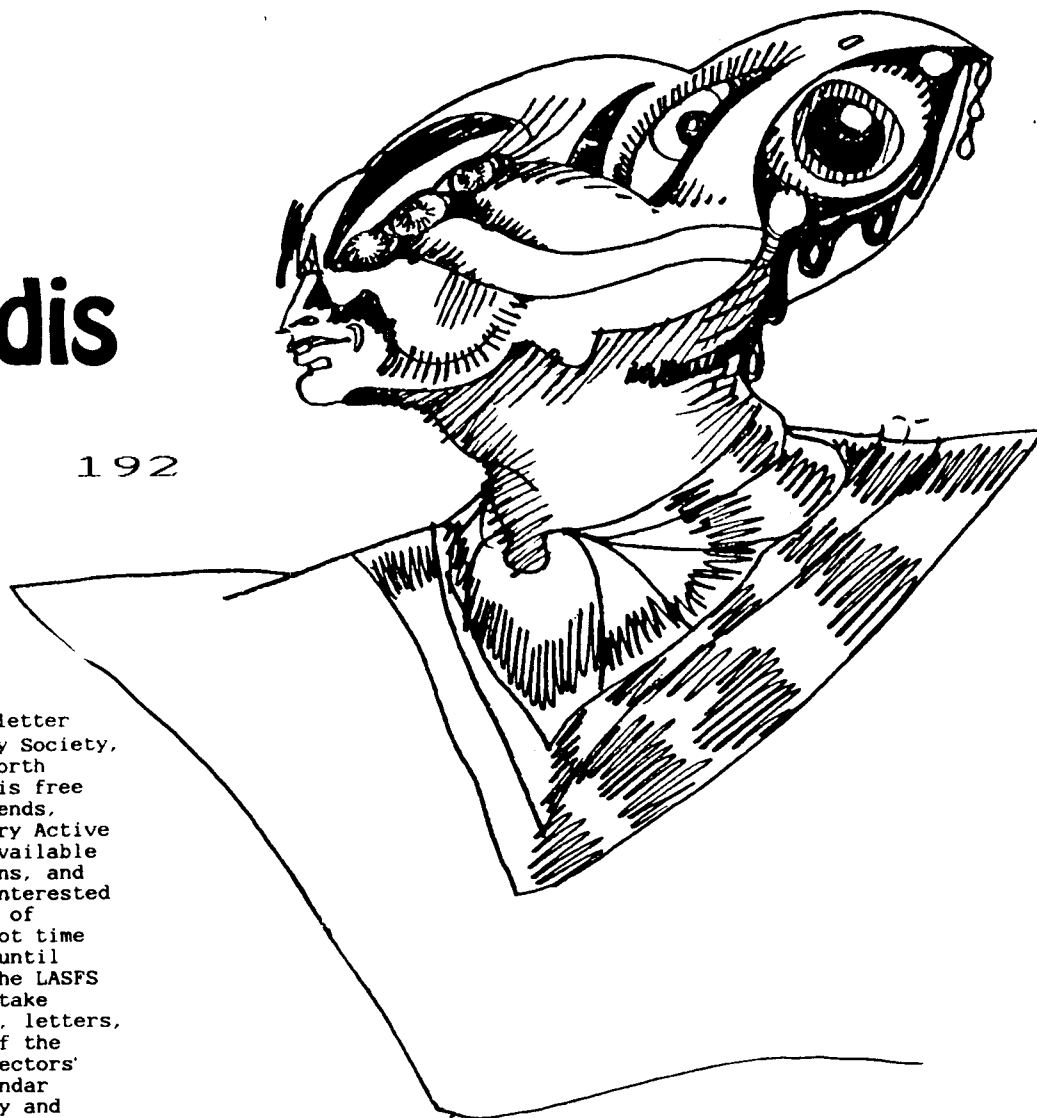


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LASFS PROGRAMMING

JANUARY

- 07 Auction
- 14 unscheduled
- 21 J. Randolph Winters on the Billy Meier UFO incident (w/pictures)
- 28 Japanimation

BUSINESS MEETINGS

- Sun Jan 3 12:00 Board of Directors
- Sun Jan 17 12:00 SCIFI

OTHER MEETINGS

- Jan 20 FUCC
- Jan 23 C/FO
- Feb 14 Second Sunday
- Mar 16 FUCC
- Mar 20 Time Meddlers

Rob wants you all to know that NINTH NEBULA (located next to the clubhouz) will be hosting an autograph party for LEN WEIN on Sat., Jan. 9th from noon to 2. Y'all come on now.

autograph parties

Dangerous Visions
(818)986-6963

Jan. 16 Mark Lewis will be on hand, signing Kaliban's Christmas.

No Set Date for Etchison and Matheson, but they are expected in Jan. Call for details.

Feb. 26 Walter Koeing (perhaps best known among fans as "Chekov") will sign his new books Buck Alice and Actor Robot.

Change of Hobbit
(213) 473-2873

None for Jan.
Feb. 27th Kim Stanley Robinson from 3-5pm.

