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Yes we're back and what has it been? Only a matter of mere hours, oh the joy of modern technology. A Minor problem in that it costs an awful lot to do even a few copies of this newsheet so just read the bugger, don't take it with you, OK? Cheers.

So the first afternoon how did it go? Very nicely with a few pints thank you very much. Storm eh? Well what can a red blooded, testosterone full, single man say? (Apart from shit, she's already well into a stable relationship.). Well I was sitting in the bar keeping an eye on Storm to follow her out when the panel was going to start but then someone bought me a beer and, well, you know how it goes.

Talking of beer there is going to be a huge room party in Room 301 tonight - bring your own beer/spirits or whatever. From about 12.00 or so. Be thee or don't. If you're a Trekkie you only have the latter option. OK?

So how has the con being going so far? Well as we told you in our first issue the main action isn't at the programme but in the bar. We've been meeting all sorts of representatives from Irish Fandom hearing the real dirt about why Terry Pratchett is at the con, what Iain Banks said about Octocon and why it is that certain Northern Irish members have been banned from attending Anne McCaffery events (for their own sanity is not one of the reasons). Of course, sources must be kept secret and I'm afraid I cannot real too much at this stage.

Well the incidence of Trekkiedom have been few and far between, and for this I whole heartedly congratulate the Con Committee who have kept them all seculd away. However those uniforms I do believe could do with a wash once or twice. I know the stitching isn't quite up to scratch but people, the stench is awful. Take the hint.

I see James White is still trying to go for the record of attending most Irish Fandom events record. I think his record stretches back now to the heady days of the old ISFA in the early eighties. You know, before yer man bunked off with all the money and that nonsense. Not that I'm saying this has anything to do with the current committee, no siree because James is still very much involved with them too. I mean to say if James is in there, it must be alright? Isn't that true?

Albedo 3 has been forced upon my person as has a copy of P2 (which I thought was and Italian Mafia organisation. then again) and I must say the quality of Irish fan magazines has increased enormously since "Whale's Mouth" (one for you old timers out there). At the moment the Guinness has been flowing too much for me to pass to critical a comment on these mags, but hey, never mind the quality look at the quantity.

So what has Belfast Fandom been up to all day? Getting down the second hand bookshops, supporting the economy of the Republic (nothing new there) and generally getting the pints in and having a good time (again, nothing new there). We're in the bar if you want to join in, everyone (not in costume) is more than welcome.