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and the FAAn Awards. Bal-
lots are enclosed for DUFF
and the FAAns and I urge
you to vote and/or contribute.

INJURY DELAYS KARASS

On February eighth, your humble editor managed to live up to her reputation as a klutz by slipping on an icy sidewalk and breaking her arm. This resulted in pain, a cast, and a debilitating effect on fanac. (Note: Did you ever try to rip open an envelope with one arm in a cast? It cannot be done, unless you utilize an organ Heaven intended for mastication rather than gripping.) You are only receiving this now because of the kindness of Moshe Feder who was *stupid* nice enough to volunteer as a typist, mimeographer and general workhorse. Thank you, Moshe. (*She made me type that.*-MF) Moshe is obviously Roscoe's gift to fandom. (Roscoe, as you may recall, is the ghod who saves fans from catastrophes or their consequences.) Fortunately or unfortunately, the broken arm precipitated my resignation from my job at North American Publishing Co. I had been contemplating leaving prior to this because of the excessive pressures involved in being production manager for LAB WORLD. The company itself wasn't the best, having few fringe benefits, regressive promotion policies, and time clocks and bells to keep the staff on time. It wasn't that I couldn't do the job, but rather that I no longer wanted to do it -- it wasn't worth it. Once my arm heals, I'll have free time to finish GRANFALLOON and do other fanac. So, even broken arms have their bright sides.

TAFF -- BOWERS & TACKETT TIE. BOWERS BOWS OUT AFTER FLIGHT IS CANCELLED.

Bill Bowers and Roy Tackett both received 72 first place votes in the recent TAFF race. The Trans Atlantic Fan Fund sends fans in both directions across the Atlantic to attend major conventions. This year's winners were both to have attended the Eastercon in Manchester, England. TAFF's financial resources are, of course, limited, and the sending of two winners with the proceeds of a single campaign was only possible because of a bargain charter flight. When the flight was cancelled, Bowers reluctantly, but generously decided to step aside and let Tackett make the trip. Upon his return, Roy will become the new TAFF American Administrator. Bill thanks all of his supporters on both sides of the Atlantic and says he hopes to make it to Britain in '79.

SUNCON

Bob Madle has been chosen as Fan Guest of Honor for Suncon, the 1977 world convention. Robert Silverberg will be the toastmaster. Committee Chairman Don Lundry, his wife Grace, and Program Director Joe Siclari have visited the Orlando hotel in an attempt to renegotiate the contract. The contract was not settled; other hotels are being considered; so things are still up in the air. Gary Farber has been appointed Fanzine Coordinator.

WORLDCON BIDS

Baltimore has announced a bid for 1980. Chairman is Sue Wheeler, Vice-Chairmen are Lee Smoire and Steve Miller, Treasurer is Bill Simmons and Secretary is Ted Pauls.

Ken Moore's Nashville bid for 1979 is now serious. This started out as a hoax, which just goes to show that you hoaxsters had better be careful about what you make up. Also, the new Orleans SF Association has announced a definite 1979 bid. Committee Chairman will be Jim Mule, present president of NOSFA. These two bids may give the British '79 bid a run for its money. However, the British bid has a lot of support (including this fan's. *(And mine.-MF)*)

FAAN AWARDS

Active fanzine fans are urged to fill out the FAAn Award ballot enclosed with this issue and return it by April 17. Be sure to nominate in each of the categories for which you are truly qualified. An outline of the rules and an explanation of the awards is also enclosed. Note that active fanzine fans who nominate in even a single category will be able to vote in all categories on the final ballot. Along with award nominations, nominations are also being accepted for candidates to fill the three (or four) spots that will open up on the FAAnAC (Fanzine Activity Achievement Awards Committee) after the 1976 awards are presented. In each year following, one-third of the Committee will be elected in the same fashion, so that by 1978 the whole committee will have been elected by the FAAn voters (rather than self-appointed). If you do not feel qualified to nominate, don't hesitate to support the awards by contributing money, since the awards require funds for postage and trophies. Last year's award were in the red.

DUFF

The Down Under Fan Fund will send an Australian fan to MidAmeriCon in August, 1976. A ballot is enclosed. This year's nominees are: John Alderson, Shayne McCormack, Christine McGowan and Paul Stevens. As with the FAAns, if you don't feel qualified to vote, please send a contribution anyway.

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"WARHOON is coming out." "What's WARHOON?" "It's a fanzine with a special Willis issue."  
"What's a Willis?"

