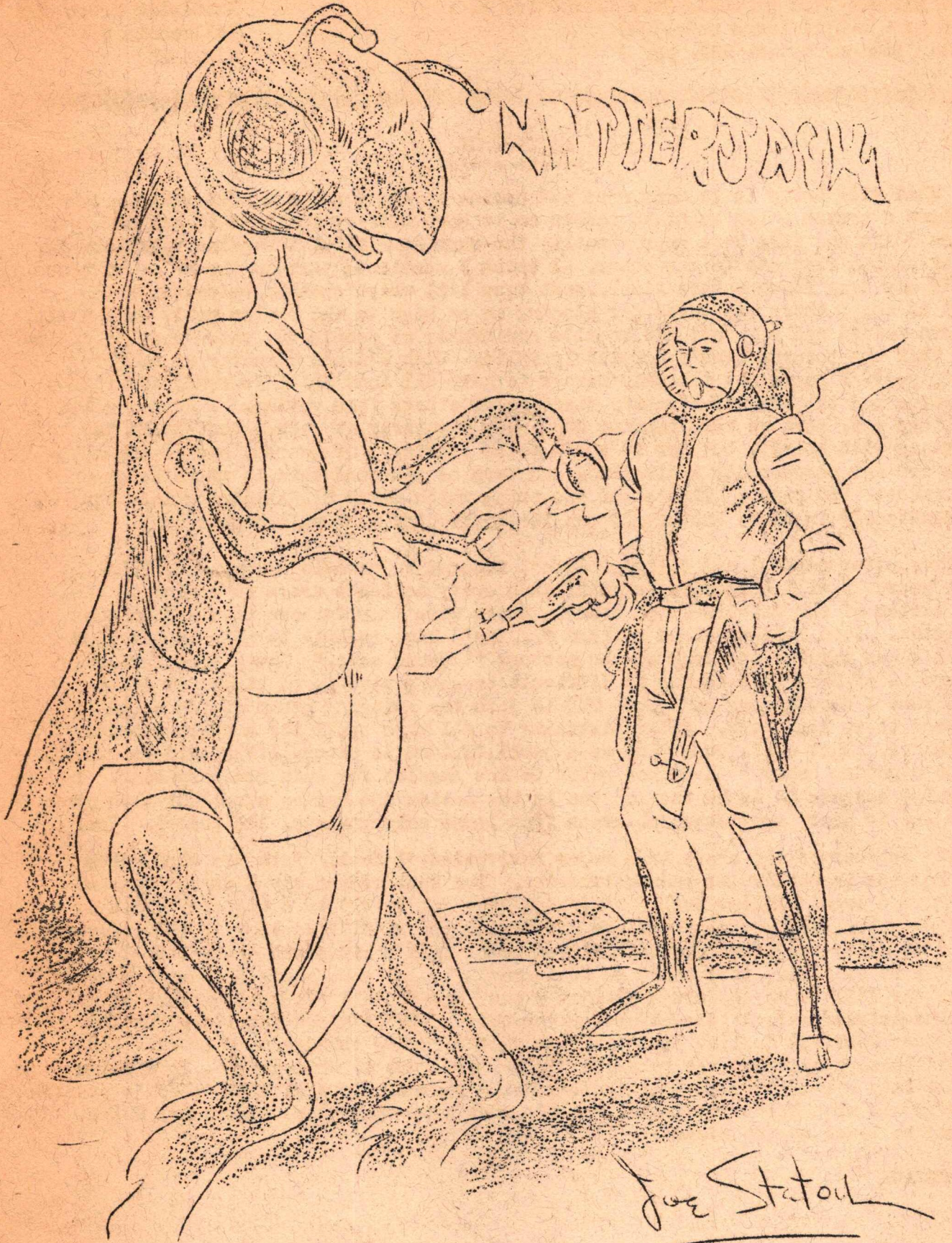


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NATTERINGS

What with being in so many apas and having to start college next year, I have devised a system which ought to enable me to keep hitting mailings in all of them. Since N'APA and SEPA have approximately the same deadlines, I'm going to alternate my attention from one to the other. I think I mentioned this in the mcs. So there isn't any Gray Fansman this time...next time I'll write another episode. I do want to thank those who voted for placing me so high in the egeboo poll, even while I turn around and say that the results and number of people who voted seem to indicate that the returns aren't completely valid. With N'APA's turnover of members every year, I guess not too many manage to have all four mailings ready for voting purposes and the lack of identity discourages others from voting. I dunno, a few mailings ago, when we were topping 400 pages regularly it seemed that N'APA was bursting with spirit, but now it seems to be lacking. Of course, one or two mailings are not necessarily indicative, and even as you read this it might be appearing amidst 500 pages. That's the one thing which makes N'APA interesting, the apa is constantly in flux, and nobody can really predict what will happen next.

