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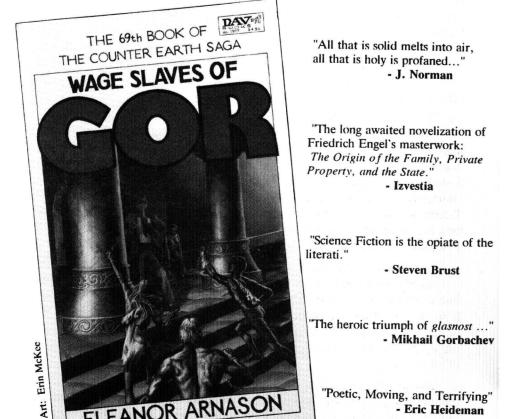
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# Eleanor Arnason by Eric M. Heideman

Eleanor Atwood Arnason was born in New York City on December 28, 1942. Her mother was a missionary's daughter who grew up in China. Her father was an art historian of Icelandic descent who worked for the office of War Information in Iceland during World War II. During Eleanor's childhood, she lived in New York, Chicago, London, Paris, and Washington, D.C. The family came to comparative rest in Minneapolis, where Eleanor's father served as Director of the Walker Art Center from 1951 through 1961. (There were still trips to Paris, Honolulu, and through much of Asia.)

Eleanor grew up exposed to Chinese philosophy, Icelandic sagas, and the conversation of avant garde artists. In the early '50s she discovered science fiction: both early tv programs like Tom Corbett and Captain Video, and the printed stuff. She attended her first SF convention in 1961. In 1964 she took a B.A. from Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania, then did graduate study in art history at the University of Minnesota. In 1966-67, she found herself falling in love with James T. Kirk (she later co-wrote a story about him) and growing tired of spending all her time in classes and art museums. She dropped out of college and after a year of travelling found herself doing clerical work in Detroit from 1968 to 1974.

She'd been writing all of her life, but the experience of living in a tough city, meeting blue collar workers, gave her fiction a new edge. When she was thirty, her stuff started selling. Because her stories were kind of weird, and each new one was different in a different way, it took her a while to develop a committed audience. I'm betting that around 1999, with 20/20 hindsight, people will be saying that after John Varley, she was the second most important short story writer to enter the SF field in the 1970s.

Like the good grandfather of Minnesota SF, Clifford D. Simak, Eleanor writes about ordinary, every-day people, working at mundane jobs, who suddenly find themselves caught up in something strange. Her work is often puzzling on a first reading—and deeply rewarding on a second and third. I think that's because, although we keep saying that science fiction and fantasy are "for fun," we are made nervous by writers such as R.A. Lafferty and Eleanor, who have fun with the conventions of the forms themselves. She has a tendency to smirk at our storytelling pretensions, and her people do unexpected things, the way people do. Conflicts occur and problems get resolved, but when her stories get ready to end, her people don't conveniently fold up and go away. They go right on living inside our heads.

Once we get used to it, that can be very enjoyable.

It will be interesting to see what changes she brings to a long-established series when she takes it over this fall. Meanwhile: read her latest novel, <u>Daughter of the Bear King</u>. I could say a lot of things about it, but it's enough to say: it's wonderful.

She moved back to Minneapolis in 1974, where she's worked at the Art Institute, in a Munsingwear warehouse, a hat factory, and as an accountant, and written radio spots on inventors and facts about American history. Right away she started generating organized SF activities. In 1974 Eleanor, together with Ruth Berman, founded the Aardvark Writing Group, the senior SF writing group in Minnesota. (Its other members have included P.C. Hodgell and Mary Monica Pulver.) She was an early member of the Rivendell Group; she's worked on Minicon Programming since the mid-70s; she was a founding member of Second Foundation and the Minnesota Imaginative Fiction Writers' Alliance, and is currently Treasurer for the National Writers Union Local #13.

Back in the early '80s when I was a shy fringefan who didn't know anybody, she was one of the two or three Minicon movers-and-shakers who took the trouble to talk with me. She hooked me into working on Programming, then prodded me into volunteering to put together an SF coffee house, which Programming Head Mike Smith named Krushenko's. There are many people who can tell similar stories about Eleanor. She's one hell of a mentor. In her quiet, non-self promotional way, Eleanor Arnason has done more than any other person to nurture an SF community

### in Minnesota. Thank you so very much, Ms. Arnason. May I have your autograph?

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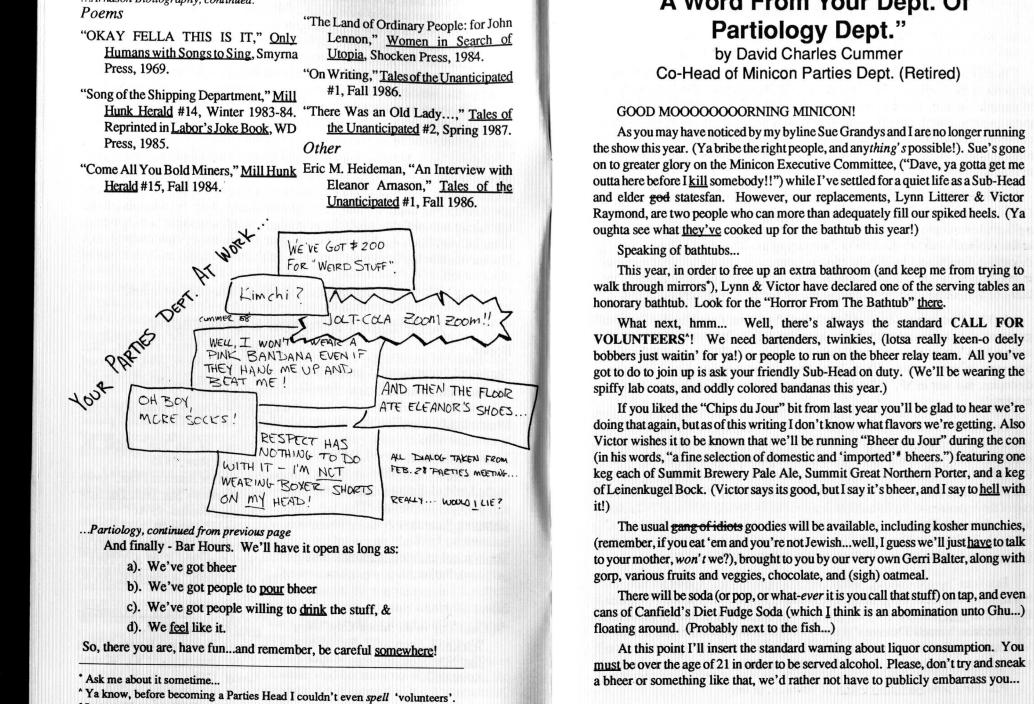
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...Arnason Bibliography, continued.

\*I guess this means its from Wisconsin, eh?

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"A Word From Your Dept. Of Partiology Dept."
by David Charles Cummer

Co-Head of Minicon Parties Dept. (Retired)

GOOD MOOOOOOORNING MINICON!

As you may have noticed by my byline Sue Grandys and I are no longer running the show this year. (Ya bribe the right people, and anything's possible!). Sue's gone on to greater glory on the Minicon Executive Committee, ("Dave, ya gotta get me outta here before I <u>kill</u> somebody!!") while I've settled for a quiet life as a Sub-Head and elder <del>god</del> statesfan. However, our replacements, Lynn Litterer & Victor Raymond, are two people who can more than adequately fill our spiked heels. (Ya oughta see what <u>they've</u> cooked up for the bathtub this year!) Speaking of bathtubs...

This year, in order to free up an extra bathroom (and keep me from trying to walk through mirrors\*), Lynn & Victor have declared one of the serving tables an honorary bathtub. Look for the "Horror From The Bathtub" there.

What next, hmm... Well, there's always the standard CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS'! We need bartenders, twinkies, (lotsa really keen-o deely bobbers just waitin' for ya!) or people to run on the bheer relay team. All you've got to do to join up is ask your friendly Sub-Head on duty. (We'll be wearing the spiffy lab coats, and oddly colored bandanas this year.)

If you liked the "Chips du Jour" bit from last year you'll be glad to hear we're doing that again, but as of this writing I don't know what flavors we're getting. Also Victor wishes it to be known that we'll be running "Bheer du Jour" during the con (in his words, "a fine selection of domestic and 'imported'\* bheers.") featuring one keg each of Summit Brewery Pale Ale, Summit Great Northern Porter, and a keg of Leinenkugel Bock. (Victor says its good, but I say it's bheer, and I say to hell with

(remember, if you eat 'em and you're not Jewish...well, I guess we'll just have to talk to your mother, won't we?), brought to you by our very own Gerri Balter, along with gorp, various fruits and veggies, chocolate, and (sigh) oatmeal. There will be soda (or pop, or what-ever it is you call that stuff) on tap, and even cans of Canfield's Diet Fudge Soda (which I think is an abomination unto Ghu...) floating around. (Probably next to the fish...) At this point I'll insert the standard warning about liquor consumption. You must be over the age of 21 in order to be served alcohol. Please, don't try and sneak a bheer or something like that, we'd rather not have to publicly embarrass you...

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#### Eric M. Heideman by Marianne D. Hageman

Eric M. Heideman is a nice guy who's passionately involved in science fiction. Minicon is an excellent place to observe his permutation of the diversity of Minnesota fandom and the sharing of that diversity. In 1984, as Minicon programming cohead, he and cohead Kara Dalkey made the transition to Minicon's current pluralistic, multi-track programming. He co-headed programming for two more Minicons. The variety and depth of Minicon programming is due in large part to Eric's commitment and hard work.

