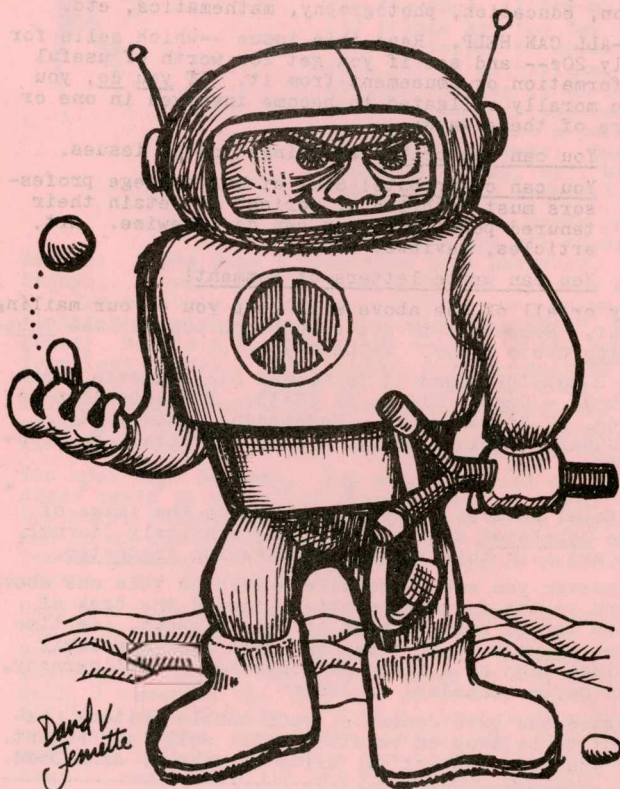


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Maryjane Urban: get well soon!

EDITORIAL

Welcome to another edition of the Tabebuian. Special welcome to Weird Tales collectors who are receiving Tab as a premium. Another special welcome to members of Mensa, who are receiving this as a group for the first time.

Important question! What is the Tabebuian all about? The Tabebuian is the official publication of the Tabebuian Society which has members all over the world, including Australia. We cover and discuss whatever seems of most interest or importance as we go to press especially in the areas of science fiction, education, photography, mathematics, etc.

YU-ALL CAN HELP. Read this issue --which sells for only 20¢-- and see if you get 20¢ worth of useful information or amusement from it. If you do, you are morally obligated to become involved in one or more of these ways:

1. You can subscribe! \$3 brings you 15 issues.
2. You can contribute! Some of our college professors must "publish or perish" to retain their tenured positions; you can do likewise. Art, articles, reviews, etc.
3. You can write letters of comment!

Any or all of the above will keep you on our mailing list. Remember, to distribute and publish the Tabebuian costs money. We need you...

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Special notice: in order to enhance the image of the Tabebuian as a high-ranking scholarly journal, we are --in this issue-- introducing footnotes.

Whenever you see a footnote --such as this one above-- turn to the footnote section, toward the back of this issue, and see what it is all about. As time goes by we hope to offer you even more scholarly things such as a Table of Contents, a Bibliography, and maybe (someday) an Index!

Mardee and Dave Jenrette, your humble editors, expect to be away on vacation until well into August. If you must contact us, write in care of Alan Dodd.

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Season's Greetings

by Jodie Offutt ³



Today is May 25, 1974, exactly 5 months since Xmas. Or 7 months until, depending on whether you live in the past or in the future.

You want to know how to put things in a somewhat different perspective? Go thru your Xmas cards 5 months after the fact. (I try not to let things get too far behind. A couple of weeks ago in a fit of enthusiasm, I cleaned out the linen closet; way back in the back of one shelf I found a pair of plastic baby pants. Our youngest, Missy, will be 10 years old this summer.)

