

# WINNIE

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WINNIE brings news of the world of science fiction, with special emphasis on the West Coast. There's an issue born every two or three weeks.

PENSFA lives! Next meeting in three weeks (Feb. 22) here; info follows.

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I am not a number;  
I am a free fan!  
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We're putting them out at publishing parties cum PENSFA & GGFS meetings now. Next one: 22 Feb., 1:00 pm at 2404C Gabriel Ave., Mountain View, CA Call 415-968-7732 for information.

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## EVELYN DEL REY KILLED LESTER INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

In the middle of last week the del Reys were driving from New Jersey down to a science fiction gathering in Florida. Driving through Emporia, Virginia, their car cracked up; Evelyn was killed in the accident, and Lester injured. No other cars were involved in the accident.

Lester was brought back from the Virginia hospital by friends; in New Jersey he was allowed to continue recovery at home. At Carol Pohl's suggestion I talked with him on the phone; he is doing well, and friends are taking care of all arrangements. The accident, he said, was one of the unavoidable ones.

Those who might wish to write him a personal note should try his home address, 581 West Front Street, Red Bank, NJ 07701.

There will be more information in LOCUS and LUNA MONTHLY.

Tim Courtney, a Los Angeles fanne known primarily for her work in Star Trek fandom, died January 16 of cancer. Bjo Trimble, in an expressive letter, talked about her work as a nurse, and how she (Tim) had begun drawing pictures of Star Trek characters to amuse her child patients. Her original name had been Margaret Marie Courtney, but her father had wanted a boy, and had nicknamed her Timothy; the nickname stuck, and later she had her name legally changed to Tim. She was proud of her having been awarded a Phi Beta Kappa key in her Junior year at UC Berkeley. She had traveled and worked throughout the world, eventually becoming a nurse and founding the "Wife of Bath" Infirmary in Nyasaland.

Bjo invites anyone wishing a longer biography of Tim to contact her; address is 417 North Kenmore, Los Angeles, CA 90004.

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Seabury Quinn, one of the grand masters of WEIRD TALES, died December 24 in Washington DC at the age of 80. He had suffered a massive stroke several months ago and had been in bad health for years. He started writing for WEIRD TALES in 1923 when the magazine was founded, and continued doing so until the mid 1940's. He is best known for the Jules de Grandin series, one of the longest-running series about two central characters ever published anywhere. Some of the de Grandin stories (Grandin was his middle name) were collected in hardcover by Arkham House, and others are being reprinted in MAGAZINE OF HORROR today. Aside from his writing career, Mr. Quinn was a lawyer and a lecturer specializing in mortuary jurisprudence, and edited an undertakers' journal for many years; a fitting background for a horror author. He was an Air Force intelligence specialist from 1950 to 1964, and received a medal for meritorious civilian service. (LOCUS 46)

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The Trimbles have been forced to drop out of the TAFF race. Bjo describes the problems she foresees in taking care of their children, especially Katwen, if they were to leave for the three weeks abroad, with other circumstances making it impossible to take the children along. "Practically on the eve of our decision to withdraw from TAFF, we learned that William Rotsler was planning to file; it would have been a great race with a worthy opponent had we been able to run it! Rotsler and I are both able cartoonists, so the results of the campaign would have benefitted many fanzines. We called Bill as soon as we'd reached our decision, to tell him, and being a father himself, he understood."

Because of the Trimbles' dropping out at this late date, the deadline for filing for TAFF candidacy has been extended until the end of February. Competition is what makes TAFF successful, because competition stirs up the arguments and brings in the votes and donations to the TAFF fund. If you've toyed with idea, why not run?

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Dr. Frederic Wertham, known for his attacks on the early-fifties comics (and considered the one man primarily responsible for the adoption of the Comics code), and more recently for attacks on violence in television programming, is apparently doing a study on fanzines for the Twentieth Century Fund. A reprinted squib from the Fund newsletter contains a number of startling misapprehensions on his part (for details I suggest LOCUS 47) For one thing, he considers them "underground" publications; specifically, part of the Underground Press. One would think a comparison with the "little" magazines would be more to the point.

Les Crutch, old-time Canadian Fan, appears to have died. Mail is being returned marked "deceased", and long-term friends have failed to receive their regular Christmas card. His address was 41 Waubeek St., Parry Sound, Ontario, Canada. ///// Another old-time fan, Rich Frank, is reported gravely ill. He is still in Williamsport, PA, where he has worked for many years for GRIT.

SCIENCE FICTION: LITERARY RESPONSE TO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY is the title of the course that will be taught at San Diego State College this spring. The classes will be held in the evening, and will be conducted by Harry Harrison and William Rupp. Harry Harrison is known to everyone in the field of SF as an author, editor, and critic; his credits include a large number of novels for JWC, the annual Best SF collections and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a Nebula Awards collection, as well as the printed fanzine SF HORIZONS. William Rupp is a high school teacher currently working with the educational uses of science fiction in schools. The course will deal with history of science fiction, the major works and stories, with special attention to the present state of the field. Students will read and become acquainted with the outstanding novels and short stories, and will see some of the more important science fiction films. There will be open discussions with guest speakers, some of whom will be: Philip Jose Farmer, James E. Gunn, Dr. Willis McNelly, Fritz Leiber, Dr. Leon E. Stover.

