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KEY TO CALENDAR & OTHER IMPEDIMENTA

ESTROGEN ZONE = Ladies Auxiliary Sewing and Fallout Society
 TRIPE = Temporal Retrieval of Information Programming and Entertainment.
 BOD = Board of Directors
 2nd Sunday = Board and other gaming
 Cinema Anime = Japanimation
 CFO = Cartoon Fantasy Organisation
 Work Party = Varies with what needs doing
 FWEMS = Fourth Sunday Movies - 2 pm
 FUCC = Fandom Universal Computer Club
 TIME MEDDLERS = Dr. Who club

CALENDAR DETAILS

TRIPE - Noon until whenever

BOD - 11:00 am, games start at 2:00 pm
 Cinema Anime - 1:00 pm until it ends
 CFO - 1 pm to 8 pm
 Work Party - 10:30 am
 FUCC - Evening
 TIME MEDDLERS - 10:30 am
 ESTROGEN ZONE - 2:00 pm
 Marketing Committee - 7:30 pm
 FWEMS - Shakespeare with a twist

THURSDAY PROGRAMME ITEMS

MARCH 6- Nothing scheduled at this time
MARCH 13- Nothing scheduled at this time
MARCH 20- Nothing scheduled at this time
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Address corrections should be given or sent to the LASFS Treasurer at the clubhouse.

Due to the press of other material there is currently no space available in *De Profundis* for advertising. I will always try to find room to announce upcoming events of interest to members.

Due to space limitations, priority is always given to content mandated in the LASFS by-laws and by any applicable traditions. Also, after that stuff, by what the editor wants to do.

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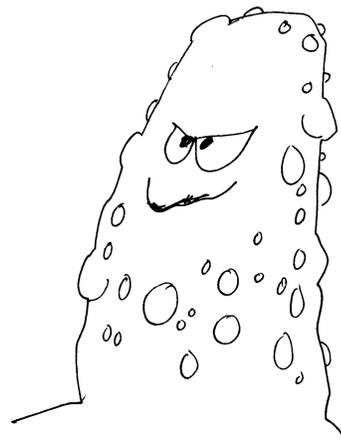
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ESTROGEN ZONE

Scrapbooking classes and workshops

If you have scrapbooked before, please bring your supplies and come and sit and talk as the rest work on their projects.

Rebecca will be glad to help anybody who has not done this get started.

Questions? Call Rebecca at: (310) 710-3291

CONDENSED CREAM OF MENACE

(complete minutes can be read in APA -L and are filed in the archives)

Meeting #3412, January 2, 2003

Ed Green, presiding

Karl Lemke, Scribe

Meeting number 3412 started at 20:11:20. The **Menace** were read and approved as "Thank you Mr. Niven for the cheese." So why do we love

it at the LASFS? It's the cheese . . . Thirteen minutes in and Ed's already lost control.

The **Registrar**: No guests.

Patron Saint Dan Alderson: Joe Zeff stated, although it was before his time, Purtegas Night was started on 12/26 when Dan was going Weep Wail. Ed Buchman, trying to cheer him up, stated, "Look World, I am Putrid!" George Mulligan: At JPL, he used to drive an old Chrysler with a very powerful engine, and the Phone Company drove Gremlins. Once, he found a parking spot that was just a little too small: He backed up to the phone company Gremlin behind him, and used his bumper to move the Gremlin so that he could drive out of the lot.

Larry Niven: Went to Dan Alderson once, when he needed something interesting to use on Ringworld. Dan came up with a superthermal laser, which has now appeared in four books. He loved to play with Ringworlds. Imagine a Ringworld built by Mesklinites. CLJII: Dan was good at combining whimsy with hard science. Also got us to the other side of the asteroid belt. (*Dan developed the programme used by NASA to navigate the solar system . . . or summat like that. - ed.*) A better friend you could hardly hope for. Was on the BoD, a major donor of dollars and time, and has been missed. He is immortalized in comics pages and in Lucifer's Hammer. Hare Hobbs: Several people think the Russian's stole Alderson's program. Bob Null: One Halloween, Dan went as a parody of himself, with lots of pockets and rows and rows of pens. He was given Three Cheers and a space drive.

Patron Saint Joe Zeff: Ed Green noted, he has served as Vice President, one of the most grueling and least appreciated offices in the club. Mike Thorsen: Joe has been active in the Friday night gaming community as well as the Thursday night meeting. He's an excellent games master, and a pretty good D&D player.

