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Our New Name

For some time, many members felt that a change in our name was needed to reflect our international character. At Con '79 and in MC2/1 we asked the membership's choice. Response has not been extremely good, so again a small majority has ruled for the rest. The overwhelming choice has been INTERNATIONAL SPACE:1999 ALLIANCE, so that is now our organization name effective immediately.

Con '80

The first detailed information on Con '80 is now available. The location will be the Neil House Hotel in Columbus, Ohio; the dates will be July 25-27. Ticket prices are:

3-DAY: $15.00 (no increase to $20.00 this year); $7.00 14-yrs & under
1-DAY: $6.00; $3.00 14-yrs & under
NEW FAMILY PLAN: $25.00/3 days; $10.00/1 day (family of 4, children 14 & under, one or both parents must attend)
NON-ATTENDING SUPPORTING MEMBERSHIP: $7.00 (con booklet & post con report)

Notice that several new memberships are now being offered, plus reductions in several categories. These prices are designed to make the con more affordable for all.

Hotel prices are: $32.00 single, $38.00 double, $43.00 triple, and $48.00 quad. Prices are per night totals. Children 12 and under may stay free. The rooming service will be reinstated; further details will appear in future newsletters.

Con '80 opens 10am Friday and runs until 7pm Sunday. Activities include a banquet, charity auction, art show/auction (new time for this), film contest, costume contest/party, dealers' area, guest lectures, fan club meetings, gaming room, writers' get-together, and autograph sessions. We hope to have a large and varied guest list this year. Written acceptances have already been received from Prentis Hancock and Barry Gray, and a tentative phone acceptance has come from Martin Landau. Besides the *1999* stars, cast members from *U.F.O.*, *The Avengers*, *Dr. Who*, *Battlestar:Galactica*, and *Buck Rogers* will be invited, plus current scientists, editors and writers, former astronauts and several other popular sci fi actors. The invitations will not be sent out at once, but staggered depending on response. As with previous cons, there are sure to be last minute changes, substitutions or cancellations. The earliest acceptances will get priority; if ticket sales are low, some invitations may have to be withdrawn.

We urge all of you to start making plans now. This is absolutely our last chance; if we do no better with attendance this year, no future Alliance cons will be held.

Why Columbus?

There are many reasons for returning to Columbus. Most importantly, it was a very successful con site, not in terms of money raised, but in terms of the number of people attending. We didn't have an overwhelming crowd at Con '78, but a good-sized one. Another big plus is Columbus Children's Hospital. They are very receptive to our donations and organization; and they have promised free promotion of Con '80 throughout the city. Other reasons for Columbus are: it is within 550 miles of 2/3 of the US population; it is on all major air, train and bus routes; and it's a clean, fairly well laid out city with lots of open spaces, not a concrete and glass jungle. It's also the home of a very well-known university, Ohio State, and Columbus is the capitol of Ohio. Many famous entertainers pass through Columbus yearly for summer stock, thus the city isn't a place strange to many of them. Finally, it is the closest city

to the home of the 1979-80 co-presidents, a city which is big enough, nice enough, and the presidents are familiar enough with to hold a con.

No matter where cons are, someone is bound to be inconvenienced. In the long run, does it really matter where the next Alliance con is held? Cons allow very little, if any time for siteseeing. It's the people who attend, the new friends made, the old acquaintances renewed and the guests one gets to know that count. Alliance cons are warm, happy, almost family-type gatherings. We hope you'll join the family. NOTE: If a more detailed explanation of this topic is desired, please send a legal-size 15¢ SASE to the co-presidents under our new organization name.

I Love Freddie Frieberger!

There, now I've got your attention. Last issue I'd requested ideas for the future of our newsletter. I've received nothing so far. That means one of three things: 1.) nobody read it, 2.)you are thrilled to pieces with the newsletter, or 3.)you don't care what's in it. How about sending me off a letter--a note will do--and let me know what you think. Otherwise we'll have little or no change, and without change there is no growth, and with no growth we may as well not bother. See what I mean?

