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Friday Evening, 25 August 2006

Space Cadet Academy Newsroom

Friday parties	
5-107 9 DarkCon / Phoenix 2007	
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5-127 12-12 Heinlein Centennial Hospitality	
5-132 9 Westercon 60 - Gnomeward Bo	ound
5-146 9 XERPS 2010	
5-211 8-12 Writers of the Future: Ice Crear	m!
5-216 * The-DungeonMaster.com	
Chocolate Party	
5-240 9-2 Escape Pod	
5-244 8-10 Buffalogenesis Book Release Pa	rty
5-309 * Takoyaki Party by Daicon 7	
5-325 8-12 Sime~Gen, Broad Universe,	
Epic/Star Trek Welcommittee	
5-334 8-12 Princess Bride	
5-413 9-1 Browncoat Shindig	
5-442 9 Russian Vodka Party	
5-505 9:30 KC '09	
5-510 9:30 Australia in 2010	
5-560 * Meisha Merlin Pub, 10th	
Anniversary	
5-610 9 Filk Sin Pit	
5-616 * Loscon 33	
5-630 9:05 Interaction Thank You	
*After Masquerade	

To get to the fifth (party) floor in the Hilton, you can take the escalators to the fourth floor, then take the stairs: from escalators go left past the elevators, then right (at EXIT sign) through the double doors of STAIR 8A and up one flight.

In memoriam

Ed Meskys just got word from New Hampshire that his old guide dog "Judge" had to be put down because of a cancer of the spleen. There will be a wake for Judge tomorrow (Saturday) at 5:00 pm in the fanzine lounge.

- Ed Meskys



Amy Calcote and Rina Slayter, off-duty can-can dancers, advertising tonight's Masquerade half-time show:
"Lux After Dark"

Book Exhibit Receives a Major Donation

John Goodwin of the Galaxy Press has donated two large signed Frank Frazetta prints to the Book Exhibit and Raffle. These can be seen at B16 in the Art Show. They will be in the Art Auction with the proceeds going to Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) and the Los Angeles Public Library. Please bid early and often...

- Val & Ron Ontell

Miss Quoted

"If it's celebrities, we're not talking about real people."
- Darlene Marshall on the Guilty

- Darlene Marshall on the Guilty Pleasures panel talking about Slashfic involving real people.

Furry Fandom UPDATES

Programming activities take place in the Monterey Room and NOT in the Salinas room as previously published. The Furry Fandom display is in the Salinas room which is next door to the Monterey room. Navigation problems between the two rooms are not expected.

"How to Write for TV Animation" with Jymn Magon and Greg Weisman will be presented on Saturday at 1pm in the Monterey room.

- Rod O'Riley

Sidewise Awards for Alternate History

Long Form: Ian R. Macleod - The Summer Isles

Short Form: Lois Tilton - "Pericles The Tyrant"

More info on the Sidewise Awards can be obtained from Steven H Silver at shsilver@comcast.net.

Go Pro Photo

Don't miss Kim Gottlieb-Walker's photo display in the pro-photo area in the corner of Hall A that everyone misses. Includes 1972 Worldcon (LAcon) photos (warning: if you are offended by naked females, skip this), portraits of SF creators like Michael Whelan, Frank Miller, Neil Gaiman, and behind-the-scenes on *Escape From New York* (past the Mars program and the motion picture illustrators exhibits near A-19).

- Anonymous

Chocolate for Trivia Winners

Score Winner 44 David Singer 26 ManxKat 182 David Goldfarb 108 Leo Doroschako

- Mark Olson

Exclusive Convention Publications Available

L.A.con IV has published two special publications:

An original anthology of brand new stories about space cadets, edited by Mike Resnick, with 23 stories by Connie Willis, Harry Turtledove, Gregory Benford, Larry Niven, David Brin, Kevin J. Anderson, Mercedes Lackey, David Gerrold, Nancy Kress, John DeChancie, Mike Resnick, and over a dozen more, is available in a limited edition of 1000 copies for \$25 and in a leather-bound signed-and-numbered edition of 100 copies for \$75. Both editions have a cover by James Gurney.

The convention has also published a special hard-boxed portfolio of the art of James Gurney, titled *Home Planet*. The regular edition, available in stores next year, consists of ten 11"x14" color images. The L.A.con edition has an exclusive eleventh plate that will not be available elsewhere. Both the regular edition and the exclusive L.A.con edition are priced at \$75.

The *Space Cadets* anthology and the *Home Planet* portfolio are available at the Sales for Members table in Hall A.

- Craig Miller

NAUGHTINESS IN CON ANTHOLOGY: joke or typo?

The inside front cover of the *Space Cadets* book promises "24 stories *illiciting* memories of the Golden Age of Science Fiction."

TAFFED

Bridget Bradshaw's mammoth TAFF journey has finally terminated here at L.A.con. Your co-editor has heard that Bridget is planning to produce a 70 word/page/volume report on her travels in time for the next Millennium/Worldcon/TAFF election.

- Wilf James

Googled

Consuite thanks Google for the generous donation of many tasty beverages and snacky poos!

- Suze Campagna



The Serenity "Ariel Ambulance" crew, parked in Hall A.

parking

For those commuting to the convention, it's better to use the Hilton's parking lot (turn right just before the Hilton to get to their parking lot, if you're coming from Convention Way). The lot is open 24 hours a day, unlike the Convention Center parking which closes at midnight.

