12 \$11.00

Tour 6: West Side City Tour
3 hours; departs 9:00 a.m. daily. Visit the Rose Garden, Western Forestry Center, and two parks in a trip through the ritzy West Hills neighborhoods. Great views of the territory from hilltop vantage points. Adults \$9.50; Under 12 \$4.75

Tour 7: Japanese Garden - Pittock Mansion
3 hours; departs 1:00 p.m. daily. The Japanese Garden actually contains five different kinds of Japanese gardens. It is reputed to be one of the best Japanese Gardens outside of Japan. Pittock Mansion is a classic piece of architecture built in 1909 and refurbished by the City; it sits on a commanding hilltop over the town. Adults \$10.00; Under 12 \$5.00

Tour 10: Deluxe City Tour
7 hours; departs 9:00 a.m. daily. Combines Tours 6 and 7 with a lunch stop in downtown Portland. Adults \$17.50; Under 12 \$8.75

Tour 11: Northern Oregon Coast
8 hours; departs 10:00 a.m. Tuesday only. Adults \$20.00; Under 12 \$10.00

HOTEL NOTE: You may extend your reservation at our low convention rates for contiguous nights before and/or after WesterCon. Convention rates are guaranteed by our contract. To extend your reservation, call the reservation desk at (503) 226-7600 or write to Portland Marriott Hotel, 1401 SW Front Ave., Portland, OR 97201.

WESTERCON 38



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James P. Hogan
Fan Guest of Honor;
Paula Crist
Toastmistress;
Katherine Kurtz

Membership \$20.00

Membership price is good through WESTERCON 37 but will go up after July 3, 1984.

For more information call us at (916) 481-8753
or write to;

WESTERCON 38
4812 Folsom Blvd., Suite 125
Sacramento, California 95819

COSTUMERS! TAKE NOTE

Mail-in entries for the Westercon 37 Masquerade will be accepted this year. This should eliminate most problems in meeting the deadline, which will be 2:00 PM Saturday afternoon for accepting entries to the Masquerade.

Please read the following rules and schedules and then send in your entry form. If you haven't sent in a form to us by June 14, please turn in your form at the Registration desk at the Marriott).

There will be Masquerade entry forms available at Registration during the convention.

The entry form you mail to us should be a 3" X 5" index card. On the entry form print the following information in this order:

- 1) Your mundane name.
- 2) Your mailing address.
- 3) Character name.
- 4) Phonetic spelling of character name for ease of pronunciation by announcer. Spell it like it sounds.
- 5) Source (from a book or movie? Original?).
- 6) Name of person(s) who constructed costume.
- 7) Category (see below for listing).
- 8) Age of contestant (if 14 or under).
- 9) Group name (if applicable).

Please send your entry forms to:
Westercon 37 Costume Contest
c/o J.H. Peck
16234 SW Wright St
Beaverton OR 97007

If you will feature music during your costume presentation, it must be on an audio cassette tape, pre-set to your selection. Label the tape with your mundane name.

You will be handing the tape to the person running the recorder just before you go on stage. Pick up your tape after the contest Saturday night or Sunday.

Use of the microphone will be limited to 30 seconds per presentation, so prepare accordingly.

Contestants will report to Salon "I" at 7PM Saturday for judging and photo session. The walk-through will begin at 8PM.

CONTEST RULES:

- 1) Contestants will be judged by the costume quality alone, not by acting ability. Your persona counts, but costume quality counts more.
- 2) Entry forms must be turned in at the Registration desk by 2:00 PM Saturday. NO EXCEPTIONS TO THE DEADLINE. Mail-ins accepted.
- 3) Striking the judges, announcer or anyone else (unless pre-arranged) will be grounds for immediate removal from the convention.
- 4) No open flames or firing of projectiles allowed; other than that, the costume weapon policy is: USE YOUR HEAD.
- 5) No store-bought costumes are allowed.
- 6) All decisions of the judges are final.

