

# De Profundis

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the LASFS holds a business meeting each Thursnight at 8:10; almost everyone is welcome. Frinights there is usually a card game at the clubhouse. the Second Sunday of each month is Open House, starting about 2 pm.  
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after the September 8 meeting, Barry Gold will lead a filksing.  
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2396 = 1983 July 14

Mark brought the meeting to order at 8:11 by bashing Darth Vader. the reading of the minutes, Treasurer's Report, intro of guests (by substitute Reformed Virgin Dasher) proceeded in a similarly eccentric faashion.

Bob Null spoke of the previous Second Sunday Open House, with lots of watermelon and lots of mess. Galen Tripp, the Lord High Janitor, chimed in, asking members to clean up after themselves a bit more.

CLJII reported on his upcoming film showings; next week before the meeting would be 2 Paddington Bear cartoons, and the first chapter of the serial Perils of Nyoka.

Weiss reported a putrid bumper sticker that your editor refuses to repeat.

Elst Weinstein publicized the final Hogu Ballot. Elyse Cook was said to be appearing as "Available Jones" in LI'L ABNER, \$4 a seat in Claremont.

Tom Collins noted a series of Lon Chaney double features, Fridays at UCLA; and plugged KOYANIGAAATSI, which is Hopi for "come see this film" according to Tom. CLJII gave a brief but emphatic negative review of 1990: THE BRONX WARRIORS.  
adjourned 9:18

2397 = 1983 July 21

(phony secretary: Robbie Cantor)

Jack Henigan of Washington announced he was recruiting help for ConStellation.

CLJII gave the Loscon 10 film program report. there will be spy movies, sf, and comedies, but no westerns. projectionists are needed and will be trained if necessary.

Mark mentioned that Loscon 10 will have a dance again.

Virginia Bauer-Tapia announced that air fares go up August 1; to avoid the hike, people should pay for tickets before then. Sandy remarked that we have a Real Travel Agent, er, a Real Efficient Travel Agent.

Carl Hylin needs a regular ride home to Canoga Park, and a room to share in Baltimore.

DASher announced [a bit prematurely] that De Profundis was out.

Andy Rosen announced the July 23 meeting of Filkers Anon.

George Mulligan suggested we replace the gavel with a synsonics (?) drum.

Charlie observed that the economy must be in terrible shape: the porno Guild Theatre on Lankershim is closed. he also mentioned that "Snow White" has a trailer for "The Rescuers" and a Scrooge McDuck cartoon with him as Ebenezer.

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Bruce gouged money.

DASher relayed reports from Science concerning an American space station: George Keyworth is in favor of it, and the ESA wants to be involved.

Harry Davidoff reviewed Bullwinkle Restaurant.

parking spaces were auctioned. meeting adjourned to a new serial and two Paddington cartoons.

Alan Prince Winston moved to dissolve the club. motion passed, but of course that was AFTER we adjourned

2398 = 1983 July 28

(phony secretary David Schlosser)

Frank Kelly Freas was chosen for this year's Forry Award for contribution to SF. other nominees were George Lucas, Terry Carr, C. J. Cherryh, Richard Matheson, Robert Sheckley, George Clayton Johnson, Robert Wise, Ursula Le Guin, George Scithers, Robert Silverberg, Jack Vance, James Hogan, Clifford Simak, Andre Norton, Anne McCaffrey, James Kahn, Harry Harrison, Stanley Schmidt, Steven King.

Freas will be invited to LosCon for the presentation.

this week's only guest was J. Patrick Bradley of Hollywood, wearing a tshirt labeled "Martin".

the last two parking spaces for August were sold.

CLJII reported that the club's Selectric's blackletter type ball has been missing for a while. he further reported sighting of a limo with tinted windows and "BIG AL C" plates.

Steve StOnge and Neeters will sell furniture before moving to Minneapolis in the spring.

Corroborree Press, Minneapolis, is publishing two Lafferty books (Golden Gate and other stories; Through Elegant Eyes) in a signed limited edition of 1000; illu by a fan artist; \$20 plus postage.

DASher announced that DeProf was really truly out.

DASher hopes to drive to Portland for Orycon in November, and will want a co-driver.

reviews : Andy Rosen likes the new arcade game Dragon's Lair; Joe Zeff panned the Wilshire Museum's Young Artists Awards exhibit; CLJII said "Krull" was Not Bad; DASher praised Gordon Lightfoot's new "Salute"; Frank reported that KNX is running old radio shows Monnights; George Jumper liked "Spacehunter" and "High Road to China".

adjourned 9:19 to Sandy Cohen's slide show of a decade of costume shows.

2399 = 1983 August 4

the Real Glycer dropped by after two weeks in Boston to read Schlosser's minutes. the Real Naomi presented guests David W. Clark, David West, David Weiner, Frank Miele, and Steven Summerfield.

the Computer Committee in the person of George Jumper reported to no one's surprise that the machine has been down for awhile, but expressed hope that the patient, with some attention from Noor Singh, will eventually heal. someone asked about the presence/absence of certain circuit boards; Bill Welden referred members to the inventory made on acquisition.

