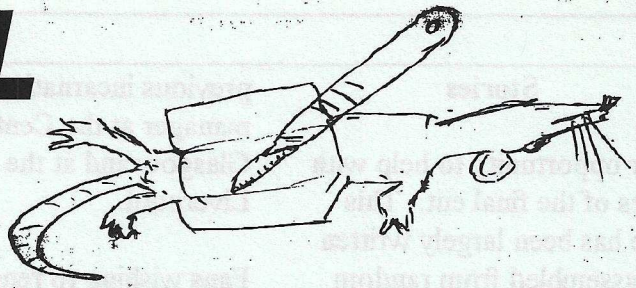


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The Dissection newsletter

Saturday AM

In the dark

With time on their hands Intrepid adventurers KIM Campbell and Julian Headlong braved the deepest Don Valley and visited Meadowhall. A massive power failure plunged the whole complex into darkness and confusion. Automatic emergency systems seemed uncertain as to the actual problem. Was it a bomb plot was it a fire. The dimly lit space turns into a scene from alien or perhaps doom.

The natural honesty of our adventurers is clearly shown by the fact that they did not realise that the power outage meant that security measures would be down, did not occur to them until they had returned to the hotel.

Top Trumps #1

Extra heroes and villains are cropping up everywhere. Last night extra cards were appearing with change from the bar. If you have lost all your cards early on fear not more cards are due to appear in the strangest places.

Fiona Anderson has acquired a coveted tartan ribbon following a vicious scissor attack on Alice Lawson

In Jeopardy

The contestants for Intersection jeopardy have been found they are:

*Vince Docherty
Julian Headlong
Fiona Anderson &
Paul Dormer*

Questions and answers for jeopardy have been written to be fiendishly difficult unless you know them. Watch out for classic performances from Steve Lawson. 11:30 is very early for Steve to be active on the second day of a con.

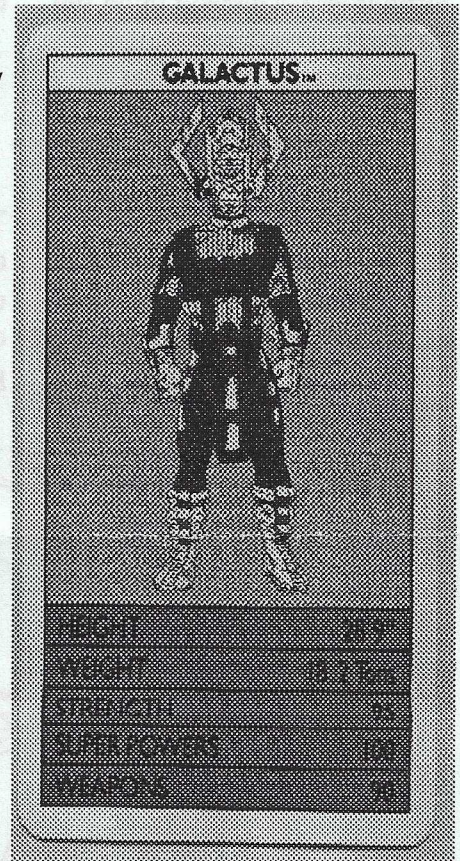
Top Trumps #2

Anne Bodell was seen last night with her head buried in her forbidden planet carrier bag. Her voice coming from the depths was heard to say; "I can't find my abomination"

STOP PRESS

Steve Lawson has given up his position as host of Jeopardy to Alice Lawson. The final cut has not yet received details of Steve's infirmity but this event is not entirely unexpected.

Top Trumps #3



Fran Dowd has claimed publicly to unbeatable a top trumps. The final cut can reveal why. This is her card, Galactus. You will see that in all categories it beats any card you possess.

Overheard

KIM Campbell setting up the Voodoo Board. "Do we have list of all the con Members?"

"What, you want to stick a pin through everybody?"

Stories

Your opportunity to help with issues of the final cut. This issue has been largely written and assembled from random eavesdroppings and the imagination (limited) of John Dowd.

Further issues depend upon the flow of interesting material. I have paper for four issues so lets have those tit bits into the envelope next to the voodoo board.

