

COME INTO OUR PARLOUR

We found it! An apartment, that is. Steve and Sue have moved in together. You see what editing the PorSFIS newsletter does to you? With firm faith in the motto "Great minds drool alike", we have decided to cohabit. In celebration of this ~~historic~~ momentous occasion we are hosting the first annual PorSFIS New Year's Eve Party. PorSFIS' new year starts on April 1, as you know. March 31st is a Saturday, also a regular PorSFIS mating-day. March 31st, therefore, is the day of the New Year's Eve Party. PorSFIS members are invited to join us in wild celebration at our new abode, as we count the minutes till midnight. Gaze in awe at The Bed! Sit in the famous Rip Van Winkle chairs! There will be live music and ~~add/contemporary~~ sensuous dancing, featuring Ali, the master of the shimmy. It's all happening at The Padded Room, 2835 SE Division.

You don't want to miss this, so don't be bashful! Come as you are! (We have plenty of towels.) Watch your mailbox for further details.

ADVENTURES WITH ED

Few people are aware of the part Ed Foster played in the affairs of Middle Earth. When the weary party of Hobbits and Dwarves first approached the Elven city of Rivendell, it turned out that Gandalf had misplaced the address. Unable to get a phone number from directory service, they were on the verge of calling off the quest when Ed interceded. Cranking the old phone thrice, he was immediately connected to Elrond--an old friend from college days.

"By what miracle did you happen to know the correct number!" the old wizard exclaimed.

"I thought everyone knew," Ed replied modestly: "Three rings for the Elven Kings . . ."

The Lord works His will in strange ways; none could be stranger than the part Ed Foster played in reaching the Promised Land. After a wrong turn at the Red Sea and countless other pitfalls, the Israelites found themselves in what would someday be Europe. Ed, in exasperation, finally arranged river passage through Hamburg and Munich to Vienna. This was perhaps the most harrowing part of the journey, especially when they were almost seduced by the Lorelei. From Vienna, across the Balkans, and back to the Middle East was comparatively easy, but to this day it is with extreme frustration that Ed recalls the Days of Rhine and Moses.

BOOK STORE REVIEWS

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3000 science fiction paperbacks

Science fiction is about 2%

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of the books in the store.

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Excalibur has quite a varied selection of used books, including what may well be the cheapest used comics in the entire Willamette Valley. Their science fiction selection is also quite good, including several Harlan Ellison, which rarely show up on used book store shelves. They have a few shelves devoted to science fiction series, such as Star Trek or Cap Kennedy, for those of you who have gaps in your collection. I also recommend the store for nostalgia buffs, such as collectors of the original Tom Swift series. They also give a discount on books bought there, usually around 10%. A 9 Powell bus will get you there from downtown, and a 75 goes by on 39th Ave.

TIE A STRING AROUND YOUR FINGER!

The next meeting of the Council of the High Cascades, Friends of Darkover will be held on April 19th, at the Council House, Portland. (Bryce Walden's house. 761-3768 for more info.)

And don't forget the PorSFIS meetings! March 31st, April 14th and 28th, May 12th, etc. 2:00, Room E, Multnomah Public Library, downtown. Do come to the meetings. And if you want to keep getting the newsletter, don't forget-- the new year starts on April 1. Are you paid up for '79? This is what you've been cramming those piggybanks for!

ELECTION RESULTS!!!!

I know you've been awaiting this news with bated breath. (You have been bating your breath, haven't you?) Marc Wells is surrendering the Presidency to the Velvet Touch (yours truly, Sue Renhard). He will be Vice President this year, giving Debbie Cross a well-earned rest. (Ho, ho, ho!) John Andrews was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. Roger Wells handed the Secretary's quill to John Lorentz. We eagerly anticipate the new year. Onward and upward!

PLEASE FEED THE NEWSLETTER

Keep those cards and letters coming, folks! (You can, if you rub them the right way!) Send news to 2835 SE Division, Portland, OR 97202, or call 234-9677. (Steve and Sue have a recorder hooked up, so call anytime!)



...and then there was the water-covered planet named Aquariux. Ed Foster's ship shot through the atmosphere and splashed into the sea. Yes, then there was that giant squid, disturbed by the swirling water as the Gamma Ray changed from spaceship to underwater exploration vehicle. But at least the poor creature was spared Ed's parting words of advice as he rushed on, leaving a wake: "Don't sleep in the sub's way, darling."

Coné Calendear//////// May 25-27 -- V-CON -- GoH: Jack Vance -- Toastmaster: Frank Herbert -- Registration: \$8.00 -- Gage Towers, U of Brit. Columbia, Vancouver BC -- Room Rates: \$12 single, \$21 double -- Write: V-Con 7, PO Box 43701, Bentall Station, Vancouver BC, Canada V7X 1A6.

//////// June 29-July 2 -- WESTERCON 32 -- GoH Richard Lupoff -- Fan GoH: Bruce Pelz -- Sheraton Palace, San Francisco CA -- Write: WesterCon 32, 195 Alhambra St., #9, San Francisco CA 94123.

//////// July 13-15 -- DARKOVER Grand Council Meeting -- GoH: Marion Zimmer Bradley -- Registration: \$10 till Jul 1, \$15 thereafter -- La Guardia Sheraton, Queens NY -- Write: Armida Council, PO Box 355, Brooklyn NY 11219.

////////September 29-October 1 -- MOSCON -- GoH: Verna Smith, Alex Schomburg -- Registration: \$6 till Sept 9, \$10 thereafter -- Best Western University Inn, Moscow ID -- Write: Beth Finkbiner, PO Box 9141, Moscow ID 33843.

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//////// August 29-September 1, 1980 -- this is the 38th World Science Fiction Convention; start planning now -- GoH: Damon Knight, Kate Wilhelm -- Registration: \$20.00 till Jul 1 79 -- Sheraton-Boston Hotel, Boston MA -- Write: Noreascon 2, PO Box 46, MIT Branch Post Office, Cambridge MA 02139.

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