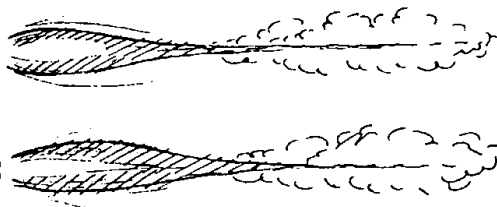


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MonSFfandom

WELCOME BACK FROM THE HOLIDAY BREAK!

WELCOME TO THE '90s!!

SCIENCE FICTION EVENING...

The science fiction evening sponsored by MonSFFA and held at Dawson College on December 13 attracted about 35 or 40 people. They enjoyed a number of slide and video presentations on subjects such as The Prisoner, Dr. Who, Gerry Anderson, and sf collectables. Several guest speakers gave talks on, among other things, Japanese sf animation and unusual sf magazines. Each person in attendance received a copy of fanzine called "StarShip", produced especially for this occasion. A great deal of thanks goes out to Richard Brandow, who offered to put this sf evening together on behalf of MonSFFA. His efforts certainly payed off. The meeting was both entertaining and imformative, and a good time was had by all. Thanks also go out to the guests and contributors who participated in the meeting, and to our hosts, the Dawson SF/F Club, who provided the room and equipment.

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING...

Our December meeting was held on the 17th at the Armory. First up were the club elections. At the last minute, John Matthias, who had been running for General Activities Officer, decided that he could better serve the club as its P.R. Officer and switched to that position, leaving the way clear for Lou Israel to be acclaimed as G.A.O. In fact, the whole slate was acclaimed as the G.A.O. position was the only one with more than one candidate running, until John had his change of heart. And so, MonSFen, here is your Board of Advisors for 1990: Keith Braithwaite (President), Mike Masella (Vice President), Colleen Magnussen (Treasurer), Emile Richard (Recruitment Officer), Lou Israel (General Activities Officer), John Matthias (Public Relations Officer). The post of Special Activities Officer remains unfilled. Congratulations to the new BOA!

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to a special round-table (Okay, so the

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BYTES

HEY EVERYONE, PACK YOUR BAGS!!

From the Gazette, December 5, 1989...

Trekkie town in the works

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) -- Coming soon to a world near you -- Star Trek Town, the only planned community in the world for followers of a science fiction television series.

Recent ads in the *News and Observer* of Raleigh and *Star Log* magazine call on mature *Star Trek* fans to help form a community where they could live out the moral code set by Kirk, Spock and the Starfleet gang every week from 1966 to 1968.

But to holdly go where no man has gone before takes time and planning, and the people who posted the ads wouldn't discuss specifics. Whether the town will be comprised of cosmic condos or Trekkie townhouses remains a mystery.

"I received a letter from the woman who is organizing this thing, but I just don't know enough about it to lay Starfleet's reputation behind it," said Jeanette Maddox, a Burnsville veterinarian. "I don't know what

kind of community they have in mind."

Maddox is "admiral" of Starfleet, an international organization of 4,000 *Star Trek* fans.

She said her biggest concern is the philosophical, rather than physical, structure of the proposed community.

Star Trek isn't just the starship Enterprise and "beam me up, Scotty," she said. Devoted followers believe the space show demonstrates the need for tolerance among all kinds of people and perspectives.

The first meeting of the Canada-Japan Space Panel was held in Vancouver late last year. The Panel will make it easier for scientists to exchange space technology. Both nations are partners, with the U.S. and Europe, in the International Space Station Program.

Stephen Hawking's ground-breaking book A Brief History of Time is coming to the small screen.

Steven Spielberg's Amblin Entertainment and Gordon Freedman Productions are producing a 90-minute TV special. It will be broadcast simultaneously in the U.S. and Britain. The special will deal with both Hawkin's theories on the creation of the universe and the physicist's personal story.

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If you think you can solve the world's problems, media mogul Ted Turner has a cheque for you. He is offering a 500-thousand dollar prize for the best novel promoting solutions for all that ails the Earth. The winner also receives a guaranteed printing contract and possible movie rights. The judges include science fiction dean Ray Bradbury, and Betty and Ian Ballentine of Ballentine Books.

Speaking of International cooperation, Canada's National Research Council is developing sophisticated computer equipment for the RadioAstron, a revolutionary radio telescope being designed by scientists in the USSR. The 10-metre radio antenna will be launched into space and linked to ground-based antennas, forming the world's largest radio telescope.

