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from an abortive oneshot.

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Primarily, explanations and all that jazz. Those of you who are accustomed to getting these things will already have realised that this means you still wont be getting the letters promised in No's one and two. I suppose you're waaay past caring by now?

For the others, it's a little different... this issue is not to promise letters, but to promise NOT to send them!

But first things first. In October, I enter into my third and final year as an undergraduate. This is traditionally a year for forsaking ones friends, and for resigning any obligations one may have collected during the previous two years ... in my case, about 200% too many. As my performance in the Summer examinations this year has been ...shall we say...a little undignified, this applys to me even moreso, and, much to my regret, PANAC MUST GO (stop leaping in the air, Bennett!)

Removing the rose-tinted specacles for a while, I see that the only way is to withdraw from fandom almost completely, maintain ing contact only thru OMPA, Skyrack, and the few zines I currently sub to. At this point, I'd like to say to the editors of these zines that now you know I wont be commenting for a year, if you'd rather suspend my sub until I re-enter, please feel free to do so (CRY: I will write onee, damit, before I finish,(honest).

Similarly, re letters of correspondence, these will have to dry-up also....all letters of fannish rather than personal nature will HAVE TO GO, I'm afraid. And the latter will slow to a trickle, also.

During the Summer, I'll try to clear-up the loose-ends lying about, but as I have to take an examination in September, there's no telling just how far I'll get with this. If I take to writing rather than reading as a relaxation from the academic-type work I'll be doing after this week, I may get somewhere. Dunno.

The future: Ghu alone knows. I'll be at the Con this coming year but no pre-or post-con visits (sob). After finals, I may get in some fanac during the vac (that is, if I'm able to take some further course), but whether this is continued into the following (academic) year depends very largely on the course. OMPA will come first over just about all else, as I've no intention of letting my membership lie relatively inactive for (up to) another three years after this coming one.

If I leave University after this year, then subject to the big chunk of uncertainty that clings to such crossroads-type situations, I'll leap back into fandom up to my ears, and begin to manufacture a nich for myself.

Now, back tho to the coming year and OMPA. As it says, I hope this will be a pre-mailing to the next one. I've written the new officials in the hope of getting permission to put this thru as a pre mailing, before it dates too much. If they wont let me, I'm afraid you'll be afflicted by it anyway ... I dislike doing things like this to get my requirements, but.....

Ghu alone knows when the rest of my requirements will be put in.. I may stencil them slowly during the year, and then produce them in a mad dash after finals....tho probably the new constitution will (weeelll) foil this idea.

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