Another visible Heideman contribution is Krushenko's-Minicon's SF Coffeehouse—which he began in 1983 and continues to manage. Krushenko's is a place where people can meet to talk about science fiction, particularly the books and stories and ideas that have hooked so many of us. It's a place of free-wheeling discussion, sometimes in scheduled panels or round tables on written SF, sometimes in impromptu conversations where the ideas flow thick and fast. It has also been the home of SF readings and the meeting place for literary-minded organizations.

In 1983 Eric founded Second Foundation, the science fiction book discussion group which he continues to moderate. Meetings usually focus on the works of one author: John Varley, Larry Niven, Ursula K. LeGuin, Kate Wilhelm, and Theodore Sturgeon, to name a few. There have been theme meetings too: SF movies, dystopias, and war in SF. (Check your programming schedule for our Minicon

Eric has made substantial contributions to SF writing and outreach. In 1985 he was a founding member of the WW2 writing group, all of whose members are published. That year he was also a founding member of the Minnesota Imaginative Fiction Writers' Alliance, a resource-sharing network of sf/fantasy writing groups and individuals; currently he is their meeting convener. In 1986 and 1987 he was one of the organizers of the Minnesota Science Fiction Society (Minn-STF) Lecture Series, featuring Barry Longyear, Ruth Berman, a Liavek Round Table, P.C. Hodgell, Phyllis Ann Karr, and John Sladek. In 1986 he initiated <u>Tales of the</u> <u>Unanticipated</u>, the small-press SF magazine published by Minn-STF.

Eric is an "up-and-coming" writer (see bibliography) who knows his stuff. He has lured several local beings into active fannish involvement (I haven't forgotten, Eric, it's all your doing!). He's the guy who walks up to you at fannish gatherings and introduces himself if he doesn't know you. He makes newcomers feel welcome. You can easily find him at Minicon: he's the weird, bearded guy who does a lot of panels, hangs out between Krushenko's and the consuite—and he's great at parties.

P.S. He's seen Forbidden Planet 27 times . . . so far.

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# Frederik Pohl by Eric M. Heideman

Born 26 November 1919, Frederik Pohl has spent a good part of his life in New York and New Jersey, currently lives in Palatine, Illinois, and has spent time in many parts of the world. About 55 years ago, when he was around 13, he joined science fiction fandom while it was still wet behind the ears. He helped found several Brooklyn and Manhattan fan clubs, most notably the Futurians, whose other members included Isaac Asimov, C.M. Kornbluth, Damon Knight, and James Blish. He was one of twelve people in attendance at the first known SF convention, which occurred in Philadelphia in 1936. Together with several of his fellow Futurian rabble rousers, he was barred from attending the first "world" SF convention in Manhattan in 1939, for reasons which seemed quite important at the

Also in 1939, Fred Pohl found himself, at 19, the editor of two professional SF magazines, Astonishing Stories and Super Science Stories. Though strapped with a minimalist budget, he was able, through hard work or genius or something, to get good stories from the likes of Heinlein and Asimov. After World War II Air Force service, he went to work for an advertising agency, then became a literary agent specializing in SF. He was the kind of agent every writer dreams about, actually paying his clients to write whatever kind of SF they really wanted to write, then worrying about where to sell it later. That way he not only got to represent a plurality of the best SF writers of the '50s; he also provided them with the peace of mind to write many of their best stories. That was wonderful for the writers and their readers, but his generosity drove his agency into debt, and he switched to writing full-time. In the early '50s he collaborated with Kornbluth on a Galaxy sequel called Gravy Planet, which shows what the world might be like if advertisers were completely in charge. In book form, as The Space Merchants, it has sold millions of copies in two

dozen languages. It remains, with Huxley's <u>Brave New World</u>, one of the two masterpieces of science fiction satire.

Also during the 1950s, Pohl advised Ian Ballantine on the new line of SF paperbacks he was launching. For Ballantine Books, Pohl launched the <u>Star Science Fiction</u> series, the first SF anthologies consisting entirely of never before published material. Then, from 1960 to 1969, he served as a magazine editor again; his several titles included <u>Galaxy</u>, <u>Worlds of If</u>, and <u>Worlds of Tomorrow</u>. He encouraged Ellison, and Tiptree, and Niven, and Silverberg during his best and most

experimental phase. A lot of people think that Pohl was the best SF magazine editor

of the 1960s. His If received the Hugo Award for best SF magazine three times in a row.

Oh, God, but Frederik Pohl has done a lot. Worked as an editor for Bantam. Helped found the Hydra Club, a social group that included most of the New York SF writers of the late '40s and early '50s. He has served as President of the Science Fiction Writers of America (SFWA), and as President of World SF, a group which

puts science fiction writers from different countries in touch with each other. He is a lecturer to many groups, in many places, on a wide variety of topics, applying the perspectives of science fiction not to escaping from this world but to making it a better place. He writes in a casual, conversational, always clear style, and any writer worth her salt knows that that is one of the hardest ways to write. As an editor and a writer, he has rarely been content to rest on his laurels. When he finds himself falling into some kind of rut he tries something new. Gateway and Chernobyl are perhaps his most impressive "something new" books of recent vintage.

Since childhood he's read an average of one book a day, including a great deal of SF but all sorts of other things, too. And he keeps doing new things, just for the sake of doing them, although some of them eventually show up in his fiction. He wrote a biography of the Roman emperor Tiberius, and is the Encyclopedia Brittannica's source for information on that person; for a year he spent four hours a day learning chess moves; for a couple of years while he was editing Galaxy he also served as a volunteer fire fighter. He is a dedicated fan of science, and writes that "with not enough formal education to qualify me as a mailman I know about as much about, say, astronomy as any biochemist, as much mathematics as most physicists." He is, in short, a committed human being, and that commitment shines through in his actions, and in the works he edits, and in the stories he writes. A while back I got to see him sitting on a panel in which writers who are experienced enough to know better were saying a lot of blarney about technique as the be-all and end-all of writing. Fred Pohl said, more or less, "If there isn't something inside of you which you passionately need to express, you will never be a writer, no matter how much technique you have." I know a few other words as true as that, but none truer.

Mr. Pohl has written of SF writers, "We are all risk-taking and inquisitive by nature, and if there is a Renaissance Man alive I think he is a science fiction writer."

I think I know his name.

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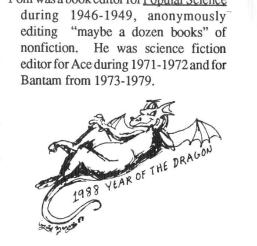
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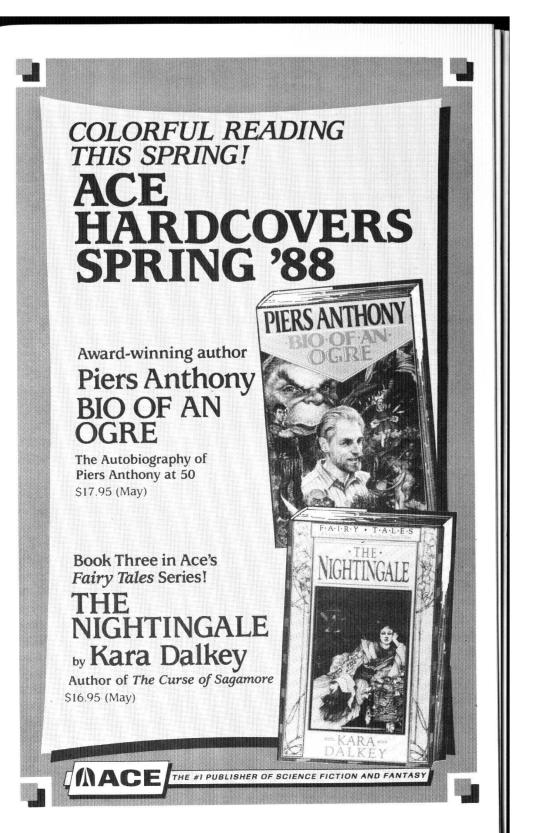
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Crystal Hope Marvig recently moved to the Twin Cities from the Fargo/ Moorhead area. She has been attending science fiction cons since the age of 12. Her first convention art display was when she was 16. Convention art shows across the U.S, in Canada, and in England have displayed her art work. She has been a Fan Guest of Honor, Art Show Chairperson, Dance Performer, winner of several Best

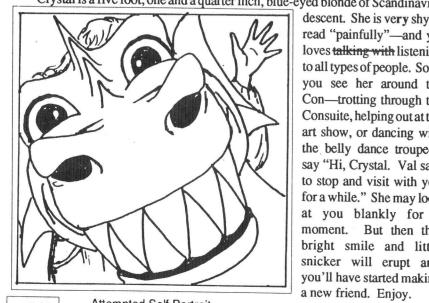
of Show art awards, and a consuite partier. Crystal displayed her artistic talents early using crayon-on-wall as her first medium. She rapidly moved on to sketching Superheroes for her own comic books

Crystal's two-dimensional flights of fancy take the viewer to Elfland, the far future, moonlit glades, and fantastical side-dimension universes. She produces portraits of fine detail as well as a cartoon dragon with the personality of a St. Bernard puppy—known as "Rover".

and then fantasy characters such as elves and unicorns.

