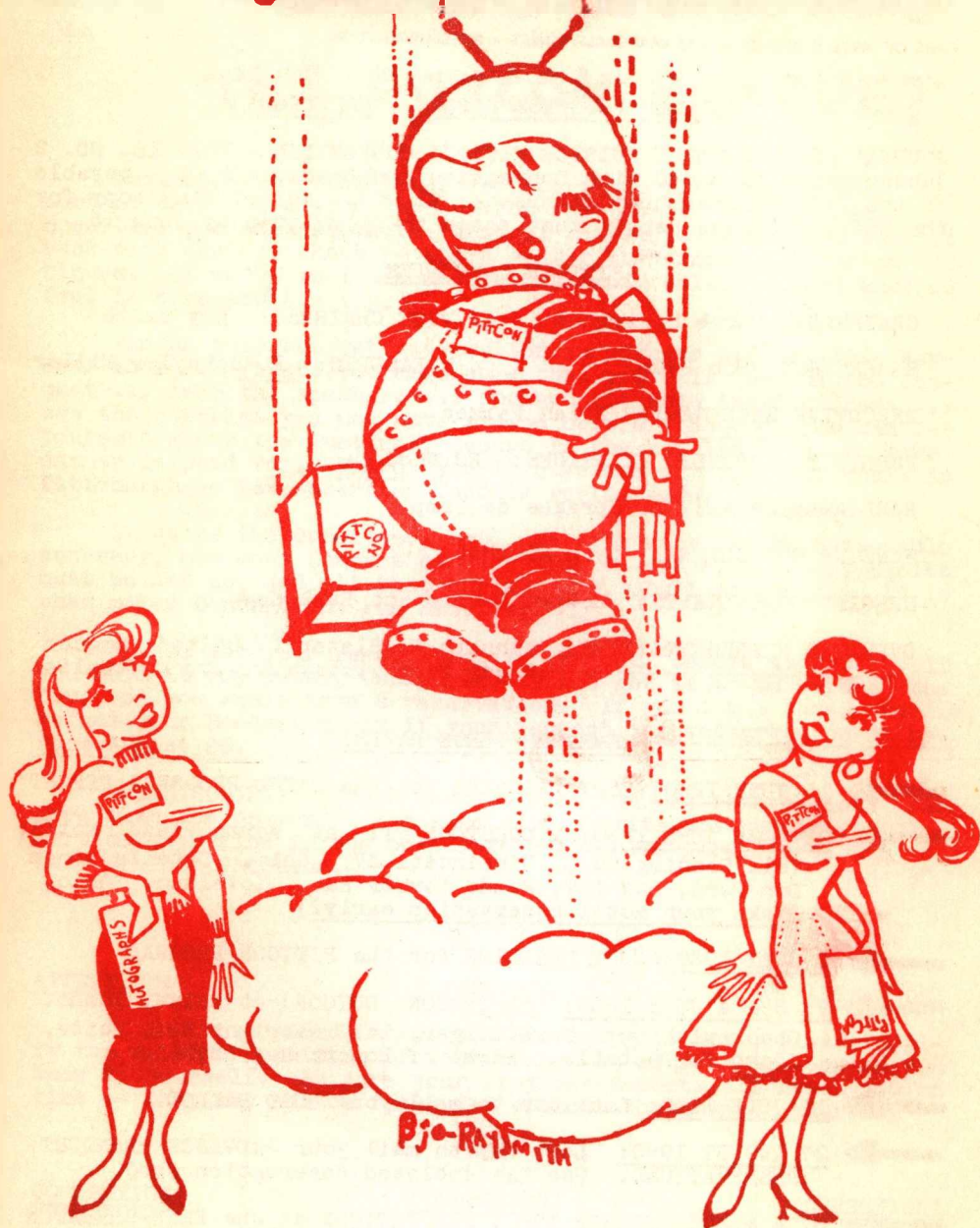


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PROGRESS REPORT No. 2

# PITTCON.....

PITTSBURGH . . . SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 5, 1960

## 18th WORLD SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION

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- ➔ 15 JUNE 1960: COPY DEADLINE for the THIRD PROGRESS REPORT
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- ➔ 15 JULY 1960: Last day to mail your HUGO BALLOT.
- ➔ 27 AUGUST 1960: Last day to mail your ADVANCE BANQUET  
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- ➔ 3, 4 & 5 SEPTEMBER 1960: The PITTCON at the PENN-SHERATON  
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Enclosed with this Progress Report you will find a very important card . . . your reservation for the Pittcon Banquet. We hope that you will check the kind of entree you want, and send it back with another check — yours — for the dinner. (It's an odd figure, but we've included the Pennsylvania sales tax and what we feel is a reasonable tip.)

Making your Banquet reservation in advance accomplishes several things. First, you make sure that you will be at the Banquet ... hear the speakers ... applaud the Hugo Award winners ... see the notables you may have missed before. Second, you can let yourself go at the Auctions, secure in the knowledge that your dinner is paid for. Third, you'll have one of the best meals in Pittsburgh — Penn-Sheraton food is world-famous.

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Please get your reservation in the mail before August 26. If you mail it any later, Uncle Sam may not get it to us before the Con, and you won't have a reservation. If you can't come, we'll refund your Banquet money if your request is postmarked on or before August 26.