Course Title: The Study of Fiction (Science Fiction: Literary Response to Science and Technology) Units: 3 Cost: \$57 Place: Room 143, Social Science Building, San Diego State Campus. For further information consult the San Diego State College Extension Catalog (Spring 1970 edition), available from the Extension Office (286-5147)

CHARTER FLIGHT TO HEICON: The East Coast Charter Flight already has 70 members, over the 60-person minimum required (if necessary, the agency can split a plane with another group flying over on a similar trip, to make up the total of 180 people). Alan Nourse writes that they have a plane committed for Heicon Charter East from World Airways, Inc., a major charter carrier, with a tentative contract in the works. He would like to fill the plane entirely with Heicon members, and suggests that those who have been diddling around get their deposit checks off to Don Lundry (RD #1, Old York Estates, Hightstown NJ 08520) or to himself (c/o Tradewinds, Box 396, Fall City WA 98024)

Meanwhile, the West Coast charter flight is having more troubles than the Eastern, with a large number of people apparently holding off to see what will finally take place. Response has been much slower and lighter, and they have had many queries regarding alternatives in the event that the western charter doesn't fill, or at least fill enough to split a charter with another group. Several possibilities exist. Deposit and reservation are transferrable to Heicon Charter East without jeopardy as long as seats still exist on the eastern flight. Furthermore, even a very small group from the west could secure favorable economy excursion rates on a round trip flight from the west to join Charter East, and this may be the best alternative if we don't see some real action in the next 30 days. A larger group, 40 or 50, could get large-block affinity group fares on a scheduled carrier going over the pole to Europe. With 60 or more, the possibility of a split flight with another charter group would keep the fare down to the same level as it would be for a plane filled entirely with fans.

Alan says there have been rumors of a conflicting charter flight, with lower rates. That's news to me. I find it difficult to believe that a competing flight will be able to pull enough Heicon members to have them qualify as a charter group; and if the group is connected by some other common membership it will have no benefit for the move to make convention membership an affinity grouping (so far, this has been accepted as a legal grouping, providing all the charter members have been Heicon members since Feb. 22)

Alan finishes the letter by taking to task all the pros and BNFs who know they will be going but have yet to do anything about the charter flight, assuming incorrectly that a space will be saved for them. To put it simply, if they don't sign up now, within 30 days or so, the charter flight might not get off the ground. And if the seats are gone, they're gone.

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Disney has apparently already re-released FANTASIA in New York City, according to Seth Dogramajian. Other information, via Larry Propp; the print has been modified for wide-screen process by chopping a little bit off the top and bottom to make a 70 mm print. It will be playing on a reserved-seat basis only, in "selected cities". He also notes

that the re-release of 20,000 LEAGUES UNDER THE SEA has been postponed at least until 1971. Under the normal Disney 7-year re-release cycle time, the film would have been reissued in 1968. ///// The LASFS Building Fund now stands at \$9471.81 (Jan. 22) ///// David McDaniel is working on the last Uncle Novel, THE FINAL AFFAIR--literally the Uncle novel to end all Uncle novels. Before it comes out (the outline has been accepted) Ace will be publishing the British originals, never before available in this country.

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## MEETINGS

**PENSFA:** The Peninsula Science Fantasy Association will have its first meeting of 1970 on Feb. 22, 1:00 pm, at 2404C Gabriel Ave., Mountain View, CA 94040. This is the first of the Sunday afternoon meetings, which have proved successful for NESFA and ESFA. The seventh issue of WINNIE will be finished ~~up~~ up. Call for information at 415-968-7732

**FANATICS (East Bay & SF):** Feb. 3 at The Rectory, 195 Alhambra (Apt 9) San Francisco, CA Call 415-921-2927 for information. Time 7:30--8:00 pm.  
Feb. 17 at Quinn Yarbros, 977 Kain's Ave., Albany, CA (415-524-9502)

**LITTLE MEN (East Bay):** Feb. 13 and Feb. 27, almost certainly at J. Ben Stark's, 113 Ardmore Road, Berkeley, CA 415-5252693) Meeting topics on postcard announcements.

**VALSFA (LA Area):** Feb. 6 at Fred Whitley's, 8375 Hillside Rd., Alta Loma, CA (714-987-4173) Feb. 20 at Tom Digby's, 330 S. Berendo, L.A. (213-388-2655) (The 4th anniversary meeting) Valsfa Garage Sale coming up to raise money for SFCOON party.

**SfCA (Atenveldt--Scottsdale, Arizona):** Second Tournament, Feb. 22, at McCormick Park, Scottsdale, Ariz., 9:00 am until dusk. Info from the Society, or Michael of Moria, 1643 N.Oleander, Tempe, Ariz. 85281.

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Kurt Vonnegut will be interviewed on NET Feb. 15, as the introduction to a series of five films, titled "Five Tomorrows". ///// Pat Hingle will be appearing with Johnny Cash in "Trail of Tears", an NET special. Hingle is the one Fox is discussing for "The Gnarly Man". ///// Bradford Day has moved to Oakland and set up his bookstore, "Science Fiction & Fantasy Publications", at 1784 Shattuck, Berkeley (about two blocks north of University)

**FRIED HAT REVIEW WAS SQUEEZED OUT BY LACK OF SPACE.** Dunno how Charlie Brown can get 10 pages through his post office for 6¢. Next issue we hope to continue Anthony Villiers, and discuss the sexual significance of "The Snow Women" and "The Two Best Thieves in Lankmar". Special thanx this issue to:

James Trooper, Richard Dutcher, & Mike Ward  
for service above and beyond the call of etc.

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