Christian: Dan Alderson and Joe Zeff are connected. Near the end of Dan's life, Joe was Dan's lifeline to the club, and reminded the club of Dan's continued existence. He arranged to get Dan to meetings when he could be there. Bill Ellem: We're cleaning out our garage. In this process, we discovered once again that Joe is a published author. Tepper: He has assisted me many times with computer related advice, and helped move furniture in his truck. No dead bodies, yet. And Joe gave us money. Three Cheers and no more kidney stones!

Committee to Gouge: did so while Ed tried to regain control of the meeting. Especially popular was the matching grass clap. Anyone returning any of tonight's material for re-auction will be executed.

Committee Reports: Matthew Tepper is reviving his old committee from 30 years ago, to point out significant birthdays. Today is the 83rd birthday of Isaac Asimov. Tomorrow is the 111th birthday of John Ronald Reuel Tolkien. (This was a one-time revival of this committee.) Marty Cantor reported that, in honor of Isaac Asimov, this is National Science Fiction Day.

Christian the Science Monitor reported on a new experiment last night, the heat retention of nuts. Take a whole bunch of people, rent a lodge at a high altitude. Bring lots of liquor and lots of booze. Get a lot of smoke coming into the room. The flue was open. Put out fire - still smoking. The chimney was on fire. A very industrious squirrel had managed to stash a ton of nuts in the double-insulated fireplace flue. The firemen

concluded that it was a nest of bluejays. (It's a natural mistake.)

Ed Green announced a newly formed committee to clean the LA SFS. Over the next two months, there'll be a severe effort to clean up the facility. For various reasons, it's been slipping.

Christian: those who have experienced tonight's auction, there'll be some more like that. (*Items were auctioned in lots, not individually. - ed.*) We won't be discouraging people from bringing stuff to auction, but don't bring trash. Does the auction committee have the right to call crud?

Reviews: Christian has read a book: Christopher More, *Lamb: The Gospel According to Biff*. Biff is Christ's childhood pal. The story is sort of a Lamb-pon. One of the lost gospels, it's too bad it hadn't stayed that way.

Christian offered a review of two cereals. Kellogg's All Bran, which helped him with some technical difficulties. Tasted like cardboard. Raisin Bran doesn't have enough raisins. Buy Product 19 and extra raisins.

Elise: recommend two books: Jeff Strand: *How to Rescue a Dead Princess*, and *Grave Robbers Wanted, No Experience Necessary*. *Mandibles*, about killer ants. *Single White Psychopath, Seeks Same*. Compared to him, Stephen King is normal. Most of these works are available electronically. <seriouslywacked.com>

CLJII: reviewed the outside of a box of Wheaties . . . This box has on its front a picture of Slingshot Sammy Baugh who was a star of a Republic serial. It's a Serial Cereal Collectable.

The meeting adjourned at 21:17:08.

Meeting #3413, January 9, 2003
Ed Green, presiding
Karl Lembke, Scribe scribbling

Meeting number 3413 started at 20:14:14. The **Menace** were read and approved as "They're all nuts."

The **Registrar**: No guests!

Patron Saint Bruce Pelz: Elayne: He married me. Len Moffatt called it the smartest thing he ever did. Christian McGuire stated he was the institutional memory of fandom. If you wanted to know what happened wherever after 1969, he could tell you. He was an incredibly eclectic fan. He had given up being an active filker before Christian joined fandom. He was a bit of everything, and therefore could relate to anyone in fandom.

Len Moffatt said, Bruce's memory went beyond 1961 even though he wasn't around then. I used to go to Bruce to find out what had happened in the '40s, and he'd know, because he'd read it in a fanzine. He remembered things about fandom that happened before he was in fandom. CLJII said, shortly after his demise, Bruce was elected VP of BASFS. He held the position for 12 weeks, at the end of which time he was subject to recall for non-feasance. The person who replaced him has done almost as good a job as Bruce did.

Matthew Tepper added that Bruce's talent was not merely the fact that he remembered things, but that he understood what had happened, and why, and was willing to tell people. Hare Hobbs will miss his laugh.

Lafa

(Los Angeles Filkers Anonymous)

Lafa Filksing -
March 22, 2003:

7:00 PM till around 1:00 AM.

