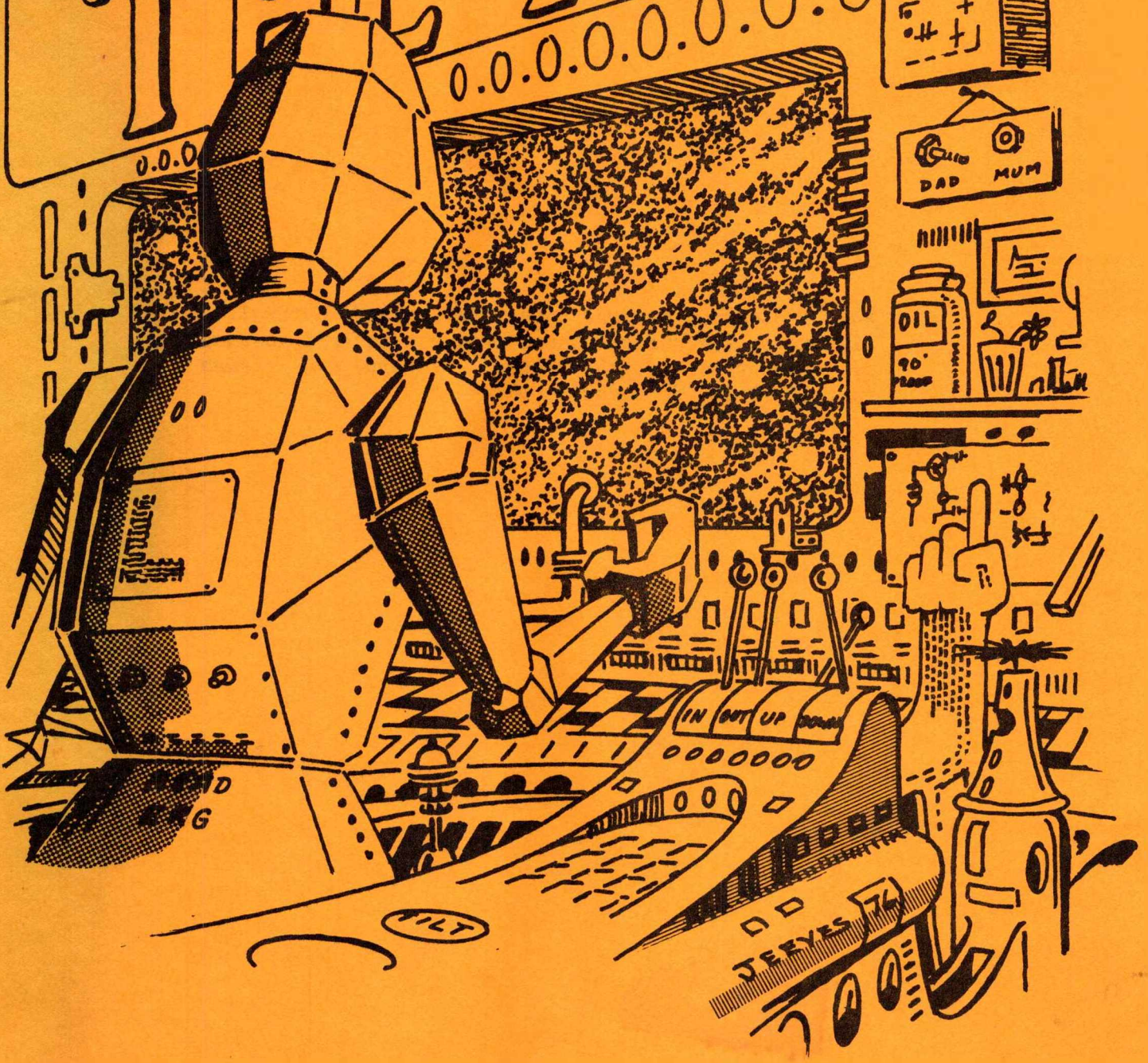


IT COMES IN THE MAIL



*"What a pleasure it must have been to study natural
history in the ancient days, when the general absence
of information left the historian liberty and leisure
to tell really interesting things."*

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#26

Cover art by Terry Jeeves

Ned Brooks, 713 Paul Street, Newport News, Virginia - 23605

(for TAFF!)

January 17, 1977

The State of Utah murdered Gary Gilmore today.

Who is Adrian Goldstone and why does he expect me to send him books on invoice?

Mary Tyrrell sends a Xmas card and a couple of letters, says she is curious to meet the Raving Timsie - there are things better not experienced directly...

Dainis Bisenieks writes about books he has found and some I found in Atlanta that I thought he might want. Tom Cockcroft says he got the books I sent, and the xerox of the ad for Gene Day's "Pickman's Models" artfolio, which satisfied his curiosity about it. He also says that he has sent me a book with Mahlon Blaine illustrations for my collection. Tom notes that the politician whose blather at the Aussiecon opening ceremonies annoyed me was a fan in the early 50s, did two issues of something called BACCHANALIA - but lost interest before the second issue was done and his mother finished it for him and mailed it out! Pity that all the politicians' unfinished projects can't be taken care of by their mothers...

Emil Petaja sends a refund for books I had ordered (he is selling much of his collection) that were already sold; and notes that Nino Carbe, who I had asked about, was a well-known animator, worked for Disney on FANTASIA.

Alan Hutchinson notes that the full correct name of "K-a", the comics apa, is "CAPA-alpha" - he sent a xerox of the Bode cover they had.

Frank Edwards of RAGGED READIN' (see below) writes about some books he is getting me and about my search for some lighter envelopes - in the envelopes I have, ICITM #25 is exactly 2 ounces. I ran across a BEM catalog and ordered a 1000 of the 24# white, should be a little lighter than the 28# manila I have been using.

Jim Goldfronk sends a Xmas card and notes that Don Miller is resuming his publishing activities. Mae Strelkov and her daughter Sylvia write about some veterinary books I had sent, and Sylvia asks about possibilities for graduate study in this field in the US - anybody know anything, or even who to ask?

Andy Whitehead says that his SFFPA mailing lacked my IT COMES IN THE MAIL that should have been in there, says he will send me his TAPROOT - see below. Laurine White says she paid for Siclari's mimeoed edition of Harry Warner's A WRALTH OF FABLE before Worldcon and still doesn't have it. She also asks about the Franke thing - I dunno...

Al FitzPatrick writes from England that he is still recovering from the galloping consumption or whatever it was that he had during worldcon, sends a funny Ronald Searle Xmas card. Steve Beatty says there will be another FANZINE DIRECTORY eventually, and it will be offset. Why?

Victoria Wayne (Box 156, Stn D, Toronto, Ontario, Canada) notes that she is taking orders for FANTHOLOGY '76, about 100 pages due out late this year, \$2.50 or \$3.00 overseas (no checks, send cash or MOs). Profits from this will go to TAFF, DUFF, and the FAAn Awards.

Something in NY called "Vive La Difference!" asks for dealer's rates on "all your zines"...

The ineffable Guy Lillian sends 'in lieu of a Christmas card' a photo taken just before Hank Reinhardt ran a sword through me at DSC last summer - was he ever surprised when it had no effect!

Russell Letson points out that the original THESAURUS INCANTATUS of 1888 that I have reprinted under the later title THE SPAGYRIC QUEST OF BEROALDUS COSMOPOLITA included in the original version a list of books for sale - in fact, the story was apparently a come-on for a book catalog. My reprint does not retain this list, at least partly because I never saw it. The first edition is apparently even rarer than the Chicago edition of THE SHINING PYRAMID where this short Machen piece later appeared.

George Beahm sends a color photo of his Tim Kirk oil painting, says he is leaving the army in June. Emil Petaja (Box 14126, San Francisco, Calif-94114) writes that the books I ordered from his collection are long gone, sends a list of some more. Tom Cockcroft asked if Emil was selling his Parrish things, but I don't see any listed here.

Frank Edwards offers some Mahlon Blaine books, including one I don't have, and says he got back ok the books he loaned me by E. Haldeman-Julius, publisher of the "Little Blue Books".

Arnie Norris sends a short note between helping the Jenrettes address TABEBUIAN (see below) - I told her they would put her to work! Dave Bates says I should send ICITM to Bernard Ross, Charles L Curran Ct., Bldg#3, Apt 1K, Yonkers, NY-10710 - gee, I have never sent anything to Yonkers, or gotten anything from there that I can remember!

