

THE F.A.P.A. PSYCHOTIC #1

Mailing comments

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THE FANTASY AMATEUR

I'd like to thank Gregg Calkins for the printed cover "blanks" that he uses for the FA; they dress up the Official zine beautifully and set a standard following Official Editors will feel obligated to match if not surpass. I say this as a new member who appreciates service above and beyond the call of mere duty.

The Waiting List is full of good people I'd like to see in F.A.P.A. right now, but at the same time I realize to get them on a lot of present members will have to go to the Ultimate Apa. I mean, once you leave FAPA, where old fans go to die...surely you're dead?

Except that a ghost or two is on the W-L. Will Burbees never end?

I've decided to try a method to make sure I do these mailing comments each time...each mailing. Schedule a certain amount of time each day for this purpose. Rip out of this typer whatever is in it and do one comment. And so on for a month or so until I run out of comments and/or zines.

I have no idea how many pages this will run. Whatever. As long as I enjoy this. I'm into my third fanac cycle now (PSYCHOTIC in the 50's....PSYCHOTIC-SFR in 1967-70 and now REG in 72-?) and I should be a productive FAPAN for a few years.

OF CABBAGES AND KINGS (AND BABY TURTLES)

I imagine being at a major political convention would be terribly exciting.

The cross-currents of news and rumors and speculations amid the speeches and floor fights would be exhilarating. I often wonder why political parties are so terribly afraid to have antagonisms and conflict at their conventions. It's exciting to watch and must be exciting to participate in. In fact, for maximum viewer interest I should think the convention committees would schedule or structure-in floor votes and rancorous debate and try to make sure there is NOT a first ballot nomination. Instead they try to avoid all friction, all argument, all conflict---and run dull, self-serving propaganda films...and think they're making points with the great American public. With luck maybe 10% of the hardcore party faithful are watching. The rest of the country is watching an old movie or a syndicated talk show on the independent channel.

DESCANT #19

Well, I've just spent ten minutes looking through my precious sex novels trying to find one that starts "Norm and Gina were hippies" but couldn't find it, if it exists. Maybe in one I did use that phrase (in truth it sounds familiar) but not as an opening line of a book. And much as I'd like to find it, re-reading 60 novels or so (not counting the twenty or so "non-fiction" books I've written) doesn't appeal. BUT if I ever run across it I'll let you know.

Trouble is, I don't think I was consciously Tuckerizing you and Gina when/if I used that combo of names. One of the problems of a mass-production fiction writer is names...using different ones...because we have favorites and tend to use them again and again. For some reason Suzi is one of my automatics. Terri. Dawn.

So what do you think of MAUDE? I love her. I wonder if the Liberals are still laughing.

Ted White will be the first to admit that FAPA is Not dead. All kinds of active blood is coming in. And with luck some blood will flow. Somebody pick a fight! Where is G.M. Carr now that we need her?

INFERNANIWOBBLEPROURBULENTGOBULATOR 1

If you inflict that title upon us again,
John, I may never speak to you again.

I, too, lament that I have climbed into FAPA over the dead body of someone I wish was still around, but it was their act of FAPAish suicide, not my murderous assault which brought me here.

I stand appalled and amazed at your many fannish work loads. I long ago decided/divined that I should stick with one thing and make it serve all my fannish needs as nearly as possible. With REG, my fanzine now works in personal and professional areas as well.

I confess to being insatiably curious about your ill-fated marriage; especially the grizzly details of its destruction. Am I right in getting the impression that your sf and fannish activities did you in with Diane? Of course, that's a surface reason; the real ones have to do with basic character and such---hers and yours.

The statement that you intend, in a few years, to gracefully retire from active fandom is a shock. I hope it isn't the way things work out. Misery loves company.

SAMBO 21 THE RECORD MUSEUM you speak of, and the attendant private foundation (tax exempt) makes me wonder if a similar sf fanzine museum couldn't be created by some dedicated fan...like Bruce Pelz. Or perhaps L.A.S.F.S. could do it if it has now acquired that ex-Temple as a permanent, owned, clubhouse. Of course, a fanzine collection would require a lot of room and organization and labor. Still, a fee could be charged for maintenance...maintainance?...of each researcher.

VINTAGE FAPA was a delight.

Ron Parker's article on pari-mutual ticket collectors and collections opened my sleepy eyes wide. I never dreamed....

THE PASSING PARADE #1 Please write more about your job. And welcome to FAPA (said the old veteran). I'm curious: have you ever run a crime pattern check on types of crime in relation to an area in which, say, a notorious massage parlor is situated? Or a porno shop? A local small town recently tried to charge a porno shop \$3500. for a business license because it "required special police attention".

TARGET: FAPA At least I protected "her" nose by disguising it (before slapping it with my freedom-of-comment). I note that you felt free to print John Boardman's letter to you...without permission??...without deleting his name!

My comment that McGovern is a loser still stands: he certainly has managed to fuck up his campaign via Eagleton and by choosing to say the wrong things and hit the wrong issues. Of course I could be wrong if his troops get out the vote, the Republicans stay home on election day and Nixon screws up somehow.

By now, of course, you know the relief column never did reach An Loc; it was drawn back to help protect Saigon. How safe do you feel in the delta now, really? What happens to you if there is a cease fire? We all know the Cong will continue subverting and applying local force to local government officials.

My porno research procedures are non-existent: I fake it. I just make situations plausible wish-it-were-true for men. A patina of "reality" for the old sex game.

10-29-72 I'm going to have to cut this short, I'm afraid. I made an initial mistake with this mailing---I read it. To re-read it again in order to re-find initial reactions and comment hooks is too time consuming.. and a drag.

Also, my time is getting tighter. Assignments from the porno markets have begun again, and all the slack has gone from my day.

Even so, had I had the sense to read the mailing with a pencil in one hand and had marked segments for comment, I'd still be able to do a proper job in a limited time.

So I promise---next time I'll do better. I appreciate the comments and reactions to REG and wish to reciprocate as much as possible. It's the obligation of membership.