

After wasting a couple of hours trying to compose a suitable ditty in honor of Springtime, Ye Olde Corresponding Secretary finally succumbed to poetic ardor and gave up. Happy Easter to you without benefit of verse!

The most interesting news to date seems to be a series of scoops in the matter of stf services available to stf fans. Some of it is for fans in or near Seattle, and some of it to all fan within a day's journey to the U.S. Mails. One of the 'scoopiest' of these scoops, is that Hannes Bok is coming out with a new portfolio. It will contain 6 drawings, never before published, and will sell for \$3.00. You can order direct from Hannes Bok, and his mother states that she believes he would be willing to autograph the portfolio if you asked him to. Very nicely, that is. I should imagine autographing 300 portfolios might get to be somewhat of a chore! Anyway, Mrs. Woodard says that he will have 300 of these new Bok Portfolios ready for distribution very shortly, maybe it is ready already -- (How confoosin' can I get!!!) -- so send your \$3.00 and the 'pretty please' to

HANNES BOK  
Box 137, Cathedral Station  
New York 25, N.Y.

I don't know how many of you folks out there have wished you could get your hands on some of this new stf hard-cover stuff being published without having to fork over three bucks and buy the book. I know I have heard more than one wistful plaint (to say nothing of my own sighs) at the flatness of the pocketbook in relation to the fatness of the current stf offerings. I, personally, have made a practice of waiting for the books to come out in pocketbook form. But the trouble with that method is that you have to wait so long that by the time it comes out you've forgotten all about it -- and sometimes it doesn't come out in soft covers! All of which caused me to be slightly happy at a notice I received from "COCHECO LIBRARIES", 16 Miles Street, Dover, New Hampshire. It consisted of a list of the latest stf and some older stuff, too, and ended with a statement to this effect:

"Rental charges are 30¢ each for all books priced up to \$2.00, and 50¢ each for books priced above \$2.00. To become a member of this club just fill in blank spaces below and first free book will be shipped at once. It is our custom to ship the second choice when first book is returned, however, if you do not wish any more books after reading the first one, or if you wish the second book shipped at a later date, or wish to change your choice of books, then let us know when returning the first book. This will enable us to serve you more efficiently. Some advantages of the club are -- after your rentals have amounted to \$5.00 you read the next book free. A 10% discount is offered to all members who wish to purchase new books from the lists." Anybody interested could obtain a list of the books offered and get a membership blank by writing direct to the Cochecho Lib. I noticed some books on the 'Not For Sale' portion that I have never seen listed elsewhere. For instance, "Intimations of Eve" by Vardis Fisher; "Snare for Witches" by Elinor Chamberlain, "The Devil's Dictionary" by Ambrose Bierce, and most of the Arkham House publications. There were also a lot of books that have since come out in pocketbook editions, but so what? Nobody's going to twist your arm to make you send for them (unless you never read them and can't get them anywhere else!) They also had listed some books from England I had never seen listed before.



The 'scoop' of interest to Seattle fan is even better. There is a neighborhood theater in the north end that is trying to build up a specialty line of foreign films -- showing the really choice films that deserve to be brought back for a second run. This theater is willing to listen to suggestions in the matter of which films should be brought back for a second showing, and also would be willing to make a special showing of some film if we requested it and they could get it. Mr. Wesley Tolber (pronounced Toll bear) who works at the GRAND (that's the theater in question) even suggested that the management might be willing to make special rates for us if THE NAMELESS wished to come out 'en masse' on some special evening, and part of the proceeds could go to the club treasury! Such cooperation as that deserves our consideration!!

Ye Olde Cor. Ed. went down and took a look at the situation. They have a big list of titles in the lobby for the customers to mark which ones they'd like to see. I marked 'Monsieur Vincent', 'Secret Cabinet of Dr. Caligari' and a couple of others, including 'Staircase to Heaven'. Many of them were English-speaking films. The management is anxious to contact people that would enjoy knowing when these films will be shown, and also had a couple of lists hanging up so the patrons could write their names and addresses down on the mailing lists. The theater is easily accessible, being right on 85th St. and the Crosstown 85th St. Shuttle stops right in front of it. (Practically.) You can transfer from any North-South bus to the Shuttle without difficulty -- less trouble, in fact, than trying to get to the Hub. Afterwards, the club can adjourn to nearby eateries, both in Seattle city limits and in King County. Hah! The possibilities are limitless, particularly in the summertime when the Hub will be unavailable and the parks kind of chilly!

