

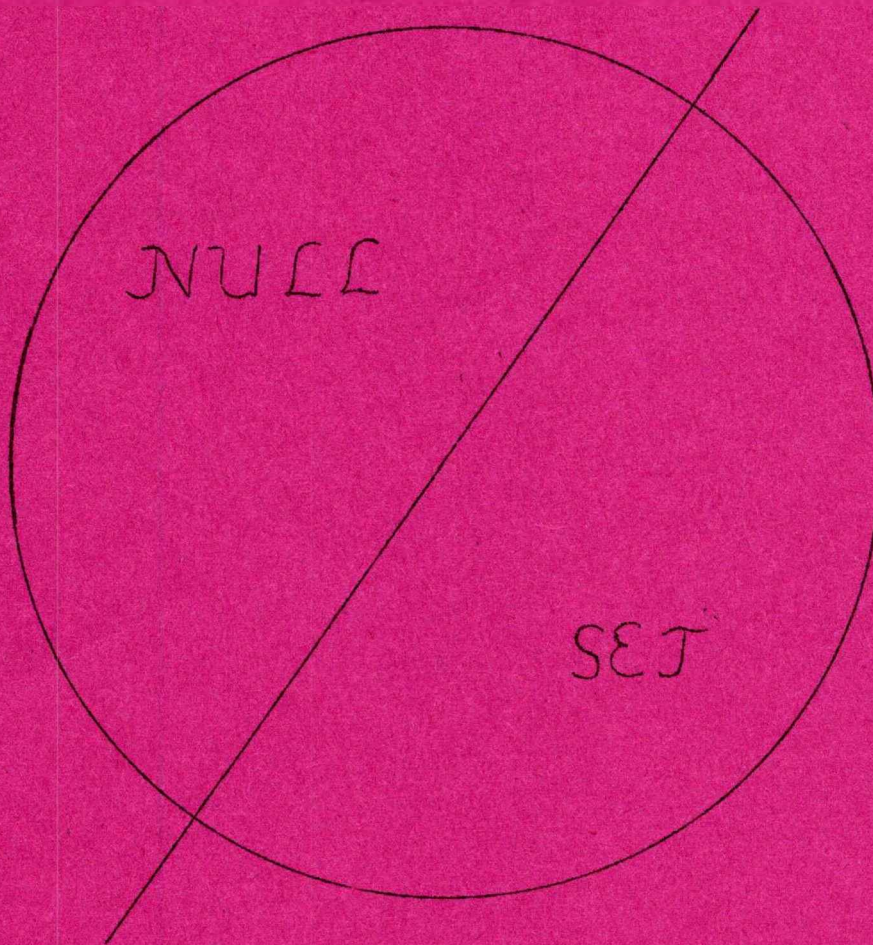
CAPTAIN MIMEO!!

Leaping into the fray against the Dirty Duo, Ophset and Shothru!

Fighting ceaselessly against that enemy of hufanity, S.M.U.D.G.E.*!

Ever on the side of Right!

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Yes folks, this is indeed NULL SET #2, nemesis of the neofan, coming to you from Felice Rolfe's pad between San Jose's little green dinosaur and the Golden Gate: Mayhem House, 1360 Emerson, Palo Alto, Calif. 94301. Why are we (NULL SET and I) the nemesis of the neofan? Well, actually we're not. Ask the little green dinosaur if you don't believe me.

*Society for the Misuse of Unprincipled Doctrines and General Evil

Difference between fans and other people: When a fan couple breaks up, she returns his mimeo.

DUANE KAISER: (Yes, it'll be Duane here, too). An art section. An example. Some neos are important to fandom; for example, Greg Shaw. An amazing job. An area. An apa, eight times. An illegal action. An OE, three times more or less. There may or may not be 40 experienced non-N'APA publishers in the N3F; there are quite a few out there. But there aren't 40 experienced publishers in N'APA either. And some of those who can be said to have "experience" haven't learned anything.

