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So the first Minn-Stf meeting of the summer was great, huh? Well, I ask you, what happens when you have a meeting numbering not five or six fans (as it was at the constitutional convention) but rather fifteen or sixteen full-fledged SF fans? If you don't know already I'll tell you: everything.

The second meeting of the summer was a sort of systematic chaos with fans spouting ideas about everything from computers to racial problems. It all goes to prove my firm belief that SF fans are some of the most individualistic, most intelligent, and most creative beings that have yet to land on this little planet of ours.

And, besides having a lively discussion, we even managed to settle some club business. The constitution drawn up at the previous meeting was passed with 13 ayes. Two anarchists abstained and one voted 'naye'. Of course, even in an age of science one more than a little irrationality so the fact that we were three votes short of unanimity does not bother. However, those 13 'ayes' do sound rather foreboding...

Since our summer schedules were so varied, we also concluded at this meeting that group attendance at 2001: A Space Odyssey was not feasible. Therefore, for the last week or so Frank Stodolka (your humble reporter for this issue) has been trying to spread around news about the movie. I have also been trying to assist fans in finding transportation. When last I talked to them, Doug Kellogg (TA 4-5982) as well as Joel and Marge Lessinger (377-4327) both had rides available. If you are willing to give a fellow fan a ride to this show and don't know enough fans to fill your car give me a ring at 825-6355 and I'll try and give you a hand. For fans who are rushed or whose schedules conflict with those offering rides I would suggest seeing the 2 pm matinee on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Saturday. Take a #9-C bus leaving 7th and Hennipen at 1:15 on those days (take the 12:30 bus if you want to get there really early: 12:45) and get off at Turner's Crossroads. The return bus can pick you up about 5pm, only fifteen or twenty minutes after the movie ends.

By the way, this movie has my personal stamp of approval now. If you haven't seen it yet by all means GO!

Ken Fletcher at the last meeting came up with the idea of, besides printing a recruiting bulletin, we should print posters aimed at science fiction fans. He suggested such notable phrases as "The Right to Buy Weapons is the Right to Be Free" accompanied by a blurb for Minn-Stf. I've got a few ideas of my own for these posters and I don't think it would be a bad idea if we started designing them at the next meeting. We can print them at the Art-craft Studio free if anyone can obtain some paper measuring about 24 by 36 inches. Now is the time to stockpile for the next academic year.

THINGS TO COME: Due to our publishing problems and, therefore, late issues of RUNE we have yet to discuss many of the topics brought up at the first meeting of the summer. The events and organization of the Minicon, our amateur SF movie, the recruiting bulletin and several other questions such as when? where? who? how much? are all hanging in the air. On top of all these, Minn-Stf needs an interested sponsor in order to become official, insofar as our intended sponsor, Mr. Robert Tembeck (A founder of the Free University) has left the institution.

LOST AND FOUND: One of our members left a light grey lightweight coat at Gc106's Bookstore last meeting. Pick it up when you can.

SPECIAL NOTE: In response to his generous offer of free use of his backroom for our meetings as well as his offer of free use of his addressograph and, most of all, in response to the tender 10% discount he is giving us whenever we purchase five or more books of the same title, Martin Golob of Golob's Bookstore, 817 Washington Ave. S. E. is hereby nominated to receive the Order of the Emerald Pickle. Do I hear any seconds?

GOLDEN CARROT AWARDS: For punnery above and beyond the call of duty Bob Halfhill received the Golden Carrot Award in the first meeting of the summer. His line about "...the Marine who was thrown out of the service because he was rotten to the corp..." shall live forever in the annals of Minn-Stf history.

The second meeting was such a free-for-all that I don't think we ever did actually elect a person for the Golden Carrot Award. There were, however, several nominations: Nate Bucklin with, "I come from the brightest star of the constellation Lyra," he said Vega-ly; Also by Nate; "Hire the handicapped-- they're fun to watch." And, I think it was Charles Brin (or someone near him) who said that the perpetrators of some of the atrocious puns told at the last meeting should be put on a jet liner for Spain in the middle of a thunderstorm because anyone knows that the "planes in Spain fall mainly in the rain."

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REMEMBER, EVERYBODY, THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON SATURDAY, JULY 13th, STARTING AT TWELVE NOON. IT WILL BE HELD AT OUR NEW HEADQUARTERS IN GOLOB'S BOOKSTORE. THERE WILL BE FREE COFFEE. COME EARLY, BROWSE A WHILE, STAY LATE.

This has been Frank Stedelka, substituting for Jim Young who is ill this week with the Flu. Get well quick, Jim. And, to the rest of you fans who are trying desperately to avoid the evil germs rampant in our society I leave this Minn-Stf motto in care of Nate Bucklin (who else?): Clean mind, clean body-- take your pick.

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