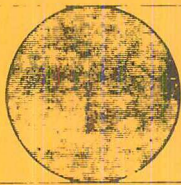




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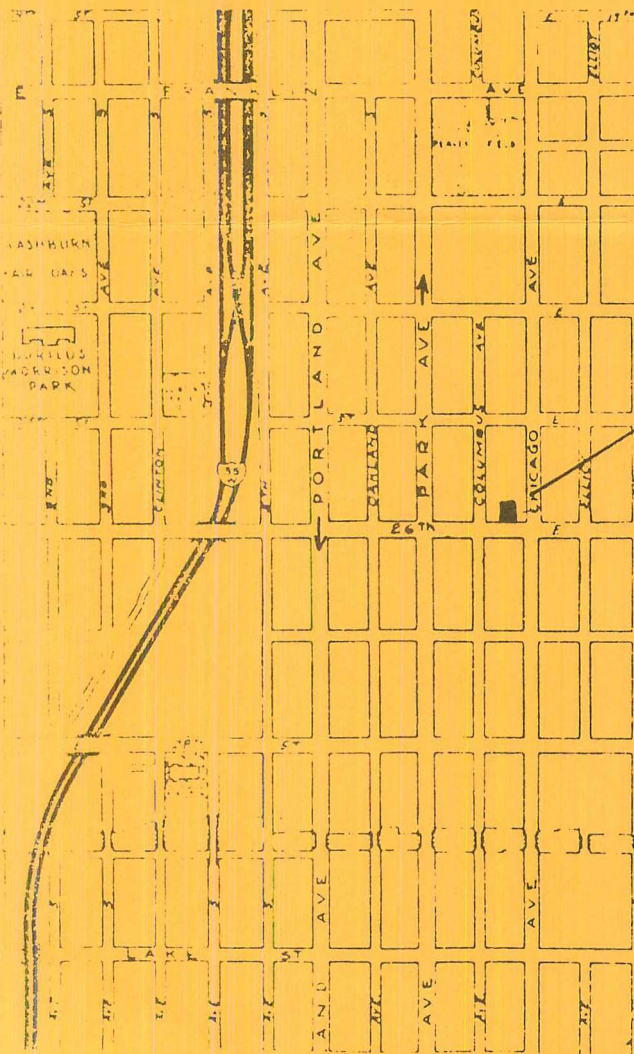
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Isora Iverson, Director
336-5329

Our new home, the Pillsbury-Waite Cultural Arts Center, is located at 724 East 26th Street. A glance at the map below will reveal a few important things about getting there from wherever you are:

- 1). 26th Street is a one-way going West toward Hennepin.
- 2). The Pillsbury-Waite Center is located on the right between Chicago and Columbus Avenues.



You will find that the Center is really hard to miss as you drive down East 26th Street. It's a homey old church; colorfully repainted when it was converted to its new use. But when you get there don't bother trying the main entrance. Use the left side door. Our meeting facilities and library will be in the basement.

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WANT ADS are now available at 3¢ a word. Contact Lynn Torline and tell her what it is you want added.

