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A FAPA party was held at Nolacon. I even have a list of the people who came to it, but unfortunately, I have no idea where it is right now. Lee Hoffman, Richard Brandt, Don Thompson, Harry Andruschak, Janice Eisen, Fred Lerner, Peggy Rae Pavlat and a bunch of others were there. Next time I find the list, I'll try to run it in FAPA.

Moshe Feder has agreed to run the FAPA Party at Noreascon 3. Please ask him when and where it will be. (It has "traditionally" held in the afternoon.) I decided that if there is to be a FAPA Party at Noreascon 3, that I had better find someone else to run it. (Since I'm a division head for Noreascon and am part of the Washington in '92 bid, I expect to be a little busy during the convention.)

RUSS CHAUVENET If you're still interested, the FAPA mailings can now be reached, without undue effort. You're most welcome to access to them, drop me a note, and we'll set up a time. I have enjoyed your "Highlights from the xxxth Mailing"!

Charles Hanson Towne's Around the Corner serves as another reminder to keep priorities straight. (This poem laments a friend with whom contact has been lost as time goes on - and good intentions get lost in the business of each day.)

DON THOMPSON It was fun seeing you both at Westercon and at Nolacon. I look forward to having a chance to talk with you when I'm not working on a committee bidding for a Worldcon. Given my above comment to Russ, let's plan on getting together at Noreascon 3! Loved the cover on Don-o-saur 52!

BRIAN EARL BROWN Since you bought that paper form Howie Devore, I thought I would market my some of the Brooklyn Bridge to you. Only \$50 per share!

CATHY HOWARD I've enjoyed reading about your adventures. Hope school is going well and that you're having some fun with it as well as using it to open some doors.

Is there a story behind your title?

Years and years ago (at least 20 years ago), I had a dream in which my father had been dead for some time. The sharp hurt of a recent death wasn't part of my dream, just the awareness and sadness that he wasn't part of my life anymore. The dream was so real that it took several days for something to click and I realized that I had dreamed that he was dead, and that he wasn't really. It was nice to have my dad alive for another fifteen years after I knew how much I would miss him if he were not alive.

KATHLEEN GALLAGHER Do you have a sister named Janet who lives in Maryland and works with the Department of Labor? If so, I have worked with your sister for the last five years. (Janet has mentioned that she has a sister who reads/writes science fiction. She has also mentioned that she has a sister who lives/lived/lives in the mid west (as us easterners call any place west of Pittsburgh).

I've enjoyed each of your fanzines, but have gotten exhausted with your travels. Tendonitis in your hands sounds even worse than tendonitis in your leg/ankle/foot, which is what I have. It gets better and worse from day to day (and sometimes from minute to minute), sitting down must affect something, because sometimes even if it hurts just before I sit down, when I stand back up again it will be fine. Other times, it will seem OK before I sit down, and will catch me off-guard when I stand up again. Getting old is fine. I wouldn't go backwards even a day, but having my body get old is the pits! (Now I sound like Harry talking about getting old at my age! Sorry.)

BOB ROGERS Being hearing impaired doesn't necessarily lead to being able to use ASL. Russ Chauvenet surprised me by not knowing ASL (American Sign Language - a rapid and graphic English based language used by many deaf people). Russ, on the other hand, reads lips better than I would have thought would be possible. Some years ago, it was considered a bad idea to teach deaf children sign language. ASL has been the target of some strong criticism because it does not mimic the American English grammatical structure. For example, words like "a", "the" "an" are not signed.

I took two classes in ASL at Gallaudette College (which I still can't reliably spell correctly!) and when I brush up, I can communicate reasonably well with someone else conversant in ASL.

Strangly, an old handicap butts its head when I try to use finger-spelling. I can send these messages (if slowly), but I can't read finger-spelling to save my soul. I was really surprised at this, because the rest of ASL had come so naturally (given the awful time I had with Latin and German, I was afraid that I would run into a road block here too). Then I remembered that when my kids (or anyone else) spelled a word and asked me what it was, I have always had to look at the word before I know what it is. Hearing the letters (or in ASL reading the individual letters) doesn't translate into words within my brain. I don't know why I expected to be able to make that translation in finger-spelling when I can't do essentially the same thing when a word is spelled out loud.

I just noticed that on the Index the "article" and "letter" printed on the next line at the left hand column instead of on the right column. I wonder why the "fix" I used of extending the right margin didn't work. Too bad. Hope the Index helps you to vote in a way that pleases you.