



THE Undercurrents

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Conventions Around Each Corner

Hi everyone!

We just finished a great, spooky Requiem game at the first ever HyperiCon early this month, and even though you think you have some breathing room, think again. In the upcoming months, we have tons...and I mean TONS...of conventions all around the country that will be hosting Camarilla games, such as NERE 2005 in Portland, Maine; the Phoenix ConGames in Mesa, Arizona; and Origins in Columbus, Ohio.

Also, don't forget to check our online calendar to see which conventions are happening each month. Remember, you can get XP for your characters at these games, as well as make new friends from all over the globe!

In this issue, I have included a word from our DST, some pertinent information about some upcoming conventions, as well as a short story from one of our members, Rick Backhouse.

Enjoy this issue, and please pass it around! ☺



Loraine Flegal
Undercurrents
Editor



Please welcome our newest member **John Hicks** and a temporary member **Phillip Kent Lockabey, Jr. (PJ)** to the club!

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ADST Mortals

FROM THE DESK OF THE **DST**

OUR Officers HARD AT WORK!



Sam Flegal
*Domain
Storyteller*

Hello there from DST land. Things are looking good for Nashville from my vantage point. Our Storyteller staff is shaping up nicely. This month we completed the election for Requiem VST. Scott Mizis is the new lord of undead for our little berg. I ask that everyone welcome him by filing as many downtimes as possible.

I think Scott is going to a great job with the Requiem venue. I love our Requiem game, and from what I have seen throughout the South East I can say we have one of the best Requiem games in the region! The game is going strong—we have around 20 players at each game and over 30 players on the VSS. Look for some twists and turns in the vampire world. Scott and I have been discussing some interesting developments for Nashville's Requiem—things I hope you will all find entertaining.

Right now in Forsaken I am holding a VST election. Now, some of you might be thinking, "Why are we having an election, Paula is doing a great job?" The answer is, yes, Paula IS doing a great job, but she was never elected. Paula has been acting as VST of Forsaken because she wrote our kick-ass VSS. When someone writes a VSS they can serve as VST for 3 months. Paula's 3 months are up. If you have liked what she's done, then tell her. I, for one, hope to see Paula elected as the official Forsaken VST. I think the game is rather fun.

As for Nashville's game in general, and my DST duties, I am pleased with where things are at. Now that SERE is over, I can once again focus on our city. I am planning to run some plots that effect both venues. It should be fun! ☺

NERE 2005

North East Regional Event to be held in Portland, Maine from August 25 to 28.

The following information can be found at:
<http://nere2005.neregion.net/>

It's time again for NERE! Requiem, Mortals, Changeling and Forsaken, plus a chance for some Vampire: the Eternal Struggle!

If you are not yet a Camarilla member, see www.white-wolf.com/camarilla to join.

Pre-Registration Information:

Purchase pre-registrations from the White Wolf Catalog www.camarilla.white-wolf.com under the Upcoming Releases category.

\$20.00 though July 1st, 2005

\$25.00 through August 1st, 2005

\$30.00 at the door

Event Location:

Merry Manor Inn
 700 Main St.
 South Portland, Maine, 04106
www.merrymanorinn.com

Phone:

207-774-6151

Group Block is under:

The Camarilla

General Room Rate:

\$79.00 (1-4 people)

Please note that you **MUST CALL** in order to get a room—you cannot do it over the internet.

Please make sure to enter your new Camarilla ID number when ordering your Pre-Registration so that the event organizers will be able to match it up for you.

nere2005.neregion.net

NERE 2005 Requiem: The Odds Favor The House

"You are cordially invited to the grand re-opening and re-naming of the newest casino experience from the minds of Sugar and Marcel Baptiste Rousseau. Ms. Sugar, Mr. Rousseau and Chief Feathersong, Praxis holder of New York City, welcome you to join them in celebrating 100 years of praxis by Portsmouth's Prince Cynric St. George. Enjoy the city, enjoy the casino, but remember your manners and...

...The odds favor the house."

NERE 2005 Changeling: A Game of Houses

"The Queen is dead. All hail the Queen. The Queen of Apples has lain dead these many months. Apples has been without a monarch, without order, and without hope. Finally, the Dreaming has answered the pleas of the citizens of Apples. Long lost to the deepest realms of the Dreaming, Asterlan ap Fiona, Fomori-Slayer has returned to the Kingdom of Apples and has been ordained the next monarch of the besieged and war damaged kingdom.

You are cordially invited to the coronation of the new King of Apples and the tourneys held in celebration of his reign.

All hail the King."

