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Friday Afternoon

Gophers Needed Immediately

Want to help out, but not sure where to start? It's not too late to volunteer! Gophering takes no particular experience, just reliability and willingness to be helpful. It's a great way to meet people and round out your con experience. And, of course, it's perfect for experienced con volunteers who just didn't get around to signing up for anything before the con. Gophers are especially needed during the setup and teardown phases of the con, like right now! If you can volunteer an hour or two, check with the Volunteer Desk in the 2nd Floor Mezzanine OR go directly to the Bridge and offer your services.

Late-Night Volunteers Needed

Reliable night-owls needed for late-night volunteer shifts in Ops (and elsewhere). If you're planning to be awake and sober in the midnight-to-dawn hours, consider putting in a shift or two as a Badger, Gopher, or Twinkie. Besides the pizzazz this will add to your resume, volunteering is a great way to meet people, feel important and qualify for great prizes and trinkets.

Registration Report

Precise pre-registration count was not available at press time, but was believed to be 3100+.

CHICAGO IN 2000 CORRECTION

Despite Mr. Volstead Gridban's erroneous research in the Program Book, Chicago in 2000 wishes the membership of Minicon 30 to know that since August 1994 there has been one and only one Chicago in 2000 Worldcon bid. The bid committee contains members from all of the Chicago area and Milwaukee area con-running groups, and is bidding for the Hyatt Regency Chicago, which was home to the 1982 and 1991 Worldcons. Anyone with further questions may have them answered at the concom's bid table or at the Chicago in 2000 party Saturday night. Be sure to ask about our Trading Card project — card #4 (Frederik Pohl) is being issued at Minicon!

Congratulations to Brian and Liz, who met at Minicon 29, and are now engaged.

Pocket Program Addendum

Bhigg House Suite Events

The Folks From the Bhigg House, our Fan Group GOH, have planned a number of wonderful hospitality events that didn't make it into the pocket program:

Fri 1-4 p.m. Open House

Fri midnight-> Non-Smoking Music Party. (Starts after the Dandelion Wine concert).

Sat 1-3 p.m. Reading (out loud) at the Bhigg House

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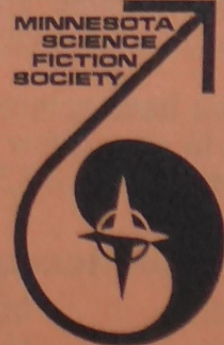
Fri 9:00—The Antarctica in '99 Bid Party, the smash hit of last year's Worldcon ("Cool...way cool") is back again! Rms 681-683, North Tower (the short one).

Sat 9:00. SF Minnesota Party. "For people who love SF" Rms 681-683, North Tower (the short one)

Tower of Parties Returns

If you can't find that perfect party in the BBT listings or in the flyers by the elevators, check out the Tower of Parties. It's the giant cube with the blinking lights sitting in the mezzanine near the huckster room. If you want to post a party, ask at the info desk for a magnetic holder for your announcement.

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Minicon 30 Indoor Clean Air Project: Special Alert

While the corridors in the pool area are designated smoking and non-smoking areas, the party hosts/residents in each private hotel room set the "smoking policy" for their area. This includes private patios, so please don't fume at each other, and watch for smoking/non-smoking signs.

Thank you.

--- The Mgt

Personals

I'm deeply grateful to all the friends who helped me so much before and during my move 3 weeks ago! Many of you are registered for Minicon, so I know this is an opportunity to remind people what fine friends we have. Denny Lien, so much energy, I kept wondering when you'd slow down! Kay Drache, you saved my sanity (may have saved me needing bail?) Tom Juntunen, are you now phobic about white cats? Diana Steben, I haven't enough words. Mary McKinley and Kayte Norini, dig my patio? Myrna and Sarah Logan, your gifts make Windrest that much warmer. Rhonda Danielson, my kitchen works so well! Also, all those whose sage advice: "It'll all be over soon..." got me through closing! And to all I haven't mentioned, my love.