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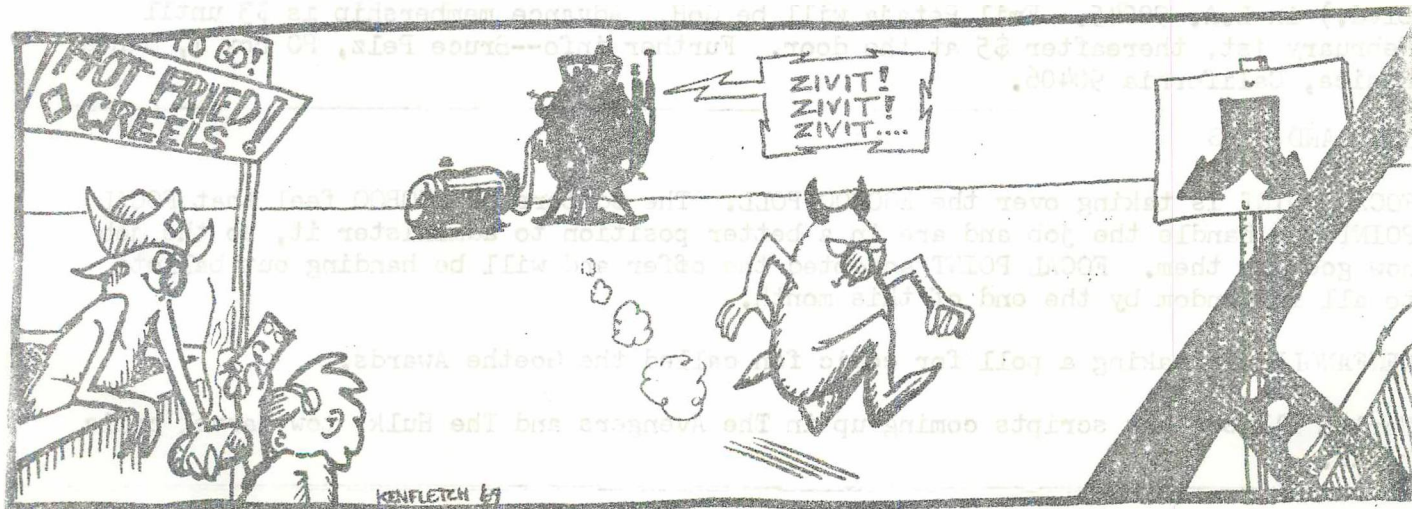
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UPCOMING CONS

New York has put in the bid for the 1974 Worldcon. It is unsure about the name, but Art Saha and Al Schuster are chairing it. Walt Cole is Secretary, John Boardman is Treasurer, and Andy Porter will be handling advertising and Publicity.

For anyone intersted in TOLKIEN, there is a Tolkien conference to be held in Cleveland April 2-4, 1971. It will be held at the Cleveland State University. Write Jan Howard Finder 23951 Lake Shore Blvd., #204, Euclid, Ohio 44123, for more info.

GNOMOCCLAVE

Place: Knoxville, Tennessee--Hotel Andrew Johnson, on Gay Street near the river. There will be two bookstores nearby and 24 hour eating facilities.

Time: June 11-13, 1971. The con site will be open 24 hours and there will be tables to rent for \$5.

MC: andy offut. GoH: Frank Kelly Frease--world's best SF artist.

Cost: Membership is \$2.50 payable to Irvin Koch. Rooms--single; \$10.50, double; \$15.00, triple; \$18.50, quad; \$21.50. Check out time--~~8~~ PM Sunday.

Write Irvin Koch, Apt 45, 614 Hill Ave. SW, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

BOSKONE VIII

March 12-14. The unnamed hotel offers a swimming pool. Send \$3.00 to NESFA, Boskone 8, PO Box G, MIT Branch Post Office, Cambridge, Mass. 02139.

MONDO CON

The new entry into the regionals, will be held at New York Statler Hilton Hotel, January 22-24. Gail Burnick is Chairman and hopes to bring SF and Comic fans together.

Hotel rates are \$20 for a single and \$28 for a double or twin. Membership is \$2.50 until January 1st, and \$3.50 thereafter. Checks payable to Gail Burnick, PO Box 74, Brooklyn, NY. 11230.

Presicon will be held February 12-15, 1971 at the Airport Marina Hotel (8601 Lincoln Blvd.) in L.A. 90045. Emil Petaja will be GoH. Advance membership is \$3 until February 1st, thereafter \$5 at the door. Further info--Bruce Pelz, PO Box 1, Santa Monica, California 90406.

ODDS AND ENDS

FOCAL POINT is taking over the EGOBOO POLL. The editors of EGOBOO feel that FOCAL POINT can handle the job and are in a better position to administer it, so the job now goes to them. FOCAL POINT accepted the offer and will be handing out ballots to all in fandom by the end of this month.