An old friend

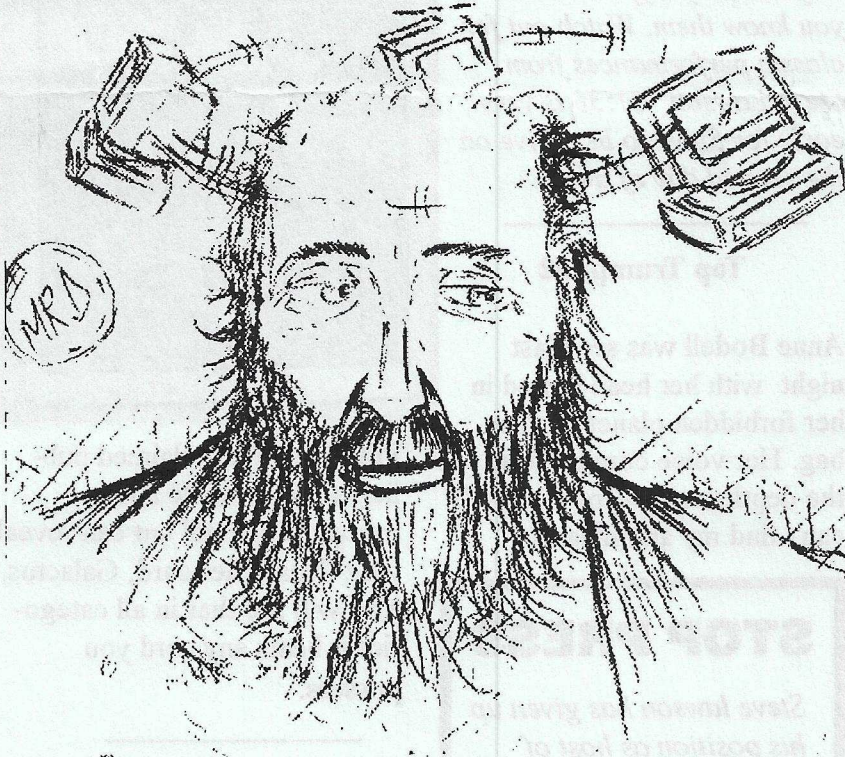
It turns out that the general manager of the hotel is an old friend of fandom. He has in

previous incarnations been a manager at the Central hotel in Glasgow and at the Adelphi in Liverpool.

Fans wishing to renew their friendship with Mr Moir will be disappointed however as he is not expected to be on duty this weekend.

Piccies

The final cut has graphics capability. Sketches, line art or other pictures that illustrate the con or are just amusing will be gratefully received.



John Dowd as sketched by one of his students during a lesson. The student subsequently dropped computing to concentrate on art.

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Ribbons

You will have several ribbons in your membership pack and a key to their meaning in the program book. However there are many unidentified ribbons being worn at the con.

The meaning of these ribbons is either a secret or not known to anyone. Please feel free to trade ribbons for ones more suitable to your mind set/ colour balance.

If you make up a new meaning for a ribbon let us know. We may publish it.

Birthday Corner

Nick Mills (38), famous for having his stag night virtually at Intersection, is having his birthday in reality at Disection. Having missed the delights of the virtual stagnost (see Fran Dowd for photos of flavoured condom tasting etc.) what might he get up to in person.

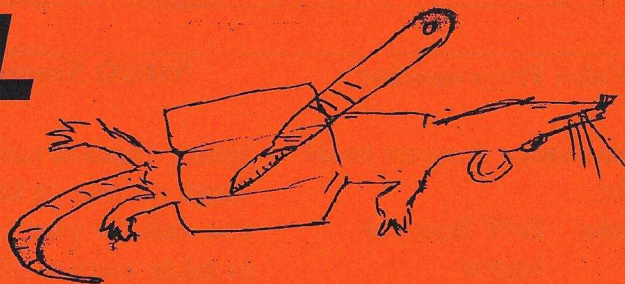
Any other birthdays over the weekend? Let us know! Let us congratulate them! People with birthdays are entitled to a maroon ribbon.

Small Ads

Dragons and Spaceships want a copy of the Startrek Role playing game. The offer upto £50 for a copy in reasonable condition.