--- MARQS



What a childish thing to do..

Minicon is about hospitality. Stuffing locks with gum and paper is not hospitable. 'Nuff said.



Desperately seeking Japanese Animation! If anybody is running any, please put up some flyers!

Minicon 30 is on the Internet

Minicon 30 has a homepage on the World Wide Web. You can find us at URL <http://www.delivery.com/minicon30>.

Three systems are available for web browsing in the fanzine room, 2209.

If you have prints of good photos of this minicon, we'd like to scan a few and add them to the web. Find David Dyer-Bennet in 2209 or 2213.

Other Handy URLs (Home Page Addresses)

Mnstf : <http://nam.ing.com:80/mnstf>
Minicon 30 <http://nam.ing.com:80/minicon30>
Program book
<http://nam.ing.com:80/minicon30/progbook>

It Seemed Like a Good Idea At the Time

Way back before Minicon 29 we had the bright idea of setting up a Minicon voice mail system so people with questions about the con could call in their questions at any time of the day or night. Somehow, in the flurry of burnouts and gaffiations that tend to follow a con, the voice mail retrieval code was ...misplaced.

Well, the good news is, we found the retrieval code again! The bad news is, we found it last week. How many unanswered messages had piled up in the mailbox? Let's just say "the queue was full." In the spirit of better-late-than-never," the Concom would like to provide all the answers now.

YES

NO

MAYBE

I'LL GET BACK TO YOU ON THAT.

Apologies to those of you who didn't get your questions addressed in a timely fashion. It really did seem like a good idea at the time.

Rants and Raves

Registering at the door Friday morning (yes, I am slime), I was startled to note that Minicon registration is, as a matter of course, handing badges to at-the-door people which feature only their first name. They'll go back and add your last name if you make a fuss, but first-names only are the default. This appears to be a time-saving measure, which is certainly understandable when you've got a long line.

It's still a bad idea. It's a bad idea because it's one of those details that marks the borderline between a convention — a gathering of a community, in which people have histories and standing — and a big show full of people who are anonymous to one another. Yes, the people who register at the door are, by and large, newcomers to our community who don't have a lot of history and standing. All the more reason not to give them the wrong message about what Minicon is.

Last names are part of who we are. Last names are specificity, particularity, and history. Badges with only first names on them are badges from a very different kind of event—a singles mixer, perhaps, or a business motivational seminar. "Hi, My Name Is: BUFFY." That's not Minicon. Let's hope this well-intended but misconceived policy is just an aberration that doesn't return.

—Patrick Nielsen Hayden

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Saturday Noon

The 22nd Floor: What's the Deal?

Just in case you didn't read page 3 of your Pocket Program (or pay attention at Opening Ceremonies) you might be wondering what possessed the Concom to turn all their function space upside down at the last minute. You also might wonder why you have to deal with those annoying folks sitting by the elevators on the 22nd floor counting people debarking and occasionally turning them away.

Well, it has to do with Bloomington's new Crusading Fire Marshal, who has virtually guaranteed us that he will be paying us a visit during the Con, probably on Saturday night. Take a look at your pocket program for more details. The Concom wasn't really thrilled with this turn of events, but rose to the occasion to come up with some creative solutions.

As of Friday night, things seem to be working pretty well, but Saturday night is the biggie. At peak times you might want to think twice about making a possibly fruitless trip to the 22nd floor and hit a few parties instead. (Hint: check out the Tower of Parties in the Great Hall Foyer). And don't forget the Plaza Area (formerly The Village) on the ground floor of the North Tower. There's gaming in Plaza 4 and Filking (from 5:00 p.m.) in Plaza 3.