NEWFANGLES is taking a poll for comic fen called the Goethe Awards.

Harlan Ellison has scripts coming up in The Avengers and The Hulk, tow Marvel comic books.

WRITER'S WORKSHOP

Pat Worthington is the president pro-tem of our workshop. The group will consist of 12-16 fen who will meet every other week apart from the regular Minn-stf meetings. Cliff Simak and Gordon Dickson will be assisting the members as much as their busy schedules will allow.

The members of the Workshop are expected to attend every meeting and can consider themselves dropped if they miss twice in a row. After the 4th meeting, a completed short story manuscript is to be turned in for appraisal by either Cliff or Gordy, which will afterwards be returned with corrections and suggestions for improvement. If one manuscript is turned in, two others must follow to stay in the Workshop. Contact Pat if you are intersted in joining of have any other questions.

--LT

OPEN MEETING

The first Open Meeting, or Micro-Minicon, was held by Minn-stf November 7th, at Cofman Memorial Union, University of Minnesota. Jim Young commenced the activites with a dissertation on the history of SF prozines. Cliff Simak and Gordon Dickson followed with a panel, moderated by Mary Mehlín, on "How to Write SF", which was excellent. Many of the fans had questions and new ideas that brought forth the delight of the panel. It was regretable that Gordon Dickson had to leave, for the panel had captivated the fen and would have like to have answered many more questions.

Ruth Berman, who once worked for Star Trek, gave a fascinating slide show with a narrative that broke the "Trekies" and the rest of the audience alike, especially the hidden side of William Shatner. The group unanimously decided that Janice Rand, a regular from the first series, was terrible and had to be transpotted elsewhere. (U valde, Janice.)

The meeting finished with an auction consisting of artwork by Jim Odbert and various posters of a fannish nature. We are hoping that at the next Open Meeting sometime in January that we will auction some paintings by Dollens, whose work sold extremely well at Minicon 3.

--LT

THIS AND THAT

Like many readers of RUNE, I am a fan of Fritz Leiber's heroic stories of Fafhrd and the Grey Mouser, so last year, when Felicia had a grey kitten, it was only natural to name it after you-know-who. You will learn more about our local Grey Mouser further on in this issue.

A few months ago, I was browsing in Gager's Hobby Store when I came across a series of models of ships of exploration of the fifteenth century. Not only did the detail on these models impress me, but also the idea that these ships were of the same level of technology that existed in Nehwon. It turned out I was right in principle, but wrong in detail. You will probably see some of the results of my researches in a future RUNE.

Con't.

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Currently, I'm reading up on swords and swordsmanship in order to complete my Nehwonian costume (I'm not another Grey Mouser--let's just say I'm from the Eight Cities). Anyone want to know about Viking sword technique? Stay Tuned.

--CH

PILLSBURY-WAITE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER

The new Pill-Waite Center is the new home of Minn-stf. Converted from an old church (shades of Arlo Guthrie), the center has facilities for meetings, parties, and the Minn-stf Library. In addition, we also have the use of the stage for the upcoming productions of "I-7" and "The H.M.S. Trek-a-Star". For more information about the productions, read on....

--LT

ERRATUM

Lynn Torline's beautiful little ass, or "as" as reported in last month's RUNE, did not appear in the Minnesota Daily. It was an ad. Sorry Fellas.

--CH

Dictionary of Fannish terminology

Yes folks, that's right--I'm attempting to put together the first complete dictionary of Fannish terminology. However, to accomplish this great task, I must have some co-operation. A small favor really--all that is needed is as many terms and dumb sayings, or what have you written down and given to Lynn. If you wish to be credited as the originator, please state so on the list, otherwise, it will be considered anonymous and so forth. But I do need the lists no later than January 30th, else you will be smitten by Twonk's Disease. I appreciate the help--thanx.

