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PYRANID, F&SF, IRWIN ALLEN PRODUCTIONS SPONSOR MAJOR SCIENCE FICTION CONTEST: Pyramid Books,

the Magazine of Fantasy & Science Fiction, and Irwin Allen (Kent Productions, Inc) are sponsoring a major new science fiction contest, the first since the Galaxy-Simon and Schuster sponsored contest of the early 1950's. A press release from Pyramid Books contains the following information: Pyramid will award the winning novel \$1000 in prize money plus a publication contract of \$1500 for a total of \$2500. F&SF will award a cash prize of \$500 plus a serialization publication contract of \$1000 for a total of \$1500. Kent Productions will pay a fee of \$1000 for a one-year option-to-purchase, for an additional \$4000, all rights save certain rublishing rights to the novel. Thus the initial prize will be \$5000; should the book be accepted by Kent, the winner will receive a total of \$9000, plus any royalties from Pyramid that the book may get.

The contest is open to all professional of writers; all entries must be between 40,000 and 70,000 words, typed double spaced, in normal professional form. All entries must be submitted by November 15th, 1967, and the winner will be announced by December 20th, 1967. The Judges will be Donald R. Bensen, Editor of Pyramid Books; Edward L. Ferman, Editor of F&SF; and Irwin Allen, Vice-President of Kent Productions, Inc. The address for information or submission of entries is:

SCIENCE FICTION AWARD

Pyramid Publications, Inc.
444 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y., 10022

The first such science fiction contest, held more than 15 years ago, had absolutely no submissions. The winning novel was written by Frederik Pohl and Lester del Rey, under the pseudonym of Edson McCann, in the space of several days. The novel, <u>Preferred Risk</u>, is concerned with Cryonics in a society where the insurance companies have Taken Over. It was published in paperback by Dell in 1962.

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TERRY CARR DEPT.: Terry Carr has signed contracts for two anthologies: World's Best Science Fiction: 1968 and New Worlds of Fantasy (or perhaps that should be Impulsive New Worlds of Science Fantasy...). Forld's Best SF: 1968 will be coedited by Donald Wollheim, and will be over 125,000 words in length. New Worlds Of Fantasy will reprint previously unanthologized fantasy stories of the past several years, and will probably be published in ovember.

Australian Science Fiction Review: I am American Agent for this fanzine (nominated for the Fan Achievement Award); it is available at \$2 for five issues. Checks may be made payable to myself, Andrew Porter.

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HATATOSK: ON AGAIN, OFF AGAIN, FINNEGAN: Ratatosk, a bi-weekly newszine formerly published by Bruce Pelz, has died for the third time in the past six months. It's first death occurred in November; it saw one issue in January, and then two issues in April. No further issues have been received since then, so it must be assumed that it's once again folded. Or Naybe Not...

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ALATEUR PRESS .S.OCI.ITONS: The 119th mailing of the Fantasy Amateur Press Associattion contained 2362 pages, with the largest zines in the mailing being Jack Speer's Synapse (26 pp.) and Horizons 110 by Harry Marner (24 pp.). Dropped from Membership was George Locke, activity. New member was Don Fitch. The waiting-list (ah yes, the waiting-list...) was down to only 54, with Roy Tackett heading the list and John Bangsund bringing up the rear.

The 30th Terrean of the Terrean Amateur Press Society (TAPS) was only 13 pages. Dropped from mebership were Elliot Shorter, rich brown, Milton Stevens, and Rich Mann (activity), Jerry Ljung (resigned) and Lord Triffid III (failure to tell the membership his real name...). Advanced to membership were Marl Evers, Tom Bulmer, and Dwain Kaiser. This is the last month I'll be reporting on TAPS; I resigned two days ago... The waiting-list stands now at 1.

BALLANTINE TO PUSH ERB AGAIN THIS SURMEN: Ballantine Books will re-issue all ten Barsoom books this July, and will couple the re-release with an attractive ad and promotion campaign. Posters include an attractive letter-size, heavy stock poster of all ten Barsoom covers, with the blurb "Back in Stock! Edgar Rice Burroughs' Famous Nars Books" The reverse side includes the information that the Barsoom books have sold more than 2,000,000 copies in Ballantine editions alone.

Robert Block spike on the tradition of the Gothic novel at the February 21st Initiation and Dinner Weeting of Beta Chapter, Beta Phi Mu, the National Library Honor Society, at the University of Southern California.

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Metcalf was hit by a hit-and-run driver while riding his bicycle on May 20th, in Berkeley, California. Letcalf was hit by a young woman driving a red WW the wrong way down a one-way street. Metcalf, who was thrown against the brick wall of the corner building, suffered numerous bruises and a broken collarbone.

Isaac Asimov has an article ("Future Fun") in the current issue (#6) of <u>Lithopinion</u>, which is published by Local One of the Amalgamated Lithographers of America. The current issue, which seems to be aimed at the high-brow printer, also features the artwork of Noel Sickles, who used to do Scorchy Smith in the newspapers. (thanks, Redd Boggs, John L. Robinson, Bill Donaho and Frank Wilimczyk!)

THESE SUBSCRIBERS FUST RENEW INTEDIATELY: Darrell Pardoe, Alex Panshin, JT Mansfield.