Editors: Galen Tripp and Jeni Burr

observation ships watching the Remillards and the growth of other "metaphysic operants" around the planets and their fumbling attempts to reach unity among themselves, in spite of the continual political slipperiness around them, and the shennanigans of a few wild card operants who prefer things their way. The story is then rounded off with following the progress of the Russian operants and characters Jamie MacGregor in Edinburgh, as well as the powerful and dastardly Kiernan O'Conner in Chicago.

The novel is full of romance and heartbreak and tension, and on the whole, it's very satisfying. The only thing that disappointed me somewhat was the very end and the "Steven Spielberg" set up, when the Galactic Milieu, in all their starship glory, appear in the sky. And that's it. End of book. (Maybe there's more to come?) But it struck me as a bit of an abrupt handling for the culmination of all these characters and events.

Though, as I said earlier, the tale can get to be a lot to sort out, if you like May's Pliocene series, this will be a fun, involving read.

--SUE MARTIN

JULY 20, 2019

Arthur C. Clarke
Macmillan Pub., 1987
hb \$25

Now here is a book that would have been ideal as a Christmas present, and was in fact, I'm sure, intended to be just that. It is a coffee table book. It is big, well packaged, with lots of pretty color pictures, writing by Clarke, and so on. Ideal for the fan who has everything. Ideal for mundane freinds who may wonder about SF and its ability to predict the future.

The subtitle of this book is "Life in the 21st Century". This is a Science Prediction book, not a Science Fiction book, although Clarke's background in SF is an obvious asset. Several of the chapters contain short fiction stories on the subject to be discussed, followed by Clarke's reasoning for his extrapolations.

The "frame" of the book is that Clarke is writing a letter on 20 July, 2019, from the moon. He is in the crater Clavius, where the permanent United States of America base is established. How can this happen?

Suppose (says Clarke) that we had a President who, in his inaugural speech of 1993, called for the USA to again go fourth into space as pioneers, including a space station and a moon base and a manned mission to Mars? Suppose that, as happened with Apollo, the technological fall-out once again made the USA the #1 technological nation in the world?

The 280 pages of this book are thus devoted to Clarke's dream, and I must admit I found it a beautiful one. I won't spoil the book for you by giving you the details, since I feel you will want to find out for yourself.

—HARRY ANDRUSCHAK



NEWS FROM LOSCON (courtesy Mike Glycer)

DIPLOMATIC POUCH #3: the Loscon XIV Daily Newzine

YOUR DAILY NEWZINE STAFF: Editor: Mike Glycer. bye bye!

CONGRATULATIONS MIKE FRANK: Last night at the Masquerade, last year's winner of LASFS' Evans-Freehafer Award, Galen Tripp, announced Mike Frank as the winner of the 1987 award. The Evans-Freehafer Award is a club service award named for two fondly remembered LASFSians, E. Everett Evans and Paul Freehafer.

LOSCON REGISTRATION: Through presstime was 1431 -- record attendance for the convention. LOSCON BLOOD DRIVE: According to drive organizer Gary Louie, the Red Cross collected 63 pints from members on Saturday.

MASQUERADE AWARDS:

(information provided by Robin Schindler) Thanks Robin!

WORKMANSHIP

Honorable mention: Juliet - Maureen Mabry

Honored for excellence:

Design: Princess Shub-adab - Linda Cronquist

Originality: Princess Dragon of Barendarius - J. D. Watson

Headpiece: Grand Chancellor of the Outer Regions - Karen Kuykendall

Makeup: Vincent - Jay Smith, Mike Moore, Walt Davis

Leatherwork: Royalty of the Night, Tony Smithers, Eileen Smithers, Brian Thomas, Dana Fiedsti, Julian Gwyer, Kelly Dwyer

Best in Class:

Novice: Zaylize - Elfin Drifter - Krista Waite

Journeyman (tie): Prince Zairgoth, Warrior Supreme - Bob B. Barton

Irene the Horrible, Werewolf Countess of Manningtree - Barbara Hamby

Best in Show: Faun - Lorraine Sturges

LOSCON . . .

PRESENTATION AWARDS

NOVICE

- Honorable Mention - Humor: Mudd Surprise - Frank Waller
- Honorable Mention - Design: Colonial Marine Dress Uniform - George Clonts
- Most Beautiful: Princess Shub-adab from the Kingdom of Neo-Sumeria - Linda Cronquist
- Most Original: Princess Dragon of Barenarius 7 - J. D. Watson
- Best Fantasy: Zaylize, Elfin Drifter - Krista Waite

JOURNEYMAN

- Best Recreation: Vincent - Jay Smith
- Most Humorous: Extraterrestrial Tourist - Greg Autore
- Best Sword & Sorcery: Prince Zairgoth, Warrior Supreme - Bob B. Barton
- Best Character Presentation: Faun, Lorraine Sturges
- Best Fantasy: Irene the Horrible, Werewolf Countess of Manningtree - Barbara Hamby

MASTER AWARDS

- Most Beautiful: A Mid-Summer Tempest. Designed by Kathy Sanders. Worn by Derek Taylor, Kathy Sanders and Dave Butterfield.
- Most Dramatic: Watchman. Designed by Alan Moore, Dave Gibbons & Kathy Sanders. Worn by Drew Sanders, Walton Kovacs, Tristan Anderson, Mark Sanders, Mark Sharpe, Tom McDaniel and M. Stroni.
- Most Original: Grand Chancellor of the Outer Regions - Karen Kuykendall.
- Best in Show: Royalty of the Night. Designed by the Duelists. Worn by Tony Smithers, Eileen Smithers, Dana Fiedsti and Kelly Dwyer.