--LT

"THE H.M.S. TREK-A-STAR"

Minnstf, through the courtesy of Ruth Berman and FILBERT and Sullivan, will be presenting the "H.M.S. Trek-a-Star" for Minicon 4. The tryouts will be held later in December and rehearsal will be held through April, and possibly May. Anyone wishing to try out, contact either Ruth Berman or Lynn Torline to receive a script. We also desperately need a pianist who can play for the company--Anyone?

--LT

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Halloween parties are funny to talk about in December, but here we go anyhow. The Minn-stf Halloween party took place at the Center of Consciousness, and everyone seemed to have a good time, though they seemed to have had it in smaller groups throughout the house. Several vampires, a Vulcan, and even a mad scientist showed up, (as well as an unidentified hairy monster) but Lynn Torline took the Tarot. Or, rather won the cards as the award for the best costume. (Boy, what a costume!!)

--AR

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A LOOK AT THE FUTURE
(19,000,000A.D.)

People had moving sidewalks, flying houses, cars, schools, and about anything you can think of, even robots that you don't have to program. How's that? Good, don't you think so?

Well, this takes place in a small town about 20,000,001 miles long. I am a doctor that is very smart. I performed the very first HEAD TRANSPLANT!

I have lived millions, billions, trillions of years, as I won't die! Doctors can do anything!

Benjamin Lessinger

This story was written by the very youngest member of Minn-stf--Benjy Lessinger, who is a mere 8 years old, but one of our most promising young writers. Although his writing contains an amount of SF, he has never read an SF book in his life. The influencing factor has been his family--a long line of SF readers and committee members in Minn-stf. This project was originally an assignment in his 4th grade reading class, but the Editors of RUNE (one who happens to live in the same house) saw the story and have forthwith added it to the hallowed pages of this zine.

--LT

AUDIO BOOK PROJECT

The project, directed by Nate Bucklin is progressing fairly well. Nate has nine volunteers (two in Wisc.) but so far only Nate has completed his audition on Tape. The audition has to be made on the tape supplied by the Library of Congress. It will be ten minutes long. Please contact Nate Bucklin sometime in the afternoon at 644-1454 if anyone has volunteered and not yet made the tape.

--AR

PHONE DIRECTORY FOR MINN-SFF

A corrected and revised phone directory of all Minn-stf'ers is in the process, but we need your help. If you have had any address change or phone number change since September, 1970, please get word at once to either Frank Stodolka or Lynn Torline. We would like to have the list compiled as soon as possible so that we can get it out to the people and avoid unnecessary hassles in contacting you. So, please get them in as soon as possible.

RUNATIC AWARD

The first person to be honored by receiving the Runatic Award was Don Nelson for his outstanding contribution of money to the RUNE. Anyone can get the handsome award by contributing something--money (the most helpful), art work, articles, or whatever, to the RUNE editors. There is still time to get something in for the January ish if you hurry, but more than likely, it will be featured in the February ish, so let's see something--remember, it's your zine.

I WONDER WHAT'S EATING HER NOW

To be sung (more or less) to the tune of "I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now".

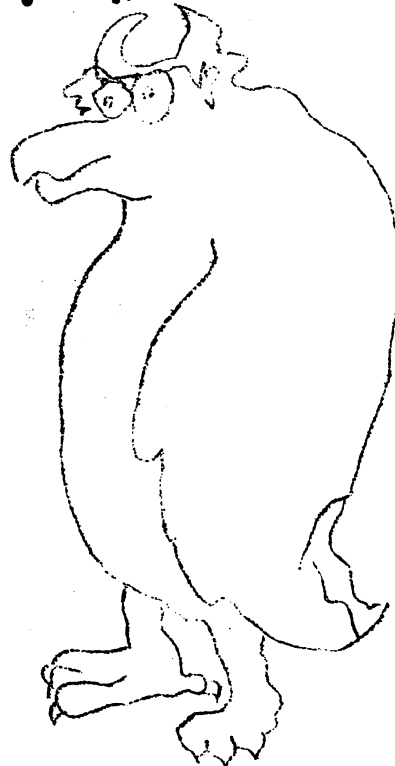
I wonder what's eating her now,
Perhaps it's an old sacred khau,
A baboon from Rangoon
Or a Sirian kluhn.
I wonder what's eating her now.

