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A Letter From The Prez

I've been sitting here wondering if I could beat Mare's "I Love Freddie" attention getter .... so far, I've not come up with anything to top it.....if I do you'll see it!

Here I am at the end of my third year as President.....seems like only yesterday. It's been a busy and fun third year ..... not having to run Con 8 has helped my social life (now John, no nasty comment). (Wouldn't think of it!) I am about to embark on a long time dream by moving to California in early August. Because of this move, I will be turning the presidency back over to John & Kathy Von Kamp. I'm considering this as a temporary 'Leave of absence' and will never be very far away from the action! This means that all dues are now sent to John & Kathy! Now for all of you who are shocked at this.....dues have always been sent to the president! In the past three years, whoever sent dues to John & Kathy.....they sent them down to me.....so lets have no foul-ups, bleeps or blunders!!! This has been three of the best years of my life and I look forward to doing it again .....soon! So please, give all the help you can to the Alliance in general. John, Kathy and I are not the Alliance..... YOU ARE THE ALLIANCE!!!! Be proud!!!

CONDOLENCES

We must also at this time sadly report the death of Barbara Bain's father on June 16. We are sure you join with us in expressing our condolences to Barbara. If you would like to send a card or short note of sympathy, you can send them to: Terry Bowers / 603 North Clark / River Falls, Wi 54022. She will see that they get to Barbara.

Launch Pad

from Kerry Keene / 417 NE 18 Ave. / Pompano Beach, Fl 33060

I want to point out some corrections to my list of companies that appeared in the May issue of MC. First, Star Tech is now located at: P.O. Box 456 / Dunlap, Tn 37327. The catalog is now $2.00; well worth it. Supplement "L" from Still Things is now available at 50¢

I thought I'd do something different for LAUNCH PAD this time. I have just purchased two of the latest of the Space:1999 fanzines, and I thought I'd give my views on them. The fanzines are:

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"The Psychon Trilogy: The Fatality Syndrome" by Chris Yost and "The Alpha Files" by Tony L. Wynn.

The Psychon Trilogy: The Fatality Syndrome

This is the first in a three-part series. The story starts out with Maya at the controls of an Eagle during her first solo flight. Everything goes well until she is drawn into the gravitational field of a near-by planet. The Eagle crash lands on the planet Phonot.Maya suffers a concussion and is taken to the planet's medical facilities by the inhabitants.

Meanwhile, Koenig leads a landing party to the planet in search of Maya. He, Tony, Alan, Helena, and Mathias enter her Eagle and find that she is not there. They are soon met by Anag of the planet's medical staff. He takes them to where Maya is being treated. She soon recovers and returns to Alpha with her friends. Then, problems begin. I'll leave it at that so as not to give the story away.

On the whole, the story is very good. Chris has written a story that contains humor, a serious love story, and he has added some tongue-in-cheek. All in all, this adds up to a unique combination of humor and what we know the Alphans to be: A group of good, concerned people.

The next story(group of stories) is from Tony Wynn.

The Alpha Files

This fanzine contains four stories from noted 1999 fans. Terry Bowers, Janet Walker, and Rebecca Eisenhuth. The stories are quite good and the artwork is very good to excellent. Judy Moore's cover is really excellent and Becky and Clare Deere can take a bow, too. And Rosie Badgett does a great Victor Bergman.

The first stroy called: "The Master of Ist" is a real serious story about what a person will do for the one that he loves. The story takes place shortly after breakaway. Contact is made with the inhabitants of a planet and the Alphans are invited to send a landing party to meet with them. Upon landing, the Alphans discover that the people are dressed as those in 17th Century England once dressed. They are met by a man named Simon. He convinces the Alphans to dress the way the others on the planet dress so they will be less noticable. He takes them to the Master's mansion and there they are wined and dinned. The master is a man named Charles, a fancier of Earth history. He soon develops a crush on Helena. The rest of the story I will leave for each of you to read.

The other three stories are a mixture of humor and character development among the key personnel. What I like most about this 'zine' is that, the writers have kept key characters such as: Victor and Kano and they interact with the characters from year two. They didn't forget about them just because Victor and David weren't in year two.

If I have a complaint with Alpha Files it is with the fact that there was no contents page and the pages aren't numbered. I had to do that. There are some typos in both 'zines', but this doesn't bother me that much.

All in all both Chris and Tony did a fine job and my congratulations to them. I do hope that Chris can add some artwork to the other stories in Psychon Trilogy. I reccomend both of these 'zines'. It's one way to keep "Space:1999" alive.