Fan Guest of Honor's Favorite: Royalty of the Night

The Masquerade director would like to thank the amazing crew who all pitched in above and beyond the call of duty and sanity to make last night's event a success!

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ART SHOW AWARDS

- Best in Show: Alicia Austin, "Keeper of the Fetish"
- Best Use of Color: Cora Healy, "Sword Dancer"
- Best Ink Work: Wendy Ikeguchi, "Sentinel"
- Best Design Concept - 3D: Jaeger, "Twist of Fate"
- Best Design Concept - 2D: Christine Mansfield, "Breaking Away"
- Excellence Overall: Arlin Robins, Overall Work (::judges - Alison Dane Frankel, Robin Doig)
- Guest of Honor Awards:
- C.J. Cherryh: Alicia Austin, "Keeper of the Fetish"
- Tom Whitmore: Elizabeth Berrian, "T-Rex"

→ Please Note: ^{KL}
 The LASFS Lord-High-Janitor (and
 Distribution "Editor" of this rag), Galen A. Tripp,
 has a new residence phone number. It being
 (818) 508-6154... Give us a call.



CLJ II

CAPED CRIMINOLOGIST CHASES CROOKS

New York City (CL) This city has been rocked by relentless attacks upon its key industries by a madman known as The Octopus. To combat this wave of chaos and destruction, Police Commissioner Kirk has enlisted the aid of Richard Wentworth, famed criminologist.

Into this contest has leapt The Spider, a mysterious cloaked figure who seems to be a force for good despite the allegations of the police, who believe The Spider to be not only a gangster but possibly in league with The Octopus.

Each week, Wentworth and his aides, Jackson, Ram Singh, and Jenkins, and his fiancée Nita van Sloan battle to bring law and order to a terrorized business world in *The Spider's Web*, a 1938 Columbia Pictures chapter-play, our next CL-odeon Theatre Presentation, beginning 7 JANUARY 1988, at 7:40 PM (note new starting time!) in Freehafer Hall.

Warren Hull stars as Richard Wentworth, underworld character Blinky McQuade, and The Spider; Iris Meredith portrays Nita, and serial vet Kenneth Duncan appears as Ram Singh. Also in the cast are Richard Fiske, Forbes Murray, Charles C. Wilson, Marc Lawrence, Nestor Paiva, Tom London, and Byron Foulger.

The serial is based upon the third most popular pulp-magazine character of the nineteen-thirties and -forties, and was directed by James W. Horne and Ray Taylor, the latter a cliffhanger veteran, the former a skilled comedy director who worked with Laurel and Hardy, beginning an association with Columbia that would see their serials become increasingly childish and comical. But this is the best of his Columbia work, and unquestionably the finest cliffhanger ever produced by the studio, filmed soon after their raid on Nat Levine's crew at Republic.

One of the Emperor's personal favorites, *The Spider's Web* will be shown in its original style, one chapter each week, before the LASFS meeting. Watch *De Profundis* for details.

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FANZINE REVIEWS

SECANT TWO
Greg Hills
GPO Box 972 G
Melbourne 3001
Australia

I am sure Greg will send you a sample copy if you ask for it, and mention that you saw my review in De Prof.

As a matter-a-fact, I have not heard from Greg in over 4 years. I know this because he prints my 4-year-old Letter of Comment on page 1&2. On re-reading it, I wonder if I was too harsh on Arthur C. Clarke for his mathematical mistakes in the book 2010. After all, it is only a story.

Greg is getting back into fannish publishing after a long gafiation and the first 10 pages are a re-cap of what he has been doing in the last 4 years. After some old letters, Greg publishes some fannish articles and book reviews of good quality. A very nice zine to try and get, as it has a relaxed atmosphere about it.

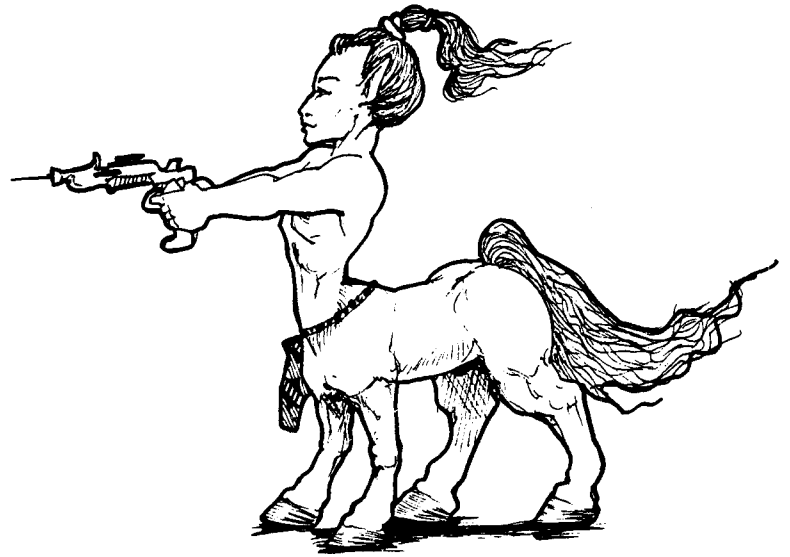
ERG #100
Terry Jeeves
56 Red Scar Drive
Newby, Scarborough
YO12 5RQ
United Kingdom

