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***** HELLO OSFW *****

The November meeting will be held at Barbara Thrower's mother's house. Time: 7:00 P.M. Address: 8248 E. 35th. Directions: Turn east off Memorial at 35th Street at the Vo-Tech stoplight. Phone number: (before the meeting) 836-7887. See the Wed site: www.barb'smom.com.

***** SPECIAL MESSAGE *****

Special congratulations are in order for OSFW member Greg Lower. Greg recently completed his first novel (see this month's Continuum), and notices of his short story sales have begun to appear in these obscure pages with regularity. Keep up the good work! — S.M.

***** UNLOCAL NEWS *****

KING KONG is being remade again. (Maybe they'll cast Bridget Fonda as the love interest?)

Arnold Schwarzenegger will play Mr. Freeze in the next Batman film, which is to be entitled BATMAN AND ROBIN. The character of Batgirl will also appear.

Val Kilmer will star in THE SAINT.

Disney is going to make a live-action GEORGE OF THE JUNGLE. They are also making an animated musical version of TARZAN. Talks are on-going about a planned remake of THE ABSENT MINDED PROFESSOR starring Robin Williams.

Casting has begun for STAR WARS IV.

A big-screen version of MY FAVORITE MARTIAN is being planned, as well as THE LONE RANGER and BEETLE BAILEY.

Heinlein's THE MOON IS A HARSH MISTRESS will go into production next spring.

Jonathan Frakes will direct the next STAR TREK

movie.

MGM is planning a syndicated weekly version of STARGATE to debut in 1997.

A weekly series entitled CONAN THE ADVENTURER should also debut in 1997.

***** CONTEST OPEN *****

The SF & Fantasy Short Story Contest sponsored by the New England SF Association is open to all writers who have not yet made a professional level sale. Winners receive a plaque, publication in the fanzine *Proper Boskonian*, free Boskone membership, and \$50 worth of club merchandise. Deadline for entries is Nov. 30th. For rules, contact NESFA Short Story Contest, Box 809, Framingham, MA 01701-0203.

***** LOCAL NEWS *****

Don't forget **Soonercon 12**, which will take place in Oklahoma City, Nov. 22-24. The GOH is Kim Stanley Robinson. The Toastmaster is David Lee Anderson and the Artist GOH is Bob Eggleton. The next local convention will be Conestoga, this coming March, featuring George Alec Effinger and Barbara Hambly.

It's not too early to start planning your entry in the annual OSFW three-page story fragment game at the Christmas party. Be sure to title your entry this year (leave off your name) to make scoring easier and don't forget there will be a PRIZE. Remember, only your ink-jet will know for sure.

***** LOCAL PUBLISHING NEWS *****

Greg Lower sold "The Last Dance in the Selene" to UNICORNS AND SPACE STATIONS.

Brad Sinor sold three more interviews to THE

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LAWTON CONSTITUTION and his short story "Back in the Real World" to the Roger Zelazny tribute anthology currently being put together. He had two pieces published in the Sunday edition of the LAWTON CONSTITUTION and a story reprinted in INFINITY PRESS.

*** GOOD REJECTIONS ***

Brad: THIRTEENTH MOON, BLACK OCTOBER, TALESPINNER, CHERISHED BLOOD

Greg: RADIUS, NON-STOP

KDW: FASF, OMNI

R.R.B.: I WAITED A CENTURY

*** CONTINUUM ***

By KDW

October 1996

or...

*The Omega Kid, Dueling
Mind-sets and John Carter
and the Black Pearls of Mars*

We had seven hardy souls present at the October meeting and did much better on reading this month. It's not often that we get to celebrate with a member who has just finished his first novel, but Greg had done just that, so it was a very special night. Sammie Dog emerged and demonstrated exactly why we had to buy a bigger house. We had tons of good food, gave the wet bar a thorough breaking-in, and even Uncle Guido, that sly elusive rascal, was persuaded to put in an appearance.

Greg: Greg brought the last chapters of his YA novel, THE OLYMPIA KID. I especially liked the ending where the protagonist realizes the only way to win is to lose, no matter how tempted he is to make things come out otherwise. All plot threads were woven together and neatly tied off as one by one, the protagonist faces his remaining problems and deals with them. Fourteen (for all of us who were present) thumbs up!

Paul: Paul read "Void Angel's Rest," a hard sf story that had so much history and world-building behind it. I

was longing to hear more. Set in space, I liked the characters, especially the enigmatic Iskander, and the play of mind-set against mind-set.

Chris: Chris read a short story, "The Assault on Pallas," which takes place on a future version of Mars. I liked the back-story, which gives the scenario a real sense of history, and the image of the black pearls.

*** MARKET UPDATE ***

CHANGES

VIPERBLUE is on hiatus indefinitely (a euphemism for DEAD or CLOSED?).

CEMETERY DANCE has a new address: P.O. Box 943, Abingdon, MD 21009.

The Zip code for SF AGE has been amended to 20170.

SINISTER is closed.

TERMINAL FRIGHT is going on hiatus "for the foreseeable future." (CLOSED, DEAD)

OUTER DARKNESS is going on hiatus for the next few months.

