

I signed my first book contract just before the Midwescon two years ago. (WHEN IN ROME, with Ted White, and it paid for the two-week Great Trek that year...) Since then I've done two more books (both this year and both into their publishers long since).

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In addition, I have two outlines currently in to my agent, and he's eagerly awaiting three more from me which are half-sold already (in one way or another). None of these books, as every schoolboy knows, has yet appeared. One of the new issues of PAPERBACK BOOKS IN PRINT lists three volumes of LOST IN SPACE novelizations for three successive months in the early fall, and credits all three of them to WHITE, T. I suppose this means that one of my books may actually be coming out around NYCon 3 time, since I did do a LOST IN SPACE novelization for Pyramid with Ted's name also on the contract ("By Dave Van Arnam & Ron Archer," the byline is supposed to read). Whether it'll have my name on it is something that's going to exercise my sense of wonder heavily for the next few months, but that's Writing, I suppose I cd find someone to say.

STEVE STILES FOR TAFF!!

Well, at least my fanzines get published...

A FUNNY THING HAPPENED TO ME ON THE WAY TO THE MIDWESCON DEPT: Well, I haven't left yet, but I've already gotten the rentacar from Kinney, so I can tell myself the trip has begun.

Well, we didn't make reservations, some of us, and so we're leaving a bit early so as to have a fair shot at lapsed reservations when we get in to Cincinnati ("we" being Cindy & me, Arnie Katz, & Mike McInerney). Probably we will leave about three in the morning.

I mention this so that you can look about you after reading this, to see if you can spot a few of our bloodshot eyes...

STEVE STILES FOR TAFF DEPT: Steve Stiles is running for TAFF, and we here at FIRST DRAFT think that Steve Stiles is an o.k. TAFF candidate. We have gone so far as to hand Mr. Terry Carr some cash and a ballot that clearly indicated our sentiments in the matter. Suffused with the knowledge that we had Done Right, we might have left it at that. But then we paused to think that others might exist whose emotions on the subject were as yet unaroused. Well, we decided on the spot, for openers we might mention that Steve is intent upon reviving his swell old fanzine SAM, and has inquired of Null-Q Press as to its feasibility, and we here at Null-Q Press think it's perfectly feasible now that we own Null-Q Press (or one machine of it). SAM was a Swell Fanzine, and will be again, and we have installed Steve Stiles at our apartment during our stay at the Midwescon, together with stencils, styluses, and the very Remington electric which even as our fingers move on the keyboard does a fair job of moving wax aside on this stencil. (Of course, for Steve it's programmed to type only the words "re-up!", but that's because he just got out of the Army.)

We think that Steve Stiles is a great cartoonist, a hilarious and penetrating writer, a topnotch faned, and one of the best TAFF candidates ever. TAFF. Steve Stiles. TAFF. Steve Stiles. TAFF. Steve Stiles...

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