Registration Report

As of close of registration on Friday, the head of Registration estimates the total memberships at 3,650, with a warm body count in excess of 3,400! This exceeds last year's record attendance by a couple of hundred, and it's only Friday! The unexpectedly high numbers of at-the-doors created some difficulties: Registration ran out of pre-printed blank badges, and was reduced to laminating hand-written, hand-cut badges. Then they ran out of lamination supplies and had to go out and buy more.. Long lines and frazzled nerves were aggravated further by the discovery that some preregistrations appeared to have been lost. The head of Registration admits that some mistakes were made during the precon period and was relieved to report that most people who encountered difficulties in registering were remarkably gracious about it.

Flash Update [Sat 11:00 a.m.] Reg Head reports we have 3,380-3,390 warm bodies. Which makes us larger than total attendance at the last worldcon in Winnipeg!

Pocket Program Addendum

Additions

Bhigg House Suite: Room 1404-1406

- Sat 6:30 p.m.—Grand Ballroom (just before Masquerade) Howard Harrison will be recording a live song for his forthcoming CD
- Sat 1-3 p.m. Reading (out loud) at the Bhigg House
- Sat 8-11:30 Keycon Party
- Sun 1-4 p.m. At-Home (like an Open House, but subtly different)

Corrections

- #117 Taping Your Convention 101 has been **cancelled**
- pg 19 Sat, 10 am, Bloomington Room
Should be: Masquerade Orientation
- pg 22 Masquerade starts at 7:00 pm, NOT 6:00 pm
- pg 31 Masquerade Orientation is actually Saturday, 10 am in the Bloomington Room

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Masquerade Update

Masquerade will start at 7:00 p.m., not 6:00 p.m.

and will be simulcast on Network 73.

See the awesome, the beautiful, the dramatic, the fries! Yes, we said "fries". Besides our usual awards, we will have two special awards this year for costumes relating to Minicon 30's themes: Would you like fries with that? and Some assembly required. Don't miss seeing how costumed fans interpret them!

Featuring our Special Guest MC - Bruce Hyde.

Also known as Lt. Kevin Riley from the Original Star Trek TV Series and now teaching Communications at St. Cloud State.

We would also like to thank our Judges:

Gerald Dagel, Laura Hughes, Jody Lee (Artist GOH), Diane Rhody, Alicia Wold and Suzy Zahradka.

For our contestants:

Registration for the masquerade is from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday. No entries can be accepted after 2:30 p.m. Saturday. Contestant Orientation is 10:00 a.m. Saturday in the Bloomington Room. Check at the Masquerade table for additional information.

The Masquerade Director would like to thank everyone who worked on the masquerade and technical crews for all their efforts putting on the show, and all the costumers and fans—without whom there would be no show.

Restaurant Update

There have been a few changes since the last time the Restaurant Guide was updated. Here are a few (probably incomplete) corrections pointed out by sharp-eyed fans:

New: Eddington's (fast food court near hotel)
Napa Valley Grill, Twin Cities Diner (Mall of

A)

Closed: Rusty Scupper, Khan's Mongolian Barbeque

Changed: Lakeside Palace → First Wok [no dimsum]

What were they thinking?

Doug Friauf points out that the Burger King across the parking lot from the Rad is totally inaccessible by wheelchair from the hotel parking lot. The Subway and other shops (including the new one listed above) are even harder to get to. **Embers** is your best bet if you are travelling by wheelchair.

How Many Minicons Have YOU Been To?

Get your penquins, stars, and holographic dinosaur stickers in the Minneapolis in '73 suite (2214). Consult the not-so-secret decoder ring on the wall to figure out which stickers to put on your badge. Then you'll be able to decode everyone else's badge, too. GoshWow.

Party Reports

The New Consuite

When we had to move the con suite from the 22nd floor to the pool area, we really didn't know what to expect. Where should we put the beer? The soda? The smoking area? How do we deal with the crowds? And how do we badge check the damn thing? Well, the con is half over and the lesson seems obvious: The con suite is not the four suites at the end of the pool area; the con suite is the pool area. People are getting their beer and soda in the end rooms and taking it everywhere. Parties line the side walls, upstairs and downstairs. There's music and conversation in the center. Tall ceilings mask noise and minimize the smoking problem. We may have lost Mr. C's and the 22nd floor, but we gained the world's largest con suite with its own pool and jacuzzi.

