

# Mad Moose Gazette

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## GAZETTE ACE REPORTER DIGS UP DIRT IN MADCITY

MAD MOOSE GAZETTE Ace Reporter (pictured at right) has eardropped hundreds of conversations and come up with lots of embarrassing information about the real, unprogrammed activities of this convention.

She reports that so far eighteen different Dr. Whos have been spotted at this convention and that, furthermore, all of them claim that the other seventeen are imposters. On closer inspection, Ace Reporter noted that that all seemed to have a fibrous growth about their necks. A meeting has been scheduled for 10:15 pm Saturday night for all Dr. Whos (or people with reasonable facsimiles of long scarves and a pouty face) to ascertain the real Dr. Who.

Even now as this last issue of THE MAD MOOSE GAZETTE moves toward press time, your Ace Reporter has infiltrated this assuredly tense confrontation and will try to bring back the word as to just Who is Who...

At 2:30 pm Saturday Afternoon, Ace was sitting by the pool and noticed several young people engaged in rather shocking activities. (Ace can be a bit puritan sometimes, but that's her style. And we mad mooses like it.) They seemed to be stretching their ligaments in preparation for doing kinky things with their bodies. The pajamas they were wearing further suggested the sort of "undercover" antics these perverse persons were planning.

Ace had a frantic day today. After that near-brush with immoral minority, Ace reports that she witnessed an attempted strangling earlier today. Several Dr. Whos were involved. Their friends were measuring the lengths of each others scarves and didn't notice the increasing redness of the measuree's faces... Ace reports no casualties, fortunately.

For those who were wondering, Mike Vande Bundt claims credit as the main instigator of the orgy in the con suite bathroom late Friday night, that involved beans being poured over heads. Mike insists that people who missed it should regret their loss.

Ace reports that three Kell were playing Shon-jir in the hallway Saturday afternoon. All died. In fact there was apparently a lot of that sort of thing going on at the con. (It's amazing what you find out about other people's convention: they're often so different than one's own!) Ace says that the Fanimals died at the Masquerade. Rena became a Moose long enough to smell out the audience. Nightshade was into growing things. Like poison ivy. (Some things we just print. We don't try to explain them. Or understand them. Ask Ace.)

The late Don Helley regrets to inform the three forward ladies who have discussed mutual living arrangements with him that all commitments are off. The "Blue Stuff" in the X-Con party room had nothing to do with it.

A lost green yoyo was being entertained by Dr. Who. It was reported by Ace to be having a lot of ups and downs...(sorry)...One of the Nashes is learning to be a computer operator by practicing on the Con HQ typewriter...(aarrghh!:: This is being typed on the Con HQ typewriter!)...Andrew Hooper was reportedly out of phase with this time continuum during the disc spinning Friday night...The panel on Eddison & Ouroboros was excellent...There were Top Secret doings by the pool Saturday afternoon...Rev Ted claims to be a virgin...

And a note conveyed to Ace by a "friend": "Hooper, you are one of the most disgusting people on the face of the earth."

SO. How was your convention?



**WRITING CONTEST WINNERS**

Diane Martin announced the winners of WisCon 8's writing contest at the Buffet Saturday night. WisCon had a writing contest two years ago, and nobody entered it. WisCon did not have a writing contest one year ago and several people entered. This year, events finally came together and WisCon had a writing contest and people entered it. The winners are:



Short Stories

"The Pool" by Bill Bibo

"Gramps" by Gordie Polando

Poetry

"The Double Helix Double-Crossed" by Sherry Matulis

For prizes, (certificates to be mailed to the winners), WisCon has awarded the three winners a paperback book of choice at 20th Century Books Table in the Hucksters Room. We assume these certificates will be honored at Hank Luttrell's store, 20th Century Books in Madison.