Sean and Linda Cleary (and Heather and
Fiona Cleary, now 6 and 9 years
old)

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There may be some small filk signs.
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Page 682 in new style edition, between grid
A1 and A2.
Page 22 old style.

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Brett Achorn: He was a hell of a Hell player, and often offered pointed instruction to people whose play varied from optimal. At Westercon, he had hoped to take refuge in the anime room where no one would ever think to look for him. Joe Zeff said, No matter how irate Bruce was about how you'd played a hand of Hell, the perfect defense was you'd made your hand. Second, he was often amazed at how good Bruce was at matching people to books and authors they'd never thought of reading before.

Joan Stewart recalled that Bruce didn't like praise. Last year, when we went through this exercise, he refused to come in from his book table. Christian:

Bruce Knew People. He could learn who a person is, and work with that, and participate with who they were, and help them have fun. He participated in fandom to have fun, share the passion, and know people. Fred: Bruce never hesitated to admit when he made a mistake, or possibly declare when he made a mistake. Bruce felt that his biggest mistake was creating Woof, the annual Worldcon APA. (*Before that he had considered APA-L his biggest mistake. -ed.*)

Ed Hooper: Bruce liked to cruise, and loved to talk about where he had been and where he was going. I, he said, was one of his enablers. Hare: Bruce was good at running cons because he knew where to put the right people. CLJII amplified, saying Bruce was better at running cons than was Bud Abbott. He knew how to extract every ounce of enjoyment out of everything he did, including enjoyment that wasn't there to be extracted. Ed Green finished up with the following: Last May, Baycon had a ribbon with Bruce's name on it. This was taken up by a couple of other conventions. He had made an announcement at the Bruce Memorial Panel, asking people to do something just in case. He had written in APA-L about this ribbon, and John Hertz had commented that it's a pity Bruce couldn't get it, because he was a completist in ribbon collecting. On Tuesday of this week, Ed walked down to the beach and took the ashes of the three ribbons, and Bruce now has them.

Three Cheers, and a fair wind to guide him.

Fannish Committee Reports: Bob Null reported that he had just cleaned his hands with hecto hand cleaner. The tub has outlasted two generations of reproduction machines. Brett Achorn remarked that that tells you something about fans and soap.

The meeting adjourned at 21:05:40.

Meeting #3414, January 16, 2003

Ed Green, presiding

Karl Lembke, Scribe

One ringey dingey, two ringey dingey, is this the meeting to whom I am speaking? Meeting number 3414 started at 20:11:38.

Special Orders of Business: Withheld until next week.

The **Menace** were read and approved as "chickets criping."

The **Registrar:** WE have a guest! John Garza, hiding in the corner.

Patron Saint Jeff Siegel, Lt. Col. (ret.). Jerry Pournelle said that he was Alex's best friend while the two were growing up together. Barry Workman and Jerry Pournelle helped him get his appointment to the Academy. He was recently married in an Air Force chapel. Now retired from the Services, he's attending a seminary to become a Lutheran priest. He's an SF fan, and once came up with money. The brat pack is all grown up now.

Fred Patten said his name is misspelled. (We have a professional misspeller to take care of this. Don't try it at home.) He's one of the fans who arguably is responsible for anime fandom. He was one of the group who, in 1976, watched the cartoons off Channel 52, since they were so weird. "These are neat" they said, "could we see any more of them?" He also prompted the idea of starting a separate club. Three Cheers and a bird in his future. (Or wings at least).

Committee to Gouge: Auctioned off a bunch of stuff, with an intermission for first aid.

Committee Reports: Elayne Pelz: will be working on a directory!!!! Proof sheets will be up next week. Check address, phone number, e-dress, make sure they're correct. (*Deadline is end of February - contact either Elayne or The Treasurer if you cannot get to the clubhouse in time. -ed.*)

Marty Cantor: There are people who tend to leave things in the APA-L Room. Anyone who does printing, if you do multi-day printing, take your paper with you between sessions. Any paper left will become a donation to the club. If you really need to store paper, talk to Marty.

The meeting adjourned at 21:04:35.

Meeting #3415, January 23, 2003

Ed Green, presiding

Karl Lembke, Scribe

Meeting number 3415 started at 20:13:23.

Special Orders of Business: Some very serious items this eve. Virginia Kidd, agent and author, Jan. 12 after a long illness. Virginia Heinlein, Jan. 18.