I look at these cards and think, Who are all these

people. I was sure I knew them last December. Penny... I can think of 2 or 3 Pennys. Jim and Ann M. Jim scribble. Barbara, scribble, and Shawn. (I think they're cousins, but mine or andy's?) Good grief! Here's a birthday card to one of the boys from last August. Dave, Libby, & kids--must be an old frat brother. Doris S---- I have no idea. THE PAT WILLIAMS--that's not even good grammar, who cares who they are. Janet, Jeff, Jodi, & Jaime, a nice alliterative family, wherever they may be.

You know what happens. You get your list out and address cards to a host of people --school chums, frat brothers, relatives, co-workers from years past-- and in so doing you become familiar with their names. You've just put yourself through a quick refresher course. But 5 or 6 months later...

Here's a note from Dave and Carol: "sure enjoyed being with you all last summer--hope we can do it again soon." (Hmmm!) Jane, Bernie, Jimmy, Johnny, and Bobbie.(?) Here's one with 9 names on the card--well, I remember who they are at least. John, Judy & Tribe. Could Tribe be a dog? Some people do that, you know. Jane, Joe, Debra, Gwynn; Ann, Ted, Leslie, and Doug. Those took me a minute but I finally figured it out. Mary Ann and Mitch, Joe and Mary Ann..■

The puzzled Jodie Offutt fades from the screen

THE FOOD FOR THOUGHT RESTAURANT⁴
(Table d'Hote or A La Descartes)

APPETIZERS

Chicken Nietzsche Soup * Hegel with Lockes *
James Juice * Niels Bohrscht * Chopped Chicken Livy *
Kanteloupe * Stewed Proust * Hillaire Belly Lox *
Antipicasso * Bartlett's Familiar Pears

ENTREES

Alfred Lord Venison * Keats Lorraine * Jack London
Broil * Broiled Lobster Thales * Sweet & Sartre
Chicken * Steak & Kinsey Pie * Pascal Lamb
(Sunday only) * Spinoza Cheese Pie * Wor Shu
Oppenheimer * Kentucky Fried Dickens * Pheasant
Unter Grass * Blue Plato Special * Shakespeare,
Lettuce, and Tomato on Toast.

(All of the above served with choice of potato--
Boyled, Blaked, French Freud, or Hume Fries--
B. Russell Sprouts, and Alfred North Whitebread.)

SPECIAL SALADS

Avogadro Salad * Hearts of Archimedes Salad *
Marquis de Salade.

(Hoyle and Wigner dressing -- 35¢ extra)

BEVERAGES

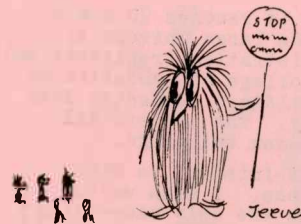
Margaret Mead * Malthus Milk * Galileo Hearty
Burgundy * Choice of Socra Teas * Hot Rum Ptolemy

DESSERTS

Charlotte Rousseau * Ezra Pound Cake * Marxipan *
Camusbert Cheese * Engelsfood Cake * Frisch
Fruits (in season) * Lenin Meringue Pie *
Assortment of Wines and Jesus * Goedel's Pudding
(The proof is in the pudding).

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Now would all of you Tabebuians please settle down
for a while. Stop branching out; grow roots.



SNAFU¹⁰

by Mardee Sue Jenrette

Right now I'm on a 6-week study leave. No, that's not a synonym for vacation; that means excused from duties at the college to learn something that will benefit both of us ultimately. To fulfill requirements: become a fulltime grad student for one quarter. OK, we'll play. Off go JIM PITISCI, MARITZA (PEREZ) GAIQUI, and I, fresh, enthusiastic, creativity barely in check (remember this... It'll be funny later), to a wellknown S. Florida University.

It's a week before registration, but we want to set things up correctly now, so we won't have a hassle later (ah, sweet innocence). We leave with promises from 2 professors of 5 credits each of 690 Sociology and 690 Education for 2 independent study projects we're to develop. All we have to do is report to one prof's office on registration day and he'll work us through the whole deal. Fadeout.