-- Bruce Schneier

"Y'know, now that people don't have to go 22 floors for a beer, they're going to drink a lot more. I hope Parties thought about that, because if they didn't, they're going to run out of beer by midnight Saturday."

-- Arthur Knowles

Capsule Reviews—Karen Cooper

Troll's Guild Party: "Finest Party. Two thumbs up."

The Balloon Crawl: "Go there! It's so fun! It's just a riot! They have a shark under the balloons! No, don't tell them that, it'll ruin the surprise!" [never trust a smiling journalist]

All the Bid Parties: "Very quiet."

The New Con Suite: "Get your beer and move along folks. Keep it moving, there's nothing to see here."

— Karen Cooper

Bhigg House Music Party [3:00 a.m.]

"The party in the room I'm planning to sleep in is still going strong."

— Dave Romm

Most Surreal Environment in the Con

The Elvis Room in Dark Star. Of course I never did make it to the Balloon Crawl, so it may well be a tie.

— sharon

Flashes from the Internet

A Cautionary Tale: Balticon, running this weekend in Baltimore, has been forced to close down all their room parties at 2:00 a.m. this year. This is due to problems with the hotel following the \$5000 vandalism last year.

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Saturday Evening

Bridge Closed for 45 Mins

At approximately 2:45 p.m. Saturday, a minor medical emergency occurred in the stairwell near the 22nd floor. The front stairway to the 22nd floor was closed to the public for at least 15 minutes. Two Bloomington police officers were seen entering the stairwell; con members were directed to the back stairs.

At almost the same time, another emergency (which ultimately turned out to be a case of mistaken identity) was reported. The Ops staff on duty shut down the Bridge, an event which is absolutely unprecedented in Minicon's history. All who approached the Bridge, including con reporting for shifts, were turned away with the terse explanation that a "medical emergency" was being dealt with and no further help was needed. About 45 minutes later the Bridge reopened. The people who were working the Bridge at 4:15 had no information about what had happened.

When questioned about the reason for the closing of the Bridge, the head of Ops stated, "There were 2 emergencies going on and Operations felt it was necessary to clear the Bridge in order to deal with both of them at once. We apologize to anyone who was inconvenienced and have been working on improving our communications so that the Bridge can remain open at all times."

According to the Ops head, neither of the situations turned out to be as serious as they seemed at first.

Although police were called, their presence turned out to be unnecessary and both situations were resolved peacefully.

EDITORIAL

The Closing of Ops

Never in the history of Minicon has the Bridge been closed down. People were concerned, and rightly so. I assumed there must be blood on the floor, and expected to hear the wail of ambulances at any moment. After 45 minutes and no ambulances it was clear that there was no life-threatening medical emergency, and I began to wonder if we had a hostage situation on our hands. In a sense, maybe we did; but it was information that was being held hostage, not people.

In retrospect, it was anticlimactic, a tempest in a teapot. Inexperienced personnel over-reacted in a crisis situation. Nobody was hurt, no harm was done. It was never the intent of Ops that experienced con be shut out of the "situation" or that con members be cut off from the services of the bridge for nearly an hour.

But is it just a fluke? I'm not so sure. By its very nature, Ops requires that a large team composed of experienced old hands and green volunteers work together smoothly. Minicon has traditionally had an atmosphere of team spirit and open communication that made this work better than it had any right to, year after year. But in the last few years something has been happening to this spirit. When the Minicon Log disappeared into an ill-conceived computerized system (best described as Write Once, Read Never) a big link in the communication chain was lost. An odd turn in recruitment philosophy has resulted in a steadily increasing proportion of young people in threatening looking costumes who seem to be unnecessarily impressed with their own importance and overly fond of Us vs. Them fantasy games. I'm sorry, but I don't want "Demons" and "Angels" taking my 911 calls. I want a competent team of human beings who thinks of all of Minicon as "Us."

