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for the National Fantasy Fan Federation, on Oct 10 (sorry to be so
late but the last three weeks have really been hectic).

This is the election issue, and will be kept to 10 pages, including
ballot, no matter what has to be omitted.

New members (names & address only, the full info will be included
in the Dec issue of TNFF)

Rae Strelkow, C.C.55, Jesus Marie, Cordoba, Argentina, 1975
Margaret Ann Basta, 8043 Pinehurst, Detroit, Mich, 48204, 1975
Gerard Houarner, 25-33 48th St, Long Island City, NY, 11103, 1975
David Barnett, 107 Valley View, Boulder City, Nev, 89005, 1975
Linda Rhodes, 1259 Ventura Ct. Mobile, Ala, 36608, 1975
John Cach 428 Elm Ave, Montreal 16, Quebec, Canada, 1976, renewal
Jackie Franke, Box 51-A, RR2, Beecher, Ill, 60401, 1975, renewal
David Shank, 30 East Laurel, Lawrence, Mass, 01843, 1974, renewal
Roger D Sween, POBox 351, Platteville, Wisc, 53818, 1974, renewal
Alyson L Abranowitz, 6638 Valmont Place, Elmont, NY, 11003, 1975
Mathleen Andrews, POBox 637, Ocean City, MD, 21842, 1975
John Coopersmith, 236 - 19th Hall, Princeton U. Princeton, NJ, 08540, '75
Thomas C Rowe, Rt 1 Box 32, Harpers Ferry, W.Va. 25425, 1975
Eleanor Valter, 2231 W. Melrose, Chicago, Ill, 60618, 1975
Scott C Smith, 10418 Havenhurst Ave, Granada Hills, CA, 91344, 1975
SP4 Nathan B. Gavarin, HQ SVC Co., Ft. R'chie, MD, 21719, 1975
James G Dana, 10773 Massachusetts Ave, Los Angeles, CA, 90034, 1975
Muriel S Van Sweringen, 674 Elm St, New Haven, Conn, 06511, 1975
Linda J Johnson, 674 Elm St, New Haven, Conn, 06511, 1975
Ava Sterling, 185 West Houston St, New York, NY, Apt 2E 1975
Eleanor R Ide, 2933 Wycliff Rd, Raleigh, NC, 27607, 1975
Mark L Olson, Dept of Chem, Sunylb, Binghamton, NY, 13901, 1975
Pricilla Marco, 21-16, 23rd, Astoria, NY, 11105, 1975
Tom Walcher, 20329 Parkview Ave, Rocky River, Ohio, 44116, 1975
Kingston Gerald Kane, 940 East Glen Ave, Ridgewood, NJ, 07450, 1975
Daniel J Oakes, 518 Outlook Dr, Los Altos, CA, 94022, 975
Brian Tannahill, 615 East 69th St, Kansas City, MO, 64131, 1975
Jean B Bogert, 747 Surrey Rd, Aldan, PA, 19018, reinstatement 1975
Mike Lalor, 1918 Ashbrook Dr, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45238, 1975 reinstat.
Howard DeVore, 4705 Weddel St, Dearborn, Mich, 48125, 1976, reinst.
Joseph Rizzo, k 21-68 41st St, Astoria, NY, 11105, 1975, reinst.
Renewals: Harriet Kolchak 75; K&M Bothwell 75; N Robinson 75; IL
Riddle: 75; K Frost 75;; Carol Thompson 75; Mark Irwin 76; W Gonser
75; R Brooks 75; M Hollander, 75; JP Strang, 75; S Woolston 76;
R Tackett 75; G Mattingly 75; G Wells 75; H Kring 76; J Robinson 75

CoA's: Charles Cushing, 121 Hunter St West, Apt 1608, Hamilton, Ont
L8P 1R2, Canada

Sharon White, 6755 Lewis Ave, Long Beach, CA, 90805

John Fitzsimmons, 5805 Arnsby Place, Apt 1, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45227

Richard Friedman, 2068 Ocean Ave, Brooklyn, NY, 11230
 Roger Vanous, 4051 5th St NE, Minneapolis, MN, 55421
 Mitchell Hollander, Box 6112, 362 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, MA, 02139
 Beth Slick, 9030 Harratt Apt 2, West Hollywood, CA, 90069

Rose Rogue says there was nothing new to report on Round Robins as she hasn't seen one in a few months, so she guesses they are all moving really slow!

John Robinson is the new Membership Activities manager---he wants comments from everyone.

