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Plans for NOVAcon 9 are coming along nicely - one problem we have had is that YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN will not be shown as we promised in the last PR. Apparently, they accepted our booking and then someone discovered it had been already booked out to another society. Strange, isn't it, that no matter how early the films are booked for conventions, something goes wrong - either a double booking is discovered or the film never shows up at the con. Film hire companies must be leading contenders for honours in the Inefficiency Stakes! A replacement film is under consideration.

Some of you may have heard rumours that there would be no Art Show at this year's NOVAcon - the rumour probably stemming from the fact that we did consider dropping the artshow. With Seacon 79 being the choice place to sell the best artwork, it seemed that artwork shown at NOVAcon would be the remnants of unwanted, unsaleable

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items. Apparently, this will not be the case. One artist alone, a Mr J G Rigg, will be displaying several pieces that he assures us will not be displayed at SEACON! Our very own Group Chairman, David Hardy, has also assured us of new material - even if he has to paint them specifically for the Con! Providing we give him plenty of notice - at least 24 hours, he'll turn out a few to display. Eddie Jones is also displaying - he's expecting a couple of hundred paintings back from Germany in October (presumably last month's TERRA ASTRA covers). Hopefully, there will be something for every taste.

Plans for the programme book include Chris Priest's alternative ending to INVERTED WORLD - first world publication! This will be supported by Andrew Stephenson's original illustrations for the US hardcover - different artwork than those published in the UK edition. This will be the first publication in the UK. We think these two items alone will make this year's Programme Book a very collectable object. Dealers who may be interested in purchasing extra copies after the convention might like to drop us a line....

IMPORTANT - we are not having a banquet at this year's NOVACON, so anyone wishing to eat in the Hotel restaurant on the Saturday evening should consider booking a table prior to the convention. Leave it until the con and you may get in OK - then again you might find the hotel restaurant fully booked (and you know what it's like trying to find a decent eating house in Birmingham on a Saturday night!). We've arranged with the hotel to reserve all the tables in the restaurant for the Saturday night.

There's now only 3 months till NOVACON 9 - have you planned your Fancy Dress costume yet? No! Why not? We insist you have a costume!

We still have not received any team names for the Science Fiction University Challenge - come on, what's wrong with you - don't leave it till you get to Novacon. We need teams of three - please let us have team names as soon as possible. We hope to get the questions sorted out early, send a duplicate set to NOVACON 9 WEST in America and have some sort of play off between the winning team in America and the winning team from Britain.

NEW REGISTRATIONS

Those registered since the last PR, plus a couple who got missed off the bottom of the page last time (sorry folks!) are:-

40 Janice Maule	140 Richard Cooper	165 Anne Page
80 Hugh Mascetti	141 Dave French	166 M Keable
117 Ian Williams	142 Tony Rogers	167 M Caulton
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119 Joy Hibbert	144 Blair Wilkins	169 Steve Skwarek
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127 Julian Headlong	152 Ian Watson	177 Robert Day
128 Bob Whitaker	153 Laurence Miller	178 L Lambourne
129 Mike Gray	154 Jackie Miller	179 Dave Hardy
130 Colin Lester	155 John Meaney	180 Bernard Earp
131 Phil Rogers	156 Alec Lewis	181 Edgar Belka
132 Bruce Saville	157 Glenys Lewis	182 Jeff Suter
133 Chris Holmes	158 Greg Pickersgill	183 Simon Butcher
134 John Brosnan	159 Simone Walsh	184 Eddie Stachelski
135 Charlotte Bulmer	160 John Jarrold	185 Fred Ingham
136 Mike Meara	161 M B Squires	186 Sandy Brown
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138 Jim Barker	163 Paul Blackwell	
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