Cheryl Cline & Lynne Kuehl send a fannish Xmas card, and Rose Hogue sends a Christmas Mouse. Linda Emery sends a card saying her typer has been broken. Bud Webster sends a funny fannish card noting a COA to 2216 Dartford Rd, Richmond, Va-23229 - but says he is moving to NY in Feb. Ted & Karen Pauls send a card, also Steve Stiles (one he did for Krupp Comic Works) promising me a cover. Old Norfolk fan Phil Walker sends a card from 2615 W. Argyle Pl., Denver, Colo-80211, says he tried to call me and tried to make MAC, but things didn't work out. Pete Presford sends a card in Welsh!

George Wells sends an inspiring newspaper column by a lunatic who sold all of his books. Dirk Mosig sends a card from a drawing by H P Lovecraft and says that CTHULHU 2 should be out late this month.

Linda Smith (10 Woodstock St., Botany 2019 NSW, Australia) sends a Christmas aerogramme (the art looks like something by Hans Bok!) and says she has a twin sister who is also interested in sf (are there any pairs of twins in fandom?) but that they are unrelated to the famous Ron Smith. Botany is a Sydney suburb.

Dave Merkel sends a "L-5 Society" card thanking me for the Middle Earth button I sent. Mark Jacobs sends a dittoed zine on his trip to France last summer - see below. The demented Eric Ferguson sends an ad for furry amoebae - write Ordway Amoebae and Sons, Inc., Praise, Ala. Ook ook... And Greg Spagnola returns the photo of Mae Strelkov that he never did a cover from for her Trip Report, alas.

When I went to see SILVER STREAK I saw a preview for the new Bakshi film, announced some time ago as "War Wizards" but now released simply as WIZARDS - maybe war isn't so great any more... Very derivative art, looks like Bode characters on a Tim Kirk background, but should be fun. The animation looks good.

At DSC in Atlanta back in August, someone distributed flyers for a bookstore in South Carolina, Hampton Books, Rt#1, Box 76, Newberry, SC-29108, supposed to have some sf. Nobody seemed to know anything about them, so I stopped by there on my way back from Atlanta after Xmas. The books are in a barn dating from 1840 on US 176. There are quite a lot of rare and not-sorare sf & fantasy books, illustrated books, old juveniles, and a large section on films. Mrs Hamilton is very nice and the dog doesn't bite - but the books are rather high-priced. Still, well worth seeing, and you might find something you wanted that badly.

International Bookfinders, Box 3003, Beverly Hills, Calif-90212, send a catalog of their 120-item HPL collection - \$4,850.

T-K Graphics, Box 1951, Baltimore, Md-21203, sends a small supplement to their big catalog listing the latest Trekkie stuff, current pbs, etc. All new material at retail prices, but they pay the postage and are fast and reliable. And usually the padded bags I get from them have the stamps uncanceled, for some reason!

Gerald J.

Cielec, 2248 N. Kedvale Ave, Chicago, Ill-60639, sends a list of assorted used books, including a page of juveniles. Nothing I can't resist, but the prices aren't bad.

Jonathan Bacon, Box 147, Lamoni, Iowa-50140, sends a flyer on his own Stygian Isle Press things and a lot of the specialty press items from Arkham, Grant, etc. These are all 20% off list price except the Stygian Isle books.

Gary Stempien, 1213

Edgehill Ave, Joliet, Ill-60432, sends a form letter and a little flyer on the publication of a novel called DREAMRISE by "Omdra 6", a 270-page pb at \$2.75 plus 25¢ postage. Apparently a privately published sf novel.

G F Edwards, Box 1461, Lawton, Okla-73502, sends a number of legal-length mimeoed lists done with his varityper, very small but elegant type. Assorted used books, fair prices.

Dr David McClintock,

856 Hunter St NW, Warren, Ohio-44485, sends a 7-page list produced on his new mimeo, mostly used, a few new items - like my SPAGYRIC QUEST OF BEROALDUS COSMOPOLITA by Arthur Machen, on which he notes that only some half-dozen copies of the first edition are known to exist. About two pages under 'sf', but he has some fantasy in with the 'modern literature'.

The Cricket, 22-24 Court St, Sussex, N.B., Canada, sends a 23-page 'mail auction' list, mostly antiques and ephemera, a couple of pages of assorted books. Interesting, but I couldn't bid on most of this stuff without seeing it.

Dragon Press, Elizabethtown, NY - 12932, sends a poster-size offset catalog, overpriced rare sf and reprints. The most interesting book listed, Leah Bodine Drake's HORNBOOK FOR WITCHES, has no price given - perhaps you are supposed to offer to kill someone for them...

The F&SF Book Co., Box 415, Staten Island, NY-10302, sends their 13-page reduced offset list, most of the new items in the field, \$3 minimum order, 10% off orders over \$10, 20% off orders over \$25. One of the best dealers around.

FANZINES - BOOK REPORT, Al Matzye, Box 266, Campbell, Ohio-44405. 4pp offset, for the usual. Rambling commentary on the mailorder used-book business, fanzines, etc.

ANTARES/VISIONS #1, David Vereschagin, RR#2, New Sarepta, Alberta, Canada TOB 3MO. 40pp mimeo, offset covers, \$1.25 or the usual. David explains that "Visions" is an over all title, while odd-numbered issues will be an sf fanzine called "Antares" and even numbered issues will be comics-oriented. A little confusing, but then it has two back covers and they are both alike! The address given above is the one on the envelope - inside it says "Paranoid Publications, Box 1740, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Rather sercon zine, though there is a silly interview with a tribble. Best is Mike Davidson's parody of Carroll's "The Walrus and The Carpenter". The effect of the nice layout is spoiled by the dim Gestefax repro, but the editor says he hopes to go all-offset soon.

CYGNUS 2, David Patterson, 4 Copeland Dr, Comber, Co. Down, Northern Ireland BT23 5JJ. 30pp mimeo, probably the usual. The cover is unfortunate, and there is no proper colophon, but still an enjoyable fanzine. Good autobiography by the editor, assorted interesting material. Run on a Roneo 350 (wish I had one!), some showthrough but not really bad. Good lettercol, including one from old Belfast fan James White.

DON-O-SAUR 47, Don Thompson, 7498 Canosa Ct., Westminster, Colo-80030. 40pp mimeo and offset, 35¢ or the usual.

Been too long since I saw one of these! Excellent issue, mostly several informal con reports and a long letter section on the philosophical question of whether an individual is bound morally to obey all laws. Don has a new Mullen plate-maker for his offset that seems to work well, some nice art. The last page, used as a mailing cover, seems to be made of vellum!

EMPIRE 8, Mark McGarry, 631-E South Pearl St, Albany, NY-12202. 36pp offset, 75¢ or some locs, trades. I see that the last page lists a new editorial address, 2 Leonard Place, Apt 4 in Albany, and that subs (5/\$3) should now go to Ron Rogers, Box 774, Christiansburg, Va-24073. This is an attractive zine with some nice art and good layout. I would guess that it is printed commercially, and he should lean on them for better quality control. The Fabian cover is lovely, but the debt to Edd Cartier should have been acknowledged. Good article by MacFarlane on his writing, D'Amassa on Felix Gotchalk, too much fiction, long lettercol.

ERG 57, Terry Jeeves, 230 Bannerdale Rd, Sheffield S11 9FE, England. 20pp mimeo, 4/\$1(bill). Good fannish genzine, with a fine Jeeves cover. Good MAC report by a Michael Banks that I unfortunately did not meet there. He also has an interview with Gordie Dickson here. Good lettercol, good short reviews. Terry explains synchronous orbits; also has a couple of interesting pages on printing techniques - some of the terms used might confuse US fans, I never heard rubber cement called "cow gum" before!

IN TENEBRIS #1, Ken Faig Jr, no address. 10pp mimeo for the HPL apa. The address was probably on the envelope, it's Box 1228, Chicago according to my files. Also, the cover says "de tenebris". Beautifully mimeoed in red on a cream-colored paper. Well-written account of an attempt to find Lovecraft's Providence.

JANUS, V.2#4, Janice Bogstad & Jeanne Gomoll, Box 1624, Madison, Wisc-53701. 44pp offset (reduced), 75¢ or the usual. Small print, but very sharp and clear, excellent layout, nice two-color cover, lovely back cover by Robert Kellogg illustrating "Talons of Horus". Good con reports, letters, reviews.

