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Deadline for Mailing #88 (33 copies) 4 pm, July 15, 1969Deadline for Waiting List and Invitee responses to this SPECTATOR: June 1, 1969

Correction&Addition to SPEC 86: it was Fred Patten's zine last time that the PO had here on Jan 14th but kept out of my reach until FEB 1st. Consequently, add to the Contents of Mlg 86:

24. Mistily Meandering 27 Fred Patten (rec'd) 1-14 7pp
(Total pages for Mlg 86 thus become 212) (tho the zine itself is in this packet)

The major problem with the PO (aside from some of their crummy goofs) turned out to be that locally they won't leave anything that won't go well-hidden into your mailbox. So I purchased and installed a #2-size box, which is just slightly smaller than a Volkswagen and also has no wheels on it. And have had no trouble this time except that one fella sent his stuff Certified Mail which means it has to be signed for, and since we both work, here, this meant a troublesome trip to the PO for it. I know the intent was helpful, but LET'S DON'T DO THIS ANY MORE, friends; just trust the silly PO to do its thing; OK? We haven't lost an ordinary package here in the past 15 years, and if I have to make any more emergency trips to the PO they will be after the deadline and perhaps this could put somebody off the Roster. Do you read me?

CONTENTS OF MAILING 87:

1. The PIRSI 2	Toskey	(rec'd) 2-8-69	13pp*
2. Bandersnatch 6	Thorne	2-10	9
3. Por Que? 41	D Webbert	4-3	14
4. Sardonicus 9	Stevens	4-3	2*
5. Vomit vl nrl	Foyster	4-5	2*
6. Speleobem 42	Pelz	4-8	6
7. Gro 11	Atkins	4-9	5
8. Kittle Pitchering Hubble De Shuff 5	Miller	4-10	6
9. WSFA Info Sheet	"	"	2
10. Spacewarp 81, c/w:	A Rapp	4-10	12*
11. Ignatz 46	N Rapp	4-10	11*
12. Maine-iac 37	Cox	4-10	10
13. Niflheim 27	Hulan	4-11	8
14. Mistily Meandering 28	Patten	4-11	7
15. Collector, Apr 69	Devore	4-11	6
16. From Sunday to Saturday	Fitch	4-11	7
17. Eugene George Key Fan Club 3	Chalker	4-12	10*
18. Retro 52	F Busby	4-13	6*
19. Gosling 12	E Busby	4-13	4*
20. Outsiders 75-B (c/w Pillar Poll results)	W Ballard	4-13	2*
21. Son of Blotto Otto's Grotto 3	Pfeifer	4-13	6
22. Basingstoke 12	C Ballard	4-13	8*
23. Stumping 26	J Webbert	4-13	8*
24. M. M. M. 4	Weber	4-13	16*
25. The Incredible Gall of Q Q Fubar	Foyster	4-14	6
26. [Price List]	Devore	4-14	15
27. Iconoclastic Quarterly	Lewis	4-14	6
28. Outsiders 75, Alternate	W Ballard	4-14	4
29. Jaspers 1	Rudolph	4-14	9
30. Akkad 2	Young	4-14	8
31. Sapsafield 12	Kusske	4-15	5*
32. SPECTATOR 87	OEagain	4-15	4

[* Plus 1-page voting credit per Spec #86]

Total, Mlg #87: 237 pp

Any other zines in your bundle arrived after 6pm, 4-15, before bundles were sealed.

SAPS: Where It's At (April 1969)

Memberships are limited to 30. Spouses who are both members may elect to hold a semi-dual membership: one set of mailings & dues, two sets of votes and

Activity Requirements: SAPS produces quarterly mailings, made up of zines that reach the OE by 4pm of the mailing deadlines, which are the 15th of Jan, Apr, July & Oct unless otherwise specified. Starting with 6 pages in your first mailing, you need a total of not less than 6 pages in every period of two consecutive mailings--these pages (the minimum) to be original [not previously-circulated] material, at least 5 of them your own work and at least 3 your own written work. Above the minimum, I'll accept it if the Post Office will. ALL material to be in at least 33 identical legible copies, and nothing "postmailed" counts in SAPS, at all.