And the Bridge should NEVER be closed. Never. Under certain circumstances it is appropriate to clear the decks of bystanders, but any team that thinks that they can only deal with an emergency by closing themselves off from the rest of the con has the wrong idea of what Minicon is.

— Sharon Kahn

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**Correction to Pocket Program
Addendum and Correction!
Bhiga House is 1604-1606**

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SUNDAY MORNING

THERE'S NO EMERGENCY LIKE NO EMERGENCY

Yes, we did call that ambulance. What happened next we simply watched in wonder.

At 2:40AM Sunday, Minicon Life Support staff requested a non-emergency transport to a hospital. They had a fan suffering an unusually severe case of convention dysfunction: dehydration, too much junk food, and sleep deprivation.

It soon became clear that there was Another in need of help. The ambulance did manage to make it to the hotel door before spluttering to a halt. The paramedics called their base

for mechanical support and headed inside to find their patient.

A tow truck arrived promptly (where are they when I call?), and hooked up the ambulance. Some bystanding fans suggested that he might not want to rush off, but he Had His Orders.

The crowd grew with the arrival of a couple of Bloomington police officers, who had rushed to the scene because of the original ambulance request. They attempted to dissuade the tow truck driver from his trajectory, but he started yelling. Then the reinforce-

ments arrived—another cruiser bearing a sergeant who chewed out the tow truck driver.

Meanwhile, the dysfunctional fan had been examined by the paramedics and refused the offered trip (which was just as well, since their vehicle was also dysfunctional).

The paramedics returned to the side of their ailing chariot, climbed into the cab of the tow truck that had so impatiently awaited them, and disappeared into the depths of night.

A sense of anticlimax was experienced by all observers.

FANARAMA

GREEN ROOM GETS CONFUSED

We regret the one hour closure of the Green Room from 10 to 11PM Saturday night. We had a staffing difficulty, but reopened ASAP. We apologize for any inconvenience. Rumors that the Green Room was trying to beat the Bridge's 45-minute closed-time record are unfounded.

IS IT LIVE OR IS IT INTERNET?

"I just wanted to be a person, doing stuff in real life, and now I'm a picture on the web."—Sharon Kahn, speaking of the Minicon 30 World Wide Web home page on the Internet.

Email reports have come in from such far-flung places as Seattle and Chicago that some folks are enjoying our convention remotely.

SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION

Saturday night witnessed several impromptu mass events. A rave appeared in an unclaimed programming room; an extended game of Twister in the Grand Ballroom foyer entertained participants and bystanders, and drumming poolside had been going for 3½ hours as of this writi...No! This just received: "The drums have stopped. The Zulus are about to attack."

PLANNING YOUR SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Don't forget to check pages 24-25 of your pocket guide for more Minicon 30 programming. And make someone happy—volunteer!

FANGOH HOSPITALITY

Bhigg House (Rooms 1604-1606) is having an At Home on Sunday from 1 to 4PM. An "At Home" is like an Open House, but subtly different.

DEATH SCENES YET TO COME (MINICON CLOSING CEREMONIES)

Will the Executive Vice President (whose duties consist solely of the annual execution) wipe out both Ed Eastman (who abdicated the presidency part way through his term), and himself, Steven Brust, MnStf acting president? And who will step into the vacuum thus created?