- Facilities Staff

ATTENTION: DEPARTMENT HEADS

Has your staff list grown (or mutated) since we printed the Souvenir Program Book? Now's your chance to submit a revised list for posterity. Be sure to put your name on it, and drop it in the envelope on any of the newsboards.

- To Say Nothing of the News

NAME THE ROCKET

Enter the *Brewster Rockit* "Name the Rocket" contest. Win cool prizes! Entry forms available at the R.U. Sirius Space Station next to the big red rocket in the Academy Quad.

- Marcia Minsky

DON'T RUN DOWN THE PEDESTRIANS WITH YOUR MOBIES

Will the wheel-enhanced fans please be careful of their original technology and slow down while moving about the convention. The posted speed limit is walking speed.

- Sharon Sbarsky

Thursday Night Party Prattle

General Technics: Disappointment abounds that Pluto has lost its planet status! We can restore it – donate your spare rocks to GT to send to Pluto and make it big enough to get into the planetary league. Send your pet rocks to colonise Pluto!

Columbus: Items of culinary interest - a California roll, lasagna-style. Delicious until I got to the wasabi layer... Fred Lerner shared his recipe for Irish Coffee - made with maple syrup!

Fanzine Lounge: Discussing the differences between U.S. states and English counties – you never see signs for "Gruyère – the official cheese of Northamptonshire".

- Bridget Bradshaw

Blood Taking Aliens Stay Overnight

The Blood Drive has been extended to Saturday, 11:30am - 5:30pm, in the Marriott Grand Ballroom ABC. The raffle for the \$100 American Express gift check will no longer be held during the masquerade half-time. New time and location to be determined. Now you have two days to get probed!

- Dennis & Kristine Cherry

Art Show Bidding

Bidding for items in the Art Show will close at 2 p.m. on Saturday.

- Gary Blog

DECLASSIFIED ADS

TOMCAT: Please contact Wilf in the newsletter office. (Hilton 4th floor, between the elevators.) - Wilf James

Dear Ming the Merciless, Thanks!!! Can I take you and your wife out to dinner?

- Edouard B Mesert, 607-710-4777, S.W.C.G.

Feline Housing Shortage. Some pedigree Oriental Shorthair cats need new homes. Cat lovers – especially those in Phoenix Arizona – are invited to contact Leslie Fish on 310-502-5477 during WorldCon or at lesliefish@cox.net after WorldCon. Alternatively, leave a note at the Random Factors table in the dealers room.

- Leslie Fish

HAIRCUT 100

Hair-cutting continues for Locks of Love all day Saturday in The Quad, Space Central -come talk to Lora (Trimble) Boehm even if you aren't donating hair. Cash donations to make wigs for bald children also gratefully accepted. Don't worry, Goldilocks, Lora won't tackle you to cut off your long hair.

- Bjo Trimble

Guest of Honor Speeches

"Did you hear the one about..."

Sadly both Howard de Vore, Fan Guest of Honor, and Frankie Thomas, Special Guest of Honor, passed away before L.A.con IV. Last night at the Guest of Honor presentations, Mike Resnick, Master of Ceremonies, gave a moving tribute to one of his childhood heroes, Frankie Thomas (Tom Corbett, Space Cadet). Mike also spoke with great affection of Howard de Vore before introducing Howard's be-beanied and propeller-hatted family to the audience. Frank and Howard will be fondly remembered and sorely missed.

Following these tributes, Jerry Pournelle and Larry Niven presented the Robert A. Heinlein Award to this year's winners: Greg Bear and Fred Patten.

"Can you tell us the latitude and longitude of Dinotopia? And don't lie!"

James Gurney, Art Guest of Honor, shared the contents of some of his favorite correspondence and several slides of glorious paintings that will soon appear in the eagerly anticipated sequel to *Dinotopia*. We are looking forward to the return trip even if that island cannot be pinned down to a latitude and longitude on any known map.

"Books saved my life!"

"Books saved my life!" Connie Willis exclaimed and went on to praise the written word in generous, intimate, and affectionate terms. From the first three books she checked out of the library herself at the age of 8, to the works that helped her cope at the age of 12 with her mother's death, to Heinlein's Have Spacesuit, Will Travel that introduced her to the community that became her true family, to Tolkien's Lord of the Rings which so seized her imagination that she forgot to break up with her fiancé (now her husband of many years), Connie took us on a grand, nearbreathless, tour of her passion and joy. Connie honored her teachers from Heinlein to Shakespeare, and her delight was contagious. We look forward as ever to hearing more from her in the near future.

"It's just like the 100th Worldcon — if you're missing two fingers."

Bill Roper (with apologies to Tom Lehrer)

With Thanks and Regret

Thanks to the Friendly Scandinavians for a great party! If only one more Friendly Scandinavian had been there...
IN MEMORIAM: Johannes Berg

- Lloyd Penney

- Martha Holloway

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Pan-Galactic Express couriers can be found at Hilton ext. 3080. Team includes: Pearl "Kiki" Newton, Ben Massoglia, Maria Rodriguez, Chaos Savitzky, Nicholas Hipp, Scott Hipp, Connor Foss, Roadkill, and Phil Wellbon.

Photos: golden (Ariel Ambulance); Chaz Boston Baden (Amy & Rina; Costume Repair Station).

Cut-off for the Saturday morning edition is 9pm. Evening edition cut-off (like this issue, for example): noon. Drop off news items at Palisades Room (Hilton 4th floor, between the elevators) or at any newsboard that has a submission envelope. Please sign your contributions. We reserve the right to ignore anonymous notes and parties that aren't on the Hilton Lanai floor.