DAVID PATRICK: I agree with you pretty well on MC zines reaching a point of diminishing returns pretty rapidly. But I'd hate to see a formal ruling made that "of N pages published in N'APA, only M pages may be mailing comments". No matter how good the intentions with which a rule is established, it usually becomes restrictive.

Also, I think you were loading your figures by including NULL SET. Ed and I put our original material through N'APA in NIEKAS. NULL SET is motivated by something I'd call a part of creative editing -- the desire to talk to my fellow N'APAns without boring our 400+ outside readers. NULL SET is more than balanced by the Big N -- and I think that's what you're getting at, n'est-ce pas? A balance of material from each member? I'm with you on that.

Your plotting is improving. Now you need to freshen up the ideas; "The City" was almost 1940's prozine quality and content. (At least as I remember them.) Have you submitted anything yet?

We were hoping that the different typefaces used in NIEKAS would help set things off from one another. Talk to Ed; he's the guy with all the typewriters.

JOIN KUSSKE, RICH MANN, AND OTHERS: I see criticism of Fred Patten's easy-going ways in the mailing this quarter. I wonder how you guys are going to like it when Pelz really sets the screws? For that matter, I wonder how many of you would have done as good a job as Fred did? Nuts to you, sirs; it's easier to complain than to perform, and I didn't see any of you running for OE. Fred did a damn fine job and I'm sorry to see him go...or would be, if I didn't know what a lot of work it was for him. Furthermore, I think Pelz is the only other one of the lot of us who could have handled the OEsip, and we're very lucky he was willing to do it.

Will someone please get mild-mannered Felice Rolfe out of that telephone booth!

HANK LUTTRELL: I get the impression that Fabulous Fan Ted White is trying to con his way across the country...Midwescon, Ozarkon, Westercon, Tricon...
What a way to live!

MARK IRWIN: According to Fred Patten (APA L and other places), there are no less than 15 comics superhero shows planned for next season. I enjoy Batman (okay, so I have no taste), but that strikes me as a few too many even for our anti-creative television networks.

Ruzic's article covers vacuum technology pretty comprehensively. It feels strange to find an article like this excerpted for what are, after all, science fiction fans; but since the question was asked, I'm glad it was answered so capably.

Nice Dian illo -- though if I were that babe, I'd want my chain mail to provide a little more protection.

"Sworcery," ey?

Eric Blake asks, why have so many books featured a tyrannical heirarchical church? Possibly because history is full of them, and the authors think that future history will be too. Possibly because it seems as if giving absolute (or anything like it) power to either a church or a man creates a tyranny. (Even possibly because it makes a good story gimmick.) It would be hard to "caricaturize" some of the practices of an all-powerful religion; such as the

Spanish Inquisition (yes, I know it's an old chestnut that's always dragged up when the Church is discussed -- but let's face it, it happened). Or Aztec human sacrifices; or the Muslim holy wars; or Calvin's rule of Geneva; and so on. Here's a counter-question for Eric; name a church which has had absolute secular power and has not become tyrannical. I'm genuinely interested in knowing whether there ever was one. However, I will not accept a religion's own scriptures or apologiae as valid evidence. ("Hierarchical" merely means "having a leader or chief priest", so I think we can forget that adjective in this discussion.) ##"Glass Hand" was scripted by Harlan Ellison, I believe. Isn't that the reason he screamed when the drama Hugos were dropped?

MICHAEL WARD: I vote "aye" on all three motions.

By all means, remove stables before lighting. Otherwise you'll smell like that town in Pennsylvania. (Didn't get it? Aha! Now I know how carefully you read NIEKAS!)

I think every university has trouble with food service. SAGA managed to food-poison a batch of Stanford students a couple of years ago, and I understand that Caltech suffers from SAGA too. It was common knowledge at the University of Florida that Food Service fed the football team and slopped the rest of us. But cheer up; industry is more imaginative. Sylvania has quite a large number of names to call hamburger (disjoint from the set of names used by employees); yesterday it was called "breaded veal cutlet".