Experimenting with color and light is one of Crystal's favorite artistic endeavors. She enjoys working in oils and airbrush, as well as several other media. Now that she is living in "The Big City", Crystal plans to pursue further education in art. Her goals are to learn more oil techniques; design and composition; and better airbrush, acrylic, and watercolor techniques. She also wants to broaden her talents into new media, specifically sculpting, glass etching and painting, and

working with metal. Crystal is a five foot, one and a quarter inch, blue-eyed blonde of Scandinavian



descent. She is very shy—read "painfully"—and yet loves talking with listening to all types of people. So, if you see her around the Con—trotting through the Consuite, helping out at the art show, or dancing with the belly dance troupe say "Hi, Crystal. Val said to stop and visit with you for a while." She may look at you blankly for a moment. But then that bright smile and little snicker will erupt and you'll have started making



#### Science Guest of Honor Richard P. Feynman (1918 - 1988)

by Rob Ihinger

When the Minicon Committee decided to create the category Science Guest of Honor for 1988, the overwhelming choice for the first person to fill this position was Richard P. Feynman.

Dr. Feynman worked on the Manhattan Project at Los Alamos, was awarded a share of the 1965 Nobel Prize in Physics for his pioneering work in quantum electrodynamics, and served as probably the most effective member of the Presidential Commission investigating the Challenger tragedy.

penchant for all-night music parties. Knowing that a man of his stature was bound to receive innumerable demands upon his time, we felt an unconventional approach would be helpful. Recalling his description of safecracking games at Los Alamos from his autobiography "Surely You're Joking, Mr. Feynman!", Beth Friedman decided to submit our invitation locked within a toy safe. I contacted our inside man on the Caltech campus and made

As important to us were his impish sense of humor, artistic endeavors, and

arrangements to have the invitation hand delivered by one of his former artist's models attractively (un)dressed. Most unfortunately for Dr. Feynman the respective schedules of his and and our model conflicted over a sufficiently long period of time that we had to have our invitation hand delivered by our fully attired inside

My brother greatly enjoyed the two hour conversation which ensued. Dr.

Feynman protested that the nubile female approach was totally unnecessary and

would have been a waste as he was a 69 year old married man (rather polite of him, I'd say). He was quite amused by our play-it-safe invitation, but scornful of the quality of the safe we selected. He demonstrated his musical talents on it and proclaimed it a much better bongo drum than safe. His immediate response to the invitation was "Interesting, sounds like fun. I'll have to think about it." He considered the proposition for a long time. Long enough that we sent a follow-up letter requesting a decision (encoded in a multiple rotating transposition cipher-after all, the man did claim to be decoding the Mayan Codex on his honeymoon!). By fall of last year his battle with abdominal cancer became public knowledge on his campus and we were informed not to expect him to come. Finally, in December he notified me that he was expecting to be teaching class and was unable to serve as our first Science Guest of Honor. I think it was a question of conserving his limited strength for his highest priority, teaching his students. Dr. Feynman passed away February 15, 1988, as a result of the cancer. Even though he was not able to be with us to be honored in person, we would like to honor him in spirit. We wish Programming had his teaching and storytelling, Art Show had his paintings and Consuite his bongo-playing, but we are left with his memory.

Our 1988 Science Guest of Honor: Richard P. Feynman.

Microprogramming Chair, David E Romm, hopes to frequently exercise his Microprogramming.

the Poolside Consuite / Gaming Suite)
where numerous strangenesses await

where numerous strangenesses await you. Among the things (down, Mongo!! Filk Room for this purpose. Any times

Don't eat the gamers!) we have this year: not designated are (of course!) Open Filk Times. Have Fun, and Happy Filking! (first come, first signed) running in 4- Saturday

of Sunday (see hours below.). entertainment for 3 a.m. when the brain goes bye-bye.

of vaudeville. However, since no one instruction available (details in the suite). attending Minicon was around then, this

The Quest For The Philosopher's

for filk music. Parties Committee has set aside one of the small consuite rooms for Greetings, Gamers! this purpose. We are putting this schedule Welcome to the Balticon Suite (a.k.a. of filk topics together so that like-minded

The Big Board. This tells you what's going on in our scheduled room. There will be scheduled events to sign up for hour blocks on Friday, Saturday, and part 2:00 p.m. Star Trek songs 3:00 p.m. Dr. Who songs

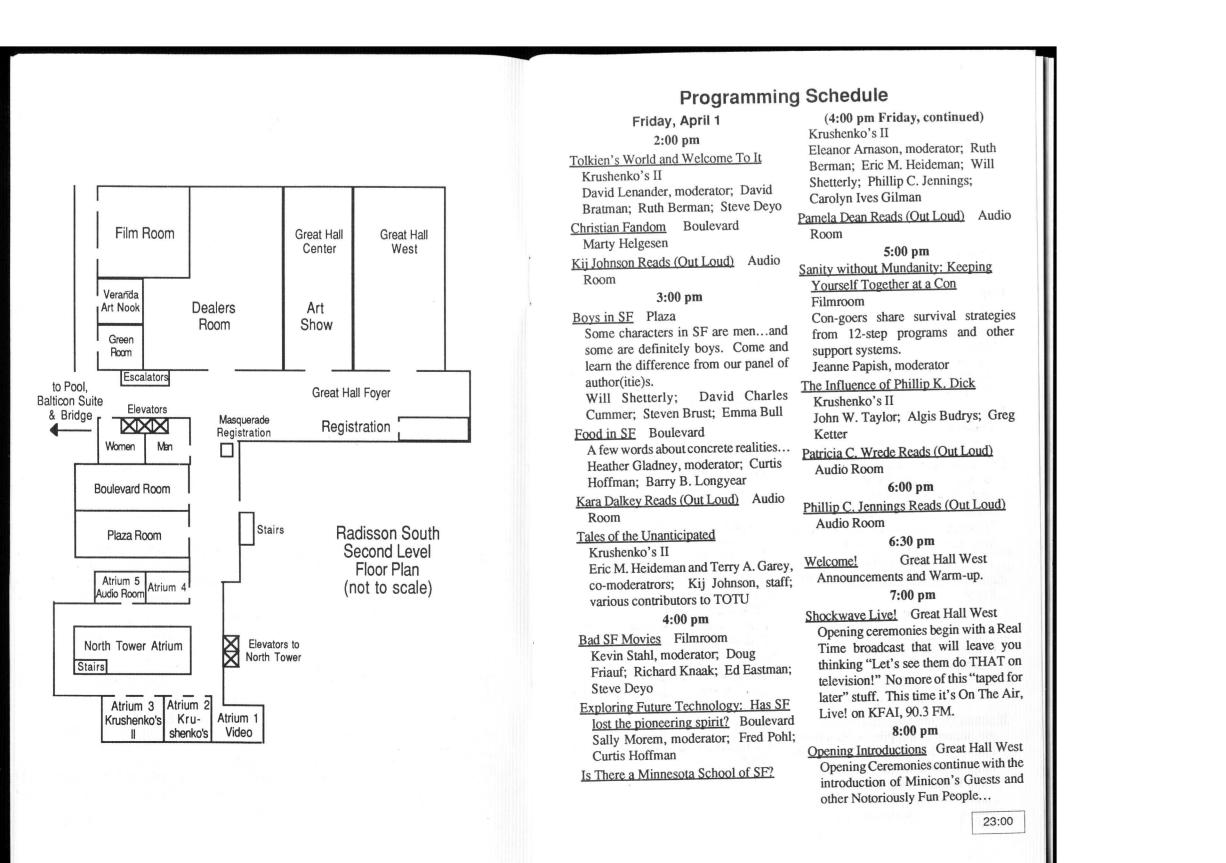
The Grandson of the Mike Wood 6:00 p.m. More SCA songs Memorial Silly Games Table. Mindless 10:00 p.m. Sacred Harp

2:00 p.m. Scottish and Irish ballads

21:00

gives us tremendous latitude in what we Stone giveaway! Courtesy of the Games can get away with. The mylar fish and Gang, we will be giving away a copy of other Weird Things floating around we Quest for the Philosopher's Stone. It's a caught, cleaned and named by the game where you have to think to get Microprogramming committee. (Guess ahead. Details at the big box on the the correct name for any fish and you may gaming freebies table. (Photocopied, have already won!) The SHOCKWAVE mimeo'd, dittoed, or hecto'd entries are part of Opening Ceremonies and Closing right out!) Ceremonies are under our auspices. We All This and Less awaits you at the will be doing Strange Things at Balticon Suite, Room 114 (just below the unpredictable times, from "The Elevator Bridge—show your badge to the troll.) That Says 'Nih!'" to greeting our Balticon See you there! identified as this report goes to press. The Gaming Master Filkroom power to retroactively declare that 
The Filk Room is a non-smoking something was officially music room designated for use of the fans

Bridge Below the Bridge. A bridge Microprogramming table and decks of bridge cards will be Microprogramming is the recreation available. We will also have basic



(Friday, continued) 8:30 pm Meet the Artists Reception Art Show A Shy Person's Guide to Minicon (Great Hall Center) Mass(ive) Autographing Session Plaza Meet the Pros Party Krushenko's II Everybody welcome!

Filmroom Eric M. Heideman, moderator and shy Forty-five minutes of fast and furious Barry Longyear's Writing Workshop Plaza (Part one; 10am to noon) NASA's Proposed Space Station Boulevard 10:00 pm MN Space Frontiers Society meeting Dance Great Hall West

Dance to the music of Boiled in Lead

Sally Morem, moderator

Rivendell Group Book Discussion until 1 am (or so) Krushenko's II Mapmaking in Science Fiction and Fantasy Plaza Topic: Merlin's Booke by Jane Yolen. David Lenander, moderator; Jane

Saturday, April 2

10:00 am

A participatory exercise...
Lisa Bah, organizer; P.C. Hodgell Mickey Zucker Reichert Reads (Out How to Compete in a Masquerade Boulevard Load) Audio Room 11:00 am Deb Jones, Masquerade Director

<u>Late Night Roundtable for Gamers</u> Paganism in Fantasy and Science Fiction Filmroom Balticonsuite (also known as the Magenta, moderator; Kirby Titus; Charles Obert; Lon Levy poolside consuite, or the gamer's "Combat Systems: No Matter Which Artists Running Art Shows Veranda Way You Slice It, It's Still Baloney"

Art Nook

Victor Raymond, moderator Algis Budrys Reads (Out Loud) Audio Room 11:00 pm Ordnance at SF Cons Plaza You May Be Loaded" Bill Lochen, moderator

Jeol Rosenberg; J.R. Dunn;

Barry Longyear.

