



"It appears we've inherited
the Starspinkle grapevine."

RATATOSK

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A news & comment zine published biweekly by Bruce Pelz, Box 100, 308 Westwood Plaza, Los Angeles, California 90024. Overseas spy is still Ella Parker, and the sub rate is still 3/25¢ 9 for 7/- (or 10/- Air). Cartoon by Arthur Thomson this time.

CON STAND REMINDERS: The Lunacon will be on 24 April this year, reports Chairman Charlie Brown. Hal Clement will be Guest of Honor,

and there will be a fan panel on art, some slides on Hannes Bok, and a talk on Bok by Jack Gaughan. Further information from Charlie at 2719 Morris Ave, Bronx, NY 10468. ## In May there will be a Disclave over the weekend of the 8th-9th.## And the end of June will see the Midwestcon at its usual place (North Plaza Motel, 7911 Reading Rd, Cincinnati, 26-28 June). They are expecting a larger-than-usual turnout, with the Worldcon being out of the country. . ## And don't forget the Westercon, 3-5 July at the Edgewater Inn, Long Beach, California.

FOCAL POINT 2, dated 30 January, continues to report the New York fan scene. It is available at the same rates as RATATOSK, from Apt.4C, 268 E. Fourth St, NYC 10009. John Boardman reports that the publishers of FOCAL POINT have also put out FECAL PINT #1, a travesty-zine which one of our readers characterized as "in even worse taste than the Starfink of a while back." I wonder if they steal their own typers, too?

- - - p.12, item 1, THE FANNISH IN AND OUT BOOK (Sarill/Stark)

FOLLOWUP DEPT. 520 07 0328 reports that Johnny Nolan, husband of the late Myrtle R. Douglas Nolan (Morojo), died on 15 February. Uncle 520 had no details. ++ On a more pleasant note, The Sec-Treas of FAPA, having closed out the Waiting-list as required by the concerted blackball of the entire list, harked back to the late 40's when FAPA had an incomplete roster, and officers dragooned members into the club. He then found a group of fans whom he thought would make good FAPA members, and drew up a listing of their names and addresses, calling the group, for want of a better name, the NEW Waiting-list. As he hadn't checked with all these fans to make sure they wanted to be on a NEW waiting list, he advised that any of them not wishing to be included could write and asked to be eliminated. By some coincidence, the NEW waiting list looks a lot like the old one, but I guess there may be a dearth of good potential FAPAns.

A GROUP FLIGHT TO LONDON is being planned by Judy Blish. Flying from New York to London on 26 August and returning 14 September, the fare would be \$325. Applicants must be members of the LonCon by the end of February and pay their full \$325 by 15 May. If interested, write to Mrs. James Blish at 202 Riverside Drive, NYC 10025, and enclose return postage.

STEVE TOLLIVER AND SYLVIA DEES announced their engagement to the assembled members of the LASFS on 11 February. The date of the wedding is still indefinite, but will probably be next February.

THE 6 MARCH GILBERT & SULLIVAN party to San Francisco now numbers 81 fans and associates, according to Ed Meskys. 81 Savoyards? That's Not Toc....

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THE M.I.T. SCIENCE FICTION CLUB, tired of waiting for the second Day Index, is putting out one themselves. It will cover only the major SF mags of 1951-1960, will be mimeoed 8½x11, and sold looseleaf for \$2.50, reports Charlie Brown. He adds that the index was compiled using IBM punch cards and a computer. Even so, I for one will wait until the index is actually available before ordering. I've had \$6.50 tied up in the Day index for about 6 or 7 years now... .

HABAKKUK, the Donaho-sized Donaho cat, lost the battle to cancer, and had to be put away on 9 February. A number of ailurophilic party-goers will "miss the beast," too, Bill.

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FANZINE SALE: I would like to get rid of about 30 copies of the FANNISH III (25¢); 20 copies of the 2nd edition of THE ENCHANTED DUPLICATOR, with Eddie Jones illos (75¢) and about 30 of THE GAME OF FANDOM -- a playable game, with board, instructions, movers, and 300+ cards.(\$1.) I also have one extra copy of: THE WILLIS PAPERS (\$1.50); QUOTEBOOK (\$1.50); THE TATTOOED DRAGON MEETS THE WOLFGAN (\$1); and THE TATTOOED DRAGON MEETS THE BEAT GENERATION (\$1). Anyone interested?

APAC: Len Bailes reports he has been elected to the post of Apa Manager of the TERREAN AMATEUR PRESS SOCIETY, formed in December of 1964. The APA operates somewhat like the Cult, publishing a monthly letterzine similar to the Fantasy Rotator. ++ The February FAPA mailing was 404 pages (officially), and included MYRTLE REBECCA DOUGLAS: AN APPRECIATION, by Uncle 520 -- definitely one of the best items of the mailing. There was also a large Fantasy Rotator, AVANC 8, from Dick Eney -- included so that all the Honorary members (=non-Cultist FAPAns recently granted Honorary Membership so everyone would get thrown out of FAPA if Rick Sneary's anti-Cultist amendment passes in FAPA.) would get the FR. The Egoboo Poll showed Terry Carr in first place, Rotsler in 2nd, and Warner in 3rd (536, 423, and 418 points, respectively). HORIZONS and LIGHTHOUSE took top fanzine honors (126, 120); Speer and Warner were Top MC writers (114, 106); Warner wrote the best articles (107 to Rotsler's 67), and the best fiction or poetry (53 to TCarr's 43); but Terry waltzed off with the Best Editor votes (125 to Boggs's 91 and Rotsler's 74). No one was dropped from FAPA this time, but Earl Kemp announced his resignation as of the mailing of FAPA 111 to the members. The WL climbed to 62, and the Treasury to \$317.40. Both look too big.

COLLEGE STUDENTS WITH A 2.0 AVERAGE OR BETTER, or college alumni, are invited to join Psi Phi, the Galactic Science Fiction Fraternity. Any qualified applicants may write to the Local Committee, B331 Bryan Hall, Michigan State Univ, East Lansing, Mich 48823. They will be sent a quiz to determine eligibility for membership, along with a formal application form. Those accepted need pay only 50¢ dues for a year's membership. I wonder if alumni have to have a 2.0 or better...? ++ Thomas Stearns Eliot has been identified by several people. But now we have a Nevada fan who wants to know: Who is Ron Ellick?