Free Small adds can be placed in the newsletter. Copy to John Dowd.

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Galaxia, winner of the Journeyman class in the masquerade

Steve Lawson

Steve himself reports that there is nothing wrong with his health and any suggestion that he was fragile this morning because of overdoses of Flowers is mistaken. He also says that he changed from compering jeopardy to running the buzzer system because Alice wanted to be the compere.

Jeopardy Results

Paul Dormer stormed to victory with 3,300 points in a close fought battle with Fiona Anderson. Julian and Vince managed to keep up with the audience which came third on 2,000 points. Fiona, on 4,801 points near the end, had her score halved by Alice. "I was robbed" she was heard to mutter.

Top Trumps #4

Kate Solomon does not read her program book or TLC#1. How do we know? She challenged Fran. She Lost!

Overheard

Kate Solomon after winning masterclass in the masquerade; "At last I win a Worldcon Masquerade"

Masquerade report

The judges took their task very seriously. At 13 entries a quarter of the con members had entered the masquerade (believed to be a world record). Awards were made in five categories.

Masterclass	<i>Nightwings</i>	Kate Solomon
Journeyman	<i>Galaxia</i>	Paul Allwood
Workmanship	<i>Queen Sequin</i>	Sue Mason
	<i>Head</i>	
Dramatic	<i>Green Girl</i>	Kate Solomon
Presentation	<i>from Orion</i>	
Most Exposed	<i>Sue Mason</i>	
Flesh		

Sue Mason compered the show in the excellent way we have become accustomed to. Although a competitor herself she maintained a high standard of impartial narration.

Flash photography was kept up to reasonable levels during the show. It is suspected that some people only had flashguns.

Rumours of an entry by Michelle Hiley of a doll wrapped in polythene to be named Laura Palmer unfortunately proved unfounded.

Video Programming

Tonight's video program could include;

- Onibaba* B/W Japanese horror
The Keep Nazis meet a being from beyond in a Rumanian fortress.

or your selection if you get to the video first.

10:00 Sunday programming commences with;
Random Harvest the greatest amnesia weepy of all time, and a re-creation of one of *Intersection's* smallest parties.

Overheard but unidentified

"68 that's like 69 but with one fat lady"
(Sounds good to me)

Important news for those that understand it

Re Mark Meenan **It's on!**

Program change

Macho women with guns did not happen. It may happen but if you are not familiar with this game the rule book makes interesting reading. The rules are about ask if interested.

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NOGO Nominations

Voting closes at midnight. There is a box on the registration desk for your form. It will be taken away at midnight. So if you want to make a difference; vote early vote often.

From the Hotel

It would be a great help if the space between the bar and the dining room could be kept clear. Hotel staff have to move back and forth (often with your bar meals) and the hotel also caters for numbers of mundanes. If you can move down into the conservatory type structure it would be much appreciated.

Shopping Trip

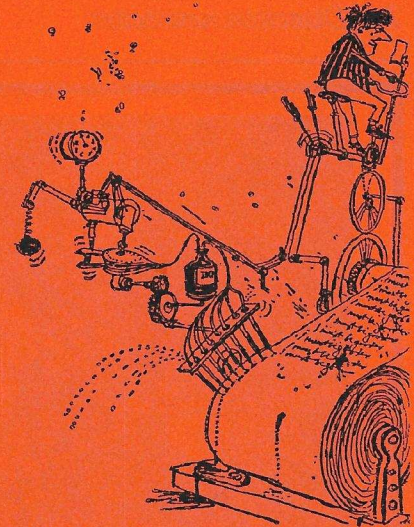
A reminder for those wanting to go shopping at MeadowHall the program book says to meet at 11:00 in the hotel Lobby.

Video Quiz

Rick Colasanti's team came a valiant second to Diane Water's team in "seeing is winning". The final score 84-56. Rick's team would have done better if they had watched more of the shows. At the end the took plan B and started hurling abuse at the other team.

Overheard

To Mike Scott in lobby; "D West wants to see you in the bar" Mike shrinks into seat and hides.



