

SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION

ICON V NOV.7-9,



HOLIDAY INN

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

A CHANCE FOR SCIENCE FICTION FANS IN THE AREA TO MEET AND SHARE A WEEKEND OF FUN, FILMS, FILK SONGS, FABULOUS FANS, FRANTIC FOOLISHNESS AND FAMOUS FANTASIZERS!!!!!!

GUESTS OF HONOR: PRO

GORDON R. DICKSON

HUGO AND NEBULA AWARD WINNING AUTHOR OF THE 'DORSAI' NOVELS

:FANS BOB & ANNE PASSOVOY

FILMS

DARK STAR

A Comic space adventure. The first film by John (HALLOWEEN) Carpenter and Dan (ALIEN) O'Bannon

WORLD WITHOUT END

A late 1950s Roger Corman film about a post-holocaust culture

HARDWARE WARS

A short satire on STAR WARS: 'You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll kiss three bucks goodbye.....'

AND MANY MORE.....

GAMING

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

BIZARRE FANTASY GAMES

NUCLEAR WAR IN THE HALLS

DUNGEON MASTERS WELCOME

BRING YOUR OWN ORCS

PANELS

AUTHORS AND FANS DISCUSSING SCIENCE FICTION WRITING, AND MANY OTHER AREAS OF INTEREST.

COMPUTERS

SEVERAL PERSONAL HOME COMPUTERS WILL BE ON DISPLAY FOR INSPECTION.

ART SHOW

ENTER YOUR FANTASY ART IN THE ART SHOW. (There is a 50 cent hanging fee, plus a 10% commission charge if your artwork sells at auction.)

If we can get him away from Florida long enough, we may even have our own Hugo and Nebula winner back for ICON V, JOE HALDEMAN!!!!!!

PLUS: A PUN CONTEST

The worse the better, or the better the badder, or the batter the butter?!

HUCKSTERS

A ROOM FOR BUYING RARE AND UNUSUAL TREASURES: BOOKS, MAGAZINES, COMICS, POSTERS, TOYS, ART, SCULPTURES, etc.....

Reserve a hucksters table by writing to Emily Epstein, ICON, PO Box 525, Iowa City, Iowa 52242 Tables cost: \$6½ table or \$10 for a whole table.



TO REGISTER

WRITE: ICON

P.O. BOX 525 IOWA CITY, IA 52242

\$8 before October 24, 1980; \$10 after October 24 for entire convention. Special One Day rate: \$6. (\$1 discount to all attendees under the age of 19. Wookies must bathe before they will be admitted!)

Hotel Rooms: \$28/Single; \$33/Double; \$4 for each extra person in each room. (NOTE: You do not have to register at the hotel to attend the convention, but if you're coming from a distance, it is more convenient!) Send reservations to : Holiday Inn 2501 Williams Blvd. SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406

Shuttle service will be available from the airport and bus depot, if we are notified of the time 10 days in advance.

the science fiction league of iowa students

The Science Fiction League of Iowa Students presents
its fifth annual Science Fiction Convention

ICON V

at the Cedar Rapids Holiday Inn - Shuttle available from the
Iowa Memorial Union in Iowa City.

Gordon R. Dickson - guest of honor

Anne & Bob Passovoy - fan guests of honor

The Bird
is
Cruel!



Nov. 7-9, 1980

Science Fiction/Fantasy Art Show & Auction

50¢ hanging fee per piece plus 10% of sale price if sold at auction.

Movies - Dark Star, Hardware Wars & More!

Panels, lectures, contests, demonstrations, games,
Filk (science fiction folk) singing computers, readings

Purveyors of SF books & collectables - ½ table \$6,
one table \$10, additional table \$15 - Inquire c/o **Rusty Hevelin**
3023 Old Troy Pike, Dayton, OH 45404

Registration - \$8 before Oct. 24, \$10 at the door, \$1 discount 18 & younger
Saturday daytime only - \$6 - no discount

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Program Book Ads - Full page (8½" x 5½") \$15, ½ page (4¼" x 5½") \$8 - allow
¼ inch margins. Please send camera ready copy by Sept. 19.

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Holiday Inn, 2501 Williams Blvd., Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52406

Gordon R. Dickson - pro CoH

Ann & Bob Passovoy - fan CoHs

Panels, Pun Contest, Hospitality, Filk, Films (Darkstar & more), Video, Gaming, Indoor Pool, Friendly Fen & Pros

Art Show: 50¢ per piece hanging fee
(plus 10% of the sale price, if sold at auction)



Registration \$8 before Oct. 24, \$10 after - \$1 discount for ten
18 & younger *Please write names as you'd like them on
the badges.

Hucksters - 1/2 table \$6, full table \$10, additional table \$15
Inquire c/o Rusty Hevelin, 3023 Old Troy Pike
Dayton, Ohio 45404

Program Book Ads - \$15 full page (8 1/2" x 5 1/2") \$8 1/2 page
(4 1/4" x 5 1/2") - please allow 1/4 in. margin - send camera ready copy
by September 19

Hotel Rooms \$28 single, \$33 double, \$4 per extra
person

Shuttle service available from the airport & bus depot if you give us 10 days
notice. Moorings available on the Trans-Iowa Canal. Vessels of more than 30 foot draft
must obtain clearance a month in advance from the Coralville Port Authority.

