

Secondary Universe

A conference on the writer and science fiction

Friday

1-5 p.m. Registration, Keller Conference Center
5-6:30 p.m. Reception, Assembly Room, Nittany Lion Inn (cash bar)
8-10 p.m. **Opening Session: Science Fiction, an Overview**
Chairman: Arthur O. Lewis (Penn State), Conference Co-Chairman
Greetings: Stanley F. Paulson (Penn State), Dean, College of the Liberal Arts
Speakers: Patrick G. Hogan, Jr. (Houston): "Philosophical Limitations of Science Fiction"
Leslie A. Fiedler (SUNY, Buffalo): "Science Fiction and the University Community"

9-10:45 a.m. **Myth and the Science Fiction Writer**
Chairman: Wilfred T. Jewkes (Penn State)
Speakers: S. C. Fredericks (Indiana): "Revivals of Ancient Mythologies in Current Science Fiction and Fantasy"
Valerie Broege (Western Ontario): "The Myth of the Computer in Science Fiction"
Discussant: David C. Hartwell, New American Library

Panel: Utopias
Chairman: Arthur O. Lewis (Penn State), Conference Co-Chairman
Keynote paper: Lyman T. Sargent (Missouri, St. Louis): "American and English Utopian Literature: Similarities and Differences"
Panelists: Carolyn H. Rhodes (Old Dominion)
Phillip E. Stebbins (Penn State)
Patrick G. Hogan, Jr. (Houston)

11-12:30 p.m. **The Beginnings of Modern Science Fiction: Wells**
Chairman: Thomas Clareson (Wooster), President, Science Fiction Research Association
Speakers: Robert M. Philmus (Loyola, Montreal): "Revisions of the Future: The Serialized Versions of 'The Time Machine'"
Curtis C. Smith (SUNY, Albany): "H. G. Wells' Discovery of the Future"
Discussants: Julius Kagarlitski (State Institute of Theatrical Art, Moscow)
Charles W. Mann, Jr. (Penn State)

Probing the Limits
Chairman: Robert F. Lima, Jr. (Penn State)
Speakers: Veronica M. S. Kennedy (St. John's): "The Unending Conflict: The Battle between Good and Evil as Exemplified in the Works of C. S. Lewis and Dennis Wheatley"
Michael W. McClintock (Montana): "A Case of Conscience: Fiction and Reality"

2-3:45 p.m. **Science Fiction after Wells**
Chairman: Veronica M. S. Kennedy (St. John's)
Speakers: Gerard W. O'Connor (Lowell Technological): "George Allen England's Golden Blight"
Carolyn H. Rhodes (Old Dominion): "Taylorism in Zamiatin's We"
Frederick Pohl, Bantam Books: "Science Fiction: The Innovators"

Panel: Wells and His Contemporaries
Chairman: Stanley Weintraub (Penn State), Director, Institute for the Arts and Humanistic Studies.
Panelists: Robert M. Philmus (Loyola, Montreal)
Thomas D. Clareson (Wooster), President, SFRA
Jack Williamson (Eastern New Mexico)
John R. Pfeiffer (Central Michigan)

4-5:45 p.m. **The American Science Fiction Magazine**
Chairman: P. Schuyler Miller, Book Review Editor, Analog
Speakers: Jack Williamson (Eastern New Mexico): "The Years of Wonder"
William W. J. Kennedy (SUNY, Queensborough): "The Boundaries of Science Fiction and Fantasy"
Clifford D. Simak, Minneapolis Tribune
Frederick Pohl, Bantam Books

Panel: Teaching Science Fiction: The Use of Film (Film will be shown)
Chairman: James Gunn (Kansas)
Panelists: Ivor A. Rogers (Drake)
Leslie P. Greenhill (Penn State), Assistant Vice-President for Academic Services

6:30 p.m. **Awards Banquet**
Chairman: Philip Klass (Penn State), Conference Co-Chairman
Speakers: Thomas D. Clareson (Wooster), President SFRA: Remarks and Presentation of Pilgrim Award, 1973
J. O. Bailey (North Carolina and Clemson), Pilgrim Award, 1970: "The Evolution of Pilgrims"
Julius Kagarlitski (State Institute of Theatrical Art, Moscow), Pilgrim Award, 1972: "Remarks"

Sunday

9-10:45 p.m. **The Campbell Period (the Forties)**
Chairman: Theodore H. Sturgeon, New York Times Book Review
Speakers: James Gunn (Kansas): "Kuttner-Moore and Science Fiction in the Forties"
Joseph H. Patrouch, Jr. (Dayton): "Asimov's Foundation Trilogy"
Thomas D. Clareson (Wooster), President, SFRA: "Themes of Arthur C. Clarke and Clifford D. Simak"
Discussant: Clifford D. Simak, Minneapolis Tribune

What are all these famous science fiction writers doing in State College?

Attending Secondary Universe—the conference of the Science Fiction Research Association and the Modern Languages Association.

Penn State is hosting the sixth annual Secondary Universe conference this weekend in the Keller Conference Center.

Among the authors on campus are Hugo Award winners Roger Zelazny, Frederik Pohl, Harlan Ellison, John Brunner and Gordon Dickson.

