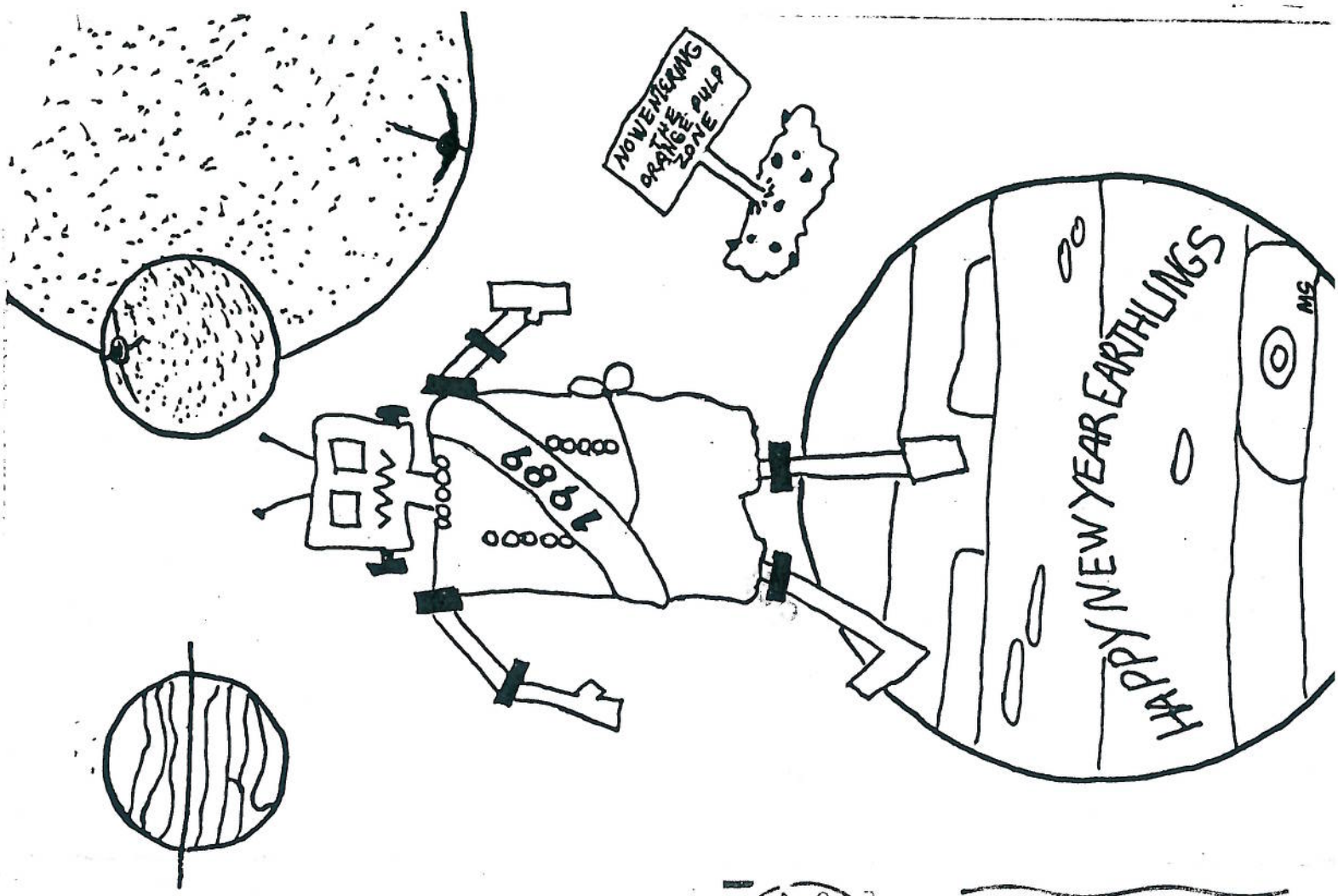

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NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, January 25th, 1989, at 7pm. Fullerton Saving, 2400 East Chapman, Fullerton, a half mile West off the Orange Freeway.

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY MEETINGS

If you have any books you would like to sell or trade bring them to the meeting. Maybe you have paperbacks you've read and would like to trade them for other reading copies. If you have a list of your all time favorite SF books (see article on page 3) bring that too. We may have an informal round table discussion on books.

Mac McMahon has been so busy with his new book store, Galactic Archieves, that he felt someone else could give more time as club program director. We are very pleased to announce that Marcia Starke will be our new program director.

Marcia has helped out on programming in the past and we feel she will get things going in the right direction.

February might be another video night. It was fun last time we tried it and unless something better comes along we'll give that a shot.

NOVEMBER UPDATE

This was video night at OCSFC. The first offering was the Universal Tour Star Trek production we attended, on a club excursion, back in October. Greg Funke got to be a Klingon warrior in this episode. It's fun to watch someone you know being attacked be a large tentacled creature and being pelted with foam rubber rocks. The second show was the first of two half-hour interviews with Isaac Asimov, that Bill Moyers did on his "World of Ideas" series for PBS. Moyers is an excellent interviewer in this one-on-one type format and that entire series was worth watching. We saved the absurd for last; four 20 minute episodes of the dated, low budget serial, "Zombies of the Stratosphere". Some of the dialog was so dumb it broke everyone up. I've never seen a serial that had a more predictable series of cliff-hangers than this one. In a way that made it fun to watch.

OCSFC HOLDS FIRST DECEMBER MEETING

Our first ever December meeting informally celebrated birthdays for Mac McMahon and Marcia Stark. We had lots of munchies and just sat around talking about movies, books and TV shows. Ken Williams did a good imitation of William Shatner. Because of all the food we skipped the usual jaunt over to Herschels.