The next reading period for TALES OF THE UNANTICIPATED will be Jan. 15-Feb. 15, 1997.

ABSOLUTE MAGNITUDE is looking for more space opera.

The editor of PIRATE WRITINGS doesn't like cat or vampire stories, or stories with southwest slang. *It is strongly recommended you not send stories of vampiric felines who speak like Forest Gump.*

SENSE OF WONDER is temporarily closed to sf and f, but looking for horror.

NEW LISTINGS

DREAMS OF DECADENCE, DNA Publications, Box 13, Greenfield, MA 01302-0013. Editor: Angela Kessler. Buying "atmospheric, well-written dark fantasy vampire stories, rather than horror. I like elegantly crafted, poetic prose with a Gothic feel." Length: 1,000-5,000 words. Payment: 1-5 cents/word upon publication. Return time: 1 month. Send SASE for guidelines.

FORTRESS, P.O. Box 22, Fairview, PA 16415.

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Editor: Brian Lindenberger. Buying sf/f/df/h. Looking for chess-related stories for upcoming special issue, also action and adventure sf, military and adventure fantasy with real-world settings, complex military thrillers, humor, and female protagonists. Include cover letter with credits. State if available on IBM-compatible disk. Reprints considered. Length: up to 10,000 words. Payment: 1/2-3 cents/word, \$100 maximum. Return time: approximately 1 month.

GOING POSTAL, c/o Gerald Houarner, Box 195, Bronx, NY 10461. Anthology. "I'm looking for fantasy, sf, horror, or suspense fiction about extreme reactions caused by the pressures of daily living. In keeping with the title's playfulness, I'm especially interested in satiric/ironic/absurd stories. Stories need not contain a postal worker." Length: 1,500-6,000 words. Payment: 1/2-3 cents/word. Deadline: April 1, 1997.

LITTLE GREEN MEN, 23344 El Toro Rd., Lucky Suite 13, Lake Forest, CA 92630. Editor: Greg Moronek. No horror or excessive sex and language. Reprints considered. Length: 500-10,000 words. Payment: \$20.

MILLENNIUM SCIENCE FICTION & FANTASY MAGAZINE, GlobalNet Productions, 3848 McHenry Ave., Suite 155-103, Modesto, CA 95350. Editor: L.D. Van Valkenburg. New magazine. "We are in the process of lining up authors for our magazine. If you are a quality writer, and are looking for a new home for your work, please e-mail us. We are currently interested in interdimensional, alternate history, and fantasy stories . . . love twist endings." Length: approx. 2,500 words. Payment: \$25. E-mail: globalnet@earthlink.net.

THE SIXTH SENSE, 5150 Fair Oaks Blvd., #101-152, Carmichael, CA 95608. Editor: James B. Baker. New publication buying sf. Length: no limit listed. Payment: up to 3,000 words—\$10, over 3,000 words—\$20.

STRANGE WONDERLAND, Zero Hour Productions, 3217 Shelley St., Victoria, British Columbia, Canada V8P 4A6. "Will consider any short story with a fantastic element central to the plot. No use or naming of commercially known products, disguise such elements when they are necessary." Theme for #1: Childhood memories, dreams or experiences related to fantasy. Deadline: Dec. 25. Theme for #2: Ghosts and the afterlife. Length: 5,000 words max. Payment: 1/2 cent/word upon acceptance, \$10 minimum. Original stories only. No reprints. Send disposable copy only.

WHITE WOLF PUBLISHING, 780 Park North Blvd., Suite 100, Clarkston, GA 30021. Horror editor:

Ms. Staley Krause. SF/F editor: Stewart Wieck. Prefers unclassifiable books. No vampires. No clichés. Particularly looking for horror. Send synopsis and first 2 chapters. Heavily overstocked.

*** MANY THANKS TO ***

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*** OSFW INFORMATION ***

The OSFW meets at members' homes the second Friday of every month to read, critique, and promote in general SF, Fantasy, and Horror writing. All willing to contribute and (after a couple of trial meetings) pay their dues are welcome. **There is no age limit but parents should understand that material with adult themes and language is read and discussed.** Membership dues are \$13.00 per year, adjusted by nearest quarter, which includes a subscription to GPIC. Checks should be made out to K.D. Wentworth, and may be sent to K.D. at the address above.

*** GPIC NEWS AND ARTICLES ***

GPIC solicits news and articles from OSFW members. We prefer they be on disk or sent via e-mail. Pseudonyms are OK. We accept files on either a 3-inch Mac or PC disk (720k or 1.4 meg. — no 2.8 meg). We like RTF files but we can convert most Word and Word Perfect files; always include a separate ASCII file just in case. Otherwise, arrange to send them by e-mail to Simon at internet:mccaffes.vyvx1@gw.twc.com. You retain copyright on material. If this is of special concern you might let us know who you really are along with your pseudonym. We reserve the right to edit (although we try not to).

*** NEXT GPIC DEADLINE ***

Pesky deadline for December issue: Nov. 25
Date of Christmas meeting to be announced soon!
We look forward to seeing you all!

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Coloring Contest: Draw your vision of the Earth 100,000 years from today. (No vampires, cats or Southern accents.) Winner chosen at the November meeting!