

Suddenly it's 1981!

Okay, so it says August 1981 on the contents page of this fanzine. Sure, I know that this is March 1982 -- I was just hoping that you hadn't noticed.

I could waste your time here by telling all about the expense of buying fuel oil. Or, I thought I might tell you about how little money is left after publishing a fanzine like PONG. But like you, I hate to have my time wasted with boring excuses from lazy faneditors who are paranoid about all the inquiring letters he's received concerning the non-appearance of his fanzine in their mailboxes.* So I won't waste my time and yours with all that shit. Why, I won't even mention the pleading phone calls from Mike Glicksohn...

Let's just say, here at last: BOONFARK five.

This issue did come out at the end of August of last year. And while it was distributed to the overseas readers and a certain percentage of the Americans, it has had to wait until now to reach the rest of you. Hopefully it will bring you the enjoyment that I've been promising and you've been anticipating (we'll see). If so, write me a letter of comment -- go on, I dare ya!

Of course, by now you are all nodding your heads and stroking your pubic hairs, sure in your belief that such missing of deadline, such as this, is a sign of burnout. After all, anybody who co-edits with Ted White is bound to wind up as a small pile of ashes -- isn't he? Nope. (Tho' I do occasionally get lit...) And to make sure you know how serious I am about this, you can expect to receive your copies of BNF 6 in approximately a month from now. But don't let this stop you from writing those letters I mentioned above. I still want to hear from you -- on both issues.

Co-editing PONG has taught me the valuable lesson that frequency is extremely important to a successful fanzine. Having a fanzine arrive in the mail on a regular schedule is essential to fanish success -- and to that end I intend to publish BOONFARK on a quarterly schedule. As mentioned above, #6 (the April '82 issue) will be out during that month, while #7 will appear in July (or August, for sure) in time for the Chicon. It features an article by that con's Fan GoH, Lee Hoffman. These are sure things -- you can bet your last welfare check on it.

So now that I've not told you why this issue is late and not mentioned the phone calls from Glicksohn, I'll leave you with the rest of BOONFARK 5 to speak for me. It's fortunate for all of us that this issue's material hasn't become too dated. Fortunate for me because I'd feel a lot more guilty if it were dated, and fortunate for you because if it were dated, I'd probably continue on like this for another page. So this is your lucky day.

—dan STEFFAN

*This sentence is dedicated to Joseph Nicholas with unflagging somethingorother...