

TUCKER BAG

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Up Issue...*

The best laid plans of mice and men often gang alay... or words to that effect. Though this final issue of TB was promised for January, the more astute among you will notice the lack of snow upon the ground and conclude that this is a bit late. So much for attempts to plan ahead when you're dealing with fans! As it is, postponing the Wrap-Up until Minicon 10--fittingly so, since the Fund was first publicly announced at last year's gathering--there are still many loose ends lying about. I can't give you "final figures" because they're not in yet, but they are known, or approximately, so I can at least pass along the information on hand: which is, of course, that the Fund's been a rousing success. But before relating facts and figures, here are some up-dates...



Despite a lack of virgins willing to offer themselves for sacrifice at Chambacon, held at the Ramada Inn in Champaign, Illinois over Thanksgiving weekend, several toasts of Beam's Choice were made to the end of the Fund, and \$15 was raised in the Scrounger's Auction of left-overs. I breathed a sigh of relief, thinking that the only things left to handle were straggling bid redemptions.

Which was true to the greater extent. But in Mid-March I received a check from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. Confusion, which had been held the last weekend in January, had voted to share their proceeds between DUFF and the Tucker Fund! Our portion amounted to \$200!!! I crogged, and still do. A most sincere "Thanks" to all the attendees, and to Ro Nagy who forwarded the check.

TR!BT sales are still mounting, and once in awhile a delayed bid redemption comes in. Some \$310 is still outstanding, but heroic efforts are being made, and those bids have been reaffirmed and should be redeemed soon (if not already, overseas mail being as slow as it is...). Odd amounts pop up in the most unexpected places, so I find it impossible to say "this is it; there ain't no more." Fans won't let things end so tidily.

Contributors since last issue were: Leigh Couch, Railee Bothman, Buck Coulson, Chuck Holst, Margie Lessinger, Chambacon, JoeD Siclari, Rick Sneary, MinnSTF (a fan-art auction from Minicon 9!), Donn Brazier, Alan Chen, Chris Stephens, Bruce Townley (the "Tucker's Sock" auction from TITLE), Sam Long, Claire Beck, Denis Quane, Philip Cohen, Ross Pavlac, Bruce Arthurs, John Carl, Rick Dey, Lloyd Biggle, Jr. Robert Clawson, Ed Connor, Michael Carlson, Dave Locke, Steve Beatty, Moshe Feder, Jackie Franke, Gary Farber, Kathryn Drexel, Barry Gillam, Dan Dias, Confusion, Ken Keller, Marty Helgeson, Marcon 10 auction (of Coors, brought by Bill Fesselmeyer and the K.C. gang), Keith Curtis, and Charles Korbas. Each and every donation, and donator, is sincerely appreciated!

Leigh Edmonds (PO Box 74; Balaclava, Vic. 3183; Australia) has kindly volunteered to handle the Fund's cash Down Under, since he is doing the honors for DUFF as well. He notes that himself, Bill Wright, Don Ashby and Al Fitzpatrick have added to the amounts he's in charge of. Thanks a million, Leigh, you're being a great help!

You fans gave in countless ways to make the Fund such a success, that it's truly impossible to thank each and every one adequately. However, as a partial reimbursement, I'm happy to announce that Bob Tucker has decided to advance the resurrection of LE ZOMBIE, whose gala "Jiant 40th Anniversary issue" was scheduled for 1978, to early 1976, in order to present each contributor with a token of the Trip you all made possible. Though several faneds have offered to publish a trip report, Tucker felt that such a project should be done under the aegis of the fanzine that's traveled through the years with his name. Now many contributions were passed on second and third hand, and I know that all who have given to the Fund are not included in the following list; but it's all I have to work from. If you feel that you've been omitted, by all means yell and tell me so! Also, considering the fluid state fandom normally is in, I have quite a number of names without corresponding addresses. If you have moved since last I contacted you, please let me know so a copy of the report can be sent to you. If there is an asterisk after your name, or that of a friend, please send me the current address for the Fund's files. If you're the more stolid sort, and have stayed put, there's no need to write: your copy of LeZ will be posted as soon as it's finished. I'd appreciate any help you can give in filling in the blanks on the cards of the people so indicated though. THANKS!!!