The **Menace** were read and approved as "Mark is a toon—hahahaha thud."

Agenda modification: In years past, we've had a way to honor people who've done interesting things around the club. This is the Fugghead of the Year Contest. We've tried to make it more acceptable, and after consultation with many members, living and dead, we're bringing back the Fugghead of the Year Contest. To nominate someone as a fugghead costs \$1. To vote, deposit 1¢ per vote. You can cast positive and negative

votes. Negative votes cost 2¢. The contest runs 'till the end of April, the winner getting a speech in his, her, or its honor, given by the being in second place. After all, who wants to listen to a fugghead?

The **Registrar**: announced a guest, Chris Sugden, who lives in Temecula. He's a cousin of Selina's.

Patron Saint Rick Sneary. Len said, Richard Monroe Sneary, a giant in fandom, nationally and internationally. He gave money under the regime that began the building fund. He did a lot of stuff for the club. When Forry was honored as a Saint, Charlie said, look around you, he's responsible for a lot of it. In the '50s, the club ran into some hard times due to some fussing and feuding. No one wanted to do anything, except for a handful who held the club together. Rick was Director and Treasurer. Sometimes the Treasurer would dig into his own pocket to pay the rent on the facilities the club was using. It's a shame no one kept track of these donations. He donated money, work, and loyalty.

Marty Cantor said, Rick came up with the slogan "South Gate in '58." That's where, theoretically, the Worldcon was held that year. *South Gate was where Rick lived. - ed.* There were no facilities in South Gate that would accommo date it, so South Gate and Los Angeles held a trade, so the hotel would be considered part of South Gate for the duration of the con. Matthew Tepper: noted that the trade was accomplished by a joint proclamation by the mayors of LA and South Gate. (Len confirmed the story.) Mayor Weaver of South Gate came to the convention and read a proclamation by the Mayor of LA. *(Mayor Weaver's speech was filled with puns and other humour and was therefore well received by the con members.-ed.)*

Rick had bad spelling, because he was very sickly and was tutored at home. He didn't like it when people published his work as spelled, but it was more interesting that way. *(When I pubbed his locs, I always removed his typos before inserting my own. -ed.)* Three cheers and a typo.

Patron Saint Gail Selinger: became an active member in the '70s, became a partner with Frank Gasperik. She's often remembered as "in conjunction with," and deserves to be remembered in her own right. Matthew Tepper: recalled that she was a public schoolteacher in NYC.

Allan Rothstein notes that she created "Coof," a typo of "Coffee." She forgot to correct it, and so people wound up coming up with recipes for coof. CLJII: She doesn't come around mu ch because she's plying her trade as an authoress. Three Cheers and a typo-writer.

Committee to Gouge: auctioned off a bunch of crap.

Time-Bound Announcements: Mark is fine. He has the flu. He is not known to make a habit of passing out. He just thought Tadao was that funny.

Frank Waller: has guacamole tortilla chips for sale.

Allan: I got out of a sick-bed for this?

Reviews: Hare: went to Hollywood to see a movie. He didn't see a movie. Instead, he went to Farmers Market, bought a cheese enchilada, and spent the next two hours in the bathroom. Not as much fun as the movie, but the yawns were in technicolor.

CLJII: The plot of El Beso Del Vampiro has become too complex to continue updates. There are a few amusing notes. The father of the couch potato vampire attempted to threaten Boris, claiming to be Count Dracula. He was very surprised when Boris magically teleported him into his lair and announced that he's not afraid of him.

Hare asked, "is this accurate?" CLJII replied, "I'm not guaranteeing accuracy, I'm only guaranteeing to make Jerry laugh for a few seconds." Jerry applauded. Ed Green declared himself at a loss for words. And there was much rejoicing.

Miscellaneous: Len and June were in an accident Monday. As the cop said, any accident you can walk away from is a good one. The other guy ran a red light for the privilege of shaking the Moffatt's hands. Too bad he had to go and shake the rest of them, too. The car is in the shop, pending repairs. *(The Moffatti are in APA-L, but that is not repairable. -ed.)*

The meeting adjourned at 21:04:35.

Meeting #3416, January 30, 2003

Ed Green, presiding

Karl Lembke, Scribe

Meeting number 3416 started at 20:11:07.