LOCUS 196, Charles & Dena Brown, Box 3938, San Francisco, Calif-94119. 7pp reduced offset, 15/\$6, some trades. News, reviews, con reports, book lists, very useful. Notes that Dena has been in the hospital since before Thanksgiving, but gives no details - hope she is better soon.

MAGNUS V.2#1, Eric Batard, Rue Kleber, 37500 Chinon, France. 28pp mimeo. There is a French sub rate, I think he trades mostly with US fans. All in French except for a two page supplement in English. Mentions assorted Daugherty projects, also that a personal-zine in English titled QUAIN will be out soon.

MYTHPRINT V.15#1. Glen GoodKnight, Box 4671, Whittier, Calif-90607. 4pp offset, to members of the Mythopoeic Society. News, notices, results of a recent questionnaire.

NEBULA 10, Dave Taylor, 15 Alwyn Gardens, Upton-by-Chester, Cheshire, England. 54pp mimeo, 40p (about 75¢). Mostly fiction, some excellent artwork and good layout, but repro a bit grundgy. The last story, "In Your Young Age" by Ross Herbert, is funny!

NEW LIBERTARIAN WEEKLY 53-57, Samuel Edward Konkin III, Box 1748, Long Beach, Calif-90801. 4-8pp typeset, \$15/year, trades. Political (in the original sense of the word) commentary, news, Cain Smith on prozines, classified ads.

OUTWORLDS 28/29, Bill Bowers, Box 2521, North Canton, Ohio-44720. Pp1103-1166 offset, 4/\$5, some trades. Spectacular issue of an always beautiful genzine, much fine art by Derek Carter especially, four pages of well-printed and well-selected photos. Excellent Robert A W Lowndes column, as usual. Neal Wilgus interviews Robert Shea of ILLUMINATUS! fame, great! Westercon cartoon jam. Stu Gilson folio. A fanwriter symposium conducted by Dave Locke.

PASSING PARADE #6, Milton Stevens, 14535 Saticoy St. #105, Van Nuys, Calif-91405. 22pp offset, for

FAPA, 50¢, or the usual. Neat fannish genzine. Milt comments on his newly acquired wife, Sylvia, and on the lost worldcon bid for LA in '78 that he was part of. The rest of the issue is taken up with the questions and answers from the Westercon Trivia Contest.

RAGGED READIN' #5, G F Edwards, Box 1461, Lawton, Okla-73502. 16pp mimeo, 50¢, 4/\$2. All done on Frank's varityper, in sizes down to sub-microscopic, but mostly quite legible. Ads and lists of books wanted and for sale by collectors and small dealers, commentary on the used-book business.

REQUIEM 13, Norbert Spohner, 1085 Saint-Jean, Longueuil, Quebec, Canada. 26pp offset, \$1, trades. Excellent art, layout, repro, partly supported by a grant from the Canadian Arts Council. All in French, has an article on space war with intricate diagrams and something on Jack Vance.

ROUGUE RAVE 23, Frank Denton, 14654 Eighth Ave SW, Seattle, Wash-98166. 10pp mimeo, for the usual. Reports on his travels and fan guests in the summer and informal book reviews, very well written. Frank lists on the back the 102 fortunate fans who get this.

Sassafrass 00, V.III, #1,2,3, J Kimball, 559 Arden Way, Sacramento, Calif-95815. 7-15pp digest-size reduced offset, probably for the usual, or else. These are titled individually "Ticker Tape", "Filthy Lucre", and "Capitol Gains", but I thought I should lump them all together... They are uniformly sloppy and persistently silly, apparently the 00 of the Sacramento sf group called the "Sassafrass Party", and were probably sent to me at the instigation of Laurine White. Sort of like Monty Python without the charm, funny if you are in the mood.

SCRIBE 4, Brian Tawn, 29 Cordon Street, Wisbech, Cambs. PE13 2LW, England. 46pp mimeo, 25p (50¢) or the usual. Pleasant genzine. Pete Presford has an article on a climb up one of the Welsh mountains, Brian reports at length on a Hawkwind concert, lots of good record, book, and fanzine reviews. Notes that the Harper/McAulay Bibliography of Moorcock is described by Moorcock himself as unauthorized and inaccurate and a rip-off at \$1.50.

SELDON'S PLAN 40, Cy Chauvin for the Wayne Third Foundation, Box 102 SCB, Wayne State Univ., Detroit, Mich-48202. 32pp offset, \$1, trades. Aside from the long editorial comments, the articles are all reprints. Bruce Gillespie's on Joanna Russ and her AND CHAOS DIED is quite good, and has an excellent illo by Randy Bathurst.

SHADOW 64, Eric Larsen for the Nameless Order of R'lyeh, Box 16369, NCSU, Raleigh, NC-27607. 28pp mimeo, 35¢ or trades. Generally good clubzine, some nice art, but this copy has two pages blank... Reviews, news, some very odd fiction, especially that by Eric Katz.

A SILENT TOAST TO FUTILITY, Lord Jim Khennedy, 615 Cole St, #4, San Francisco, Calif-94117. 18pp mimeo, photo cover, probably for the usual. The photo is of Bill Breiding. I see this is for APA-50. Some good art, and quite interesting in spite of the occasionally grungy repro and the eccentric spelling.

SPI 6, Gra Poole, 23 Russet Rd, Cheltenham, Glos. GL51 7LN, England. 20pp reduced offset, for the usual. Excellent genzine, funny personalized cover by Dave Rowe. Good columns by David Patterson, Mae Strelkov, Ben Indick, Ian Williams, funny piece by Roger Pile on indexing an sf collection. Lots of good fillos, long section on rock music.

STARLING 35, Hank & Lesleigh Luttrell, 525 W. Main St., Madison, Wisc.-53703. 44pp mimeo, 50¢ or the usual. Fine fannish genzine, lots of good art by Dan Steffan and Jay Kinney. Kinney also has a long article on the underground comix. Lesleigh's continuing series on comics gets to 'funny animals' this time - I hope she sent Greg Spagnola a copy. Funny columns by Jim Turner and Michael Carkson, a tribute to Thorne Smith by Rick Dey, good lettercol.

TABEBUIAN 31, Dave and Mardee Jenrette, Box 330374-Grove, Miami, Fla-33133. 24pp sub-digest reduced offset, 12/\$3 or the usual. Wonky genzine, illustrated with silly photos. Several interesting pieces on education, reports on their travels and new house and daughter, Coral Adiana, plans for a 'true adventure' Mooncon just before SunCon.

TAPROOT 17,18, Andy Whitehead, 4729 South Arvilla, Toledo, Ohio-43623. 20,14pp mimeo, for Myriad, trade, 25¢. Some weak repro, especially in 18, assorted natter, mcs, reviews, fairly well written.

TEKELI-LI #1, Ken Faig Jr, 1111 Church, Evanston, Ill-60201. 8pp ditto, for FAPA. Well-written account of his reading and how he got into fandom.

TITAN 4, Geoff Rippington, 15 Queens Ave, Canterbury, Kent, England 34pp mimeo, 25p (about 50¢) or the usual. Good genzine with some rather peculiar art (except for the good stuff by Terry Jeeves!). Good reviews, good account of her trip to the US in 1964 by Ethel Lindsay, good lettercol. Painfully snide column by an Andrew Tidmarsh - it's not what he says so much as the way he says it, sets my teeth on edge.

TITLE 59, Donn Brazier, 1455 Fawnvalley Dr, St Louis, Mo-63131. 24pp mimeo, 50¢ for a sample issue. After that, Donn expects you to respond, which isn't difficult - I always find several things to comment on in TITLE. Excellent columns by Jodie Offutt, Bill Bliss, Mike Glicksohn, book reviews, commentary by Donn and others on many subjects.

VERTIGO 32, Ed Murray, 2540 Chapel Hill Rd, Durham, NC-27707. 8pp mimeo, 35¢ or the usual. Nice offset cover by Phil Hawkins, rather dim repro on the text. Local news on the quarterly minicon and others, column for strip collectors, article on Leigh Brackett's Skaith stories.

LE VOYAGE, Mark Jacobs, Mills Cross Rd, Staatsburg, NY-12580. 18pp ditto, editorial whim. This is an account of Mark's trip to France in July. Well-written and quite interesting.