Charlie is still trying to find the Old English ball for the Selectric. reward: anonymity.

Andy Rosen advertised ditto fluid for \$2/gallon, cheap; and seeks volunteers for a Super 8 film (nudge nudge wink wink). Alderson announced a Roger Hill slide show as the program for 2401. Bob Null reports that the Bookaneer, Vanowen St and Tampa Ave, offers a discount for LASFS members. Rick Foss is trying to get a group together to fly to Coppercon at discount.

Tom Collins says there is a new print in town of the greatest movie ever made--which, in case you don't know, is THE CHILDREN OF PARADISE. Tom also pitched a Lovecraft apa, the Esoteric Order of Dagon.

Bruce brought advertising about interactive laser discs on sale for \$50 each instead of \$320 each. the six discs of interest are (titled?) VOYAGER, APOLLO, SHUTTLE, THE SPACE AGE, ASTRONOMY, and GEOSCIENCE. Bruce suggested the club buy the discs even though we have no way to play them (and we're not likely to get a player).

Dave Fox, seconded by Mark, moved to spend the \$300 to buy the six discs. discussion opened with treasurer Elayne sticking out her tongue. Andy Rosen suggested borrowing the discs and making illegal copies, and was stifled. it was agreed that the discs would be kept in the library, available to be checked out subject to a deposit.

motion passed by voice vote. Paula Evans will make the buy, as she was planning to go to the store for her own set.

Harry Davidov reviewed THE HORROR OF IT ALL and had his pronunciation of "sci-fi" corrected. Glycer reviewed Boston, and NESFA's help in publishing FILE 770. Mark told of his most recent visit to Juvenile Court (as a plaintiff).

Dan Deckert, for the BoD election procedures revision committee, gave a preview of next week's meeting and outlined the proposed schemes. Pelz spoke for Alderson's revised method, which is similar to the one in current use except that only first-place votes are counted in each iteration, with the option of reballoting after each seat is decided. Sharpe pushed a simple plurality approach: each voter picks 3 or 4 names, and all votes are counted once (just like the mundanes do it). Deckert proposed treating Board elections as a sequence of single-office elections.

Andy Rosen asked Dan Alderson, "are all of these methods mathematically correct?" Alderson replied, "They all have the property of not electing more than the available number of offices, if that's what you mean." (applause.) Dasher informed Rosen of the proof that no election algorism can avoid all of a certain set of paradoxes.

copies of the proposals were made available. meeting adjourned 9:10 to an extended auction.

2400 = 1983 August 11

Saint Jerry Pournelle

Sharpe, for Putridity in Everyday Life, reported the existence of the AIDS POSITIVE ACTION LEAGUE (APAL), and promised to run its flyer as a cover for APA-L.

Bob Null predicted that Robbie Cantor would open the Second Sunday open house. CLJII planned a Loscon 11 meeting for then.

GUESTS Peggy Corrigan; Christine Mansfield.

Marty Cantor wanted suckers to take 2-hr shifts at the Worldcon fanzine sales table. Kyla had an extra ticket to "Sister Mary Ignatius". someone announced tonight's meteor shower; Dasher (and/or Frog) said, "I didn't know meteors could get pregnant."

Milt praised the film version of "La Traviata". George Jumper hyped the Disney cable tv channel, including "Mouseterpiece Theatre" with George Plimpton as Alastair Cooke.



Evidence Found Of  
Prehistoric Fandom  
In Vinland

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during reviews, some members had been reading Alderson's hand-outs detailing three alternatives to the current cumbersome scheme for Board elections, and Dan Deckert now opened discussion with a silly question: "Is everybody clear?" since no one would admit to understanding them, Deckert outlined the three methods again: (1) simple plurality; (2) one-at-a-time preferential; (3) simultaneous preferential. Deckert explained that the committee wanted the club to endorse a general approach, which would then be "fine-tuned" by the committee and the Board.

as there was no motion on the floor so far, Bruce moved to table for 400 years [ed.note: won't they be surprised when this comes up at meeting 23271]. Milt felt the need

for change was proven by the four-and-a-half hours it took to resolve the last Board election, and opined that no one understands the formula anyway. "Not true," said Jumper; "Alderson understands it." (DASher also admitted to understanding it; Dan muttered that Ed Buchman and Roger Hill do too.) the motion to table failed, eight to many.

Bruce then moved to adopt the New Improved Alderson Method (#3?) immediately. a discussion of Robert's Rules as [not] applied in the LASFS ended up with the President ignoring Bruce's motion and setting about to vote on all three.

	first vote	second vote
plan 1	16	20
plan 2	10	(eliminated)
plan 3	18	24

Deckert announced the committee would work on the third proposal and draft it as a change to the By-laws. adjourned 9:14.



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