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meet, read books, watch TV, see movies, party, talk, listen, filk, costume, write, eat, play games, wear badges, ride elevators, meet authors

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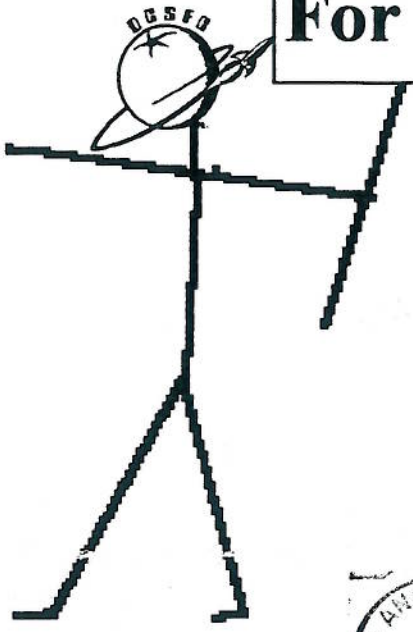

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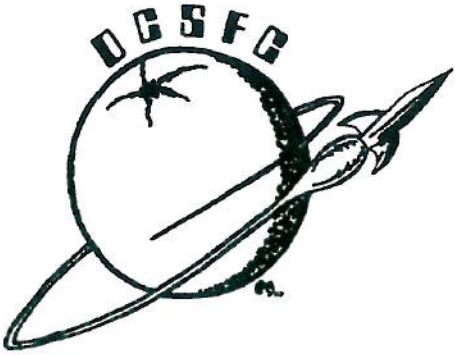

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Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 27, 1996 , 7:30 PM at The Usual Place, 2400 East Chapman, Fullerton, a half mile west off the Orange Freeway. (SE corner of Chapman and St. College in Fullerton)

The Reading Orbit Discussion Novels:

For Nov:*Don't Forget Your Spacesuit Dear* edited by Jody Lynn Nye

For Jan: --no title chosen-- yet!

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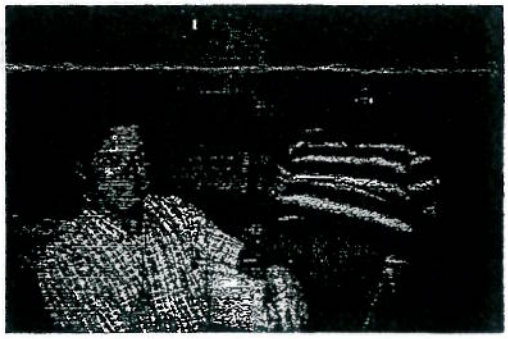

The Chief Speaks

Thank you to Elise for the nice digital pictures she took and gave us, one of which is above. They actually look a lot better on the screen and I can't really do a good job of printing them here since this publisher program doesen't offer any photo options (sometimes I think they would rather have you (me) publish *their* newsletter rather than yours (mine)).

A couple of new movies coming out: Star Trek (yeah, I know, you know all about it), and an SF movie at the 3D IMAX.

Now, I'll just reiterate again what I've already iterated in various places on the following pages.

!. No December meeting, That's Final

2. Bring some good ideas about what we can do for a meeting place to the November meeting.

3. Bring some good ideas about what you want to do *at* those next year meetings to the January meeting.

Jeff

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Previous Meetings

Brad Linaweaver was our guest speaker for September. He is a writer and speaker who has written paper back books for four Dune novels as well as *Moon of Ice* which he brought along for OCSFC members to buy and read He also brought along his friend and co-writer Dafyd ab Hugh so we actually had a panel discussion. Both writers came across the street to Coco's with us after the meeting

In October, **Jim Lockett,** Marketing Director for Babylon 5, who runs *The* Fan Club, co.ordinates the newsletter and the web site and handles all the B5 merchandise. Spoke to us. He also brought along a blooper reel and a hint of what is coming up for the new season.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

November brings us the only open meeting for the year. We will be discussing where we will be meeting for the forseeable future and how we're going to pay for it. I suspect that we will be meeting in the same old "the usual place" for January so that new members and old ones who would have forgotten to go to the new place or ones who just don't read the 'Pulp would know where to go.

Here we go with December again. This time it's in code. ★☆ ★✣✣✶☆★✧

(Actually, it's in Zapfh Dingbats)

I have not been given any official information for January yet, however it's usually an open meeting where we try to come up with club ideas for the rest of the year. Bring those ideas for speakers, games, movies, whatever to the meeting.