BRUCE PELZ: I express an interest in an article on cataloging.

CREATH THORNE: I read that first page all the way through, after several attempts, and then found out it was you all along. What a relief. I thought I had several more pages of that stuff to go.

Formal logic -- simple syllogisms which can be valid but false, and the definitions of such terms as argumentum ad hominem -- isn't what I had in mind when I mentioned "male logic". Mathematical logic and problem solving -- the scientific method, if you will -- was what I meant, and I think it was what Carol meant too. You're right, it's ridiculous to label it "male" or "female" logic. But people do, you know. I'm often asked some variation of "What's a pretty girl like you doing in math" (the "pretty" part is pure flattery, I might add); but if I tell the questioner that I'm not very good at it, he seems reassured as to my normalcy. Bah.

NATE BUCKLIN: YIt's a highway network, eh? California's Division of Highways would love you.

I don't care for most on-stencil compodrafting, Nate, but I like yours; it's kind of fun trying to follow your thoughts as they carom around the page. ##Look me up at Westercon, eh?

CAROL MURRAY: Yes, fandom certainly teaches one to write more and more about less and less -- and APA L teaches it faster than any other fannish activity. What would syou say to owing a page every week? Luckily, I've discovered at work that I can still boil down two pages of engineering jargon into two paragraphs of English.

DON MILLER: I'm lukewarm about your amendments. Dunno why, exactly; there's no reason why we shouldn't admit non-Neffers into N'APA. On the other hand, there's no reason why we should, really.

You can order back issues of The Big N from me; check the colophon of #15 (page 1 -- the whole page -- we're talkative) for prices. We haven't got any more #2 and #4, and #3 is almost gone too. Ed has reprinted #1 but so far I can't find it to collate it.

If you write "return to sender" on your junk mail, the P.O. just wastebaskets it for you. Best thing is to return the business reply envelope, preferably filled up with more than 5¢ of their own garbage, and write on it conspicuously, "I do not approve of bulk rate mail". Most of my junk mail is now clearly

marked FIRST CLASS.

Yes, I'd like the WSFS Journal. I read Ed's copies when they came to Mayhem House, but you've been too efficient about his change of address.

JUDI SEPHTON: Come on, now; you've just finished defending the Rights of the Individual, and then you cast aspersions on poor Eric Blake's motive for having a post office box. Not only is this illogical, but it's in direct contradiction to your expressed beliefs. I don't agree with most of what Eric says, but he can have ten PO boxes and the only thing I'll infer is that he gets a lot of mail.

Interesting comment, that "conservatives do not make good jurors". My husband has been called to jury duty three times, and apparently scientists and intellectuals do not make good jurors either. Each time he has been peremptorily challenged by the defense lawyer. (He's quite liberal.) We remember one time in particular; he was asked if he had any preconceived notions about that type of case, and he said no, that he felt he could listen to the evidence with an open mind and make a rational and unemotional decision. The defense lawyer looked like he had ants in his pants; he was so eager to get Joe off the jury he could hardly sit still.

Judi, do you believe everything that's written in scholarly books? If I recommended a well-documented psychological study which approved of capital punishment, say, or one which drew unfavorable conclusions about the "personality of the liberal", would you believe it? (I wouldn't; I have yet to see a psychologist who didn't have an ax to grind, and who couldn't load his data so as to give his ax a fine edge. Even Dr. Albert Ellis, with whose philosophies about sex I think you would agree as strongly as I do -- boy, unravel that sentence if you can! -- goes to some pretty silly extremes in trying to prove his point.)

Well, ladies and gentlemen, now that I've teed off at both Left and Right, shall we call it a day?

