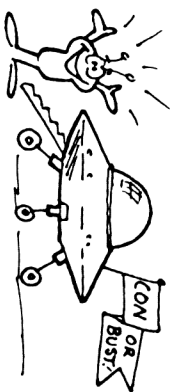


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# Welcome to Minicon 24!



## Guests of Honor:

Harry Harrison  
George "Ian" Laskowski  
Fritz Leiber  
Barry Longyear

## Honored Guests:

Patrick & Teresa Nielsen Hayden  
P.C. Hodgell  
Larry Niven  
John Sladek

## WEAPONS POLICY

We want everyone to have a safe and enjoyable time at Minicon. We, therefore, have established the following policy on weapons at the convention.

- 1) Use good judgement. Even if it complies with the remaining rules, if it is unsafe or would reduce the enjoyment of other con members, please don't!
- 2) No projectile weapons.
- 3) All weapons must be carried in a sheath, sling, or container of some kind at all times.

4) With regard to lasers, only Class II or lower are considered safe and acceptable.

## DEFINITIONS

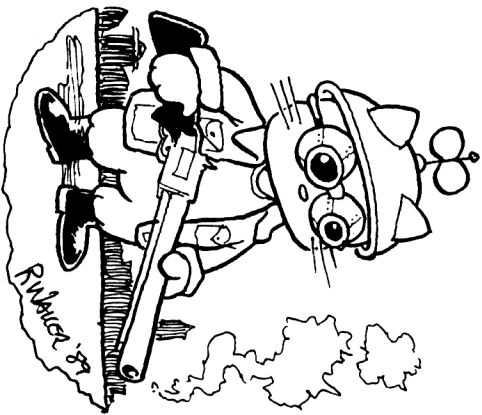
1) Weapons include actual weapons (they do what they look like), anything actually used as a weapon (please don't), and anything an otherwise ignorant observer would have reasonable grounds to think was a weapon.

2) Projectile weapons include devices that fire or throw particles or substances or are thrown themselves.

Note One) Squirt guns with liquid are projectile weapons and should not be carried.

Note Two) An unstrung bow or crossbow with no arrows is not a projectile weapon.

Note Three) Peace bonding is strongly encouraged.



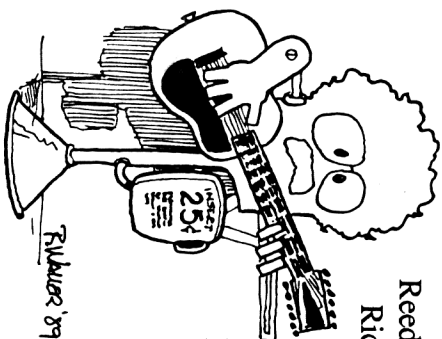
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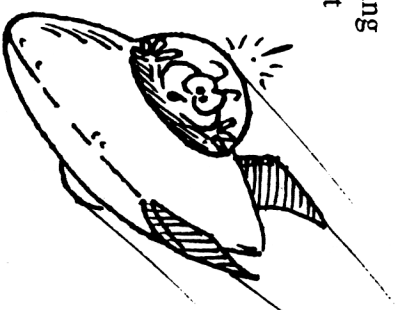
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Sunday - Noon to 3:00 AM

Adults, for more information see the Child Care sheet in the kids registration packet. And, of course, if you're interested in volunteering see Karen Cooper-Hallin, or the Child Care Worker on duty.



## Art Credits

Reed Waller, cover lettering  
Richard Tatge, cover art  
Ken Fletcher  
Gail Catherine  
Polly Peterson  
Laramie Sassville  
and  
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## Hours

### Art Show

Friday.....5 PM to 8 PM  
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Sunday.....10 AM to 2 PM

### Dealer's Room

Friday.....2 PM to 7 PM  
Saturday.....11 AM to 6 PM  
Sunday.....11 AM to 5 PM

### Pool

Friday.....10 AM to 4 AM  
Saturday.....10 AM to 4 AM  
Sunday.....4:30 PM to 4 AM

**Questions or Problems?  
Contact the Bridge  
Room 215**

The Bridge has always been Room 215. The Bridge may be called from any hotel phone. If you have any questions or comments on the convention, you are welcome to stop in at the Bridge.

## Barry B. Longyear

by Jerry Stearns

In 1977, the obscure owner of a printing company in Maine rummaged through his house for all the books he had read just for fun, and found that science fiction made the biggest stack. So he decided to write science fiction. Do you believe it? Well, two years later Barry B. Longyear scored ahat trick by winning the Hugo Award, the Nebula Award, and the John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer, all in the same year. It's the truth! The winning story was eventually made into a film of the same name, Enemy Mine.

An editor once told Barry that he could buy up those stories faster than Barry could write them. Barry couldn't pass up a challenge like that and he eventually finished a book of stories and two novels about the Circus World. Impressed? Well, try this.

Barry is writing an epic story about the true St. George. He has done enormous amounts of research on the man and the historical period, even to the point of building a shrine of stones in his backyard so he could learn some of what it felt like to be a soldier and follower of a particular religion of the time. Radical, eh? But wait, there's more!

In 1982, Barry went through treatment in Minneapolis for alcoholism and drug addiction. It was more than a year before he could write again, and what he wrote took even longer to see print. But in 1988, Saint Mary Blue was published in Minneapolis. It is a powerful novel using his experiences in rehabilitation. Now, how's that for going to great lengths to research a book? Awesome!! And it's for the real.

Barry Longyear has some strong feelings about Minnesota. He never lived here, but he grew up here. He even gave SHOCKWAVE his latest novel, Naked. Came The Robot, to adapt for the radio. And now Minnicon is pleased to shower the people we love with love, and bring him and his wife Jean back as our Guests of Honor. It's true! Trust me. "Barry's a sweetheart." — famous writer of children's books.

"He's a lot of fun." — obscure fannish personality.

"Do something about it, will you?" — alcoholism patient.

Oh, and he has helped many of the finest writers in the science fiction field by hypnotizing them at his renowned Writer's Workshops at Minnicon, shortly before they turned out their greatest works.\* Be sure to attend.

\*Well, *verisimilitude only goes so far.*

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## A Selected Bibliography of Barry B. Longyear.

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(contains "Enemy Mine")

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SEA OF GLASS, 1987, St. Martin's Press & Avon, Novel  
SAINT MARY BLUE, 1988, Steeldragon Press, Mainstream Novel  
NAKED CAME THE ROBOT, 1988, Warner Books, Novel  
THE GOD BOX, to be released April 1989, Fantasy Novel.  
ENEMY MINE, (the original story), TOR Doubles, Feb. 1989.

- Novels - Release date to be announced:  
INENITY HOLD: The Law of the Razai, Warner Books.  
MILYNN OF THE CORPSE, Walker Books.  
THE HOMECOMING, Walker Books.

