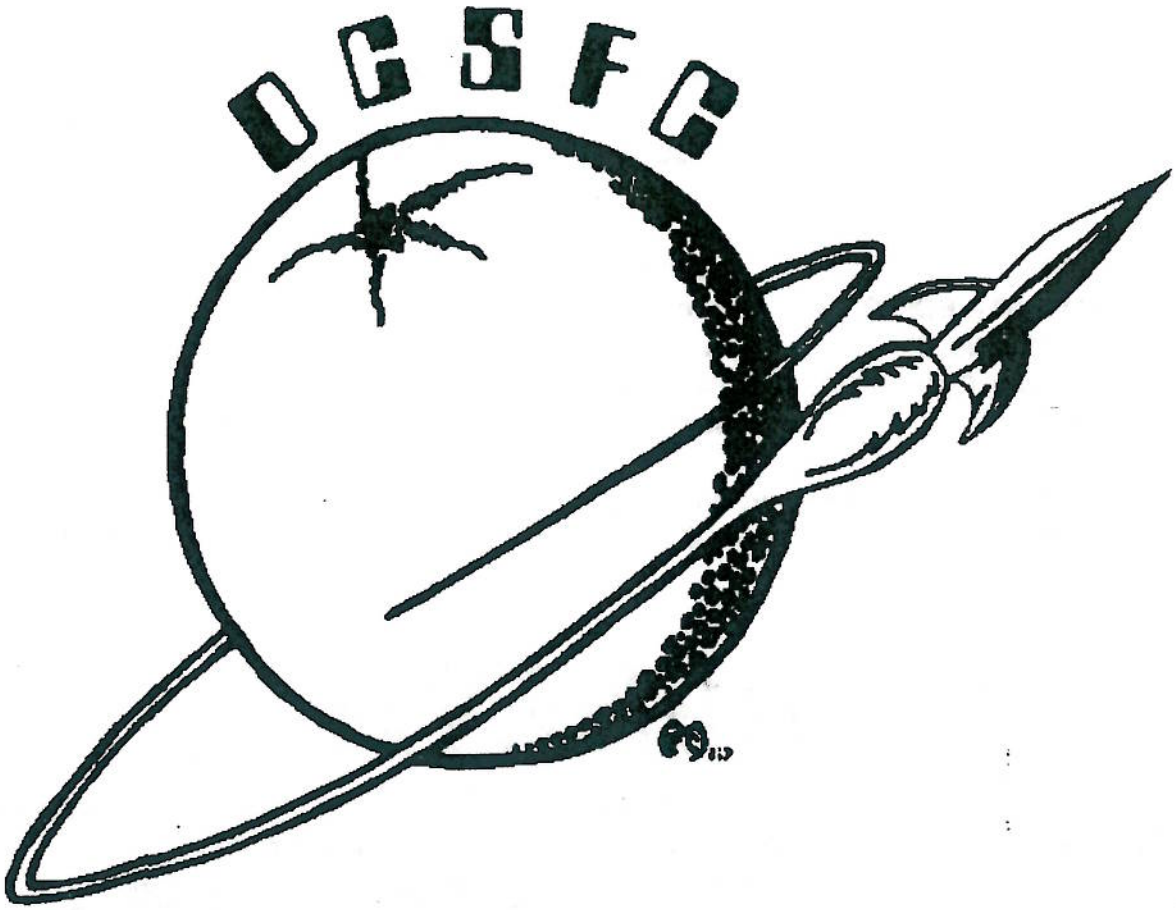

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EDITORIAL

Well, here we are at the beginning of a new year. I am going to try my hand at being the editor of The Orange Pulp for a while. We will be keeping Dave Silva as the associate editor so things won't get *too* bad. I am already learning many things about doing a newsletter, for instance, I was able to put the club logo into my computer by running my hand scanner over the OCSFC mug that I bought a few years ago. I have also learned just how bad some of my word processing software can be when trying to use it for anything other than a business letter. (In case anyone cares I'm now sing the WRITE program that comes with Windows 3.0.) Please, do not hesitate to make suggestions, and let me know what you think of the newsletter.