Special Orders of Business: CLJII is not here, and will not be SOBbing. Ed has a Special Order of Business. Bob Null has been diagnosed with colon cancer. He's here, and will be available to talk with in the interim. In the short term, there may be some changing of duties. He'll carry on as VP with as much as he feels comfortable doing. If you see anyone filling in for Bob, it's for his health. We all hope this works out well and quickly. Prayers and good thoughts are definitely solicited.

The **Menace** were read and approved as "the whole enchilada."

The **Registrar**: Dr. Arizona the archaeologist was unable to dig up any guests.

Patron Saint Mike Luwish, son of Emil Luwish. He gave us money, and was good too his father. "I never heard a word against him" - Francis Hamit.

Ed Green spoke about the next **Patron Saint, Gary Louie.** He passed away far too young in 1999. Gary was one of those who deserved the title, "Big Hearted." "I miss his humor," Ed said, "I miss him." Hare said, "This last LOSCON, I really missed him. After unloading the truck, we would go to the art room to help set up." Gary was great at spotting when Hare drifted off and getting him going again.

Tadao said that it was fun to know Gary. When working in the Library, they would ex-



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change oranges, making a ritual of it. Gary's ghost has caused Tadao to make it to the finals of the Mah Jongg Tournament and lose to whoever else was in the finals.

Len: Whenever SCIFI put on Bouchercon a few years ago, Gary got involved in working on the program book and the bibliography for Ed Hoag, Guest of Honor. He did all of the basic typesetting to send to the printer. This involved translating between computer formats, as well. When he got involved in something, you could depend on him down to the nth degree. Zeff: from the very first day he showed up, he threw himself into helping the club run. He was elected to the BoD the very first election on which he was eligible, and was on the Board the rest of his life. Gary is the first person to have accumulated enough money to become a Saint posthumously.

Marty Cantor: He was a very quiet presence. You might never notice him in the room. But he got involved in just about every activity of the club. One of the most valuable members of LASFS. He was a Lego collector. He died about a month before Legoland opened and thus did not get to visit it. He was given Three Cheers.

Committee to Gouge: auctioned off a boomerang. Well, we tried to throw it away.

Old Business: Minor omission from the Fugghead Contest: Mark Poliner should have been on the list.

New Business: No formal motion, but let's get a sense of the LASFS (HA!). Shall we move that the Poliner's be banned from sitting in the front chairs?

Further business: A document has been filed with the Superior Court of California, case #42, a complaint for damages. Plaintiff: Mark Poliner. Defendant, Tadao Tomomatsu. Cause of action: deadly humor. ("Breathe, goddammit, breathe!" said Ed. "I'm not doing mouth-to-mouth.")

Registrar Dr. Arizona managed to dig up a guest! Terry, who was selling knives at LOSCON.

Reviews: Rick Foss had two book reviews: Ken Whorton: Divine Intervention. Style is very Heinleinian. It has some of the qualities of Heinlein juveniles. There is actually a legitimate reason why one of the heroes is a kid. It deals with the question of what sort of religion might develop on a spaceship that's been underway for years. We see a culture trying to live according to a garbled mess of Earth religions. It has believable characters and interestingly flawed villains. If you like arguing religion, you'll enjoy this book. The other book is "Half Life" by Hal Clement. It's a good idea, but it's a shame about the implementation. Rick wound up flipping back and forth to keep track of the people.

Jerry Pournelle reviewed a train. LA turns out to have a rapid transit system that works. He went to San Diego to see his grandkid. Got on a train at 2:45 in Santa Fe. Was home by 6:30. (*That was one fast train. However, I guess that it is worth going to New Mexico on one's way from Los Angeles to San Diego if one can make the trip that fast. - ed.*)

Don Wenner: The Braille Institute has an audio compass. If you listen real close, you can understand what it says: "East, West, North, and Shit." \$60.

Breathe, damn you!

Fannish Committee Reports: Ed Green, reporting for the Dromedary Committee, notes that the USAF has issued an advisory to all pilots, especially those on close air support, not to buzz camels. It upsets them and throws off their mating cycles. USAF has paid off \$2 million in suits and fines. There is now a 500-foot bubble around all visible camels.

Breathe, damn you!