A magnificent fannish achievement! Here is issue 100 of fandom's only quarterly genzine to reach 100 at all. And the contents are as good as ever. Here we have Terry Jeeves writing about early SF predictions on cigarette cards, several excellent book reviews, and a good letter column. To obtain a copy of this landmark in fanzine history, just send Terry \$1 cash (no checks).

By the way, the address is new, so please note this COA in your fannish address books. Hopefully, some enterprising con committee will bring Terry over to the USA as a Fan Guest of Honor. I would enjoy meeting this fannish old-timer again.

FILE 770 #70
Mike Glycer
5828 Woodman Ave, #2
Van Nuys, Ca 91401

Available at 5 issues for \$5 and worth it. The LASFS secretary also publishes the best newszine for fans who desire to have the latest in fannish news. This issue continues the coverage of the 1987 Worldcon, concentrating on the hotel problems. It also names the Forbidden Planet Bookstore as being responsible for the failure of Progress Report #4 to be mailed out in time for fans to vote on site selection.



MIMOSA #3
Dick and Nicki Lynch
4207 Davis Lane
Chatanooga, TN 37416

This is one of the finest fanzines I have received this month! It is a classic example, at 44 pages, of the traditional mimeographed fanzine.

The range of writers is large, although the best item is Bob Shaw's Guest of Honor speech at Rivercon XII, "What I Learned From Watching Star Trek," reprinted by permission. Shaw is one of fandom's greatest humorists, and this little romp is no exception.

Other writers include LASFS member Elst Weinstein on his adventures in Mexico, Don Markstein about shopping mall Santas, Dave Locke on the game of Hearts, Lon Atkins, and others.

A well rounded Letter Column compleats this issue. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!

--Harry Andrushak

FANZINES RECEIVED

Baton Rouge SF League, Inc. Newsletter
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WOFAN #27

BOARD MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE LOS ANGELES SCIENCE FANTASY SOCIETY INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: September 27, 1987
Chairman: Craig Miller. Secretary: Mike Glycer

ATTENDANCE: (Board) Craig Miller, Mike Glycer, Robbie Cantor, Cheryl Chapman, Bruce Pelz, June Moffatt, Bob Null, Gavin Claypool, Dan Deckert, Danise Deckert (Abs: Elayne Pelz). (Others) M. Cantor, L. Moffatt, C. Matheny, G. Dazzo, D. Butterfield, G. Louie, G. Tripp, F. P. Niven, J. Burr, R. Tutihasi, L. Nakashima, I. Deckert, C. Bernay, F. Patten, C. Jackson 2, P. Cook, K. Rowand, Brandy.

MINUTES: Two sets of minutes were presented. Corrections were made as follows: (7/19) Cheryl Chapman's statement on the subject used the word photocopying, not, heaven forbid, ~~xeroxing~~! Lex Nakashima objected to Cheryl's correction on generic grounds. (8/16) Gary Louie's door reference was to the back door of the back building.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS: Applications from the following fans were considered: Ronald Faust, David M. Godwin, Kent Hastings, Mark A. Kramer, Carol A. K. Lembke, Christopher Mills, John P. Strang. There were no (serious) calls for separate consideration, and all applications were approved by unanimous voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT: On September 24, 1987, the Main Treasury held \$10,045.49, the Library Fund \$42.60, and Key Deposits of \$230.00, for a total of \$10,138.09.

NESFA EXPECTATIONS: Craig had nothing new to add in the public session.

CONSTRUCTION: Bruce Pelz officially noted a "cathole" in the roof. Before the meeting a few members had rescued a cat from its perch inside the ceiling insulation (only to have it return in the middle of the meeting...) Bob Null said, "We could fumigate." Craig Miller was more concerned about the potential for rain damage -- if a cat could get in, certainly rainwater could get in.

At Danise Deckert's request, it was noted in the minutes there was some electrical stuff we've forgotten and need to ask Elayne about.

Charlie Jackson 2 reminded directors the plumber was supposed to come back and do the work necessary to connect a new spigot outside the back building. The plumber said it would get expensive, there it was put aside. After discussion of what the outside spigot is used for, mainly to water plants, Craig Miller accepted Galen Tripp's suggestion to buy a longer hose, and told Galen to buy the best hose he could find for \$25.