I have, after careful and diligent effort managed to envegle my way into UCLA next year. I will therefore be fulfilling every neofan's dream in moving to the fan center of the Universe. Of course, there were many factors involved in the decision. Fred Patten voiced an idea "...You'd sure as hell be able to get your Apa-L zines earlier and look at the postage it would save." Then, too, Dave Eulan became CE of SEPA thus making it difficult to get a zine in on time. Al Scott argued that I should stay and go to UNC to join the swinging group of fen which got started there last year. After listening to all this stuff for a while I began to wonder. What am I, some kind of a jerk? "Fandom is afterall," I said to myself. "just a goddam hobby." I am not going to Los Angeles for such crude reasons. I am going because it is in the top ten in the nation and has an excellent math program and is near many Research areas from large corporations. Yes indeed. Yes.

But neither of the above is a major motivation, I feel. Both are what makes Los Angeles in particular seem attractive. The real reason why I am not content to go to a local college is, . that I've got to get to a big city again or I'll go nuts. Of course, there are disadvantages. I will be leaving the security and mediocrity of North Carolina and venturing into a situation where I will have to make it or else. If I don't do well enough to get some kind of financial grant next year I'll be up the creek without a paddle. I could probably subsist on a level requiring very little effort at the University of North Carolina, but I'd have that horrible feeling that time was just slipping through my fingers. I'm one of those people who has to apply his own pressure to get moving. By dumping myself into a sink or swim position I'm doing essentially what Hari Seldon's psycho-history did with First Foundation. Let's just hope that there aren't any Mules around to louse up the system.



Speaking of colleges reminds me of a problem indigenous to N. Carolina. I refer to the Speaker Ban Law. Of all the states in the union, N. Carolina is the only one with any sort of legislation censoring speakers at public universities. The law states that no one with a known communist background and no one who has ever pleaded the 5th amendment in regards to a question concerning alleged subversive tactics will be permitted to speak on any topic at a state run college. The "gag law" was pushed through in the closing days of the 1963 Congressional session. The good legislators were in such a damned hurry to get out that they really didn't care what they signed. If governor Terry Sanford had possessed a veto like any normal governor in a normal state, the law would have been shot back to the legislature immediately, for Sanford was a man who was truly devoted to education. Unfortunately, the good citizens here are even more devoted to their tax money, and since education costs money, Mr. Sanford was removed from his position by the electorate after only one term of office. In his place, Dan K. Moore was elected. Moore was a compromise between the racist's choice, Beverly Lake and the liberal

candidate, Richardson Preyer. (did I hear someone say what about the Republican candidate—Oh come on, this is the South you know) Anyway, since 1963 all the articulate liberal people in the state have been fighting to repeal the damned gag law and restore control of a University to the trustees, where it rightfully belongs. At every turn they have been met by ignorant people protesting that College kids mustn't be exposed to communism, for of course they don't know enough to come into the rain and they're so immature and everything. These people probably wouldn't know a conmy if he came up and hid under their beds, but this is beside the point. The danger of State regulation of education and state censorship is the issue at stake. Dan K. Moore, yesterday, came out against a new bill in the legislature which would have repealed the Speaker Ban. He effectively killed the bill. He was supported by J. Edgar Hoover, who wrote claiming that Colleges must be shielded, for there are many students who are susceptible to left wing ideas. The Southern Association of Colleges has written threatening to withdraw accreditation of N.C. Schools unless the ban is withdrawn. Very very soon it may take such action. For the sake of this state and all the students enrolled in the state University, I hope someone will wake up the people and that the special interests in the legislature will overcome their greed. Which is our courageous crusade for justice for this issue. Write a nasty letter to your newspaper today! You'll be glad you did.

On the matter of sending the mailings out late, I find I agree with Fred's stand for getting them out on time. Maybe this time he means it. It's true that one or two mailings may be small because of this, but when everyone sees that he means business they'll get their zines in on time, don't worry. Err...it's getting kind of late in the month. I'd better get a move on in getting this out or I may be one of the unfortunates who set an example for the rest of the apa. Man, you don't see people getting their SAPS zines in late...they know what would happen if they did. And notice how this seems to contradict what I say in the next. Oh, indecision!

I seem to have rambled on for two pages this time instead of my customary one. Good thing...I didn't want to owe pages. I've gone 8 mailings now (counting this one) without ever owing pages. Whose else besides Patten and GM Carr can make such a claim. Even Pelz missed a mailing once....