According to Phillip Klass, professor of English and Conference co-chairman, "This is the first time that as many writers will be involved in this conference."

For a \$5 registration fee, students may attend four days of the conference. Registration for non-students is \$8.50. Saturday night will feature an awards banquet where the Pilgrim Award for science fiction scholarship will be

presented. Banquet tickets are \$6.50 and may be bought at the registration table in the Conference Center.

Klass said Stanley Weintraub's Institute for the Arts and Humanistic Studies "has come up with a tremendous amount of money to make it possible for us to bring people here from all over the world." One of the people Weintraub, also an English professor here, has brought to Penn State is Julius Kagarlitski.

A recognized authority on H.G. Wells, Kagarlitski won the Pilgrim Award last year. He is one of the speakers scheduled for Saturday's banquet.

Another international conference visitor is Izzy Abrahami, an Israeli playwright and novelist. He will read a paper entitled "Political Systems and Science Fiction" Saturday.

Abrahami wrote a futuristic musical, "Kfotz," which Klass said "was suppressed by the Israeli cabinet."

Panel: Science Fiction: The Communication of Technological Concepts
Chairman: Richard G. Cunningham (Penn State), Vice-President for Research and Technology Corporation

Panelists: Robert U. Ayres, Vice-President, International Research and Technology Corporation
Carolyn H. Rhodes (Old Dominion)
Richard D. Schein (Penn State), Director, Environmental Quality Programs
Jerry Pournelle, President, Science Fiction Writers of America

11-12:30 p.m.

The Galaxy — Fantasy and SF Period (the Fifties)

Chairman: Philip Klass — "William Tenn" — (Penn State)
Speakers: Kent Forrester (Murray State): "The Dangers of Being Earnest: The Clash between Ideas and Narrative in The Martian Chronicles"
Theodore Sturgeon, New York Times Book Review: "The Editorial Climate of More Than Human: H. L. Gold and Anthony Boucher"
Ivor A. Rogers (Drake): "Heinlein at 24 Frames per Second: Destination Moon Revisited"

Science Fiction and Society

Chairman: Lyman T. Sargent (Missouri, St. Louis)
Speakers: Joanna Russ (SUNY, Harpur): "On Propaganda"
Izzy Abrahami (Israel) Playwright and Novelist: "Political Systems and Science Fiction"
Discussant: Murray S. Martin (Penn State), Associate Director of Libraries

2-3:45 p.m.

Science Fiction in the Last Two Decades, I

Chairman: Frederick Pohl, Bantam Books
Speakers: Stuart L. Burns (Drake): "Quest for Unity: The Theme of the Whole Man in the Fiction of Robert Silverberg"
Gordon R. Dickson, Science Fiction Writers of America: "The Writer's Use of Theme in Science Fiction"
Theodore Cogswell (Keystone)

Teaching Science Fiction, The Methods and Goals

Chairman: Jack Williamson (Eastern New Mexico)
Speakers: Kent Forrester (Murray State): "An Archetypal Experience of a Teacher of Science Fiction"
Beverly Friend (Illinois, Chicago): "The Classroom in Orbit"
Alice Avey (Bellefonte High School): "Science Fiction in a Secondary School"

4-5:45 p.m.

Science Fiction in the Last Two Decades, II

Chairman: Roger Zelazny, Science Fiction Writers of America
Speakers: Douglas Barbour (Alberta): "Samuel R. Delaney and the Arts of Fiction"
Father Charles Brady (Dayton): "The Computers as Symbol of God: Ellison's Macabre Exodus"
John Brunner (England), Science Fiction Foundation

Science Fiction and Bibliography

Chairman: Harrison T. Meserole (Penn State), Association Bibliographer, The Modern Language Association
Speakers: Hal W. Hall (Texas A & M): "The Bibliographical Control of Science Fiction: Current State and Future Needs"
Charles W. Mann, Jr. (Penn State), Head, Special Collections: "Libraries and Science Fiction"
Lloyd W. Currey (L. W. Currey, Rare Books, Inc.)

8 p.m.

The Problem of Prediction

Chairman: Rustum Roy (Penn State), Director, Materials Research Laboratory
Speakers: John Brunner (England), Science Fiction Foundation: "Through the Future's Fence"
Robert U. Ayres, Vice-President, International Research and Technology Corporation: "Is There a Scientific Basis for Social Systems Forecasting?"
Izzy Abrahami (Israel) Playwright and Novelist

Jerry Pournelle, President, Science Fiction Writers of America; Former Director, Boeing Human Factors Laboratory

9-12 a.m.

Monday
Round Table: Literary Perspectives, the Science Fiction Writer and His Critics Today
Chairman: Murray S. Martin (Penn State), Associate Director of Libraries

Speakers: David M. Larson (Franklin and Marshall): "Strange Parallels: 18th Century Attacks on the Novel and Modern Censure of Speculative Fiction"
Stuart H. Stock (Penn State): "Science Fiction and the Problem of the Academic Critic"
David C. Hartwell, New American Library: Science Fiction: An Editor's View of the State of the Art Today"
Roger Zelazny, Science Fiction Writers of America: "Science Fiction: A Writer's View of the State of the Art Today"
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Luncheon
Business Meeting, Science Fiction Research Association

Noon