Our production department

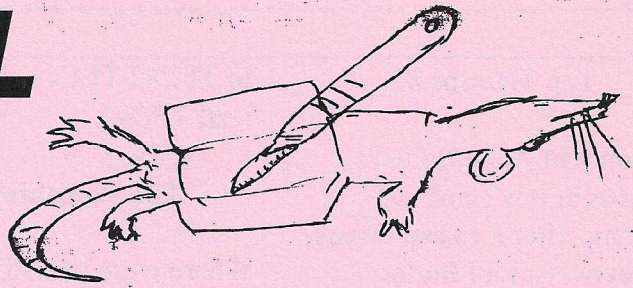
Birthday Corner

No-one else has admitted to having a birthday over the convention weekend except yours truly John Dowd (43 until tomorrow) In celebration of this occasion all members of the convention still here are invited to take a glass of Black velvet with him in the Legendary Cave (Video Room) at 7:30 pm and to continue the party in the bar for as long as it takes.

Small Ads

erratum In the previous issue we said that Dungeons and Starships are interested in acquiring a copy of the Star Trek role playing game. In Fact they want the Ringworld role playing game.

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Blind Date

Laura (Laura laughs) Wheatly will present this reprise of this popular item from the Inter-section fan program at a new time of 3:00 pm. Dates will probably be short and taken in the bar, but at least one couple is expected to take a trip to London.

Gaming News

A surprise hit of the con has been the game *Dr Who Battle for the Universe*. This game bought cheaply at an Incon auction and hidden for years on top of a wardrobe as unplayable has found new life with champion players Phil Butler and Steve Cooke.

NOGO Awards

Although the awards will not be made known until after publication of the last copy of TFC, there is a rumour that The Final Cut itself has been nominated in the best new fanzine category. We don't expect to win but nomination within 24 hrs of first production might be a world record.

Random Harvest Party

At the start of this party numbers were 150% of the original rising to 350% by the final kiss.

Hotel Staff

John Dowd as hotel liaison would like to thank the hotel staff for their work over the weekend and their cheerful help given to con members.

Top Trumps #6

Watch out Fran. Steve Lawson thinks he has a card that can beat Galactus.

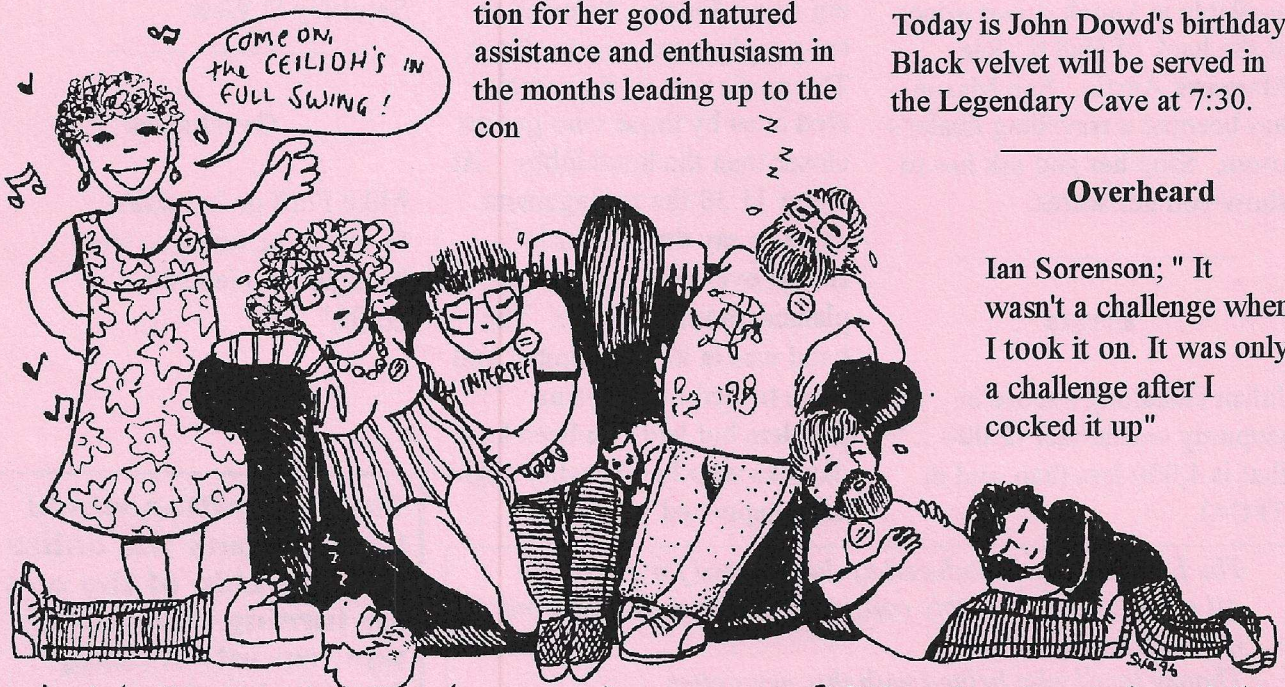
Melanie needs special mention for her good natured assistance and enthusiasm in the months leading up to the con

