

GAFIA NEWS SHEET

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Do I hear a small voice off to the left asking "Whuffo another of these damn things?"? No? Could have sworn...well, anyway, it's a good question, and I may as well answer it. GAFIA Newsheet exists Because. No other good reason.

A voice which may well be kindred with that other small voice was asking me the other day what had happened to STELLAR. Well, STELLAR is still alive; it's just gone on a VARIOSO schedule, is all. #s 14 & 15 will be in your mailboxes before too long, I trust.

Ron Bennett (vote for him for TAFF) has put out another issue of PLOY, this time spoofing the cover of PLAYBOY. The letter column has a letter by Ellik in it, in which I come by some second-hand egoboo as it were. But Ron makes one error: the Buick I was driving (the Weiss Rak II) was not a 53--it was a 49. I don't know about how easy it is to sleep in such cars, since I am usually driving. I had no trouble in Pavlat's Ford coming back from last year's Midwestcon, though.

Speaking of cars, and Cons... I am now the proud owner of the Weiss Rak III--a modified XK120 Jaguar Coupe. I drove it to Baltimore last week, where I was the joint guest of John's Hitchcock & Magnus, and Joanne. The parkway had too much traffic for me to really open the car up, but it cruised smoothly at over an indicated 100 mph, and there was a feeling of absolute control at all times. I hope to drive the WRIII to both the Midwestcon and South Gate.

Speaking perifically of PLAYBOY as we were a moment ago, Fred von Bernewitz forwards this note from VARIETY: "(This should interest you; concerns the Playmate you have on your wall) 'Charges against Hugh Hefner, publisher of Playboy mag, of contributing to the delinquency of a minor were dismissed last week, while the teenage girl who allowed herself to be photographed nude for the magazine was sentenced to 15 days in Cook County Jail for contempt of court. The girl, Elizabeth Ann Roberts, refused to answer questions about her age. ## Illinois state had brought charges against Hefner and the girl's mother, Mrs. Cathy Darnell, who professes to be a nightclub entertainer, when detectives received information that the girl was only 16 at the time the photo was made. Hefner stated that he was informed the girl was 18.'" 'All the news...', that's our motto...

NEWS OF FAKEFANS: Larry Stark forwards "Dave (English) has moved. If you care to get in touch with him, the new address is 100 Poplar St. (3rd floor), Boston, Mass. The wife and small Daniel are there with him, too, and though they seem to have no hot water, and still have no refrigerator, they're making out more or less well." Which I am glad to hear. Looks like Boston is becoming a new fan center, what with Dave, and now Eney is talking of moving up there too.

The first issue of FANDOM'S BURDEN arrived the other day, and recalled memories of the skullduggery at New York. Interesting to note that it has taken two years to break the secrecy which surrounded that con's scandals. I'm with you, Nick & Noreen!

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