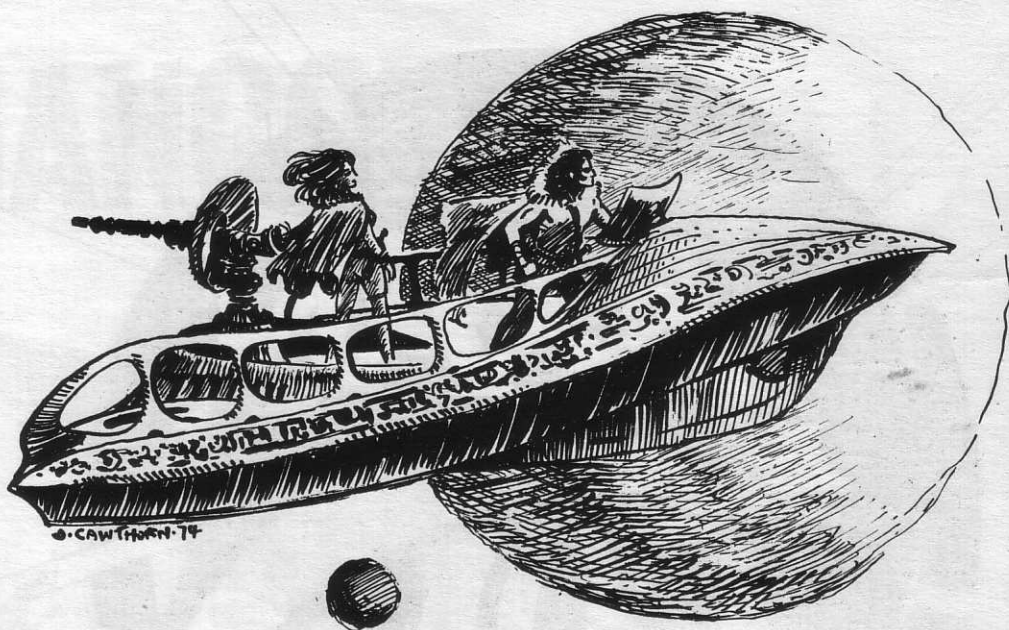




PROGRESS REPORT



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WHY NOT!

We hope that this progress report, and the supporting film we intend to show of Owen's Park at Seacon, will persuade you to cast your vote for Mancon Five.

Like all regular convention attendees, your committee for Mancon Five have watched with concern the inescapable rise in hotel prices over the years. Every committee has of course attempted to secure the best possible rates available at the time, but the increases continue.

Until now.

Now we can offer you excellent accomadation with practically hotel standards, but without the interference of night-porters and none-fan residents complaining about room-parties.

Everyone who has seen Owen's Park has agreed that it makes a wonderful convention site.

There will be no need for overflow hotels if Manchester succeeds in its bid to get the 1976 Easter convention. Owen's Park can accommodate all British fandom, and visiting fans too!

The main hall boasts a raised stage enabling you to enjoy the programme items without straining your neck or having your view blocked by Ina Shorrocks's hat. It has 16mm and 8mm projection equipment with excellent sound systems for those late night films we have lined up for you. Enough microphones so that you can really hear what every member of a panel says, instead of having to shout, "speak up - we can't hear!"

As well as the main hall, Owen's Park has enough smaller rooms to take the B.S.F.A. the B.F.S. the bookrooms, the art-show, and the poetry soiree - and anything else not requiring the capacity of the main hall. War games or chess championships for instance.

If you wish to eat outside Owen's Park there are many restaurants of various types and prices to satisfy all tastes within easy reach of the convention site. Should anyone wish to book into a listed hotel instead of Owen's Park these too are within the Owen's Park district.

"Yes, but how much will it cost me?" we can hear you asking.

The projected price for full board at Owen's Park for 1976 is only five pounds, fifty pence, per person per night.

Five pounds, fifty pence.

British conventions have, on the whole, been extremely satisfied with the hotels chosen for past conventions. Many hotels have invited us back. Conventions and hotels have in the past been inseperable.

Almost inevitably then, Owen's Park, a departure from the acknowledged routine will produce feelings of unease in traditionalists.

