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WORLDCON REPORT

--- From Small Mammal roving reporter Paul Dormer, the proud new owner of an enormous transatlantic phone bill.

HUGO RESULTS

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DRAMATIC PRESENTATION BACK TO THE FUTURE

PROFESSIONAL EDITOR.....Judy-Lynn del Rey.

PROFESSIONAL ARTIST Michael Whelan.

FANZINE.....Lan's Lantern George Laskowski

FAN ARTISTJoan Hanke-Woods.

JOHN W. CAMPBELL AWARD Melissa Scott.

BIG HEART AWARD Rusty Hevelin.

CEREMONY NEWS -

Harlan Ellison said that he was 'lost for words' on receiving his award !!!

Lester Del Rey refused the Professional Editor award on Judy-Lynn's behalf because she would not have wanted to win the award on the sympathy vote caused by her death.

During the Dramatic Presentation award there was load appluase for BRAZIL (reminiscent of that for Hitch Hiker's Guide in 1979).

Michael Whelan has withdrawn his name from next years Best Artist nominations to give someone else a chance.

THE SHAPE OF CONS TO COME

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- 1988 NOLACON II New Orleans. 1-5 September 1988. GOH. DAW, Fan GOH Roger Simms Toastmaster Mike Resnick. Registration 30 dollars supporting, 35 dollars attending (until 30.9.87) to P.O.Box 8010, New Orleans, Louisianna 70192.
- 1989 NOREASCON III Boston. 31 Aug 4 Sept 1989. GOH to be announced. fan GOH Stranger Club (Boston Fan Group). Registration 20 dollars supporting, 40 dollars attnding (until 7.9.87 then 50 dollars). Colin Fine will be the British Agent but he requests you don't send him any money yet as he is changing address. US address - P.O.Box 46, MIT Branch Post Office, Cambridge Mass 02139.

Announced Bids

Los Angeles and Holland	1990
Washington DC	1992
Milwaukee	1994

Statistics

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The CONFEDERATION attendance was 5,500. The con hotel had 41 residential floors. Paul and Colin made out 300 receipts for CONSPIRACY membership (many of these for several people).

--- Paul Dormer, Small Mammal, Atlanta.

CONSPIRACY

To participate in next years World Convention you need only go as far as Brighton. Conspiracy will be from 27 August to 1'st September 1987 in the Brighton Conferen ce Centre. GOH Doris Lessing, Alfred Bester, Arkady and Boris Strugatsky. Toastmaster Brian Aldiss, fan GOH Joyce and Ken Slater, Artist GOH Jim Burns, Special fan Guest Dave Langford. Registration £10 supporting £25 attending to P.O.Box 43, Cambridge CBL 3JJ.

ALIENS - A PREMIERE REVIEW by xeno-environmentalist Jonathan Cowie.

If you enjoyed the film ALIEN then you will not be disappointed in its sequel aptly named ALIENS. In the main sequels fail to build on the original, or at least give deference, but ALIENS does. James Cameron, director of TERMINATOR, has based ALIENS' imagery firmly on Ridley Scott7s and makes it work. The film is the business.

Starting half a century after ALIEN ends, Ripley (Sigourney Weaver) is finally picked up only to discover that the company has just sent a terraforming team to you-know-where and that, surprise surprise, contact has just been lost. Ripley goes back as an advisor with a small force of starship troopers to sort the critters out.

In ALIEN the thrills 'n horror was in a poorly equiped group attempting to come to terms with an unknown animal violence. In ALIENS the unknown is replaced by numbers - a hundred odd aliens and a score of America's finest space-going cannon fodder. Ripley by now can hardly provide the film with its much needed soft touch, being too battle hardened, so Cameron intoduces a kid - but don't be put off. Unlike the middleclass, middle state spfats that Spielberg insists on throwing-up, this one is streetwise, or whatever it is that goes off Earth. Cameron paces the film well and even on occasion goes 0.T.T but tastefully in such a way that these 'lapses' give one a much needed breather.

The film took only four months to shoot at Pinewood (where else). After viewing it for two hours you feel those months. It is a must for those into solid-SF action.