Offspring of "Don't Point That at Me; Time Travel Krushenko's II Midnight Weapons Physics 101 Plaza Friauf; Carolyn Ives Gilman Air Hockey as it applies to Hovercraft Tanks, or how do those high tech weapons work, anyway?

Bruce Bethke, moderator;

Giovanna Fregni, moderator; Erin McKee; Crystal Marvig How To Tell Good Science Fiction From Bad Boulevard Lee Reynolds, moderator; Algis Budrys; Al Kuhfeld; Frederik Pohl Marianne D. Hageman, moderator; Bruce Bethke; Kevin Stahl; Ruth

Berman; Curtis Hoffman; Doug Hutson; Paul Kirst; Bruce Bethke; Frederik Pohl; Joel Rosenberg Crystal Marvig, host

(Saturday, continued) Noon Phoenix on Warpdrive: The New Star Trek Filmroom Reproductions in Art Shows: Do They
Belong? Veranda Art Nook Erin McKee, moderator; Crystal

Marvig; Giovanna Fregni

How To Write Magic

Plaza

Z:00 pm

25 Years of Dr. Who

Mike Fanslowe, moderator; (maybe

Richard Knaak) and members of

C. Wrede; Caroline Stevermer Gerri Balter and Herman Schouten, SF in the 80's: Is There Any Hope? Are There Any Women? Bogstad; John W. Taylor; Mike Levy; Frederik Pohl; Ruth Berman; Nate

John Rezmerski AIDS: Sciene Fact and Science Fiction 1:00 pm USS Nokomis Hour Filmroom Meet the Trekkers! Art Johnson, moderator

body's full abilities. This year they will They Do It, Exactly. Wear loose, comfortable clothing that Asten; Patricia C. Wrede you can be exploited in...oops, we 3:00 pm mean that you can move in.

Spring Forward, Fall Over Boulevard (runs for two hours)

Massage Seminar Filmroom (runs for two hours) Do our ethics keep pace with our David E "Fingers" Romm technological advances?
Polly Peterson, moderator; Melinda
Veranda Art Nook

(1:00 pm Saturday, continued) How To Approach an Editor Without
Coming Across Like A Pencil-Necked Geek Krushenko's II Ed Eastman, moderator; Ruth Berman

Peg Ihinger, moderator; Kij Johnson;
Emma Bull; Patrick Lucien Price; David Hartwell 2:00 pm

How To Write Magic Plaza

How do writers convey images of magic at work in their fantasy writings?

Elise Krueger, moderator; Jane Yolen; Joel Rosenberg; Emma Bull; Patricia

Mike Palisiowe, inductator, (maybe Richard Knaak) and members of Whoniversity

Stuffed Animals Panel Veranda Art Nook

Conv.: Palison and Harmon Schouten moderators, with help from the whole stuffed menagerie Krushenko's II

Eleanor Arnason, moderator; Jan

Building an SF Community

Plaza

Eric M. Heideman, moderator; Bucklin; David Lenander

Boulevard David Charles Cummer, moderator; Perry Tilleraas; Mickey Zuker Belly Dance Workshop Plaza Reichert

Troupe MonHarr (Val Lies, Sue Easy Writer Krushenko's II

Grandys, and Crystal Marvig) invite Writers talk about that forbidden, you to join them in exploiting your never-before-discussed topic: How instruct at two levels of experience: Tess Meara Kolney, moderator; Beginning and...Somewhat Better. Heather Gladney; A.B. Max; Gail van

(runs for two hours)

(Saturday, continued) (8:00 pm Saturday, continued) (3:00pm Saturday, continued) (Saturday, continued) 11:00 pm Fanzine Readings Audio Room 6:00 pm Planetary Exploration: Filling the 11-Consenting Aliens Plaza (runs for two hours) Masquerade Great Hall East Year Gap Boulevard Sponsored by the Planetary Society
Paul Richards, moderator: Sally
Morem; Melinda Hutson; Paul Kirst

The infamous Gay-Lesbian-Bisexual fandom panel returns!
David Charles Cummer, moderator; This was so much fun at Wiscon that we (pre-registration required; see decided to steal ... er, import it. section in program book) David Emerson, host. Minnensota Fanzine Recovery Act: We Ask Dr. Mike Audio Room Camilla Decarnin; Victor Raymond; Heather Gladney Reads (Out Loud) Pub Our Ish! Plaza John M. Ford holds forth in chalk-talk Elise Kruger Krushenko's II Victor Raymond, moderator; Jeanne Computer Music Demo and Lecture format... 4:00 pm Mealy; Erik Biever; and a cast of Audio Room Poetry Reading Krushenko's II Guest of Honor Interview Plaza thousands... John Borowicz (runs 2 hours) (runs 1 1/2hours) Wisconsin Fantasy and Science Fiction Terry A. Garey, moderator; Eleanor Terry A. Garey and Eric M. Heideman Writers Krushenko's II Arnason; Ruth Berman; Tom Digby; Storytelling by Jane Yolen interview Eleanor Arnason Ruth Berman, moderator; P.C. K. Cassandra O'Malley; John C. Krushenko's II 5:00 pm Hodgell; Sandra Lindow; Mary Magic and the Supernatural: Belly Rezmerski; Jane Yolen. The Return of Airbrush Demo Monica Pulver 9:00 pm <u>Dance Show</u> Great Hall Foyer Veranda Art Nook Women: Self-Esteem and Self-Defense Troupe MonHarr presents an encore Hypnotism Demo Plaza (runs 1 1/2 hours) performance of their almost interstate, Steve Fastner, artist Charles Obert A Free Amazon Discussion kind of international Sword and **Bad Manners Disguised as Political** Seems Like Only Yesterday: Some Former Bozo Bus Building Denizens Tess Meara Kolney, moderator Sorcery show! See Chrysilliss Expression Boulevard Conservative Libertarians; Threat or celebrate the Miracle of Magic! See 7:00 pm Reminisce Plaza
Scott Imes, Careturkey; Nate Bucklin;
Margie Lessinger; David Emerson;
What Is Nationalism? Plaza
How does it effect Canadian/US fan and pro activities? Ssussminh explore the Wonders of Menace? Phillip C. Jennings, moderator; Martin

Transformation! See Namira battle the Schafer; Kirby Titus; Mary Monica Prince of Darkness! See scruffy Fred Haskell. DDB, moderator; Micheal Wallis; barbarians attack! See the Show! Pulver There's No Place Like Home: A
Celebration of Minnesota SF Steven Stirling; Will Shetterly See the 9:30 pm Barry Longyear Reads (Out Loud) Head of Publications 🖎 Art Auction Great Hall West
J. Micheal Blake and Lisa Golladay, Boulevard Boulevard DANCE! Polly Peterson, moderator; Carla
Mills; Duane Olson; Charles deVet;

Krushenko's II 2:00 am auctioneers Krushenko's II 10:00 pm Temporal Shuttle departs for 3:00 am Kara Dalkey The Minnesota Imaginative Fiction I Always Wanted To Be A Writer And Parking Lot SCA Music and Storytelling Audio Writer's Alliance welcomes all Now I Are One Plaza interested parties... Bruce Bethke, moderator: Curtis
Hoffman, Bishard War States Let local members of the Society for Creative Anachronism tell you tales of the current Middle Ages...

Their Excellencies Baron Caradoc and Baroness Bridget will hold court

Trans-Atlantic Fan Fund — all at the Joanna Russ and Jerry Pournelle: Hoffman: Richard Knaak: Phillip C. Jessica Amanda Salmonson, referee Jennings; Joel Rosenberg; Barry Robert A. Heinlein Gives all the Blood Longyear Back Wabasha North Trans-Atlantic Fan Fund — all at the WorldBuilding Group Krushenko's II Children's Fantasy Krushenko's II People's Front of Judaea Atrium V (runs 2 hours) David Lenander, moderator; Pamela
Dean; Jane Yolen; Melinda Hutson;
Mike Levy; Patricia C. Wrede

same time!