Stay wicked

Julie

Excuse me, there's more after all. On the following page Ed is going to say a few words. (For heaven's sake don't ask me what "Uzdusi Bumbejimai" means! Ask Ed or get yourself a good reliable Lithuanian dictionary. In fact, if you find out, let me know.) Anyhoo, as I was saying before that parenthesis crept in, Ed has more or less left it up to me what we're going to do about getting NIEKAS 16 to N'APANS, since we aren't going to have it finished by the deadline. I hate to make decisions like this, since after all it is Ed's zine; but as Confucius say, "He who passes buck pays piper." So I think we'll simply postmail, page credit or no page credit. Have patience, you should be seeing the Big N sometime around the first part of July. At that, it won't cost much, if any, more than trying to get the copies to Pelz at this late date (June 12th) -- and I'm sure the mailman on Bruce's route will be properly appreciative even if no one else is.

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This page from Ed Meškys. Summer address is 723A 45 St., Brooklyn NY 11220. Tel. 212-4380009.

Hello, folks--here's Ed Meškys with a last second page for NAPA --if it gets to Felice in time! -- due to the by now obvious fact that we didn't make it with NIEKAS in time. I'm stencilling this on the afternoon of the 9th & still have about 6 pages of NIEKAS to stencil, while Felice has a number to do herself, plus run them off & collate the [# \$] +! thing. We talked things over on the phone a couple of days ago and decided that since this issue will probably be our best one to date we won't risk spoiling it by rushing.

This left, of course, the question of what to do about NAPA. Neither of us owes pages but Felice has already prepared a NULL-SET. I decided to add this page to it, but that still left the question of what to do about NIEKAS. Bruce has ruled that henceforth postmailings won't be recognized but when we spoke on the phone Felice felt we ought to postmail anyway. My feelings are to either put 16 & 17 in the next mailing or just put in 17 and send 16 to those who've written LoCs and whoever asked for one & sent a 10c stamp. What the final outcome will be, I obviously don't know at this point.

The bit about postmailings & such. The first OE, Guy Terwilliger, didn't like them and ruled that he would not accept them, but when one person did postmail anyhow (Clayton Hamlin) it was recognized. Belle Dietz, the next OE, decided to accept postmailings and so has every OE since. Since nothing is said in the by-laws it is of course up to the individual OE and Bruce is merely the first one to go back to Guy's original ruling.

That brings up the parallel matter of prior distribution, which also is not mentioned in the by-laws. Since most of the early members were more familiar with SAPS than FAPA the latter's tradition of not allowing prior distribution was followed, tho usually not too strictly. I believe Andy Porter was the only member dropped on these grounds, or who was even questioned about it. If Bruce will go by the strict ruling of doing only what's in the by-laws themselves I imagine prior distribution will be legal & we would receive credit for N16 even if we did put it in the Sept mailing.

I just finished giving my last final exam and now I am busy grading them & making up complete grades for the school term. We have to stick around for Graduation exercises Saturday morning and I will head back for NY either that afternoon or the next morning. It depends on just when things end and how much work I have to do.

That is one thing... I adapt to new circumstances rather easily. Thus I glided into work out in Calif after years of school, & now glided into teaching with no trouble at all. The environment is, of course, radically different from that in California, but really not bad. We do have snow but not that much. I mean, it isn't like in Minnesota or such with 20 foot snowfalls. I've never seen more than a foot or so of snow on the ground. It rarely gets above freezing in the daytime, during the winter of course, so the snow stays clean and doesn't become messy slush. Also, the roads are always kept open. The maintenance is very good.

One of the students is a fan, as I said in the last NIEKAS, but only a fringe fan. He isn't interested in fanzines or fandom, but only in SF. He has occasionally belonged to local clubs in NY and attended two Lunacons.

Several other faculty members are interested in fantasy and/or SF and I hope to eventually convert them to our way of life.

