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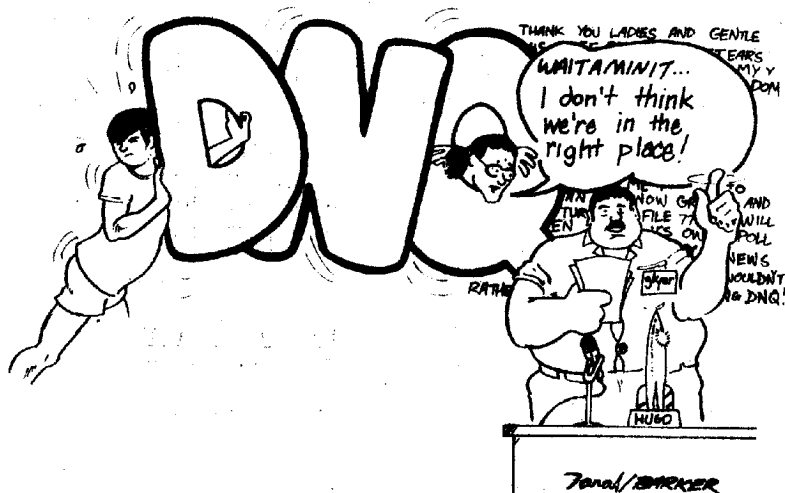
For several issues now, fans have been writing us asking that plugs for their con be put in DNQ. Exactly why we were expected to publicize these cons we weren't sure, though we understand their motives for wanting us to. In most cases it was no difficulty for us to say "no" or to simply ignore the request out of hand, but sometimes it was a friend begging this boon of us, and it was a lot harder to refuse. Up to now we have remained steadfast, but our resolve has weakened. We give in. Throughout this issue of DNQ the reader will find several mentions of cons friends have persuaded us to plug. Next issue though, we go back to being the mean, parsimonious bastards we know you all love...

There's an awful lot of Worldcon business in this issue, and unlike regular cons where we show clear partiality in publishing news, we're hampered with residual notions of fair play in Worldcon bids. (Fortunately not too badly.) In one or two cases, our bid loyalties are divided? Chicago or Detroit in '82? Australia or Baltimore in '83? Well, our preferences are on record, so I needn't get into that, but uncertainties are large, and a mote of additional information could make all the difference in the world. Specifically, there are times when I wished I knew who in hell the bids intend to have as their guests. I may support one bid or the other on the strength of available information, but the foreknowledge that their guests would be John Norman and Keith Walker would easily turn the tables for me. Regretably, fandom wouldn't dare risk insulting a lovable pro by openly preferring another in a vote. So we remain blind. So Leland Sapiro might well be the Fan Guest of Honour in 1985. I hate feeling so helpless.

Last issue I vented some unnecessary spleen on Gary Farber for jumping the FAAn Committee on FAAn Award reform. It came as a shock to me to have Gary complain to me over the phone that he was indeed a member of the FAAnAC, and that he had spoken to Moshe Feder and Stu Shiffman before publishing his one-page spur to the committee. I could, I suppose, prevaricate by pointing out that Moshe isn't a member of the committee anymore, but Gary is right, I erroneously implied he was not on the committee and we all know that ain't so. There is a moral here, anyway. Mainly that the committee could improve upon its internal communication. One hand not knowing what the other is doing leads to these sort of embarrassments. Mea culpa.

DON'T FORGET, YOU HAVE ONLY ONE MORE MONTH TO RETURN YOUR NEGOOO BALLOT!!!

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