LOSCON 14: Con chairman Fred Patten said their second PR is back from the printer, and will be mailed next week. In line with the convention's theme "The Royal Courts of Galactic Empires", at

opening ceremonies Fred wanted to exchange diplomatic recognitions -- between LASFS and other clubs -- as an example of a function at royal courts. A precedent for what he had in mind was the cartoon exchange of 25 years ago between the London SF club and LASFS. Tom Whitmore, fan guest of honor, thought the Little Men (Berkeley) would do it. Ben Yalow said the same for NESFA. Craig Miller read the "Honorary Member" section of the bylaws, which extended full membership rights, and seemed too broad for the purpose. So he went over the "Execution of Documents" section. Making some of these "sister clubs" was suggested as an alternative to the kind of honorary memberships LASFS and the London club bestowed on each other since members of clubs located closer to LASFS might actually avail themselves of their privileges. Craig suggested the wording: "You shall be declared a sister club unless you mail back this card each month."

Danise thought Fred's idea was "mostly harmless" unless all of NESFA showed up on our doorstep. Gary Louie interrupted, "Turn around and I'll pat your other end," but when the uproar died down Gary explained he was talking to Brandy. (Why that was "okay" will be left as an exercise for the readers.) The directors discussed the wording, working their way through sister club, affiliate, brothers-in-arms, brothers-in-peacebonded-arms. Patrice Cook said it would be simplest to give every NESFAn a key to the clubhouse and charge \$10. Craig Miller asked for a motion to accept the concept, which was seconded by Bruce Pelz. Passed by voice. Gavin Claypool added the suggestion we take old keys to the clubhouse, and like mayors present a key to the city, we would give our keys, then at the end announce, "By the way, we've changed the locks."

Fuzzy Pink Niven said we had insufficient pegboard for the LASFS Art Show hangings, and needed 10 panels' worth. Danise Deckert, seconded by Bruce Pelz, moved \$100 for pegboard, which passed by voice. Michele and Fuzzy Pink will get it.

Dan Deckert asked about display cases. If the LASFS intended to have them at Loscon, the club would have to approve a capital expenditure. Table top, or full standing cases, Craig asked. Table top was what Fuzzy Pink had in mind. Prices, sources, and availability were discussed, and rental was asked about. More information was needed.

LOSCON 15: Since Rick Young was in Israel, Craig Miller reported that the Long Beach Hyatt Regency had come back with a floor plan than assumed we only needed 16 art show panels. The Sheraton Long Beach had been contacted, but is too small for our needed. The choices seemed narrowed to the LAX Hilton, paying lots of money, or the Pasadena Hilton.

CONVENTION DELEGATES: Tuscon: Lex Nakashima. Milehicon: Lex Nakashima. Orycon: Elayne & Bruce Pelz, Drew and Kathy Sanders.

INSURANCE: Craig reminded the board that we need a rider for the

Pasadena Hilton during Loscon XIV.

COMPUTERS: Bob Null reported the MS-DOS computer now plays Shanghai. The Pied Piper B-disk drive has troubles. The directors referred disposal of old S-100 equipment to the NESFA Expectations Committee.

SCIENCE FICTION SHOWCASE: Genny Dazzo said the date was wavering between the first weekend in May and the first week in June due to the Nebula Banquet schedule fluctuations.

AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT: Bruce Pelz brought to the board's attention from Edwin Austin the "Zestron 3600" smoke control device, which costs \$350, and will clear about 350 square feet. After discussion, Bruce advised we decide the dimensions we need cleared, and ask Austin to get an estimate. It was the 'sense of the Board' to investigate further.

HOLIDAY CARD: Charlie Jackson recommended that LASFS follow the practice of some businesses of creating a holiday card and mailing it to our contacts in the community and fandom. "Are you going to do it or shall we get an artist," jibed Bruce. Therri Moore would settle for painting the trailer in a Christmas motif. Craig asked for a voice vote that the directors think this is swell, which passed without dissent. Charlie was appointed to assemble a report on card production and distribution.

SECOND SUNDAY FUNDS: Casey Bernay, Vice President for Life Or Until She Quits, said Second Sunday attendance is around 50 fans, and she is tired of complaints about supplies. She said \$40 only goes so far, and if the club agrees there should be refreshments served, she wanted the budget increased by \$10. Bob Null thought to post a sign that extra stuff (donations) would be appreciated. After discussion, Dan Deckert, seconded by Mike Glycer, moved to raise the Second Sunday budget to \$50 provided there will be a sign posted requesting donations. The purpose of providing refreshments at Second Sunday was debated. Buying only soda with the budget was considered. The Buchman process was called for. Voting Aye: Dan Deckert, Danise Deckert, Claypool, Glycer, Moffatt, Null. Voting Nay: Elayne (proxy held by Bruce Pelz). Abstaining: Bruce Pelz, Robbie Cantor, Cheryl Chapman (proxy held by Bruce Pelz). The budget increase passed 6-1 with 3 abstentions and the chairman not voting.

OTHER: Casey asked about the club's plans for a Halloween party, but was referred to the club meeting for such a decision. She also advocated consideration and respect for the Tai Chi class, which she termed unsupported by the club.

Bruce Pelz asked for the authority to have more business cards made, for about \$30, and was given permission to spend that amount.

Therri Moore noted the condition of the clubhouse after Friday night. Casey Bernay said the gamers will now be given time limits. She makes sweeps through the back building periodically to see that things are under control. Casey opens on Friday, Leigh Strother-Vien closes. They'll handle the situation.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting was set for October 31, 1987, at 11:30 AM.