The meeting adjourned at 21:18:40. (*Allowing everybody to go home and breathe. - ed.*)

**LASFS Board of Directors
Meeting of January 12, 2003
Karl Lembke, Chairman
Joe Zeff, Secretary**

Directors: Karl Lembke, Mike Thorson, Bill Ellem, Brett Achorn, Marty Cantor, Liz Mortensen, Ed G-R-E-E-N, Bob Null, Joe Zeff, Cathy Beckstead, Michael Mason.

Others: Joyce Sperling, Dale Hales, Phil Castora, Tadao Tomomatsu, Ann Morrel, Greg Bilan, Stacy Hallman, Francis Hamit, Frank Waller, Arlene Satin.

Chairman Karl Lembke called the meeting to (dis)order at 11:12 am in a Toonish fashion. The Chairman wasn't sure whether the election of new Board officers comes before or after the reading of the minutes, so did it after.

The minutes had not been distributed until late last night, so paper copies were available for nitpick. They were accepted as nitpicked.

Election of Corporate Officers: Karl Lembke was elected as Chairman by Acclamation.

After a bit of discussion about the duties, Mike Thorson was railroaded into the job of Vice Chairman. The machine continued by changing the Scribe Pro Tem into the Secretary of the Board. Before chugging to a halt, Michael Mason was Comptroller. The non-cast ballots were all infra-green.

Bill Ellem suggested that the Board welcome Brett Achorn to the Board, with the comment that he didn't know, yet, what he'd let themselves in for. Liz Mortensen pointed out that Marty Cantor was also new to the Board.

New Members: Elise Deo Beraw, Sandra Stoller and Jeff Dollarhist have applied and paid their \$5. This most important qualification having been fulfilled, they were accepted without demur

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report is available from the treasurer.

We have a new Sacred Object: St. Joe Zeff is now the Sacred Sideburns. Brett and Stacy have both paid their lifetime dues and have also become Patron Saints.

As this is January, we next discussed the budget. After all items were gone over, it was approved as amended. The treasurer was thanked by the board for her work.

Facilities: Mike Donahue told Karl that he's planning to finish up the back bathroom, followed by work in the front building. As he's also working on his own home, his time is more limited than normal. Bob pointed out that the replacement wood for the gutters needs painting and that some of the floodlight sockets need replacing as they don't fit the fluorescent bulbs.

Furniture: We have the new benches, but they still need to be properly installed. We may need an appropriate drill, but Bob Null may have one. The substrate beneath the macadam is the main issue; if there's cement or granite aggregate, the job is, of course, much harder. The folding picnic table really needs to be chained to Monstro, but doesn't really need to have a standard key; Mr. Null will pick something appropriate. Our current couches are fast approaching the end of their expected service life and need replacement. We can probably get replacements from thrift stores, as long as we don't mind that they don't match. If we prefer them to be of the same pattern, we'll have to find new. In either case, we have many trucks available. Sam Void was told to make it happen, as we can trust his judgment.

Clean-up Committee: The President, the Lord High Janitor and the Lord Low Janitor have discussed this off-line. They came up with a workable division of responsibility that should help considerably. The Committee to Gouge the LASFS has produced and announced a policy on donations, including a moratorium on new donations until the end of February. There are plans to move the folding tables to one of our new closets and move all our two door cabinets to the South Wall behind the couches, making more room available. Ed Green's mandate to move things around to give us more room for members was informally confirmed, and his basic plan was described and honed.

Building Maintenance: Mike Thorson has found a mail-order house on-line that can provide a better screen for our video projector, that's much better suited to our needs, as it's made to be bolted to the ceiling. The cost is about \$300, already in the budget, so Ed Green moved to spend up to \$350 for replacement. Bill Ellem seconded the motion and it passed unopposed.

Computers: All the old computers have been removed by Ky Mofatt. We still have a number of bags of Jack Harness papers, including manuscripts, file folders, meeting minutes and other interesting things. The computer room is continuing to emulate the Augean Stables, and we need a pseudo-Hercules.

Hall Decoration is still status quo ante.

Gestetner: We're getting a new thermal head. The masters aren't being pulled out of the machine properly because the rubber components are weakening. The components aren't expensive, but it takes a bit of labor to replace them. Once this is done, it should be fine for at least a year or so. The machine has used about 30% of its expected impressions and is expected to live for many more years provided it gets proper maintenance and the company continues to provide replacement parts.