Submissions to The Orange Pulp
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January	29	Orange County Science Fiction Club Meeting 7:00
February	1	Signing by Richard Matheson at Aladdin Books
	12	Movie Night
	19	JEDI Knights regular meeting
	26	Orange County Science Fiction Club Meeting 7:00
	29	JEDI Knights Leap Year Celebration Day
March	11	Movie Night
	15	JEDI Knights regular meeting
	21	JEDI Knights mundane game day
	25	Orange County Science Fiction Club Meeting 7:00

For JEDI KNIGHTS information call (714) 826-5625
For movie night information call the Galactic Archives (714) 693-0673 on the movie date

PREVIOUS MEETING

Since we did not meet in December our last meeting was November. This was our annual book swap meeting. Members were encouraged to bring used books to be swapped and/or sold. Marsha brought refreshments to the meeting. We discussed whether we want to be an official club with membership dues or just an unofficial gathering which charges a subscription fee for its newsletter. For the present, it was decided to continue the informal nature of the group and call the annual $6.00 fee a subscription to the newsletter.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be January 29th at 7pm. We will be discussing possible program ideas and special events for 1992. If you would like to hear a local author speak, go on a field trip with the club, or have some other club sponsered event, this is the time to suggest it. We want everyone's opinion.

BOOK SIGNING by RICHARD MATHESON

On Saturday, February 1 there will be a book signing by Richard Matheson at Aladdin Books, 121 W. Commonwealth, Fullerton from 1 to 3PM. He will be signing a combined edition of "Somewhere in Time" and "What Dreams May Come"

MOVIE NIGHT

What we lacked in meetings for December we more than made up for at the movies. There were so many good movies out in December that we went to three different movies on three consecutive Wednesdays. Hook, Star Trek VI, and The Addams Family were all great movies.

In January there were no SF movies scheduled so we went to see "The Man in The Moon". Although, the movie had no SF value it was great for exercising the tear ducts.

A possible movie to see for February 12 is "Freejack" where a young race car driver gets snatched 20 years into the future.

We usually go to a movie on the second Wednesday of each month. Call Mac McMahon at The Galactic Archives (714) 693-0673 for information on these events.

MOVIES TO WATCH FOR IN 1992-1993

I received a list of most of the films scheduled for release this and next year from Eric Carter on Compuserve. Here are a few of them:

THE NAKED LUNCH (20th Century) based on Burrough's classic	January 10
FREEJACK (Warner) Race car driver plucked into the future	January 17
MEMOIRS OF AN INVISIBLE MAN (Warner) Wall St. analyst becomes invisible	March 6
THE LAWNMOWER MAN (New Line) "Lawnmower Man" becomes a sophisticate	March 13
BREAKFAST OF ALIENS (Hemdale) A loser swallows an alien and becomes a comic	April 1
LEPRECHAUN (Trimark) Wicked leprechaun on a reign of terror for pot of gold	May 8
ALIEN 3 (20th Century) Ripley arrives on an orbiting prison station	May 22
LITTLE NEMO (Hemdale) Animated, produced in Tokyo	May
KILLER TOMATOES EAT FRANCE (Four Square Prod.) w/ John Astin, 4th KT film	Spring
HIGHWAY TO HELL (Hemdale) update of the legend of Orpheus	Spring
BATMAN RETURNS (Warner)	June 19
HONEY, I BLEW UP THE BABY (Disney) Baby enlarged to gargantuan size	June
ENCINO MAN (Disney) Teenagers discover a frozen caveman	July 4
BRAM STOKER'S DRACULA (Columbia) Based on the original story	August 14
ROBOCOP 3 (Orion) Robocop joins a rebel group to defend homes	Summer
COOL WORLD (Paramount) Real people find themselves in a cartoon world	Summer
THE ADDAMS FAMILY II (Paramount) "Greed is good. Greed works."	October
ALADDIN (Disney)	November
GOBLINS (Hemdale) Creatures have a war, turn humans into pumpkins	TBA
THE CREATURE FROM THE BLACK LAGOON (Universal)	TBA
VILLAGE OF THE DAMNED (Universal) Remake of '60 film	TBA
FINAL APPROACH (Trimark) Test pilot finds himself in an alternate reality	TBA
DR. OFF (Miramax) Teacher by day...Superhero by night	TBA
XTRO II (New Line) Rated "R"	
CITIZEN SANE (Trimark) Superhero spoof	