1999 Lives!

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Con '79 Evaluations

Sad is the word for the response. Only 5 people took the time to send any word. Are we to assume the 300-400 who came to the con were satisfied with it? Would you at least let us know what you'd like for Con '80 and if you plan to attend? Also, do you want more Alliance cons after next July? OR DON'T YOU CARE?

Following are excerpts from some Con '79 letters. Mistakes are pointed out and, if possible, will be corrected next year.

After dinner (at the banquet) *everyone crowded around the stars in one corner of the room to take pictures, thus preventing them from moving from table to table as they were supposed to do. I was disappointed, and I hope this will not happen again next year.* Susan Chaikin, Michigan

I was there the whole time and very much enjoyed it. The costume party was the best part. The only criticism I have is the choice of hotels and the length of the auction. The auction was too long. Marcia DeVeronica, New York

I enjoyed my visit to Pittsburgh immensely, mainly due to the grandeur of the William Penn Hotel. As for the con itself, it was pathetic. I found the majority of the Con committee unorganized and lacking the much needed spirit. It mortifies me to have to say that I've been to better dental conventions in comparison to Con '79. All in all, I enjoyed the weekend. Mark Gonzaga, New York

I just wanted to voice my opinion about the wonderful convention held in Pittsburgh. I went just because my friend invited me. I went thinking I would be bored to death because I really didn't watch SPACE:1999. *When I got there, I loved it from the beginning. What I especially liked about the con was it didn't emphasize just on* SPACE: 1999. Michael Fievet, Pennsylvania

I was fortunate enough to be able to attend Con '79, and I sure am glad I did. There were a lot of things to do there and so many things going on that no one had a chance to get bored. The thing that surprised and delighted me the most was how informal the whole con was. Janice Gearing, Pennsylvania

Alliance Promo Flyers

Anyone attending any SF con this year may obtain Alliance flyers for the cost of postage. Flyers may be used for schools, libraries, bookstores or anywhere you think they'll be picked up. Everyone can help with this promotion, even if you think you need only a few. Send an SASE for details to Alliance headquarters.

Thank You, Alliance

The following is from a letter received recently from Pittsburgh Children's Hospital:

What a delightful surprise to receive your very nice letter PLUS checks amounting to $5857.59! It would seem that your project was successful far beyond anyone's anticipation. Thank you from the staff and children of Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh for your generosity and the many hours spent in the successful promotion and accomplishment of your 1979 project. Your group seemed so completely dedicated to your efforts for the children and I am very certain that if they could, they would add their thanks and appreciation to that of the staff.

We will add your gift to a fund maintained by the hospital to provide medical and surgical care for children whose parents, for many varying reasons, cannot afford the expense. Thank you again, and good wishes for your future endeavors. Sincerely, *Miss Betty Bachman* (Dir. of PR)

Want Ads

WANTED: Paperbacks: *The Psychomorph*-Warner Edition; *Hawaii Five O Serpents in Paradise, The Mod Squad #2* & *Marcus Welby M.D. #1. SPACE:1999* Charlton Magazines Issues 1-4. Moonbase Alpha Model Kit. Model kits from the series: *Thunderbirds, Stingray* & *Fireball XL-5*. FOR SALE: One female red Starfleet uniform, rank lt. commander, fits sizes 12-14; price $20.00. For further information write: Elenore Claassen/1740-47 Ave. SW/Calgary, Alberta T2T 2S2/CANADA

WANTED: Cassette recordings of *SPACE:1999* (both years). Also any other merchandise from *1999*. Send lists to: Brett Carey/4114 Rellim Ave. NW/Warren, OH 44483 Get free cassette recordings of *The Big Chuck & Little John Show*, which appears on WJKW-TV8 Cleveland. Send SASE for information to address above.

