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Meeting No. 2335, May 13, 1982

The meeting opened at 8:17. Minutes were read and corrected. Danise read the treasurer's report. whereupon Marty Cantor suggested LASFS throw a party because the treasury was over \$10,000.00. CLJII, as the movie committee, urged the club to rent more films. New business noted that the previous week had been Be Kind to Animals week and moved that all the the nasty things said to and about members at last week's meeting be declared retroactivly null and void, signed, Bob Null, Sam Void, and Marty Cantor. Eventually, the motion was defeated. The registrar introduced Mike Rogers, of Georgia and Ros Pavlac, of Chicago. Danise led the club in three cheers for St. Merlin. Ross Pavlac, as a representative of the Worldcon, was introduced to the club and made to stand up for ridicule. Bill Weldon announced the SF discussion Group. Mike Rogers announced an Atlanta bid for 1986. Sandy Cohen reviewed Eating Raul, saying it is marvelously funny. The meeting adjourned at 9:25.

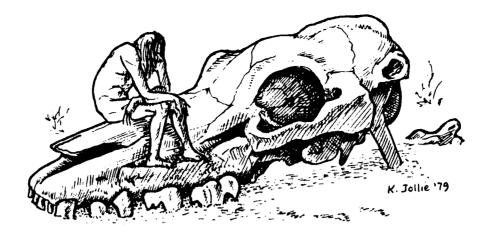
Meeting No. 2226, May 20, 1982

Danise garbled the opening, but the meeting started at 8:07 anyway. Minutes were read and discussed. Danise read the treasurer's report and passed the plate. Marty Cantor and Mike Glyer reported that they had coerced Mark Sharpe into being editor of Shaggy. Bruce Pelz held the usual moneygouge. Bill Weldon reported on the planned reading of Downbelow Station. New business: Moved: in view of the frequency of its appearance, the named of the LASFS genzine be changed from Sangri L'affaires (aka Shaggy) to Brigadoon. The motion was tabled for 800 years. Liz Schwarin was finally force to reveal her guests: Eric Westling, Larry Garral, Lon Mills, Colin Greenland of England, who heard of us from a large black monolith (Ken Porter?), Number 3 (a kitteri), Frank McDonald and Barry Reynolds. Tim

Merrigan solicited contributions to Scapa Flow. Harold Hobbs is looking for a VHS player for the San Fernando Valley Science Fantasy Video Club. Soraya had a Feel Better Soon scroll to send to Robert Heinlein for members to sign. The meeting adjourned at 9:05.

Meeting No. 2337, May 27, 1982

The meeting started at 8:10 after Danise determined that a quorum was half of a quota. The minutes were read and corrected to note that Mark Sharpe is now Co-Editor of Shaggy. Danise read the treasurer's report and passed the plate. Bob Null reported that Bruce Pelz would be running the next Second Sunday. Marke Sharpe tried to pass himself off as Liz by introducing Richard Schiro, Delores (last name unknown), and Denise Ellis, who when asked how she found out about the LASFS, said "The what? I just followed Rick out to the carand" Marty Cantor introduced Woodwork member Andy Porter. Bruce held the usual money gouge. Marty Cantor moved that LASFS distribute Shaggy free to all who receive De Profundis. This move would reduce postal expenses. He also moved that the club fund no more than \$200/year for print and distributing Shaggy. The motion was seconded by George Jumper and Dan Alderson. Sandy Cohen asked and got an explanation of what the \$100 per issue was going for (postage, mostly). The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. It was moved by Mark Sharpe and Marty Cantor that LASFS send delegates to the convention at Port San Carlos in the Malvinas - soon to be known (again) as the Falklands. The motion was passed. More quests were introduced: Carol (Dixon Bucklin) Wixon, Don Blyly, and Jane Strauss. Charles Curley displayed a bumper sticker reading "Native of Tropical Minnesota". Andy Porter announced subscriptions to SF Chronicle. Tim Merrigan announced Scapa Flow. George Jumper announced that copies of the All-Hoax disty of APA-L are still available and



the writers' group meeting on Sunday. Bill Rotsler listed LASFS members who have made it into his novelizations. Bruce Dane announced the last chance for \$25.00 Westercon memberships. CLJII announced that Brontosaurus and Road #6 is still available and that Jack Jardine is not going to have his quadruple bypass surgery on July 1, but on July 11. Dave Fox gave a favorable review of MurderCon. Charlie Jackson reviewed two movies: Parasite in 3-D - Don't; Dead Men Don't Wear Plaid - Do. The meeting adjourned at 9:27 to a video presentation.