Fade in, on R-day. Jim's off honeymooning, so it's up to Maritza and me. We're both rather cheerful as we prepare to take off. We estimate an hour to drive in each direction, 1 1/2 hr. to register (file this away for later, too.). It is 9 a.m. so I tell David and the girls in the office we'll be back about 1 p.m. (ditto!) And now to the main theme:

- How to become half a graduate student, or
- It is possible to walk 5 miles on platform shoes without breaking anything, or
- Under duress even sweet little Maritza Perez has a foul mouth, or
- 99% of the people are intentionally out to screw you and the other 1% do it by accident.



It started out with our friendly "just-leave-it-to-me-I'll-walk-you-thru-the-whole-thing" prof. being in Tallahassee. Never mind our reactions to that, just keep 2 things in mind for the following: (1) at this time of

year in Florida on a sunny day it reaches 90 humid degrees. It was sunny. (2) The large university campus is bounded by the administration (registration) building on one hand and the college of education on the other. Those are the 2 buildings we had to deal with. Constantly. Alternately. The letters XXX will indicate each transit between buildings.

We did find a colleague of prof-friendly to sign course authorization in his place. I wish we'd known at the time that that was the only nice thing that was to occur all day; we'd have made a bigger fuss over it. He directed us to dept chairman for final signature. XXX.

Wait one (1) hour in outer office. She reads over our proposal and decides it doesn't sound like what friendly prof in our brief encounter the week before said it would be. She needs to talk to him (remember, he's in Tallahassee). Well, in that case, the title of the project sounds like counseling. Maybe their department chairman will take it. She calls. He's in Miami (we're not). Try later. XXX.

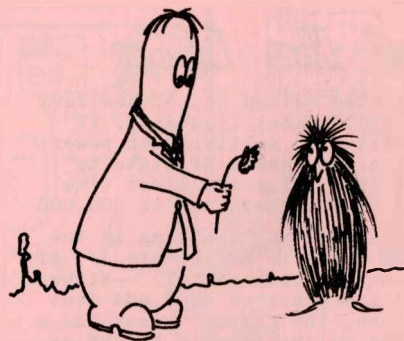
Sign up with other prof for SOC 690. Although he seemed great last week, now he decides to play on our paranoia. He won't look at our proposal, just wants a "progress report in 6 weeks". Showing what? Whatever we have at that time, of course. Well, he takes us at least. XXX. Other dept chairman still not on campus. Registration closed for lunch. XXX.

We kill an hour. XXX. We're here. And Chairman #1 tells us he'll take our project if we change a few words of the proposal. XXX.

No, he won't. Doesn't know friendly prof and doesn't want to know him (direct quote, here) and anyway won't work across departmental lines. Why didn't friendly prof's own dept. chairman sign? Well, how the hell do we know? (A little viciousness emerged here, folks) XXX. Gone for the day (Friday, you know). XXX.

We're ready to throw ourselves on the mercy of dept. chairman #2. He says he'll take us if one of his people will direct the project. Cute catch: we visit all his people. They say they're too snowed under and he won't let them take on any more students. (Maritza starts making noise about our getting the run-around. I pray she doesn't get abusive before we at least get off with our one course.) XXX.

We're going to pay for SOC 690 and split. Maritza's packet is stamped Grad Student in Education. She's taking only a course in Soc. She must get Education's approval. XXX. Dean's signature. Meet Dept Chairman #1 in hall. She hopes we haven't been inconvenienced. Perhaps we could return during the add/drop period



and try some other avenue? Now I'm afraid I'll become abusive. XXX. Pays \$100. We got here at 10 a.m. It's 3:30 p.m. With only an hour off we have been able to sign up for one course. There must be all of 50 people registering with us. I wonder how they're doing?

(This university is known to be really hurting for students.

Well, today they threw away 3 grad courses @ \$100 which comes to \$300.)