I would suggest for a starter that you send in your name on a postcard and ask to be placed on their mailing list so you won't miss out on their showings. I saw "Spectre of a Rose" by Ben Hecht, and was surprised and delighted with it. I didn't realize that "Rose" was almost as good as "Red Shoes". Probably would never have gone but for having it called to my attention. Mr. Tolberg says they have some very good films already lined up, including "The Witch of Prague" which is a Danish picture laid in the 16th century. If they are willing to get fantasy and stf pix for us, the least we can do is give them a chance to tell us about it! Send your penny postcard to:

GRAND Theater,

140 N. 85th

Attn: Wesley Tolber

Seattle . Wn. Ph: HE 0410

If you have any suggestions as to films you'd like to see, write them down!

Another service of particular interest to local fan, is the growing fanzine library. There are several fanzines that are now trading with THE CRY, and these fanzines are being sent direct to Alderson Fry at the Medical Library, Health Sciences Bldg. Those of you who are interested in fanzines can keep up without difficulty by dropping in occasionally and looking them over. At least, that is the general idea. I don't know exactly just what arrangements have been made for checking them out -- if any. However, there's a lot of very good material being collected, and it is especially nice to be able to drop around and take a look at what the boys are reviewing in the prozines. (By the way, did you see what Reg Phillips said about IMPOSSIBLE in the current Club House review in AMAZING?)

Fanzines are coming more and more into the public eye, so to speak. FANDORA's BOX in the latest IMAGINATION gave a very nice review of fans... keep an eye on it for the review on SINISTERRA! (Also by the way, that latest issue of IMAGINATION is probably one of the top issues ever to come out for containing top quality stuff. Every story was a number one choice. Even the vampire story and the one about the haunted house were good -- considering the subject!!! It may have been accidental, or it may have been because of the new Editor -- I sure hope it was the latter!) In my opinion (yah, who asked for your opinion!) MAG. of Fantasy & STF is probably #1, GALAXY #2, IMAGINATION (this issue, anyway) #3 & ASTOUNDING Science Fiction #4. AST. SF. has been slipping again and letting these newcomers zoom up to the top. However, I suppose when John Campbell Jr. finally becomes a 'clear' he'll start taking an interest in his magazine again and we'll have another upswing. Though, to tell the truth, usually in the past the only thing that would swing a mag. out of a sag was a change of Editors. Did anybody see this new prozine SUSPENSE? Whatta gyp! Practically all reprints, and they didn't warn us, either. I don't mind a reprint if the editors come right out and tell you it's a reprint and where from, but I rather dislike paying for new stories and getting old ones!



Ye Olde Cor. Ede. will have to give a second-hand report about the party. She didn't show up. Her and about half the rest of the club! Tsk! Tsk! What kind of cooperation is that? Those NAMELESS that did show up had a wonderful time, I understand, including more food than they could eat, seeing as how we'd guaranteed an attendance of 25 and only about 18 showed up. There was plenty to eat and it took them all evening to eat it.... but when it came <sup>time</sup> to pay the check..... Oh, well, Proxy Barker showed up and was -- ah, shall we say 'persuaded' to write out a check for the deficit..... At least the Wymans, who were the hosts for the evening, were not stuck for the total amount as a repayment for their courtesy in arranging the party for us. Next time, doggonit, we'll sell tickets in advance!

The most pressing bit of business on the calender is the coming elections.

# W H A T !

Yes. That's what I said. We've gotta start figuring out who's who around here, and this time we have some slight difficulties to contend with. According to the Constitution of the Univ. Branch of the NAMELESS ONES, the officers of that organization must be students (or faculty) with accredited status on the Campus. No night school students or extension courses accepted. Gotta be the bona fide real Joe Collitch. Since the University Branch has only 2 officers, Pres. & Treas., and the NAMELESS ONES of the entire state have 4 officers, it could be arranged that 2 of the 4 officers could be University people, and they could have the additional duties of assuming responsibility for the Branch offices. Actually, this is hairsplitting. Since we have not yet developed more than the one large group here in Seattle, the University Branch officers do all the work anyway and the only reason we fuss around with non-campus officers is to keep the way open for the time that we have several groups all meeting and movieing and gabbing over the teacups like mad all over the city and state and need a central correlating agency. Not that we have much to correlate, but who knows? We might have a convention out here ourselves, someday!