WANTED: *1999* penpals, cassette recordings, *1999* merchandise, Yr.2 soundtrack and information on sfx in *1999*. Write Carsten Andresen/Aasumvej 685/5240 Odense NOE/DENMARK

WANTED: Posters, colour photos, stickers, patches of *1999, U.F.O., 2001, Prisoner, Logan's Run* (movie), *Monty Python*; issues of British zines *Science Fiction Monthly* & *TV Sci-Fi Monthly*; *Logan's Run* & *Jaws* soundtracks; *Logan's Run, Prisoner, U.F.O.*, Morse, Hancock, Landau, Bain fan clubs; prints of *1999* scripts; *Space Jackers, Psychomorph, Edge of the Infinite* novels; British editions of all *1999* novels except *Breakaway, Lunar Attack* & *Astral Quest*; Charlton *1999* zine #1; posters & photos of Queen, Heart, ABBA, Donna Summer; Scott Joplin albums. SASE, prices, descriptions to Don Palermo/PO Box 8222 NTSU/Denton, TX 76203

WANTED: *SPACE:1999* books *The Time Fighters, Psychomorph, Edge of the Infinite*. Also color photos from *SPACE:1999, U.F.O., Mission Impossible, Buck Rogers, Star Trek, Lost in Space*. Send lists & prices to Richard Fontinell/827 E. Parker St./Scranton, PA 18509

FOR SALE: Cassette tapes of SF episodes. *1999, Galactica, Trek, Trek* animated. Tapes are labeled. 50¢ per tape plus appropriate postage. Write for list of episodes, include SASE. Mark Swaim/Rt. 12/Box 104/Winston-Salem, NC 27107

LOST: An 18-year-old girl, caucasian, 5'5", brown hair, blue eyes. Last seen at *SPACE* Con II. Last words: "we'll keep in touch." Known as: Robinson, Karen. If anyone knows the whereabouts of Ms. Robinson contact Paul Bens/2328½ Dixie Hwy/Ft. Mitchell, KY 41017

1999 COLLECTORS ITEM
These 1977 paperbacks contain 2 original *SPACE:1999* short stories! Full color photos! Excellent illustrations! (Limited supply, order today) Only $1.50 plus 50¢ postage...Eric Stillwell/1151 W. 27th Pl./Eugene, OR 97405

FOR SALE: 8x10's of Landau & Tate from Con '78, Post Con '78 Reports, ITC autographed photo sets (just 2 left!). See MC2/1 for prices. 1979 Calendars: last chance, now only 67¢ each to cover postage! Back issues of MC Vol.1: 50¢ ea plus 15¢ ea postage or complete volume for $3.50 plus 80¢ postage. Send US funds to International Space:1999 Alliance/86 First St./New London, OH 44851

FOR SALE: *Land of the Giants* novel, 1969 hardback edition. Great condition, best offer. Send SASE to Alan Andrews/1469 Arcadia Rd./Kent, OH 44240

THE NATIONAL SPACE:1999 MERCHANDISE LIST Everything on *SPACE:1999*, complete merchandise list & merchandise news, special SF news. 35¢ a paper, $1.75 a subscription in US & Canada; 55¢ a paper, $3.00 a subscription overseas.....MODEL BUILDER & Painter. *1999, Battlestar, ST, SW* & Japanese models on Anderson shows. Send SASE for catalog. For catalog & merchandise list, write to Leonard Hamby/3021 Ave. I #F15/Brooklyn, NY 11210

FANZINES! Mailing List Service Available. Write KMCS/Box 02205/Cleveland, OH 44102

FOR SALE: Fully assembled STARCRUISER ONE models, $7.00 each. Supply limited. Send cheque or money order (preferably cheque) payable to: Mr. Allen Jones/1600 18th St./ Port Arthur, TX 77640

FOR SALE: Am cleaning out my slide collection. All slides originals, not duplicates, from the studios. *Forbidden Planet* 20/$8; *Galactica* 40/$15; *Buck Rogers* 80/$35; *2001* 40/$17; *Wizards* 40/$20; *Logan's Run* 50/$20; *Alien* 10/$4; *Fantasia* 15/$7; *Trek* 50/$25; *Mission:Impossible* 20/$8; *Moonraker* 30/$11; *1999* 20 duplicates/$7. All slide sets postpaid, 1st class. Order from Chuck Raue/ 804 Rowell St/Mobile, AL 36606

For ad rates, see MC2/1. Overseas ad payments may be made with IRC's (figure 20¢ per each IRC).