## PEOPLE

Dick Bergeron has been resurrected and is working on the special Willis issue of WARHOON which he was preparing when he went down for the second time. It will run about 200 pages, consisting largely of reprints of famous Willis columns. It will also contain the final installment of Harry Warner's biography of Willis.

Cliff Simak is on the verge of retiring after 50 years as a newspaperman; he will continue writing SF. Lynn Hickman will edit the First Fandom magazine, and Dave Kyle will produce the newsletter. New members of First Fandom include Virginia Kidd and George O. Smith.

Bob Tucker, who is spending the winter in Florida, plans a tour of celebrities living nearby, including Lee Hoffman, Dave Jenrette and Sam Long. He is already thinking about the next issue of LE ZOMBIE, which might come as early as 1977, or might wait until 1978 when it would be a 40th anniversary.

Jacqueline Lichtenberg will be attending SF EXPO. Her novel, HOUSE OF ZEOR, has a Braille Number and is available through the Library of Congress. She'd appreciate comments from anyone reading it in Braille, since it was written for visual scan (speed reading). The number is BR2733. Bill Bowers will not be attending SF EXPO. His friends have convinced him to go to Midwestcon instead.

Ro Nagey married Lin Lutz on March, 6. The two will combine their last names and from now on will be known as Mr. and Mrs. Lutz-Nagey. While Lin finishes her medical education (she will be moving to Cleveland in a couple of months for her residency), Ro will be in Cleveland undertaking his new job as assistant editor of AUTOMATION (a trade mag). He'll be staying with Bill Bowers. Ro and Bill are planning a joint publishing venture. They hope to produce a collection of Randy Bathurst artwork as a coloring book in the near future.

Susan Clark is editing FORERUNNER QUARTERLY. Barbara Geraud is chairing the next PghLANCE. Bill Rotsler has a new book coming out, TO THE LAND OF THE ELECTRIC ANGEL, which features a sixty-foot King Kong robot. He is also doing a series of juvenile Planet of the Apes books written as "William Arrow" (he is writing number one and three and Don Pfeil is doing number two).

Linda Lounsbury quit her job in a bakery to become Gordie Dickson's part-time secretary. She is also directing a new production of THE MIMED MAN for presentation at Minicon.

Joe Siclari and Karina Girsdansk will be married in November. Thomas and Gail Andrews (of Columbus, Ohio) became parents of a daughter, Angelica Marie Andrews on January, 20.

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## MIDAMERICAN



The 1976 Worldcon, MidAmeriCon, now has approximately 3150 members. It is about 2 months behind on processing memberships. So if you haven't heard from MAC yet, try to be patient. Progress Report #4 has just been mailed. It is 68 pages long with a 4-page, pullout ballot for the Hugos and loads of information on everything you need to know. Hugo nominations must be returned by April 30. The PR is being sent bulk rate. The 3000 or so copies of the PR weighed 1 ton.

Chairman Ken Keller says that the only major problem the con now has is keeping up with memberships. If you haven't received PRs or have other problems, drop a note to the committee. Ken says, "The World SF Con has gotten to the point when it needs a full-time, professional convention secretary to eliminate delays in processing memberships."

The Muehlebach hotel is now almost completely booked. Since the hotel is in the middle of renovations, the exact number of available rooms & types of rooms haven't been finalized. Therefore, temporary confirmations are being sent for the first 550 rooms for the Muehlebach. Another 300 or so rooms have been reserved, but confirmations aren't being sent out until Muehlebach reservations are finalized. Most of these rooms will end up in the Phillips Hotel across the street. The type of room listed on your confirmation is not final. So if you have "double-double" listed, this may be changed later, depending on room availability. A final confirmation of exact room will be sent out by the hotel in July. The committee is not making any reservations for hotel rooms before & after the date of the con. If you plan to arrive early or leave late, you will have to make reservations on your own, probably in nearby hotels. Addresses of these hotels are listed in the PR.

The PR also contains vast amounts of information on programming, reservations, and registration. Some registration procedures have been changed, such as a relaxation of the requirement that everyone produce a legal ID to register. Now almost any type of ID or proof of existence will be accepted, but drivers license, etc. is preferred, since it will make registration faster.

MidAmeriCon still needs volunteers to help with registration, movie running, closed circuit tv, etc. For information, write the Box number. MAC keeps calling itself "the ultimate worldcon" & the PR bears this out. The Worldcon history by Fred Patten is continued, and many interesting articles on running and attending cons are given. Attending memberships are \$20 until April 30, \$25 until July 31, and \$50 thereafter. For information, registration, etc. write: Midamericon, P.O.B. 221, Kansas City, Mo. 64141.