EDITOR'S CHOICE AWARDS: MINICON 30

by Sharon Kahn

Most Surrealistic Room: Elvis Room in the Dark Star. *It wasn't just the decorations, it was the fact that the cheerfully demented coffee servers always knew what I wanted, even when I didn't. A couple of bars of "Love Me Tender" got me the Las Vegas Special and a handful of whipped cream.*

Best Guerrilla Signage: The Penguins
Runner-up: The Operation
Honorable Mention: Brown Frog

Best Guerrilla Copy-Editing: The corrections on Future Minicon flyers

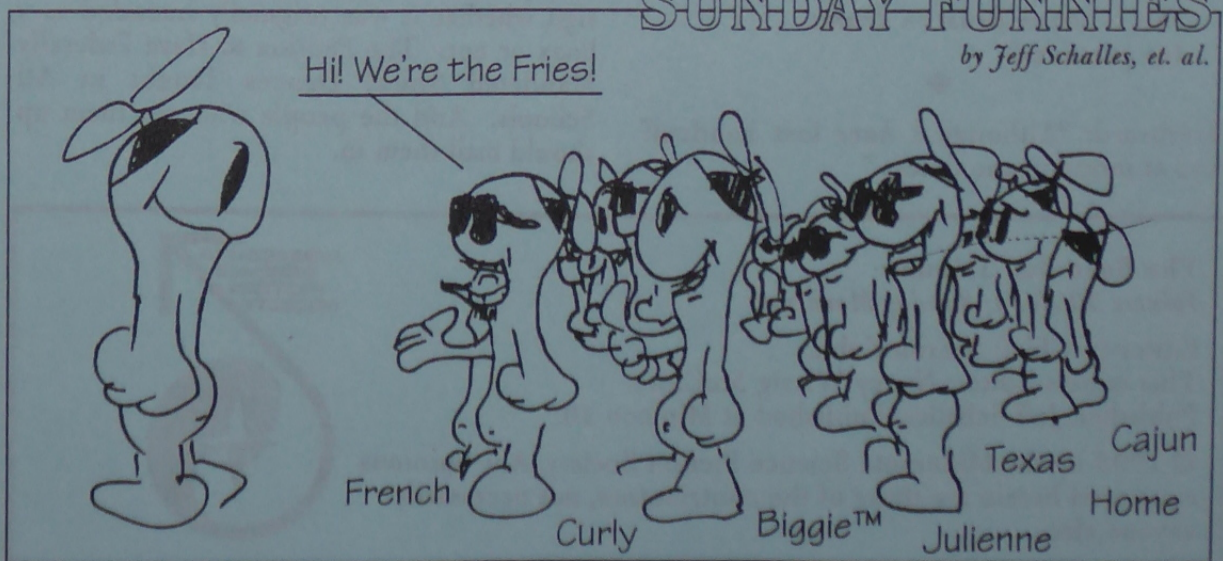
Best TechnoDecoration: The 50 miles of Electric Snakeage at the U.S.S. Behr'Ak

Most interesting venial sin: Deceit

The most utterly-useless-yet-indispensable item in the Huckster Room: Beanbag ferret

Best non-Minicon programming event: The Tango Lesson

Best Drum Jam: The Minicon Village Square



SUNDAY FUNNIES

by Jeff Schalles, et. al.

MINICON 30 MASQUERADE WINNERS

WORKMANSHIP AWARDS

Journeyman Hon. Mentions, Workmanship . . .	Black Widow, The Age of Elegance, Queen of the Net, GVAR
Master Hon. Mentions, Workmanship	Dr. Frankenstein's Creature, Greek Myth, A New Dress, Messengers of Heaven
Young Fan Best Workmanship	Wednesday Addams
Novice Best Workmanship	Three Fairies of the Enchanted Forest
Journeyman Best Workmanship	A Maiden's Thoughts
Master Best Workmanship	Cyber Repo Man
Best Workmanship Overall	Alien Queen