It's Monday now. The office just called to say that friendly prof called long distance from the university. Would we please call him? No, we won't.

MIKE GLICKSOHN WRITES "Right now the thing that keeps me from being the greatest new writer in the SF field is a combination of lack of time to write and a lack of ideas to write about. Thus the articles on getting ideas were exactly what I'm interested in... I'll keep this issue of TAB aside (TABEUIAN-13) so that if I ever do sit down to try and write a story I'll have it handy as a reference guide." 11

BOOK REVIEW: This is ersatz-Tarzan by Otis Adelbert Kline originally copyright in JAN IN INDIA 1935 and now reprinted in a \$3.50 paperback by Fictioneer Books, Ltd., Lakemont, GA. 30552; intro and glossary by David Anthony Kraft; art by Steve Leialoha. I read this to see if it was as bad as I suspected it might be.¹² For the Kline collectors this is a book worth having.

CONTEST WINNERS! Joe Green and Joan Armand won last issue's fabulous contest. Contest question #1 was "What comparison can be made between a man's testicles and the end of his penis?" Joe's winning entry: "There is a vas deferens between a man's glands and his glans." Contest question #2 was: "What does a sweet young girl say to a man whose fly is open?" Joan's winning entry: "X Y Z!" 13

Joe and Joan are being awarded all expense paid trips to Hialeah, Fla. or Merritt Island, Fla., whichever is closest to the respective winners!!

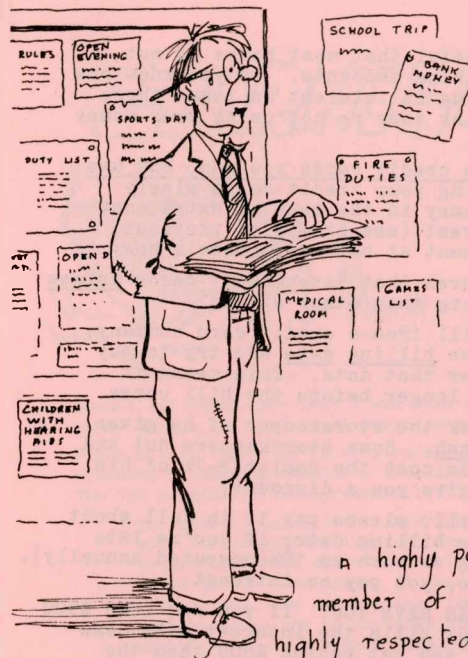
Friends of the Poor

Last month, the Consolidated Edison Co. of New York announced that due to insufficient liquidity, it would be unable to complete two multimillion power plants under construction, and asked NY state to take them over (which it did). For the first time since 1885, Con Ed paid no dividends to its 300,000 stockholders. This situation has been long in the making. Overburdened by taxes to NYC (where 1/3 of the population is now on the public payroll -- either on welfare or in govt.) and shackled hand and foot by a myriad of regulations, the company presented a ready target to be kicked in the stomach by the environmentalists. It was forced to burn the most expensive type of fuel (low-sulfur oil) without adequate compensation; it was sued and sued again when it tried to go nuclear; and it was sued again when it was unable to supply enough power in the peak hours during heat waves. By this time the environmentalists had forgotten that they were supposed to be in the business of clean air and water, for they sued yet again when Con Ed attempted to build hydro-electric pumped storage plants. Reckless demagogues exhorted people not to pay their electric bills, or to pay them late; and the politicians chipped in with legislation that in most cases prevented Con Ed from cutting off the power to those who did so.

Now that Con Ed has been battered to its knees, the inevitable will follow. "You see?" a crowd of college-educated illiterates will say, "private enterprise can't do the job anymore; the energy industry must be nationalized. Power to the people!" Perhaps the most sickening aspect of it all is the hypocrisy with which this mob of affluent snobs masquerades as friends of the poor. They can no longer set themselves apart from the rest of the people by hiring colored maids, but they can retain the gap by denying others what their own affluence is due to -- economic growth, technology, electric power, among other things. Willy-nilly, the environmental movement has become the ideal vehicle for their attitude. (How many chapters does the Sierra Club have in Harlem?)

