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Football News: Michigan State University and Notre Dame had it out this Saturday; unfortunately for both schools, the score at the end of the game was 10-10, a tie. This news has grave consequences for fandom; if Notre Dame had won, Dave Van Arnam would have had enough money to buy a Fanoclast Clubhouse, or Something...

Amateur Publishing Association News: The 7th TAPA mailing took place 21 October, and had 39 pages. There are still openings, if you like small, frequent apas, and if you want in, send 20 copies of your crudzine to Mike Ward, 116 Broadway, Cambridge, Mass., 02142 together with a 9X12 envelope with about 20¢ postage on it. This seems to be the same arrangement apa L has for out-of-towners.

Speaking of apa L, the last mailing I saw (#108) was a mere 31 pages, which is kinda poor for an apa that had 95 page mailings every week only a year ago. I dropped out after 69 weeks in apa L, and presumably several others have. Whatever happens, I don't think apa L will be around for more than another six months or so...

The Cult is, if you'll pardon the expression, all screwed up. Norm Metcalf published a fake roster several mailings past, and the people on that roster seem to have started up their own version of the Cult, with the result that there are two Cults: the real one and the imitation hoax. However, the hoax is doing very well it seems, with the emphasis on discussion rather than petty bickering and name calling (remember the Eney-White and Boardman-Everyone stuff of years past?) and seems to be establishing itself slowly but surely. If you want in now without a long wait on a waitlist, send your letters to Mike McInerney, Apt. 5FW, 250 West 16th Street, New York, NY, 10011 by December 19th, 1966.

Our final apa News concerns TAPS, the Terrean Amateur Press ~~Ass~~Society. TAPS was founded by Arnie Katz and Len Bailes, and now it almost seems as if it will have strangled at the hands of Arnold Katz, boy fugghead. Katz is starting his own new apa, and has done a rousing job of attempting to kill TAPS off, even though there are some 15 other members who want to continue the apa. At the moment, he has released some sort of flier all about yhos Andy Porter. Unfortunately, I can't comment on this particular flier because I never received a copy. And that's Arnold Katz for you.

And that's Amateur Press Associations for you.

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Convention News: The PhillyCon was held this last weekend, November 12-13, at the Hotel Sylvania in Philadelphia. Attendance was put at about 150, with people in attendance from as far away as Boston, Baltimore, and Detroit (Dannie Plachta). Dirty Professionals in attendance included Tom Purdom, Lester del Rey, James Blish, L. Sprague de Camp, Robert Silverberg, Ted White, Dave Van Arnam (our very own Bouwerie Bhoys), Lin Carter, and a host of others (including Max Host and Fred Others). Topics ranged through the general course of the main theme of "SF And The Two Cultures," and the convention gained a little spontaneity when the two cultures were sort of defined as Male and Female. A spontaneous women's panel livened up the proceedings on Sunday, and the continuing panel (Ted White, Tom Burdom, Lester del Rey, and (substituting for Terry Carr) James Blish had a lively if somewhat long discussion on, among other things how to put one's hand down a woman's brassiere. The convention was fine family enter-

tainment, even if the hotel was full up with a Jugoslavian dance troupe and the Herbie Mann Quartet (the hotel seemed to cater mostly to show business types). The next convention on the East Coast will be the Open ESFA meeting March 5th, 1967.

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Lots More Stuff From Boston: Erwin Strauss has an idea for a mass mailings newsletter that would be published and distributed free every 3 or 4 months, to be paid for through advertisement. The MIT Club has a mass mailing permit, so if you want to receive the thing free send your name and address to Erwin Strauss, 116 Broadway, Cambridge, Mass., 02142.

Registration for Boskone four will be two smackeroos, and the Boston group is selling pre-registration memberships, evidently to provide some working capital before the actual convention starts. Anyway, you can send your greasy two dollars to Leslie Turek, 56 Linnaean Street (named after one of Van Vogt's books, no doubt), Cambridge, Mass., 02138.

Mike Ward sends all ~~the~~ of this stuff to me, so I suppose I'll simply quote the rest: "I am wondering what the desire would be for Fancycyclopedia III? I believe that the work force exists up here, and we have been talking about it off and on for a couple of years in Boston Fandom. If such a project were to be undertaken, however, we'd have to have a lot of advice and information from earlier fandoms speaking of events in which they took place. Those who might scoff should recall that the MITSFS put out the Index to SF Magazines,.."

The logical organization for such a project would be built around a fanzine devoted to fan history -- as a social phenomenon, and as a collection of personal reminiscences. The first few issues could be devoted to collecting and reprinting articles from other fanzines, as the first steps toward defining and circumscribing the regions of interest. Would there be any interest in such a fanzine? The main question is, are people interested in writing for it? This may be your chance to tell the real story about what happened at the Seacon, or why the ASFO died off, or what became of the Strangers Club, or what happened on the day Wally Webber blushed. Send your letters and other missives to me, Mike Ward, at 116 Broadway, Cambridge, Mass., 02142. Send them soon -- at this rate I'll be flunking out of the MIT Grad school in a couple of terms."

Other than that, Mike would like any information anyone can give him on the Strangers' Club in Boston; the rise, activities, and decline of the club, especially information on the three Boskones they put on.

Mike would further (this must be the special Boston issue of D!) like to pick up old issues of Fanac, Starspinkle, Skyrack, Axe, Rally, Focal Point, and Ratatosk (what about Degler! -- there must be over a hundred issues you don't have) and will even pay money for them. Foolish mortal he.

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"Arthur C Clarke was skindiving in the Lake & Tucker ate all the strawberries" -- LeeH
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A final note: if you're foolish enough to want to get sucked into the maelstrom that Boston Fandom seems to be, the MIT SF Society meets every Friday at 5 PM in room 1-236, MIT. Or you can call UN 4-7933 (Area Code 617) for information. They may even give you the track number of the next train for Nantucket if you ask nicely.

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