PERFORMANCE AWARDS

Young Fan Awards of Excellence	The Punisher, 3 Fairies of the Enchanted Forest
Journeyman Awards of Excellence	Information Superhighway Road Warrior
Master Awards of Excellence	Queen of the Net, Messengers of Heaven, Dark Phoenix (for Recreation)
"Some Assembly Required" Award	An Alien Race
"Would You Like Fries With That?" Award . .	Alien Queen
Best Young Fan	Wednesday Addams
Best Novice	KATT
Best Journeyman	A Maiden's Thoughts
Best Master	Cyber Repo Man
Most Humorous	Penguin Love
Judges' Choice	We Miss You, Jim!
Director's Choice	A Greek Myth
Best in Show	A New Dress (<i>Forbidden Planet</i>)

GRAPEVINE

Back rubs for Baltimore '98 took a new and exciting twist Saturday night. The BeltSander massage unit was well used, and all had a stimulating experience. One well-seasoned fan exclaimed she "hadn't felt anything like it since she didn't know when." The BeltSander, holder of "Best Party Sat. Night World Con '92/Orlando," has lent its support for the 1998 World Con bid of Baltimore, MD, USA. *Back rubs for Baltimore* t-shirts sold like hotcakes.

At the CD Release Party, Boiled in Lead seemed to be supplemented by a number of musicians from Cats Laughing.

*This is Steven Brust.
This is Steven Brust on drums.
Any questions?*

Overheard: "Although I *have* lost handcuff keys at inopportune times..."

Peter Hentges on his 28th birthday party in the Mpls in '73: "It's not the years, it's the mileage."

By Steve (helped by a magnetic poetry kit):
*why go madly drooling
always near sleep
for the power was a bitter vision of blue.*

Evidence that Trek fans have other interests: after showing the premiere of the new DS9 episode, *Through the Looking Glass*, the USS Nokomis room party showed hours of *Animaniacs*.

The petition everyone should seek out and sign whether it was originally intended as a hoax or not: The Petition to Have Federally Mandated Spiral Dances Taught in All Schools. And the people who put them up should mail them in.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ELEVATOR SNAFU

The express elevator should be stopping going down every 3 to 4 trips to pick up the stranded people in the 4th-7th levels. That's where it takes 25 to 45 minutes to get an elevator to stop coming or going. A shameful number of these people are mobility-limited or conveyors of children in strollers or carriers. The express should stop on one by preference and then feed them onto the escalator to go up for those needing to go to second floor.

The middle and right elevator should have the on-car operator try to have people off-load on the first floor. If necessary, off-load only on second and then go to first for pickup.

This reporter earned his volunteer t-shirt by running elevators at Winnipeg's World Con '94. That part of their volunteer program was well run.

—C. W. TAYLOR, Esq. Badge 3399

BADGE NAMES REDUX

A heart-felt "Second!" to Patrick's suggestion that badges with the person's first name only are Not A Good Idea (to say the least). Such usage implies, "I do not wish any associations or relationships formed during this weekend to continue through the rest of the year," and that is, as Patrick indicates, not a concept that has ever had a place in fandom. Hey, if I write a ConReport, what good is it to credit a witty remark or brilliant observation to "David" or "Karen"...much less "Sneaky Weasel"? We're surrounded by essentially anonymous people in our mundane lives; in fandom we (often) want to know people as People, and for that, first names & badge names, alone, are not adequate.

—DON FITCH

A NOTE OF SINCERE GRATITUDE

To MnStf and other fans of Minnesota:

Thanks for all the love and support you've given me, especially in this past year. Lee's death this winter taught me how very precious friends are. In his last days so many people came through that Lee had almost non-stop visitors, and so many that we often had to raid the rest of the hospital ward to get enough chairs for everyone. If the setting hadn't been so unusual, it would have almost qualified as some sort of a MnStf party.

In the past four months I've rarely had the opportunity to feel lonely, knowing that if I ever needed someone to talk to, day or night, there was always someone I could call on. I don't know how I could have made it without you. Thank you all.

—GIOVANNA FREGNI

Minicon 30 attendance is 3450, breaking all previous Minicon records.

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