1999 Lives!!!

from Rosie Badgett / (currently) 1810 Garrard St. / Covington, Ky 41014

Cherish yesterday, live for today and dream about tomorrow! This is Rosie Badgett, Alliance member, current prez and all round Space:1999 fan! My hat is off to Becky, Kevin and Kerry for such inspiring letters. (May MC) You make very proud to know you! I have been a loyal member of this club from the beginning and hope to be so for a long time to come. But it isn't all up to me! This club needs every single one of you ... or there would be no Alliance! We all have our separate lives to live, good times and bad ....this club is not a way of life.....just one of the good parts. I've seen many members come and go, never to be heard from again and that's OK.....at least we knew them for a little while.....then along comes someone like Kevin McCorry and we are reminded, once again just why we are doing all this! The Best and I mean THE VERY BEST Science Fiction TV show in the world! The actors who brought it all to life and brought us all together! I'm reminded of a Diana Ross song, 'Reach out and touch somebody's hand .. make this a better world if we can.' And you know what really makes me happy? When one of our 'long lost' members finds their way back home.....simply amazing!

Now, let me be the first to do some reminiscing about past Cons ... I've been to them all! The excitement of Con 78 ...my very first, ever. The actual face to face meeting with a pen-pal, (right, George?); Commander Kermit, Martin Landau's blue eyes up close and wondering if I would have to assist in delivering Ms Heather Von Kamp should she decide to make a 'surprise appearance' ... remember, Kathy?

Con 79 ... escorting Prentis Hancock, wearing my Helena Russell uniform with much pride, being hugged by a Wookie, rooming with Sandra Sprecker, watching a nervous Paul Bens on his second plane ride ever and finding out what it means to be a 'gopher'!

Con 80 .....Convoy Con 1, 'What's It All About, Alpha?', meeting English members Phyllis Procter and Eileen Skidmore, my first 'dead dog' party and having Nick Tate come to the banquet wearing an Ohio State T-Shirt!!!

Con 81 .....flying into Atlanta, renting a car, driving to Warner Robins and Convoy 2 back to Atlanta with Ann Hester and group! The Air Controller's strike, talking to Suzanne Roquette, Ann's hysterics when she saw Darryl's blond hair, meeting Tom Rose, Len Wilmeth and Susan Wilt, running the costume call and a late night showing of a Mission Impossible episode with the following line, "Where shall I meet you? The candy store on Koenig street." .. this is true!!

Con 82 .... BARRY MORSE!! Convoy 3 and car trouble in Frackville, Pa., BARRY MORSE, becoming Alliance President, BARRY MORSE, seeing Mary Bloemker and Gail Paradise after a two year absence and being kissed goodbye by, BARRY MORSE!!!!!

Con 83 .... Fire Con 1, comforting a distraught Linda McCauley when the fire trucks arrived, taking the

abuse of blame for the 'wake up call' so early on Friday morning, grateful for Charlene Scott and Bonnie Yoman!! Visiting Children's Hospital and raising $1500 for our charity!!

NO CON ONE: or First Annual Moonbase Alpha Janitorial Convention, having Robbie Perkins for a friend, King's Island, being separated in a traffic jam and marveling over 'Margaret' getting us all back together safely! (Ed. Twice in fact) A great time and 31 of the best friends a person could have!!!

All the above doesn't even 'touch base' with what has happened in the past 7 years ... there are many happy memories and I hope that more of you will sit back and share the 'good times' with us! I thank God every day for my picking up that Starlog magazine and changing my life forever!

from Kevin Peterson / Veterinary Services / USA MEDDAC WAH / Fort Bragg, NC 28307

Dear Everyone

As always, I was glad to get my latest Main Computer. The first thing I noticed after tearing into it with my grubby little paws is that it looks better than usual. Nice formatting, folks!

"Everything You Wanted To Know About Alpha ..... But Were Afraid To Ask!" was very good. Nice job, Tom- the nuttier the better. The rest of the features, I noticed, were their usual selves. My favorites are "Launch Pad", "We're All Aliens", and "Creation IS Better". Being a former member of the late, great Main Mission Alpha (which incidentally had just about the best newsletter I've ever seen in 1999 fandom where fan involvement is concerned), I also would like to see more fan interest-that includes from ME! I guess I had gotten spoiled with all the fan participation we had there, what with the "bios" and other intra-fan endeavors.