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## Larry Niven

by Sally Morem

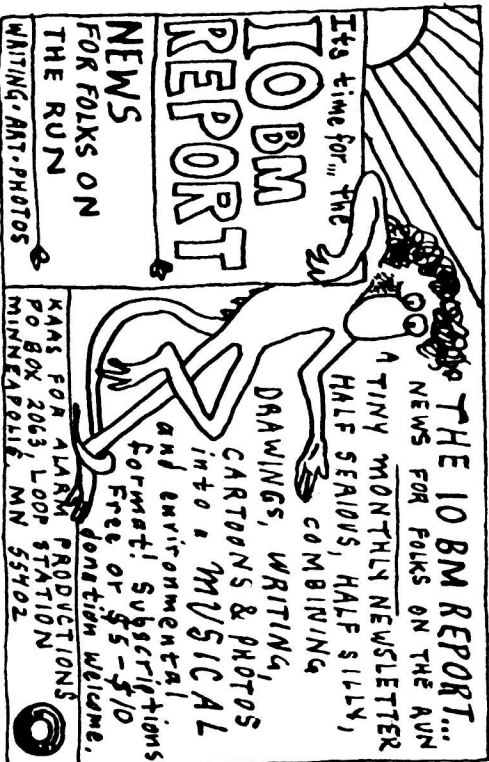
Any of you who attended Minicon in 1983 will probably remember that as the year that Larry Niven was our Guest of Honor. I remember when he graciously consented to be on L-5, Minnesota's space development panel. He had plenty to say on the subject that was worth hearing.

He certainly is well qualified to discuss our future in space since he has been spending his writing career inventing it. From sprawling human galactic empires and fast breeding, very adaptable Moties in The Mote in God's Eye to the ever popular alien invasion of Earth made fresh and exciting by the convincing portrayal of the Fifth in Footfall, Larry Niven has allowed his imagination to travel in a Ranscoop faster than the speed of light far into Known Space. Best of all, he has allowed us to join him in his travels through such amazing places such as the Smoke Ring and Ringworld.

Meet him at Minicon and then meet him in his books. You will consider your time well spent.

### A Selected Bibliography of Larry Niven

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—Jane Yolen, author



## P. C. Hodgell

by Peg Kerr

P. C. Hodgell lives in Oshkosh, Wisconsin in a nineteenth century wood-framed house crammed with Victorian antiques. I remember a particular lunch during my third Minicon when my best friend Kij Johnson and I, both hopeful writers, were quizzing her and Eleanor Amazon about the profession. Although P. C. Hodgell struck me at first as being quiet, I remember the thoughtfulness of her answers, how patient and gracious she was with our eager naive. I also recall her disappointment in the spinach salad she ordered. Apparently, she has searched for the Perfect Spinach Salad for years, but despite numerous tries, the salads served in restaurants never match the ideal salad in her mind. Yet she keeps ordering them. There's a stubborn kind of optimism there, I think.

P. C. Hodgell lists Marvel Comics, Tarzan, and Doc Savage as the earliest influences on her fiction. She later

discovered literature, especially nineteenth century writers such as Dickens. A graduate of both the Clarion and the Milford Writer's Workshops, an artist as well as a writer, she has what one friend describes as a "truly horrifying imagination." Except for one short story, all of her fiction takes place in her own particular universe, focusing primarily on a resourceful, courageous woman named Jame, described by Hodgell as her "alter-ego." Born in Iowa and raised in Wisconsin, she developed close ties with the local writing community while completing her doctorate in English at the University of Minnesota. Her first novel, *Godstalk*, was read out loud, chapter by chapter, at the meetings of the Minneapolis Writer's Workshop (Aardvarks).

It is with great pleasure that we welcome P. C. Hodgell back to the Twin Cities as one of our Honored Guests for Minicon 24.

## Patrick and Teresa

Last November, I walked to a Mexican restaurant in the energizing company of Patrick and Teresa Nielsen Hayden. These two are always full of news, opinions, and ideas. But that evening, the rapid-fire conversation had a luminescent edge. TOR Books had just promoted Teresa to Managing Editor, and had named Patrick the Administrative Editor of Science Fiction and Fantasy.

Patrick and Teresa knew the challenges ahead. Before joining TOR, they were at Chelsea House, researching and editing collections of literary criticism. They will

tell you the industry's "glamour" bears a striking resemblance to 80-hour weeks, constant deadlines, and daily emergencies.

As busy as they are professionally, Patrick and Teresa are also well-known fans. That's what you get when you write spectacularly well, knock the bitters right out of the Brits' hands with your charm and wit as TAFF delegates, organize a fan fund to save a friend's life, and edit a standing contender for best fanzine of the year.

## A Selected Bibliography of P. C. Hodgell

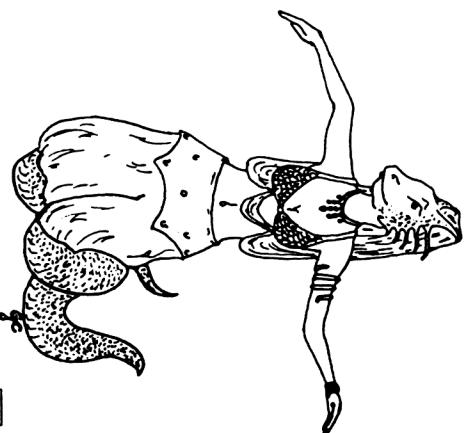
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## Nielsen Hayden

by Geri Sullivan

At the risk of being maudlin, Patrick and Teresa embody the magic that is Minicon—the energy, intelligent conversation, sheer zaniness, and the unwillingness to ever stop reaching for more. Elise Krueger says it best: "Meet these people; they're great."

Patrick and Teresa are surviving and thriving in the killer pace of the Manhattan publishing biz. In short, they're having the time of their life. Minicon is honored to share in the celebration.



# CLIFFORD D. SIMAK

## 1904 - 1988

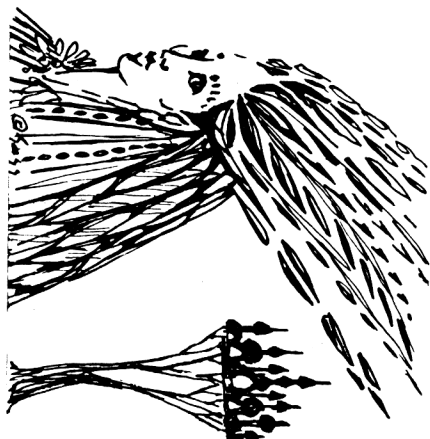
by Eric Heideman

Clifford Donald Simak was born August 3, 1904, on a hillside farm in the township of Millville, Wisconsin, near the junction of the Wisconsin and Mississippi rivers. As a boy, he hunted, fished, did chores, and rode a horse to school. As a young adult he worked at odd jobs and taught school for three years. In 1929 he took the first of several newspaper reporting and editing jobs in Michigan, Iowa, North Dakota, and Missouri. He married Agnes ("Kay") Kuchenberg in 1929.

Simak's short stories began appearing in science fiction magazines in 1931. By the '40s, he had forged a solid reputation in the field and, with the writing of the "City" stories, had found his voice—a voice that derives much of its special flavor from the land and the people of southwestern Wisconsin. In 1940 he helped found the Minneapolis Fantasy Society, The MFS was both a social and a literary group, whose members eventually included Donald Wandrei, Gordon R. Dickson, and Poul Anderson.

From 1939 to 1976, he worked for the Minneapolis Star and Minneapolis Tribune, as a reporter, feature writer, news editor, science columnist, and editor of the Science Reading Series.

In 1976, Simak retired from journalism to write science fiction and fantasy full time, completing his last novel when he was past 80. He died on April 24, 1988. He attended Minicon for many years, until declining health made it impossible. Many of us who were not fortunate to become his friends nonetheless remember him as a courtly and gracious "elder statesman" who always had time to converse with shy admirers.



Simak's work brought science fiction new psychological depth (he pioneered the use of internal monologue in SF) and emotional maturity. He wrote that an editor once told him, "Cliff, all the people in the story were losers." "I like losers" I told him—and I do. I like them because they are much more interesting than winners. Like most people, I abhor the man who always wins; he makes the rest of us look so bad." He usually avoided stories about superhuman achievement, preferring to write about common human decency. His characters rarely engage in physical derring-do, preferring quieter virtues like patience, fidelity, helpfulness, courtesy.

