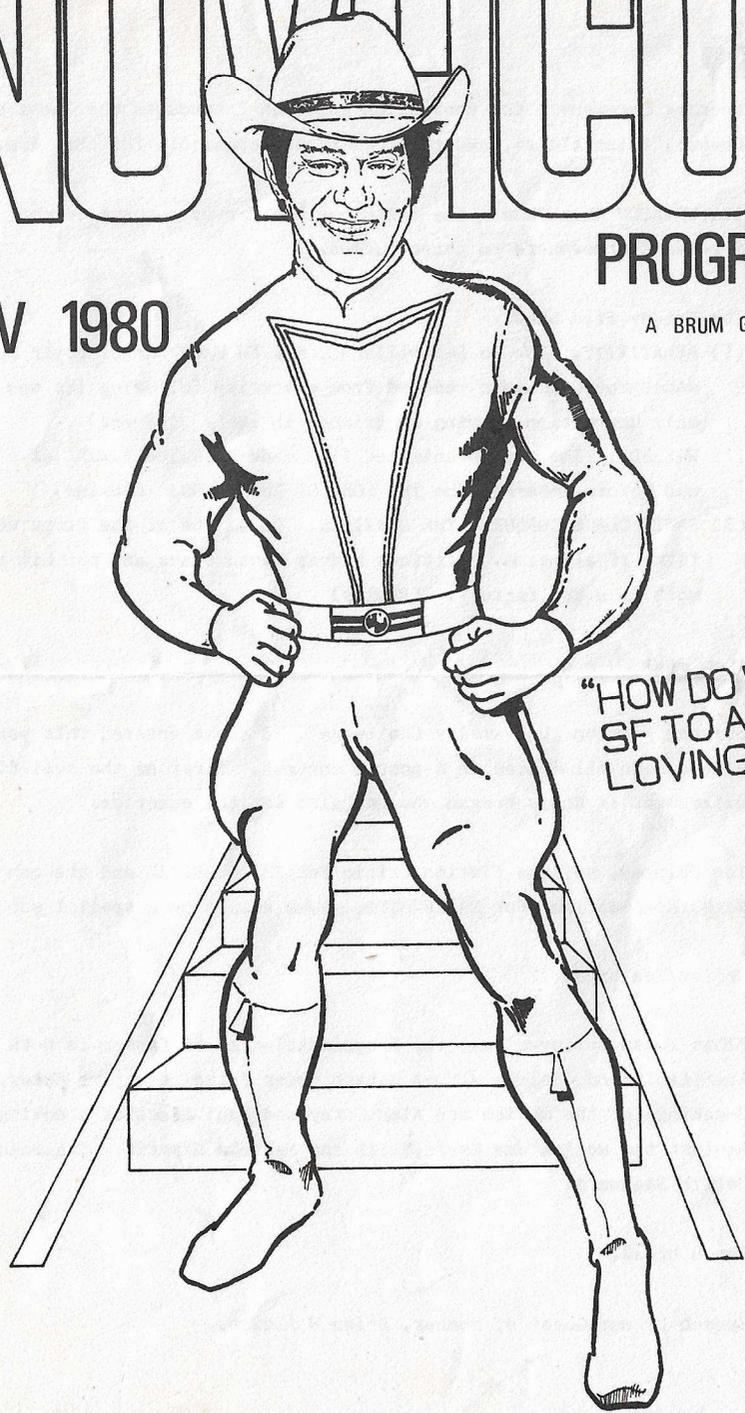


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PROGRAMME

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"HOW DO WE SELL
SF TO A 'DALLAS'
LOVING PUBLIC?"

ALL CONVENTION ITEMS WILL BE HELD IN THE CON HALL - THE WROXTON SUITE.

FRIDAY

- 8.45pm Opening Ceremony - the convention Chairman introduces the Guest of Honour, Brian Aldiss, and the committee responsible for this Con.
- 9.00pm The NOVACON Chat Show. The delicious Eve Harvey returns to chat in a relaxed atmosphere to three guests.
- 10.00pm The Friday Film Show.
- (1) RELATIVITY. The Ed Emshwiler (Yes...Ed Emsh the SF cover artist) underground classic rescued from obscurity following its one and only convention showing at Bristol in 1966. (38mins)
 - (2) WIZARDS. The superb animated film made by Ralph Bakshi as a dry run before embarking on THE LORD OF THE RINGS. (80mins)
 - (3) SANTA CLAUS CONQUERS THE MARTIANS. Voted one of the fifty worst films of all time. Martians kidnap Santa Claus and put him to work in a toy factory. (80mins)

SATURDAY

- 10.00am Science Fiction 'University Challenge'. 8 teams entered this year and 4 have been eliminated in a postal contest. First of the semi-finals. Quizmaster is Chris Morgan who has also set the questions.
- 10.45pm Tom Shippey, science fiction critic for THE GUARDIAN and the man who sets the questions for MASTERMIND, gives a talk on a special subject.
- 11.45am Coffee/Tea break.
- 12.00 "This House believes that the fragmentation of SF fandom is both inevitable and desirable." A debate under formal debating rules. Speaking for the motion are Alan Dorey and Paul Kincaid; speaking against the motion are Kevin Smith and Malcolm Edwards. Chairman will be Tim Stannard.
- 1.00pm Lunch break.
- 2.30pm Speech by our Guest of Honour, Brian W Aldiss.