Jeanne Gomoll, coordinator same time! Secret Masters of Minicon Senate Late Might Roundtable For Gamers "The Rules Lawyer: Is Disbarment Necessary?" Ed Eastman, moderator

"Test (no riff-raff)

Eric M. Heideman Reads (Silently)

Minnesota Room Balticonconsuite (aka poolside 26:00

Contributions to Irish Culture Steven K.Z. Brust, I.S.F.W. Critical Approaches to SF, Fantasy and McKnight Suite Other Fiction Krushenko's II Eleanor Arnason Reads Labor Hall Kirby Titus, moderator; Algis Budrys; from her latest work, hailed as the John Rezmerski; John W. Taylor; first Marxist Gor novel: Wage Slaves David Bratman; Eric M. Heideman Martha Soukup Reads (Out Loud) Ghost Writing Panel Indian Room Audio Room E.A. Poe, moderator; Philip K. Dick; L. Ron Hubbard; J.R.R. Tolkien; E.E. Jewelry Making Veranda Art Nook "Doc" Smith Darlene P. Coltrain; P.J. Beese International Association of Fringe Fans
Merchandise Mart

Costuming Tips
Debby Jones

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Cumulative casts of Dr. Who and Star
Trek shoot it out in the parking lot with
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Editors Roundtable Film Room
Influence of Ursula K. Le Guin
Krushenko's II projectile weapons... David Lenander, moderator; David Zoroastrian Fandom Star of the North Bratman; Kij Johnson Room The Nomans Filmroom
John and Dean Hyers, local Hotel Staff Survival Awards Great Hall South filmmakers, present one of their works

(10:00 am Saturday, continued)

J.R. Dunn Reads (Out Loud) Audio

(2:01 am Sunday, continued)

Pacifism, Feminism, and British

Lee Reynolds, moderator; Mary

Monica Pulver; Al Kuhfeld: L.A.

Note: This is our first experiment with and answer questions. thirteen-track programming for Minicon. The format of furture conventions ASFA Meeting Veranda Art Nook depends on your response! Imaginary Twin Cities Plaza 2:30 am David Lenander, moderator; L.A. Taylor; Curtis Hoffman: Charles Orbital Shuttle departs for Balticon deVet; Emma Bull; Will Shetterly

Parking Lot APA Challenge Twinkie Toss (runs very fast) Boulevard Temporal Shuttle arrives from Minicon Any APA members are welcome to '73 Parking Lot uphold their APA's honor in this Sunday April 3 thrilling competition! 10:00 am Elise Kruger, Instigator Barry Longyear's Writing Workshop Jane Yolen Reads (Out Loud) Audio (runs 2 hours) Writers of The Future Krushenko's II Murder, Magic, and SF Boulevard

Room Algis Budrys, moderator; Eric M. Heideman; Martha Soukup; Carolyn Ives Gilman; J.R. Dunn; Larry

(Sunday, continued) 1:00 pm Dual Artistic Citizenship: Pros In Hoffman; Bruce Bethke

A Panel Plaza Hey, Can I Join Your Universe? Boulevard Shared World Anthologies

Lenander, co-moderators 2:00 p.m.

2:30 pm Emma Bull Reads (Out Loud) Audio 3:30 pm Closing Ceremonies Great Hall West Friday and Saturday evenings—check Jerry Stearns, DavE Romm, et all. for the schedule by the non-smoking filk

annual (revived) Minicon Masquerade More Than One Field Plaza will be staged in Great Hall West at 6:00 Elise Krueger, moderator; Emma Bull; p.m. Saturday. Members of the audience Mickey Zucker Reichert; Curtis are encouraged to wear costumes (optional). Come to see and be seen! They Walked Around The Horses: Contestants must pre-register. We Alternate Histories Boulevard have strict time limits for the show, so the

Victor Raymond, moderator; Stu number of contestants will be limited. Shiffman; Will Shetterly; Caroline First come, first served. Registrations Stevermer; John M. Ford; Barry will only be accepted between 10:00 a.m. Longyear and 2:00 p.m. Saturday (or until all available places are taken). Registration Eleanor Arnason Reads (Out Loud)
Krushenko's II
Eleanor will read from a new work, In the Light of Sigma Draconis

2:00 pm

Panel For EveryoneWho Showed Up At The Last Minute Wanting To Be On A Panel Plaza

A Panel Plaza

available places are taken). Registration forms and copies of the Masquerade Contest rules may be picked up at the Masquerade Table after 8:00 p.m. Friday. Late entries and hall costumes in the audience will have the opportunity to parade on stage (out of competition) during the judges' intermission. Costumes that won awards in the Minicon

**Masquerade Contest** 

Come to the Masquerade! The third

Costumes that won awards in the Minicon Masquerade in a previous year are not eligible to compete but may be shown out of competition during the judges' Shared World Anthologies
Richard Knaak, moderator; Will
Shetterly; Steve Deyo; Steven Brust
Second Foundation/ Rivendell Group
Joint Discussion Krushenko's II
Topic: The works of Eleanor Arnason
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Hectography Demo Veranda Art Nook People who require wheelchair space Erik Biever, master of the Yellow Jello should contact the masquerade desk in

Topic: The works of Eleanor Arnason
Eric M. Heideman and David Table Friday evening or Saturday before Sacred Harp Sacred Harp singing will occur room in the Consuite. Be there if you love to sing parts-the Great Spider awaits! 29:00

**PROGRAMMING** 

seems to be doing a phenomenal amount of science programming, including the Welcome to Minicon programming!
We hope that you will be in a delicious state of "Oh no, they've scheduled three things I want to see against each other!"
Meanwhile. . . . of science programming, including the theme panel, "Spring Forward, Fall Over (Do Our Ethics Keep Pace With Our Technical Advances?)" (1 pm Saturday). Speaking of these panels, you can discuss "Time Travel" at 11 am Saturday. Meanwhile...

Opening Ceremonies (7 pm Friday) Fan Guest of Honor Eric M. will begin traditionally with Heideman will give us "A Shy Person's SHOCKWAVE, but untraditionally Guide to Minicon" (10 am Saturday) and (yet...) it will-be broadcast LIVE over will tell us about "Building an SF Fresh Air Radio (KFAI, 90.3 FM). Come Community" (2 pm Saturday), after early and warm up (6:30 pm). which you can check out many of the local The introduction-of-pros-and-guests organizations he mentions in his article part of Opening Ceremonies will (nicely, somewhere in this program book we hope) segue into a Mass(ive) because many of them have meetings here Autographing Session in Plaza (8:30 pm), at Minicon to introduce themselves to

with many of said pros and guests you. available. Concurrently, the Meet The For aspiring writers, Barry B. Artists Reception (8:30 pm) will be held Longyear returns to Minicon with his in the Art Show, after which you should writing workshop (10 am-noon on wander into the Meet The Pros Party Saturday and Sunday-we know it's (Krushenko's II, 9:15-10 pm). early, but we all have to make sacrifices Speaking of Krushenko's, the SF for our art, don't we?).

Coffeehouse has cloned itself and we now One could go on and on about Jane have Krushenko's I for informal, Yolen Storytelling (midnight Saturday), a spontaneous discussions of sf, fantasy, hypnotism demonstration (9 am and whatever, and Krushenko's II for Saturday), a Heinlein-and-Sex free-for-

more formal (but equally spontaneous) all (midnight Friday), and all of the people literary programming. For example, the Who will be doing readings, but, hey! read Minicon SF Poetry Anthology. Time the program schedule yourself! Gum and Other Poems, will be launched with a poetry reading here (8 pm Saturday). Wander into Krushenko's some time for coffee and a chat.

Author Guest of Honor Eleanor

and the Programming Committee

Editor Guest of Honor Frederik Pohl

Arnason will discuss "SF in the '80s: Is There Any Hope? Are There Any Women?" (noon Saturday) and among other events will read from her novel in progress, In the Light of Sigma Draconis (1 pm Sunday).

P.S. Remember, two pair beats three of a kind, and, when in doubt, the Pocket Program is always more nearly correct than the Program Book.

TALES OF THE UNANTICIPATED A Magazine of the Minnesota Science Fiction Society features imaginative fiction, speculative poetry, essays, and artwork by established masters and rising stars!

#1 (Fall, 1986) includes a cover by Erin McKee; a novelette by Writers of the Future Contest winner Carolyn Ives Gilman; short stories by Ruth Berman, Terry A. Garey, and Marc Hequet; essays by Kate Wilhelm ("On Responsibility") and John W. Taylor ("Entering the World of Phillip K. Dick"); and John Calvin Rezmerski's Rhysling Award-winning poem, "A Dream of Heredity." A few back issues remain for \$4 back issues remain for \$4.

#2 (Spring 1987) includes a cover by Ken Fletcher; fiction by Eleanor Arnason, Dave Smeds, Janet Fox, and Nathan A. Bucklin; Dan Goodman on "Nontraditiona Computer Use for SF/Fantasy Writers;" and an interview with Kate Wilhelm and Damon Knight. Still \$3.

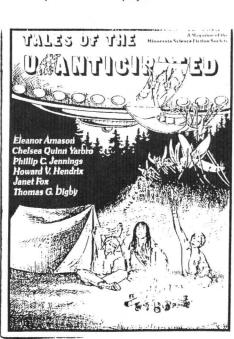
Both #1 and #2 are 48 pages plus covers, 8 1/2" x 11". #3 (Winter/Spring 1988) expands to 56 pages plus covers and includes fiction by Eleanor Arnason, Phillip C. Jennings, Nathan A. Bucklin, Janet Fox, and Bruce Bethke; Thomas G. Digby's poem, "Time Gum;" an interview with Chelsea Quinn Yarbro; and several writers on "SF Writing Groups: The Minnesota Scene." \$3. \$10 for a four-issue subscription (#2-#5); our special "while they last" \$13 rate includes the first five issues. Make your checks payable to the Minnesota Science Fiction Society and mail to:

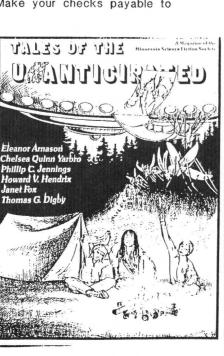
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#### Film Schedule Video Room Schedule The Minicon video room is located in Atrium I. (Just like last year.) It will open The Minicon films room is Veranda 5-8, entrance from the balcony overlooking the pool. (Not just like last year.) Films will run Friday night from 9:00 pm to 4:30 at noon on Friday, and show continuously until 1:40 on Sunday afternoon. am, and Saturday night from 9:00 pm to 5:30 am. **FRIDAY NIGHT** SATURDAY NIGHT Friday Afternoon Saturday Afternoon 9:00 The Wizard of Speed & Time 9:00 The Wizard of Speed & Time 12:00 The Man Who Fell to Earth 12:59 The Thing (1980)9:03 CARTOON 2:21 Barbarella 2:30 When Worlds Collide 9:03 CARTOON 9:25 The Day the Earth Stood Still 3:59 The Dunwich Horror 3:41 Invader from Mars 9:25 **Time after Time** (1979) (1951) Still one of the best SF 5:28 The Cat People 4:59 Timerider H.G. Wells meets Jack the Ripfilms of all time. A spaceship 6:41 Brother From Another Planet per who steals his time machine, lands in Washington to deliver a 6:33 The Andromeda Strain 8:31 Silent Running and escapes to modern America. vital message for the Earth, 8:40 Ladyhawk 10:00 Time Bandits Wells chases him through the while the planet's inhabitants **Sunday Morning** streets of San Fransisco. 10:44 Wolfen react in "human" fashion. Minicon video presents the very worst of 11:17 Hardware Wars (1978) 10:57 Hardware Wars (1978) Saturday Morning the worst: The "Plastic Turkey" Yes, folks "You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll kiss three bucks 11:10 Bambi Meets Godzilla (1969) 12:30 The Fog awards. 6 hours of really bad SF, in only good-bye for Hardware Wars!" 11:12 Bambi's Revenge (1976) 2:09 The Fly 7 hours! 3:43 Outland 11:14 The First Men in the Moon 11:30 Bambi Meets Godzilla 12:00 Where Time Began (1964) An eccentric scientist (1969) If Bambi were to meet 1:27 Them 5:32 War of the Worlds and his friends take off on a 4:01 Lifepod Godzilla, he wouldn't stand 6:37 The Philadelphia Experiment fantastic adventure to the moon, much of a chance... 5:40 They Saved Hitler's Brain with the help of an anti-gravity 8:19 Westworld 11:32 Bambi's Revenge (1976) 7:01 The Final Countdown compound. 9:47 Futureworld ...however... 8:44 Invasion of the Bee Girls 12:57 CARTOON 11:34 The Man in the White Suite 10:02 Fahrenheit 451 11:31 The Big Bus 1:20 Invasion of the Body (1952) What really happens 11:53 The Time Machine Snatchers (1956) when one man invents some-The original version of this thing so useful that it could put classic horror film. an entire industry out of busi-**Meet the Film Makers** 3:40 CARTOON ness? 1:03 CARTOON Both take place in the film room, Veranda 5-8. 4:00 Wrestling Women vs. the 1:25 Heavy Metal (1981) Aztec Mummy (1964) Saturday A wonderful animation pot-One of the most famous super-6:00 SF Filmmaking: The Minnesota Scene (Part I) pourri of fantasy. camp titles. The infamous Black Filmmakers Jon Hyers and Dean Hyers discuss amateur film production in 2:56 Closet Cases of the Nerd Dragon uses every evil means Minnesota. They will also be showing their locally-produced film, Glide possible to secure the coded di-Kind (1980) Breaker. rections to a lost Aztec treasure. 3:08 Corpse Grinders (1971) His main opposition comes Lagging cat food sales are 11:00 SF Filmmaking: The Minnesota Scene (Part II) from two policemen and two boosted by adding a special in-More discussion of local filmmaking with Jon and Dean Hyers. The attractive (and formidable) fegredient that makes the kitties film "The Nomans" will be screened. male wrestlers! go wild!

33:00

written bids will be sold to the highest Minicon Art Show bidder after the auction. Minicon Art Show hanging fees are There is a space labeled "After 25¢ per piece of art hung or displayed. Auction Sale Price" on the bid sheet. This This includes prints. Only one copy of each print is to be allowed into the Art Sunday if it has failed to receive a bid. No Show, and they must be limited edition prints, individually signed and numbered by the artist. Sketch table art is displayed free. This art will be sold by direct sale of artist is required to put a price in this space, nor does it have to be the same as the minimum bid. There will be no selling of art for minimum bid after the auction.

only and must have a maximum price of

Art that has been bid on may be picked up by the buyer on Sunday (for The Print Shop is a special section of pieces that do not go to auction) or during The Print Shop is a special section of the Art Show for prints only. An artist can place 10 different prints or 10 copies of any one design. Please don't enter prints displayed here in the Art Show. There is no fee, but there is a 10% commission on sales. Artist can trade working the table for the 10% commission.

The Print Shop is a special section of pieces that do not go to auction) or during and immediately after the auction (for pieces auctioned).

Art Show is open.

There will be security at all times. Art Show is open:

There will be a badger with a check table Friday 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm and orders to allow no cameras or large Saturday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm bags or packs into the Art Show room. Sunday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Please be cooperative.

There will be one auction Saturday

night. All art with three or more bids will be a "Meet the Artists" be auctioned. Items with only one or two announced. Check the schedule.

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Time Gum and Other Poems from the Minicon Poetry Readings is out and is on sale at the Sales Table. This anthology, edited by Terry A. Garey and Eleanor Arnason, contains poems by Tom Digby, Jane Yolen, John C. Rezmerski, Tess delights for the ear.

Science Fiction and Fantasy radio productions-including all eight of the SHOCKWAVE/MINICON Opening Ceremonies programs; "Food Wars"; "Goblin Tax"; and the History of the St. Paul Spaceport. There won't be time to play everything we have

So have a seat, turn down the lights,

relax, and let your ears take you to places outside the realms of this reality. To a place not of sight, but of sound. Welcome to the AUDIO ROOM.

get away with. To introduce Rune to people who might want it but don't know it yet, Rune #78 — the Fanzines and Vegetables Issue — will be sent to everyone who attends Minicon 23. Back issues are available at the Minicon Sales table. We hope you enjoy

The Audio Room

delights for the ear.

We also will audition tapes: we have radio stories by Frederik Pohl, Gordon Dickson, Robert Sheckley, Fritz Leiber, and Robert Heinlein. We have a wide variety of short surprises. And we have lots of SHOCKWAVE, Twin Cities Science Fiction and Fentagy radio

Poetry Anthology

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available, so come to the AUDIO ROOM, see the list of what we have, and let us know what you'd like to hear. We take requests. And we'll pick our favorites,

your complimentary <u>Rune</u>, which will be mailed sometime in late April or early May. Any inquiries, letters of comment, trade fanzines, subscriptions (\$2 for 1, \$10 for 4) [yup] should be sent to Rune, PO Box 8297 Lake St. Station, Mpls MN 55408; an

Rune is the fanzine published by the Minnesota Science Fiction Society, Inc. It contains a wide and ever changing variety of articles dealing with Minnesota fandom, reviews of other science fiction fanzines, selected minutes of the Minn-STF Board of Directors, an incredible variety of art and computer layout and anything else we can

address you should be familiar with by now.

Balticon Reciprocity! pressures became too great and Balticon fled to the \*gasp\* suburbs. Strangely

The Minicon 23 and Balticon 22 enough, Balticon grew on and on, even in have a reciprocal arrangement: Any the bleak and unchanging environment of member of one con who shows up at the suburban Pikesville. Admittedly, life in other con with this year's namebadge will the suburbs wasn't great, but Balticon was be admitted free! We feel this is a finally out on its own and refused to go tremendous way to encourage the cross crawling back home to mother. fertilization of two major fan

organizations. Just get your Minicon badge, party here for a while, then enjoy the hospitality of a completely different con. To facilitate this enterprise, both Minicon and Balticon will have shuttle transports leaving at 2:30 am Sunday morning. Since Balticon is an hour ahead, we should expect an influx of East Coast. we should expect an influx of East Coast cultured, witty, urbane, intelligent and fans for about an hour, creating confusion and crowded elevators, before enough know today.

Midwest fans leave and things calm

**Balticon: A Brief** 

Since that time, Balticon has grown on and on. It briefly flirted with downtown life a second time, from 1984 to 1987, but found that you can never return to a home by Larry Schroeder
Minicon Microprogramming
Chairman Balticon

that you have outgrown. Today, Balticon
lives on in rural splendor providing
thousands of fans from all over the East Chairman, Balticon

Coast (as well as a few extremely discerning Midwesterners) with a much Balticon was first held in 1966 at the needed refuge from the mundane world.

Lord Baltimore hotel in downtown With luck, it always will. Baltimore Maryland. Nobody on the their first con in Baltimore but, given the con's name, no other city would take it.

The ConCom decided to make the best of it, though, and was pleasantly surprised to find that sentient life did indeed exist even in darkest downtown Baltimore. The convention continued on in downtown. convention continued on in downtown Transspacial Shuttle leaving from the

Baltimore for eight years, growing in this main parking lot at 2:30 a.m. Sunday dangerous and gloomy place like a mutant morning. fungus until it reached a peak of 106 attendees in 1974. Finally, the downtown

June 10-12, 1988
Guests: Somtow Sucharitkul
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Artist: Dell karris Fan: Bruce Pelz \$15 pre-reg until May 10, 1988. \$20 at the door. \$18 Terry Carr Memorial Membership. Milwaukee, W 53201

#### ALGIS BUDRYS by Eric M. Heideman

Algis Budrys, currently of Evanston, Illinois, was born January 9, 1931, in East Prussia, to Lithuanian parents. In 1936 the family fled Naziism to the United States. After the war, Lithuania became part of the USSR. As a young man, Algis assisted his father, who served as American representative of the Lithuanian governmentin-exile. Algis' immigrant experience made him feel like an alien-in-disguise. He told interviewer Charles Platt "I very quickly acquired the accent and mannerisms of a born American...But I do not come from the same place that most people in this country come from. I've always had the consciousness that there were larger destinies to be worked out, responsibilities extending beyond one's personal family; you spent your life in the service of an ideal, and toiled for it."