To Join SAPS, send your application [your own; no proxies are accepted] to the OE along with \$1 Waiting List fee [not refundable to dropouts but it applies on your first year's dues if you make it]. This puts you on the WL where you receive SPECTATOR. As indication of your continued interest you must acknowledge to the OE via postcard, etc, your receipt of SPECTATOR, by the deadline set therein. Or else there's a buck shot to hell. Vacancies on the Roster are filled from the top of the Wait List; invitations to join must be acknowledged on time as SPECified. Pay the other \$1 and get your 6 pages in on time, and you'll be an indubitable SAP. [Wlers may have material in members' zines by private negotiation but only members' zines are included in SAPS mailings.]

Dues are \$2 a year, payable before the deadline of the last mailing of your membership year; this is listed on the Roster page for you, so no sweat if you read it. The OE may make assessments if needed but it's going the other way just now.

Officers: The Official Editor does all the work and makes all the rules unless and until the membership takes the job away from him in mid-term by main force. His word on all SAPS matters is otherwise final, although on second thought...! The OE may appoint other officers, except for the President who is elected by making top points on the annual Pillar Poll; the President's duties are to try to keep it up. All other members are Vice-Presidents of SAPS, by ancient edict.

Extra Mailing-bundles are for sale to Wlers at roughly 50¢ per 100pp, rounded off to the nearest 100. I'd appreciate selling some that are stacking up around here!

Reprints: to make it utterly clear, material that has seen prior distribution is not counted toward your membership-saving "6pp in any period of 2 consecutive mailings". Over and above that, trot out all the older goodies you like.

The Pillar Poll is distributed with the January mailing and results are announced (as now) in April. Given a fair turnout, it purports to indicate our standings as Pillars of SAPS in the preceding mailing-year, and in any case designates the President for the next 4 mailings. This year you got a page of credit if you voted.

Mailing Labels: Members who provide addressed labels for their bundles are BLESSED.

Obscenity: It is obscene for a member to miss a mailing. Being a very high-minded group here, if anybody does it twice in a row, we Throw Him Out. I'm sure the League of Decency must be very proud of us for our high moral principles.

Immorality: We used to have a rule about this, but by now it's Obscene or Obsolete.

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HOLIDAY FOR DUES (an Important Announcement):

The Treasury is waxing fatter than need be; suggestions abound that we have a year's moratorium on RENEWAL Dues; so shall it be. In order to keep the bookkeeping here and avoid loading it on the next OE, it proceeds like this: for 4 mailings and beginning with this one, your renewal-dates will autoEmatically be advanced a year as they come up; all you have to do is watch the Roster, same as always. There'll be a + mark after dues-mailing-numbers that haven't yet been advanced; that's for my quick-reference benefit, in keeping track, such as with Foyster and Johnstone who are already prepaid past my term of office. New members still pay entrance dues; incumbents just relax and keep an eye on the Roster page next year, as usual.

T H E W A I T I N G L I S T

To maintain your standing on the Waiting List, remember to acknowledge to me, in writing, your receipt of this SPECTATOR, by JUNE 1st of this year. [I think a couple of you lucked in free this time, as my Infallible Records System took a fall. This loophole has now been corrected, though, so your prompt vigilance will pay off.]