Meeting No. 2338, June 3, 1982

Danise declared the meeting started at 8:10. Minutes were read and approved. Craig Miller reported that the program was to have been a slide presentation on the new movie, "The Thing", but he didn't have slides. He did have fifty copies of the story for members to pick up. He mentioned that the Times' review of "Conan, the Barbarian" mentioned that later books were written by L. Sprague deCamp and his wife, Lin Carter. Mark Sharpe made his Sheepcon I report, on how he and Marty had gone to the Falklands. Guests: Thomas J. Frazier, Melinda Pillsbury-Foster, and Ron Smith. The delegates to Sheepcon i submitted a request for reimbursement of expenses, which came to \$11,722.76, including the item "Outrageous padding of expense account" in the amount of \$4222.76. The motion to ignore was ignored by Danise. Craig Miller moved to amend that the club reimburse only the Drnithopter Air flight from Australia to the Falklands. The flight, as the first experimental passenger flight, had been without charge. Janice Gelb guestioned whether bullet proof propeller beanies was an unnecessary expense, and Mark Sharpe suggested that the

delegates receive Craig Miller's weight in gold. Craig's amendment passed by voice vote. It was then moved to table both motion and amendment for 100 years. This motion passed, narrowly, by voice vote, whereupon Bruce Pelz called for a derision of the house. Nominations for President were: Danise Deckert, Bob Null, Alan Winston, Jim Hollander and Charles Lee Jackson II. Danise announced that the alternate program would be Tom Gould discussing his book. Rick Foss announced he still has tickets to Phoenix. Bill Warren had complimentary tickets for "The Thing". Jim Davis said "Wrath of Khan" even has characterization and Plot. Dan Deckert reviewed "E.T." as the most entertaining movie since Star Wars.

Meeting No. 2339, June 10, 1982

President Danise declared the meeting in session at 8:10. Minutes were read and corrected. Elayne made a call for people who wanted to vote to pay their dues and pick up their ballots, meanwhile, Danise read the tresurer's report and passed the plate. Liz Schwarzin introduced Andy Lenarcic and James Hrisoulas. EdFink announced that LASFS members are invited to free screenings of "Bladerunner" the following Wednesday and Friday at the Burbank Studios (arranged by Bill Warren and Jeff Walker). A representative of the Academy of SF, Fantasy and Horror reported the Academy is giving free passes to "Bladerunner" to new members.

Danise then started discussion of the special order of business. After the Board explained what happened, discussion on the floor would be limited to 15 minutes. The Board, at its meeting on Sunday, had received a petition to terminate the membership of David Klaus. Such a petition, if approved by the Board, must be presented to the membership at the next regular meeting. If fourfifths of those voting approve the petition, membership is cancelled. The petition read: The undersigned petition the LASFS to terminate the membership of Mr. Klaus because we do not like him. Bill Welden stated he does not necessarily support the petition, and voted ave to get it before the club. Craig Miller pointed out that no grounds are necessary to terminate membership. Regarding the absence of Dave Klaus, the makers of the motion had warned him that the motion would be submitted to the Board if the APA-L materials he borrowed were not returned. A postcard had been sent to his P.O. box and Mark Sharpe had spent some time calling differnt Klaus phone numbers in St. Louis, where he was reported to have gone. Marty Cantor stated that he was not for Klaus, but felt it was unfair to hold a trial without him. He moved to put off the vote for four weeks or until Klaus can be found. Bill Welden agreed with Marty. Milt Stevens didn't see the point of waiting. A request for information revealed that Klaus has been told he had a definite time limit to return the material. Frank Gasperik commented that he, as well as others, had often been victimized by Kalus using his sense of fair play against him. Frank pointed out that the proceedings were not a trial, but a membership vote. Mark Sharpe said the issue was whether or not we want Klaus in the group. Joe Zeff agreed with Frank and Mark. Sandy Cohen called the question, which precipitated a vote on whether to vote. The motion to vote was defeated and discussion continued on the terminator of membership. Mark Sharpe related that he had known Dave before he moved to LA, and that his behavior had been deteriorating. Charles Curley asked people to bring logic to the situation. He felt that the proceedings were in effect a railroading action. Larry Rothstein agreed with Charles. After considerable discussion, the motion was voted on: 58 Yes; 13 No; 2 Abstentions, which gave 82% in favor of termination. The Secretary was instructed to notify Klaus of the club's decision.