Oh yes, speaking of conventions, I received a bulletin from Harry Moore the other day. NOLACON BULLETIN No. 1, it said, and listed the names of members to date. Just for fun I counted up how many Washington fans had sent in their bucks. Not bad, there were about a dozen of us. But, considering that we have about 200 fans here in Washington, it wasn't exactly good, either. I was very much amused to note that the NOLACON official stationery has a left hand reaching for the world almost identical to our Sinisterra insignia -- except that it is a photograph of a living hand instead of a drawing of a skeletal one. Harry also sent a travel folder showing New Orleans.... I sat here actually drooling over it. Gosh, there must be some way to get down there come Sept!

The Cincinnati fans are having a 'conference' at Indian Lake, Ohio, May 19 & 20. Rick Smeary was very positive down at the NORWESCON as to the necessity for designating anything else than the annual nationwide gathering in September as 'conferences' rather than 'Conventions'. However, I rather suspect that there'll be a lot of fun at Indian Lake next May, and I sure would like to be there. What with IMAGINATION, OTHER WORLDS, FATE, etc. so close by, there should be some pretty big names and probably some pretty good auction material there, too. Do you suppose we could have a 'conference' up here some time?

And now...(as they say)...for a word from our sponsors: Buck Austin comes up with the good word that two of our lost NAMELESS have been found.

724 Pike St., Seattle

Hi!

Frank McGowan still comes in occasionally & still likes to hear from you -- lives at 757 1/2 Broadway, Tacoma 1, Wn. (Rm #43). Gray Beck Smith, Oak Harbor, Wash. was a pre-charter member of NAMELESS who moved to Arizona a year ago & who is now back in our area again. (Be'ck = "Hawk" in Cheyenne). Welcome back, boys.



123 Geo. Wash. Way  
Richland, Wash.

Hello Carr:

This is Ivan White speaking... Like many science fiction readers I have become interested in DIANETICS. Would you mind sending me names and addresses of people whom you think are interested in the subject. You may give my name and address to any individual or group you think would care to correspond... By the way, I am not a teen-age (but I love the little devils) fan, who has just taken his first mental ride on a rocket ship, but a man of forty, who began reading science-fiction back in the twenties when the old AMAZING STORIES first came out. That was before STREET AND SMITH got ahold of it. A swell mag. in those days.

I am using the following approach to DIANETICS: First I amass all the data possible. I get both pro and con. That includes letters to the editor, mag. articles and any source of information. Then I look for similarities. Eventually the thing irons out into a pattern that makes sense. It is really an old established method of evaluating one of the 'humanities'. It works as far as generalities are concerned. Specifically, when you are dealing with anything as complicated as people, there is never any absolute 'truth'. It may not be good, this method I am using, but it is the best I can do, with what I have to work with. The second step is to observe people who are being 'audited' and to discuss the matter with auditors. I also find it convenient to hand out an occasional warning to friends who seem to be going over-board on the subject of dianetics. I feel that under certain circumstances it might be dangerous.

Hoping I am not taking up a lot of your valuable time-----

I remain

Very sincerely yours  
Ivan E. White

P.S. Drop me a line any time.

Ed. Note: Welcome to THE NAMELESS ONES, Mr. White. Anybody want to discuss Dianetics with Mr. White? Personally, my opinion of what it was that Phil Harris found in that box was the mummified corpse of L. Ron Hubbard clutching a copy of his chief claim to fame.....

216 E. President  
Tucson, Arizona

Dear Mrs. Carr,

Received my Fall issue of SINISTERRA about two weeks ago. Congrats to the editor!

I have a suggestion, maybe you've already thought of it but its something that would benefit the Washington Fans. Why don't you send the names of Washington Fan to Len Moffat, 5969 Lanto St., Bell Gardens, Calif., for inclusion in the next Fan Directory? The list which appeared in THO Newsletter #9 would be excellent.

Either the address shown above or the military address which you have on file will be Okay - I'll get mail either way.

Finally located one fan in Tucson. He's 15 - one of the younger set that seems to be taking over the letter columns in the pro's and developing an interest in fandom.

Why doesn't TNO start a project to call "fans" by some other name? At the moment I can think of no alternate but that word "fan" grates my nerves. There are too many fans in the world anyhow, and the word has become common in sports, hobbies, literature, etc. Webster's definition doesn't add much to the prestige of having the name. Webster says: "fan, n. (Prob. fr. fanatic) Slang. An enthusiastic devotee of a particular diversion, as baseball." How about substituting DEVO (male) and DEVE (fem.), with the entire "fandom" known as DEV's? That isn't so good, but maybe it will illustrate what I am trying to say.

