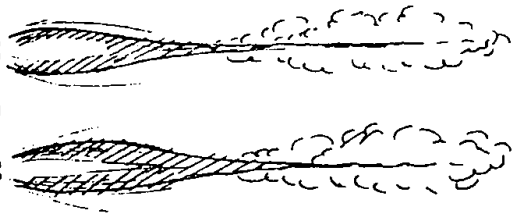


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CONCEPT '89...

Concept is coming along very well. As of this writing there are over 80 people pre-registered. Programming is all but complete and includes such panel topics as writing sf and getting published, genetic engineering, costuming, horror fiction and films, Starfleet technology, and producing fanzines and newsletters. The dealers' room is full, offering con-goers an excellent selection of merchandise. The art show is expecting a strong turnout of very talented local artists, and the masquerade should do well also. The display area will feature, among its many attractions, a model display and workshop, artist demos, sf/f fan club info booths, an interactive computer Star Trek space combat simulator, and a Trek trivia game. We've received many generous donations from a number of sources which we'll use to stock our space cantina with food and drink, and to put together attractive door prize packages for you, the attendees. Other scheduled activities include several gaming sessions, an amateur sf/f video/film festival, all-day videos, and our evening dance party.

All in all, Concept is shaping up to be a pretty darn good con! We're looking forward to seeing you there: Maritime Hotel (1155 Guy, corner Rene Levesque), 9:00AM to 10:00PM, Sunday, November 12, 1989. Help support Montreal science fiction/fantasy fandom and ensure a solid future for fan events, like Concept, in this city—Spread the word about Concept, and bring a couple of friends along to the con.

Call 489-0703 weekday evenings for more info, or write Concept at P.O. Box 61, Place du Parc, Montreal, Quebec, H2W 2M9.

Volunteers! Volunteers! Volunteers!

That means you! Con*cept is in urgent need of people who can donate one or more hours of their time to ensure the smooth running of the convention. We need security personnel, cantina staff and gofers. It's fun work and you'll be rewarded later with an invitation-only volunteers' party and other surprises. To volunteer in advance, call Kevin or John at 489-0703, or look for Trudie the day of the con. Pick your hours! Wear neat-o badges! Look important!

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING...

Our October general meeting was held on the 15th at the Black Watch Armory.. The alien beings theme was reflected mostly in the displays of books, comics, and articles brought in by members, and by our video screening of the film Alien. A large portion of the announcements were given over to the upcoming convention. Con chairman John Matthias updated everyone on the latest news regarding the con, and members were encouraged to help Concept out when and where they could. Two books were donated as raffle prizes, the first by Nebula Books, the second by member John Dupuis. The raffle revenue went to help out Concept. Other activities included a viewing of ST:TNG bloopers (courtesy Lynda Pelley), a gaming session run by Mike Masella, a panel on why today's TV sf just doesn't seem to cut it, and our usual fine assortment of Mon-SFFA munchies (courtesy Trudie Mason and Colleen Magnussen). Of note were Colleen's chestbursters—gingerbread men with "gummy-stick" aliens bursting out of their chests. Red icing was applied to add that extra touch of realism!

ELECTIONS...

Remember that the club elections will take place at our December 17th meeting. The slate was added to during this (October) meeting, as final nominations were accepted. Here is the slate:

- PRESIDENT Keith Braithwaite
- VICE PRESIDENT Mike Masella
Kevin Holden
- TREASURER Colleen Magnussen
- RECRUITMENT OFFICER Emile Richard
- GENERAL ACTIVITIES OFFICER Lou Israel
John Matthias
- SPECIAL ACTIVITIES OFFICER no candidates
- PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER no candidates

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17,
1:00PM-4:30PM, at the BLACK WATCH ARMORY
(2067 Bleury Street, near metro Place-des-Arts)

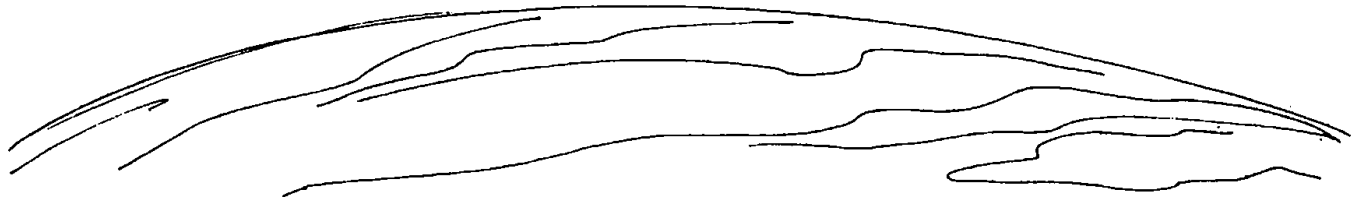
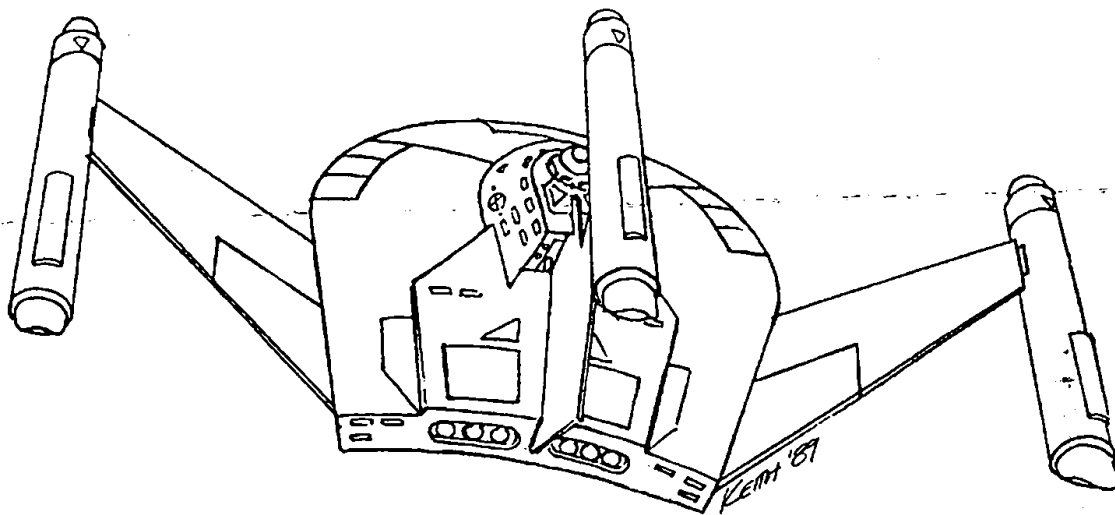
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BOA...