Some things brought up in Launch Pad: Denise Miller mentioned that she caught what may be symptoms of something larger: simple loss of interest in 1999, followed by an assumption that 1999 no longer lives. Same thing happened with a friend of mine that I "met" through the Main Mission Alpha lettercol, Command Conference. When MMA died, she let it go at that. Much later, when I mentioned something about Main Computer, she expressed surprise that any 1999 clubs even existed anymore ... and she used to be one of the die-hards.

Nellipat Eklund brought up the subject of Main Computer including some material on other series fandoms. I think that would be nice-but include some NEW stuff. Dune, for instance. Or Starman(excellent film!). How about Tron, or Battlefield Earth?(If you've not read that, you've really missed something). Make Main Computer a medium for science fiction in general-with fan feedback, naturally-but keep a 1999 stress at all times.

The point in Tony Wynn's letter that jumped right off the page at me was the mention of NASA. That's something that I've never seen mentioned in MC before, and I feel it should be more often. After all, the space program was brought to us partly by the predictive thought in SF, and the space program in turn gave SF writers more fuel than ever to power their imaginations ever further out into the cosmos-and into the microcosmos as well. NASA is one of the main points of discussion quite often in a publication called To The Stars- perhaps we could include it as one of ours every once in a while also.

As for new names for the con, your "Meta Con" sounded good; how about these?:Psych-con (could also serve as a catch phrase for Battlefield Earth fans), Commlocon(okay, so it's shaky) or why not the obvious - Alpha Con. (Ed.-Commlocon is the only one currently not being used by an active convention).

from George Eichler / 3201 Landover St. #1415 / Alexandria, Va 22305

Allow me to start off by saying how much I have enjoyed the issues of Main Computer that have come out this Alliance year. There certainly seems to be a certain amount of renewed interest in fandom, brought on, I assume, by the cancellation of Con '84. "Launch Pad" is a welcome addition to Main Computer. It will give us all a chance to speak our minds about the events taking place (or not taking place) in fandom.

I enjoyed Tom Cicirelli's piece entitled, "Everything You Wanted To Know About Alpha, But Were Afraid To Ask." The first two "explanations" were hysterical (especially the part about the bunny slippers). The third section was, if you ask me, quite offensive and sexist. Come on Tom, this is the 20th Century. I haven't seen women portrayed that way since "I Love Lucy". Overall, however, the concept is a good one and I hope we can expect more in the future.

May I throw in my two cents about this year's convention? First off, I'd like to say that the name change certainly seems appropriate. "Earthbound 8" sounds like a good name to me. My only question concerning the change in emphasis is what the change will do to the film schedule? If it is not a 1999 convention I assume that the number of 1999 episodes shown will have to be cut down. Is this the logical progression? What will the program book emphasize? Please understand that I am not complaining, I was just wondering what the full ramifications of the change will be.

As far as the convention location controversy is concerned, I'm all for Washington this year. Why not California next year? Is it truly fair to ALL the Alliance members to always hold the convention in the same place? I feel it is not. While the majority of current Alliance members live in the Mid-West, I wonder how many members from other areas of the country have quit because the con has generally been confined to the same geographic area.

Tony Wynn made some valid comments concerning the Alliance. A membership package is a good idea. As far as advertising goes, I think we can all help in that area. A lot of us are involved in other areas of science fiction fandom. We can help spread the word about the Alliance through word of mouth. It's an excellent form of advertising.

Lets be honest. We've all had experiences where fandom has disappointed us. The key is not to let our disappointments, whatever they mey be, overwhelm us. The only way to keep fandom alive is through participation (wouldn't it be wonderful if there were so many letters to "Launch Pad" that John & Kathy couldn't fit them all in one issue!) George (Ed.- Word of mouth is indeed a power-force. Just ask Robbie Perkins. She was talking to a friend about Space:1999 and Martin Landau & Barbara Bain. The friend went to a laundromat and was talking to one of her friends about Martin & Barbara when this person comes over and says, "Excuse me, but I really like Martin & Barbara too." They discussed Space and Mission and Robbie's friend told him, "You really should talk to Robbie. She's the person who really likes them." He said

he would really like that. They set up a meeting. It turns out that he was a former member of the Alliance who had moved to Bowling Green. It never fails to amaze us that there are people still out there who feel they are the only ones who really like Space. All the ads in the world don't seem to find them. Personal contact seems to be the most effective way.)

from Martin J. East / 6 Beechcroft Rd. / Chesham, Bucks / Great Britain HP5 2HW

Dear Kathy, John and Heather

Many thanks for the last couple of newsletters, I enjoyed reading them. I quite like the new front page design, although I can't help thinking that a photo or artwork would make it even more attractive. The new Launch Pad (reader's views) section is interesting, I like to see what others are thinking about or doing.