1. Al Snider, Box 2319, Brown U, Providence, RI 02912
2. Sgt Richard Mann, CMR, Box 2373, March AFB, Calif 92508
3. Hank Lutrell, 2936 Barrett Sta Rd, Kirkwood, Missouri 63122
4. Lesleigh Couch, Rt 2, Box 889, Arnold, Mo 63010
5. Chris Couch (address as above)
6. Earl Evers, 615 Cole St, Apt 14, San Francisco, Calif 90057
7. Chuck & Sally Crayne, 1050 N Ridgewood Pl, Los Angeles, Calif 90038
8. Arnie Katz, 55 Pineapple St, Apt 3-J, Brooklyn, NY 11201
9. Art Wilson, Air America, Inc; APO San Francisco, Calif 96352
10. Vera Heminger, 30214 108th Ave SE, Auburn, Wash 98002
11. Dave Locke, 915 Mt Olive Drive, #16, Duarte, Calif 91010
12. Vonda McIntyre, 3014 135th NE, Bellevue, Wash 98004
13. Leigh Edmonds, 1/166 Glen Eira Rd, Elsternwick, Victoria 3185, Australia
14. David Oliver, Rt 2, Box 232, Savannah, Mo 64485
15. John D Berry, Mayfield House, Stanford, Calif 94305

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[[Monies on deposit here: Eney \$3.68, McIntyre \$5; total \$8.68; NOT p/o Treasury]]

Balance per SPECTATOR #86:	\$111.87
Expenses: Mlg 86 postage 3.68, WL SPECS 1.74, WL bundles .36	<u>5.78</u>
LOW POINT	106.09
Income: Dues @ \$2; Busbys, Cox, Rapps, Weber	8.
Dues @ \$1; Lewis, Rudolph	2.
WL bundles; Lewis, Mann, Rudolph, Pettit	<u>4.</u>
NEW BALANCE, before we blow all that loot on more Jiffy Bags, etc:	120.09

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THE JIM WEBBERT STORY: For coming all the way up the Waiting List when he didn't even have to, Jim gets a separate listing this time and until the slot is needed by an invitee, when he and Doreen will revert to the joint listing. Since he is not taking the extra mailing to which the separate listing would entitle him if he so chose, I'm not charging him the other \$1 of dues, either. This all seems like a reasonable compromise with which to round out Jim's little WL ploy, I think. OK?

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I don't know about you-all, but I can't help getting a small Kick out of the fact that FAPA just raised its dues from \$2 to \$3 due to postal rates [PLUS having recently passed an Assessment], whereas SAPS is springing for a year's free dues. O well, if the PO clamps down on us, a SAPS assessment is also possible but not very.

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This Money-On-Deposit thing raises hell with a tidy Treasury Report; I keep forgetting to note the addition of deposits to the Treasury as they are used up, and end up with more money in the box than the Report indicates. By dint of corflu I now have this discrepancy down to 84¢, which I suspect is postage paid by Elinor but not yet reimbursed to her. I won't sweat this if you won't. Or even if you will...

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I feel vaguely embarrassed at coming up on top of my own Pillar Poll, but thanx anyway. My swelling head is restrained by realization of the OE's natural Leverage. Wrai assures me that dual-members didn't go overboard in voting for their other heads; I think the upsurge this time for couples does indicate the disadvantage they've been under in the past, and also shows how this year's rules cut the advantage that non-voters have held for many years. How does it look to you out there in SAPton Place?

The Ever-Loving Living ROSTER of SAPS (April '69)

(DUES PAYABLE BY MLG #..)