They say it's the old Vegan way
To support the V.S.P.C.A.
When you're feeling quite blue
To become something's stew.
I wonder what's eating her now.

Last night she and I had fight
She left to go out for a bite
At the temple of K'lell
Where the ki-ki birds dwell.
I wonder what's eating her now.

When I heard it I felt so bereaved.
My poor love could not be retrieved.
So I'm going down to
The old temple zoo.
I wonder what's eating her now.

Chuck Holst



TOUCHING REMARKS

Bob Dumas likes to read science fiction. He is also a romantic--that's why he got into fencing. He is also a nice guy. (Aren't we all in Minneapolis?)

Balderdash aside, Bob teaches fencing at the downtown YMCA in Friday nights, 7:00-9:30. If you want to learn how the Grey Mouser does it, Bob will be glad to teach you. It's co-ed, you can start anytime, and the "Y" provides the equipment (or you can bring your own). It's free for YMCA members. If you don't belong, they charge you a special activities fee of \$30, but since the year is 1/3 over, they will probably reduce it to \$20. If you're not sure you like fencing that much, you can get in for 75¢ a night as a member of another fencing organization (say, the U Fencing Club or the Lankhmar Fencing Club). Or you can walk right in; they seldom check cards. Go through the men's or women's locker room to the small gym.

For registration or information, call 332-2431--ext. 52, or talk to Bob Dumas at 473-9538. If you're going to the U, you'll find it cheaper (free) to join the U Fencing Club. I think it meets in the South Tower of Memorial Stadium on Wednesday and Friday nights from 4:30-6:30. That is, if things haven't changed. Check "What's Doing" in the Daily.

For those who haven't tried it, let me say that fencing is a lot of fun, a great way to sat in shape, and a lot more romantic than volleyball.

--CH

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FAREWELL TO THE MOUSER

Gray Mouser, the official Minn-stf mascot, has been missing since September 3rd. This article is for those who knew him.

Mouser was born, with a brother and two sisters, on the eve or day of July 4th, following the 1969 Picnicon. (A patriotic cat, he had his first pussy on February 12th.) We discovered the litter in the morning as we were packing for a week's vacation and, perforce, had to take the whole cat family to the lake with us.

Those who have seen Mouser know what a strange walk he had. He was the least co-ordinated of our cats and, in fact, the last of the litter to learn to walk. For a time, indeed, he could only make his front legs work, with the ridiculous result that, the more he pushed with those two front legs, the further he would slide backwards across the floor.

He fell ill when he was about 4 weeks old and for about a week he was pitifully weak and listless, he could not keep his food down, and the fur came out where he had sores on his head. (He was still partially bald at his first Minn-stf meeting.) His recovery at the end of the week was surprizingly (or should I say, Astoundingly) rapid, but at the same time, the rest of the litter came down with the same illness and two of them, Confucius and Throwback, died of it. (Nameless One, who survived with Mouser, was later given away.)

Gray Mouser's parents, Vanya the Red and Felicia the White, were brother and sister. Addlepate Felicia vanished one day in August while we were out sailing, leaving only Vanya to bring up Mouser in a proper manner. But Vanya, who had stayed behind the day we took the new-born kits to the lake, had been wary of them ever since we returned and still would not let Mouser approach him. Mouser didn't care; he loved to wrestle, and from the time he was a wee kitten till he was full-grown, it was his favorite sport to jump Vanya the moment he had a chance. He never won, but he was never discouraged and it



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- was a strange thing to see a three-pound kitten attacking a ten-pound tomcat as if he had every reason in the world to expect to win. After a while, Vanya became more tolerant of Mouser and his antics and the two would wrestle or chase each other for fun, but if Mouser sometimes found himself on top in a wrestling match, it was only with Vanya's consent.