In her LoC on the last NIEKAS Grania Davidson wondered if it wasn't very lonely up here. I didn't find it in the least bit so. I have made a number of very good friends among the other faculty members and actually spend too much time with them chatting in the faculty lounge or visiting in the evenings. That is one reason NIEKAS isn't done.

When I came out here I expected to have loads of spare time for NIEKAS, fannish projects, and keeping up an active correspondence with all my friends in California. Nothing has been done on my projects, NIEKAS is late & Felice is grumbling on the extra work (more than her share) that I've shifted over to her, and I've maintained an active correspondence with only two people... Felice & Diana Paxson. IF, that is, you can call monthly letters an active correspondence.

Anyhow, it's far better than I've done with everyone else, including the other N3F directorate members who are on my back for lack of communication on my part. Ah well...

Incidentally, HELP! Someplace out in California is a blue covered pamphlet, about 7 x 10, called Checklist of SF Prozines or something like that, compiled by Bradford M Day, full of all sorts of checkmarks. Something happened to it a month or two before I left California, and if some NAPA'n has somehow wound up with it please return it to me. It isn't irreplaceable, but would mean a lot of extra work. I've been working on an index of prozine bookreviews for a number of years and keeping records of magazines covered in this. I remember last using it just before Hallo'een when I was working my way thru Lester Anderson's collection. I didn't leave it there but must have left it at some fannish house shortly thereafter. Any help would be very much appreciated! I could reconstruct most of this list, but it would be several days worth of work.

Also, all of you librarians in fandom. Any of you tired of your present location and looking for a new job? Belknap college needs a new librarian and they want one with a masters degree. And I'd love to have another full fan out here. And it isn't that isolated fannishly. Boston is about 2 hours away, and NY is about as far from here as LA is from SF. And it's freeway all the way, too, except for some 15 miles. I don't think the school needs any more teachers right now, but if you're looking for a teaching job why don't you inquire here? In either case write Dr. V. Brigham at the school.

Oh yes, I'd originally been planning to visit California this summer but decided I had better not. Or at least I had better not spend the whole summer bumming around. I plan to go back to school this fall myself on a part time basis and will have to look over my old books which haven't been touched for some 5 years. Also, I want to catch up on my reading, and build more bookcases and organize my collection again. Being away from it for 4 years has really made a mess of it, and mailing back to NY 40 boxes of books in random order didn't help either. Most of those books are still in boxes, too. If I get enough done by the end of July and finances permit, tho, I'll then think about coming out. I'm very sorry to be missing the Westercon, and had really looked forward to seeing all my California friends again, both fan and non-fan.

In a recent letter to me Diana mentioned that Henry Resnik, who is doing the article on Tolkien for the Saturday Evening Post, phoned and interviewed her twice, talking all in all for about an hour. She was rather nervous as a result, hoping that if he did quote her about anything he included her qualifications and reservations. She is afraid that if he didn't she would have to spend the rest of her career in fandom explaining that THAT wasn't what she meant when she talked to him, but that she had said...

Apparently a number of fans had been called by him. I know Greg Shaw and Janie Lamb were. To tell the truth, I'm mildly surprised I wasn't since I do publish NIEKAS which is largely about Tolkien, and that this is widely known. Also, that Felice wasn't. Wonder why he called Janie Lamb. In her N3F business letter in which she mentioned getting a call she said she really has no interest in JRRT at all. She read Hobbit but never even read the complete LotR. Oh well.

Let's see, what can I say to finish off this last dozen or so lines. Well, since you're all Neffers you might be interested to know that TNFF will probably be getting back on schedule again. Don Miller is taking over as OE and he's been getting out monthly and bi-weekly zines for other clubs in a most satisfactory manner, so a bi-monthly TNFF ought to come easily for him. In fact, he's pushing to be allowed to experiment with a monthly TNFF limited to 10 pages & sent out first class. This is now under discussion and we'll see if it's OKd. Well, bye til September. Ed