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MEETINGS, CONVENTIONS, etc.

There will be no February meeting of the BCSFA. Meetings will resume in March at a location to be announced in the next newsletter. Remember elections (and hence bloodletting, charges and countercharges, and a general good time for hip cynics) are upcoming. If you sense a need for your expertise on the club executive, please consider running. Details of how-to will be printed in the next issue.

There will be a convention at the Sheraton-Landmark on February 21-23 (inclusive), Vcon IV. Robert Silverberg is the guest of honour and memberships now cost \$7.00. There will be no exceptions (--if, instead of paying, you want to be paid, phone Nick Grimshaw (985-4945) and enquire about being a security guard). Note that there may be no memberships available at the door even though we have room for 650 persons.

Vcon has been fortunate in having guests of honour present some keynote addresses and ~~if you attend this year~~ this year will be no different. (Only convention committee-approved recordings will be allowed.)

There will be a suite in the hotel designated for BCSFA members (who are also convention members) and guests, or Westercon 28 members. This will be a BYOB hospitality area and its exact location will be transmitted by word of mouth during the con.

Several feature length films (perhaps Zardoz, for example) will be shown (including a Flash Gordon serial) and we have received permission to cut into the hotel's cablevision system in order to broadcast some films we have on videotape to the guestrooms.

We are negotiating a deal with the Planetarium for a special showing of VORTEX and a preview of a new show the VORTEX people are producing for convention members only on Sunday evening (23rd). Tickets will be available during registration.

The programming itself is packed and taking it in a new direction, we are adding some science-oriented lectures.

I could ramble on and on: this is a topic close to my heart. Don't you wish you had joined? (I write "had" because by the time you read this the convention may be entirely sold out.)

The address I forgot to include in last month's newsletter is MEDALERICON P.O. Box 221 Kansas City MO. 64141. As reported in the 1st issue, the 1976 Worldcon will definitely limit attendance and this is how: no Star Trek programming, no Planet of the Apes programming, no comics programming, no SCA programming, etc. AND re-evaluating attending memberships to \$6 until May 1, \$10 until Sept 1, \$15 until Jan. 1, 1976, \$20 until May 1, \$25 until Aug. 1, and \$50 at the door. They already have over a thousand memberships.

Nike Bailey

EXECUTIVE MINUTES (Jan 27, 1975)

All members of the Executive present, plus guests Ed Beauregard and David George. President Skene called the meeting to order at 19:45. The minutes for the last two meetings were read and approved.

Mike Bailey reported that Vcon IV presently has 140 members and that programming has been extended through Sunday. ((Censored)) will also be in Vancouver at the time of the con and it is expected that he will attend.

In regards to the Convention Suite in the Sheraton-Landmark depending on the number of people in attendance, Al Betz moved the following: if in the event of too many people using the suite the convention committee and the executive agree to limit the attendance in the suite to BCSFA members and their guests only. Seconded by Mike Bailey and passed. The BCSFA will be responsible for the policing of the area.

In regards to the Westercon xxx bid various people were suggested as possible guests of honour, but final decision was delayed as to who would be contacted. ((The decision has now been made, but no announcements will be made until confirmation))

Because of the Secretary's absence for two weeks and the loss of two of three keys to the mail box, Gary Walker moved that the Secretary contact the Post Office and request that the lock be changed if the amount charged be reasonable. Seconded by Mike Bailey and passed. One key will be in the possession of the Secretary and the other with the Vice-president.

The upcoming Spring elections for the Executive were discussed. No advertising will be accepted for publication in the newsletter. Deadlines were established for nominations of those to serve on the Executive. Deadline for nominations by mail will be those postmarked no later than April 12, 1975. Nominations will be accepted at the April 19, 1975 meeting in person at the very latest. The May newsletter will contain election statements and ballots.

The February newsletter will contain: the address for MidAmerican '76, the "group story" written at the January meeting. Extra copies of the February newsletter will be available to new members joining at Vcon IV.

In regards to the registration of our club, five votes were received by the deadline and all were for Western Canada Science Fiction Association. Al Betz, a member of the Executive Committee sponsors this extraordinary resolution, to wit: "Be it hereby resolved that the name of the British Columbia Science Fiction Association be changed to Western Canada Science Fiction Association." Ballots will be provided to voting members with the February newsletter including stamped return envelopes.