Simak has often been called "The pastoralist of science fiction." When he described his beloved southwestern Wisconsin countryside, his lucid, deceptively simple prose attains a poetic grace. He is, with Asimov, one of the two leading exponents of sympathetic robots. He successfully blends elements of science fiction and fantasy. He combines respect for scientific detail with a profound and searching mysticism. Simak's stories can be wildly funny, unexpectedly frightening, and wonderfully warm. There is no more dependable writer in science fiction.

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## Fritz Leiber

by Eric Heideman

Fritz Leiber was born in Chicago on December 24, 1910, to two noted Shakespearean actors. Spending

time writer since 1956, and lives in San Francisco

summer travelling with his parents' theatrical company, Leiber gained a feel for the gusto, cadence, and flexibility of spoken and written English that few living writers can match. Leiber has written that, living backstage, he saw "fantasy being created, the spells woven for the audience in the darkness out front, the mechanics of illusion and illusioning. A world where the need for make-believe is never questioned and the importance, perhaps the necessity, of fantasy in living and thinking is not denied."

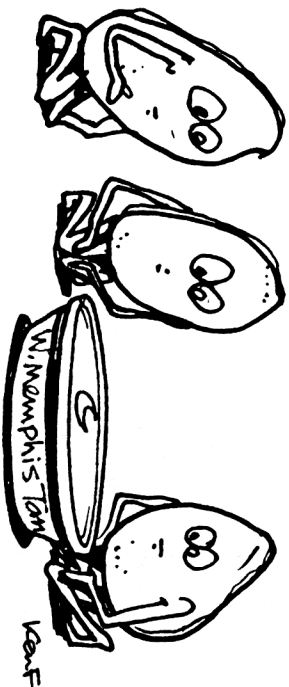
He became a stage and screen actor, a lay preacher, and an aircraft inspector; taught college speech and drama; and worked as an editor for an encyclopedia and for Science Digest. His first published fiction appeared in 1939, since which time he has published 14 novels, two volumes of poetry, a substantial body of science fiction/fantasy criticism, and around 200 short stories. Fritz Leiber has been a full-

He coined the name "sword and

magic" for Robert E. Howard's limited subgenre of adventure fantasy, and gave us its funniest, most convincing swordsmen/heros, Fafrd the Northern giant (based on Leiber himself), and his short, wily companion, the Gray Mouser (based on the character's co-creator, Harry Fischer): For 50 years Leiber has been giving us their adventures, in splendidly plotted, often hilarious fashion, while filling in the background of their world of Newhon, rich in odd sights, sounds, and entities.

Breaking Leiber's work into categories is unusually difficult, because he always delighted in mixing forms, breaking the Thou Shall Not's, and crossing boundaries. He is respectful of the scientific method and the rules of logic, but he also has a healthy appreciation for the uncanny and the unknowable.

Happy golden anniversary to the Grand Master!



Fritz chips contemplating reflection of man in dip.

## The Books (and Selected Other Stuff) of Fritz Leiber

### Collections:

- Night's Black Agents 1947.
- The Mind Spider and Other Stories 1961.
- Shadows With Eyes 1962.
- Ships to the Stars 1964.
- A Pail of Air 1964.
- The Night of the Wolf 1966.
- The Secret Songs 1968.
- Night Monsters 1969.
- You're All Alone 1972.
- The Book of Fritz Leiber 1974
- The Best of Fritz Leiber 1974.
- The Second Book of Fritz Leiber 1975
- The Worlds of Fritz Leiber 1976.
- Heroes and Horrors 1978.
- The Change War 1978.
- Ship of Shadows 1979.
- The Ghost Light 1984.

### Novels:

- Gather, Darkness! 1950.
- Conjure Wife 1950.
- The Green Millennium 1953.
- The Sinful Ones 1953.
- Destiny Times Three 1956.
- The Big Time 1961.
- The Silver Eggheads 1962.
- The Wanderer 1964.
- Tarzan and the Valley of Gold 1966.
- A Specter Is Haunting Texas 1969.

### Fafrd/Mouser:

- Two Sought Adventure 1957.
- Swords in the Mist 1968.
- Swords Against Wizardry 1968.
- The Swords of Lankmar 1968.
- Swords and Devilry 1970.
- Swords Against Death 1970.
- Swords and Ice Magic 1977.
- The Knight and Knave of Swords 1988.



There is no beverage  
There is no thirst.  
If the void is empty  
I can be that.

## George "Lan" Laskowski:

by Polly Peterson

Lan seems to spend all of his time doing one of three things:

- 1) Teaching math at Cranbrook, a private high school near Detroit which, if my calculations are correct, he has done for about 13 years.
- 2) Attending SF cons, especially in the Michigan/Chicago area (and past Minicons) at which he contributes a lot to con programming (thus his attraction to yours truly - Minicon's programming co-chair). In the proper fanish tradition, Lan met his wife, Maia Cowan, at her first SF con, MARCON, in 1979.
- 3) Working on his Hugo award winning fanzine, Lan's Lantern. At my last count he had published 27 issues ranging from 40 to 140 or so pages long receiving contributions from all over the world. (A print run of 600 copies was mentioned at one spot.) I especially like the idea of occasional special issues honoring the giants of SF like Fred Pohl and Clifford D. Simak.

Well, this is what I have gleaned from Lan's Lantern. Come and introduce yourself to Lan and Maia and find out the rest for yourself.

## Why Is A Sales Table When It Spins?

If a tree wearing a Minicon T-shirt falls in the forest and there is no one to hear, does it make a sound? Stop by the Sales Table and find out (near Registration in the Great Hall Foyer), buy an official Minicon T-shirt and find out! (You'll have to provide your own tree and forest.) Besides this year's designs, we have a limited amount of some previous year's shirts ("limitless" in the case of size "small"), sweatshirts, copies of Rune, Time Gum, Tales of The Unanticipated, Maturity, and maybe other strange stuff.

Hours are:

Friday Noon until at least 6 PM

(probably later)

Saturday from 10 AM to 5 PM

Sunday from Noon until 3 PM.

Even though time is an illusion, we suggest you delude yourself into shopping early to avoid the usual unavailability of popular colors and sizes. (Remember, Captain, you canna change the laws of physicses...)

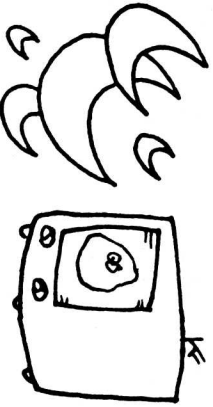
## Masquerade Contest

Come to the masquerade! The Minicon Masquerade will be staged in Great Hall West at 6:00 PM, Saturday. The audience is encouraged to wear costumes (optional). Come to see and be seen!