Fan Clubs

NEW SCIENCE FICTION FANZINE: Emphasis on fan fiction based on any TV, radio, movie or book characters. For more info &/or contributions submission guide, send SASE to Mary Tchir/1101 SE 184th/Portland, OR 97233

MAIN MISSION ALPHA: 6 bi-monthly newsletters, photos, yearly journal, more. Send SASE for more info & membership form.

PSYCHON ONE HUNDRED SOCIETY: History of Psychon, articles, artwork, more. Issues 1-4 available now, 40¢ each or all four for $1.30. Subscription rate: $1.00/3 issues. Write Mary Bloemker/5 Lamson St./ E. Boston, MA 02128

PRENTIS HANCOCK FANCLUB is now accepting members. Send SASE to Mare Fitzgerald/ 123 Fawn Valley Dr./McMurray, PA 15317

ALPHA NEWS SERVICE: now offering subscription services. $3.00 ($4.50 overseas) for 3 issues. Subscribe now and receive FREE 3 special issues (anniversary, Landau/Bain, Yr.3 issues). Payments in US funds to ANS/ 160 W. Foster St./Melrose, MA 02176

SHADO*USECC, the club for fans of *U.F.O.* Dues are $3.00/yr plus 10 15¢ stamps. Bimonthly newsletter, member card, more. Write Jim Main/PO Box 1343/New Milford, CT 06776. Enclose SASE for more details.

DEADLINE FOR ADS IN MC2/3 IS JAN. 10, 1980

Fan Fund

The International Space:1999 Alliance is happy to give its endorsement to the FAN FUND. This fund will allow a deserving fan to attend Con '80. To raise money for this effort, the Fund has made available scripts, gum cards, photos, fanzines and many other items of interest to every 1999 fan. For a complete listing of merchandise and other information, send a SASE to The 1999 Fan Fund/Mary Bloemker/ 5 Lamson St/East Boston, MA 02128. Complete your collection and help a fan!

Star News & Notes

CLIFTON JONES wrote to say he was very sorry to have missed Con '79. CLIFTON will be writing an article for MC in the near future.....Members who wish to write to PRENTIS HANCOCK may address letters to: Eric L'Epine Smith Ltd/10,Wyndham Pl/London W1H 1AS/ ENGLAND. We can't guarantee answers to every letter, but enclosing a couple of IRC's would be very thoughtful. By the way, why not join PRENTIS' new fan club?

MARTIN LANDAU recently appeared on the ABC-TV movie *Death of Ocean View Park*. MARTIN was also on *The Mike Douglas Show* and may be seen in *Meteor*, currently showing in theaters. Watch for MARTIN in the TV special *Fall of the House of Usher*.....KATHRYN LEIGH SCOTT (Yesta, *Dorzak*) is in *Big Shamus, Little Shamus* and *Battle of the Network Stars*.....BILLIE WHITELAW (Zamara, *One Moment of Humanity*) and LEO McKERN (Companion, *Infernal Machine*) are in *The Omen*.....We hear that NICK TATE's *Summerfield* was shown recently on a NY cable TV station.

Movies in Review by CHUCK RAUE

TIME AFTER TIME...Made for "only" $4 million, and with a SpFX crew of only 2 men, *TAT* is certainly a very atypical movie in this period of multi-million dollar space operas. The story concerns Jack the Ripper using a time machine to escape the 1892 London police. HG Wells, the machine's inventor, pursues the Ripper to San Francisco in 1979, where he learns what the world of the future will really be like. *TAT* contains a perfect balance of SF-romantic interest-humor-social commentary, all supported by a superb script and excellent acting. Malcolm McDowell is delightful as the liberal Victorian gentleman HG Wells; David Warner does a fine job as the murdering Ripper, and Mary Steenburgen ably provides Wells with a believable romantic interest. It's a film boasting strong production values in all areas; it also shows you don't have to spend a mint to do good SF. Highly recommended.