**MASQUERADE WINNERS**

Best Media

The Road Warrior  
Tom Grew

Best Workmanship

Riff Raff  
Jayson Stahl

Best SF

Uri: She'pan and Kel

Uisha s'tafa (She'pan, Hutathi Mri)  
Telars' Uehri (Kel)

Best Fantasy

Dragon Princess  
Debbie Froelich

Best Alien

Alien Offspring  
Robin Douglas Gazdicki

Best Presentation

Rangeress  
Amy Lynn Gray

Atar  
Kenneth S. Gray

Renaissance Duelist  
Brad Winkler

Most Beautiful

Mirazel, the Fairy Godmother  
Nancy E. Mildebrandt

Honorable Mentions for workmanship

for workmanship  
Lady Blackpool  
Lori Isabella

The Black Widow  
Tanya Weaver

Raederlee  
Mary Buelow

Heavy Metal Vampire  
David Woodson

Starship Commander  
Marc Pernacciaro

"Gallifrey" the Mother  
Patricia Harbucher

Dalben of Prydain  
Will Hayes



**ART SHOW AWARDS**

Professional Awards: Black & White:  
1st: " A Fine & Diverse Personality" by Lucy A. Synk; 2nd: "Famous Artist" by Real Musgrave; Color: 1st: "Nature's Navigator" by Steve Johnson; 2nd: "Great Great Grand-dragon" by Randal Spangler; 3-D: 1st: "Dragon Regardant" by Moorecraft

Amateur Awards: Black & White:  
1st: "The Beast From Kru11" by Mary Rubasky; 2nd: Calling A Wind" by Georgie Schnobrich; Color: 1st: "Moonbeast" by John R. Gray III; 2nd: "Mistrel's Steed" by C. Lee Healy; 3-D: 1st "Sea Elemental" by Elaine Moertle.

## SEMI-FINAL REGISTRATION COUNT

Refusing to be tied down as to exactly how many people have attended this year's fabulous WisCon 8, Richard did consent to making some educated guesses and partial reports that he could, at some point, refine and turn into percentages and confusing statistical reports. Consider yourself lucky to get merely this interim report!

The highest nametag number issued was 706!!!! Goshwowboyohboy. Sheesh!

Subtract from that 16 (non-issued, canceled or voided memberships), and you get 690 actual memberships, from which 32 should be subtracted from that (representing the membership packets not picked up), and finally one gets (if one has a calculator or is otherwise math competent) a grand total of 658 probable people actually attending this convention.

Richard says that this is far and away the biggest WisCon ever, eclipsing the WisCon 6 mark of 502 registrants by a whopping 37%. WisCon guaranteed the Concourse Hotel its minimum of 100 customers for the buffet supper and actually had 92 attendees. This caused a slight financial loss, which was more than offset by the greater-than anticipated revenue from the high registration.

This all means that there's enough bucks on hand to get WisCon 9 started and sock away a healthy contribution to the WIB (WisCon Inevitable Blizzard) Fund.

Thanks everyone!

## WISCON 9 PREREGISTRATION

Once again, you forward-looking, future conscious, future shock-resistant fans will be glad to be reminded that you can show your stuff on Sunday morning and Bet On The Future. You can buy a membership for the 1985 WisCon (#9). Tickets will be available not only for the forward-looking fans among you, but also for the penny-pinching ones too. Memberships will be available at the same price as WisCon 8 memberships, that is at a big savings, because we will be raising the price of memberships. You can buy yours Sunday only for \$11. People will be at the registration desk between 10 am and 2 pm to sell pre-registrations.

## DIRE WARNING

Whether you are an artist with art in the show, or an art-buyer, your possessions will be available only until 1 pm Sunday. THAT'S ONE HOUR AFTER NOON ON SUNDAY! Got it? After that, vast amounts of inconvenience and postage, to say nothing of the \$2.00 late fee you will be fined, will be required to reunite you with your pretty pictures. This announcement will not be repeated.

### PEOPLE TO BLAME FOR THIS GAZETTE:

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(EDITOR)

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STAFF ARTIST)

DAVID EMERSON  
(STAFF WRITER)

CY CHAUVIN  
(BAD JOKES)

SARAH PRINCE  
(STAFF ARTIST)



BY ROBERT WHITAKER