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Editorial Matters

The cover photo, Farewell to Saturn, taken in 1981, looks back in time as well as in space. It's an awesome photo because it was clearly taken from beyond Saturn; a look back at the inner solar system. It was an exciting time in the space program, with more data and photos coming in than could be processed, more probes planned, more manned expeditions planned, etc. Now it's only six years later, and we seem to have bid farewell to Saturn and the rest of the solar system for the near future at least. The newspapers, politicians, and public argue about the costs and benefits of the space program, but neglect something much bigger which affects nations, races, and mankind. It's called momentum. Once you lose it, it's hard to regain.

NEBULA NOMINATIONS

As usual, note that 1986 Nebula Awards Nominees is correct. The Nebula is for the year it was published, unlike other awards which are for the year presented.

We've tried to use the Nebula citations as they will appear on the actual ballot. Apologies if we missed; they were done over the phone twice. I got the information while at Boskone, and relayed it to California for paste-up in the issue. It's interesting editing and laying out *Locus* via phone or modem, but errors creep in more easily. The final ballots are due back March 19th. The judges added an item to each category except the novella length. The items are listed alphabetically by title, so don't look for voting significance in the order. Perennial nominee "No Award" will also appear in each category. The awards will be presented May 2, 1987 at the Nebula Banquet in New York.

There are some oddities on the final ballot this year. The Wolfe novel was originally published in 1984 by Ziesing, but withdrawn until the 1986 Tor paperback (there were two other hardcover editions

in 1985). A glitch in the Nebula rules allows authors to do that even though the nominations for the three hardcover editions were counted for the preliminary ballot. The Ziesing edition is apparently cited on the final ballot. The Gibson and Atwood novels appeared in earlier British and Canadian editions, respectively, not counted for Nebula consideration. *The Journal of Nicholas the American* by Leigh Kennedy was completely missed by us (and by most others as well). I feel safe in presuming it was the one added by the judges.) We'll try to get a copy and review it next issue if possible. "The Winter Market" also appeared in *Vancouver Magazine* in 1985 and in *Interzone* in early 1986. Various shorter pieces were commissioned for anthologies, but appeared first or simultaneously in books, which is why two sources are cited for some, but not for others which had reprints. Is all that clear?

POLL & SURVEY

The *Locus* Poll and Survey ballot, included in the February issue, is due back April 15th. Remember, we get the ballot, the IRS gets your tax. Those who insist on keeping their *Locus* in pristine shape can get an extra copy of the ballot by sending a stamped addressed envelope (not self-addressed, we're scared of envelopes that can write). If you didn't get February, which has the 1986 summary and recommended reading list, send \$2.50 + 75 cents postage for a first class copy. We give a free issue to subscribers who return a filled-in ballot; a \$2.50 value for only a few minutes of your time.

CHANGES

We've made a few changes in *Locus* style this issue because of technical problems. Book titles are now in **bold up and down** instead of CAPS; magazine titles are in *italic* instead of underlined; (Continued on page 48)