METEOR...This film proves the corollary to my statement about *Time After Time*: just because you spend a fortune and have a huge SpFX staff doesn't mean you're going to have a good SF film. Over 3 years in the making, with a budget in the tens of millions of dollars, running through 3 SpFX teams to get it "right", and with a big-name cast, *Meteor* is a sore disappointment. The premise, that of Earth being threatened by a huge meteor on a collision course with our fair planet, is interesting and the basis of an excellent book (*Lucifer's Hammer* by Larry Niven); however, *Meteor* contains too many of the traditional "disaster movie" elements handled too poorly to be taken seriously. The acting is only fair at best, the huge cast seemingly utilized only to remind the viewer that this must be a good film because of all the big names. The FX are marred by obvious matt lines, poor set paintings and unreal disaster effects. The film follows the patterns of the disaster film genre by having the threatened doom averted at the very last moment, just in time to end the movie on a happy note. If you can get in on an afternoon reduced admission, you may want to see *Meteor*; if you have to pay $4.00, it's not worth it.

1st Annual Alliance SciFi Awards

The Alliance, in keeping with its interest in all sci fi, announces an awards program to honor significant achievements in cinema and TV. Awards will be presented in the following categories:

*Best SF/Fantasy Film *Best Horror Film *Worst SF/Fantasy/Horror Film of 1979
*Best SF/Fantasy/Horror TV Movie/Series Segment
*Best SF/Fantasy/Horror Actor & Actress (One each for film & TV Movie/Series Seg)
*Best SF/Fantasy/Horror Script (One for film, one for TV Movie/Series Seg)
*Best SF/Fantasy/Horror SpFX (One for film, one for TV Movie/Series Seg)
*Best SF/Fantasy/Horror Music (One for film, one for TV Movie/Series Seg)

Nominations will be accepted between January 1-10, 1980 only. Ballots will be included in MC3. Mail nominations to ALLIANCE AWARDS/804 Rowell St/Mobile, AL 36606

NOTICE: Mbot Swamen has recently been promoted to Chairman of the Board of the Victor Jammies Company. Congratulations, Mbot! (If you don't understand, come to Con '80 and Margaret will tell you all about it.)

Con '81 Survey

In order to better serve our membership, we are taking a con site survey. Please participate in this survey by sending your first and second choices for the location of Con '81, along with your name and address to Alliance headquarters. Write-in cities are acceptable. If no city has a clear majority, a decision will be made by the Con Committee. NOTE: IF YOU DON'T BOTHER TO VOTE, DON'T BOTHER TO COMPLAIN!

PHILADELPHIA, PA	ATLANTA, GA	JACKSON, MS	SAN FRANCISCO/OAKLAND, CA
JACKSONVILLE, FL	SEATTLE, WA	RICHMOND, VA	LOS ANGELES/ANAHEIM, CA
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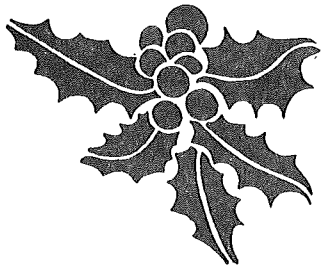
What's Up, Buck?

NBC-TV couldn't give any specific details on *Buck Rogers*, but we were told that the series is doing "very well" and they are "quite pleased" with the way Buck is holding his own against competition. Have you written in your support yet? Letting NBC know you watch does make a difference. You might give local stations a call too.

What does our membership think of *Buck Rogers*? Address your comments to *Main Computer*/Mare Fitzgerald, Editor/123 Fawn Valley Dr/McMurray, PA 15317. Please state whether your letter may be published.

Fan Writers & Readers

At Con '79, many fan writers got together for the first time to discuss goals, problems and new ideas. What came out of this meeting was a strong commitment to improve the quality of fan fiction and to help one another by means of a network of both writers and non-writers. Everyone can participate. All you need is the willingness to read fan work, give good honest opinions and offer constructive suggestions for improvement. Writers benefit by knowing, before publication, how others will react to their stories. The plan is completely anonymous. If you'd like to join, and we strongly recommend that you do, send a SASE to Diana Winslow/7000 Valleyford Ct./Watauga, TX 76148



Happy Holidays!

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