MEETING MINUTES

MENACE OF THE LASFS: Meeting #2623 -- November 19, 1987
Mike Glycer, the Once and Future Secretary

There was no patron saint for tonight's meeting, except possibly George Mulligan, who prepaid 50 cents of pun fines before the meeting even began.

When the meeting got under way, Glycer observed that the meeting number on the Treasurer's Report and his minutes had gotten out of synch -- again! We just fixed that last year. Reading the meeting minutes took just slightly longer than debating the meeting number. When Glycer was done, Allan Rothstein tried to differ with someone else's announcement about Wendayne Ackerman's medical condition, but was promised a shot at Craig later. Galen Tripp corrected Glycer's pronunciation of Carolann Cranston, which he was pronouncing as an entirely different name.

Registrar Hal O'Brien revealed guests Lee Wood and Offredo Fanou.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Craig Miller surprised the Green Ribbon Committee by reporting progress on their mission to plot a suitable revenge on NESFA for giving us the shaft. He reminded everyone that the Vandroids sent flowers to Patrice two weeks ago with a card announcing that a donation had been made in our name to the Philadelphia SF Society Time Capsule. We noted the same night that the wooden crate, from which the Vandroids had removed the shaft weeks before, was now itself...missing. Well, Charlie Jackson got a call from Lew Wolkoff, Time Capsule Coordinator. They received this large wooden crate. (Craig was interrupted by applause). Wolkoff wanted to know if we'd pay for them to return the shaft; otherwise they'd sell it for scrap. At the time Charlie smirked and declined their offer. But there was popular sentiment in favor of sending PSFS enough money so they could freight the shaft to the nearest SF clubhouse -- in Boston -- where it could be held for 50 years until it was time to open the time capsule. Marty Cantor, seconded by Adams Douglas, moved to appropriate \$100 to pay the freight charges to divert the shaft to NESFA. A loud voice vote aye passed the motion. (Mulligan had the last word, suggesting we send a gift of sage and rosemary for their thyme capsule...)

Craig said there's be no program next week, which would be Thanksgiving. (Not to imply a cause and effect...) The Golds said they'd be over at the clubhouse with leftover pecan pie and a guitar. Tonight's program was Norman Spinrad -- and Galen asked, would Norman speak (unlike our last scheduled pro)? Craig reassured him Norman was here and so far as he knew he'd speak. (In fact it turned into a dialog between Spinrad and Pournelle, which was appropriate.)

Returning to the news about the Ackermans, Craig said they were assaulted in Italy while in a car, and that precipitated Wendayne's stroke. She's in hospital, paralyzed on the left side of her body. Craig asked for an appropriation to send flowers. Lee Gold, seconded by Galen Tripp, moved to appropriate \$35 for her flowers. After this passed, Craig was pleased, because he'd already fronted the money and sent the flowers on behalf of the club.

Glycer gestured to high-fashion, fuschia-haired Casey Bernay and announced her candidacy for the Presidency of LASFS. Medium fashion Fred Fatten reminded members of next week's Loscon XIV.

Out-of-fashion Allan Rothstein (only kidding) asked volunteers to work at Loscon to turn in their sign-up forms. "See the con from the inside out, instead of as a spectator," declared the king of the nonsequitur.

Galen Tripp admitted that LASFS still has a club newsletter, and tonight was the deadline. Marty Cantor made his Fugghead announcement. Mark Poliner did likewise, and claimed he'd been stuffing his own ballot box. Bruce Pelz said, "I don't think that's what they meant when they told you to stuff it." Then Pelz announced he was running a gift-suggestion registry for those wanting to know what people are interested in getting as holiday gifts.

Casey Bernay, Vice President for Life or January 1, 1988, whichever comes first, denied that the Vandroids were responsible for her changed hair color. She was on her way to Mexico next week, but would be back in time for the elections -- hint hint. She also advertised the Gala Awards ceremony for tournament winners at the December Second Sunday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Bruce Pelz auctioned parking spaces. Then David Schlosser began his announcement asking for "a chorus of boos -- let's get it over with." LASFS booed him, then he offered Holland in 90 Worldcon memberships for sale. Then Francis Hamit discussed a slightly more popular figure, L. Ron Hubbard, and unsuccessfully efforts by lawyers of the Church of Scientology to pressure the Daily News into suppressing Hamit's review of a biography titled L. Ron Hubbard, Messiah or Madman? The review ran in the past Sunday's edition.

Robin Schindler once more announced she has an apartment to share-rent with someone who is honest, employed, and feline friendly. Allan Rothstein perked up, "You've dropped the 'reasonably clean' requirement?" On that note, we adjourned to the reasonably clean Norman Spinrad. Hoping you are the same...

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MENACE OF THE LASFS: Meeting #2625 -- December 3, 1987
Mike Glycer, the Once and Future Secretary

It would be a busy, historic night at the LASFS, so we started it by invoking the name of the patron of speed-reading and 25 cent paperbacks, St. Marty Massoglia.