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Charlton Heston is returning to the realm of science fiction. He'll star in Solar Crisis, a sf adventure film being directed by Richard Serafian. The film, produced by the Japan-American Picture Company, co-stars Jack Palance, Peter Boyle and Corin Nemec. The story revolves around a group that helps save the Earth from destruction by the sun.

An ambitious fantasy film has made the list of the top box office flops of the 1980s: The Adventures of Baron Munchausen. Also on the list are Inchon, the war epic produced by Reverend Moon's Unification Church in 1982, Ishtar, Heaven's Gate, Empire of the Sun and Rambo Three.

FOR ALL THOSE PEOPLE WHO SLEPT THROUGH THE SUMMER OF 1989:

The top grossing movie of 1989 is (surprise!!) Batman.

Holy mega-bucks, Batman! CBS is paying a ton of money for the television broadcast rights for Batman. The minimum outlay is 20-million dollars, with a special clause that could hike the sale price to 30-million. It's believed that CBS will opt to air Batman in May of 1991, shortly before Batman 2 jots theatres.

The 1989 DIPPY AWARDS, according to Shreveport Journal reporter Kerry Kirspel. (DIPPYs = Dubious Achievement Awards.)

The "Didn't We See This Same Sort of Thing in Alien?" Award goes to Deepstar Six. A team of explorers is trapped underwater and menaced by a marauding monstrosity.

The "Didn't We See This Same Sort of Thing in Deepstar Six?" Award goes to Leviathan. A team of explorers is trapped underwater and menaced by a marauding monstrosity.

The "Didn't We See This Same Sort of Thing in Leviathan? Oh, No, We Didn't" Award goes to The Abyss. A team of explorers is trapped underwater and is NOT menaced by a marauding monstrosity.

The comic book artist who created Captain Marvel died in late November, at the age of 79. Charles Beck first drew the "world's mightiest mortal" fifty years ago. In the 1940s, Marvel-Mania surpassed the popularity of Superman and Captain Marvel Comics sold more than a million copies a month. Beck stopped drawing the Captain in the early 1950s, when the publisher Fawcett closed its comics operation. The artist turned to decorating awnings and storefronts for a living.

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table was rectangular!) discussion on Concepts '89 and '90. The 35 or so people in attendance offered their views on what they liked and disliked about Concept '89 and what they'd like to see in '90. The con-com had a chance to field questions about the con, and cons in general. Notes were taken on what was said and these will greatly help the planners of Concept '90 in evaluating what the con-goer wants to see and where improvements can be made. Concept thanks those who participated in the discussion and appreciates their input.

NEXT GENERAL MEETINGS...

MonSFFA has booked its next four general meetings. They will all be held, as usual, at the Black Watch Armory, Sundays from 1:00PM to 4:30PM. The dates are as follows:

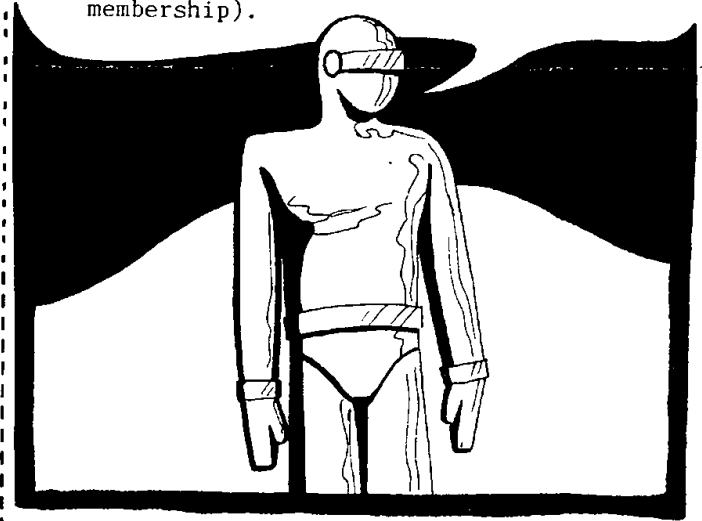
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These are the dates of MonSFFA's next four Sunday afternoon General Meetings.

All of them will be held from 1:00PM to 4:30PM at the Black Watch Armory, 2067 Bleury St., corner of President Kennedy St. (Place-des-Arts metro, Bleury north exit).

Admission is free for members, \$2.00 for non-members (join while at a meeting and your admission fee goes towards your membership).



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