TMNT III (New Line) The TMNT time travel between now and 17th century	March 1993
JURASSIC PARK (Universal) Spielberg, future dinosaur amusment park	Summer 1993
PRINCESS OF MARS (Disney) Based on Burroughs Classic	Summer 1993

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Our discussion book for January is "Preferred Risk" by Edson McCann (Frederick Pohl). If you have not read this book and have it available, there is still time to read it as it is less than 200 pages. Come and join our discussion group after the main meeting and talk about life in a world run by a giant insurance company.

For February it has been suggested by Catherine Curley that we discuss two books. "Starship Troopers" by Heinlein and "The Forever War" by Haldeman. Haldeman's book has been described as a rebuttal to Heinlein's glorification of war. It will be interesting to make the comparison for ourselves.

The Warren Guide: THE TAIL THAT WAGS THE DOG?
by Dave Silva

Way back in 1980, Kevin Hancer compiled, what was meant to be, a comprehensive price guide for paperback books. Two years later, Hancer issued a revised guide. Hancer's guide wasn't really comprehensive and after a few years didn't reflect the prices paperbacks were selling for.

I picked up my copy of Jon Warren's, "The Official Price Guide - Paperbacks", last year at the Book Star, in Brea. I had some trouble finding it and the old guy who helped me said, "I didn't know there was a price guide for paperbacks. Are they worth something?" That really stunned me. I guess new book stores don't even think about used books. Also, when Hancer's guide came out in 1980, most used book stores sold all paperbacks, regardless of scarcity or condition, at 1/2 to 2/3 cover price, with maybe a $.50 minimum. Let's say you picked up a copy of Ace D-249, Phillip K. Dick's, "The Cosmic Puppets", with a complete Andre Norton novel on the other side. You might pay from 18 to 50 cents. Warren lists this book at $17.50 for VG, and $35 for a fine copy.

Warren's guide is a massive paperback...934 pages. It is extremely well done, and with niggling exceptions, is very complete. If you could find Ace D-249 in VG for less than $17.50 before the Warren Guide, it's unlikely you'll be able to now. For at least the next two or three years the Warren guide will be the tail that wags the dog in paperback prices. Supply and demand will still determine the prices, because the paperback market is young and subject to trends. There will be authors like Dick, Koontz and Block, and certain imprints, possible Zebra or Beagle will become fashionable to collect. Also, the mystery field is booming, in fact, there are probably more high priced ($10 or more) mystery books than SF books. Quite a few of the small publishers that specialized in mysteries sprung up in the 50's and 60's and lasted only a year or two. Many of these were digest sized novels, which have become very scarce.

Authors who have had late blooming careers have seen their old paperbacks skyrocket in price. Phillip K. Dick is a good example; most of his novels were paperback originals...and his few early hardcovers had small first printings.

The downside to collecting paperbacks is selling them for what they are worth. Suppose you have 2,000 paperbacks. To catalog their value is an item by item chore; checking those that are worth anything at all for condition. After many hours of work you determine your prized collection worth $10,000. Of course, a bookstore will only give you a fraction of it's value. You could rent space at a convention and spend your weekend selling books, or you might print up a list and start up a mail-order business. If the work and cost of doing any of the aforementioned turns you off, you can do what I do...fill up your house with all these neat little books and think about how wonderful it is to have such a valuable collection.

NEXT ISSUE

The March issue of the Orange Pulp will feature an OCSFC 10th anniversary retrospect by Dave Silva. Yes, we will be 10 years old in March.

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