WAFL Newsletter, Wayne Keyser, 8412 Doyle Drive, Alexandria, Va-22308. 4pp reduced offset, inquire above. Aside from the usual club news, most of this issue of the OO of the Washington Area Filmmakers League is taken up with an excellent article on 'B' movies by Wayne. Most of them were more fun than the drek that's playing around here now - A STRA IS BORN, bah! - I haven't seen anything except on TV in a week or two and I'm getting the film junkie shakes...

WHAT THE POSTMAN BROUGHT #5, Barry Hunter, 8 Wakefield Place, Rome, Ga-30161. 10pp mimeo, ?. Ghastly repro, colophon does not mention availability.

WILD FENNEL 12/13, Pauline Palmer, 2510 48th St, Bellingham, Wash-98225. 40pp typeset, \$1 or the usual. Too long since we got an issue of this, lovely layout and art, excellent content. Pauline on her pet woolly-bear caterpillar, Jodie Offutt on pet rocks, John Alderson on Australian work dogs and their owners, some very odd fiction and verse, Dave Rowe on the films produced by the 'Kitten' fangroup, with his own excellent art. But where is the next installment of Roger McLain's baseball fantasy western, THE WILD COLONIAL BOY? Good lettercol.

WINDING NUMBERS 4.5, Randy Reichardt, 833 Henday Hall, Lister Hall, 116th St & 87th Av, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T6G 2H6. 6pp mimeo, for the fans who got #4 and are expecting #5, probably. Randy is in Library School at the above address. Mostly a description of the school and the trip there, other personal natter.

WOOF #1, Bruce Pelz, 15931 Kalisher St, Granada Hills, Calif-91344. 42pp various, ?. This is the first mailing of the annual worldcon apa, Worldcon Organization Of Faneditors, or rather, the 'first capsule', since it is intended to be distributed at the con rather than mailed. I did not get one at MAC, and Laurine White was kind enough to give me this one. Apparently anyone could join, by turning up at the next worldcon with a contribution, but I'm not clear on how you would know the number of copies to bring - ask Bruce, it's all his fault! The assortment of contributions to this one (23 in all) remind me somewhat of an APA-H distribution.

XENOPHILE 28, Nils Hardin, Box 9660, St Louis, Mo-63122. 84pp offset, 12/\$6. Excellent source of ads for books, pulps, also a number of fine articles by George

Wetzel on Lovecraft. Unusual art, pulp data.

February 4, 1977

Bookdealer Steve Jacobs orders some copies of SPAGYRIC QUEST, notes a COA as "The Nemaha Booksellers" to Goff, Kansas-66428. Rosemary Par-doe writes that they got the two parcels of books, etc., that I sent after them from here, and says that WARK is at the printers.

Donn Brazier sends a card saying that I was the first to loc TITLE 59. Dave McClintock seems to be surprised how many times he has had to reorder SPAGYRIC QUEST... Taral Wayne MacDonald sends a COA card to 415 Willowdale Ave #1812, Willowdale, Ontario, Canada, M2N 5B4.

A number of Bode fans have ordered sets of the remaining issues of BODE BULLETIN at \$1, a price we have offered them at for several years - henceforth they will be \$2.

George Beahm writes about his plans for a book on Tim Kirk, says he will see me in June when he gets out of the army. Dave Rowe writes about the books he bought while he was here, says Paul McCartney and Gene Roddenberry are discussing an SF stage musical! In the duplicated part of the letter is a long quote from Sterling Lanier on the Fontainebleau, the SunCon hotel - says it is very expensive, but doesn't quote any rates, which the ConCom hasn't either. Says not to ask him for cartoons, as the monthly paper he promised to do them for has gone weekly and he needs ideas... Dave says an animated version of WATERSHIP DOWN is in production with Sir Ralph Richardson doing the voice of the Chief Rabbit.

Bob Tucker sends a DNQ / /, and says that he did send Tom Cockcroft a copy of the AussieCon LE ZOMBIE, the PO must have lost it. He has sent him another, by air.

Steve MacDonald accuses me of having sent Pam Sneed a copy of ICITM, but I never heard of her that I can remember - not that that means much! She isn't in my address file anyway. Steve says he would like to get as many fanzines as possible, and will loc them all - address c/o Alcan Jamaica Ltd, KirkVine Works PO, Manchester, Jamaica, West Indies. Says that a fannish person named Jayne Hammer (1406 Ross St, Columbia, Mo-65201) would also like to get zines, there isn't much fanac there.

Mary Tyrrell sends a 4-page imitation of ICITM, a very limited edition of one unless she kept a carbon, nicely bound. I was tempted to print and mail it without her knowledge but...

A Bob Schwier wrote asking about fanac in this area, he's stationed on the USS Independence - said he was interested in crudzines and the SCA so I referred him to the Raving Timsie.

A note from John Squires notes a COA for George Chastain to 129 N. Gill St., State College, Pa.-16801, says George's "Count Drakula" poster is to be followed by a full-color "Maltese Mallard" from Rosebud Productions! There is also talk of an illustrated edition of Bradbury's DARK CARNIVAL, which has been o/p too long.

I was sorry to hear from Jane Donaldson that Dale Donaldson of MOONBROTH passed away on Jan 4 of lung cancer. Jane says MOONBROTH 29/30 will appear, as will Dale's novellette THE RELUC-TANT WARLOCK, as funds become available.

Clarence Walton, who has done a fantastic radio show on old jazz called "The World of Jazz" here since 1954, wrote to say he was still at it, 1500 shows later - I discovered it again by accident on another station and thought they were playing some old tapes.

Tom Cockcroft sends a xerox of a letter from old A Merritt fan Walter Wentz, who says he will finish and publish his revised bibliography of Merritt yet - he has been delayed by a wife, two kids, fixing up an old house, etc.

The unlikely "Amorpho P. Titanium" writes to ask me to publish his SFPazines - I don't think he understands how long it takes to get into SFFA. Adrian Goldstone writes to point out that he is the co-author of the definitive bibliography of Arthur Machen - I rather put my foot in it not recognizing his name!

Doug Menville notes that Arno now has out both THE FOX WOMAN and THE BLUE PAGODA and THE BLACK WHEEL by Merritt & Bok in a single volume for \$15, lacking only the variant illo to THE FOX WOMAN. I can remember when you could get these two books for \$5 each, but I am getting old... Doug also has included Machen's CHILDREN OF THE POOL And Other Stories in the Arno Supernatural Series. He sent a copy of an anthology he co-edited called PHANTASMAGORIA-

PHANTASMAGORIA, Douglas Menville & R Reginald (eds), Arno, New York, 1976. This is a collection of old supernatural stories, well-printed and bound in purple cloth. There are 13 in all, running from Cabell's 1902 "An Amateur Ghost" to a number of things from the 30s. This is all reprinted by photoplates from the original editions (including, for some reason, the original pagination), except for the Cabell story, which is printed from Menville's typed copy because the old ARGOSY was too fragile to photocopy from. So far I have read only Barry Pain's "The Moon-Slave", which is very good, but it seems to be an excellent selection. In the back of the book is a three-page list of the Arno Supernatural Series - I see they have Hecht's FANTAZIUS MALLARE, presumably with the Wallace Smith art, though it doesn't say so.

Frank Edwards offers to pay me to circulate a flyer for his RAGGED READIN' with IT COMES IN THE MAIL - I told him it was ok as long as it didn't run the postage into the next level! He wants to get RR up to 2000 paid subscribers.

Mae Strelkov writes that she has lost her mimeo, which was only on loan; I was glad to hear she had gotten some books I sent. Norbert Spehner sends a card noting his COA to 1085 Rue StJean, the rest the same. I already had this in the review of the latest REQUIEM, I think.

Ray Zorn writes to thank me for sending an Eric Linklater book he didn't have. I have been reading Linklater's A WIND ON THE MOON, pretty good fantasy on the ALICE IN WONDERLAND level.

MiniCon 12 sends a flyer for this April 8-10 convention at the Leamington in Minneapolis. \$5 to Minicon, Box 2128, Loop Station, Minneapolis, Minn-55402 before March 31, \$8 after. GoH is Ben Bova, Fan GoHs are the Coulsons. The hotel is \$19 single.