We don't have any cats, now. Vanya was a wanderer who sometimes stayed away a day or two at a time but always came back until one week this past summer. Mouser was more of a homebody and his disappearance was more of a mystery to me. It was the first Thursday in September. Mouser had been in the house most of the day and, when I went out to get something from the car, I made a point of seeing that he stayed inside. So, I was certain that Mouser was in the house that evening--certain until I noticed his absence as I was getting ready for bed. I called him and got no answer; I searched the apartment and couldn't find him; finally, and reluctantly, I decided he must gotten out, somehow. Going to the front door in my robe, I discovered it was raining. I called the Mouser several times and when he didn't come, I concluded he was hiding in some dry spot, waiting for the rain to stop, and that we would see him in the morning. I was wrong; we never saw or heard of him again. He could have been run over, or lost, or stolen, but I prefer to think that he decided to slip off to look for Vanya. I hope he found him.

--CH

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MEETINGS

January 16:

At Pill-Waite Center
as usual.

January 30:

Tentative date for
the Second Open
Meeting.

February 13

February 27



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MINN-STF ELECTIONS

The time has come once again when nomination s for new officers in Minn-stf are in order. All the posts are open for election. Keep in mind that the duties are not as yet deliniated completely. We have to clear up some of the obscurities when Minn-stf corporates as a non-profit organization, but these titles in general are understood by everyone.

Anyone wishing to volunteer and thereby electing himself is also welcome to do so. A ballot is being sent to everyone inside of RUNE, which should be filled out and mailed no later than JANUARY 26th, as the announcement of officers will be made at the January 30th Minn-stf meeting, and later listed in the next issue of RUNE.

These are the incumbents running for re-election. Check the box at the left of their names if you wish to elect them, or write in the name of another and check that box if you prefer them instead.

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| HEAD LIBRARIAN: | Linda Loundsbury | _____ |
| PHONE COMMITTEE: | Lynn Torline | _____ |
| WRITER'S WORKSHOP | Pat Worthington | _____ |

Your signature here _____

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MENTION MY NAME IN TORONTO

The Minneapolis in '73 committee has had to withdraw its bid for the World Science Fiction convention. The reasons are various; primarily, though, the general decline in the economy has forced us to tighten our collective belts and weather the recession without a worldcon bid. We hope to bid in a few more years.

Jim Young
Chairman

RUNE 19 was collated by Chuck Holst, Al Kuhfeld, Benjy, Sherry, and Deedee Lessinger, Lynn Torline, with the help of gouda cheese and Paul Mason's Pale Dry Sherry.

NEXT MONTH IN RUNE:

The final installment of Redd Bogg's article, "Giants in Those Days". TRUE, TRUE!!!! The EGOBOO POLL, the Hugo Nominations poll, and the Locus Popularity Poll. (Lots of polls this year, fen!)

The Rune editorial staff is lonely! We would dearly love to hear from someone. Send us a letter, postcard, message by carrier pidgeon, leaflet from a zepplin-- ANYTHING! Send it to one of the editors and it will be gleefully received--perhaps even printed in the hallowed pages of this zine.

YOU'RE GETTING THIS BECAUSE:

You are a member of Minn-stf.

You are not Jim Young

You are not Art Roberts.

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I want your bod! (CH, LT, AR)

We'd like you to come to meetings.

You paid for this (thanks).

We didn't know what else to do with it.

You are a Star Trek Freak.

You like Teddy Bears with six-inch fangs.

You like orgies.

We want you to come to an orgy!

You were great at the orgy!

You are Jim Young.

You are Isaac Asimov.

Please insert your own reason: _____

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