These affluent malcontents on their corporation-baiting binges have not only fleeced 300,000 Con Ed stockholders, most of whom are people of modest means. When the power gives out, the first in line for suffering will be the poor and the minorities, about whom the Madcliffe girls in the suburbs are so sanctimoniously preaching heart-breaking sermons... ■

The above is a quote from ACCESS TO ENERGY, a newsletter available from Petr Beckmann, Box 2293, Boulder, CO 80302 at \$6/year. A different drummer.



MONEY!

by David V. Jenrette

As you know, as a group, we in education, we teachers, are probably better off than any other group in America today.

It is not because we make more money; we don't. It is because we take advantage of our financial system and use to to our own advantage, like Kung Fu. For the second time anywhere, here's how:

1. Avoid spending money. Just do not do it.
2. If you must spend money,

then spend on something that is an investment and gives you pleasure at the same time. Buying a home is a good investment and gives you pleasure at the same time. Warning: there are some land investment deals in Florida (and elsewhere) that are mostly money traps. Example: you pay \$100/month on undeveloped property as an "investment"; you buy this from a developer, but why is he selling it? Because he knows that there is practically no chance of any thing being built on it for some time and he needs the money which you (sucker!) provide. You discover also, that you are not really buying the land, but only the right to buy the land; also, you discover you can't build or make much use of the land; all you can do is make those monthly payments and hope someday the land will be sold and you will make a profit. Lotsa luck.

3. Get a checking account that is free and pays you interest on your balance. I have two of these and my sons each have one. Write Home Savings Bank, 69 Tremont St., Boston, MA 02108. See what it's like to have more money in the bank each month than you thought you had.

I think it's disgraceful that most banks do not pay interest on checking accounts. Do you know how much banks are getting in interest on loans these days? And don't think they're not using your money when it's deposited.

4. Get all the free credit cards you can, BUT use them wisely. By using your credit cards wisely you can have your money in the bank an extra month or two earning interest (see item 3 on previous page) and delay payment at no cost. Here's how:

- don't shop in stores that have credit cards unless they charge no more than other stores.
- when you get a bill from a credit card company, make a note of the billing date and try to buy things on or after that date. This means it will be that much longer before the bill comes.
- when you shop, ask the storekeeper if he gives a discount for cash. Some storekeepers do! And since credit cards cost the dealer 3-7% of his sale, he should give you a discount!
- when you get a bill, please pay it in full about a week before the billing date; if you're late you end up paying as much as 18% (computed annually). If you're on time, you pay no interest.

HOW MUCH CAN ALL THIS SAVE YOU? If you can keep \$500 a month ahead of your bills the interest will come up to \$25/year. If you get behind \$500 then the interest costs you \$90 (at 18%). If you subtract good management (+\$25) and bad (-\$90) there's a \$115 difference which is 23% of the \$500 being spent. And you can get that 23% difference just by careful management which costs you nothing... ■

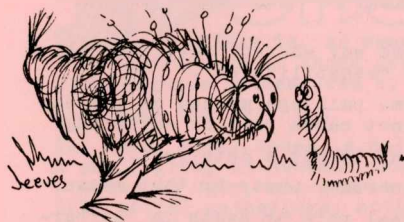
GAZPACHO SOUP (Recipe of the Month) by Rusty Jenrette⁵

1 No. 10 can Sacramento tomato juice * ½ pkg onion soup mix *
2 large cubed cucumbers * 2 tsp chopped parsley * 2 large
cubed tomatoes * 2 tbsp olive oil * 1 large chopped green
pepper * 1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce * ½ tsp MSG *
½ cup wine vinegar * ½ tsp garlic powder * ½ cup white vinegar *
½ tsp celery salt * ½ cup sherry wine * ½ tsp salt * 3 dashes
Tabasco Sauce * 10 turns of freshly ground pepper.