Reminder

Today is John Dowd's birthday. Black velvet will be served in the Legendary Cave at 7:30.

Overheard

Ian Sorenson; "It wasn't a challenge when I took it on. It was only a challenge after I cocked it up"



AUCE'S ENTHUSIASM DIDN'T SEEM TO RUB OFF ON THE PARTY JUST BACK FROM THE BALTI HOUSE...

Top Trumps #5

Rumours of Anne Bodell's prowess in this game are growing, after a casual discussion between Phil Butler, Michelle Hiley and David Cooper revealed that she had cleared all three of them out of cards within an hour.

Michelle Hiley

Apology and Warning

Grovel from Fran. She unreservedly apologises to anyone who failed to get to the con because of her map and will say sorry to anyone clever enough to get here in spite of it. In case you didn't know **don't** try to use it to go home.

Dealer's Rooms

We did not plan any dealer's rooms but two have developed. Intersection stuff is available at knock down prices at the back of Hall 6. See Margaret Austin. Sue Mason has become a travelling dealer's room. Stop her and ask her to show you her wares.

Errata

Julian Headlong's score in jeopardy was in fact -2,000 that is 4,000 less than said in TFC#2.

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Thanks to all who helped with this newsletter.*

In TFC#2 TLC#1 should have read TFC#1

The Vanishing Con

Where were you all? At 7:30 on Saturday night there were no con members to be seen anywhere in the hotel. The bar was empty. No one was in the lobby or either con room. At 8:15 the band were all alone in hall 6. Was this a case of mass abduction?

Overheard

Fiona Anderson, while attempting hypnotism with a small bear, "You are in my power" Eamonn Patton; "I thought that was a given anyway"

Ceilidh Report

When the con returned from its alien abduction sufficient members went into Hall 6 to join the band, who were starting to get lonely. As many as ten people were seen to dance. The music was well appreciated even by those who got no closer than the hotel lobby. At about 11:30 the management came to say that guests in rooms over Hall 6 had complained about the noise. The band was in its last number and there turned out to be no problem but had you been keen dancers who knows what might have happened

Whingeing Americans

It is rumoured that;
i) the complaining non sleepers were Americans who have today to do the lake district.
ii) they arranged to meet at 7:15 for breakfast. Breakfast starts at 8:00 on Sundays.
iii) they were secretly imported to add verisimilitude to the con, for what is a Worldcon without complaining Americans.

Extra Members

The following people did not make it to the program book.

59 Nick Mills
60 Jo Mills
61 Tara Dowlins-Hussey
62 Barry Truish
63 Mark Meenan
64 Paul Treadaway
65 Roger Grey
66 Penny Myles

and present in the bar on Saturday D West.

Overheard

Mike Ford on breakfast; "I asked for water so she brought me tea instead of coffee"

The committee would like to thank the entire membership of the con for turning their little ego trip into a really fun weekend.

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After the con

THE NOGO AWARDS

Many voting papers were received with most con members taking the process fairly seriously. One paper had all its nominations in anagrams which made life difficult for the committee at 2 am Sunday morning.

In many categories there were as many nominations as nominating papers. In these cases your committee carefully weighed up the evidence and gave the award to the best offer in each category.