The BOA is pleased that a few members have gotten more involved in the BOA, and with that new blood came fresh, new ideas. We expect to be trying out some of these new ideas very soon, and we again encourage members to **get more involved** in the running of the club—it is, after all, **your club!** Don't be shy or intimidated because you've never done anything like this before—neither had we when we first got involved. You'll find all of us on the BOA only to happy to accept help, suggestions, and input from any MonSFFA member.

NEWSLETTER...

"Warp" expects to be able to put out an issue soon (probably in December). A company called Copi-data has been very generous in supplying us with the printing facilities which will allow us to put this issue out, but we have still not been able to find adequate, regular, and reliable facilities that would permit us to get completely back on track. We thank Copi-data for making it possible for us to get at least this one, long overdue issue out. Until we find our needed facilities, though, we'll continue to proceed on "Impulse" power.



BYTES

Five summer release films topped the \$100 million U.S. milestone: Batman, at \$238 million; Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade, \$189 million; Lethal Weapon 2, \$131 million; Honey, I Shrunk the Kids, \$119 million and Ghostbusters II, \$110 million.

Writers of near-future science fiction, take note! the design magazine Metropolis says the following items will be obsolete by the end of the next decade: conventional ovens and toasters, designer teapots, faxes, low-resolution TV, Pampers, record players, record albums, carbon paper, rolodexes, cassette tape players, rotary dial phones, and Styrofoam cups.

The sf&f magazine Heavy Metal has a new publisher. Michael T. Carr's appointment takes effect Nov. 13. He replaces George Agoglia. Carr has spent the last five years in a variety of positions at Playboy magazine (pun intended).

Shatner on TekWar, his first novel: Author William Shatner says his new book involves drug wars. But the drug in the story is computer software that people use to alter moods. The plot revolves around a battle over the software. Shatner says he wrote TekWar to keep busy between acting jobs and during recent strikes in the entertainment industry. He also admits writing it with movie rights in mind: he says he wouldn't mind directing or starring in it. T.J. Hooker in space

Diana Muldaur has landed a new role, just months after leaving Star Trek: The Next Generation. She will play a new associate who joins the law firm in L.A. Law.

Star Trek V: The Final Frontier will be available on video just in time for Christmas. The release is scheduled for Dec. 20th.

Patrick Macnee may have portrayed the ultimate British gentleman on The Avengers, but his private life is another story entirely. That story, an autobiography, is titled Blind in One Ear: The Avenger Returns. It describes his strange youth as a child of divorced aristocrats, life with his alcoholic mother and her lover, another woman he called "Aunt Evelyn" and his expulsion from exclusive Eton College for gambling and selling pornography. Other titillating tidbits: two failed marriages and intermittent heavy drinking.

Al Ciric is on the rebound! Just weeks after closing OZZ Comics, Al is back in business. His new store, Knick Knacks, is on Bishop Street, north of De Maisonneuve. In addition to his usual supply of comics, cards, and collectables, Knick Knacks will also feature a wide assortment of packaging material.

Meanwhile, Metropolis Comics, which is in Ozz's old digs, is open for bizz and have agreed to participate in MonSFFA's discount program. More details to follow.

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Protected widely by patents and patent applications.

The union representing Canadian researchers and scientists says political patronage has no place in space. The Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada is upset with legislation which allows cabinet to decide who goes into the Canadian space program. In its brief to the legislative committee studying the bill, the Institute says "We do not think it is appropriate to appoint astronauts by (cabinet) order. Canada's astronauts should be the most highly skilled people this country can offer. These positions must be awarded on merit alone. Even the slightest appearance of political interference in such a highly visible and nationally-symbolic program could be devastating."

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The dean of science fiction writers was honoured by the Queen recently. Arthur C. Clarke was awarded the Order of the British Empire, for advancing British culture in Sri Lanka, where he has lived for some time.

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Soviet scientists haven't been able to confirm a sighting of aliens in the town of Voronezh last month. Witnesses said a banana-shaped saucer landed in a park. Two or three aliens were spotted descending from the craft and taking a stroll through the park. However, a Soviet scientific commission says 16 radiometric analyses, 19 checks of the ground, 9 tests of micro-organisms and 20 spectrochemical measurements failed to uncover "any anomaly either in the earth or surrounding vegetation" that might point to a visit by extra-terrestrials.



The reviews are in: Boreal was long on content and short on attendance. Unofficial estimates put the number of attendees at fewer than 50. However, those who were there enjoyed themselves.

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Say it ain't so: Pinecone II may be the last! Reportedly, attendance was lower than anticipated, and other problems, such as the program book not being printed on time, have sparked rumours of the potential demise of this convention. Also, Maplecon's attendance continues to drop year after year and one hopes that this does not foreshadow a fatal trend in Ottawa fandom.

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