MEOW--(Katz) Since there aren't any new wavers in N'APA, I've been wondering why you circulated that article here. It would have been better placed in OMPA. Now that you're a member of that group, I'd suggest you recirculate it there. Personally, I don't see what all the fuss is about. Maybe the new wave's zines I've seen haven't been as violent as the ones you're referring to. Certainly Zenith et al no longer condemn the rest of fandom. The vigorous reaction of some of the British neos against non sercon types seems to have died down.

I publicly etc back down from any challenge you may throw out for a page count war in N'APA. I've pretty much resigned myself now to alternating large zines for SFPA and N'APA every other mailing. This time I plan a minac type N'APAZine and a full SFPazine. Next time it'll be the other way around. Besides, aren't we going to have a big battle in SAPS in a couple of mailings when Van Arnam and Mann get in? Your nasty comments concerning N'APA's connection with the N3F have given me pause to think. By now, Lerner's amendment proposal should be on its way to altering the "unalterable" preamble and I'm wondering how I'll vote. I've just about come to the conclusion that N'APA needs the N3F...or that the N3F needs N'APA, or both. A N'APA without the N3F is a completely unnecessary organization, but as an N3F service it does a valuable job in polishing neos before they embark into the big apas outside. A neo can make his mistakes here and by the time he gets out into real fandom, nobody there will remember them or judge him by them. Right now fandom is surfeited with neos, and the obvious reaction is "who needs more" but there are bound to be lean times in the future. The N3F is a vital gate for catching types who might make good fans and N'APA is a valuable training course. N'APA helps lead people out of the blight areas and orients them in the right direction. Without N3F affiliation I doubt whether N'APA could still do this. I'm therefore in favor of retaining connection with N3F.

Benyo and Jackson zines-- APA 45's loss is N'APA's gain.

INFERNAL AVENUES--(Boston) Read the first sentence of Article Seven of the N'APA Bylaws and imagine it repealed. Are you still so sure that the preamble may not be altered? Yes. A Wrinkle in Time is very good. And I see that you've read CS Lewis's Surprised By Joy, another excellent book. I don't buy what he happens to be selling, but he does do a good job of writing.

ROMANN--(Mann) Whattaya think you're doing, running faan fiction about N'APA in in APA 45? For us you do minac, then you steal the comment hooks that might have inspired you to do something ghod and use 'em for another apa

RACHE--(Pelz) I don't know how I'm going to get used to saying RAH-KAY. I've been calling your N'APAZine "rash" for two years now. I guess you're right; after that last pillar poll it seems pretty evident that the majority of N'APA members simply don't care about that sort of thing. ##That was my typer named Owen not Arnie's that couldn't do a damn thing right.

I don't think you should pick on Fred for holding up the mailings...they'd only be about half as big if they were mailed out promptly on the 15th. The thing to do is convince everyone else to get his zine in on time. We easterners don't get our mailings for a whole week after they're sent out. Of course, there's a good chance I may be out in LA for college next year, so I too will know the thrill of being able to badger OEs in person to hurry up with the mailing fergawdsake.

FANTASY NEO--(Barr) So you think Gilbert reads like a revised Fred Patten, eh?
Gee, do any of you other Ellers think that Steve should be told the Truth About Tom Gilbert?

SURREY--(Weber) Hey, Wally Weber, are you ever going to contribute anything to SFPA? Are you, huh? Nobody would steal your mailings away from the northeast corner of your bed. ~~Nobody would want to~~ Nobody would even steal it away from the northwest corner. In fact, if any SFPA's in the area ever happened to find themselves under your bed they'd probably ignore you. ...Too busy looking for communists, you know.

FORTRAN--(Porter) Say, if I read this right, it wasn't distributed to APA F until the 12th of the month...but N'APA's deadline is the 10th, so how come Andy got kicked out?

BYZANTIUM--(Kusske/Patrick) Ah yes, I've been looking forward to this comment for two months now. Go away for a minute now John...I want to talk to Dave. Did any of you ever notice the obscenely poor drawings in Dave's section of the mag...you know, right next to the incredibly bad fan fiction. I say that these drawings can have but one purpose... to mirror the diseased mind of the author. (or artist) Don't you think that Dave's comments are in poor taste considering what he wants to sell. I mean, selling one's own ego to make the readers think he's important is a crime isn't it? Fandom is a crime come to think of it. It's a good thing Dave never visited Milan, Tennessee. We've got a porno plant there. We have a captive artist and we're making oodles of money. Next mailing we're going to enclose some high heeled shoes and whips. We pub fanzines solely for their sexual appeal you see...Their appeal to Dave Kirk Patrick that is. I don't know if any of the rest of you have ever tried to make it with a fanzine cover. Good thing the high minded Mr. Patrick never saw a Rotsler zine...he might have notified the ODL.