Don Markstein and Stven Carlberg send a flyer on their March 4-6 con in New Orleans, but it will be too late for anyone to read about that here. Even less likely is the WisCon (bring your own 'sin'), which was Feb 11-13.

The "Science Fiction Hobbit Club", Via Boccaleone, 26, 44100 - Ferrara, Italy, sends notice of their June 2-5 convention. A supporting membership is 3000 lire, with the attending membership on a sliding scale from 7000 last year to 20,000 at the door.

Carcosa announces its new book, MURGUNSTRUMM & OTHERS by Hugh B Cave, with art by Lee Brown Coye. This is \$15 before publication, with advance orders also getting a Coye bookplate and autographs of both the author and artist. I didn't know Cave was still living! Or maybe he isn't... Address Box 1064, Chapel Hill, NC-27514. The flyer carries a warning that these stories are luridly gruesome and not for the squeamish!

Ken Krueger, now at 8863 Milburn Ave, Spring Valley, Calif - 92077, sends some short lists of assorted pulp reprints, fantasy, sf, porn, sf porn, porn fantasy and even worse, Trekkie stuff... To think that the editor of Shroud should come to this..

Fantasy Publishing Co., 1855 West Main St, Alhambra, Calif-91801, sends a few pages of very briefly described book and magazines. I would not want to pay \$20 for Dunsany's JORKENS REMEMBERS AFRICA with no hint as to the condition!

Nostalgia Press, Box 293, Franklin Square, N.Y.-11010, sends their new catalog. The editor, Woody Gelman, has apparently decided to carry on with this after all, and has 14 new titles to offer, including a couple of new Flash Gordon books. Also has a sale on some books with water damage from a fire they had. The beautiful Franklin Booth book is still available at \$8.95.

G N Gabbard, Box 781, New Boston, Texas - 75570, sends a sloppy 15-page xeroxed list with a good bit of sf and fantasy mixed in with the other stuff. Aha, I see that this is where I first read the "Pierre Andrezel" was really Isak Dinesen - it was a name she used for only the one book, THE ANGELIC AVENGERS. Lots of sf digest-size zines if you are trying to complete a set.

Included among the flyers accompanying the new WHISPERS (see below) is a large reduced offset catalog from Robert Weinberg, 10606 South Central Park, Chicago, Ill -60655. Most of the current stuff, with a 10% discount for orders over \$25, plus the fourth issue of their own LOST FANTASIES.

The PhilCon program booklet that Mary Tyrrell brought me (I didn't go myself) has a two-page ad for the Neo-American Church, which should have been enlightening to any neos at the con... Address Box 222 Plainfield, Vt.-05667 and inclose \$10 to join and get a year's sub to DIVINE TOAD SWEAT. Also with the booklet are a flyer for Erwin Strauss' CONVOY (a scheme to allow you to attend both LunaCon and BaltoCon, address 9909 Good Luck Rd, T2, Lanham, Md-20801) and John Davidson's S.F.FANEWS, a 1-page dittoed 'f-nzine' which I will not review further. He calls himself Steve Davidson too, address 1754 Hillside Dr., Cherry Hill, NJ-08003.

And with my own copy of the CONVOY thing is another flyer advertising the March 19-20 Libertarian Breakthrough Conference, be over by the time you read this - also due to Erwin "Filthy Pierre" Strauss.

Richard Garrison at Heritage sends a pretty blue letter noting that I have been assigned reserved copy #71 of their QUEENS WALK IN THE DUSK by Thomas Burnett Swann and a apology for the delay in publication.

The Theta Publishing Co., Box 8058, StLouis, Mo-63108, got my name somewhere and sent an elegant flyer offering for \$8.50 (prepublication price) their new edition of BUCKSKIN BRIGADES by L Ron Hubbard, a historical western and his first published novel, they say, "out of print almost 40 years". Ah yes...

FANZINES - ALL LIES AND JESTS, Denny Lien, 2408 South Dupont Ave, Apt 1, Minneapolis, Minn-55405. These are issues 53,54,55, 12 pages each of unadorned ditto for Minneapa, lots of fun to read. Says that he often answers the phone with just "Speaking!", something I do myself...

BOOWATT 15, Garth Danielson, 616-415 Edin-son, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada R2G 0M3. 12pp mimeo, \$2/year or the usual. Mostly a personalzine, written with more enthusiasm than skill, but includes an excellent piece by Mae Strelkov about her late son Danny - Garth calls it part of a possible novel, but it reads like non-fiction. Come to think of it, however, so did a manuscript novel that Mae sent me years ago.

BREAK THROUGH IN GREY ROOM, Lee Carson, 3412 Ruby Street, Franklin Park, Ill-60131. 4pp mimeo, for the usual? Well-written con comments, informal reviews and general natter, plus a page of Dada.

CHECKPOINT 77, Peter Roberts, 38 Oakland Dr., Dawlish, Devon, England. 6pp mimeo, 6/\$1 by air, selected trades. No cheques, he says. Notes that the Science Fiction Looney Party put up a man for Parliament in the recent elections, but he lost - they must be about ready to try anything there now... I caught Peter Nicholls talking about sf on the BBC in a rebroadcast on a local educational station, WTGM-FM. Short review of the play cycle based on ILLUMINATUS, assorted news. Seems to indicate on the back that he will continue to trade EGG with me but not CHECKPOINT, which trades only with "frequent or jiant" fanzines - I never claimed to be jiant, but bimonthly is pretty frequent as fanzines go.

Note - Some of the more observant readers may have noticed the fragment of verse in ditto on the inside front cover. This was to be the beginning of a series of 'mystery quotes' for which mysterious prizes would be given to the reader who first sent me the name of the author. Another such appears in this issue.

COMICS JOURNAL 32, Gary Groth, Box 292, Riverdale, Md-20840. 32pp tabloid, 12/\$2. Frankly, I can't find anything here to mention.

EXTRAPOLATION 17,18, Tom Claeson, Box 3186, College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio-44691. Oops, I see these are V.17#2 and V.18#1. So why does the first start with p.1 and the second continue with pp97-184? Anyway, \$4/year(2). Beautifully printed (but with no artwork) and very sercon academic content. Subtitled the Journal of the MLA Seminar on Science Fiction and also connected with the SFRA. Tom Claeson is living in Virginia Beach for a year and gave me these when he came over to see my collection and hunt for material for his research on pre-1926 SF. I see that a checklist of 1974 sf scholarship by Roger Schlobin and Marshall Tymn lists the second edition of my HANNES BOK INDEX! *E pluribus unum* - the list runs on for 23 pages.

FAN'SZINE 11, Wally Stoelting, 2326 Deewood Dr., Columbus, Ohio-43229. 20pp mimeo, 30¢ or the usual. Fairly well written, good repro. Notes that he works 90-110 hours/week, amazing that he does a zine at all! Lots of letters, including echoes of the Sandra Miesel/Leland Sapiro thing. I never heard how or if that was settled.

FEWMETS, Taral Wayne MacDonald, 415 Willowdale Ave, Apt 1812, Willowdale, Ont-M2N 5B4, Canada. 10pp mimeo, for AZAPA. Mostly autobiographical, including an interview with himself. Well-written if eccentric - after two pages the autobiography splits into double columns, one 'real' and the other fictional.

L-5 NEWS 11, L-5 Society, 1620 North Park Ave., Tucson, Ariz-85719. 8pp reduced offset, \$1. This is the group trying to promote the establishment of a space colony at the 'L-5' stable point in the Earth-Moon system. That is, a body at the L-5 point (actually there are two such points, I think) would tend to remain there due to gravitational pulls from the Earth and Moon - likely there is a bit of space debris collected there already. This copy was sent to me by Wayne Keyser, who found it in Washington.

LUNA 66, Anne Dietz, 655 Orchard St, Oradell, NJ-07649. \$3/year(4), 48pp digest-size reduced offset. Excellent reviews and booklists - I see two I must have right off - good interview with Larry Niven.

MYTHOLOGIES 10, Don D'Ammassa, 19 Angell Dr., East Providence, RI-02914. 58pp mimeo, \$1 for sample, then mostly to contributors. Fine place for serious discussion. This one is all on a bright red paper. Much excellent commentary, long reply to Curlovich's criticism of the SCA. After a 1/2 hour staring at those scarlet pages, nothing else looks quite the right color, but I suppose it will pass - if not Don can add a lawsuit to his other mundane problems. This MYTHOLOGIES is late because of assorted mundane hassles.