New business: Al Betz moved that a summary of the minutes from executive meetings be prepared by the Secretary for publication in the newsletter each month. Seconded by Mike Bailey and passed.

David George explained his reasons for opposing a Worldcon bid by Vancouver in 1978: lack of people experienced in working on a Worldcon committee, and Vancouver not successfully holding a Westercon first. Rick Mikkelson moved we rescind the motion to bid on Worldcon 1978; Gary Walker seconded, passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 22:30.

Rick Mikkelson

((The group story won't appear in this issue: the editor pleads that he is overwhelmed by work and throws himself upon the mercy of the membership.))

NEW SCIENCE FICTION AT V.P.L.

- Anderson, Poul The Many Worlds of Poul Anderson ed. Roger Elwood
Chilton 1974 \$6.95
Stories, including "The Queen of Air and Darkness", and two
Critical articles.
- Anderson, Poul A Midsummer Tempest Doubleday 1974 \$6.95
Adventure in an alternate world with an unusual mixture of history,
characters, and technology.
- Campbell, Ramsey Demons By Daylight Arkham 1973 \$6.00
Horror stories with standard themes but often unusual plots.
- Dickson, Gordon R. Ancient, My Enemy Doubleday 1974 \$6.95
Nine stories, first published 1951-69.
- Franko, Herbert W. Zone Null Seabury 1974 \$7.95
Adventure and philosophy in a future Earth by an important
German SF writer.
- Lem, Stanislaw The Invincible Seabury 1973 \$6.95
A spacecraft is sent to find out why her sister ship is out of
contact. Superior story in spite of a bad translation.
- McKillip, Patricia A. The Forgotten Beasts of Eld Atheneum 1974 \$7.25
A superior fantasy by a new and very talented writer.
- Moorcock, Michael The Hollow Lands Harper 1974 \$6.95
Volume II in the trilogy, "The dancers at the end of time",
starring the hedonistic Jherak Carnelian.
- Nebula Award Stories 2 ed. Kate Wilhelm Gollancz 1974 \$6.95
Most recent Nebula winners and runners-up plus essays by Bova and
Knight.
- Niven, Larry and Jerry Pournelle The Mote In God's Eye
Simon 1974 \$9.95
Niven and Pournelle's big one. Review coming.
- Runyon, Charles W. I, Weapon Doubleday 1974 \$6.95
More adventure and violence, this time on the galactic scale,
from the author of Pig World.
- Stapledon, Olaf Darkness and the Light Hyperion 1974 c. 1942 \$7.50
The first of the Moskowitz reprint books to arrive. Unattractive
in appearance but will no doubt be enjoyed by Stapledon fans.

Fran Skene

PAGE FILLER

- Cities currently bidding for future Worldcons are:
- 1977: Orlando, New York, Montreal, Philadelphia, Washington
 - 1978: Los Angeles, San Francisco
 - 1979: Great Britain, Chicago
 - 1980: Boston
 - 1982: New Orleans
 - 1984: Great Britain

As time passes, more cities will bid and the later years will
become as crowded as 1977. If Vancouver ever bids, a willing committee
and much dedication will be required. Think about it.

SCIENCE FICTION AND RADIO, CONCLUSION

In this, the final article of the series, I wish to list all of the SF programs which were aimed at children. First, though, I must list a series omitted in Part 6:

Arch Oboler's series "Lights Out" began in the thirties, but the programs, along with new ones, were heard again in a number of series done by him. Several of these were SF.

LIGHTS OUT

24 Aug 43 "Sub-basement"

14 Sept 43 "The Word"

Arch Oboler's Plays

no date "Revolt of the Worms"

no date "Rocket From Manhattan"

no date "Bathysphere"

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

BUCK ROGERS IN THE 25th CENTURY

5 Apr 39 New Machine

6 Apr 39 Prison Break

7 Apr 39 Barney and Willy Take Ship

8 Apr 39 Killer Kane Is Aboard

9 Apr 39 Willy's Message

12 Apr 39 Following the Trail

13 Apr 39 Kane's Headquarters

14 Apr 39 Second Machine Done

15 Apr 39 Willy Is Found

16 Apr 39 The Trail Is Lost

19 Apr 39 Barney Gets Equipment

20 Apr 39 Buck and Wilma Go To Omaha

28 May 47 final show in series

TOM CORBETT, SPACE CADET

Dates are somewhat confused for this series, partly because a title said to be on the week following one program was not actually presented until some time later. All are from 1952, however.