Karen Anderson *	Rick Dey	Ben Indick
Gloria Andersson	Howard Devore	Jill & Mac Jamieson *
Lynne & Mark Aronson	Dan Dias	Dave Jenrette
Bruce D. Arthurs	Bill Dixon *	Hank Jewel *
Don Ashby *	Kathryn Drexel	Robin Johnson *
Don Ayres	Yale Edeiken	Dorothy Jones *
Sara Sue Wilde *	Leigh Edmonds	Jerry Kaufman
Mike Baker	Alex & Phyllis Eisenstein	Ken Keller
Frank Balazs	Dick Eney	Tody Kenyon *
John Bangsund	Eldon K. Everett	Russell King *
David Barnett	Connie Faddis	Jeffery Kipper
Steve Beatty	Gary Farber	Irvin Koch
Claire Beck	Philip Jose Farmer	Charles Korbas
Hank & Martha Beck	Moshe Feder	Joel & Margie Lessinger
Doris M. Beetum	George Fergus	Denny Lien
Glenn Behrman *	Al Fitzpatrick	Eric Lindsay
Ruth Berman	Ken Fletcher *	David Locke
Lloyd Biggle Jr.	George Flynn	Sam Long
Sheryl Birkhead	Terry Floyd	Don Lundry
Henry Bitman	Wally & Jackie Franke	Hank & Lesleigh Luttrell
Victor Boruta *	Kelly & Polly Freas	P. Howard Lyons
Railee Bothman	Richard Friedman	Marcon c/o L. Smith
Bill Bowers	Gil Gaier	George R. R. Martin *
Richard Brandt	Rick Gellman	Jeff May
Donn Brazier	David Gerrold *	Eric Mayer
Joanne Burger	Barry Gillam	David McGirr
Ron & Linda Bushyager	Mike Glicksohn	Jim Meadows III
Ian Butterworth	Mike Glycer	John Millard *
Gene Caldwell *	Dave Gorman	Minneapolis SF Society
Grant Canfield *	Mike Gorra	Ken Moore
John Carl	Jim Hansen	Murray Moore
Michael Carlson	Fred Haskell	Nashville SF Club *
Ann Cass	Marty Helgeson	Dave Nesius
Alan Chen	Joe Hensley	Jodie Offutt
Robert Clawson	Rusty Hevelin	Bob & Anne Passovoy
Philip Cohen	Rosemary Hickey	Ross Pavlac
Confusion c/o Ro Nagey	Rose Hogue	Brian Perry
Ed Connor	Mitchell Hollander	David Piper
Richard Cotton	John-Henri Holmberg	Susan Phillips
Leigh & Norbert Couch	Chuck Holst. *	Andy Porter
Buck & Juanita Coulson	Linda Hosteny	Larry Propp
Keith Curtis	Terry Hughes	Denis Quane
Tony Cvetko	Chris Hulse	Mike Resnick

Robert Robbins *
 Bill Rotsler *
 Ronald Saloman *
 David Shank
 Elliot Shorter
 JoeD Siclari
 David Singer
 Jon Singer *
 Robert Smoot
 Rick Sneary
 Ben Solon

Chris Stephens
 Rick Stooker
 Jon & Joni Stopa
 Mae Strelkov
 Bev Swanson
 Sydney SF Foundation
 Brian Tannahill
 Penny Tegen
 Bruce Townley *
 Bob Vardeman
 Gary Walker

Harry Warner Jr.
 George Wells
 Laurine White
 Elaine Wojciechowski
 Gene & Rosemary Wolfe
 Susan Wood
 Millie Woods
 Jow Woodward *
 Bill Wright *
 Leah Zeldes *
 Bud Zell *

There were a few scattered "Anonymouses", as well as a cryptic notation on one of the auction sheets from DisCon--"Walsh". If anyone knows who this could refer to, I'd appreciate hearing from you!