There will be eleven trophies total, to be awarded in five categories as follows:

- 1) Best Of Show: one trophy each for master, journeyperson and novice.
- 2) Best Science Fiction: one trophy each for master, journeyperson and novice.
- 3) Best Fantasy: one trophy each for master, journeyperson and novice.
- 4) Most Humorous Costume: one trophy only.
- 5) Best Child (age 14 and under): one trophy only.

There will be ribbons for runners-up and additional special interest prizes to be announced. Have fun -- Jeff Peck, coordinator.

HIP! HIP! HURRAY FOR F O O D!!

You have seen our Publicity Parties at Norwescon, Orycon and Westercon 36. For the Westercon Hospitality Suite we are providing quality munchies. Anyone wishing to assist with food preparation before or during the con, write:
Rosaland Malin and Dick Pilz
929 SW Salmon, #501
Portland OR 97205

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ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

We are receiving many door prizes from our artists, dealers, merchants and restaurants.

M.O. for drawing the winner(s) is as follows:

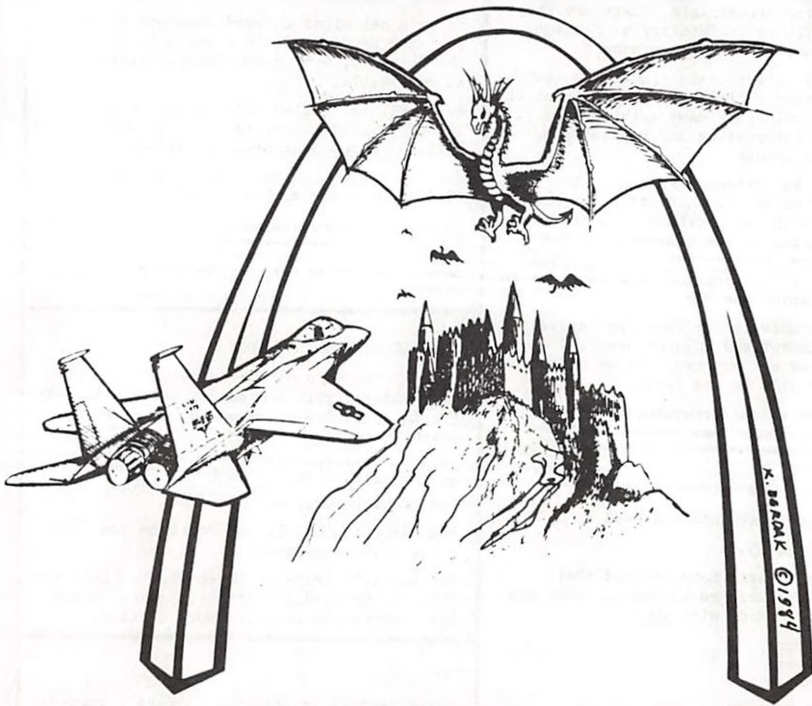
- 1) All members are eligible. One-day members are eligible for the day attending.
- 2) Drawings will be held at the opening ceremony, masquerade, banquet and closing ceremony
- 3) If a winner is not present at the drawing, s/he has 24 hours to claim the prize from the Hospitality Suite.
- 4) IF A PRIZE IS NOT CLAIMED WITHIN 24 HOURS, WE WILL DRAW A NEW WINNER.
- 5) All winners will be posted in the Hospitality Suite.
- 6) Any prizes drawn within the last 24 hours of the convention will be sent to the winner if the winner is unable to claim it before then.

GOOD LUCK!



The Westercon 37 Publicity Committee wishes to thank the Friends of the Doctor for their assistance with the party at Norwescon. THANK YOU.

ENTER THE GATEWAY...