The only fear I have is that, if we are given the 1976 Easter convention, you will enjoy the freedom, the facilities and the unbeatable rates so much that you will insist on having another convention there the following year. Fortunately, there are other university complexes situated across Britain!

Over to you now. The decision is in your hands.....

Charles Partington.
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The Committee...

PETE PRESFORD: CHAIRMAN.

Pete holds the singular distinction of being responsible for the formation of the M.A.D. SF Group. (Manchester and District.) He is an industrious letter writer, as most of you will know, and publishes two fanzines, MADCAP and MALFUNCTION. Pete is now interested in turning MADCAP into a vehicle for serious SF criticism.

BRIAN ROBINSON: TREASURER.

Brian has a tremendous advantage over nearly every other fan in the country; he works for a brewery! He is occasionally observed to be nearly sober, too. Brian was co-editor of HELL and INFERNO, and is now co-editor, with Pete, of MALFUNCTION. He likes Aubrey Beardsley and Oscar Wilde. Talk about them, or alcohol, and Brian will steer you towards the bar and buy you a drink.

CHARLES PARTINGTON: PROGRAMME.

Charles organised the programmes for Chester and Buxton, and swore he would never, never do it again. However..... A co-editor of ALIEN and ALIEN WORLDS, his stories have recently appeared in ARKHAM HOUSE, NEW WRITINGS IN SF, and NEW WORLDS.

HARRY NADLER: ASSISTANT PROGRAMME.
 Remember BREATHWORLD? CASTLE OF FRANKENSTEIN?
 No? Lucky you... The sixties saw over a
 dozen SF/horror films released by Harry's
 film group DELTA on unsuspecting fandom.
 Though recent amateur films may have eclipsed
 them for technical ability, the sheer
 enthusiasm and dedication Harry brought to all
 his films - all made for past conventions! -
 has never been surpassed. He currently
 produces a professional SF/horror magazine
 L'INCROYABLE CINEMA, and, with Charles, edited
 ALIEN WORLDS.

PAUL SKELTON: HOTEL LIASON.
 Paul a talented fan artist, used to co-
 edit HELL and INFERNO with Brian Robin-
 son. He still publishes INFERNO with the
 aid of Cas, his better half, who needs no
 introduction to fans. As well as artwork,
 Paul has recently turned to writing poetry.

KEVIN HALL: ADVERTISING.
 Even at this early stage, Kevin has done a
 wonderful job of enticing the publishers
 to take an interest in our bid. His poetry
 reflects his concern with the American
 political scene. His job, teacher in an
 all girl school, rivals Brian Robinson's
 for interest value.

JOHN MOTTERSHEAD: ARTSHOW.

John, a new arrival to fandom, designed the cover for this booklet. His artwork has appeared in 'CORRIDOR' 'CRUCIFIED TOAD' and 'ZIMRI'. He is looking forward to organising the artshow and already has several interesting items lined up.

ROY SHARPE: REGISTRATION DESK.

Roy and Joan together publish another Manchester fanzine called JOY. Roy was introduced to fandom by Paul Skelton, yet they still enjoy drinking together. Look for him on the registration desk.

ANITA PRESFORD: HOSTESS AND SERVICES.

When we asked Anita exactly what the terms Hostess and Services encompassed, she smiled. Perhaps we need more females on the committee?