Those who know Algis even slightly know his passion for detail, his desire to do a thing as well as it can be done. Like other aliens, he turned early to science fiction, discovering it at eight and selling his first story at 21. He became one of the bright young stars of the 1950s, producing novels and stories that were consistently solid and sometimes brilliant. In Rogue Moon, he wedded the novel of ideas to the novel of character about as well as anyone has.

From the early '60s through the mid-'70s he turned to other pursuits with equal passion, working in advertising and writing many kinds of nonfiction. But he kept his hand in the SF field by regularly reviewing for science fiction magazines from 1965 on: first for Galaxy, then for Fantasy and Science Fiction. For those who look to review columns as a stimulus to thought, Algis is the best SF critic around today, the rightful successor to Damon Knight.

With Michelmas, Algis demonstrated that he was still in top form as a fiction writer. In the 1980s, the late L. Ron Hubbard established the Writers of the Future Contest for the support and encouragement of promising new writers. What could have been just a gimmick became a serious literary endeavor when Algis became editor of the volumes containing the contest-winning entries. Then in 1986 Algis donned still another hat by setting up an annual writing workshop for contest

I can testify to the care and love he brings to his work both as editor and teacher. His stories speak for themselves. And the man? He's sometimes shy (aren't we all?), but gosh, he knows a lot. Approach him with warmth and respect and I think you'll find a lot to talk about.

## The Books of Algis Budrys

False Night, Lion, 1953; revised and expanded as Some Will Not Die, under the name Frank Mason], Regency, 1961; again revised, 1978. Regency, 1963 Man of Earth, Ballantine, 1955. Who?, Pyramid, 1958. The Falling Torch, Pyramid, 1959. Rogue Moon, Gold Medal, 1960.

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Short Story Collections The Unexpected Dimension, Ballantine, Writers of the Future, Volume I, Bridge Budrys' Inferno, Berkley, 1963; also

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Publications, 1987.

As Editor Publications, 1985. Writers of the Future, Volume II, Bridge Publications, 1986.

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#### The Minn-STF Mailing List The Minn-STF mailing list, sometimes known as the Minicon mailing list or the

One True Mailing List, contains the names and addresses of most recent Minicon attendees, as well as sundry other people. From time to time, at the judgment of the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Science Fiction Society, our mailing list is made available to nonprofit and fannish enterprises. If you would prefer that your name and address not be made available, you may so inform us by writing to the Vice President/ Data Processing, Minnesota Science Fiction Society, P.O. Box 8297, Lake Street Station, Minneapolis, MN 55408, and ask to have your name and address restricted to Minn-STF and Minicon publications.

If you wish to inform us of your changes of address, please send us your address changes at the same address. Failure to inform us of your changes of address may delay

or prevent your receipt of convention progress reports.

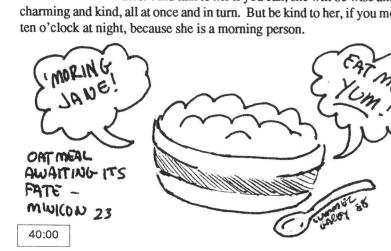


Pick a book, any book; Jane Yolen has written upwards of a hundred of them. It may be the brilliant and painful <u>Cards of Grief</u>; one of the Commander Toad series, that repository of dreadful puns; something cool and thoughtful and spare, like <u>The Girl Who Cried Flowers</u>; the sharp and impassioned apologetics for fairy tales in Touch Magic; that happy marriage of the Edwardian mystery with the beast-fable, Piggins, grinning at you over its shoulder; a consciously unified collection like

Merlin's Booke or a varied one like <u>Dragonfield</u> or one she had edited to very good effect, like <u>Dragons and Dreams</u>. It is far easier, once you have met her, to believe that all these works were wrought by the same person.

Of herself she says, "I've been on the Board of Directors of the Society of Children's Book Writers for 15 years. I have gone down the Colorado River white water rafting. I have gone dog sledding in Alaska. I camped with my husband in Europe for 9 months, coming home 8 months pregnant. I worked in a kilbutz in Europe for 9 months, coming home 8 months pregnant. I worked in a kibbutz in Israel picking oranges with Yemenite Jews and, since we had no common language, singing old English ballads to them under the burning Middle Eastern sun. I was elected to the Massachusetts Democratic delegation for the 1972 convention because during my vote-for-me speech I was (without realizing it) waving my one-year-old baby's bottle as I spoke. I am God Emperor of SFWA. I am a professional storyteller as well as having been called (often if inaccurately) the 'Hans Christian Andersen of America'. (Hans Jewish Andersen, maybe.) I don't do windows, toilets, or the Peppermint twist."

What she does do is read aloud better than anybody in the world, tell stories better than that, and write like an angel. Whatever else you do or do not do at Minicon, go and hear Jane read. If you can get wind of any speaking engagements she has after the convention, go to them. It doesn't matter what the topic is; she will be enthralling and thought-provoking, and probably move you to laughter and tears in the same ten minutes. And talk to her if you can; she will be wise and funny and charming and kind, all at once and in turn. But be kind to her, if you meet her after ten o'clock at night, because she is a morning person.



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One of the most important and least-recognized laborers in the SF/fantasy field is David Hartwell. He has been a major contributor to the field for over 20 years, and yet most people will never hear his name. Unless an editor is also a writer, rarely does one get any recognition at all.

David is a great lover of science fiction and also one of its severest critics. He is very good at helping a new talent along, nurturing it, and producing some spectacular results. His Timescape line at Pocket Books was a critical success and (depending on who you talk to at Pocket) a financial one also. David was also senior editor at Gregg Press while they were doing their highly esteemed hardcover reprint series. Earlier David co-founded Dragon Press (with Lloyd Currey) and published a number of very good books of critical essays, particularly those by Samuel R. Delaney (Jewel-Hinged Jaw; American Shore; Starboard Wine). David has also been editor/ publisher for some years of <u>The Little Magazine</u>, a small magazine devoted to prose

David has written extensively about the field, and his book Age of Wonder is a remarkably astute observation about science fiction and fandom—how and why we become fans.

Currently David is an editor at Tor Books and is science fiction/fantasy editor at Arbor House (now Morrow).

The Arbor House/Morrow line is

The Creator of the a particularly impressive list of hardcover fiction. Critically acclaimed, the line has been

The creator of the Cthulhu Smile Face (T-shirts available at Minigen hopefully) has

expanded while the rest of the Minicon, hopefully) has company has tightened its done it again. For corporate belt...a good sign that X-con's annual blood drive and in honor of the SF is succeeding. David is also quite the party

X-con's author GoH, Somtow Sucharitkul animal. He can usually be found a limited edition at the noisiest party—many times in his own room—singing ("Teen Angel" at midnight),

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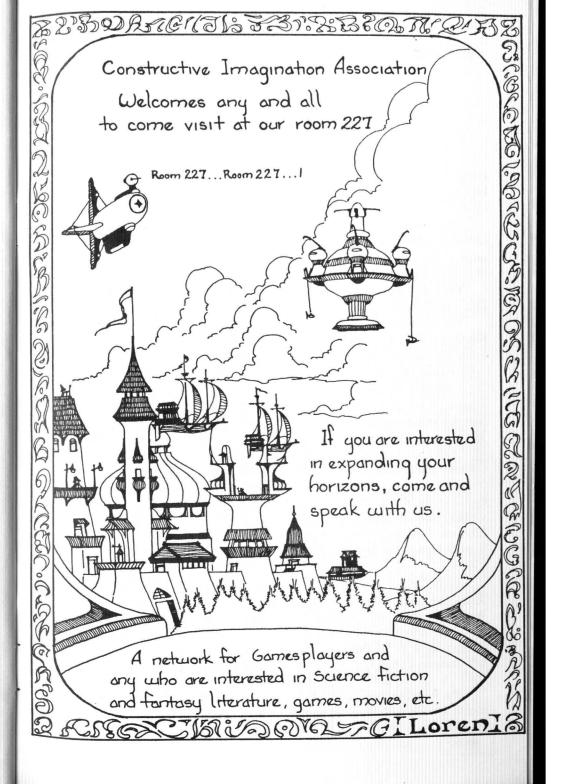
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dancing on tables, and debauchdonated to the SE Wis. ing with the best of them. Blood Center. Those who donate blood will be And if you think you'll have trouble picking out David in a crowd, don't worry. He'll provide a beacon for you with his clothes. You can't miss him.

donate blood will be given a discount on the T-shirts. Please contact X-con for details on signing up to donate blood. Whenks blood. Thanks, JEC

The creator of the



# Who Am us, Anyway? A User's Guide to the Minnesota SF Community

by Eric M. Heideman

This article will survey those Minnesota fan and professional groups which can reasonably be described as belonging to the Minnesota SF community. While as comprehensive as I was able to make it, it does not pretend to be complete. I suspect, for instance, that there are more than two gaming groups out there, but they didn't respond to my request for information in Minicon Progress Report II. When writing a group for information, please enclose a stamped, selfaddressed return envelope (SASE). Most of the people listed are volunteers, and many of them are poor. If you're asking for their time, don't stick them for the price of a stamp and an envelope, too.

The groups about which I was able to obtain information follow, in more or less chronological order.