NEW LIBERTARIAN WEEKLY 58, Samuel Edward Konkin III, Box 1748, Long Beach, Calif-90801. 8pp typeset, 30¢, trades. Assorted news, Abby Goldsmith on the Dalkon IUD, Cain Smith on prozines, letter from John Thiel.

SASSAFRAS PARTY zine, ?, 2357 Empress St, Sacramento, Calif-95815. 8pp digest-size reduced offset, ? This one is called "Deficit Spending on the cover. See previous reviews above under the same title, this is more of the same.

SF CONVENTION REGISTER, Erwin Strauss, 9909 Good Luck Rd, T-2, Lanham, Md-20801. 1p legal length reduced offset, 25¢ plus SASE. brief data on some 40-odd cons through August of '78.

SPICY RAT TAILS #4, Rich Coad, 1735 47th Ave, San Francisco, Calif-94122. 16pp mimeo, offset covers, for the usual. Well-written faan-

ish nonsense, the US outpost of Ratfandom. Good lettercol.

TWILIGHT ZINE 29, Allan Wechsler for the MITSFS, Room W20-421, 84 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge, Mass-02139. 20pp offset, 25¢ or the usual. Too much silly fanfic and some bad repro, but still it's good to see a TZ again after so long. The usual demented Minutes of the MITSFS and one loc from the previous incarnation - from Laurine White. Remarkably short list of zines missing from the MITSFS collection, if this implies they have everything else!

VANISHING POINT 1, Alan Lankin, Box 887, 3901 Spruce St, Philadelphia, Pa-19174. 14pp mimeo, 35¢ or the usual. Pleasant genzine, funded by the Penn SF Club. Darrell Schweitzer has a funny article on tourists in the Pennsylvania Dutch country, much like one I read in ATLANTA MAGAZINE while I was down there over the holidays. Or was it in AUDIENCE? Oh well... I'm not sure I believe Darrell's description of the 'Desert of Maine', but it's fun anyway.

WAFL Newsletter, Wayne Keyser, Box 6475, Washington, DC-20009. 4pp reduced offset, to members. Good review of the Fleischer book (Betty Boop) from Nostalgia Press, listing of area films, interview with Bill Grefe, producer/director of gems like DEATH CURSE OF TARTU, now working on WHISKEY MOUNTAIN, too technical for me.

WHISPERS 9, Stuart Schiff, Box 904, Chapel Hill, NC - 27514. 70pp digest-size reduced offset, \$2 or 4/\$7. This is the top semi-pro fiction zine, with a story by R A Lafferty and excellent art by Fabian, John Linton, Lee Brown Coye, Denis Tiani. I would not have spent the money to print two pages of Marcus Boas in full color... Excellent fiction, news of other publishing in the fantasy field both in the magazine itself and overflowing onto a 2-page Supplement.

YANDRO 238, Robert & Juanita Coulson, Rt 3, Hartford City, Ind-47348. 38pp mimeo, 75¢, 5/\$3. Excellent as usual, the prototype of the fannish genzine. Funny Rotsler cover is a collection of gag prozine covers. Excellent book reviews - though Buck "thinks" he paid \$1 for my SPAGYRIC QUEST OF BEROALDUS COSMOPOLITA. Actually, I "think" I gave him a copy, but the retail price is \$2. Oh well... Funny column by Gene Dewese on 'Swifties', long lettercol.

February 21, 1977

I just ran off pages 5-8, and I seem to be making a lot of typos - "stra" for star was bad enough, but I don't know what Frank Denton will make of "ROUGUE RAVE". I meant ROGUE RAVEN, of course. Must have typed that in my sleep. Onwards...

Steve MacDonald writes at some length, says he may send a tape of his guitar playing, incloses a bunch of poems. Mary Tyrrell says that the Classics Illustrated that someone was asking me about may be had for \$5.95 the set of 24 from Mafex Assoc., 111 Barron Ave, Johnstown, Pa-15906.

Bill Paul of MEDIA 5 and VOIDSTAFF and the LAFF writes to explain all that, says his "LAFFGuards" offer similar services at cons to the Dorsai - address 111 Mount Pleasant Ave, London, Ontario, Canada. Ray Zorn writes about E Haldeman-Julius, says Will Durant's "Story of Philosophy" first appeared in his "Little Blue Books".

Elaine Wojciechowski sends me a birthday card even though I am no longer a member of the NFFF. Ben Indick says he has been read Malzberg because Malzberg only lives a half-block from him... Dainis Bisenieks says he likes the little snake on the MacKay cover - I hadn't even noticed it! George Beahm sends some details on his projected KIRK'S WORKS, a book on Tim Kirk, looks good. Douglas Menville of Newcastle Press writes that they have found a copy of Barringer's SHY LEOPARDESS, the end of the trilogy, and it will appear in October - I was astounded that they had started publishing the trilogy without having it all on hand! Adrian Goldstone writes again, seems to have forgiven me for not knowing who he was!

Bowker/Xerox/Ulrich's Serials thing sent a form for me to fill out and an inclosed form letter from the National Serials Data Program of the Library of Congress leads me to suspect that I have been assigned an ISSN - but if so it was only on the form that I sent back to them and I neglected to record it. Oh well...

Ben Indick says he has all that stuff, but that he passed my duplicates list on to a local neo... Lee Carson writes to ask if he sent me BREAKTHRU - yes, and it's reviewed above. Threatens to call his next zine SEND IN THE CLONES...

The Small Press Book Club at Box 100, Paradise, Calif-95969, offers to consider my efforts for their list. Membership requirement is that you buy a book every 6 months, apparently.

Jon Harvey at the British Fantasy Society writes that it took ICITM 24 two months to reach him, notes that Jonathan Bacon is now their US agent. Jon also says that the BFS edition of a book of William Hope Hodgson's poems illustrated by BFS members is at the printers and should be done by the end of February - it will be sold for £3.50 for the standard hardcover in d/w, £7.00 for a 'large-paper' edition bound in buckram. 64pp with 11 illustrations. Bacon will no doubt have it at dollar prices.

Lynn Hickman says the basement where his presses are is too cold to work in, and will probably flood when the spring thaw comes - argh... Tom Cockcroft sends some books and a reduced xerox of "Quest of the Starstone" from the old pulp, and xeroxes of some maps by Tim Kirk of C A Smith's Averroigne, Hyperborea, and Zothique - now where did he copy those from? I don't remember seeing them mentioned before. Tom also hints he might make it to the US this year!

Marshall Tynn writes that his AMERICAN FANTASY & SCIENCE FICTION, a checklist of US first editions 1947-73, will be out this spring from FAX. Mary Tyrrell sends some odd clippings, a review by Silverberg of a book on surgery by Richard Selzer and a review by Seymour Krim of Asimov's FAMILIAR POEMS ANNOTATED. Mary also sends a packet of literature from the ABA on opening your own bookstore, mostly flyers on books on the subject and a membership application (\$50/year!), but there is one informative pamphlet with estimated costs.

Dirk Mosig sends a page of corrections to the last MISKATONIC, and notes that contrary to previous reports, he finds that some additional funds are still needed for the stone for H P Lovecraft's grave.

Dainis Bisenieks sends what must be the dullest photo postcard ever produced, a full-color view of the Vance Supply warehouse probably near Odessa, Texas, says he is off to BosKone and then the West Coast. This card is postmarked Tampa, Fla, on the wrong side, the stamp is untouched...

Gail White at the Caryatid Press, 7724 Cohn Street, New Orleans, La-70118, sends a couple of books of verse, one a collection of epitaphs in typescript, the other a 12-page offset booklet called PANDORA'S BOX. Some of these are pretty good!

Ferret Fantasy at 27 Beechcroft Rd, Upper Tooting, London, England sends a 4-page reduced offset list of used and rare sf, also their own excellent publications.

RIVERCON III sends a flyer giving the date as July 29-31, GoH Larry Niven, at the Stouffer's Inn as before (\$21 single), registration \$5 in advance, \$10 at the door. Riverboat cruise planned. Address RiverCon, Box 8251, Louisville, Ky-40208.

From the same address is another flyer pushing the Louisville in '79 bid for NasFic in the event Britain gets the '79 WorldCon. States that the British con (if they get it) will be the weekend before Labor Day weekend and that NasFic (if they get it) will be Labor Day weekend. Both RiverCon and the NasFic bid are chaired by Cliff Amos, with assistance from Bob Roehm, Ken Moore, Ross Pavlac.