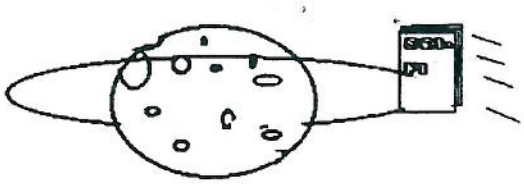
Orange Berk

by Jeff Stein

Meanwhile, back on Earth...The dolphins, who were totally bored with the current dolphin fad of collecting catagories of kelp, and putting them in a database on the network, had re-entered their virtual world, created on the internet and had been waiting for their current scene continue loading as it was stuck at 87% for the last six weeks and none of them had an index finger to push the stop and reload keys. *Since the dolphins have had very little, if any, to do with this story for now, we'll just leave them there.*

Professor Botts was back in his lab. He was creating his newest invention, a substance called Cookoo Putty, which, when one tried to bounce it on the floor, it would just kind of dangle in a limp mass from their hand. Of course, to keep it from melting into Cookoo Glop, one had to store in the pointy part of their left shoe. While he was thinking, "gee, I wish I had another Whopper" he was also thinking, "*When is Berk coming back with my free gift? I hope it's not another free AOL disk! I wouldn't use that even if they included the new dolphin module!*". Professor Botts put down his Cookoo Putty and went over to see if he could make any improvements on his neworange eradicator gun. **To Be Continued.**

THE READING ORBIT



We wound up reading *Don't Forget Your Spacesuit, Dear, edited* by Jody Lynne Nye for our October book. It's an anthology of humorous stories themed on mothers in SF stories. I don't know what, if anything, was discussed because I didn't make it to the restaurant after the meeting. My feeling is that it was a lot of fun for both the readers and the authors. The short stories serve as a nice break when one is "between novels".

As for the book for January, unless one was selected when I wasn't there, I suppose we'll be choosing one at the November meeting.

MATCH THE S-F STORY WITH ITS CHARACTER

1. Val Smith	A. World of Null-A
2. R. Daneel Olivaw	B. Farenheit 451
3. Elijah Bailey	C. More Than Human
4. Ben Reich	D. Puppet Masters
5. Gully Foyle	E. Nightwings
6. Sam & Mary & "The Old Man"	F. Man Plus
7. Montag	G. The Whole Man
8. Lone	H. Gateway
9. The Watcher	I. Slan
10. Roger Torraway	J. Demolished Man
11. The Heechee	K. Stars My Destination
12. Dr. Gerald Howson	L. Naked Sun
13. Jommy Cross	M. Stranger In a Strange Land
14. Gilbert Gosseyn	N. Caves of Steel

Compiled by Fred Cropper

THE ROBOT DILEMMA

By Dave Silva

In an L.A. Times article, Oct. 31st, titled "Muscle Mechanics", Mohson Shahinpoor has developed an artificial muscle from syntectic polymers in his Univ. of New Mexico lab. The bundled fibers respond in milliseconds to electric stimuli. There are a number of obvious applications such as, prosthetic limbs or, heart replacement. They still have problems to overcome,however the most far reaching social effect of this technology might be in the field of robotics.

It has come to be generally accepted that technology will always produce more jobs than it destroys. If was also assumed that real estate prices in Orange County would rise indefinately. We do accept a lower level of service than in the good old days, when doctors made house calls and service stations pumped your gas and wiped your windshield. Now you pay a penalty for not using an ATM and nearly every U.S. company has down-sized at least once.

So what would be the real day to day effect of having robots? At first they would be so expensive that they might not threaten the jobs of those making less than minimum wage. While robots are slaves that doesn't mean slaves are cheap. In the South slaves were expensive to buy, then you had to feed and house them and if they died your whole investment was lost. Many found that share-croppers were nearly as cheap and elimanated a lot of headaches. Farm work would be an area where robots might make a real impact; much of it is hard, dirty and repetitious. It would be nice if people didn't have to work on boring assembly line jobs or, work in dangerous places like mines. Then again, as unpleasant as these jobs may be it's how people make a living. A neo-luddite appeal to pass laws against robots taking away jobs is hardly a free market solution.

Many of the jobs robots would do are done by illegal aliens in this country or, by what is essentially slave labor in other countries. But high paying jobs might also be in jeopardy. How about robot doctors? If they could do the job better wouldn't we be foolish not to use them where our health is at stake? I might vote for a robot congressman, who was programmed to keep his promises, faithfully represent his district and never accept money from special interests. Having worked in the post office I'm sure robots could run it just as well; at least employees wouldn't be as tempted to gun down their supervisors.

With robots flipping burgers and taking your order (not much of a stretch there) where would teen-agers find part time jobs? If 50% of the present jobs were being done by robots simply because they could do them better or, cheaper, what would happen to the economy? If you put all the unemployable on some minimun survival welfare you would get a spiraling collapse similar to the great depression. We would have to make some radical choices if we ever developed effective robots. Robots would be really great doing all those things we need to do and can't afford to do, like cleaning up toxic waste sites, providing day care, or reparing roads.

My favorite robot novel is "The Humanoids", by Jack Williamson. Many consider it to be Williamson's best novel. The most famous robot stories are, of course, Asimov's short stories collected as "I Robot". Asimov examined human logic, or sometimes humorously the lack of it, by contrasting it with artificial intelligence. If we ever build robots that approach their fictional counterparts will they be guided by Asimov's three laws of robotics?

Hey, What's going (C)on there?

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-The Calender-

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29 Add a few more today	30 Nat'l Change your Mind Day	31 Last Day to write 1996 on checks				

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