NERE 2005 Mortals: Memento Mori

"You are invited to attend a gathering of paranormal scholars, occult savants and myriad students of the supernature at the estate of Dr. Theodore Farrington, on the island of Nantucket.

I wish to welcome you, as a fellow explorer of the secrets of the unknown, into my home, for esoteric discourse, academic debate, and sharing of stories of the hidden world. Also, I am, for the first time, making open for perusal my extensive collection of occult curiosities and mysterious artifacts.

Ferries to the island have been reserved in both Hyannis and Woods Hole for Thursday, August 25th, 2005. Upon the conclusion of the gathering, on Friday, August 26th, 2005, you will be returned by ferry to either port, according to your wishes. You may, of course, bring your own vehicle across on the ferry, as ample parking is available, or make use of the accommodations provided to chauffeur guests to and from Farrington Manor.

Please hold onto this invitation, and present it at the ferry of your choice. I look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Theodore Farrington"

Vampire: the Eternal Struggle

NERE 2005 is also pleased to announce plans for a Vampire: the Eternal Struggle card event. We are still working on details, but if you have a deck and want to play, or have always wanted to learn, now will be an opportunity! ☺



July 21- 24, 2005
Hilton Phoenix East Hotel—Mesa, Arizona

The following information can be found at:
<http://www.conevents.com/page/p05/main.asp>

Games Galore!

All your favorite games and more! Whether you play Board, Card, Electronic, LARP, Miniature, Role-playing, or RPGA Games, this is your convention!

Simulations Inc., Reaper Miniatures, Steve Jackson, TSR, UberPlay, Upper Deck, White Wolf, Wizards of the Coast, Wizkids...and more will be played!

Local and National Representatives

From your favorite game companies will be here. Games made by: Decipher, FanPro, Games Workshop, Hasbro, Mayfair, Out-Of-The-Box, Palladium, Pandahead, Parker Brothers, Privateer Press, Reality

Plus – Custom Games

Like Chris Culver's Boot Hill, Tricuspa Figment's Pokemon/Harry Potter or RSI's Orcs VS Dwarfs!

Guest of Honor

Alex Teodorescu-Badia, White Wolf Master Storyteller 

Current Membership Rate: \$30.00
At the Door: \$35.00

The Hilton Phoenix East
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June 30 - July 3, 2005
Columbus Convention Center—Columbus, Ohio

For more information, please visit www.originsgames.com/index.pl/home.

A Short Story

By Rick Backhouse

It's been a long time since I saw the sun rise.

I don't know how long, really.

I'd like to say that I was there when the White Christ was crucified, but I wasn't ... I was struggling with my own issues in Africa at the time.

I wish that I could say that I saw Siddhartha on the day that he realized that he would become old. As it happens, I was wallowing in self-pity somewhere else in the Middle East.

Had the crusaders attacked the Moors while I was there, I would surely have fought them. But I was far too busy trying to negotiate the sale of hogs in Austria at the time.

To be honest, I've missed a lot.

It's strange how everyone assumes that because I've lived through a period of history that I've seen everything that happened during it. Not true.

The Pyramids were built without my supervision.

The Romans took the Greek gods without my approval.

I completely missed the fall of the Roman Empire, and Charlemagne is a mystery to me.

I suppose that I was somewhere else at the time.

As an observer of History, I have failed. Completely.

Don't get me wrong, I would have loved to have



interviewed Nero as Rome was burning, and Rasputin's last words would have intrigued me. But I wasn't there.

You see, I'm just a guy. I'm not special. I'm not clever. History doesn't need me as a witness in order to happen.

I've just been around for a long time.

Maybe it's because I've avoided History as much as possible.

Let me know when the next War is going to happen, and I'll try to be there.

Or maybe I won't.

Maybe I'll just get to tell *your* children that I wasn't there at the time. ☹

WANT TO CONTRIBUTE?

If you want to contribute to the *Undercurrents* newsletter, please email your photographs, stories, jokes, and anything else you want to see in the newsletter, to drs_newsletter@yahoo.com.

If you are submitting images, the following formats are acceptable: JPEG, TIFF, EPS, PICT, bitmap. Please do not send anything bigger than 2MB through email. If your file does exceed 2MB, please burn it onto a CD and give it to either Loraine Flegal or Sam Flegal. ☹

July/CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Origins	2 Origins
3 Origins	4	5	6	7	8 7:00 pm Domain Meeting	9 7:00 pm Forsaken Game
10	11	12	13	14	15 7:00 pm Requiem Game	16
17	18	19	20 7:00 pm Domain Council Meeting	21 Phoenix ConGames	22 Phoenix ConGames	23 Phoenix ConGames
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