ST. LOUIS IN '88

WORLDCON BID COMMITTEE

1523 S. 10th, Unit 203 St. Louis, Mo 63104

IMPROVISATIONAL COMEDY WORKSHOP

The improvisational comedy workshop is a set of theater exercises designed to stretch the imagination and teach basic concepts of story and scene construction, dialogue, exposition and stagecraft - all useful things for a writer, particularly in film and television. Class size will be limited to 30 participants. Sign-up will be at Registration. The class will be taught by Los Angeles screenwriter/playwright Bonnie MacBird.

MISCELLANEOUS PROGRAMMING STUFF

We are looking forward to having a great many slide show talks/presentations. Among them will be: "Extraterrestrials; Where Are They?", "Universe In Slides", "History of Pandem", "Victoria Poyser Artwork", and others.

We will have a "sheep brain dissection lab", cartoonists doing caricatures of people at the convention, readings by many authors, and a vast array of interesting and topical panels and discussion groups.

Don't forget the writers workshop (which has a deadline prior to the convention in order to allow those in the workshop time to read the stories prior to the convention), the poetry workshop, the improvisational comedy workshop, and other surprise programming that will happen during the con.

Remember that this is the time for innovative (or even noninnovative) suggestions. If we hear them now we can act on them. If we hear them at the con it will be too late.

Write to Bryce Walden/Programming c/o the infamous Westercon PO box address.

AND SPEAKING OF THE WRITERS WORKSHOP...

Most of the pertinent info you need is in PR 3. Deadline is June 15.

The following authors have offered their services for the writers workshop. They are interested in working with you:

- 1) Elinor Busby
- 2) F.M. Busby
- 3) M.A. Foster
- 4) Nina K. Hoffman
- 5) Bonnie MacBird
- 6) Adriene Martine-Barnes
- 7) Ray Nelson
- 8) Robert Vredeman
- 9) M.K. Wren
- 10) George Guthridge

and there are many others interested. It will be A Good Thing!

AIRFARE DISCOUNTS!!!

McBride Travel, the Official Westercon 37 Travel Agent, has made arrangements with Western Airlines for a guaranteed discounted airfare for all Westercon '84 attendees.

McBride Travel will also provide each person who purchases airline tickets from them with

two complimentary cocktail vouchers from the Portland Marriott Hotel.

For a guaranteed airline discount, call McBride Travel toll-free at 1-800-628-8008 between 8:00 AM and 5:30 PM PDT, Mon.-Fri.

McBride Travel will also be involved in organizing tours of the Portland and Northwest area. They will also help you plan your trip to the Oregon coast.

For more information on tours, contact them at the above toll-free number.

McBride will also have an infirmation table in the registration lobby.

AUTHOR LUNCHEONS!!!

Enjoy a delicious catered luncheon at an intimate round table in a small side room of the Marriott, with a specially-invited author at your table.

Menu will be Broiled Red Snapper with appetizer, vegetable, potato or rice, and dessert. Write us about your special dietary needs.

Cost is \$12.00. Send payment to Westercon PO Box, envelope marked "AUTHOR LUNCHEON".

Indicate whether you wish Friday, Sunday or Monday, and give second choice.

Sorry, we cannot take requests for specific match-ups. We think you'll be pleased!

SPECIAL MUSEUM ADMISSION

For two days of the convention (Sunday and Monday), your convention badge will get you into the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) for only \$2.25.

This is a savings of \$1.25 off the regular \$3.50 admission price (for entrance into the planetarium, add 50 cents).

Next door to OMSI is the Portland Zoo, with a low \$2.00 admission.

Our bus will travel between the Marriott and OMSI on the special admission days. Check the information desk for more details.

POTPOURRI

David Gerrold is planning to give a presentation, "Authorship Workshop" (a writing seminar). This is separate from the aforementioned writers workshop.

Tom Kishazi (1413 W James St L-3, Kent WA 98032) would like to find two roommates in Portland for Westercon.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

For any typos, omissions, goof-ups, or any other problem with this progress report, I offer Steve Martin's all-purpose excuse:

"I forgot."

See you at the con!

Steve Berry
and the rest of the crew

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