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This will be my last attempt to clear up the presently confused situation; I'm wondering, just now, why I bother. I'm married now, and somehow SAPS seems at times a little remote -- so why am I bothering with a SAPS race for which I'm no longer running?

No one seems to know which "Speleobem"s are to be taken seriously — and the latest asinine entry in this sweepstakes doesn't even have a title. What's worse, I did not receive this publication directly, nor did any other Los Angeles fan except Phil Castore. So it's taken me a while to get around to correcting false impressions, since Phil assumed this was further retribution for publishing the fake Speleobem 22.2. The sheet gained a further air of authenticity since a) it was signed (of course, a signature is easily traceable); b) it contained my seal. But, for ghod's sake, Phil! You were with the group which helped put out the last I Palintir, and you at least should know who does have that seal — I'm also sure you heard me, for the last two LASFS meetings, tell the Blob that I wanted it back.

There are many obvious mistakes in this poorly dittoed little mess. First of all, it is dittoed, and I'm sure many of you with eagle eyes and memories (hi Norm, hi Welt;) will recall my statement in mlg. 65: that I'd be doing no more dittoed publications (with the exception of an occasional cover).

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Secondly, while I'm sure Light the perpetrator has gained a good deal of secret pleasure from his characterization of me as a raving fugghead, I hope no one in SAPS thinks I'd be fuggheaded enough to do something like this. Rule 5, sentence 1, may well allow me this sort of power, but we all have Coswal's Example to look back upon (Walter Coslet tried to make a number of sweeping changes, like wide-open membership, when he became OE -- and the next thing he knew, he wasn't OE anymore).

Next, this thing is untitled, and though that may not be in itself a giveaway (how many people -- the perpetrator included -- know it's a matter of policy with me always to title a publication?), the fact that as an Incunebulous publication it has a half-number should be. Although I may half-number, say, a Speleobem, the Incunebulous number represents the total number of my publications at that point, and for me to half-number that would be ridiculous.

Lastly, and most obviously, I would not blame Phil Castora for the past four (my three plus his) Speleobems since, in their totality, they put Castora down. In other words, if they were fakes, they'd hardly be attributable to Castora, of all people.

Enough of that. I reaffirm my non-candidacy; if you will accept that on face value, please do so. If not, vote for Bruce Pelz for OE and see your vote wasted. (My only reply to Dick Schultz' little sheet is: Or vote for Schultz or Foyster if you want the same result.)

Ted Johnstone pointed out to me that naming Brown and Castora 'good' candidates seemed inconsistant with what I was saying about them in Speleobem 22. Obviously, I'm going to take a different point of view when I'm running against them for office than I am after I've dropped out — that's part of the SAPS tradition.

I do agree with one point in that dittoed sheet. I am getting tired of putting these things out every other day or so. (As a matter of fact, I've spent more time, effort and money in non-campaigning this time than I ever have in campaigning for myself.) Enough is enough. This is the last thing you will be receiving from me, absolutely — if anything follows, it's probably a fraud.

Typer, for the last time, courtesy UCLA Library Catalog Department

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