Flashback and Scanning are two features I like and when you get a master list of appearances it should be even better. The Fan Scene/interview page should be a nice section if it gets off the ground. I hope people send in their votes. I hope this year's con goes better than '84. You have some good guests lined up. I can't help wondering what Angelique Pettyjohn looks like now? The photos we see are now some eighteen years old.

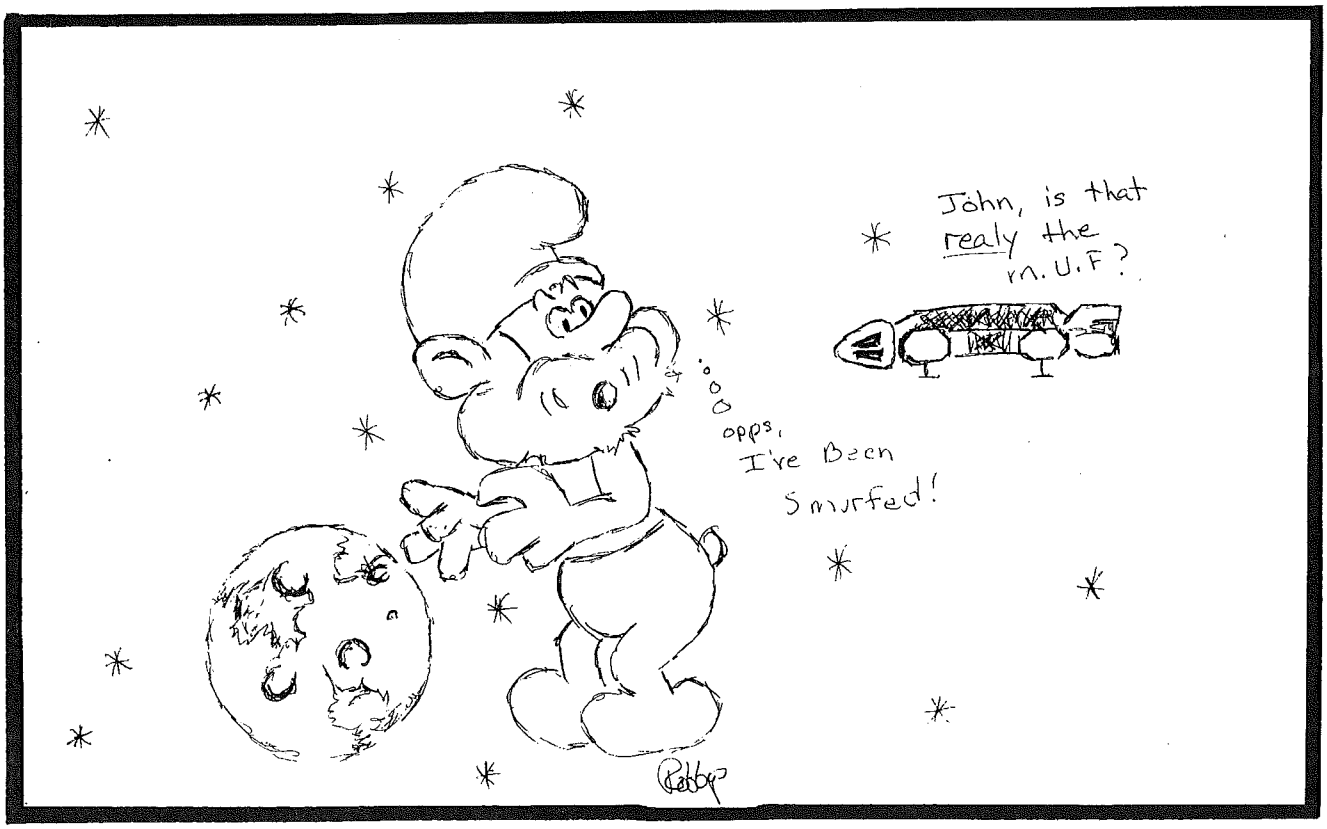
We had several episodes of 1999 on recently from the second season which I enjoyed and which brought back fond memories. I still think it stands up as one of the best series of the genre even after all the Star Wars type of sci-fi we've been so used to. Space really comes in the 2001/2010, Alien, Close Encounters type of Sci-fi, the realistic formula. The first series certainly did, even more than Star Trek. Please find enclosed a piece of artwork I've done for you. I know you really don't use any (Ed.- only because we seldom get any, not because we don't want or can't use it. We'll take any and all you want to send. ANY OF YOU!) but I have done it in the form of an advert to help promote the Alliance and recruit new members (hopefully). It seems to me after reading the letters in Launch Pad that interest may be waning so maybe a recruiting drive is needed. What do you think? Have any other members got any ideas about what can be done along these lines?

