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The SFC lives! With new officers ... a new address ... new policies in the works. And we need you to make it happen.

An era in the history of Southern science fiction fandom came to an end at the DeepSouthCon last June. Meade Frierson, Founder and longtime President of the Southern Fandom Confederation, bid the job adieu, and welcomed in his successor and a new slate of other officers. For 13 years Meade had singlehandedly held the South's fundamental organization of science fiction and fantasy fans together; now the job has fallen on ... us.

We are the new SFC officers, and one of the purposes of this bulletin is to introduce ourselves to those of you who weren't at the XXist DSC to see us elected.

President - Guy H. Lillian III. Following up on three successful years as Official Editor of the Southern Fandom Press Alliance, GHLIII (as he is known fannishly) now nervously attempts to fill Meade Frierson's shoes in the SFC presidency. Creating and presenting SFC policy for y'all's approval, and writing and publishing the SFC bulletins are his major duties -- in addition to chairing the annual SFC meeting at the DeepSouthCon. (In fact, this bulletin, Rebel Yells Vol. 2 #1, is GHLIII Press Pub #541.) Guy's most significant task over the coming year will be to prepare a full-scale bulletin for New Year's distribution -- and to work up new by-laws for your consideration at the June DSC. Write him at 1290 Park Blvd. #114, Baton Rouge LA 70806.

Secretary-Treasurer - Deb Hammer-Johnson. The new Official Editor of Myriad, one of the South's two great amateur press associations, is also the new secretary-treasurer of the Southern Fandom Confederation. Deb has the hard job ... keeping track of you. It's to Deb that you will be asked to mail your SFC dues, and any fannish addresses you might happen across. Deb handles the mailing of the bulletins and the balancing of the SFC treasury, with her dream project -- a fannish directory to the South -- always in mind. She may be reached through the SFC mailbox, P.O. Box 1402, Main Post Office, Knoxville TN 37901. (Be sure to put "c/o SFC"!)

First Veep - P.L. Caruthers-Montgomery. Southern fandom's most famous redhead continues to hold down our first vice-presidency. Should the SFC President not show at the annual Confederation meeting at the DeepSouthCon, she will run it in his stead. Now living in Colorado, P.L. and her husband Larry spread the rebel word to the mountain states.

Second Veep - Charlotte Proctor. Also representing the Southern Fandom Confederation when the President is not around is the den mother and head animal tamer for Birmingham, Alabama fandom, who is deeply involved in the Atlanta in '86 worldcon bid.

That's us -- the new SFC officership. ("Officership.") And here is our new address -- any official business, dues, contributions, fanzines, send to us at

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(Con announcements and policy questions to GHLIII at his address, please.)

So, that's who we are. Now ... who are you?

The SFC needs your dues. Meade Frierson, bless him, supported the Southern Fandom Confederation moreorless out of pocket, and we, bless us, can't afford that. So we're asking for money -- three bucks from each of you -- to help us keep this organization going.

Enclosed with this bulletin you'll find a questionnaire which we'd appreciate your filling out and returning. This will help us update our mailing list and perhaps add a few new names to the rebel lists. If you see it in your heart to help us with your dues, please enclose a check. An envelope, addressed to the SFC, is enclosed for your convenience.

Eventually, we hope to provide a few "perks" for SFC duespayers, to reward you for your generosity with more than our thanks. The first full-scale REBEL YELLS, which we hope will be ready before the January 13-15 Chattacon, will have a set of proposed by-laws for the new SFC, by-laws to be voted on and, perhaps, adopted at the DeepSouthCon next June. Among the new rules will be some new advantages to SFC dues-paying ... so watch for that bulletin, send in your dues, and come to DSC to vote!

Also, please pass along the names of any fans in your area who haven't been in touch with our regional fandom. We'll put them on the SFC mailing list and try to bring them into the fold. No matter what sort of s.f. or fantasy fan they are, or you are, you're all Southern fans ... so zip that questionnaire in!

Meetings. The Southern Fandom Confederation holds a Sunday morning meeting at the DeepSouthCon each year, at which the next DSC site is selected and regional business is discussed. Come! Next year, the con will be held June 21-24 in Chattanooga. Memberships are \$15 to Irvin Koch, chairman, c/o 835 Chattanooga Bank Bldg., Chattanooga TN 37402. We hope to have a meeting also at Chattacon in January. Write to Box 921, Hixson TN 37343 for info on that con. Show up and bring your ideas!

Also, the Southern Fandom Confederation has voted its support to the city of Atlanta in its bid for the 1986 World Science Fiction Convention. Recent nationwide polls show that Atlanta is currently in the lead in its race for the most important science fiction conclave of them all ... but the bid will need your help. If you're interested, write the Atlanta in '86 bidding committee at P.O. Box 10094, Atlanta GA 30319, and ask how to help. For \$2.50, a copy of SOUTH ON PEACHTREE, the excellent fanzine produced by committee member Mike Rogers for the bid, will be yours. Write soon, and you might enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope to hurry a reply.

So that's it for our first REBEL YELLS. Around the new year, expect a fullscale publication devoted to the Southern fandom we all love, touching on our history and traditions, our plans and our promise. If you are planning a convention or a fanzine for 1984, please send us full details. If you publish a zine of any kind, please put us on the mailing list. Remember our address: P.O. BOX 1402, KNOXVILLE TN 37901. (The address below is that of Joe Celko's Atlanta-based newszine; we thank Joe for helping us with bulk mail postage, postal labels, and computer nonsense in general.) Use the enclosed envelope. Let us know what you think and how you feel. The SFC must be recreated in the wake of Meade Frierson's magnificent service. We hope you'll help us in this job with your cash and your ideas and your attendance at our cons. Take care and write us tonight!

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