Then there was the ceremonial throwing out of raw meat to the membership in the form of Glycer reading the minutes. Some of the wild cats spoke up -- including Francis Hamit who snarled that his article appeared in the Daily News, not the Herald-Examiner, and Marty Cantor who hissed that our last scheduled pro speaker was A. J. Budrys who certainly did show up and speak.

Satisfied things were off to a roaring start, Patrice purred that Craig Miller and his little committee should report. Program Czar Miller warned those with faint hearts to beware, for tonight was the Board of Directors election, and next week would be the Procedural Elections, highlights sure to belong on everyone's calendar. December 18 will be the Xmas Gift Exchange. January 21 we can look forward to a UFO presentation by J. Randolph Winters (did anybody doubt Craig wanted out of this job?) Craig said Winters wants hard questions. "Who played Lumpy on 'Leave It To Beaver'?" was Charlie's suggestion.

THE SHAFT'S WORLD TOUR: Coming to a City Near You! Craig segued to a report on behalf of the Green Ribbon Committee on the saga of The Shaft. When last we looked in on our heroes, the Vandroids had sent a floral arrangement to Patrice with a card declaring they had donated The Shaft to the Philadelphia SF Society's Time Capsule. The Club had appropriated \$100 for PSFS to ship it to NESFA, but it took Craig a week to phone Lew Wolkoff, little helped by Wolkoff misprinting his phone number in LASFAPA.

When The Shaft showed up on the loading dock of the Philcon hotel, they thought Wolkoff had fucked up and ordered the biggest damned time capsule he could find. Then they opened the crate. Tours of Philcon attendees were guided to view historic gift. The PSFS Board met at Philcon. They had read in the fan press reports The Shaft had been stolen. Taking to heart attorney Gary Feldbaum's warning they didn't want to be the recipients of stolen property, they decided despite Charlie Jackson's declination to have LASFS pay return freight for The Shaft they would have it trucked back to LA anyway, and send us a bill. Craig had a better idea. Although the crate had already been picked up, there was sufficient time to have it reconsigned to Somerville, MA, home of NESFA. Gary Feldbaum merely asked Craig to send NESFA a letter of explanation. Craig read the letter. (TEXT:)

December 3, 1987

New England Science Fiction Association
504 Medford St.
Somerville MA 02145

Dear NESFA:

As you are no doubt aware, earlier this year an organization known as the Vandroids appropriated The Shaft from the grounds of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society clubhouse. This act was done as part of an ongoing dispute relating to the unrequested redecorating of a temporary structure. The specific details of this dispute are unimportant.

As you are also no doubt aware, the Vandroids donated The Shaft to the Philadelphia Science Fiction Society's Time Capsule project. While the Vandroid's legal rights to The Shaft are clouded, and, thereby, their right to donate it to a worthy cause, we applaud their decision.

The Shaft is, we feel, an important Fan-Historical relic. The Shaft was a part of the New England Science Fiction Association clubhouse, and was presented by your estimable organization to the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society as a token of your esteem. It has provided great pleasure to members of both organizations. In different ways, of course.

Therefore, we feel that the Vandroids' decision was the correct one. This physical example of shared joy and cooperation between our organizations is a fine and important addition to any representation of this period in Fandom. For that reason, among others, we have instructed the Philadelphia Science Fiction Society to retain The Shaft as an element for their Time Capsule.

Unfortunately, the PSFS does not yet possess a clubhouse, and, lacking same, is unable to store an item the size of The Shaft. Therefore, it was decided that The Shaft should reside with a reputable Science Fiction organization that does have its own clubhouse and is in close proximity to the PSFS.

Therefore, under separate cover, the Philadelphia Science Fiction Society has shipped to you The Shaft. Please treat it with all due respect.

(signed) Craig Miller, on behalf of LASFS

Marty Cantor stood to ask, "Can we possibly move to pay the Vandroids their \$6.00?" Craig said no. Chuck Donahue wanted to hear back from NESFA, "Was it good for them, too?"

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Hal O'Brien introduced guests James Barris, Sivan Dunn-Wall, Merideth Dunn Wall, David Harmon, Richard Puckett, David Bliss and Shane Glaseman.

Charlie Jackson 2 said next Thursday would be The League of Frightened Men -- nothing to do with the elections. It's the second Nero Wolfe movie made in the 30s. On another of his duties, editor Jackson said Shaggy's new issue had debuted at Loscon. Swapping for a third hat, he admitted that front building refrigerator defrosting has been delayed.

NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT: Craig Miller took nominations for President. Nominees were Mark Poliner, Casey Bernay, Frank Gasperik, Hal O'Brien and Charles Lee Jackson 2. Patrice Cook declined, graciously. Ian Deckert was disqualified, not being a member. Leigh Strother-Vien had the authorization to accept Casey's nomination, though Casey was in Mexico: the first reported case of a President fleeing the country before doing anything that would require it. Leigh was celebrating her 34th birthday, by the way.