Milt Stevens announced he is looking for someone to buy or market the club's collection of pulp magazines. Steve St. Dige has an attending membership at ChiCon for sale. In the procedural

election the results were: President: Danise Deckert. Vice President: Bob Null. Treasuren: Bruce & Elayne Pelz. Secretary: Jim Hollander. Registrar: Mariii Ellers. In the course of the election, Mark Sharpe gained for himself the sobriquet of Gay Faggot Lobster.

ANCIENT HISTORY

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting #115

Attendance: Board Members: George Jumper, Jerry Pournelle, Milt Stevens, Bill Welden, Bruce Pelz, Dan Deckert, Mike Glyer, Craig Miller, June Moffatt. (Excused absence: Dan Alterson, whose proxy was held by Moffatt.) Others: Dennis Miller, Galen Tripp, Pamela Reuben, Mike Frank, Bob Null, Mark Sharpe, Marty Cantor, Bill Warren, Beverly Warren, Len Moffatt, Danise Deckert, Ken Porter, Nola Frame, Drew Sanders, Louis Gray.

Minutes: A correction to the previous meeting's minutes was offered: Cheryl Chapman and Dr. Pournelle should have been shown with excused absenses. Regarding an earlier meeting, Dave Klaus criticized the accuracy of the reporting of his account of how he had used the clubhouse.

New Memberships: Applicants were Michele Coleman-Butterfield, Michael Command, R. Cook, Elizabeth Huffine, Bart Lawrence, Thomas McDaniel, Soraya Newell, Bradford Rodriguez, Brad Russell, Paul Schauble, Saralyn Watts Sebern, and Michael Gilbert Workman. A call for separate consideration regarding the application of Michael Gilbert Wrokman was allowed by the chair. Deckert, seconded by Jumper, moved to accept all applications except that of Workman. This passed by voice. Workman, the very recently born son of Barry and Marcy Workman, was considered separately because accepting his membership would make him liable for dues every time he was brought to a meeting, which would be a disadvantage to his parents. Pelz advised that membership be accepted once the parental units were advised of the liability. This was phrased as Pelz' motion, seconded by Pournelle, to accept the membership application and inform the parents of the dues obligation when the member attends. Passed by voice.

Treasury: The main treasure contained \$6953.59, the Library Fund \$115.24, and the Hanging Fund \$2000. The treasurer footnoted the prior day's take from the Showcase. Of 102 present, 87 paid and 15 were guests.

Income (memberships & ac	s) \$ 1800.00
Expenses (guest travel, f	ood) 1047.27
Net	752.73
Plus: Auction proceeds	\$ 1325.50
Plus: Sales table	80.35
Profit this report	\$ 2158.58

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Elayne said there would be a small cut of DV's book sales added later. There were also building fund credits given to donors of food, but this did not involve a cash outlay for the club and was not included in the eport. Milt Stevens, mentioning the L5 Convention, said it would be turning \$1000 over to the club, partly to repay drinks taken from club stock and easels borrowed and misplaced, the balance as a donation.

Hall Usage: This segment began with Stevens' motion, seconded by Pelz, that "During designated cleaning times, individuals or groups may not occupy or use the clubhouse without permission of the janitor". The motion passed by voice.

Construction: Bob Null reported that half of the wallpaper on the front building bathroom had been removed. The wall underneath was badly cracked and must be smoothed or covered with wallboard. Pelz described the wallboard surface in place as being rotten, and said we should farm out the job. Stevens hadn't heard from our usual contractor lately. The previous day, Ellison had offered to give us the name of his contractor. Meanwhile, Pournelle said he knew a contractor living across the street from him he could bring by. Pelz, seconded by Deckert, moved to farm out the job of wallboarding the bathroom, and appropriate \$500 for the job. Passed by voice.