Add onion soup mix and parsley to juice and stir well; mix seasonings with fork, add to juice and mix; mix oil, vinegars, wine, Tabasco and Worcestershire, add to juice mix, and stir; mix tomato, cucumber, and green pepper in blender and stir into juice mix. Chill 4 hours before serving; serves 8. This recipe takes some work (and ingredients) but it is guaranteed to be appreciated.⁶

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LEARNING ?



Remember the article on "Cognitive Mapping"?⁷ I asked the Powers at Miami-Dade Community College (North) if I might spend some time working on that whole range of ideas and they said "yes". Publication of that first article brought in so much re-

sponse and commentary that I was able to include those ideas in my design; so, in a real sense, many of you have contributed.⁸

First of all, there is in existence, Cognitive Style Mapping, produced by Oakland Community College: Bloomfield Hills, Mich. The OCC program is incomprehensible.^{8a} Sample below:

The Educational Sciences provide a conceptual framework and scientific language for the applied field of educational that approach the level of precision found in such derivative fields as medicine, pharmacy, engineering, law and nursing. Articulation of problems and phenomena now become possible in terms of the "sciences", and, as a result, inadequate communication and resultant misinterpretation and fragmentation in the field of education are alleviated.⁹

My goal is to prepare a questionnaire which lets each student (and each participating instructor) determine his/her teaching/learning style. In other words, the questionnaire will help you determine what and how you learn best. A student could use this to help his studies or help him best select his instructor. An instructor could use this to help students best.

Right now, I see a person's learning style as having at least some of the following aspects:

- Individual interests -- are you most interested in persons, processes, or things? Or a combination? This may be why you can name every novel Edgar Rice Burroughs ever wrote, but can't remember who you met 5 minutes ago.
- Attention span and pacing -- What time block is best for you?
- Best learning media -- reading? listening? movies? What?
- Need for directive or non-directive situation -- do you work best alone? closely supervised? in groups?
- Ability to absorb facts -- some memory work often needed.
- Ability to organize informations -- ability to generalize.
- Ability to function with distractions or nonrelevancies.

I'm betting that if I know the above about my students that I can help them to help themselves more productively. If you have any ideas for questions that will bring this sort of thing out most directly, please contact me. I'm listening... or reading... or perhaps looking. ■

REPORTS FROM TABEBUAIANS AROUND THE WORLD

THE PROBLEM OF CRIME
L. Sprague de Camp

Crime, alas, won't abate while most Americans subscribe to certain beliefs, such as:

- that criminals are "sick" or "abnormal" persons who can be cured.
 - that there must be some way whereby they can reliably be "reformed" or "rehabilitated".
 - that there must be some painless method of law enforcement which will not cause pain or suffering.
 - that fear of punishment is not a deterrent.
 - that human life is "sacred", whatever that means.
 - that inflicting physical pain or death is "Barbarous" and to be avoided at all costs.
 - that one can effectively enforce laws and at the same time indulge the Judaeo-Christian virtues of mercy, compassion, and forgiveness.
 - that it is possible effectively to enforce laws that allow wide discretion and therefore inconsistency on the part of judges, or that take "extenuating circumstances" into account.
 - and that one can effectively enforce laws without the risk of occasionally punishing the wrong person.
- As far as my own limited observation goes, these assumptions are simply dead wrong. ¹⁵

50 YEARS AGO TODAY
Gregory Benford

Charles Fort was born in Midwich, England, at the height of a thunderstorm in which frogs and oysters were observed to fall from the sky. Later in the same day Fort's father was observed to walk around a horse and disappear. He was accompanied by the family's 21-year-old upstairs maid at the time. (Fort later became author of a famous series of gardening books.) ¹⁶