Fred Patten asked for people to publish their comments about Loscon XIV in next week's APA L. Gary Louie having turned up with his draft rules for the LASFS Gift Exchange, Bruce Pelz asked for a committee to meet during the next two weeks to finalize the rules. Though he asked for volunteers, only Bruce and Gary were interested. Ejo announced an art sale at the clubhouse by Pendragon Gallery expatriate artists this Saturday. She thought volunteers to help run it. Rick Young hawked Loscon 15 memberships. Elayne wanted annual dues payments (\$35) starting now. George Jumper asked would she take cash? Charlie said, "Yes, with two IDs."

NEW BUSINESS: Rick Foss submitted a motion to hold the LASFS' New Year's Eve Party, if there was to be one, at the Universe convention hotel -- the LAX Hilton. Patrice Cook called for a motion making an appropriation of money for a New Years Eve Party as the first step. Glenn Glazer, seconded by Mark Poliner, moved \$100 be appropriated for a New Year's Eve Party. This passed by voice. Then Bruce Pelz, seconded by Regina Hopwood, moved to hold the December 31 LASFS meeting and New Year's Eve Party at the LAX Hilton. Tom Digby asked whether APA L collation would be moved, too, but Pelz pointed out such decisions are made by APA L, not the club. The motion received a mixed voice vote, but when Bruce asked anyone who did not expect to be at the meeting to refrain

from voting if they would, a show of hands carried the motion 20-5. As an important footnote, Charlie Jackson said be sure to notify Forry of the move, since it will be one of the rare occasions where there actually is a 53rd meeting of the year to mark his Patron Sainthood.

Patrice displayed the certificates of sister clubhood presented to LASFS by NESFA and Berkeley's Little Men's (etc.) club. Patrice said the NESFA certificate was temporary one, and we'd be getting a permanent one. "Guess what it'll be attached to," said Charlie.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION: Bruce Pelz described the "Alderson method" of automatic runoff used in LASFS Board elections. Four directors would be elected based on one ballot. Each voter would list the candidates in order of preference. On the first round, if no one had a majority, the candidate(s) with the lowest number of votes would be eliminated, and their ballots redistributed to the next highest preference still in the running. This process would be repeated until one candidate had a majority of the valid ballots. The second seat would be filled by eliminating the winner of the first election, then repeating the process. Thus until all four seats were filled.

Bruce declared that only members for a year or more could vote in this election, and only members for over three years could run for office. The directors whose terms would expire at the end of the month were June Moffatt, Danise Deckert, Craig Miller and Gavin Claypool. During the nominations, incumbent Danise Deckert declined, and incumbent June Moffatt was not present to accept her nomination, nor could she be reached by phone, nor had she left any instructions with anyone.

FIRST SEAT:

Craig Miller	25	26	26	27	28	32	33	37
Rick Foss	4	4	7	7	12	14	18	25
Gavin Claypool	4	4	5	8	11	13	17	X
Charlie Jackson ²	7	7	8	8	9	9	X	
Patrice Cook	6	6	6	6	8	X		
Chuck Donahue	4	5	5	5	X			
Michelle Dane	5	5	5	5	X			
Therri Moore	4	4	5	5	X			
Galen Tripp	3	4	4	X				
Gregory Barrett	3	3	X					
Drew Sanders	3	3	X					
Adams Douglas	1	X						
Fred Patten	1	X						
Milton Stevens	1	X						
Charles Matheny	0	X						
[subtotal]	71	71	71	71	68	68	68	62
Dead ballots	-	-	-	-	3	3	3	9

SECOND SEAT:

Patrice Cook	15	17	17	17	20	34
Rick Foss	4	4	6	10	14	29
Galen Tripp	4	5	6	10	12	X
Charlie Jackson	8	8	10	10	12	X
Gavin Claypool	9	9	10	11	12	X
Therri Moore	4	4	6	6	X	
Chuck Donahue	5	6	6	6	X	
Michelle Dane	5	5	5	X		
Drew Sanders	4	4	5	X		
Fred Patten	3	3	X			
Milton Stevens	3	3	X			
Gregory Barrett	3	3	X			

Adams Douglas 2 X
 Charles Matheny 2 X
 [Subtotal] 71 -
 Dead ballots 1 71 -
 70 1
 70 1
 65 7

THIRD SEAT:

Gavin Claypool 13 13 14 16 21 22 30 39
 Drew Sanders 8 8 9 10 11 14 15 18 22
 Charlie Jackson 5 5 6 6 6 10 11 12 17 X
 Galen Tripp 5 5 5 5 7 7 8 8 10 X
 Therrri Moore 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 X
 Chuck Donahue 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 X
 Milton Stevens 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 X
 Michelle Dane 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 X
 Rick Foss 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 X
 Charles Matheny 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 X
 Fred Patten 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 X
 Gregory Barrett 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 X
 Adams Douglas [Subtotal] 71 -
 Dead ballots 1 71 -
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 70 1
 69 2
 65 6
 61 10

FOURTH SEAT:

Rick Foss 7 9 10 10 17 20 25 33
 Galen Tripp 11 12 12 13 15 15 22 31
 Charlie Jackson 8 8 8 8 9 9 9 12
 Milton Stevens 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5
 Therrri Moore 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5
 Chuck Donahue 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5
 Michelle Dane 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4
 Fred Patten 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4
 Charles Matheny 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3
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