Birthday Card Project Report--Elaine Wojciechowski

<u>October Birthdays</u>		<u>November Birthdays</u>		<u>December Birthdays</u>	
1	Bartha Beck	1	Sharon White	1	Beth Slick
	Dennis Geraghty	11	Don Franson	9	David Barnett
	Warren Powell	16	James Farley	13	Richard Smith
2	Ira Lee Riddle	17	Wally Gonser	14	Mitchell Hollander
3	Helen Thilenius	18	Edward Connor	15	Garth Danielson
4	Don Brazier	23	Al Lopez		Linda Rhodes
6	Ed Sinkovits	24	Forry Ackerman	17	Frank Balazs
9	Margaret Basta	26	Elaine Wojciechowski	19	Harry Warner Jr
11	Don C Thompson	27	Fred Pghl		Joe Zalabak
17	Mark Irwin	28	Reed A drus	20	Mara Bothwell
19	Jerry Shifrin	29	Charles Cushing	21	Irwin Koch
21	Tim Marion			25	Gene Comean
23	W G Bliss				Pricilla Marco
28	William Patterson			27	John Robinson
29	Mike Baker			30	David Travis

Had 204 Stamps; got 10 from Mark Irwin, used 11 stamps in Aug, 14 stamps in Sept, leaving 179 stamps.

Cost of the September Tightbeam:

Total pubbed: 160 + 15 (extra) equals 175	
Stamps (third class) 160 x 10¢ equals	16.00
Paper (2.95 reams)	
6 pages x 175 equals 1050 pages 2.1 ream,	
2.1 reams x 2.95/ream equals	6.20
Stencils (25¢ each) 10 x 25¢ equals	2.50
Total	<u>24.70</u>

or 5.06¢ per member plus postage.

Cons: Oct 25-27; Windycon-Blackstone Hotel, Chicago, contact Box 2572, Chicago, Ill, 60690
 Nov 29-Dec 1, Infinity 74, Commodore Hotel, NYC, contact Joseph Rizzo, 21-68 41st St, Astoria, NY, 11105
 Dec 13-15 Philcon, Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Philadelphia, PA, contact Gale Burnick, 4300 Spruce St (basement), Philadelphia, PA, 19104
 Jan 24-26, 1975, Confustion 13, The Briarwood Hilton, Ann Arbor, Mich, contact Ro Nagey, Rm 240 Michigan Union, Univ of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich 48104

THE NEW BOOK REPORT

One is never quite sure about Phil Farmer In Mother Was a Lovely Beast: A Feral Anthology (Chilton, September, \$6.95), one finds extracts from Farmer's own "Memoirs of Lord Greystoke" --- i.e., the real Tarzan, who has some diverting, uninhibited, and often very pointed observations to make on the mores of men and anthropoids. Also included are "Shasta of the Wolves" (a Canadian Mowgli), "Tarzan of the Grapes," and several others. If nothing else, Farmer (or his editor) ought to get a special award for Best Book Title of the Year!

Most of the nine stories in Gordon R. Dickson's retrospective collection, Ancient, My Enemy (Doubleday, October, \$5.95), date from the '50s and '60s and deal with men struggling against hostile environments in distant space. Besides the well-known title story, you'll find here "Love Me True" and --- one of my anti-bureaucratic favorites --- "The Bleak and Barren Land." The Best from IF: Volume 2 (Award, September, \$1.25) is a predictably professional collection, made memorable by the inclusion of Michael Bishop's novella, "Death and Designation Among the Asadi." In Fred and Geoffrey Hoyle's latest epic, Into Deepest Space (Harper, September, \$6.95), the Yela are menacing Earth again. Dr. Dick Warboys, natch, has to give up his weekend to see to it. The Hoyles, in the past, have turned out some rather good novels. This isn't one of them.

The Good Doctor is up to his old tricks in The Best of Isaac Asimov (Doubleday, September, \$6.95) --- the LP-producer's gimmick of collecting old material and re-issuing it in slightly varying packages. I mean, as great as they admittedly are, how many times can "Nightfall" and "The Martian Way" survive being anthologized? Unless you're the rankest of neos, save your money. In her preface to Stellar I (Ballantine, September, \$1.25), the first of another new series, Judy Lynn del Rey (Ballantine's new sf editor) says she wants "stories --- not mood pieces, vignettes, or character sketches" --- and that's exactly what you get here. No standouts, mostly well-known names (with a few newcomers), and some good, solid professional storytelling. The Hounds of Skaith (Ballantine, October, \$1.25), Leigh Brackett's sequel to The Ginger Star, is every bit as good as the first one (if you dig fantasy/adventure yarns). Fine pacing and still an admirable imagination. Still another series-to-be is Dorothy C. Fontana's The Questor Tapes (Ballantine, October, \$1.25), based on the failed Roddenberry TV script; pretty idiotic stuff, unfortunately.

In The Day of the Burning (Ace, October, 95c), by Barry Malzberg, it's 1981 and a certain NYC welfare investigator is contacted by the Galactic Overlords. He has 12 hours to unravel a particularly difficult case. If he does, Earth joins the Federation --- if he doesn't, Earth becomes a smoking cinder. A bit tedious, but the high mordant humor comes through in spots. Contrariwise, On a Planet Alien (Pocket Books, October, 95c), also by Malzberg is a skittishly written alien-contact tale of the far future, where the Bureau sends incomprehensible messages and the ship's Captain may be going mad.

Larry Niven and Jerry Pournelle (where'd he come from . . . ?) seem to have written a winner: The Mote in God's Eye (Simon & Schuster, October, \$9.95!). It's the 4th Millennium, humans are traveling between the stars almost instantaneously, and wars of secession are destroying the old Empire. Then the Moties cruise quietly into Imperial space . . . and from that point on, it's pitched battles, contests of intellect, gadgetry, theology, politics, and lots of action!