The other topics that have cropped up are (a) the con site and (b) a new con name. As these don't really affect me, I can't comment too much, but least to say when we have Fanderson over here:-the first one was in Leeds which was OK for those who lived in central England, us in the South or North had to travel. When Con 2 and 3 were in London, it was fine for me and lots of others, but those who lived in the midlands, borders or Scotland etc. had to travel **a** long way. So it seems to work both ways. Of course, if members don't want to travel out of their state or half way across the USA, you can't make them and everyone looses out. Oh, if only every fan lived on the same street!! (Ed.-That is a <u>VERY</u> true statement.)

As for a new and unique name for the Con, how about: (1) Alpha Con 8 (2) Moon Rendezvous - 8 (3) Inter-Lunar Con 8 (4) Alpha Mission Con 8 (5) Space Mission Command Con 8.

Anyway these are just a few ideas.

Thank you to all of you who have written in to the Launch Pad column. We hope to keep this as an active feature but we have to have input from <u>all</u> of you. We have only 4 more letters to print in the next MC. We will continue this section whenever we have enough material to print so keep those letters coming.



'Space' out of this world

By William Hickey
Television-Radio Editor

Though it might embarrass the programmers who toil on Manhattan's Broadcast Row, I am of the opinion that the best television newcomer presented this season is not a network production.

In fact, it isn't even an American endeavor, but rather an import from Britain called "Space 1999," which was put together by the Tight Little Isle's Independent Television Corp.

The multi-million dollar science-fiction extravaganza, which made its local debut last Saturday evening at 7 on Channel 43, is a super television show, no matter what standard of measurement is used, and should bring untold joy to the nation's space freaks.

To bring the matter into focus, it makes "Star Trek," which, by the way, immediately



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precedes it on Channel 43's Saturday evening schedule, look like a production mounted in someone's garage.

To bring it into sharper focus, it grabbed me completely and I am one of those odd characters who simply can't abide science-fiction, whether the distributive efforts are in the forms of professorial tracts, novels or film footage.

"Space 1999" is something else, however, and anyone who appreciates spectacularly produced escapist television programming should set aside the hour of 7 to 8 on Saturday evenings and tune in Channel 43 until the re-run season starts.

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WUAB 43

Tonight episode No. 2 will be offered, with 22 more to come, and it promises to be as groovy as the premiere, in which the moon was blasted out of its orbit around the Earth and sent spinning into the murkiness of outer space.

The cause of concern lies in the fact that 311 people, a representative assemblage of Earthings, happen to be on the planet running Moon Base Alpha, a defensive early warning outpost that the nation's of the known world have deemed a necessity in the year 1999.

The reason the moon hurtled into the unknown was a simple one. The people on Earth had been using the back side of the planet as as a disposal ground for atomic waste products and, when the temperature attained a sufficiently high degree, a series of nuclear explosions followed.

Though Moon Base Alpha and its inhabitants survived the blasts, all hope of returning to Earth was relegated to an impossibility and survival depends on their finding a suitable extra-terrestrial environment.

In the upcoming epsiodes, the Moon Base Alpha crew will run into strange planets inhabited by even stranger people and all sorts of other dangers, such as the black holes of the universe, where even time is suspended.

If that were enough in itself, the perils of outer space being what they are, "Space 1999" has a first-rate cast headed by Martin Landau, Barbara Bain and Barry Morse, with such heavyweight performers as Margaret Leighton, Roy Doltrice and Christopher Lee thrown in for good measure.

The actors are nicely futuristic in attitude and manner, speaking their lines in most believable fashion. Their unisex double-knit outfits sort of set the tone for the sci-fi hijinks and the sets are a nice complement to the overall proceedings.

Whereas, the spaceship Enterprise was the only set the Trekkies had to cavort about, the "Space 1999" crew has its choice of several hundred and the special effects are the best ever presented on television, bar none.

What I found most intriguing about the show, however, was that it stirred the brain pan and actually made me think about the future and what it portends for mankind. It is that thought-provoking.

Don't take my word for it, try it yourselves.