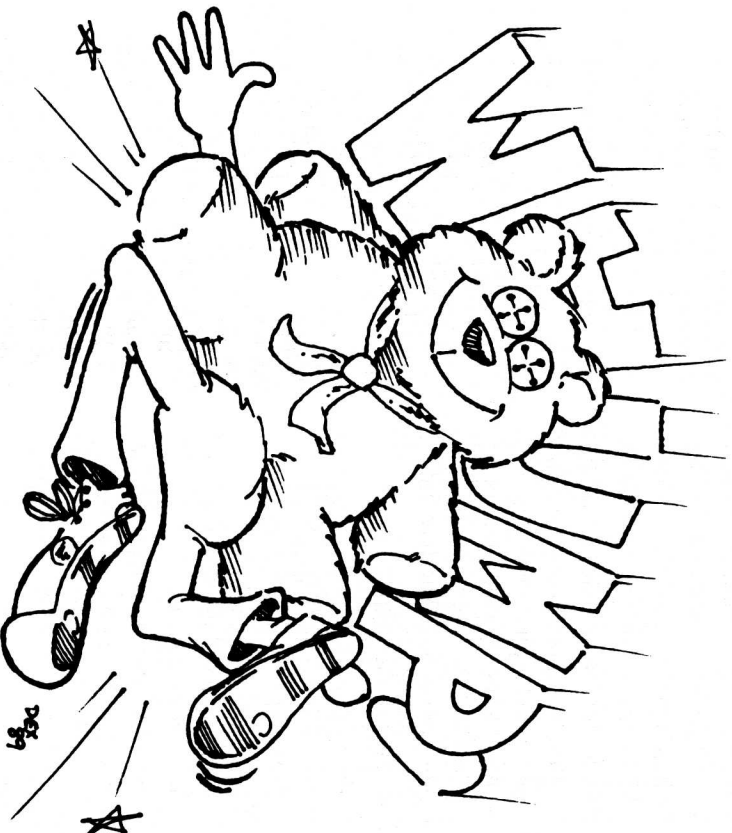
Contestants **MUST** pre-register at the Masquerade table. Registration opens at 8:00, PM Friday and closes 2:00, PM Saturday. We have strict time limits, so the number of contestants will be limited; first come first served. Late entries and hall costumes in the audience will have the opportunity to parade on stage (out of competition) during the judges' intermission.

Worried about getting a seat to see the Masquerade? No Problem! Sign up to be a Masquerade Gopher! We need lots of help, and all the helpers get to see the show up close. Sign up at the Masquerade Table by 2:00, PM Saturday.

There will be an orientation meeting for contestants and masquerade gophers at 2:00, PM Saturday in Great Hall West. This is your chance to ask questions, look at the stage, and make sure the M.C. knows how to pronounce your name.



Means contemplating image of Photochip in monitor.



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## Art Show

Check in for artshow begins at noon on Friday - not 5 PM as stated in PR2.

## Opening Ceremonies

### Minicon 24

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 6:30 PM.

OPENING CEREMONIES: A live radio broadcast, followed by introduction of Minicon's Guests of Honor, Honored Guests, and notable attendees.

7:00PM - 8:00 PM

"Weatherproof Windows of the Mind", a SHOCK/WAVE production of the Right-Brain Theater. Music by Nate Bucklin, and David Emerson.

FEATURING:

"The Repast of the Jello"

by Kara Dalkey. The third, or sixth in the Food Wars saga.

"The Phillip K. Dick Van Dyke Show"

by Peter Stenshoel, Brian Anderson, & The Post Void Radio Theater.

"Naked Came The Robo!"

by Jerry Stems, & David E. Romm. Adapted from the novel by Barry B. Longyear.

8:00 - 8:30 PM (approximately)

George Laskowski, our Fan GdH, introduces other Guests of Honor, our Honored Guests, notable attendees, and friends of Minicon 24.

## The Great Minicon 24 Art Auction

will be held from 9PM to 11 PM in the Great Hall West

## What is the Meaning of the ConSuite?"

by the Dowager Empress of Parties

"Whenever I see smoke behind a mountain, I know there is a fire. Whenever I see horns behind a fence, I know there is an ox."

Ancient Zen koan

"Well, maybe..."

Dowager Empress

Well, good evening, and welcome to the con! I hope your flight was pleasant and that the bus drivers were all polite. Did you have any trouble checking in? Is your name spelled right on your badge? And, more importantly, have you found the ConSuite yet?

Okay, all you have to do is go to the elevator and go up (Or, if it's Friday or Saturday night go to the stairs and climb. Bring your own mountain climbing equipment...) Once you reach ~~the~~ get to the 22nd floor, you're there. On your left is the no smoking section; in the rooms running along the right side, however, if you got 'em you can smoke 'em! (In case of cabin depressurization, rubber chickens will fall from... Whoops! Wrong article.) The main objective for the Parties Department (besides working off their karmic debt) is ensuring that you, Ms, Mr, Mrs Minicon (and all the Miniconettes at sea) have a wonderful time, and have

provided you with the finest in food and drink (Blog and Twinkies?). If you wish to aide and abet them (and for that they devoutly wish) here is what you do.

Find a Department Head (either Lynn Litterer or Peter Henges) or a Sub-Head, look them straight in the eye and say these Magic Words, "Hi! I'd like to help!" Do not be surprised if they should break down sobbing, grab you by the knees, and start kissing your feet. (I know, I've been there.)

So, what are you getting yourself in for when you volunteer? Well, You'll work real hard, but by Ghod, you'll have fun! And now, for something a little more serious.

### The Minicon Alcohol Policy

If you want to drink beer or Minneapopolis (alcoholic) blog in the ConSuite:

1. You must be 21 years old, or older. You may be asked to show your ID to a bartender, even if you're wearing a drinking badge.
  2. You must not be obviously intoxicated (Minnesota State Law).
  3. We can refuse to serve anyone for any reason, but we'd rather not have to. If you're nice to us, we'll be nice to you!
  4. Bartenders are volunteers. If you are 21 years or older, volunteer to help for an hour or two so the bar can be open from 6 PM to 2 AM.
- Now, is there's anything that I've forgotten? I don't think so, and if you're reading this it's too damn late. So, have a good con!

## How to Volunteer as a Gopher or Badger in 2 easy steps.

### The Zen way!

1. After you pick up your registration packet, go to the recruiting table, or the recruiter on the bridge (Room 215) and say "I want to volunteer!"
2. Or not.



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## Programming Highlights

Yes kids, it's Minicon Programming time, and have we got stuff for you! (Yes, I know there's so much going on that you can't find time to eat. Who ever said Con-going was easy?)

Once again, we officially begin our festivities with Shockwave (7 PM on Friday), broadcast live over Fresh Air Radio (KFAL, 90.3 FM.) The introduction of notables (8 PM) will be followed by a combined Mass(ive) Autographing Session and Meet the Pros Party (8:45 PM, Plaza and Boulevard.) Meet the Artists (8:45 PM) in the Art Show.

Gordon R. Dickson will have a Conversation with GOH Harry Harrison at noon Sunday, while GOH Barry Longyear will again conduct his writing workshop (at 10 AM - Noon, Saturday and Sunday, that ever popular time slot.) Fan GOH George "Lan" Laskowski will, among other things, Stand Out in Fandom (Noon Saturday.) Speaking of Fandom, are you up on Zen and The Art of Fan Maintenance? (theme panel), 2 PM Saturday.) Maybe Fans into Pros into Fans (1 PM Sunday) strikes your fan-cy; or get into the Minicon spirit with the First Annual Minicon Pun-el (Noon Saturday.) Also of fanish note are Krushenko's SF Coffeehouse (Krushenko's I for informal discussion, Krushenko's II for literary programming); the Audio Room (for readings and other spoken arts); and the Film Room, pre-evening home of much special interest programming, including the Stuffed Animal Masquerade (3 PM Saturday.)