Nuff said. I'm looking forward to the next issue of SINISTERRA.

Sincerely,

Clark E. Crouch

Ed. Note: I agree with you whole-heartedly about the Fandirectory. I ran off a tape immediately after I laid eyes on it and forwarded the entire list of NAMELESS to Stan Woolston. If and when I hear they are getting out another issue, I'll check again to be sure they have a correct and up-to-date list! As to the Dev vs Fan suggestion -- it's OK by me. Personally, I'd think it might be easier to break in something on the BEM order -- Bem-bums, etc., but if anybody wants to start a new Crusade I'm all for it! How about it, NAMELESS? Got any suggestions?

(Appropo nothing at all -- in case anybody's wondering about this weird format, let it be known that I'm using up all the odds and ends of paper on hand.)



6530 - 102nd Pl. N.E.  
Kirkland, Wash.

Dear Mrs. Carr:

I suppose you had thought I had forgotten about the NAMELESS since the one meeting I attended some time ago. I have meant ever since to write and tell you how I enjoyed the meeting and how I appreciated everyone's friendliness, but somehow I didn't get around to it until now.

I hope to attend some more meetings but I am waiting until the evenings are warmer and it stays light later, as it is rather difficult for me to get out to the University from here in Kirkland. Perhaps I should wait until the NAMELESS meeting place is completely settled! I had just learned how to find the Medical Building when you hop off to another part of the campus, which requires an entirely different combination of buses to reach it! However, I am certainly glad that a suitable meeting place was found after we were asked to leave the Medical Building. And the map that was in a Newsletter a while ago should help matters considerably.

A Newsletter some time ago mentioned Mr. Austin leaving for somewhere else. Is this just a rumor or is the Wolf Den Book Shop really closing? Why does Mr. Austin want to sell that wonderful book shop? If I owned a store as full of stuff as that I'd never leave it! I wish you would tell just what it is all about in the next Newsletter.

I appreciate your continuing to send me Newsletters and notices of meetings. Incidentally, I notice your campaign to have the Newsletter called by its proper name - "THE CRY OF THE NAMELESS". I think why it is not known as that is because the title is always on it as "Nameless Newsletter".

I don't believe an attempt to start a branch of THE NAMELESS at our school would be successful. Although the number of kids who sign on the reserved lists of the science fiction books in the library is large, I think few are real fans. I have already attempted to form a general science club, The Stinkers, at our school. It struggles along for a while and now is temporarily disbanded. Also, I do not know who we could have as a faculty sponsor since our Stinkers sponsor, the chemistry teacher, Mr. Whitney, doesn't like s.f. - Besides, I wouldn't like the idea of any prozine I subscribed to going through the hands of everyone. I might not get it back!

Thank you again for keeping me on the mailing list. I hope to see you soon.  
Bye till then.

Donna Karasok

Ed. Note: Well, Donna, the last I heard Bill Austin is still proprietor of the Wolf Den. He had it up for sale and a deal fell through, but not before he had made plans to go south. Now the situation depends on whether or not somebody else (with dough) feels the same as you about the advantages of owning all that stuff! As to the point of forming an sf club of your own - why does it have to be official and have a sponsor? That's one point I can't figure out. So far as I know, sf is fun - not necessarily a part of the educational system!

2922 N. 16th St.  
Tacoma 6, Wn.

Dear Mrs. Carr:

Enclosed find \$1.00 donated to whatever 'pigeonhole' it takes to keep the news coming. (Thanks, pal, this'll come in handy during the summer when school's out).

Complaint: Bob & I traveled from Tacoma at break-neck schedule for the movie "Things to Come" and then sat around waiting for the blamed thing to start, making the showing run late, and when we went over afterwards the Hub was closed. We muttered darkly about the whole arrangement.

Complaint 2: Copy of THE NAMELESS arrived so late, couldn't come to Feb. 28 party.