SCANNING

spotted by Kathy Von Kamp, Ohio - CASSANDRA HARRIS(Mrs. Pierce Brosnan-Remington Steele) appeared in the "Devil's Planet" episode of Space:1999. She played the part of Sares the head of Elizia's guards and had several lines in the show ; PRENTIS HANCOCK(Paul Morrow) (???) as an astronaut in a current Peter Paul/Cadbury candy bar commercial. Prentis, let us know. Is that really you?

from Tod Ellsworth, Ohio - ROY DOTRICE(Commisioner Simmonds, Breakaway & Earthbound) acclaimed for his performance in 1981 in Broadway's "A Life" appeared in the American premiere of a new thriller by Australia's Warwick Moss titled "Down An Alley Filled With Cats" in Dallas, Tx in Sept. 1984. He also appeared as Polonius/gravedigger in the Christopher Walken production of "Hamlet" at the American Shaekspeare Festival in 1982. He can also be seen as a villain in the movie "The Corsican Brothers".

from Suzanne Roquette - SUZANNE ROQUETTE(Tanya Alexander, regular Yr 1) is currently on tour singing Marlene Dietrich songs. She also appeared in the film "Sahara" with Brooke Shields.

from Kerry Keene, Florida - CATHERINE SCHELL(Maya) starred in a 1977 pilot for a TV series called "Looking for Clancy" ; SARAH DOUGLAS(B, AB Chrysalis) played Pamela in the 'V' series ; CHRISTOPHER LEE(Capt. Zandor,Earthbound) can be seen in the new movie "The Howling II" ; PETER BOWLES(Balor, End of Eternity) can be seen in 'Rumpole of the Bailey III' shown recently on PBS ; MARGARET LEIGHTON(Arra, Collision Course) starred in a 1962 English film called "Waltz of the Toreadors", a comedy drama ; LEE MONTAGUE(Dorzak, Dorzak) was seen in the "Shakespeare Plays" entry called "Much Ado About Nothing" ; BILLIE WHITELAW(Zamara, One Moment Of Humanity) can be seen in the CBS movie called "Camille".

from Kevin McCorry, New Brunswick, Canada - BARRY MORSE(Victor Bergman) starred in the 1950 CBC production of Lester Sinclair's "Socrates" and appeared as Scrooge in a play version of "A Christmas Carol" ; GERRY SUNDQUIST(Malic, The Dorcons) appeared in the 1978 film "Music Machine" ; JOANCOLLINS(Kara, Mission of the Darians) appeared in the 1979 film "Sunburn" ; DOUGLAS WILMER(Dixon, Dragon's Domain) appeared in the James Bond film "Octopussy" with Roger Moore ; STUART WILSON(Vindrus, A Matter of Balance) appeared in an episode of "Scarecrow and Mrs. King.

from Martin East, England - CATHERINE SCHELL(Maya) recently recorded her role in the classic play called "Month in the Country" to be shown shortly (Dec. 84) and is also in the throes of recording one of the main roles in the second series of the serial "One by One" about a vet studying animals in captivity, their illnesses and their adjustment to their new lives. It resumes its regular weekly slot in Jan. ; STACY DORNING(Zova, Exiles) appears as Adele, the tough and determined second wife of financier Rex Fortescue in the BBC-1 show "Miss Marple: A Pocketful of Rye"