"The Living Crystals of Titan"

"Space Station of Danger" parts 1,2

"The Deep Spacer" parts 1,2

"Rocket into Danger" parts 1,2

Tracking a Gang With Stolen Vanadium

"Operation Hide and Sock" parts 1,2

Ice Cave On Pluto, parts 1,2

"Trial In Space" parts 1,2

"Asteroid of Danger", parts 1,2

"The Giants of Mercury", parts 1,2

"The Atmosphere of Death", parts 1,2

"A Mission of Mercy" parts 1,2

"A Double-Cross in Space" parts 1,2

"The Mystery of the Sparkling Meteor" parts 1,2

"Holiday of Terror", parts 1,2

"The Riddle of Astro" parts 1,2

"The Escort of Death" parts 1,2

"Danger in Deep Space" parts 1,2

"Marooned With Death" parts 1,2

"Greatest Show in the Universe" parts 1,2

"Revolt on Prison Rock" parts 1,2

"Vultures of Space" parts 1,2

"Satellite of Death" parts 1,2

"Pursuit of Danger" parts 1,2

As mentioned earlier, Tom Corbett was the the only successful television series to then become a successful radio series.

DESTINATION SPACE

only one program in series is known:

20 Jun 49 "The Planet Kruse"

THE INTERPLANETARY ADVENTURES OF FLASH GORDON

Only two quarter hour episodes are known. From the 30's.

SPACE PATROL

Watchman of Wermock

Mystery of the Masked Martian

Valley of Dread

Message to Arcitrona

An Arcitronian Enters the Solar System

Forbidden Planet

Robot Controlled Planet

etc. There are about 60 known episodes in this series.

MAGIC ISLAND

This was a serial, in 128 quarter hours, that featured much in the way of juvenile science fiction ideas, from the late 30's. All episodes have survived.

THRILLS OF TOMORROW

11 Dec 33 "Planemobile"

18 Dec 33 "Amphibian Train"

THE PLANET MAN

only 2 quarter-hour episodes are known.

CAPTAIN STARR OF SPACE

no date "Adventure On Ziron"

no date "The Mercurius Plague"

no date "Carmunius Returns"

no date "Citizens of Mars Disappear"

by Alan R. Betz

EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTION

The Provincial Secretary's Office has informed us, finally, that we cannot register under the Societies Act with our present name. Since the members of the BCSPA have affirmatively voted their desire to register, we must change our name. The last Newsletter's opinion vote for new names produced only a few replies, but all were for "Western Canada Science Fiction Association" (WCSFA).

Our constitution states that we are governed by the provisions of the Societies Act, whether we are registered or not. The members of the Executive Committee have all signed our constitution and agree that we are bound to abide by it.

The Societies Act states that the only acceptable method for an organization to change its name is by a vote on an extraordinary resolution. Our constitution specifies that such a resolution may be sponsored by either 10% of the voting membership, or by at least one member of the Executive Committee. Passage of an extraordinary resolution requires a 2/3 affirmative vote. It is very important for ALL of our members to vote on this issue, and we have provided a stamped envelope for this purpose.

An Extraordinary Resolution, to wit:

Be it hereby resolved that the name of the British Columbia Science Fiction Association be changed to "Western Canada Science Fiction Association"

YES



NO

Sponsored by Alan R. Betz, a member of the Executive Committee.

LAST MINUTE ITEMS

Susan Wood has accepted a teaching job at UBC effective July 1.

Now I know why Frank Herbert was vague about allowing me to print his guest of honour at Voon III. In the book Science Fiction: today and tomorrow, a Frank Herbert essay entitled "Science Fiction and a World in Crisis" appears-- copyright 1974.