1. Lon Atkins, 2725 King Edward Drive, Dallas, Texas 75228	90+
2. Len Bailes, Box 474, 308 Westwood Plaza, LA Calif 90024	90+
3. Carol and Wrai Ballard, 4521 Corliss Ave N, Seattle, Wash 98103	90+
4. Elinor and F. M. Busby, 2852 14th Ave W, Seattle, Wash 98119	91+
5. Jack Chalker, 5111 Liberty Heights Ave, Baltimore, Md 21207	89+
6. Ed Cox, 14524 Filmore St, Arleta, Calif 91332	91+
7. Howard Devore, 4705 Weddel St, Dearborn, Mich 48125	90+
8. Dick Eney, 6500 Ft Hunt Rd, Alexandria, Va 22307	90+
9. Don Fitch, 3908 Frijo, Covina, Calif 91722	90+
10. John Foyster, 12 Glengariff Drive, Springvale N, Victoria, Australia	99+
11. Dave Hulan, 1005 Mt Olive Drive, #10, Duarte, Calif 91010	89+
12. John Kusske, Route 2, Hastings, Minnesota 55033	89+
13. ALAN J LEWIS, 6806 SE 52nd, Portland, Ore 97206	90+
14. Don Miller, 12315 Judson Rd, Wheaton, Md 20906	90+
15. Fred Patten, 8943 E Arcadia Ave, Apt 14, San Gabriel, Calif 91775	91+
16. Bruce Pelz, Box 100, 308 Westwood Plaza, Los Angeles, Calif 90024	92
17. Otto Pfeifer, 1000 NE 135th St, Seattle, Wash 98125	92
18. Art and Nancy Rapp, 1700 Park Drive, Baltimore, Maryland 21222	91+
19. KEN RUDOLPH, 745 N Spaulding, Los Angeles, Calif 90046	90+
20. Lt-JG Milton F Stevens, USS Coral Sea (CVA-43), FPO San Francisco 96601	92
21. Createh Thorne, 706A Hudson Hall, Rollins Grp, Columbia, Mo 65201	90+
22. Burnett Toskey, 7323 19th Ave NE, Seattle, Wash 98115	90+
23. Michael Ward, Box 45, Mountain View, Calif 94040	89+
24. Doreen Webbert, 15447 SE 21st Place, Bellevus, Wash 98004	89+
25. Jim Webbert [Oops; JIM WEBBERT], address as above	89+
26. Wally Weber, Box 267, 507 3rd Ave, Seattle, Wash 98104	91+
27. Jim Young, 1948 Ulysses St NE, Minneapolis, Minn 55418	89+

ADDED this time: LEWIS, RUDOLPH and (as a Separate Member for a while) JIM WEBBERT.

DROPPED for Lacktivity, it appears: JOHNSTONE, PORTER. LEN BAILES called to say his publisher had been out of town but his zine would be in yesterday's mail, Air&SpecDel. [And how WAS the Lunacon, Bruce Pelz?] If Len's zine is in this bundle, he's OK. If it arrives tomorrow he needs an additional 6pp next time. Otherwise, goodbye LEN.

OTHER PAGE-REQUIREMENTS NEXT TIME: E.BUSBY 1, ENEY 6, STEVENS 3, WARD 6

INVITED TO JOIN [acknowledgement and \$1 required here by 1 June, your 6 pages by our next deadline, 15 July]: AL SNIDER, RICHARD MANN, HANK LUTRELL. Welcome, I hope.

Indubitably on the *Toilet Roll* this time are DICK ENEY (Wha?!) and MIKE WARD.

Oh, yes: BILLY PETTIT declined to join. High workload, low fannish interest. Sigh.

I'D REALLY HATE TO throw out anyone whose zine arrived a day late, but so many of you trapeze artists are pushing the deadline so hard that it makes it almost impossible to get the gahdamn MAILING out on time and still give you a break. So, with a shorter-than-usual Waiting List and also a shorter personal fuse lately, here's how it has to be, baby: either you make that 4pm deadline [well, actually I get home about 4:30] or your zine is included in the following mailing for nostalgic reasons and YOU hit the bottom of the WL again. As soon as you send me another \$1, that is! Because: no kidding, ladies and gentlemen, the deadlines just ran all out of Stretch. And if we happen to use the Waiting List all up, I'm sure they'd love it.

Glad to see some heightened activity this time, above last mailing's level. I don't think SAPS is in any real slump or jam, considering normal turnover. And compared to July '56 when we joined (no WL, & 2 new memberships brought the roster all the way up to 23 numbers), the group is in a positively-indecent state of vigor.

This Gospel appears on paper because the PO won't give us a good rate on stone tablets.