

The Panel!

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Club Reports

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Taken from notes by Carmela Merlo

February 1, 2000 Election Night, New officers of the club were elected for the 25th year of the club. Re-elected to the office of Treasurer and Raffle chair was Bill Turner who was not at the meeting. Carmela Merlo was re-elected to the office of Club secretary due to her addiction of taking notes, Jeff Hetzel and Will Kone were re-elected to spelling bee practice with the Panel as editors. Our new club officers, who had opponents, are Club Librarian Tim Berger, Vice President Dani Rotach, (who promised if elected to bring food to meetings along with Bill Turner) and as President Cainim Truax, who won the election the old fashion way by having raised the largest amount of money and used it to get elected to office. After that, Simpson's Videos dealing with comics followed a full camping finance report.

February 15, 2000 Romance Comics. Bill Turner gave a presentation on Kirby and Simons' True Love comics followed by a discussion of "your favorite comic couple". Such as Sue and Reed Richards, Barry Allen

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This looks like a review of a Comic Book!

(And you think you love comics!)

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THE 2000 CAMPAIGN BEGINS IN FEBRUARY!

Ken's a Democrat. But he'd be the dream Presidential candidate of any party. He's tall, handsome, and telegenic. He's got brains and bravery: a Yale man and a Marine, a decorated hero of the Vietnam War. He's a dynamic two-term U.S. Senator, in the prime of life, and ready to take on the nation's top job. There's just one complication...Kenneth Yamaoka is Japanese-American.

Takashi Jo was just a local reporter in Japan, without experience in international politics-until the day Senator Yamaoka requested him personally to fly to America to cover his run for President. Why has the Senator handed Jo a secret that could destroy his campaign before it even begins-if the angry young man chooses to reveal it to the world?

So starts the Viz publicity for *Kajji Kawaguchi's Eagle: The Making of an Asian-American President*, a 14-issue monthly series following Ken Yamaoka's 2000 campaign in real time across America. In 1990, the Los Angeles Times compared Kawaguchi's best-selling international techno thriller manga *The Silent Service* to a Japanese version of Tom Clancy. Ten years later in *Eagle*, Kawaguchi is once again in the thick of today's headlines as he draws a story combining the rough-and-tumble of a U.S. presidential race with the political dynamite in the lingering distrust surrounding Asian-Americans. *Eagle* is a well-researched drama that combines an insider's feel with an outsider's fascinating perspective on the great contest.

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and Iris West, Clark Kent and Lois Lane, Lana Lang and Pete Ross, and Groo and Chakaal.

February 5, 2000 The Spring Show. Women's Community Center, along with the Tompkins County Literacy Volunteers, had over 125 paid attendees. While not as close to the 225 who attended in Feb of 99, most people were very happy. Joe Orsack did artwork of people as their favorite villains or heroes. (For some reason Dr. Doom and Iron Man were not common choices.) He would then donate a portion of the proceeds to the Literacy Volunteers who were fund raising and had a display at the show. They raised over \$140 and look forward to our big Ithacon 25 in September. Club members wishing to donate comics for Literacy Volunteers for the next show should contact Carmela.

Up Coming Meetings

March 7, 2000 Toy Night! Bring all your favorite toys that you got for the holidays.

March 21, 2000 Read Aloud night. Everyone Love Read Aloud night.

April 4, 2000 Defend your favorite Superman Family Member. Who is your favorite Superman Family Member and why? Is it Bibo? Krypto? Darkseid? Streaky the Super-cat?

April 18, 2000 If you were the Publisher: What would be your comic line up? (Money, and copyright's not a concern.) Who would write and draw your top titles? (Living and dead not a concern.) What would you do to market your line? (Would it work is not a concern.)

September 23, 2000 Ithacon 25! Mark your calendars now; invite your friends, more details as they are planed. (You can help out by helping plan, come to a meeting.)

Bring a friend, bring an enemy, meet new people, and let new people meet you.

Comic Book Club On Line Now!

The comic Book Club now has an e-mail list. The mailing list is CBCL@onelist.com, and you can subscribe on the www.onelist.com Web sight. The Comic book Club also has a new home page! The address is: <http://www.comicbookclub.org>

Lucy A Synk's web page:

<http://www.fantasticart.com/lucysynk.htm>

You can help with the Panel!

Yes, You Too can Help! We are looking for stories, reviews, artwork, recommendations, and suggestions; just about anything we can use to fill three pages of the Panel.

Our next print dead line is March 24th for snail mail submissions, and March 27th for email submissions.

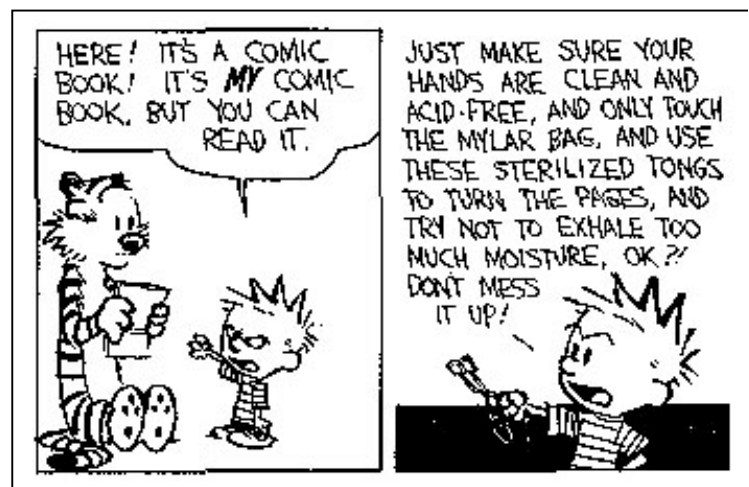
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Editors note: It's time to think about renewing your membership. We are also looking for personal stories of your past experiences at ITHACON's for a special ITHACON 25 issue of the Panel.



Co-Editor's Kevetching

I wish to complain about having too complain about having to find a meaningful art submission for this issue.

--Jeff

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“Viz is proud to bring Eagle here as a rare example of the kind of manga that are the real backbone of an industry that has made comics as big as TV in Japan—the truly radical concept of comics that succeed not through gimmicks or anime, video game and merchandise tie-ins, but contemporary stories and relevant characters that appeal to a mass readership.”

As many of you know, Manga is often found as large (up to three inch thick-350 to 500 pages) paperback books with five to ten stories in Japan. These books will come out monthly, and retail for about \$7 US. Think about that next time you buy a 22-page story for \$2.50.

Viz goes on to say that, “Viz will release Eagle in a never-before-seen “serial graphic novel” format where the reader will get a full 100-plus pages of narrative sweep in every monthly \$6.95 issue.”



Eagle's presidential run starts in February 2000, the month of the New Hampshire Primary, with Volume 1, "The Candidate," and will conclude in Spring 2001 with the new administration!

Eagle is a 14-issue series written and drawn by Kaiji Kawaguchi. Each issue is b&w, 100 or more pages long.

So take a look, you might be pleasantly suppressed!

Look, Empty space, help us fill an issue!



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

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