AFTERTHOUGHT: If you want to make Banquet reservations for more than one person on the same card, write the number of diners of each kind in the boxes: so many Beefs Jardiniere, and so many Broiled Chickens.

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Convention rates will apply to early arrivals and late departures, if you identify yourself as a member of the Convention.

THIS IS IMPORTANT: WHENEVER you register, identify yourself as a Pittcon member. There are no special rates for Joe Pfan of Walla Walla, Wash., but there are for Pittcon Member 437, who has his card to prove it.

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Tables 6 feet and 8 feet long will be available to pro and semi-pro publishers ... book dealers ... fanzine publishers ... in fact, to anyone who wants the space, at the usual rate: \$1 a foot. In other words, display tables are \$6.00 and \$8.00.

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# THE HUGO BALLOTS.....

A ballot listing the candidates for the 1959 Hugo Awards is enclosed with this Progress Report. These are the stories, artists, and magazines that received the greatest number of votes on the Nomination Ballot. Your choice of these candidates decides who wins the 1959 Hugos.

You have until July 15 to get your ballot in the mail. This gives the Committee time to have the Hugos engraved before they are presented at the Pittcon Banquet, Sunday night. So, get your ballot in the mail NOW!

## EASTWARD HO!

If enough West Coast fans are coming to the Pittcon, chances are there will be another east-bound Travelcon, like the one that brought the lives of many a party to the Detention.

No travelers, no Travelcon, so if you're interested, get in touch with: Bjo Wells, c/o Shangri L'Affaires, 980½ White, Knoll Drive, Los Angeles 12, California. Bjo will be far too busy with the Fanart Exhibit to coax anyone to come along; it's up to you.

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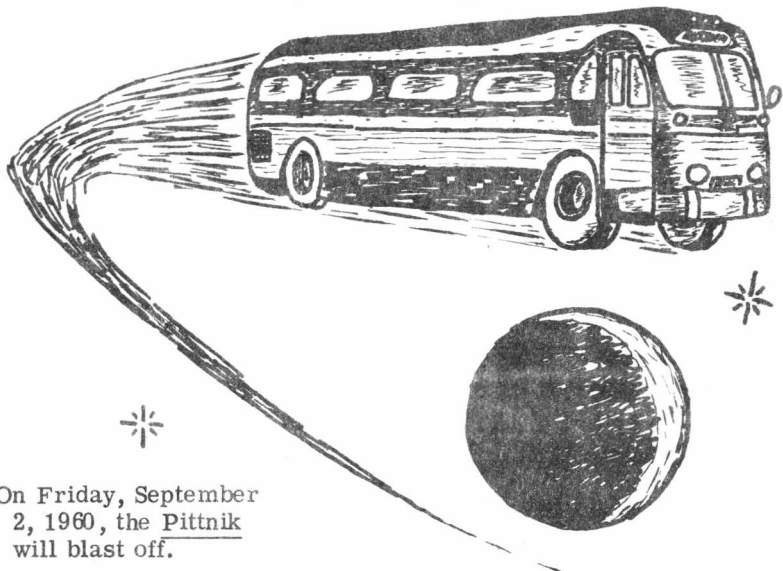
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James Blish

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# PITTCON

## CONVENTION... Program Notes

- James Blish, Pittcon Guest of Honor, will speak on "A Question of Content" at the Banquet, Sunday night. His new novel, "... And All the Stars a Stage," is in the June Amazing Science Fiction Stories, making our capsule biography in the first Progress Report incorrect.
- The first Fan Art Exhibit to be held at a Convention is being arranged by a very special — and mighty busy — group headed by Bjo Wells. This exhibit promises to be one of the stand-out events of this or any other Convention.
- Lynn Hickman will moderate a fanzine editors' panel.
- Looking for an argument? Philip Jose Farmer will ask "Is the Science Fiction Fan a Victorian?"
- Don Ford, current Transatlantic Fan Fund (TAFF) representative, will report on his trip to Britain's Easter Convention. (We're sorry we missed this date in our roundup in the last Progress Report.)
- Hal Clement will be another Pittcon speaker — subject still to be announced.
- Another Pittcon "first": there will be an Information Center, next door to the Display Room, where you will be able to get answers to your questions about Pittsburgh, the Convention, changes in the program, special meetings, and all the things you never can find out — except, maybe, "Where's there a party?" (More on this next time.)
- George O. Smith has promised us, for the auction, the world's only "Won't-Write-Anything-But-Science-Fiction" typewriter. This miraculous machine was originally owned by John W. Campbell, Jr. It has been used by Robert A. Heinlein, Theodore Sturgeon, George O. Smith and many others. Truly this is the fan item unique!

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If you plan to meet during the Pittcon, please let the Committee know your plans. If you give us fair notice, we can help find you meeting space, post notices, try to prevent conflicts, and make the meeting a success. Please remember, notices for the Program Booklet must be mailed by July 1.

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If it will help, here are the 6 classes for which there will be prizes. Which one will you win?

- |                           |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Most beautiful costume | 4. Most monstrous |
| 2. Most humorous          | 5. Most bizarre   |
| 3. Most original          | 6. Best group     |

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I KNOW OF SOMETHING  
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