The results;

Best cameo appearance in Beam Me Up Scotty

No clear winner. The committee decision was for Science Fiction and Intersection nominated by Martin Easterbrook.

Shop till you drop

It is rumoured that Margaret Austin missed the closing ceremony (and the two awards to Martin) because she was shopping at Meadowhall. There is no truth in the rumour that she had to be forcibly ejected by security staff.

Best Intersection programme item:

The Masquerade was a clear winner. Award was given to Sue Mason.

Worst Intersection programme item:

The opening ceremony was mentioned but on a committee decision no award was made.

Best fanzine launched in the last 6 months:

Zorn was the runaway winner of this award. Mike Scott was the popular recipient of a STAR TREK mug.

Heidi Lyshol's baby (due 9 months after Intersection) should be named:

Result not known

Ian Sorensen is reported as proposing to Julia Daly four times during the convention. What he proposed and what her answer was is not known. (Apologies to Ian for the misspelling of his name last time. I think I got it right this time.)

Despite a number of votes for "Yes it should!" the committee decision was for SEIKI. Award to Steve Davies.

Best food in Glasgow:

Again as many offerings as voting forms. Award to Martin Easterbrook for "Black coffee and Asperen".

The committee's award was influenced by the innovative spelling of aspirin.

Strangest food encountered at Intersection:

Stir Fried Chicken and Strawberries was a strong contender but The Ukrainian Stuff was overall winner. (No-one present was able to identify it more accurately).

The Voodoo Board

This proved popular with con members of all ages. Kate Solomon obtained much of her winning entry from here. William Platts our youngest member enjoyed the Plasticine making a "hitter potter mouse" and asking his mother to "make a paddling pool" from a handful of coloured pieces.

Power Passes

The ribbon of power worn by Fran Dowd as chair of the con has been passed on to Alice Lawson. She has been overheard denying any intention of holding a convention in the Rutland again (at least not before 1999).

Video Program

The X Files was the most popular item in the video programme being shown at least three times over the weekend. Aladdin came a close second. Apart from its showing in the opening ceremony there was little demand for "Beam me up Scotty".

Overheard

On the Sci-Fi channel this morning while typing this. "I studied all weekend to be a vacuole"

Charades

The boys team of Malcom Davies, Steve Lawson, Rhodri James & Paul Dormer had a convincing victory over the girls; Alice Lawson, Kate Solomon, Jane Platts, Julia Daly & Krysia. Two of the girls were not at Intersection, a disadvantage when most of the clues were program titles.

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The final score 165:135.

David Cooper kept order as host and made sure that play was fair. William Platts (youngest con member and David's stepson elect) foiled an attempt by Steve Lawson to cheat. He moved in quickly to retrieve a dropped paper ahead of the ageing Steve.

Top Trumps

Jonathon Oborn was the winner of Top Trumps managing to acquire almost half the cards put out at the con. His prize? The boxes that they came in and the remaining copies of Galactus.

Successful Con #1

The Flowers real ale was finished mid afternoon on Sunday. The hotel had been warned and had got in extra supplies.

Birthday Corner #1

The final event of the con was a small party to celebrate John Dowd's birthday. 7.5 litres of Black Velvet were consumed by about 20 con members still in the hotel. An episode of Cybill was watched on the video before the party broke up about 11:00. Thanks to all who came.

Blind Date

KIM Campbell chose Ian Sorensen over strong competition from Steve and Brian. Ian's reference to stilettos and chocolate just winning out over Steve's bondage, four poster beds and whipped cream.

Mike Scott chose Fiona Anderson possibly going for the largest number of bears.

The dates were held together at great expense to the con in the hotel bar for nearly 15 minutes.

Useful Fact?

According to Alice if the woman is tied up she is not sinning as in that condition she cannot do anything about what is happening to her. The colour of the silk scarves is unimportant apparently.

Birthday Corner #2

Julia Daly is having a birthday party on the weekend of 16th March. The Theme is Gypsies tramps and thieves. If you have been invited you will know where to go.

Successful Con #2

Our own Swiss Gnome David Cooper reports that despite our best efforts the con failed to make a loss.

**"you wouldn't be
meaning...
the asylum?..."**