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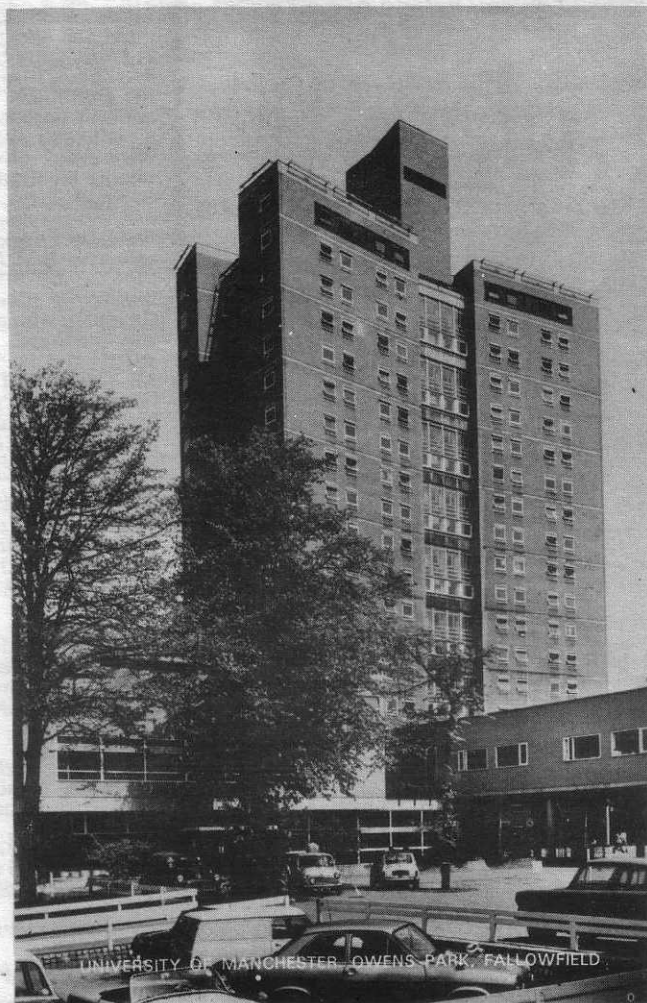
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Breakfast

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Tower restaurant	240
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Assembly hall

This main hall can seat 500 people in comfort. By using the balcony the accommodation can be increased to 800. It is ideally suited for conferences, receptions, dances and exhibitions.

Lounge bar

The bar in this lounge is open to all residents of Owens Park. Coffee, light refreshments or afternoon teas are also served.

Television

TV rooms are available for the use of the residents.