ETERNITY SF

Stephen Gregg, ETERNITY SF editor, has complained about our review of his magazine. You're probably right in your reactions, Steve, but we're sticking to our narrowminded attitude about amateur publications publishing amateur fiction because the amateur zines: (1) accept --in some cases-- material of lesser quality than the author can do; (2) are no real source of pride of publication; (3) fanzines will sometimes reject quality material and discourage a person unnecessarily (See Mike Glicksohn's letter in this issue); and (4) using a good quality item for free is cheating the author. ¹⁷

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MIAMI Mensa

A report by
David V.
Jenrette

MENSA is, as many of you know, an organization of those persons in the top 2% of intelligence as measured by a suitable IQ test.

Good news and bad news:

BAD NEWS: Miami Mensa is dull, deadly, and dumb. A small group of Mensans run the organization and produce an ugly, unreadable newsletter; extremely dull social gatherings; activities which exclude other members; and a general depressed feeling.

"A house divided against itself can not stand." Yet Miami Mensa dedicates itself primarily to singles activities which exclude other members. Is that what Mensa is supposed to be? People getting together to screw each other?

Yet I know that isn't the case, either. Mardee covered the Singles Scene in appropriate depth in a previous Tabebuian (#8) and its phoniness, insincerity, and its basic adolescence-revisited nature. Do you know they even play charades?

Also there is a general state of apathy apparent when an election gets two candidates for leader and only one for another office; that in a community with more than 100 members...

GOOD NEWS: David and Mardee Jenrette are extending Tabebuian Society membership to all Mensans. Starting in September or thereabouts we will publish a list of monthly activities, many of which will unavoidably evolve on the exact same days as Mensa activities. This means that now you have a choice: Mensa or Tabebuia.

WILL THE TABEBUIAN SOCIETY OFFER YOU MORE? Take a look at this issue and compare it to Flamenco...

If you agree with us that every member of an organization has a right to attend every activity then remember our program.

TO GET INVOLVED WITH TABEBUIAN ACTIVITIES you really should subscribe (see page 2 for details), but for now we will keep you on the mailing list if you:

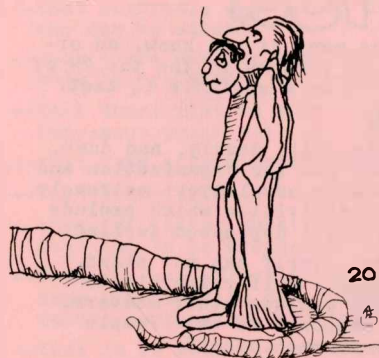
---call and tell us you're interested after the middle of August (687-0386).

---drop us a card or note telling us how you feel about our comments on the current Miami Mensa organization and program.

Serves you guys right for inviting Mardee and I to some of your activities! ■

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YEP, YOU'RE RIGHT.
THAT IS THE BIGGEST RAT IVE EVER SEEN



Jerk Jarg'n

by Don Markstein

I was surprised to learn in several steps from several sources that the schoolboy epithet jerk is etymologically related to the word john (for toilet). It seems that the word jack was applied to a wide variety of utensils by the speakers of Middle English, same as we use it today for

a knife and a device for lifting the sides of automobiles (and related to our use of the word jack for a device for opening locked windows). Much later, the toilet, stilled called a jack, was dignified by raising jack to john, which by that time it had become a nickname for (though it's from the French Jacques and was originally a nickname for James). In time, the earlier term became obsolete.

Meanwhile, the term jack off was applied to a means of getting off while sitting on the jack. After jack lost that particular meaning, the process of folk etymology created the term jerk off in the mistaken belief that jack was a slurring of jerk which described the motion of the hand of one engaged in the act. Both terms are in use today.

A jerk, then, is one whose wits are addled by over-indulgence in masturbation. A step below a fugg-head, I'd say. One wonders why the term isn't applied to the blind, the lame, and those with pimples on their palms or tongues.

