



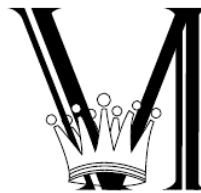
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Arcon, old and new

By Rob Kirker

As a former English major at OSU, I've always enjoyed that Arcon is a homophone for "our con," because it really is our convention. It's a big, messy, collaborative nerdfest that has its roots in a large group of gamers deciding, "Hey, yeah, we can do this!" And while I'm not on Arcon's planning committee any longer, I'm guessing it still works pretty much the same way.

Let's face it — gaming is a pretty isolated hobby. You and a

handful of friends get together and tell some collaborative stories, but it's not like going to an NFL game where you're surrounded by thousands of other fans. It's only at gaming conventions where we can join the larger gaming community, play different games, and meet new people.

That's why conventions are so important. We can take gaming out of the basement, dining room, or study lounge and game with newcomers to the hobby, long-lost buddies, and new friends.

Plus, they're a lot of fun. For all these reasons I'd always wanted to start a gaming convention at Oswego. I'd been to plenty of college cons before, and I thought to myself, "Hey, we could do this!" Through my years at Oswego I watched STG grow from a handful of people to a veritable horde of dedicated and organized gamers.

Between the fall of 1998, when I first attended Oswego, and the fall of 2001, —

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STGAA PRESIDENT

How far we have come

Welcome to the first issue of the Storyteller's Guild Alumni Association Newsletter. I am the first president of the STGAA and would like to take a moment to introduce myself and the members of the board of directors.

I was a student at SUNY Oswego from 2000-2003. I received my bachelor's degree in English literature from the university and since then I've wandered the Earth and righted wrongs.

Actually I've mainly managed drug stores, but my previous story is way more exciting.

The board of directors is comprised of many wonderful individuals who are pledging their time and energy to help make this organization successful. Dave Blair is our Vice-President. Aimee Blair is our Secretary and webmaster. Scott

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