Club Machines: The video projector is beginning to fail and needs service. The SCIFI projector will be made available during the interim.

Marketing: Arlene Satin reports that they're planning to create a club reference calendar, with events, deadlines and so-on.

Copyright seminar: We have a small number of reservations, plus a

few more people planning to reserve. Announcements will be made in various appropriate publications. All is on schedule, and going as planned.

Reading Lists: No progress, no report. Same for the video list as CLJII sent no report.

Emergency Mailing List: Elayne Pelz will get the data from Mike Glycer on the Directory and update it. This will be kept on Bookie with backup in Oink-Oink-Flap-Flap. At some point, we need to decide which of our computers is the most secure.

LASFS.ORG: no updates.

Library: Michael will be working on it this afternoon and plans to spend some evenings here processing the backlog. It's still not accepting donations until the pile gets down to manageable proportions.

Archives: Except for the Jack Harness material, nothing new.

Festival of Books: Greg will send in the paperwork as soon as he has the check. Mike Donahue will get him flyers and he's looking for books for handouts.

LosCon 29: Fred Patten has sent Tadao some info on LosCon Archives. The pass-on list is being worked on and a wrap-up meeting will be held at some future time.

LosCon 30: Michael will be talking to Liz about scheduling six meetings and avoiding conflicts. The website is already in place.

LosCon 31: We are now looking for bids for this. Bids will be presented, discussed, and vetted by the Board at the February meeting.

LaLaCon 9: LaLacon's 11, Are you in or out? The official date is June 28 and 28, to avoid conflict with the Festival of Books. Setup on the 27th, tear-down on the 29th. Ms. Mortensen objected, preferring an earlier date. More details later.

Neighborhood Council: Elections for this will probably be next month, and Marty is running. LASFS has a vote, as does any member living or working in this area. All active members may well have a vote as they have a stake in the issue, but this is arguable. Allan Rothstein is also running, but not for the same position. Alas, the City Attorney made no provision for corporate vote so this may be a dead issue. Research will be done. Politely.

LosCons of the Future: The long-term contract was signed, and LosCons 31 through 35 will take place at the LA Airport Marriott.

Misc: Work on Burbank Blvd is expected to reach our area in the near future. The work can take anywhere from a month or two up to a year. They don't appear to be putting a vault in our block, so it shouldn't be too bad. Bill Ellem brought up the possibility of a retreat, to plan for the future. Ed Green, seconded by Cathy Beckstead moved to table this until next month. All agreed that this was a good idea.

Convention Delegates: Michael Mason will be at Boskone, possibly across the February BoD Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:27 PM.

FANZINES

By Ted White

Fanzines are a basic part of science fiction fandom, having been in existence as long as fandom itself – the past 70 years. Fanzines are a reflection of many fans' interest in the printed word and amateur publishing. The publication you are reading this in is a fanzine, but a specialized one. A variety of other fanzines are also available – many of them by request – and this column will cover some of them each issue.

All fanzines are published as a hobby and lose money. Their editors appreciate money to defray their expenses and sometimes list single-copy or subscription prices, but they appreciate even more your written response – a Letter of Comment, or LoC. Feedback – better known in fandom as “egoboo” – is what fanzine publishing is all about.

Check out the fanzine below and broaden your participation in fandom.

HEAD! #5 (Doug Bell & Christina Lake, co-editors, 12 Hatherley Road, Bishopston, Bristol BS7 8QA, U.K.; e-mail to head@headwest.fsnet.co.uk; available “on whim, or for letters of comment, artwork, contributions, other fanzines and, of course, alcoholic beverages for llamas.” Some money to cover postage would no doubt also be appreciated)

Head! has within five reasonably frequent issues become one of the better fanzines around. It has accomplished this without pyrotechnics or even glitz, but the accomplishment has been noted by a Nova Award (voted on and handed out at the UK's Novacon, held every November).

The fanzine has two things going for it: its editors. Christina Lake has been an active fan for two decades, is a past TAFF winner, and a celebrated fanwriter whose own fanzines are always guaranteed good reads. Doug Bell is a relatively new fan who brings with him the enthusiasm and energy which powers *Head!* – and is no slouch as a fanwriter himself. Between them they set standards to which the fanzine's other contributors live up.

Head! is an attractively produced (computer typeset, as are almost all fanzines now, in a double-columned format using a readable san-serif typeface) 26-page fanzine. Beyond Brad Foster's cover there isn't a lot of interior art, although there a number of photographs relevant to the text they accompany.