from Kerry Keene, Florida - BRIAN JOHNSON(1999 SFX) is doing the SFX for the movie called "Enemy Mines" in Germany . BILLIE WHITELAW(see above) guest starred in the BBC series "Supernatural". The episodes were called: "Countess Ilona" and "The Warewolf Reunion". These episodes seemed to have been connected, like part 1 and 2. This series aired in 1977. LEE MONTAGUE(see above) guested in the episode "Ghost of Venice" and CATHERINE SCHELL appeared in the episode "Viktoria"(a correction) ; ANTHONY VALENTINE(male alien, War Games) starred in a 60 minute detective story called "Raffles - The Amateur Cracksman" ; JUDY GEESON(Regina Kesslan, Another Time Another Place) played the lead in an episodeof "The Rivals of Sherlock Holmes" called "The Mysterious Death on the Underground Railway" ; PAMELA STEPHENSON(Michelle Osgood, Catacombs of the Moon) can be seen on Saturday Night Live every week ; FREDDIE JONES(Dr. Logan, Journey to Where) can be seen in the movie "Dune" where he portrayed the character Thuflr Hawat ; BILLIE WHITELAW(above) appeared in the 1959 English comedy called "Bobbikins" ; STUART DAMON(Guido Verdeschi, Bringers of Wonder I and II) can be seen in a new series set to begin this September dealing with entertainment. It's called "America" ; SARAH DOUGLAS(above) will leave "Falcon Crest" in '85, her choice. She wants to continue her movie career. ; PETER CUSHING(Raan, Missing Link) starred in a 1973 horror film called "The Creeping Flesh" ; CUSHING and GUY ROLFE(Magus, New Adam New Eve) starred in a 1973 horror film called "And Now the Screaming Starts" ; ROLFE also starred in a 1049 English film called "The Spider and the Fly" ; IAN McSHANE(Anton Zoref, Force of Life) can be seen in the new film called "Torchlight" ; FREDDIE JONES(above) can be seen in the 1982 film called "Firefox" which aired on ABC in February ; OLIVER COTTON(spearman, Full Circle) was also in the film ; BILLIE WHITELAW(above) appeared in a 1960 English film called "Make Mine Mink" ; FRANK WATTS(1999 director of photography) held the same position on a 1985 CBS movie called "The Corsican Brothers" ; there is talk of a new TV series with Robert Wagner and John Standing(Pasc, Mark Of Archanon) as co-star. The series will be a comedy ; CATHERINE SCHELL(above) played a major role in a 1972 BBC dramatization called "Serch for the Nile" which aired on NBC as a six hour mini-series in Jan. & Feb. of 1972. It was filmed on location in Africa ; STUART WILSON(above) appeared in the1973 seven part series called "The Strauss Family" ; CLIFTON JONES (Kano) starred in a 1976 TV series called "City of Angels" a PI type show ; BARRY MORSE(above) starred in a 1972 TV spy series called "The Adventurer" CATHERINE SCHELL also guest starred ; The following 1999 people starred in the following "Masterpiece Theatre" stories: BARRY MORSE(above) starred in the "Golden Bowl" with JILL TOWNSEND (Sahala, Dorzak) in 1972 ; ROY DOTRICE(above) appeared in the 1977 ten part entry called "Dickens of London" ; PHILIP MADOC(Cmdr. Gorski, Breakaway) appeared in an entry called "Last of the Mohicans" in 1971 ; STUART WILSON(above) appeared in the 1978 entry called "Anna Karenina". ; JUDY GEESON(above) starred in an excellent 1967 film called "To Sir, with Love" ; JOAN COLLINS(above) guest starred in an episode of "The Man from U.N.C.L.E.".

CON 85

It's getting close to that time again, and things are moving at a real fast clip. There is no problem with this year's con. The guest list as it stands now consists of the people below. There is a chance that there might be another guest but <u>if</u> that happens you'll just have to wait to see who the SURPRISE guest is. We do not guarantee a surprise guest, but you never know. If we're lucky.....

ROBERT COLBERT

FRANK ASHMORE

SHANNON ASHMORE

ANGELIQUE PETTYJOHN

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There are several things that need to be brought to your attention. (1) If you miss the opening ceremonies you will <u>most definitely</u> regret it. There is a special event which you will not want to miss. (2) If you are going to the banquet, there is also a special event planned which will be enjoyed by everyone there. (3) We will have a DJ doing the music for the Masquerade Ball (<u>costumes not required</u>) after the Costume competition. The DJ will also be doing video tapes of the Costume call and a professional photographer will take pictures of anyone who wants pictures of their costumes. You can find out what the package will consist of and what it will cost at the con. (4) There will be a special display of a Time Machine mock up created for a low budget film company which went bankrupt. The machine was created from the description in H.G. Wells book "The Time Machine". The model is 9' x 5' x 6' and will be included in the charity auction if anyone is interested. Original cost was $2000. (5) At this time we have 42 dealer's tables purchased in our dealer's room with more people asking for info every day. This could be the best dealer's room we've ever had. (6) Con rates are now $20 at the door - $25 for the banquet - $10 for non-attending.

<u>SPECIAL NOTE</u>: If you do not have your room reservations made, <u>please</u> do so now. The hotel has held a block of rooms for us and will do so until July 3. At the end of this time they will throw the rooms open to anyone who wants them and it will be first come first served. We are going to try to get them to extend the date to July 10 but if they don't and you dont' get you room soon, you may not get a room at the con hotel and have to drive from another hotel. If necessary you can send a copy of the hotel card below to Stouffer's Concourse Hotel/2399 Jefferson Davis Hwy./Arlington, Va 22202-3866

International Space 1999 Alliance

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A guaranteed payment assures you that a room will be held for your day of arrival. The room will become available for resale if you have not registered by 6:00 AM THE FOLLOWING MORNING. You will be billed for the first nights room revenue if the reservation is not cancelled before 6 PM on the day of arrival. Please ask the clerk for a cancellation number (703/979-6800).

