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THE CRY OF THE NAMELESS ONES

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Greetings, Fellow-Fen! Greetings and salutations from we who are and shall be henceforth NAMELESS!

At our last meeting we voted to choose a name for our group - and choose we did yet still we are NAMELESS, for the name we chose made us especially THE NAMELESS ONES. Of course, a paradox such as that is a mere trifle for such hardened Science Fiction and Fantasy Fans like ourselves!

In case those of you who have never found the opportunity to meet with us are wondering what this is all about, here's a thumbnail sketch of the background of THE NAMELESS ONES.

At the PSFS Convention in Portland last year, Don Day asked the visiting Seattle delegates "Why not start a group of your own in Seattle to take care of the Washington fen?" He suggested that one Bill Austin in Seattle might be interested, as well as one Miles Eaton in Fall City. So, the visiting delegate dutifully asked said Bill Austin and Miles Eaton "How about it?" "It's quite OK by me," says BILL, "I've been scouting around looking up names for quite some time now with a club like that in mind. That's how I got your name." "well.....I'm kind of out of it here in Fall City," says Miles, but "I'll do anything I can to help." So Bill Austin sent out invitations to all those on his list of prospective members to attend a meeting at the Wolf Den Book Shop and see what we could do about it. Miles and his missus came in all the way from Fall City and the delegate came too, and lo and behold! we had a Fan Club. Twenty-four fans showed up at that first meeting, and we've averaged at least that number present ever since.

Bill Austin's original list of names, laboriously culled from the "Letters to the Editor" of the various st-f mags has been added to by word of mouth and personal appearances, but it is still the basis for our mailing list. That's probably why you've been getting notices automatically every two weeks - somebody thought you were interested and put your name on it. If you are, and enjoy hearing from us even though you live so far away that you can't come and meet with us, please write to us and let us know. We'll be glad to keep you posted on what's going on -- in fact, if you like, we'll even send you whatever names we have in your vicinity so you can contact other fen and start up your own group. We're having some much fun we'd like you to have some, too. If it was all a mistake in the first place and you can't be bothered by such things any more, well...tell us that, too, and we will take your name off our mailing list and not pester you with invitations to something you don't care about.

We're getting just about ready to start publishing our Fanzine - which, since we are Nameless, will probably be nameless, too. The material is drawn largely from our group. We're proud of that way its shaping up, and would like to send you one. Are you interested? If so, check off the enclosed card (or a letter would do even better) and let us know. We don't know yet whether there will be any charge for this first one, but we will probably take subscriptions later on.

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We NAMELESS ONES have finally got ourselves labeled, as you can see. We are now at that point when comes the question of such internal framework as Constitution and By-Laws, and permanent officers. Some of us say that it is time we grew a skeleton and stood up and walked and got somewhere, others say, "Why, lets just keep on floundering around the way we are. It's more fun that way." At any rate, whether we progress along the lines of larger groups with Rules of Order and Dues and Membership limitations, or whether we just continue taking up a collection when the exchequer gets low and consider anybody a member that shows enough interest to sit in on a meeting, we have to make it official.

At the December 20 meeting we voted to elect permanent officers consisting of president, vice-president and secretary; elections to be held every six months; nominations to be held at the January 3 meeting. The duties of the President are to preside and to make sure we have some form of program for the meeting, either by working it up himself or by means of a Program Chairman.

It was pointed out that whether we adopt a Constitution and By-Laws, or whether we don't, every time we pass a motion to do something and to keep on doing it, we have automatically made a by-law. And a by-law under any other name is just as binding. To date we have passed the following continuing motions:

1. A different presiding officer occupy the Chair at each meeting; the presiding officer to appoint his own successor each time.
2. We get everything we can and stuff it in Case B. (Books for library).
3. We notify all possible Science Fiction magazines, amended to except AMAZING.
4. Moved that we appoint an historian to make a scrapbook. Alderson Fry appointed.
5. Rescinded exception to AMAZING STORIES.
6. Moved we appoint permanent officers.
7. Moved we hold elections every six months.
8. Moved we have 3 officers - President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer.
9. Chairman of Fanzine Committee given full powers to go ahead and promote the Fanzine, with power to draft labor and incur necessary expenses.

