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It all started with Philip Kaveny, intrepid Madison fan and raconteur extraordinaire. Phil was attending AquaCon, held in Anaheim, California, right next door to Disneyland, and was trying to explain the concept of "snow" to several native Californians whose previous acquaintance with the term involved a wide receiver for the LA Rams. "Harrumph! Yaaass," Phil remarked. "Last winter the snow was so heavy that the moose couldn't find enough to eat in the woods, so they came into town and were galloping up and down the streets looking for forage. Got to be quite a traffic hazard." "Gosh [or some such expletive]," said one of the suntanned listeners, "wasn't that dangerous?" "Not really," Phil said. "The only time it got really dangerous was when the wolves came into the city after the moose."

It was all, of course, an utter fabrication, but Phil never cracked a smile, and to this day there are fen in Southern California who think that Madison is infested with mad moose. Who are we to let them down?

The main purpose of this newszine is to keep you posted on developments affecting WisCon. The present issue is being typed the night before WisCon 6 opens, so it will provide you with the latest updates on the program and schedule for WisCon 6. Future issues will be scattered around at other cons and through the mails to let you know how WisCon 7 is coming along.

For paranoid completists, don't get excited about having missed Volume 1 Number 1 through Volume 6 Number 3. The volume number matches the current WisCon, and the number number takes into account the three pre-WisCon progress reports, but this here document that you are now reading is the very first thing ever known as the *Mad Moose Gazette*.

Program and Schedule Changes

G3: Add David Emerson to panel. G6: Terry Carr's speech is entitled "The Real World of Science Fiction". G7: Terry Carr's short story "Virra" will be read by Carrie Harris. G8: Suzette Haden Elgin will not actually be reading her work; instead she will be discussing her novel in progress, which deals with women and language. I6: UW zoology museum will not have representatives present. I15: It's spelled "Monyaleski"; sorry! I20: Catherine Madsen will be unable to attend, so this program is cancelled; the filksing will move forward into this time period. I35: Karen Snider will not be able to attend, so this program is cancelled. I38: Add Beverly Friend to panel. I40: Delete Gene DeWeese from panel. I48: Add Mary Lee George-G to panel.

In case you were wondering whether the stars next to certain restaurants in the centerfold of the program book fell from heaven or were placed there because our typers lacked a skull-and-crossbones key, be reassured. The stars indicate the "critics' choice" establishments.

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Forager's Guide

The Inn on the Park has cleverly placed soft-drink machines and ice repositories on all the guest-room floors of the building (except 8, where you've got the hospitality room and don't need machines), regardless of what their signs say. Restaurants in the hotel are open the following hours:

	JJ's	Top of the Park
Friday	7:00 AM - 10:00 PM	5:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Saturday	7:00 AM - 8:00 PM	5:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM - 8:00 PM	11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Fire! Fire!

We don't anticipate a fire in the hotel, but here are a few safety tips, just in case:

- (1) As soon as you check into your room, count the number of doors you will have to pass to get from your room to the nearest staircase. This will help you find your way out in a lights-out or smoky situation.
- (2) Do not use the elevators. If the power goes out, you're effectively in the architectural equivalent of a chimney. Use the stairs instead.
- (3) Go down, not up. Heat rises, you shouldn't.
- (4) Before leaving your room, feel the door. If it's hot, don't even try to leave. Instead, wet down some towels or bedsheets and pack the seams of the door to prevent smoke from entering. (Smoke, rather than flame, is by far the biggest killer in hotel fires.)
- (5) Hang a sheet, towel, or other "flag" from your window and wait for rescue. Do not try to jump from higher than the second floor. You will not survive.
- (6) If you notice a fire, immediately pull the local fire alarm to alert the other hotel guests. Then call the fire department (255-7272). Don't assume somebody else will do it; they all think that you've done it.
- (7) Don't try to fight the fire yourself. Just leave as fast as you can walk.
- (8) Don't run. Walk. Running can cause people to trip, fall, and be trampled.
- (9) Don't stop for any of your belongings. They can be replaced; you can't.
- (10) Don't panic. You've read these tips, so you know what to do. Do it.

Honorary Moose

The Ozark mule at the right was drawn by Karen Jollie for Suzette Haden Elgin's stationery and is reproduced here with permission of both of them. For the rest of the weekend, the mule is an honorary moose.

Registrations

257 in advance, not counting committee, panelists, etc.

Buffet Supper

Real good, only \$11. See menu in program book. Sign up at registration desk before 9:00 PM Friday. Limited seating left.

