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Editorial Matters

I just looked at the masthead and noticed this is our 18th anniversary issue and the real start of our 19th year of publication. Time flies when you're having fun.

I went to Boston for the Boskone over Presidents Day Weekend and then on to New York for a few days of visiting editors. As usual, it was interesting and enlightening. There were 4,000 people at Boskone, which makes it bigger than most worldcons. There were crowded parties, crowded hotel corridors and lobbies, crowded restaurants, etc. The program wasn't crowded because it was broken up nicely with many items going on at once. NAL held my favorite party, a champagne cocktail hour from 5 to 7 pm. I wish there were more limited-time cocktail parties before dinner (hint to publishers). The item I disliked most was the combination masquerade and meet-the-authors party. The two events don't mix well.

The wiser authors skipped the free drink and stayed away, or came and looked and went. There was also the white stuff in the streets I could have done without.

I didn't have time to take the train to New York; I flew instead. I got stacked up over Connecticut and landed at the wrong airport. It took just as long as the train. I prevailed on John and Nora Silbersack for hospitality this trip. They showed me what commuting was like with one day out on Long Island, then took pity on me and let me stay in their New York apartment. It was wonderful. I could walk to where all the publishers used to be. Now some of them are downtown. I visited the new lower Manhattan offices of Tor, Baen, and Bluejay. All are bigger and better, but still crowded. I also visited Bantam, Avon, Del Rey, Berkley, NAL, and DAW. As usual, the signals

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