As of this writing, 4-]6-75, the balance on hand (or hands, to be more precise, since Leigh Edmonds is holding some of the Fund Down Under) is \$2,270.89. This is surely enough, even after sharing with DUFF(**RUSTY HEVELIN!!**) and the Fan GoHs, to keep Tucker delightfully soused for the duration, of not only the trip itself, but the leisurely ride to the West Coast, NASFIC (assuming it's not just a vicious rumor put out by South Gate in order to smear L.A.) upon his return to the States, and the bleary journey home. Maybe for the following few weeks to boot. Fandom may congratulate itself; it has probably brought about the downfall of one of its own legends--the invincibility of Tucker's liver. Though if it should survive relatively intact, its niche in the Hall of Medical Marvels will surely be secure. No comments on any ramifications concerning International Fandom or its possible destruction. Shatter only one myth at a time...

Since I idled away an hour or two coming up with these figures, and I do need something with which to fill these stencils, here is some data for the statistics freaks out there:

Sources of the Tucker Fund...

Mail Auction.....	\$763.17	
Individual Gifts.....	233.98	
Group Gifts.....	249.09	- Clubs and Conventions
Convention Auctions..	598.51	- TF material brought & spur-of-the-moment items
Misc. Fan Funds.....	316.32	- Book sales, fanzine collections, etc.
TRIBT sales.....	120.00	
Bank Interest.....	48.02	
TOTAL.....	\$2,328.09	

Tour deposit.....	-50.10	- both expenses include check fees
Upgrade Membership...	- 7.10	
Total deductions	57.20	

BALANCE..... \$2,270.89

Still outstanding, but recently reconfirmed and due to be paid Real Soon Now, is \$310.50 in bids: TRIBTS on hand equal about 60. A few sub-funds are still floating around somewhere, and one more bank interest payment will be due in June. I coggle at the final total...

Thanks should go to the various fanzines who have helped plug the Fund: such are duly tendered to: BANSHEE & RANDOM, CHECKPOINT, DIEHARD, GEGENSCHEN, GODLESS, GORBETT, KARASS, MOEBIOUS TRIP, NOTES FROM THE CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT, OUTWORLDS, POWERMAD, STARLING, TITLE, and YANDRO. Thanks to all you faneds; without your publicity we never could have made it!

Contributors hailed from Australia, two Canadian Provinces, England, Sweden, Argentina, and 30 U.S. states. Additions to the Fund were made in amounts ranging from one cent to \$279. Contributions for the various auctions ran the gamut from artwork, books and

fanzines, through Indian artifacts, FDI covers, photographs, homemade jellies and relishes, plastic rings and bracelets, lamps, teaching services, nighties and other blackmail material, to the Ultimate Gift, fans themselves. The Fund even received, as mentioned in a previous issue, help from Beyond the Grave. Fans used their energy, imaginations, and resources to make the Fund such a rousing success, and I can't stress enough that the credit belongs to everyone on that list for surpassing the goal. The Tucker Fund took on a life of its own and skyrocketed off; truly a Mass Phenomenon!

A few slip-ups occurred during its life, one of the most regretful being the loss of many FDI covers made by Sheryl Birkhead. If money was sent by any who did not receive them, please inform me, and I'll reimburse you for the error. Actually, we were very fortunate. To my knowledge, no one lost any auction items in the mail, and only one TRIBT went astray. Considering the heavy dependence on the Post Office, I think that an astounding track record! I still blanch when I think of the times I found cash in the day's mail; I can't encourage that practice in the slightest! But judging from the amount of coins and bills that survived the trip, the gods must have been keeping close watch indeed.

I could go on for several more paragraphs, thanking individuals and groups for various things that they've done, but if you don't know how much you're appreciated now, you never will. I suppose there is no way to end this tidily, so the wisest course to take would be to cut this short with a most sincere THANK YOU to each and every one of you. It's been one hell of a year, and if Tucker has one-tenth as much fun on his trip, it's all been more than worth it. Stand up fans: take your deserved bow!!!

Thank You Thank You Thank You Thank You Thank You Thank You Thank You Thank You Thank You

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