STOUFFER'S CONCOURSE HOTEL

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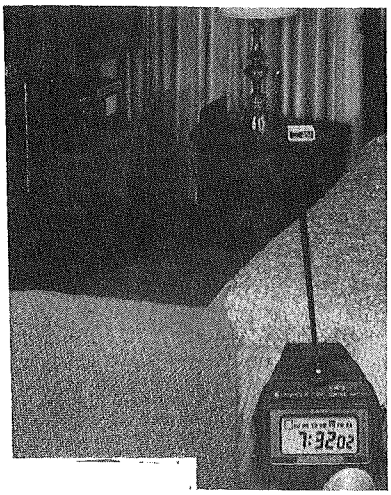
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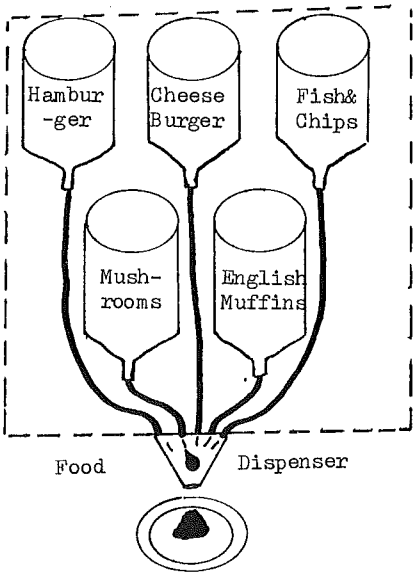
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CREATION IS BETTER...

This issue's Creation section deals with the efforts of several individuals. If you subscribe to or have purchased the magazine SFTV we're sure you've noticed the articles on Space:1999 in issues 3 and 4, but did you notice who wrote these articles? If you didn't look, shame on you. Both articles were written by Alliance member and LBFA President Terry Bowers. Look for more articles from Terry in this and other magazines.

Another set of articles on the works of Gerry Anderson is also going to be coming out in the magazine "Fantasy Empire". The author of these articles is an expert in Anderson shows and proved this by coming in second (by 1 passed question)at the 1982 Mastermind competition at Fanderson. This is Canadian member Doug Pelton. Look for his articles in this and other magazines. And last but not least we have a promotional flyer which was created and donated to us by Martin East, England which is on the next page. Feel free to make copies and distribute them in bookstores, on college campuses or anywhere else you can think of. As we stated earlier, word of mouth is sometimes the only way to find those closet fans who really get excited when they find they are not the ONLY person around who likes SPACE:1999!!!!!

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LAST MINUTE NOTES

THE PLANETARY SOCIETY WILL BE SPONSORING A CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON DC ON JULY 16 & 17. THE CONFERENCE IS "STEPS TO MARS". THE CONFERENCE WILL COMMEMORATE THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE APOLLO-SOYUZ US?SOVIET SPACE MISSION. CO_SPONSORS WITH THE SOCIETY ARE THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF AERONAUTICS AND ASTRONAUTICS AND THE NATIONAL AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION. THE JULY 16TH PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE:

A TECHNICAL SESSION LED BY DR. JAMES FRENCH ABOUT THE BIOMEDICAL AND PHYSIOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF A HUMAN FLIGHT TO MARS, MISSION DESIGN AND ENGINEERING, SCIENCE AND ROBOTIC MISSIONS.

A PANEL DISCUSSION ENTITLED "HUMANS TO MARS - WHY?" PANELISTS WILL INCLUDE CARL SAGAN, FORMER ASTRONAUT AND US SENATOR HARRISON SCHMITT, ASTRONAUT SALLY RIDE, ESA DIRECTOR ROGER BONNET AND NASA ADMINISTRATOR JAMES BEGGS.

A CEREMONY AND RECEPTION COMMEMORATING THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE APOLLO - SOYUZ MISSION.

THE JULY 17TH PROGRAM WILL BE A NATIONAL AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM CONFERENCE ENTITLED "INTERNATIONAL UTILIZATION AND EXPLORATION OF SPACE.

FOR TICKETS AND A PROGRAM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL THE PLANETARY SOCIETY, MARS CONFERENCE (818) 793-5100

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