Computer: Dr. Pournelle said the machine donated to the LASFS won't be in running order until it's located someplace he and his engineers can get at it. Pelz, in whose home the computer is presently stored, said Tony Reach (sp?) suggested he could get it working. Attempts to contact Tony have been unsuccessful. Pelz would be agreeable to making the machine available even at midnight. Pournelle said we must have a place to make the computer accessible to members. Stevens had scanned a local paper where a trailer 8' wide and 18-20' long sold for under \$2000. Such a trailer, kept on its wheels, could be placed where the shed named Perpetuity now stands. Jumper, seconded by Pelz, moved that we transport the equipment from Pelz' home to the lockable shed, and provide a key to Dr. Pournelle so he and his designated assistants can make an assessment of the computer's operating condition. Stevens said the shed had a window which could be adapted to take an air conditioner. We could erect a second roof over it to control the heat. If a secondary terminal was wanted, lines could be run out. Jumper wondered whether the club was willing to commit to repairing the disk drives if necessary. The motion passed by voice.

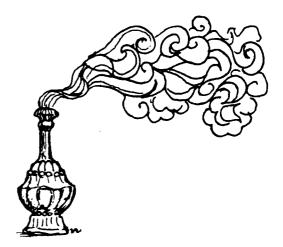
Delegates: The following were duly elected delegates to conventions: Kubla Khan - Peter Edick. Leprecon - Ken Porter, Alice Williams, Marty Massoglia. Disclave: Ron Bounds. DeepSouthCori - Liz Schwarzin, Geoff Copeland, Alari Winston. Westercon - Sharpe, Jumper, Len and June Moffatt, Porter, Dari and Danise Deckert. Sari Diego Comicon - Louis Gray. Passed by voice.

Science Fiction Showcase: The consensus was that the \$20 price tag did not drive off very many people. We did not presently want the thing to expand beyond the limit of the clubhouse to hold it. A publicity poster, suitable for collecting, could be generated annually. Mark Sharpe was going to transcribe the tapes of the Showcase and obtain permission to print them. Pelz, seconded by Stevens, moved to approve Sharpe as chairman of the next year's Showcase. Passed by voice.

Court Action: Milt Stevens had written a letter to Superior Court stating LASFS' position regarding members including the club grounds in retraining orders against other members. He was notified that the letter was entered into court records.

Scarfing: Stevens, noticing the dearth of leftovers from the Showcase, wondered whether the Second Sunday budget was adequate. Null said \$20 was insufficient to buy beer and diet soda in addition to the usual things. Pelz thought it more appropriate to ask the club to up the allocation to \$30.

Award: Pelz proposed an annual set of LASFS awards in science fiction and fantasy, both for written and visual material. Pournelle suggested a nonfiction category. Bill warren wanted a committee to form a proposal including a mechanism for selecting the award. Stevens believed the SF field is already adrift in awards, and doubted the utility of getting involved. Pelz thought it



would help if a cash award, say \$100, went with each of five awards. Stevens wondered why not take the same \$500 and put it into publishing a novel that's been out of print for some time, competitively selected. Bill welden said it was not the same idea, but showed there are better things to do with our money. Pelz, seconded by Jumper, moved to establish a committee to consider annual LASFS awards and the mechanism for their selection. Passed by voice. Miller appointed Bill Warren as chair, plus Pelz, Pournelle, Massoglia and himself as members.

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Library: Jumper remarked that science fiction research and nonfiction materials had been coming out much more frequently, but our library did not seem to include much of it. He wanted the librarian to be directed to get more of these things. Pournelle proposed an acquisitions committee for the club library, rather than leave the librarian solely in charge of selection. Glyer recommended that a list of desired nonfiction/research books be drawn up; and a special appropriate be passed by the club to purchase them. Pournelle, seconded by Welden. moved that the chair appoint a committee of not more than 5 persons to advise the Librarian on purchases. Pelz thought we should postpone the motion a month to find out if the Librarian had any objections or suggestions. Pelz moved, Glyerseconded, to delay consideration of the main motion. This passed by voice. Jumper said he would see what he can do to compile a list of desirable reference works.