*Note: The drinking age in Iowa is 19.

Fantasy comes to life at science fiction



Gazette photo by Paul Jensen

Science fiction buffs who gathered in Cedar Rapids this weekend for a convention at the Holiday Inn had something for just about everyone's fantasy. Here, Brian Fairweather, Charles City, plays a computer war game while Kevin Waters, also of Charles City, looks on. The convention ends today.

By Kurt Rogahn
Gazette staff writer

People who like science fiction generally like fantasy.

So perhaps it was fitting that a security guard for an art exhibit at the ICON V science fiction convention at the Holiday Inn Saturday wore a black Chinese boxer's uniform and had a long metal sword at his side. The convention ends today.

Pete Starr, 32, of 808 Ninth Ave. SW operates the Chu Mo T'ang School of Kung Fu, 837 Third Ave. SW. Kung Fu is known as the art of Chinese boxing, and he

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and four of his students were invited to be security guards for the art exhibit that was part of the exhibition and convention.

Later Saturday afternoon, Starr and his students were to give a demonstration of Kung Fu.

"Part of Kung Fu is using classical weapons such as these," Starr said. "We use the spear, the staff, sabers and straight swords."

Starr and his students were visual proof that one was likely to find just about anything at ICON V.

In the art exhibit, for instance, there were detailed and imaginative drawings of the landscapes of other planets, characters from science fiction books and movies and characters your mother never dreamed of.

There was a fetching portrait of a barbarian woman holding a spear in the art exhibit. She was wearing a fur breechcloth (and little else) and only the sharp-eyed would notice the pun in the portrait — a "Calvin Klein" logo sewn into the breechcloth waistband.

But the convention included more than whimsical portraits of chic barbarians. There was a "buckster's

tion show

buttons and trinkets were being sold. "Dungeons and Dragons," a game which swept college campuses about a year ago, was being played in one room as videotapes of science-fiction-oriented "Dr. Who" were shown in another. And in another room, some of the people attending the convention had set up their personal computers for a round of computer games.

Sue Weinberg, an Ottumwa native now living in Iowa City and a member of the committee sponsoring the convention, said people were attending from Illinois, Missouri, Minnesota and Iowa.

"A lot of people interested in science fiction are professionally or otherwise interested in computers," Weinberg said, as four computers surrounding her alternately "beeped" in a crowded motel room. "I'm a computer science major at the University of Iowa."

Just as there's overlap between people interested in computers, there's overlap between science fiction buffs and those interested in the middle ages, Weinberg added. Side-by-side in the "hucksters' room," some vendors sold long swords and other Middle Ages paraphernalia. And Weinberg had been walking through the halls of the Holiday Inn at one point Saturday morning, wearing leather shin guards.

"People who like science fiction are interested in fantasy," Weinberg said. "Some of the people in our science fiction circles are also members of the Society for Creative Anachronism, which believes in maintaining the Middle Ages as they should have been. We ignore some of the bad things about the Middle Ages, the slavery, the sickness . . . we celebrate some of the good things . . . the chivalry, the feasting, the revelry and the dancing. Anything from the years 625 to 1650 is of interest to SCA."

Weinberg held up a leather helmet. "I just got the helmet two weeks ago," she grinned. "My boyfriend got it for me, and I'm so proud of it."

Puns and games

Gordon R. Dixon, Hugo Award winner for science fiction writing, will be the guest of honor at ICON

V, a convention revolving around science fiction.

The convention will be held at the Holiday Inn today through Sunday, beginning at 6 p.m. today and lasting until 9. The hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday.

Dixon is best known for his "Dorsai" works, and has over a dozen science fiction novels to his credit. He has also won a Nebula Award for his writing.

The convention will include an art show, pun contest, game room, films and a discussion of science fiction writing. In addition, there will be a dealers' room, with comic books, movie posters and various items for sale or trade.

Dealers' tables are available by contacting Dennis Lynch at 363-1276. Admission price to the convention is \$6 for one day and \$10 for the three days.

Circuit, Mrs. Oelberg said. Now the many people. It's a beautiful spot."

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Science fiction fans to meet

The Science Fiction League of Iowa Students plans its fifth annual regional convention Nov. 7-9 at the Cedar Rapids Holiday Inn.

The convention will feature Gordon R. Dickson and Joe Haldeman as guest speakers. Both are nationally known science fiction authors. Haldeman is a 1975 graduate of the University of Iowa Writers Workshop.

Both writers will discuss their work

and their "view of the future" with the audience.

It is expected 300 persons will attend. The public is welcome. Registration at the door will cost \$10. Registration fee covers league membership. Until Oct. 21, membership badges may be obtained for \$8 by writing to ICON V, P.O. Box 525, Iowa City, Iowa 52244.

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