The Minnesota Science Fiction Society, Inc. (Minn-STF) was founded in November 1966, and chartered as a nonprofit educational organization in 1972. Minn-STF meets in members' homes on alternate Saturdays. Minicon (founded in 1968) is the principal fund-raiser for Minn-STF, as well as the club's largest activity. Other activities include a smaller fall convention, a fall lecture series featuring SF writers and historians, and several publications. Rune, the quarterly club fanzine (fan magazine), serves as a forum for topics of interest to club members, and also has a strong tradition of humorous pieces. Tales of the Unanticipated is a semiprofessional magazine of fiction, poetry, nonfiction, and artwork; it's currently published at nine-month intervals, although the staff hopes to increase its frequency to twice yearly during the next year. Einblatt is a monthly newsletter of events in the Minnesota SF community. There are also the occasional onetime ventures such as Time Gum, an SF poetry anthology premiering at this year's Minicon. For more information on the club and its activities, write: the Minnesota Science Fiction Society, P.O. Box 8297, Lake Street Station, Minneapolis, MN

Minn-Con, founded in late 1970 or early 1971, is a group of fanciers of the Weird Tales horror tradition. The group meets in members' homes on alternate Wednesday evenings, and sponsors an annual fall convention, also called Minn-Con. For information on their semiprofessional magazine Minnesota Fantasy Review, write to Ed Shannon, Rt. 2, Box 132, Avon, MN 556310. For more information on Minn-Con, contact John Brower, 3136 Park Ave. So., Minneapolis

55407, (612) 825-8256; or Jack Koblas, (612) 727-1001. The Rivendell Group, founded in late 1973, meets one Saturday afternoon a month to discuss the works of fantasy writers. The Rivendell Group publishes an occasional newsletter, Last Homely Hearth, and is affiliated with the national Mythopoeic Society. For more information, contact David Lenander, 293 Selby Ave., St. Paul, 55102, (612) 292-8887. The Twin Cities C.S. Lewis Society, founded in the late 1970s, meets on the first Tuesday of the month to discuss the works of C.S. Lewis. Call (612) 545-9444

or (612) 474-8089. The Minnesota Space Frontier Society (MSFS) is a group lobbying for an expanded American presence in outer space; the group takes particular interest in space colonization. The group participates in a variety of activities, including Spaceweek, Astronomy Day, displays, lectures, slide shows, film and video showings, discussion meetings, and trips to conferences and rocket launches. Its publications are L-5 Points, a quarterly newsletter covering local space news; Downrange, a monthly calendar of events and summary of recent space news; and RBBS, a computer bulletin board system with up-to-date national space news. Minnesota Space Frontier Society, P.O. Box 1127, Minneapolis, 55488, (612) 927-

Second Foundation, begun in January 1983, meets on Sunday afternoons at approximately six-week intervals to discuss science fiction. Most discussions focus on the works of particular writers. There are also occasional discussions of science fiction themes, as well as SF VCR parties and film expeditions. Contact me at PO 8036, Lake Street Station, Minneapolis, 55408, (612) 825-9353.

The Minnesota Imaginative Fiction Writers' Alliance (MIFWA), founded in May 1985, is a resource sharing network of writing groups and individuals, specializing in science fiction and fantasy for professional markets. MIFWA holds quarterly meetings, to discuss topics of common interest and to share resources and market information. MIFWA has been useful in lining up people who are interested in joining an SF writing group with those groups which are available; on at least one occasion it helped generate a new group by putting several people in touch. Contact Dan Goodman, the editor of the quarterly newsletter, at (612) 649-5139; or myself (see Second Foundation).

The U.S.S. NOKOMIS, founded in 1984, is an organization that seeks to provide fellowship for people interested in Star Trek. NOKOMIS members range in age from nine to the mid-sixties; from professionals to students. Write: U.S.S. NOKOMIS NCC 1858, P.O. Box 33142, Coon Rapids, MN 55433.

The U.S.S. Czar'ak is affiliated with the international Star Trek fan club,

Starfleet. Meetings are on the first Saturday of each month. They try to participate in public events, and have a strong affiliation with some of the area Doctor Who clubs. Write: The U.S.S Czar'ak, P.O. Box 23352, Richfield MN 55423. The U.S.S PHOENIX, founded in August 1987, has members from all over the Twin Cities metro area, with varied backgrounds. The group's emphasis is on getting together with other Star Trek fans to have a good time. The PHOENIX meets at noon on the third Saturday of each month, at "Starbase One," also known as Matthews Community Center (East 24th St. and 28th Ave. So.) in Minneapolis. Visitors are more than welcome. Yearly dues (mainly for subscribing to their monthly newsletter, <u>Phoenix Rising</u>) are \$10. There are special arrangements for

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Who Am Us? continued. associate members and family memberships. Write: U.S.S PHOENIX, P.O. Box

4111, Hopkins, MN 55343-0111.

Mini-UNIT, founded in 1983, has about 80 members of all ages. They print a bimonthly newsletter, which includes news, interviews, fiction, cartoons and illustrations. Club activities include supporting KTCA's pledge drive and auction, working conventions and festivals, and hosting an occasional party for all Who and Star Trek clubs. From these gatherings has grown the MU Minstrels, who do such video creations as "Faulty Tardis." Annual membership is \$8. Write: Mini-UNIT,

24776 St. Benedict Rd., Jordan, MN 55352.

The Whoniversity, founded in late 1985, is a local chapter of the Doctor Who Fan Club of America. They meet monthly at various Twin Cities locations, publish a bimonthly newsletter, ?, help with KTCA pledge drives, and work on area conventions. They are sponsoring this year's Time Festival (see below). Whoniversity membership is \$8 a year, check payable to The Whoniversity. Call Anupan Kharbanda, (612) 631-9111, or write: The Whoniversity, 1835 W. Shryer Ave., Roseville, MN 55113.

The Whovian Elite has about 100 members. They publish a newsletter, the Prydonian Press, and participate in KTCA pledge drives and MUM (Mini-UNIT Minstrels) videos. Membership is \$5 a year and includes a subscription to the newsletter. Contact Debbie Bauer, 16524 Franchise Ave., Rosemount, MN 55068,

The Celestial Affiliation of Time Lords (C.A.O.T.L), founded in January 1987, is a St. Paul-based <u>Doctor Who</u> and general science fiction fan organization. C.A.O.T.L. is committed to strengthening Twin Cities fandom and producing a newsletter going to over 2,500 individuals and fan clubs all over the Twin Cities and beyond. There are over 100 members, plus 300 honorary members. During their first six-month fund-raising effort they sold over 800 pounds of Jelly Babies and even ate a few. Yearly dues are \$3.50 per individual, \$7.50 per family, or \$2 for an out-of-state membership. A \$1 to \$2 donation is also requested for newsletter postage. They have T-shirts, as well as a button which sells for 25¢ plus 50¢ postage. The C.A.O.T.L., c/o Wayne R. McCloud, 2695 E. Fremont Ave., St. Paul, 55119,

Other Minnesota <u>Doctor Who</u> groups include The Doctor's (Stillwater), The Galifreyan Recall Circuit (Chanhassen), The Fans of the Companions (Minneapolis) and Vortex Rift Tardis (Winona). For general information on Minnesota <u>Doctor Who</u> groups, contact Wayne R. McCloud (see C.A.O.T.L.)

The National Role Playing Alliance is designed for maximum participation by fans and players. Meetings are held regularly at Worlds Within Ltd., 324 Broadway Ave., Minneapolis. For more information call (612) 522-3925. Ask for Peter

Breiter or Devlin Johnson.

The Constructive Imagination Association, founded in 1987, is a group devoted to increasing the enjoyment of gaming, and to helping gamers meet other gamers. They publish a fanzine, Enigma, free to members, \$1 an issue to non-members. Members also have free access to a computer database service for locating other players and gamemasters. The membership fee is \$3 for three

months, \$10 a year. Write: Constructive Imagination Association, 700 Washington Ave. SE, Ste. 1, Minneapolis, MN 55414.

Other conventions. Fourth Street Fantasy Convention, founded in 1986, this year meets on June 17-19, in Minneapolis. The convention has a strong emphasis on literary programming pertaining to fantasy. This year's Guests include John Crowley and David Hartwell. Registration is \$20 to June 1st; \$30 at the door. Write: Fourth Street Fantasy Convention, c/o David Dyer-Bennet, 4242 Minnehaha Ave.

So., Minneapolis, 55406.

The 1988 North American Time Festival: A Celebration of 25 Years of <u>Doctor Who</u>, meets July 1-3 at the Radisson St. Paul. Guests will include Jon Pertwee (the third Doctor) and Frazer Hines (Jamie). A three day pass is \$35; there is a registration limit of 1,500, so it would be wise to register soon. Checks to Time Festival. Write: The 1988 Time Festival, 15301 Willowood Drive, Minnetonka,

Of the many people who helped in the preparation of this guide, special thanks are due to Wayne R. McCloud for services above and beyond the call of duty. Several of the above groups will be participating in Minicon Programming and/or hosting room parties. Check your program book and hall flyers for more information. And welcome!

Would you like a Jelly Baby?

You just steeped on atwintie.

Are you what mother warned me about?

Don't be silly Perni, that 3 just a Minicon committee member.

Mo we don't serve gophers medium rare! They are Yolunteers not menu items!

Don't be silly Perni, that 3 just a Minicon committee member.

You look like something from my night mares... YOU ARE?!

Beam on down Scotts.

There IS intelligent life down here and they are having a great time at Minicon.

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Nice tail- is it glued on ordid you grow it yourself?