National Lampoon is offering the French comic

METAL HURLANT in translation as HEAVY METAL at 12/\$18 or \$10 if you get in as a Charter Subscriber. The art in the flyer is not bad, as such things go.

Bud Plant, Box 1886, Grass Valley, Calif-95945, sends a fancy flyer on the "First Kingdom" series of comics by Jack Katz, now up to five of a projected series of 24. The first five are \$5 the set.

Archon, a StLouis regional con sends a first Progress Report on this new convention - July 15-17 at Stouffer's Riverfront Towers, \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door, GoH is George R R Martin, rooms are \$25 for a single, etc. Sponsored by the StLouis S F Society. Chairman of the con is Tim Hays/Barb Fitzsimmons, uh, that is, co-chairpersons... Address John Novak, (Sec-Treas), 1260 Moorlands Dr, Richmond Heights, Mo-63117.

Bud Pland (see address above) also sends a 2-page list of old illustrated books he would like to buy - some of these I have (but not for sale), others I would like to buy myself!

John T Oertel Sr., Box 30, Prospect Hgts, Ill-60070, sends a one-page photocopied list of 16mm sound films, some of them fairly recent feature-length movies. THEY MIGHT BE GIANTS, for example, is \$250. Now if he had CANDY I might get it and worry about a projector after...

Ken Slater at Fantast (Medway) Ltd, 39 West St., Wisbech, Cambs, England, PE13 2LX, sends an 18-page mimeoed list of new and used material in the field. Ken notes that what he does about the daily fluctuations of the £ vs the \$ is to credit US checks at the current rate when they come in, to the nearest 5¢.

Ken Krueger, Box 4384 North Park Station, San Diego, Calif-92104, sends a 6-page mimeoed list of "100 Collectables", though he seems to have stopped numbering them at 60. This is dated March '77, maybe the USPOD has a time machine... Some quite obscure items, most of the prices reasonable, tho \$15 for SIDEWISE IN TIME without the Bok d/w sounds high to me. Not all sf, some are mystery or porn.

Ted Pauls, 6603 East Collinsdale Rd, Baltimore, Md-21234, sends a flyer announcing the bid of Baltimore for the 1980 WorldCon. Ted is Secretary, Chairperson for the bid is Sue Wheeler.

Ken Chapman, 2 Ross Rd, London, England, sends the usual 18pp of legal-length mimeo on blue, used fantasy, sf, mystery, adventure, some 350 items. Prices are given in £ and \$, figured at \$2/£... I see that Alan Garner has a book out I don't have, THE STONE BOOK, dated '76, I sent for it in spite of the disappointment with RED SHIFT, which I found unreadable.

KRONOS, "A Journal of Interdisciplinary Synthesis" offers itself at \$10/4, with a hearty endorsement from Velikovsky. Address Warner B Sizemore, Glassboro State College, Glassboro, NJ-08028. Where do these people get my address?

BaltiCon '77 sends a fancy 2-color flyer, GoH is Phil Farmer at the Hunt Valley Inn, Easter weekend, April 8-10. \$4 in advance to Martin Deutsch, 6135 Waterloo Rd, Ellicott City, Md-21043, \$6 at the door.

Nelson Bond, 4724 Easthill Drive, Roanoke, Va-24018, sends a 32-page reduced offset catalog of general used and rare books, liberally adorned with hideous puns and looney limericks. I enjoyed it so much, made me feel bad that I didn't find anything I wanted to buy...

Dr David McClintock, 856 Hunter Street NW, Warren, Ohio-44485, sends an 8-page legal-length mimeo list of general used and rare books, but with a lot of sf and fantasy, 143 items with full, interesting descriptions, the sort of list I like to read!

FANZINES - AFTER MIDNIGHT, Reg Smith, 1509 Mar-Les Dr, Santa Ana, Calif-92706. 18pp offset for the EOD. Excellent commentary on Lovecraft and the circle, long quote from letters from E Hoffman Price, DeCamp, Bloch, mcs, excellent column by Tom Cockcroft.

AFTER THE FLOOD 110, David Griffin, 8 Woodville Rd, Ealing, London W5 2SF, England. 32,5-10pp mimeo, offset covers, 60¢ or the usual. Don D'Amassa, see MYTHOLOGIES address, is US agent for this. Attractive and well-written sercon genzine, the covers are good. Long interesting article on Harry Martinson and ANIARA. I suspect the issue number is binary...

ASTRAL DIMENSIONS 5, Mark Jacobs & Chris Marler, Mills Cross Rd, Staatsburg, NY-12580. 60pp digest-size reduced offset, \$1.50. Excellent repro, nice layout, some good art, some not so good. Six short stories, several review columns, lettercol.

AY CHINGAR! 4,5, Larry Downes, 21960 Avon, Oak Park, Mich-48237. 38pp (both) offset, \$1 or the usual. Fine repro, art, layout. The content of #4 is so damn fannish I can't stand it, or understand it either, it's too ingroup... #5 is a lettercol supplement, spells Robert Whitaker's name twice as "Whitacker" - maybe it's another injoke...

Bill Bridget, who didn't like my review of his SECOND DEGREE 0.1 in ICITM #25 (p.9), sends a nasty letter and a great conglomeration of other fanzines, I will comment on them all here. The letter is stapled to the front of a 15pp mimeo zine called LAST ROUNDUP FOR AN OLD RANGER or THIS IS THE SHOWDOWN. Fairly good repro and art, lots of quotes from fans, most of whom didn't like SECOND DEGREE any better than I did. Good letter from Mae Strelkov on Bill's idea of coming to Argentina, some well-written commentary on the idea of getting a college degree by publishing fanzines, mixed with pointless rude remarks to fans who didn't care for his efforts. DIMENSION:PRAECOX is 24pp legal-length mimeo, bound on the short edge, fairly well laid out, good repro, most of the art too abstract for my taste. More of the college degree scheme, and a sort of rambling story by Barry Malzberg, funny in places, also more quotes from fans who had recieved Bill's fanzines. Finally, there is a sort of omnibus volume that Bill made up just for my benefit, consisting of DIMENSION:PRAECOX #2, SECOND DEGREE #1, and PULP MAGAZINE, a mixture of offset and mimeo. None of these zines have any price on them. This omnibus is really too much to describe in detail here, but there is some funny writing, a story that he won \$25 with, lots of commentary from Sheryl Smith, a Cumulative Abstract of the degree program, more letters. I see from the Abstract that what I thought was a Barry Malzberg story was by Bill himself - so why is it signed "Barry N Malzberg" at the end? Well, if you find all this confusing, write Bill about it - RR#1, Crawfordsville, Ind-47933. I still don't understand why he inflicted SECOND DEGREE 0.1 on us, but I'm not going to worry about it.

DILEMMA 14, Jackie Franke, Box 51-A, RR 2, Beecher, Ill-60401 or 719 Yonge Street, Suite 201-A, Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 2B5, Canada. 34pp mimeo, offset cover, for the usual. Jackie says that her address is a bit fluid, she is staying with the Stopas as the zine went out. Mail to either of the above addresses will reach her eventually. Pleasant fannish genzine, much fine art by Derek Carter. Jackie explains that she is doing various odd jobs and staying with fans in Michigan while waiting for word on her application for Landed Immigrant status in Canada, and goes into some detail about her having left Wally for Derek Carter. Roy Tackett reports on Bubonicon, Ed Wood on MAC, Derek with many illos and a hand-lettered text on Pghlange, good lettercol. Jackie notes that she and Wally parted amicably - he drove through one of the recent blizzards to bring her the ink to print this on!

ERED NIMRAIS 5, Dave Merkel, College Station, Williamsburg, Va-23186. 4pp offset, 25¢ or the usual. Brief explanation of why there isn't a larger issue, ghastly "Tale of Quasitoad #10".

FANZINE FANATIQUE 23, Keith Walker, 2 Daisy Bank, Lancaster, Lancs., England. 14pp mimeo, for the usual? Fanzine reviews, commentary by Keith and Terry Jeeves on fanzine criticism. A bit grundgy but all legible, fair cover art.