An editorial note here -- MAC is the con that stressed no fringe-fan programming to try to limit attendance. Yet I note in the PR that MAC will have a special belly dancing exhibition. Yes, belly dancing. Genre luncheons will include sword & sorcery and horror & supernatural. So much for that promise. Really Ken, I'd rather see Star Trek programming than belly dancing. That at least has some connection with SF.

## MISCELLANY

Victoria Wayne (P.O. Box 156, Station D, Toronto, Ont. M6P 3J8) is making electronic stencils for \$2 for the first stencil, \$1.50 for each additional stencil. Please send your pasteups to her in a tube.

Electronic games now available include Phaser Battle, a Star Trek-based game. It comes from Mego Corp. The recent ST con in N.Y. organized by Lisa Boynton got into trouble when the convention was oversold and thousands of people were turned away. The state attorney general is investigating for fraud, and indictments may be made.

IRS Ruling may affect SF cons. According to the IRS, association-run cons that feature exhibitors who sell from their booths must pay taxes on profits from the conventions. Taxation is waived only when the association not only forbids selling, but actively patrols booths to make sure none is done. Proposals for an umbrella World SF Association would founder because it would require such powers as financial control due to the need to pay taxes.

SEC Ruling might cripple magazine publishing. Recently the SEC attempted to have a Maryland publisher of investment advice ruled insolvent because, it claimed, publishers must have enough money on hand to refund all unfulfilled portions of subscriptions, should that become necessary. The case was dismissed by a US District Judge. The SEC has no power over non-financial magazines, but if it appeals the ruling and wins, the Federal Trade Commission could decide to apply that verdict to all magazines. This would mean that publishers couldn't use deferred revenue to pay current bills. All sub money, except that for the current issue, would have to be held in escrow.

FTC Ruling affects mail-order dealers and publishers. The new ruling states that no more than 30 days may elapse between receipt of payment for subscriptions or copies of publications and shipment of the first issue or the order. Publications not yet received by a dealer may not be listed in a catalog. Failure to comply is legally termed unfair competition and substantial fines can result.

Sealing now permitted by the Postal Service on all printed matter, including that being sent to foreign addresses. This is good news for those of us who have worried about a zine falling out of an envelope somewhere on route to Argentina. It is now also possible to make bulk mailings of foreign printed matter using permit imprints to pay postage. Minimum quantity is 300 and there is no saving over the single copy rate, but think of all the stamps you won't have to stick on. . .

The Southern Fandom Press Alliance recently elected Stven Carlberg (4315 W. Alabama #4, Houston, Texas 77027) Official Editor and Alan Hutchinson President. Membership in the apa is limited to 75% Southern fans.

David Klaus reports that the St. Louis Grafan Society is dead. The St. Louis SF Society (7553 Buckingham Dr. Apt. 3B, Clayton, MO 63105) remains; it recently received a \$200 grant for a film series from the Washington University. A high school oriented group, MISFIT, is also active in the area. For info write: Ron Nerad, 11416 Criterion Ave., St. Louis County, MO 63138

Winners of the 1975 NESFA Story Contest: First place, Don D'Amassa for his story "Translation Station;" second place, Jonathan Thomas for "The Traveler's Tale;" third place, Don D'Amassa again for "Shadow Over R'lyeh;" honorable mentions to Robert Booth, Richard Harter, Jonathan Thomas and Earl S. Wajenberg. There were 35 entries and the final judges were Poul Anderson and Hal Clement.

N3F President John Robinson (1-101st Street, Troy, NY 12180) is considering holding an auction at MidAmeriCon to raise money for the N3F treasury. John would like to hear from potential donators. He hopes to find someone in the KC area willing to receive and hold items that have been mailed in, so write him first to find out where to send stuff.

An annual bibliography series called "The Year's Scholarship in Science Fiction and Fantasy" has been announced by Drs. Marshall B. Tymn of Eastern Michigan University and Roger C. Schlobin of Purdue. It will appear each December in EXTRAPOLATION. The first compilation will be for 1974. The bibliography will be divided into the following sections: General, Bibliography and Reference, Teachers' Aids (including films and slide presentations), Authors, and Selected British Scholarship. Readers of KARASS who would like to help can send off prints and information to Dr. Schlobin at the Dept. of English, Purdue University, North Central Campus, Westville, IN 46391.

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