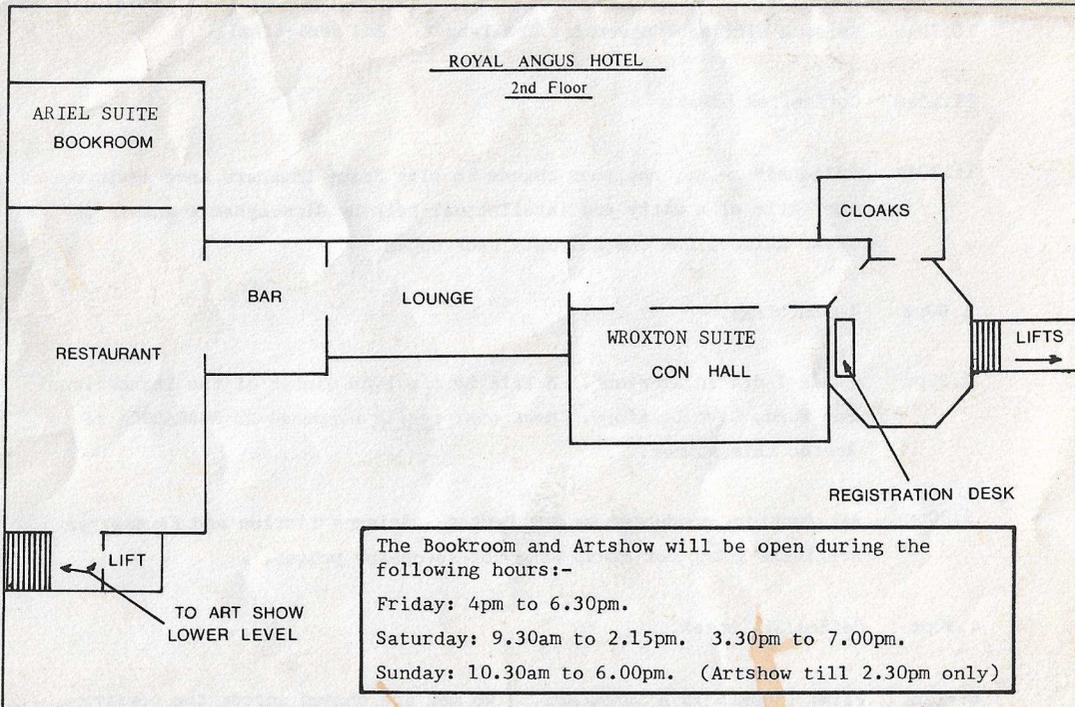
- 3.30pm The Phil Strick Moving Picture Show. A welcome return by Philip Strick with another selection of rare, scarce and interesting film footage.
- 4.45pm Coffee/Tea break.
- 5.00pm "How do we Sell Good SF to a DALLAS-loving Public?" A panel discussion chaired by Joseph Nicholas.
- 6.00pm The Book Auction, conducted by Rog Peyton. Come! See old Badger books auctioned page by page!
- 7.00pm Dinner break.
- 10.00pm The Fancy Dress Disco. Your chance to dance to the merry music provided by ex-BSFA Secretary, dj Graham Bullock. Spot prizes will be given for those in fancy dress.

SUNDAY

- 10.30am Science Fiction 'University Challenge'. 2nd Semi-final.
- 11.15am Coffee/Tea break.
- 11.30am "Aliens!" - no, not your chance to play Space Invaders once again but the title of a witty and intellectual talk by Birmingham's answer to Isaac Asimov, the one and only Jack Cohen.
- 1.00pm Lunch break.
- 2.30pm "What I did in America". A talk by the 1980 winner of the TransAtlantic Fan Fund, Dave Langford. Hear what really happened at NOREASCON II in Boston this summer.
- 3.30pm Art Auction, conducted by Rog Peyton. Science fiction and fantasy art originals going for cheap (and not-so-cheap) prices.
- 4.30pm Coffee/Tea break.
- 4.45pm Film: FIGURES IN A LANDSCAPE. Two men are chased across the countryside by a helicopter. (110mins) ("Rilly triffic" - Joe Nicholas)

- 6.45pm Science Fiction 'University Challenge'. The Grand Final - can The Surrey Limpwrist win again? Can they even reach the final? Will they even get through the postal eliminating round?
- 7.30pm Dinner break.
- 9.30pm Closing Ceremony. Presentation of the NOVA Award, Art Awards and SF 'University Challenge' prize. Announcement for NOVACON 11.
 followed by
 Film: DEATHRACE 2000. The 1975 film starring David 'Kung Fu' Carradine. Involves a car race across America, the object to kill as many pedestrians as possible in the process. (79mins)

Just a reminder that the Hotel will be providing snack meals at 7.30 to 8.30pm on Friday; 1.00 to 2.00pm and 6.30 to 7.30pm on Saturday; and 1.00 to 2.00pm and 6.30 to 7.30pm on Sunday. In addition, snacks will also be served at midnight on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. (Note: we will probably have a break between WIZARDS and SANTA CLAUS on Friday night to enable people to have their midnight snacks).



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