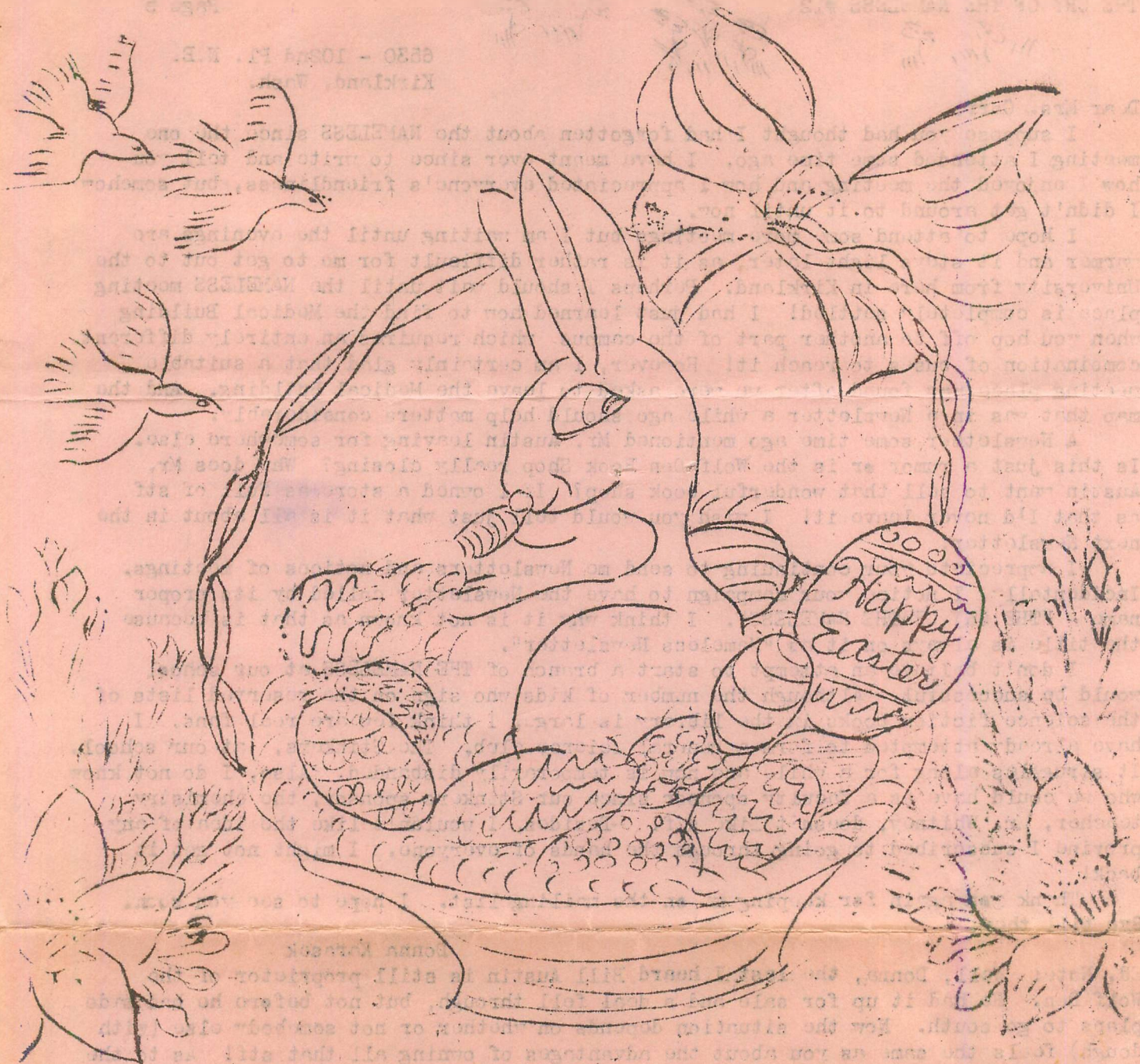
Ah, well, I'll get over that even tho my life's on train schedule tuning.

Mrs. Elsie Allen

Ed. Note: Shucks! I'm sorry as heck, Elsie, I was hoping to see you, too.

It seems that Washington fan are bursting out all over the prozine letter columns. Eldon K. Everett, P.O. Box 513, Tacoma, Wash. has a very interesting offer in his letter in the Apr. issue of Fantastic Novels. Anybody that's collecting FFM, FS, etc. really ought to look into it. Spokane speaks up again in Planet Stories -- this time Donald J. Lanque, Esq. Shore wish they'd sling a letter in this direction -- haven't given up hope of running across a Spokane fan that doesn't ignore everything west of the Rockies..... Mrs. Frank Livie, Postoffice Box 665, Concrete, Wash. made FFM.





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