Milt Stevens said that he was still holding 15-20 boxes of LASFS material, mainly pulps, with a value between \$3-5000. If the club wanted to sell it he would be willing to buy some, and move the rest. This prompted the Board to discuss getting microfilm or microfiche equipment. Pournelle moved, seconded by Jumper, to put the Board on record as wanting to acquire such equipment. This passed by voice with one dissent. Stevens offered \$2000 for the whole lot of pulps in his garage. After discussion, Pournelle, seconded by Pelz, moved that if by the next Board meeting they have not found an acceptable person to manage the maximization of income from moving the pulps, that we proceed to accept bids on the lot, final bid opened at Loscon. Any monies obtained will go to replace the pulps with microfilm, or to buy the machinery for doing so. Passed by voice.

Miller set the next meeting for 6/6. Adjourned at

4:40 p.m.

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FANZINES

(and other mail)

ANVIL 21, April-May 1982, Birmingham Science Fiction Club, P. D. Box 57031, Birmingham, Alabama 35259-7031.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS, Catalogue Twelve, Anne Sherlock Books, 1600A Bloor Street, West, Toronto, Ontario M6P 1A7

DARK FANTASY & SF, Catalogue 13, Anne Sherlock Books 1600A Bloor Street, West, Toronto, Ontario M6P 1A7

MAW, #5, May 1982, Central Arizona Speculative Fiction Society, P. D. Box 11743, Phoenix, AZ 85061

MY THPRINT, The Monthly Bulletin of The Mythopoeic Society, Vol 19, No. 6, June 1982, Whole No. 25, Box 28427, San Jose, CA 95159

INSTANT MESSAGE #314, NESFA, Inc., Box G, MIT Branch Post Office, Cambridge, MA, 02139-0910

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SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION REGISTER, June, 1982, 9850 Fairfax Square #232, Fairfax, VA 22031

TNFF, April 1982, The National Fantasy Fan Federation, c/o Sally A. Syrjala, P. D. Box 149, Centerville, MA 02632

TRANSMISSIONS, Vol. 5, No. 18, Nova Odysseus, United Gulf Coast Fandom, P. D. Box 1534, Panama City, Florida 32401

TRANSMISSIONS, Vol. 5, No. 17, Nova Odysseus, United Gulf Coast Fandom, P. D. Box 1534, Panama City, Florida 32401

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members of the Friends of LA in '84 (or the Enemies of LA in '84) who have not received a copy of the recent flyer/bulletin/letter should request one from Bruce Pelz.

AN S.F. DISCUSSION GROUP meets every other Sunday

at the home of Allan and Larry Rothstein, 6614 Farmdale Ave., North Hollywood. 7P. - 10 PM. Discussion of Hugo Nominees: July 25 - Project Pope, by Clifford Simak.

OPEN HOUSE, SUNDAY 8 AUGUST 1982. 2:00 p.m. Free beer, soda, munch, games, puzzles, possibly Interplanatary.

THE WRITER'S GROUP meets from approximately noon to 1:00 p.m., every third Sunday.

ELFQUEST BOOK 2 will be available in October. \$10.95 (softcover) or \$40.00 (limited edition hardcover with slipcase and print). Contact Kay Raynolds or Dick O'Connor, The Donning Company, Publishers, 5659 Virginia Beach Boulevard, Norfolk, Virginia 23502. Phone: (804) 461-8090.

CONVENTIONS

CHICON IV, P. D. Box A3120, Chicago, IL, 60690. Attending memberships will be \$25.00 until July 15, \$75.00 at the door. (Would you believe this news release doesn't have the dates on it? I know it's Labor Day weekend, but...? ed.)

COPPERCON 2, September 10-12, 1982, Howard Johnson's Caravan Inn. Phoenix, AZ. Professional Guest of Honor: Fred Saberhagen. Fan Guest of Honor: Barry Bard. Toastmaster: Marion Zimmmer Bradley. Memberships: \$11.00 until July 5. \$12.50 thereafter. Coppercon 2, PO Box 11743, Phoenix, AZ 85061

MYTHCON XIII - AUGUST 13-16, 1982, at Chapmari College in Orange, CA (6 miles east of Disneyland). P.O. Box 5276, Orange, CA 92667. \$15.00 until 7/31/82, \$20.00 thereafter.

PLERGBCON, September 10-12, 1982, Ramada Inn, St. \$8.00 pre-registered, \$15.00 after Paul, MN. August 15. Hotel rates: \$42.00/right. PlergbCon, P. O. Box 2128, Loop Station, Minneapolis, MN 55402



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