We continue our tradition of science programming with slide shows on Chinese (3 PM Friday) and Soviet space programs. The Twentieth anniversary of the Apollo Moon Landing is commemorated at 5 PM Friday; we will also look at planetary exploration (8 PM Saturday) and examine science and ethics (9:00 PM Saturday).

And consider these special events: midnight storytelling with Jane Yolen (Saturday); a dramatic presentation by Fritz Leiber (1 PM Sunday) Dr. Mike, who will entertain all (10:00 PM); Zen Gospel Singing (Saturday might in the conSuite); and our own Prairie Fan Companion (4 PM Saturday). Truly expeditious.

Read the program book, and enjoy, knowing that the best way to Truth leads through the Pocket Program.

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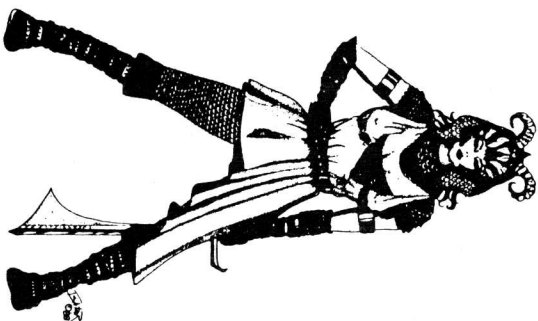
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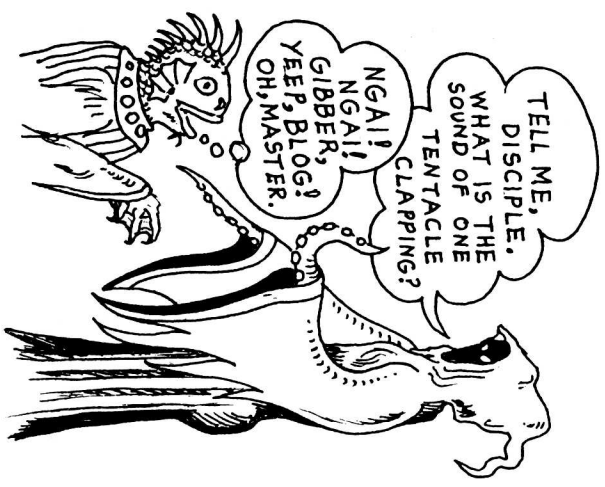
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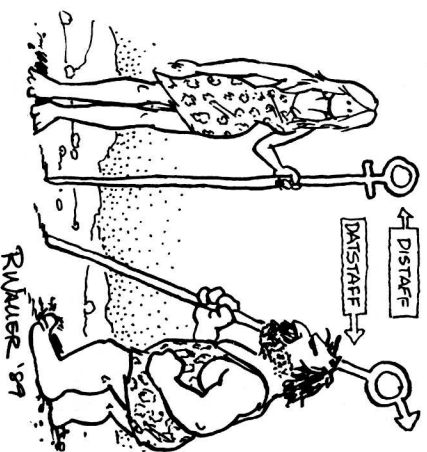
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## The View From the Pubs Department

When I was Co-Head of Parties Department I learned how to spell "volunteer". As Co-Head of Publications I have learned to spell "Yolen", "masquerade", and "bibliography" (I have also learned to hate typing bibliographies...) Thank you for furthering my education.

I would also like to thank Sue Grandys, Mark Mendel for needed advice and the extra disk drive), each and every member of the Publications Department, and especially my Co-Head Val Lies. If it hadn't been for you folks...

## Minicon Gaming Information

If you are reading this, you've probably got an interest in gaming at this convention. Before you get too far into the convention, you should probably know a few things (That way, you will know how to avoid the radiation barriers).

The Minicon Gaming Committee believes in the principle of "Benign Neglect." Put simply, we think that since Minicon is a science fiction con, and not a gaming con, scheduling game tournaments and lots of events would be out of place. Instead, we have taken a more relaxed approach: if people want to play games, then we have the space and the supplies for them to take advantage of.

**Space:** Gaming can be found in the Poolside Con Suite (Rooms 114, 115, and 116—see your map). Tables and chairs have been set-up in the porch areas of each of these rooms, and additional tables and chairs may be available by the pool. The Poolside Con Suite will be open from 8am until 4am, and longer if it is feasible.

**Supplies:** The Parties Committee has arranged for coke machines to be set-up in Room 115, and for munchies to be provided each day of the convention. If munchies run out, call the Bridge, and have them contact Victor Raymond (Gaming Chair).

In addition to munchies and pop, there will also be a number of games available for people to play. We are hoping to have game accessories, such as dice and paper available. For bridge fans, card decks will be in abundance.

**Scheduled Events.** There are two regularly scheduled gaming events held each year at Minicon, a roundtable discussion on Friday night, and another on Saturday night, both at 10pm. The topics vary from year to year, and this year,

we've got a couple we think you won't want to miss:

**Friday Night:** AD&D is Dead! Long Live AD&D!

**Saturday Night:** "Valhalla or Bust!"

If you are interested in running a game, grab a table (if one is available) and start. We will have blank sign-up sheets for you to use to round up players. Keep in mind that tables are first come, first served, although we'd appreciate it if people did not tie-up a table for excessive periods of time (more than four hours). Sign-up sheets can be posted in Room 115 on the bulletin board.



As of March 1st, we are aware of the following notables who've said they will be at the con:

Prof. M.A.R. Barker

John M. Ford

Mark Rein-Hagen

Jonathan Tweet

Finally, we need your help. In order to ensure the smooth operation of the Poolside Con Suite, the rooms need to be kept clean and picked-up. Try to keep the noise level down; there are people with rooms nearby, and the Bridge is right upstairs. From time to time, we will need people to run errands and check badges and generally help out—volunteer, and you will get Our Undying Thanks, and a nice shiny button for your time.

Have fun, and enjoy the convention! (we were only kidding about the radiation barriers)

## Harry Harrison - Author Guest of Honor

by Rob Hinger

Harry Harrison was born in Stamford, Connecticut, but has lived in over 27 countries since, and presently makes his home in County Wicklow Ireland. The same peripatetic tendencies are evidenced in his career. He started as an artist, and went on to be an art director, a magazine editor (SF Adventures, Rocket Stories, Two Tales and Eight Tomorrows, and more), comic strip creator (Flash Gordon strip 1959-1969, and more), novelist (Make Room, Make Room, Bill the Galactic Hero, and more), mystery novelist (Montezuma's Revenge, and more), series novelist (Deathworld, The Stainless Steel Rat, Winter in Eden et seq., and more), anthropologist (Nova, Best SF: Date, SF: Authors' Choice, and more), and even has six commissioned screenplays to his credit (though none have been produced). With time out for service in the United States Army.

He picked up a Nebula Award for the film Soylent Green, based on his novel Make Room, Make Room, and has also received the Prix Jules Verne, for best novel of the year published in Sweden, and the Count Dracula Award. (Try to catch the film Lunch with John W. Campbell, which will be shown twice during the convention. It is a story conference wherein JWC, Harry Harrison and Gordy Dickson work out the storyline for the collaborative work eventually published as The Lifeship. Not often screened, it is a real treat.)