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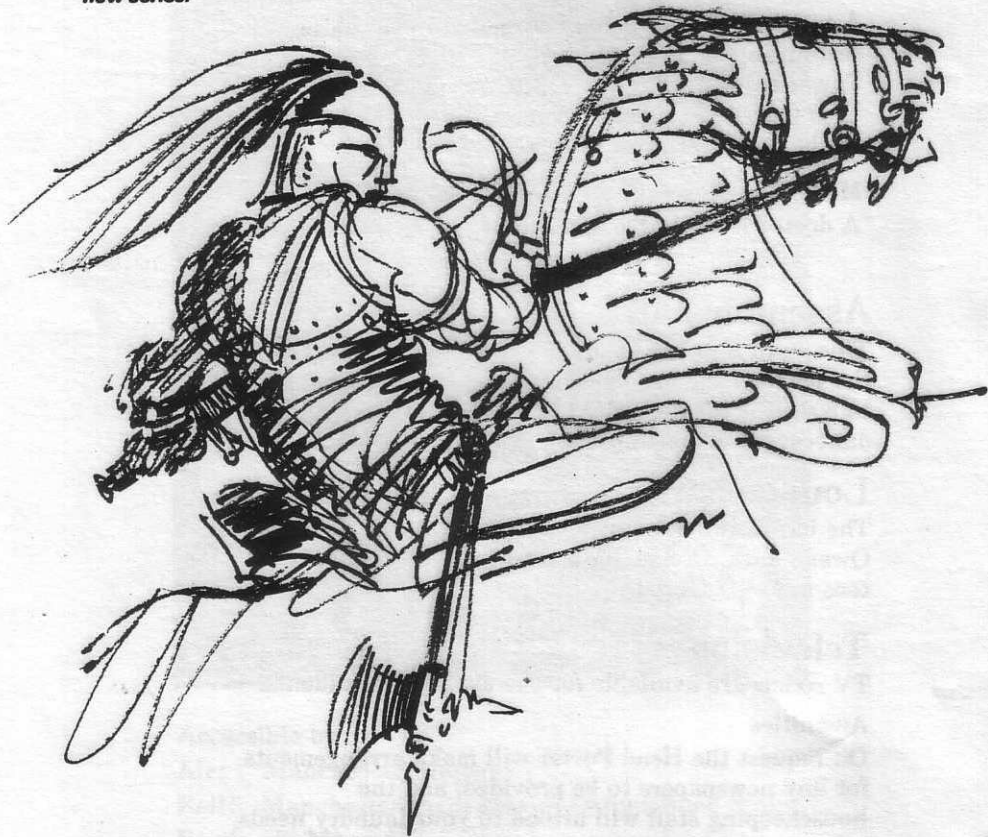
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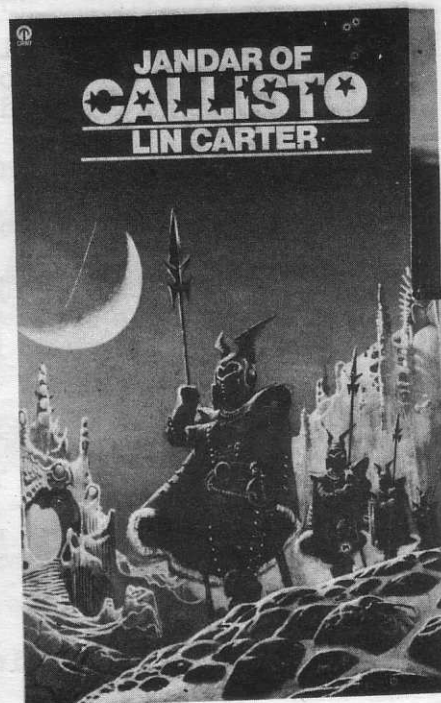
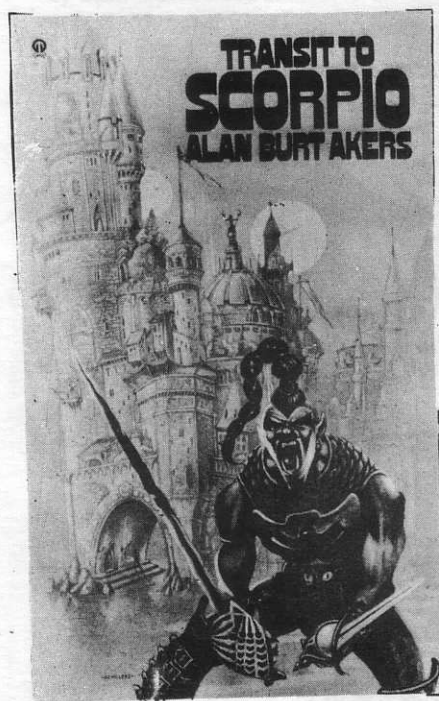
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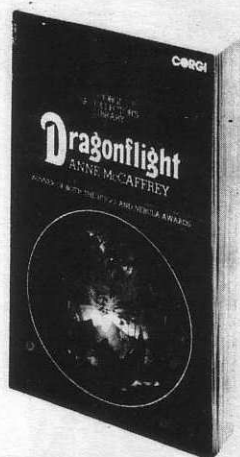
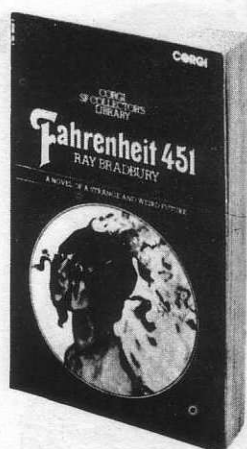
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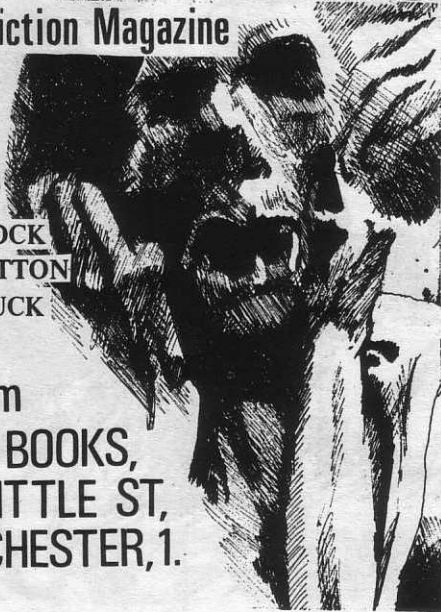
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