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And, yes, it is great to have the best Chinese food in all of Cincinnati right down at the end of the street. Last time I paid attention, they had their walls papered with all the good newspaper and magazine reviews they'd received. But, next time you're here, we know a good restaurant which has more than a token vegetarian

selection, and I think we should journey out for that. Of course, if you get your taste buds aligned for China Food and nothing can divert you, that's more than okay, too...

### **Roy Tackett**

I appreciated the opportunity to be in your 100<sup>th</sup> DYNATRON, especially as a few months ago I thought you were only on issue #69... You published your first issue just a few months before I got into fandom, and I've been reading it for as long as I can remember receiving fanzines. You've published some very interesting and/or provocative pieces, but the zine aside it has always been your own writing which has made DYNATRON one of my favorites. For over 30 years now. Have I ever thanked you for that, sir? I do thank you.

As an added esotericism (did you see Bowers' ears perk up?), I see that I'm on your cover, too. That logo was from the '70s, right? If it isn't mine, I'm going style-blind.

### **Dave Wixon**

The Reds. That's our local, uh, baseball team? Yes, right, I'm pretty sure that's baseball. Had a gum-chewer who Dennis Miller described as having the worst haircut in the history of the universe. Yes, okay, the Reds. What about them, now?

Well, now, Dave, there are people who can get away with calling me an asshole and then there are people who can't. Most of those who could are dead now, though I hasten to add that I had nothing to do with it and, besides, I felt sorry afterwards.

You have to understand that my distaste for winter has to do with a dislike for actually being outside and wading about in it. On an esthetic level I can see snow as nature's blanket to cover, and momentarily give a respite from, the sins of humanity. Nothing makes a city look better than a good, thick layer of snow (at first; soon it's pushed aside in piles which look filthier than anything else around). Give me a roaring fire and a large picture window and there's little I like better than looking at a good snowfall. Give me a door which goes outside, and I don't like it.

When I want to read wordwhipping of literary merit I'll go pick up something by Carl Hiaasen or Joe Wambaugh or Edward Whittemore or Charles Willeford or whoever else turns me on that way. In fanwriting the common denominator is whether or not you display an effective knack for communicating who you are and your outlook on things, and then in how interesting you can be about it. Doesn't exclude literary merit, but need not approach it. I'll read anything by, for two examples, Roy Tackett and Denny Lien, and almost always get a charge out of it, and there isn't anyone going to call their writing (or mine, or yours, or, or, or) literary. Not necessary to be literary to have appeal, and appeal is enough. Without it, no one reads you and few will give a damn about any stapled set of printed paper that you give to them.

Don't know whether or not you're an underachiever, but I do know that we can thank underachievers for some of our very best literary achievements...

### **Dean Grennell**

Let's see. First I confuse Roy's zine with Suzi's, and now I confuse your zine with Suzi's. That was your name instead of hers on the last OO where I noted who owed activity. I blame the new word processor, which apparently accessed the wrong file. Can't trust these damn machines, you know. Suzi got so puzzled as to why her name just wasn't anywhere on the OO that she called to ask how come. It's all very embarrassing, apologies to everyone, and I consider this just another good reason to impeach the OE.

Thanks for telling me how Beano works. Just a couple of hours ago I saw my

first ad for the stuff (out here, in Walgreens, the big drugstore chain). I don't eat all that many beans, but maybe I should buy a case of the stuff and drink it like soda.

#### **Jodie Offutt**

Freshman English. There's a cross-section of humanity for you. Glad you're enjoying it.

What's today's dogma on the use of quotation marks? Specifically, is it supposed to be a good or a bad thing to include punctuation which isn't a part of the quote?

At work I hung up my usual Christmas decoration: Two capital letter "L"s, each inside a circle with a line drawn through. Noel, noel.

#### **D. Gary Grady**

Amusing tale of your auto accident. I won't tell you mine, as it happened back when I was a teenager. Well, all right, this much: the other car ran full-tilt boogie into the driver's side of my car. Fortunately this was before seat-belts. At the last instant I threw myself over to the passenger side and escaped all injury, which is more than I can say for the seat I had just vacated.

"AIR BAG." "Gas hog!!" Reminds me of those faucets which have one water temperature control: "PUSH OFF." How rude.

#### **Lon Atkins**

Fear. Fear of being the only one absent from a gala anniversary mailing. Well, there were five misses and I think the only way we will have perfect attendance is to throw everyone off the roster and allow anyone back in ~~who~~ who contributes. It's errant thoughts like this which serve only to fuel the impeachment movement (which, thus far, I haven't been successful in promoting).

Marijuana growing is a native American industry, but that's still illegal. Well, the Bush administration has never been noted for letting truth get in the way of a good story. Read my lips. White man speak with forked tongue. George is a little slow, too, wouldn't you say? Took him six months of denial to admit that, okay, maybe we have a bit of recession going in this country. Probably saw a food line in Russia and thought, nah, we're okay.

Cuomo is definitely the best communicator and thinker I've ever seen in government. If he ever runs amok with an assault rifle I'd like to think that his targets won't be indiscriminate...

#### **Danny MacCallum**

Did you see the episode of NORTHERN EXPOSURE about a fellow who was found frozen in the ice?

There have been many coedited fanzines, and a few that have or had a half-dozen or more editors. The beauty of it includes being able to farm out the work on a who-hates-it-least basis.

Nothing wrong with your layout. Looks just fine. Clean and uncluttered. And two columns is a good idea with that typesize.

#### **Bill Bowers**

Hey, I don't yell at people. I save that for the cat. And for dogs without leashes in Eden Park where I spend noon-hours. Speaking of which, I'm going to run the last two pages of my OUTWORLDS column here. It will be new to most. Copied from the original manuscript (without all those typos; damn, no crossouts on this word processor!).

I don't think any adult should get a pet for another adult. Too subjective a judgement when choosing one for yourself. But then, I feel the same way about things like men's ties...

I'm not quite positive who it was, in Apanage, who mentioned being allergic to cats and obtaining another one. Said that was what allergy injections were for. As I doubt the medication has any cumulative effect against an allergic reaction, I tend to think your body chemistry is changing. I used to have an allergic reaction to dogs. Now I just don't much like them...

**Marty Helgesen**

Almost got over my head with that one. Took me a few seconds to figure out why it was appropriate for a con in Colorado Springs to be named after a bird.

Wasn't me who coined "dog-vomit yellow" as the traditional color of YANDRO. I think it was ... Denny Lien ...? The memory dims.

Enough for a short month. Well, almost enough. Following this is the last two pages of my **ginzi** OUTWORLDS column (Close Enough For Fanwriting), as mentioned in my comment to Bill. See you all in April, which I hear is a taller month.