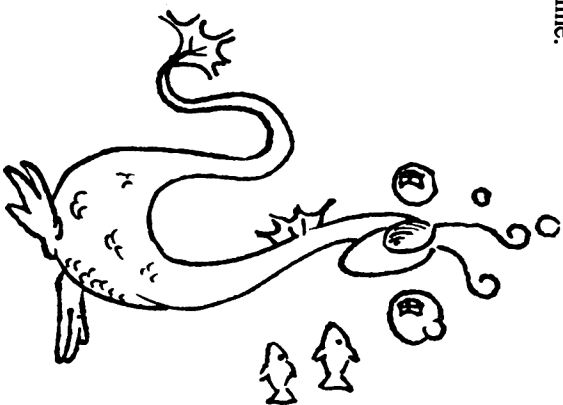
I asked him for anecdotes about his last visit to Minneapolis, but all he

would report was that he came to the Holiday Inn for Minicon 10 when Gordon Dickson was Guest of Honor, and palled around with Gordy, Joe Haldeman and Philip Jose Farmer, however none of the stories bear repeating in public. "All my memories of Minicon are fond ones."

A character sketch from Brian W. Aldiss:

"Harry is different. When he is around, you know it; and since his presence infects me with euphoria, I love it that way. He's a good talker, a crazy joker, a huge drinker, a tough traveller, a hard worker, a great lover, a dirty esperantist, and a stack of other things too humorous to mention. That's Harry the Galactic Handful..."

We're glad to have him here with us this year, and hope he returns in less than 15 years next time.



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## John Sladek

I feel very proud that Minicon has seen fit to honor one of Science Fictions's truly unique voices, a voice which is all too often silent here in the United States. John Sladek has been writing humorous science fiction, with a sly black twist, for over 20 years. SF novels such as Mechasm (U.K. title: The Reproductive System) and Roderick: The Education of A Young Machine, have provided much amusement and stimulated much thought for those fortunate enough to have read them. His short stories and Non-SF books have been very well regarded.

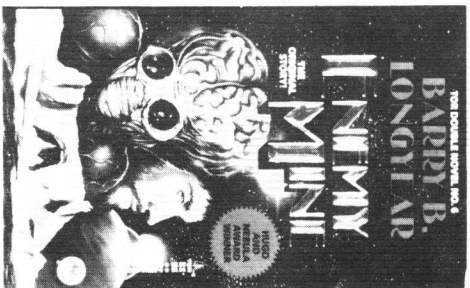
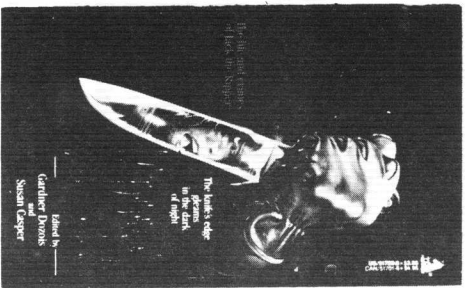
Mr. Sladek was an expatriate to England and became one of the main players in the New Wave. Many people never knew that one of the best of the new British writers was actually a native Minnesotan. His slightly suspicious view of Artificial Intelligence and machines, and his cynicism toward bureaucratic incompetence are recurring themes, which he uses to very different ends (see Tik-Tok vs. Roderick).

I hope you will attend the panels John Sladek is on, attend his reading and ultimately read his books. You will not be disappointed.



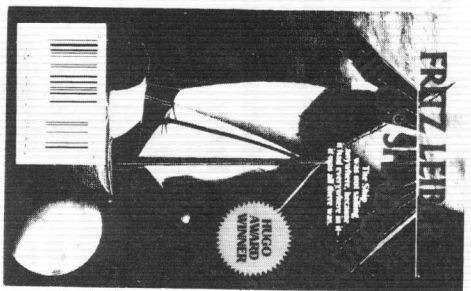
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MINICON 24

Programming Schedule

3:30 p.m.

Robin Bailey Reads (Out Loud)  
Audio Room

4:00 p.m.

Second Foundation Discussion  
Krusenko's II  
Topic: The Fiction of Harry  
Harrison. Eric M. Heideman,  
moderator.

Pamela Dean Reads (Out Loud)  
Audio Room

2:00 p.m.

The Achievement of Robert A. Heinlein  
Krusenko's II

John Calvin Rezmerski, moderator;  
Maia Cowan, Eric M.

Heideman, Elise Krueger, Joel  
Rosenberg. What are  
Heinlein's important achievements?

Star Trek Fan, Filking Fan, Media Fan,

Fanzine Fan—Are These

"E fringe" Fandoms, or Whole Fandoms  
by Themselves?

Film Room Herman Schouten,  
moderator; Gerri Balter, Ed  
Eastman, Lon Levy.

2:30 p.m.

Peg Kerr Reads (Out Loud)  
Audio Room

3:00 p.m.

The Chinese Space Program  
Boulevard

A slide show, with John Carter.

5:00 p.m.

Commemoration of the 20th Anniver-  
sary of the Apollo Moon Landing  
Boulevard Sally Morem, moderator,  
Chris Claremont, Paul  
Richards, Scott Shjefte, Calvin  
Alexander.

Performance by Eileen Jones  
Plaza

Gymnastics to "Yoda's Theme"  
from The Empire Strikes Back  
(Yoda's a zen sort of guy.)

Defining Fantasy

Krusenko's II

Eleanor Arnason, moderator; Ruth  
Berman, Mike Levy, Jane  
Yolen. What is modern genre  
fantasy?

Art in the Gutter #2

Krusenko's II  
Eleanor Arnason, moderator; Bruce  
Bethke, Eric M. Heideman,  
P. C. Hodgell, Patrick Nielsen  
Hayden. Why do we write  
fiction that is morally/artisticly  
serious in a popular  
genre with a pulp heritage?

Time Travel in Films

Film Room

Kevin Stahl, moderator; Doug  
Friauf.

5:00 p.m.

John Sladek Reads (Out Loud)  
Audio Room

Christian Fandom  
Film Room

Marty Helgesen, moderator.

6:00 p.m.

J.R.R. Tolkien, Slide Show and  
Discussion

Krusenko's II  
David Lenander, Ruth Berman,  
Steven Mark Deyo.

7:00 p.m.

Shockwave Live!  
Great Hall West

Opening Ceremonies begin with our  
"Weatherproof Windows of the  
Mind." Broadcast live on KFAI  
90.3 FM.

8:00 p.m.

Opening Introductions  
Great Hall West

Opening Ceremonies continue with  
introduction of Minicon's Guests  
and other notables.

8:45 p.m.

Meet the Artists Reception  
Art Show

Massive Autographing Session  
Plaza and Boulevard Rooms

AND

Meet the Pros Party

Autographing and conversation in  
both rooms. Everybody welcome!

9:00 p.m.

Films  
Film Room

9:30 p.m.

Legion of Super-Davids Photo Session  
Great Hall Foyer

David S. Cargo, Head David.

10:00 p.m.

Dance  
Great Hall West

Dance to the music of Cats Laugh-  
ing, until 2 a.m. (or so.)

The Achievement of Clifford D. Simak  
Krusenko's II

Eric M. Heideman, moderator;

Roger Gerberding, George

Laskowski, John C. Rezmerski

Laurel Winter, David W. Wixon.

A discussion of the writing career of  
Clifford D. Simak.

Barry B. Longyear Reads (Out Loud)  
Audio Room

AD & D is Dead, Long Live AD & D

Gaming Suite  
Victor Raymond, moderator.

11:00 p.m.

Weapons Physics 102: Guns Don't Kill  
People, Bullets Do

Boulevard Bruce Bethke, moderator;

Scott Alewine, Al Kuhfeld, Joel

Rosenberg. (A follow-up to last  
year's Weapons Physics 101.)

