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WESTER-NOT-A-CON SUCCESSFUL

THE WESTERCON XIX was held at the Stardust Motel in San Diego over the weekend of 1-4 July. The ConCom, completely inexperienced, scheduled only the Opening, the Masquerade, the Banquet, and Harlan Ellison's "Dangerous Vision" panel -- and the Masquerade, though scheduled was totally unplanned in the matter of judges, categories, etc. However, Ed Wood leapt into the Program Gap and coerced various attendees into putting on other program items during the 3-day con; the Masquerade was also Taken Over by outsiders. The result was a convention enjoyable if not outstanding. Despite clashes with the management of the Stardust over such things as noisy parties (the fans were scattered throughout the 4-building motel instead of being en bloc, and the alleged 'suites' were two adjacent small 'doubles' with a connecting door); the coffee shop (poor food, worse prices, and even worse service); overcharging for rooms (attendees were being charged \$3 to \$5 more than the stated rates -- one guy was charged \$15 for the 1st day, \$20 for the 2nd, and \$25 for the third...on a \$13 double) the fans generally came out winners. We unrecommend the Stardust Motel (a Handlery Hotel) completely.

Masquerade winners included Karen Anderson as the Witch Queen from the Conan stories (Most Beautiful); J. Shepherd Mertz as Spiderman (Most Authentic); Victor Goldberg as Thundermug (some sort of costume hero: Most Original); Bruce and Dian Pelz as the Fat Fury and Ticklepuss the cavegirl from Herbie Comics (Most Humorous); and 3 Judges' Choices: Luise Petti as Innini; Katwen Trimble as Johnny Chambers's Little Green Dinosaur; and a 7-Fan Wizard of Id group -- Tom Gilbert (Rodney), Lois Lavender (his girl friend), Fred Patten (the Jester), Don Simpson (the Minstrel), Len Bailes (the King...is a fink!), Jerry Jacks (the Wizard), and John Trimble (the Lone Haranguer). Judges were Bernie Zuber and Pogo (Patty Grey) of Los Angeles, and Ted White of New York (8 New Yorkers made the trip to the con.)

In the Art Show, Bjo Trimble's "Orchid Nymph" took 1st place in Fantasy art, plus Popular Award, and a Judge's Choice from Loid Lavender. Judge Jock Root picked Simpson's "Ich Komme von Sternen Hier" as his Choice, and Judge Dian Pelz picked Cynthia Goldstone's "Go Home, Earthman." Other awards went to Johnny Chambers (Cartooning: "St. George vs. the Dragon...As I Remember It"); Dennis Smith (Astronomical: "Illusion Beast"); and Edward Elmer (Children's Division: "Something About the Sea"). Open Awards went to a series of photos by Dollens, to Goldstone's nylon pen works, and to Simpson's solid work. 2nd Place in Fantasy Art went to Dian Pelz's print "Empress of the East," and 3rd Place to Johnny Chambers's one non-cartoon entry.

Harlan Ellison's Guest of Honor speech was well received, as were the speeches of the Fan Guests of Honor, John and Bjo Trimble, and the Master of Ceremonies, Theodore Sturgeon. A preview of the "Star Trek" TV pilot was shown; if the rest of the series are as good as the pilot, it's a winner.

About 145 people attended the business session on Monday, to vote on the site of the 1967 Westercon. The results were: Berkeley (Waters-Haleyv-Clinton-Karpinski): 37 votes. Burlingame (Rogers-Stark): 37 votes. Los Angeles (Johnstones-Bill Ellern-Thompson-Kaiser): 65 votes! See you in LA!!

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ANOTHER DAUGHTERY PROJECT: Congratulations to Jim and Doreen Webbert, on the birth of a girl-child, Cynthia Anne, who arrived in June, weighing six pounds one ounce! This is certainly the year for girls....

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NAMES IN NEWS: Fred Pohl is quoted extensively in Sylvia Porter's column for 15 June. He spoke at a meeting of the American Management Assn. // Lawrence A. Keating of Milwaukee, who was instrumental in the founding of the Fictioneers of Milwaukee -- a group that included Ray Palmer, Ralph Milne Farley, and Stanley Weinbaum -- died 14 June. // Dave Kyle will be listed in the 1966 edition of Who's Who In the East -- one of several regional editions of Who's Who published by the Marquis Co. in addition to their Who's Who in America.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS DEPT. Dave Kyle sends some further explanations of the BSFA-Britcon situation: "What happened was that the BSFA simply recognized the fact that it did not start the British conventions and it has never run or controlled the British conventions. ...the Con Committee is and always was independent of the BSFA. Any authority the BSFA 'lost' had been self-assumed and the financial responsibility always was an individual con committee affair. The Trustees plan is merely a method by which a back-up fund, earned by the cons themselves without sommitting the BSFA membership...to putting up funds, can be established for an emergency which (we all hope) may never come."

FRED LERNER, BOY NUT, has organized the "Buddleby-on-the-Marsh Irregulars." Officers are: Exalted Polynesia (President) - Fred Lerner; Venerable Jip (Vice-President) - Alan Shaw; Honorable Dab-Dab (Secretary) - Judi Sephton; and Worthy Gub-Gub (Treasurer) - Norman Cascajo. All fanatic followers of Dr. Doolittle who are interested can write to Mr. Lerner at 98-B The Boulevard, East Paterson, New Jersey 07407. //The same address (and the same nut) should be used by those interested in either QUFANJ (Quixotic Upstart Fannish Aristocrats of N.J., a local SF club centered in Ringwood) or FLEC (Fannish Leagues of the East Coast, which is now running a series of contests in bowling and miniature golf. League standings are available from Mr. Lerner.)

MISC.:Luise Petti is dancing Go-Go at the Pink Bunny, 1st and Standard Sts. in Santa Ana, Calif (6PM-2AM).//Redd Boggs reports that, among the candidates for M.A. degrees at UC Berkeley on 11 June were Getchen Schwenn and Walter Breen.//SOUTHWESTERCON, July 23-24, Hotel Southland, Dallas....