This isn't sf, but for Chesley Bonestell fans (and we are legion), Chronicle Books has just published The Golden Era of the Missions: 1769-1834 (September, \$8.95/\$3.95 paper), by Bonestell and Paul Johnson. This recreation of California's mission period includes 22 of Bonestell's full-color paintings.

FINAL BULLETIN!!! Ace Books has acquired world distribution rights for posters (18" x 14") of Frank Frazetta's cover paintings for Ace. The stated price is \$3.00 per poster. They'll be issued in sets of four and there will (eventually) be 16 in the series. Huzzah!

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De Soto, Texas 75115

INFORMATION BUREAU REPORT (in lieu of a column this issue of TNFF)

Any member of the N3F (and non-members, to a limited extent) may make use of the Information Bureau merely by writing to me. No stamped envelope is necessary -- I'll reply by mail if time is important. Ask any question on any of four subjects -- the N3F, fandom, science fiction or fantasy. (If you can think of one question covering all four subjects go ahead.)

But please, don't ask a vague or general question like "What is Fandom?" (I don't know) or "Tell me all about the N3F." (I wouldn't dare.) Such overwhelming questions discourage me, and I'm liable to put off answering any of the questions until past the deadline, and thus miss an issue of TNFF.

So make it easy for me and ask specific questions that I can either answer or refer to the readership. I don't know all the answers, but we can work some of them out together.

-- Donald Franson.

EUGOS:

Best Novel: Rendezvous with Rama by Arthur C Clarke
Best Novella: "The Girl Who Was Plugged In" by James Tiptree, Jr
Best Novelette: "The Deathbird" by Harlan Ellison
Best Short Story: "The Ones who walk away from omelas" by LeGuin
Best Pro Editor: Ben Bova, Analog
Best Fan Artist: Tim Kirk Best Pro Artist: Frank Kelly Freas
Best fanzine: The Alien Critic tied with Algol
Best Dramatic Presentation: Sleeper; Best Fan Writer: Susan Wood

My Fellow Neffers, Ladies, Gentlemen, and Future Idiots, Greetings:

Yes, it is I, Mike Kring, your friendly neighborhood pervert, rumor monger, chrome wheel molester, and candidate for Directorate of the N3F. In this truly tight race, I have these few words to say in order to assure everyone I am the most logical choice for a Directorate Seat.

In these troubled times, when even Presidents can not stand up to pressure, isn't it reassuring for one of the Candidates to admit he will crumple under at the very first hint of pressure? Yes, I'm talking about me (my favorite subject), and only me. And I surely mean it.

My super brain must also be taken into account, since I am truly one of the greatest geniuses to ever admit it. I am truly a giant among pigmies, and if you ever ask me, I'll readily agree.

So, you must realize by now I am the only real choice for a Directorate Seat. I am the best, I admit it. I am also brave, honest, and a proficient liar. I will also lay to rest any rumors I may have started right now about how I do not really mean all that I have said. I mean every word. And make no mistake about that.

What more can you ask for?

Remember: A VOTE FOR ME IS A VOTE FOR ME!

Humourously yours,

Mike Kring

Mike Kring,
the only really
Different Choice
For Directorate.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTING

Please mark the blank next to the name or write in a name: if you write in a name, please make it legible so the teller can read it-- if you scribble you might as well not vote for him. Vote for one person for President and five people for Directorate

People who filed for Directorate Candidates:

Mike Kring_____
Gary Mattingly_____
John Robinson_____
Roy Tackett_____
George Wells_____

John Robinson reports that Frank Balazs & Ned Brooks are willing to be write in candidates, and he wants Leah A Zeldes to be elected too.

People who filed for President:

Stan Woolston_____

Don Markstein is a write-in candidate for President of the N3F. If elected, he promises to appoint a vice-president that everybody will like after they got so disgusted with my administration that they force me to resign.

This is not the ballot by the way.

Please fill out the ballot (on the next page) and send it to

Harry Warner Jr
423 Summit Ave
Eagerstown, MD
21740

and please mark your letter N3F ballot-- it will help Harry.

This will be mailed Oct 12, Any ballot not received by Harry by Nov 26 will not be counted. This is going first class and should give you more than a month to vote.

The deadline for the Dec TNFF is Dec 5, 1974.

(and please, don't send me your vote--it just delays things because I have to send it on to Harry--and you are giving the Post Office two chances to lose your ballot)

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I want to take this opportunity to extend my sincerest sympathies to Michael Hill upon the death of his mother, Alma Hill, on Oct. 6. We will all miss her.
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BALLOT, NFFF 1974 elections

Vote for five:

DIRECTORATE:

_____ Mike Kring

Writeins: _____

_____ Gary Mattingly

_____ John Robinson

_____ Roy Eckett

_____ George Wells

vote for one:

PRESIDENT:

_____ Stan Woolston

Writein: _____

Your name (please print) _____
so the teller knows who
has voted

Mail to:

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by Nov 26, 1974 for your vote to count.