Worldbuilding Group

Krusenko's II

Dan Goodman, moderator. Partici-  
pants will design a planet physically,  
and consider the biological and  
social consequences. (Runs 2 hours)



**Midnight**

How to Kill and/or Torture Cute Fuzzy Aliens  
Boulevard  
Barry B. Longyear, moderator;  
Giovanna Fregni, Curtis H.  
Hoffmann, Joel Rosenberg, Richard  
Knaak.

Writing Books - Is It Worth It?  
Krushenko's II  
Eleanor Arnason, moderator; Kara  
Dalkey, Joel Rosenberg,  
John Sladek, L.A. Taylor, Jane  
Yolen. The economic problems  
of book authors.

**Saturday, March 25**

10:00 a.m.  
Esperanto Talk  
Boulevard  
Joan Phillips.

Barry B. Longyear's Writing Workshop  
Plaza  
(Part one: 10 a.m. to noon)

Rivendell Group Book Discussion  
Krushenko's II  
David Lenander, moderator.  
Topic: Our Lady of Darkness, by  
Fritz Leiber. The author is expected  
to attend.

Jane Yolen Reads (Out Loud)  
Audio Room

Children and Parents in Fandom  
Film Room

Corwin Brust, moderator. "Thriving  
& surviving our parents'  
weird, weird hobby."

10:30 a.m.  
Mary Kuhfeld (Mary Monica Pulver)  
Reads (Out Loud)  
Audio Room

**11:00 a.m.**

SCA "Combat" Demonstration  
Boulevard Room  
The Society for Creative  
Anachronism. (2 hours)

Learn Ventriloquism  
Audio Room  
Geri Balter and puppet furries will  
teach ventriloquism —  
for adults and children. Bring your  
own puppets!

Bad SF Films  
Film Room  
Kevin Stahl, moderator; Chris  
Claremont, Steven Mark Deyo,  
Margo Skinner. "The worst SF  
films ever made."

How To Stand Out in Fandom  
Plaza  
Geri Balter, moderator; George  
Laskowski, Lon Levy, Linda  
Lounsbury.  
Religion in SF  
Krushenko's II  
Polly Peterson, moderator; Emma  
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Harry Harrison, Marty Helgesen,  
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M.A.R. Barker.

P.C. Hodgell Reads (Out Loud)  
Audio Room

**Noon**

The First Annual Minicon Pun-el  
Film Room  
Beth Eastman, moderator; Bill  
Bader, Al Kuhfeld, Phoggy,  
David E Romm, Martha Soukup.  
Mad punning with subjects  
supplied by the audience - one-  
minute time limit to think in  
case of mental blank.

1:00 p.m.  
The Soviet Space Program  
Boulevard  
Ben Huset, moderator. (Slide show  
and discussion.)

Panels from Hell  
Plaza Room  
Eleanor Arnason, moderator; Chris  
Claremont, Phillip C.  
Jennings, John Sladek, John W.  
Taylor. Is there a way to  
have a serious discussion about  
anything on a panel at an SF  
convention?

Collaborations: How It's Done, Why  
We Shouldn't Do It, and Why  
We Do It Anyway  
Krushenko's II  
Rob Hinger, moderator; Mary  
Kuhfeld, Adrienne Martine-  
Barnes, Larry Niven, Patricia C.  
Wrede.

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Audio Room Tapes  
Audio Room  
Jerry Stearns. (2 hours)

Message Seminar  
Film Room  
David E "Fingers" Romm. (2 hours)

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**1:00 p.m.**

Autographing  
Great Hall Foyer  
Barry B. Longyear, Joel Rosenberg,  
Kara Dalkey.

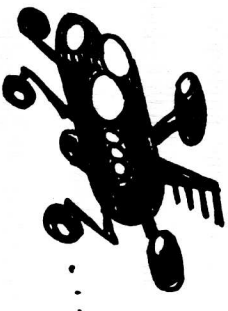
2:00 p.m.  
Masquerade Gopher & Contestant  
Orientation  
Great Hall West  
Deb Jones and others.

NASA: Out of the Black Hole  
Boulevard  
Sally Morem, Larry Niven, Calvin  
Alexander. A meeting of the  
Minnesota Space Frontier Society.  
Predict the future, given the collapse  
of the space effort.

Zen and the Art of Fan Maintenance  
Plaza  
Polly Peterson, moderator; Curtis H.  
Hoffmann, George Laskowski,  
Caterina Pryde, Laurel Winter. Is  
there irony in the nonotechnology  
aspects of fandom?

Editing Panel  
Krushenko's II  
Harry Harrison, moderator; Beth  
Fleisher, Phillip C. Jennings, Patrick  
Nielsen Hayden, Kimberly Waler.

3:00 p.m.  
Guest of Honor Interview  
Plaza  
Fritz Leiber is interviewed by Terry  
A. Garey, Roger Gerberding, and  
Eric M. Heideman.



3:00 p.m.  
Stuffed Animal Masquerade  
Film Room  
Gerri Balter, Herman Schouten, and children. Prizes will be awarded!

Autographing  
Great Hall Foyer

Adrienne Martine-Barnes,  
Patricia C. Wrede, Chris Claremont.

4:00 p.m.

A Prairie Fan Companion  
Great Hall West

Elise Krueger, Jane Yolen, Kara Dalkey, Tom Grewe, Gail Catherine, Nate Bucklin, Gary Schulte, David Emerson, David Cumner, Mike Dorn.

Violence: Last Refuge of the Compe-  
lent?

Krushenko's II

Greg L. Johnson, moderator; Vicki Brockman, Mary Kuhfeld,  
Michael Levy, Martha Soukup.  
Why humans are so violent,  
focusing on Dawn by Octavia Butler  
and An Alien Light by  
Nancy Kress.

U.S.S. Nokomis Star Trek Hour  
Film Room

Art Johnson, moderator; featuring  
representatives of other  
visiting ships.

5:00 p.m.

Guest of Honor Interview  
Plaza

Barry B. Longyear is interviewed by  
Polly Peterson and Jerry Steams.

6:00 p.m.

Masquerade  
Great Hall West

(preregistration deadline is 2:00  
p.m.; see section in  
program book)

Deb Jones, coordinator; Steve  
McKillen, emcee.

The Mechanics of Writing  
Plaza

Beth Fleisher, moderator; Maia  
Cowan, Francis Hamit, Carla  
Mills, Caterina Pryde.

Has America's Mind Closed?

Krushenko's II

Joyce Scriver, moderator; Sally  
Morem, John C. Reznemski,  
John W. Taylor. Discussion of The  
Closing of the American  
Mind and related topics.

Will Shelterly Reads (Out Loud)

Audio Room

6:30 p.m.

Emma Bull Reads (Out Loud)  
Audio Room

7:00 p.m.

Minnesota AIDS Project  
Boulevard

Comics Panel Plaza

George Laskowski, moderator; Chris  
Claremont, Roger  
Gerberding, Will Shelterly.

Minnesota Imaginative Fiction Writers'

Alliance (MIFWA) Meeting

Krushenko's II

Eric M. Heiderman, convener.

Topic: "What do people want out of  
a writer's organization?" Their  
annual "meet the public" meeting.

7:00 p.m.

John M. Ford Reads (Out Loud)  
Audio Room

7:30 p.m.

Francis Hamit Reads (Out Loud)  
Audio Room

8:00 p.m.

What's Ahead in Planetary Explora-  
tion?  
Boulevard

Paul Richards, moderator; Bill  
Bader, Sally Morem, Paul  
Kirst. The current state of NASA,  
what's needed ahead.

Slaying Clean in Fandom

Plaza

Tom Grewe, moderator; Barry B.  
Longyear, Lon Levy.