ABOUT DON MARKSTEIN Don's first TAB appearance was his article on cockroaches which appeared in TAB-6. The above is a small portion on word derivations which appeared in TAND-STIKKERZEITUNG-5 which Don publishes from Box 53112, New Orleans, LA 70153. Enclose sticky quarters...

ABOUT MOLLYMOCK Mollymock is the nickname of Tim Marion, a 15-yr-old who publishes the magazine SOITGOZE. This is one fanzine I read thoroughly and even right-out-loud. As another reviewer said, "Tim lets it all hang out." write 614 72nd St., Newport News, VA 23605.

FootNOTES

1. You're right; footnotes should go at the foot of a page; ours don't. 20
2. COA is Tabebuian Society shorthand for "change of address". We have many other such Tabebuian coined words-- learn them all.
3. Jodie is the wife of Andrew Offutt, the science fiction writer of great renown. The little girl in the picture is not Missy who lost her baby pants; reprinted from OUI without permission.
4. This menu is an informal review of KRATOPHANY, an amusing publication only 50¢ from Eli Cohen, address on earlier page giving COA.² This menu is reprinted from KRATOPHANY without permission.
5. Rusty Jenrette is a realtor with the Keyes Co., 13985 S. Dixie Highway, Miami, FL 33158. Phone 305/233-2760. If you are planning to buy or sell a home in Miami, you should call her.
6. Have you gotten 20¢ worth of information or amusement yet? If so, subscribe. Send \$3 to Mardee Sue Jenrette, Box 330374 - Grove, Miami, FL 33133. You'll be glad you did if you do.
7. Tabebuian-12, the limited edition anniversary issue, also known as the annish.
8. But you haven't gotten any credit; you will.
- 8a. It's incomprehensible to me; maybe I'm stupid.
9. Want to bet?
10. The initials of the university are cleverly concealed in the title; hint: don't use S and N.
11. Congratulate Mike on selling a story to FANTAS-TIC. The story was originally rejected by a fanzine, but Joe Haldeman encouraged Mike to send it on anyway.
12. It was. 8a
13. Examine your zipper.⁶ XYZ, get it? 8a
14. There is no reference to this footnote! You are reading this only because you are the kind of wonderful person the Tabebuian needs. As a special bonus, when you subscribe,⁶ we will send you a free paperback book such as a gothic, western, or nurse romance. Don't worry about what it costs us--- these are just review copies of books we'll never read. Remind us about the free book--- we forget easily.

15. Lifted from YANDRO-226 published by Buck and Juanita Coulson, Route 3, Hartford City, IN 47348. 50¢/copy and \$5/12 copies. YANDRO is characterized as the law-and-order-country-western-frontier fanzine. ¹⁸
16. In TAB-12, Sam Moskowitz criticized Benford's accuracy; here is Benford's reply: "I notice a certain obscuring of the Truff here: SaMoskowitz couldn't have written that letter setting me straight on INCREDIBLE TALES. Surely ol' Sam would not mistake a mere pithy bit of humor for a serious, scholarly study of the world and works of Walter Earl Marconette, eh? Had I been serious and grim about the matter, I wouldn't have neglected AWFUL STORIES, Marconette's masterpiece. And I certainly would have avoided the reference to bat's blood ink, when any child would know it was wolf's bile."
17. The current issue of ETERNITY is \$1 from Gregg, Box 193, Sandy Springs, SC 29677; includes material by Zelazny, Bunch, Malzberg, and Rotsler. If Steve wants to discuss amateur fiction at greater length he is invited to use his own pages.
18. Please don't ask me why.
19. The illustration is by T. Jeeves, Esq., an English schoolteacher who must be equally as well off as his American counterparts. Note other Jeeves illustrations as well. ¹⁸
20. This is, of course, the ultimate "foot" note, drawn by Bruce Townley. We've never met Townley, but have been impressed by his artwork--- there's something about it. Like the old Charles Addams or Gahan Wilson.

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