But a sense of Art pervades the fanzine. It crops up most overtly in the first article, Gary Wilkinson's “Medicine Men,” which is all about the art of the last and current cen-

tury, and has “Art” as its running head. But it crops up again in Doug's “Pil Pil, I Love You Still,” about his travels in Basque Spain and France, although now the running head is “Travel.” Doug spends several pages on the Guggenheim Art Museum in Bilbao.

This sets the tone for the rest of the issue. Christina opens the issue with a one-page editorial, writes about fracturing her arm in the course of a long bicycle ride (running head: “Health”) in “It's Not Quite Straight, Is It?” and offers some insightful musings into fandom in “Where the Neo-Fans Graze” (running head: “Fandom”). Nick Walters, a Dr. Who novelist, gets to meet his favorite Dr. Who actor at a poetry reading in “McGann,” (running head: “Media”) and is as thrilled about it as any fanboy while managing not to sound like one. Five pages of letters (running head: “Letters”) round out the issue.

Head! is solid without being pretentious. Like most well-written fanzines, it addresses a small and intimate audience with informality and humor while occasionally dealing with important and serious topics. And, like most of the better fanzines, it evokes a sense of the fannish community from which it springs and to whom it speaks – most explicitly in Christina's “Where the Neo-Fans Graze.” This is by no means a closed or snobbish community and *Head!* is a good way to gain access to it.

zines received in trade

(All zines are available to read and are in the *De Profundis* mailbox and can be taken out for a week)

club zines: *EINBLATT!* Feb. 2003 (MINNSTF). *SFSFS SHUTTLE #151* (SFSFS). *DASFAX Vol. 35, #1* (DASFA). *NASFA SHUTTLE Vol. 23, #1* (NASFA). *PSFS NEWS* (PSFS). *PULSAR #292* (PorSFis). *INSTANT MESSAGE #714* (NESFA). *WESTWIND #265* (NWSFS) plus *The Green Book* directory of NWSFS.

other zines: *MIMOSA #29* Rick & Nicki Lynch.

NEW BOOKS

(This is a section devoted to listing new books and other items received by the LASFS Library. Our extensive library is not just for collecting and looking at that wonderful collection of books on shelves. Members may take them out and read them. There is no current list of new additions.)

Recent Additions to the Video Collection

(There were none listed for this month.)

ATTENTION CRAFTERS

The LASFS (Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society) will be hosting a Craft Fair on June 7th, 2003 from 11 AM to 6 PM. The event will be held at the LASFS Clubhouse at 11513 Burbank Blvd., North Hollywood, CA 91601 (818)760-9234.

Spaces (approximately 6' x 6') can now be reserved for \$5. Spaces are Limited.

You are invited to join us and sell the product of your craft and/or craft supplies. Self-made craftwork must comprise at **least 50%** of wares. Please No Resellers, except for craft suppliers! Reservation Preference will be given to Crafters who are LASFS members or LASFS member referred. Spaces will be (very) approximately 6' x 6'. These spaces will be laid out for first come choice on the day of the event. Crafters are encouraged to provide their own tables, chairs, etc. with the club's resources being provided on a limited first come / first serve basis on the day of the event. Cancellations and No-Shows are non-refundable except in cases of exceptional extenuating circumstances. A crafter will be considered a No-Show if she/he does not arrive by Noon on the day of the event - at which time the space will be made available to a crafter on the at-show waiting list. Set up will begin at 9 AM.

At the end of the event, **10% of Earnings above \$50** will be collected from each crafter. Individual crafters are responsible themselves for any necessary permits and the collection of pertinent sales taxes. Crafters are also required to **donate an item worth at least \$10** for sale at raffle, all proceeds benefitting the LASFS (a non-profit literary organization).

Crafters are specifically encouraged to demonstrate their craft at their table or at the Craft Demonstration Area. There are a limited number of sessions at the craft demo area available during the day of the event. Please indicate below your interest in such a session.

Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Craft Type: _____

I am a LASFS Member Member Referral

Number of Spaces _____ x \$5 /space = _____

(make checks payable to the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society)

Interested in a Session at the Craft Demo Area Y / N

(must have a pre-reserved craft booth space)

I agree to all the conditions and terms laid out above

X _____



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