Poetry Reading

Krushenko's II

Terry A. Garey, moderator; Eleanor  
Armason, Tom Digby, Jane Yolen,  
Ruth Berman, John C. Reznemski,  
Sandra Lindow, Laurel Winter,  
Margo Skinner. (2 hours)

The Return of Swamp Thing

Film Room

Slide presentation of the upcoming  
film.

9:00 p.m.

Art Auction  
Great Hall West

9:00 p.m.

Science and Ethics  
Boulevard

Polly Peterson, moderator; George  
Laskowski, Larry Niven,  
Mickey Zucker Reichert, L.A.  
Taylor. "I would like to  
explore whether or not science and  
scientists should be  
driven or at least curbed by ethical  
values."

Again, Dangerous Consenting Aliens  
Plaza

David Cumner, moderator; Victor  
Raymond, Ericka Johnson.

Films

Film Room

10:00 p.m.

Ask Dr. Mike  
Plaza

John M. Ford holds forth.

Skyark of the Lens - The Fiction of

E.E. "Doc" Smith

Krushenko's II

Ed Eastman, moderator; David  
Dyer-Bennet, Polly Peterson.  
A discussion of the works of Doc  
Smith - possibly how they relate to  
the 80's - 90's even better!

Chris Claremont Reads (Out Loud)

Audio Room

10:00 p.m.

Margo Skinner Reads (Out Loud)  
Audio Room

Fantastic Worlds in Gaming

Gaming Suite



11:00 p.m.

Little Green Men Performance  
Boulevard

The band takes its audience on an imaginary journey through time and space via "space jazz." (2 hours)

Humor in SF

Krushenko's II

Bruce Bethke, moderator; Robin Bailey, Barry B. Longyear, Mickey Zucker Reichert, John Sladek.

Midnight

Storytelling by Jane Yolen  
Krushenko's II

Belly Dance Show

Great Hall Foyer  
Troupe MonHarr will perform for the elite masses of Minicon as in the past.

Sunday, March 26

10:00 a.m.

Barry B. Longyear's Writing Workshop  
Plaza

(Part two: 10:00 a.m.-noon)

Fantasy Elements in SF/SF Elements in Fantasy

Krushenko's II

Kara Dalkey, moderator; Steve Brust, Richard Knaak, Will Shetterly, Jane Yolen.

Terry A. Garey Reads (Out Loud)  
Audio Room

10:00 a.m.

The Art of Touch  
Film Room

A workshop by Melinda Brown-Ewell. "This workshop is for those who like to give and get backrubs, etc. Using relaxation, breath, and energy exercises, you will become more aware of how to touch and be touched. Wear loose, comfortable clothing." (Runs 90 min.-two hours)

10:30 a.m.

Adrienne Martine-Barnes Reads (Out Loud)  
Audio Room

11:00 a.m.

Soviet/U.S. Mission to Mars  
Boulevard

Paul Richards, moderator; David H. Grono, Phillip C. Jennings.

Dark Urban Fantasy

Krushenko's II

Eric M. Heideman, moderator; P.C. Hodgell, Kij Johnson, George Laskowski, Fritz Leiber, Teresa Nielsen Hayden. "This subgenre, which is becoming increasingly important, was pioneered by Fritz Leiber in the early 40s, when he began asking, what kind of supernatural beings would inhabit a city?"

Patricia C. Wrede Reads (Out Loud)  
Audio Room

11:30 a.m.

Caroline Stevermer Reads (Out Loud)  
Audio Room

Noon

A Conversation with Harry Harrison  
Featuring Gordon R. Dickson  
Plaza

Audio Room Tapes  
Audio Room.

After the First Year - Star Trek: The Next Generation  
Film Room

Ed Eastman, moderator. A repeat of last year's "Phoenix on Warpdrive" - only this time, we'll just call it a discussion and be done with it!

1:00 p.m.

Fans into Pros into Fans  
Boulevard

Maia Cowan, moderator; Robin Bailey, Richard Knaak, Patrick Nielsen Hayden, Teresa Nielsen Hayden, Kimberly Walter.

Great Meals in Fantasy and Science Fiction

Plaza

Patricia C. Wrede, moderator; Pamela Dean, Caroline Stevermer, Adrienne Martine-Barnes, Jane Yolen.

Recitation and Discussion

Krushenko's II

Fritz Leiber will discuss his book, The Knight and Knave of Swords, and do recitations.

Mickey Zucker Reichert Reads (Out Loud)  
Audio Room

2:00 p.m.

The Infamous Panel for Everyone Who Showed up at the Last Minute Wanting to be on a Panel  
Plaza

Second Foundation Discussion  
Krushenko's II

The Fiction of Fritz Leiber. Eric M. Heideman, moderator. The author is expected to attend.

Kara Dalkey Reads (Out Loud)  
Audio Room

Autographing  
Great Hall Foyer

Emma Bull, Jane Yolen.

2:30 p.m.

Belly Dance Workshop  
Boulevard

Troupe MonHarr (Val Lies, Sue Grandys, and Gail Catherine) will provide an opportunity for Con-goers to stretch, and twist.

Phillip C. Jennings Reads (Out Loud)  
Audio Room

3:30 p.m.

Closing Ceremonies  
Great Hall West

Jerry Stearns, David E Romm, & others.



**FRINGE FANDOM!?!**  
 WHY, I REMEMBER A  
 TIME WHEN 'ZINES  
 WERE FANDOM!



**VIDEO SCHEDULE**

**FRIDAY**

4:00 PM: Enemy Mine  
 6:00 PM: Short Circuit  
 to Short Circuit II  
 9:30 PM

**SATURDAY**

3:00 AM: Alien  
 to Aliens  
 7:30 AM: Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde  
 9:30 AM: Star Trek  
 5:30 PM: The Time Machine  
 9:00 PM: The Fly (remake)  
 2:30 AM: Star Wars

“A New Hope”  
 “The Empire Strikes Back”  
 “Return of The Jedi”

**FILMS**

**FRIDAY**

9:00 PM: Cartoons  
 9:30 PM: Short Subjects  
 10:00 PM: Lunch with John W. Campbell

10:30 PM: Willow  
 12:30 AM: Cartoons  
 1:00 AM: Cartoons  
 1:30 AM: Journey to the 7th Planet

**SATURDAY**

9:00 PM: Cartoons  
 9:30 PM: Short Subjects  
 10:00 PM: Princess Bride  
 11:30 PM: Lunch with John W. Campbell  
 12:00 (Midnight): Cartoons  
 12:30 AM: Short Subjects  
 1:00 AM: Destination Inner Space

Video will be closed during Films.



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 by David E Romm

Microprogramming is the most Zen committee at Minicon. We don't even *pretend* to understand what we're doing. That is why we can specialize in the art of fan maintenance without bothering to define our terms. So whenever you see a mylar fish or a helium balloon, whenever you're serenaded by one of our elevator troubadours, when you see weirdness at Opening and Closing Ceremonies, whenever you talk to someone from a different convention, when you see a list of Minicon attendees in zip code order, when anything happens which you don't quite understand but which makes you smile...think of Microprogramming. But not too hard; that would spoil things.

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# Mimincon 25!

Fan Guest of Honor - Dave Romm

April 14 - 15, 1990

AFTER THE PAIN SUBSIDES,  
I'LL ADDRESS THE POSSIBILITY  
THAT BEING OBNOXIOUS COULD  
BE A CONVENTION FAUX PAS.....