MARCIA STARKE WINS ORANGE PULP AWARD

At the November meeting Marcia Starke received the Second Annual Orange Pulp award as the outstanding fan writer/artist in the Orange County area, for the year 1988. Marcia was presented with an engraved plaque and an Isaac Asimov Story-A-Month calender to help her mantain her SciFiness all through 1989. Aside from being one of OCSFC's most active members Marcia does most of the OP covers, plus cartoons and

updates on special events. She is a major reason we have one of the best club newsletters around. Past receipients of the award are Roland Gagne and Michael Peralta.

I would like to give special thanks to Fred Cropper, Elise Edgell, Janet Alverez, Greg Benford, Greg Funke and Marty Miller for their contributions to the PULP during 1988. Also, a special thanks to Octavia Butler, Barbara Hambly, Randy Gigante of NSS, Bill Hilburn and Mac McMahon for their contributions in programming and activities last year.

WANTED: Top 10 Lists

Fred Cropper made an interesting suggustion. We exchange lists of our top ten SF books of all time. Fred said, "Why don't you ask other club members for their lists and publish them?"

This isn't a poll. The criteria for this list would be what books did you personally enjoy most. I think the best reading guide is a list of what people of similar interests enjoy. If you want to have your published give it to me at the meeting, or just mail it to me. If you prefer make it your top 5, or 7, or 12.

WESTERCON & WORLDCON

WESTERCON 42 , June 30 - July 4, 1989. Marriot Hotel, Anaheim, CA. Guest of Honor John Varley. Fan GoH: Arthur Hlavaty. Membership $45 till 6/15/89, $60 at door. Dealer table $75 (membership not included, $40 deposit.) Info. Westercon42, c/o S.C.I.F.I, Box 8442, Van Nuys, CA91409.

NOREASCON III/47TH WORLDCON Aug 31 - Sept 4, 1989. Sheraton-Boston, Hynes Convention Center, Boston MA. Guests of Honor, Andre Norton, Betty & Ian Ballantine. FGoHs, The Stranger Club. Membership $70 till 3/15/89, $80 till 7/15/89, $20 supporting. Info. Noreascon Three, Box 46, MIT Branch PO, Cambridge, MA 02139.

THE LITTLE HONG KONG BO KSTORE

by Fred Cropper & Roger Alan

Our ship pulled into Hong Kong harbor and early the next day I had gone looking for bookstores.

I'd spent the morning on Kowloon Side around the Tsimshatsui District without finding anything better than clones of B. Dalton. In the early afternoon I decided to take the Star Ferry over to Victoria and try my luck there.

The usual sea breeze had died down and the burning August sun was high. Traffic slowed around two o'clock as tuniced policemen struggled to keep it moving. I worked my way along Queen's Road East to the Wanchi area where Susie Wong had plied her trade. Wandering down a narrow side street ---lo and behold! --there was a bookstore; identified in both Chinese and English. It didn't look like much on the outside. One of the sign's "O"s was barely discernable. It looked like BO KSTORE.

I opened the door and a little bell rang. I looked around; I had never seen so many books and magazines crammed into such a small space and .....my sweet Jesus! There were copies of BLACK MASK from its inception! and AMAZING! and ASTOUNDING complete through December 1970. BLACK MASK had folded in 1951, but there was every issue until that date. I don't think even UCLA's library had all the copies.

I looked around and found a little old chinese man (sitting behind a roll top desk) complete with whispy beard and skull cap.

"Where did you get all this stuff?" I blurted out.

"'Merican sailor bring in."

"But how in the world could he get all this aboard ship?" I asked, bewildered.

"Don't know," he told me.

I looked further. There were all the BALLANTINES, all the first edition paperbacks ...FAHRENHEIT 451 with the Mugnaini cover, CHILDHOOD'S END with the Powers cover. I had recently seen it selling for $25.

"How much for this?" I asked, holding up CHILDHOOD'S END.

"One dollar," he replied.

Oh my God! I'd found El Dorado and Shangri-la combined.

"How much for this?" I asked, holding up a 1935 copy of BLACK MASK.

"Seventy-five cents," he informed me.

Jesus H. Christ! I couldn't believe my ears.

As I worked my way deeper into the store I saw Dell mapbacks, Ace double and Graphic mysteries. He had every conceivable paperback since they started printing them. And the magazines...Dime Detective, Ranch Romances, Air Aces....everything!

I had just enough money to buy half a dozen paperbacks and a few magazines.

I hurried back to the ship to borrow some money. When I got on board the lieutenant said, "Davis, you're going to have to take your buddy's watch. He's down with food poisoning." I thought, I ate the same food. It caught up with me two hours later. I was very sick for three days. Needless to say, I couldn't get back to the bookstore. Hell, I couldn't even tell anyone how to get there.

The ship pulled out and it took me three years to get back to Hong Kong

I was walking down what I believed to be the same street and came to the same area of the bookstore. Only now, there was a hi-rise apartment building taking up that space and a lot more.

After some inquiries I found the old man had sold out to a developer, who was also a science fiction/mystery collector!

THE LOCAL SCENE

There was a huge crowd for the Dean Koontz autograph party at the Book Carnival, where he was signing his lastest big seller "Midnight". Also, Dean has sold film rights for "Servants of Twilight", (a Leigh Nichols title) $100,000 and "Phantoms", for $75,000.

A new Greg Benford story, "Alphas", will be in the March issue of Amazing. Interesting physics and aliens. Watch for this as an award nominee next year.

Just read Barbara Hambly's "Those who Hunt the Night". I rarely read vampire stories but this one's very good. Issued simultaneously in English paperback as "Immortal Blood".

A first hardcover ____ of James Blaylock's "Homunculus", has been published by Morrigan(Eng.) with a new intro.