A Constitution, in effect, is a formal statement of the aims and purposes of an organization, and the rules governing its activities. To date no such formal statement has been made. At the first meeting this matter was discussed and it was decided that no action be taken until such time that some definite purpose for the club was declared. To date the only activities that might come under this classification are (1) Mutual enjoyment and discussions. (2) Establishment of a reference source in the U. Library. (3) Publication of the fanzine. Inasmuch as these purposes are being carried on without formal statement limiting the activities of the club to them and to them only, no need has yet been felt for any such formal statement.



This coming Tuesday is the momentous meeting wherein we vote on a name for our fanzine. Come prepared with ideas for a good name, or be prepared to choose a name from those already submitted. Suggestions to date are:

Cry of the Nameless	Nameless Spectator
Howl of the Nameless	Spectroscope
Scream of the Nameless	Different Worlds
Mew of the Nameless	Indefinable Writers in the Sky
Wail of the Nameless	Tuesday Evening Post
Whisper of the Nameless	Ghouliers
Moan of the Nameless	Fan-attic Tales
Nameless Manifestations	The Tale Blazers
Better Off Dead	Morgue-cry
"?"	The Nameless Ones
The Nameless Thinkers	Sci-Fan-News
"Zine of the Nameleth	Northwestern Fancys
Nameless Tongues	Select Rejects
The Hatter	Starbright
Eclipse	Aurora
Nameless Offspring	Consternation
Re.	Wonderlust
Sinisterra	Unknown Realms
Schmersion	Namelessness
Bizarre Realms	Namelessentials
Search	Quest

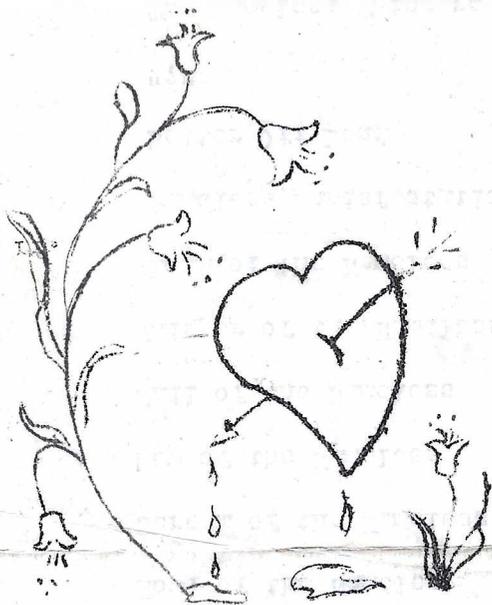
(I don't mind telling you folks in advance that I like "Quest" - so many puns possible, you know, i.e. most of the Nameless, The Nameless Ones' Quest, Re-, Be-, In-, ect.)

Please Note: Mr. Buechley, our Program Chairman for the next meeting, says, "The third time is the charm!" Inasmuch as this is the third time we have announced a general discussion on "Conquest of Space", he is going to discuss it this time for sure - if he has to stand at the door and bop the fen over the head with it to make 'em listen! Better bring your own copy in self-defense!

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ALSO PLEASE NOTE: If we've still got names on our mailing list of people no longer interested in things like BEAMS and Space Ships and Witches and Werewolves, just drop us a line, will ya, so we can stop spending our stamps to fill up your wastebaskets, ... If you are interested, even just a teeny little bit, well, drop us a line (if you haven't already done so) and tell us that, too, so we'll know whether you like our stuff or not and whether we should keep on sending it!

Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
Pistachios are nuts
and the NAMELESS are, too.



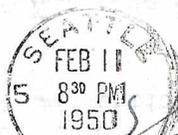
Next meeting on St. Valentine's Day -
(You figure out the date, my calendar
is evidently off the beam --)

Same place - Medical Library, Health
Sciences Bldg., U. of W.
Same time - 8:00 P.M. to ??
Same bunch - R. Frahm, Pres.
R. Buechley, V.P. & Program
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