FOSFAX 31, Bob Roehm for FOSFA, Box 2251, Louisville, Ky-40208. 4pp reduced offset, to members, 12/\$3, trades. Fine newszine, reviews, con reports, notes Zelazny's DAMNATION ALLEY will be released on film as SURVIVAL RUN (ugh!).

GERSHAM'S JOURNALS, Sutton Breiding, 2760 Sutter St., #101, San Francisco, Calif-94115. 12pp mimeo, offset cover. This is a booklet of poetry, the cover is from an old photo, maybe one of the James brothers. Or was there a Western outlaw named Gersham? Anyway, that's what it is, a cycle of poems about such an outlaw, pretty good too. No price given.

KARASS 28, Linda Bushyager, 1614 Evans Ave, Prospect Park, Pa-19076. 18pp mimeo, 5/\$2, trades. Excellent fannish newszine, good layout and art. Some interesting experiments with Gestefaxed photos. Notes a COA for Joe Siclari (who I understand several people are looking for) to 383 Farham Ave, Lodi, NJ -07644, and for Paul Harwitz to 6016 Franklin Ave, Apt 21, Hollywood, Calif-90028. Ah, I see Linda notes that Siclari has gotten married.

LITERARY SKETCHES, Box 711, Williamsburg, Va-23185. 20pp sub-digest litho, \$2.50/yrar (11). This is edited and written mostly by Mary Lewis Chapman, who is not a fan, nor is it a fanzine. Tho she did print the first edition of my Hannes Bok Index. But I mention it here because there is an ad in the back for the Green Tiger Press. I used to get the Green Tiger stuff from Lois Newman, beautiful reprints of Rackham, Pogany, Dulac, Robinson, other early fantasy artists. I haven't gotten anything from Lois lately, but Green Tiger offers their catalog for 26¢ in stamps, address 7458 La Jolla Blvd, La Jolla, Calif-92037.

LOCUS 197, Charles & Dena Brown, Box 3938, San Francisco, Calif-94119. 12pp reduced offset, 15/\$6. Dena is still in the hospital, I'm sorry to hear. Notes that Laser has suspended publication, and that John Rackham (John Thomas Phillifent) is dead. Other news, reviews, lots of ads - including a small one from Lois Newman. Bah...

MONOCHROME NEWSLETTER 22, Craig Hill, 220 Standish #1, Redwood, Calif-94063. 4pp reduced offset, 4/\$1. Also #23,24. Good repro, and the layout is ok, but I find it very annoying to read due to the insistence on a justified right-hand margin in a triple column format without a varityper. Mostly commentary on sf books and films.

MYTHPRINT Vol.15,#2, Mythopoeic Society, Box 4671, Whittier, Calif-90607. 4pp reduced offset, to members. Locs to 334 North Robinson St, Los Angeles, Calif-90026, it says, but no editor's name is given. I am rather put out with this bunch, they offered to run ads here, but when I wrote asking for rates, nothing. Club news, notes that the SILMARILLION is supposed to be out late this year; and that Ralph Bakshi will do an animated film of LotR - he is quoted as saying he has read it 8 times, so if the elves come out two feet tall with wings, we will know who to lynch...

NEW LIBERTARIAN WEEKLY 59,60, Samuel Edward Konkin III, Box 1748, Long Beach, Calif-90801. 4-8pp typeset, \$15/year. Oops, 61 and 62 here too. News, commentary, prozine reviews. There's a column by Robert Anton Wilson in #60, but it's all gibberish to me.

PENNY DREADFUL 413,414,415, Captain George at the Vast Whizzbang Organization, 594 Markham St, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. 4pp each reduced offset, no price listed - maybe it's 1¢! Brief commentary on adventure books, films, radio.

POPULAR AMERICAN FANZINES, John Thiel, 30 North 19th St., Lafayette, Ind-47904. 4pp legal-length mimeo, \$1. Three pages of this are an alphabetical listing by title of about a 100 current fanzines, giving address and price, very brief description. Last page is nonsense.

RISTERIA 3, Paula Gold, Box 51-A,RR2, Beecher, Ill-60401. 10pp mimeo, for the usual. Note the COA... Well-witten personalzine, letters, Tales of Winter.

SARDONIC WORLDS #2, Reg Smith, 1509 Mar-Les Dr., Santa Ana, Calif-92706. 2pp offset, for the Hyperborean League. The first page is the start of REH's "Skulls in the Stars", photocopied from the Jan'29 WEIRD TALES, the rest mcs.

S F REVIEW 20, Richard Geis, Box 11408, Portland, Oregon-97211. 56pp reduced offset, \$4/year(4). Excellent layout, art repro, interesting commentary on

almost everything. Darrell Schweitzer interviews Ted Sturgeon, notes that MORE THAN HUMAN is in 17 languages. Ballantine has reprinted SOME OF YOUR BLOOD - it amazed me that it was printed the first time. Geis says he is going to 80 pages, doesn't like Carter. I love the Gilliland art!

SCIENTIFRICTION 7, Mike Glyer, 14974 Osceola St., Sylmar, Calif-91342. 52pp mimeo, \$1 for sample, then the usual. Beautiful issue, fine art, repro, layout. Lots of reviews and letters, Glicksohn's fanzine column, an interview with Asimov, silly Dave Locke column. Long funny piece by Glyer on Ronald MacDonald's appearance at a local school fair. A supplement called MAJOR ARCANA is 14 more pages of locs and reviews, including an excellent letter from Mae Strelkov.

TITLE 60, Donn Brazier, 1455 Fawnvalley Dr, StLouis, Mo-63131. 32pp mimeo and xerox, 50¢ or the usual. Funny Carl Bennett cover, very diverse commentary. Notes that I am one of 11 fans who got TITLE #1 and still get it. Wayne Hooks has a rather technical article on English as an international language. ChambanaCon report, Glicksohn fanzine review column, photo gallery includes Donn himself. This is the fifth anniversary!

SOUTHERN FANDOM CONFEDERATION BULLETIN #17, Meade Frierson III, Box 9032, Birmingham, Ala-35213. 6pp reduced offset, to members (\$1/year), plus con flers. News, including a funny release on Hank Reinhardt's move to Atlanta, reviews, con notices.

THE SPANG BLAH 13, Jan Howard Finder, Box 9163, Ft. Riley, Kans-66442. 20pp reduced offset, 75¢. Fannish newszine, some good art, Jeeves cover. News from all over the world, by country, Terry Jeeves on his film, "3001 - A Space Oddity", C C Beck on his models of the weapons in LotR with an excellent illustration, Eric Bentcliffe on fannish games, including the legendary Ghoddminton, Dennis Stocks on wargames, Marion Zimmer Bradley on writing sf, Bert Chandler on Australia's four national anthems. Promises a con report translated from the Romanian for the next issue...

STRANGE DYSTOPIAS, Bill Brummer, 11 Strath Humber Ct., Islington, Ontario, Canada. 30pp mimeo, for the usual. Good genzine, much personal commentary. Bill says in a note inside the front cover that he is 15, not 14 as I mentioned last issue, and that I needn't have mentioned it at all - I agree. A J G Ballard parody, Harry Warner on the space program, Donn Brazier, interesting quotes from various books, excellent article by Jack Kapica on Monty Python, lots of letters.

XENOPHILE 29, Nils Hardin, Box 9660, St. Louis, Mo-63122. 64pp offset, 12/\$6. All ads this issue, except for an editorial with brief mention of his trip to California. Also says that "Fantasy Collector", which Cazedessus took over from George Bibby and carried in ERB-Dom for several years will appear here as a column.

Just got the new Peacock Press book on Kay Nielsen (their second) - the art is all from a set of paintings done for a projected edition of A THOUSAND AND ONE NIGHTS that never appeared, though the fine elegy mentions some murals he did in two schools and a church in California. Why they didn't print these as well I can't imagine. Much interesting biographical material, a photo would have been nice... \$7.95 at all better bookstores.

Mike

Weber called from Atlanta to remind me that I had agreed to drive Manly Wade Wellman down to be GoH at the June 3-5 ATENTION at the Admiral Benbow there, same place the last DSC was held, on the Beltway (I-495) at Buford Highway. Mike says they have a new SF club in Atlanta now, but it isn't called ASFO... I think it's called The Atlanta SF Inquisition (ASFI?) and Mike is Chief Scapegoat. Or something like that.

And here endeth ICITM #26, on Feb 27 '77 - Ned Brooks, 713 Paul St, Newport News, Va.
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