We garbage purveyors shure have a lot to learn from Dave. Arnie, be sure you stop writing that stuff that's getting you all the egoboo points and write some significant material...You know, like Amazing reject science fiction.

You know, Mr. Kirk Patrick ...I don't think I believe in your existance. I once used to think that you were fairly intelligent...only frustrated...I'll still go along with the second part, but you've certainly given me cause to doubt the first. --You aren't even good at being nasty.-- Speaking of which, the rest of you, I realize that I'm guilty of the same thing as Dave above from the opposite extreme. I parodied his mc so that he can see what it looks like and maybe even learn that everyone doesn't think like he does. Then after he gets real humble and everything he can teach me some humility.

JOHN--I rather like Poundation. I hope you continue it. It seems like Arnie and I are alternating our own serials every other mailing. ##Gee, you think That we saved N'APA with all those cursed things in 1963? It's a miracle everyone survived them. Bruce probably would have shot us if we messed up the binding of a few more of the mailings. It's easy to cut yourself from a few years perspective, isn't it? Stick around till 1967 when I will vigomously denounce what you're reading now.

SPINA--(Thorne) Nice review of the year's N'APAc. Reading it I felt like I was watching one of those newsreels they show on television right before New Year's day. Remind me to send you the page you're missing from Ex #9 when your TAPS pubdate comes around. Completicts have to stick together.

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(Still with Thorne)

Your list of the stages of fan is somewhat reminiscent of Bob Bloch's "Seven Ages of Fan." I don't think that step 5 in your list necessarily follows 4. I don't know that a return to publishing science fiction is a return to sanity. FAPA must be off its collective skull by your definition. Some people will never gaffiate until they're dead, I have a feeling. Then, when are the fans who are already dead going to gaffiate, come to think of it? You write swinging mcs @reath...hang in there.

FOGFARAW--(Patten) Say, Fred, I have an idea. When I get out to UCLA, why don't I bring my mimeograph with me and we can have a public burial? (The mimeograph, you clods, the mimeograph) ## We got our "Best Dramatic Production" award onto the Loncon ballot, but I still want to sue... Imagine listing The 7 Faces of Dr. Lao instead of Mary Poppins...and at an English con...grrr!

In reference to that weird prayer from your APA L zine, did I ever tell you that I know several mundane people in Charlotte who received copies? The thing seems to be nation wide and probably didn't originate in fandom.

THEOREM--(Scott) Instead of having three two paged editorials why not have one six paged one...saves time in stencilling headings. ## I enjoyed Lon's book reviews and wonder what he thinks of Phil Dick's new book The Three Stigmata of Palmer Eldritch. Why don't you read it too, Al, you fake fan.

My true to life adventures in Charlotte aren't funny to me. ~~They aren't~~ ~~they are~~ Honestly, there is nothing more exasperating than a stubborn Southerner. The other day a few of us teen aged type peasants were sitting in front of McDonald's Hamburgers and this girl lights up a cigarette. Two seconds later this old lady jumped out of her car and started throwing pamphlets at us. "Don't you know that you'll go to hell if you smoke?" she said.

"We're gonna have an awful lot of company, lady," I shot back.

"Yes," she said sadly, "I know. But if you aren't born again soon you will burn eternally."

"With all due respect ma'am, you are out of your mind."

"Wait a minute." (runs to car where her three kids are honking the horn) "Shaddup you bastards ar I'll hit you with my whip."

We then got a sermon on brotherly love. After an hour during which we argued theology she looked at her watch and said, "I'd like to talk to you a little longer but my child has appendicitis and he's due at the hospital soon."

I swear, I don't make this stuff up...it happens. Once on my way to an ESFA meeting some jerk on the Newark bus tried to convert me to a weird religious dult. I didn't tell him that I'd been participating in one already.

If Theorem keeps improving at its present rate it'll be a pretty good fmz in an issue or two by anyone's standards.

NIEKAS--(Rolfe/Meskys) I'm not having any trouble with derivatives anymore. Now its integrals of the sinh and cosh functions. Or rather the inverses of those. I'd say that integration was unfair only Arnie Katz Wouldn't Understand and he'd accuse me of becoming a dirty Southern moderate.

"The Marching Bannacles" were great this issue. You are both nuts for putting out a zine this big, but we could use a heck of a lot more of this kind of nuttiness.

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