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All The News That Fits We Print -- A Motto

## RON ELLIK KILLED IN AUTO CRASH

Ron Ellik was killed in a car crash Saturday afternoon, January 27th, at approximately 4:55 pm. He was traveling west on Highway 90, Juneau County, Wisconsin, in a light rain, when his car skidded on ice. He lost control and the car skidded into the center lane, striking the guard rail. It went through this and struck a concrete support pillar for an overpass, killing him instantly.

Ron had been transferred to St. Paul, Minnesota, for a period of several weeks by Univac, the company he was working for at the time. After a short period the company informed him that they had decided to transfer him to St. Paul for a period of about three months, after which he was scheduled to be transferred to Europe. Ron had flown back to Philadelphia, where he had an apartment, loaded his car with various possessions, and was driving to St. Paul when the accident occurred.

Ron had planned to be back in St. Paul by Saturday evening. Sunday, Lois Lavender was to have flown out from Los Angeles and married Ron.

Ron's mother had apparently been against the marriage, and Ron and Lois had evidently planned to present her with an accomplished fact. After the marriage, they had planned to both go to Europe, he for Univac, and she to attend a European university. Several days ago The Man From UNCLE #14: The Cross Of Gold Affair, co-authored by Ron and Steve Tolliver, went on sale. Ace sent several advance copies to Ron, but he apparently never saw them. It was his first published book.

There are other fans, other places in which Ron's achievements will be chronicled. I can only say that I believe Ron was one of the most well-liked fans in our micro-cosm. At my first WorldCon, Washington in 1963, he told me where the parties were; parties that I would otherwise not have discovered, unwashed neofan that I was. I particularly remember a time, very early one morning, after a particularly long and boisterous party, we went out with several others to the local pancake house. I remember talking to Ron about fannish and mundane matters as myself, not just another obnoxious neofan. And I remember Ron answering, on that warm and tired morning that seems so many years ago, as one fan to another. He will be missed by those of us who knew him personally, as well as those who knew him only through his writing in the fanzines.

Ron Ellik was a good man.

For those who wish to send condolences to Ron's family, the address of his mother is: Mrs. Edythe Ellik, 129 Bennett Avenue, Long Beach, California, 90802.

NEW LANCER RELEASES: February: Wolshead by Robert E Howard (73-721; 60¢); The Day Of Timestop by Philip Jose Farmer (73-715; 60¢); March: Daymares by Fredric Brown (73-727; 60¢); Seetee Ship by Jack Williamson (73-732; 60¢); Seetee Shock by Jack Williamson (73-733; 60¢); April: I, The Machine by Paul W. Fairman (73-735; 60¢); Of Time And Space And Other Things by Isaac Asimov (non-fiction: 74-930; 75¢). (Source: L T Shaw)

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JACK CHALKER TURNS PUBLISHER: Jack Chalker will be publishing hardcover books, under the imprint of Mirage Press, beginning in April. The first release from the firm will be The Conan Reader by L. Sprague de Camp, with 13 stories plus two dozen illustrations by Roy Krenkel (\$4.00). This will be followed by The Eager Dragon, 4 novelettes by Robert Bloch (\$4.00), H.P. Lovecraft: A Portrait, by W. Paul Cook (paper only, \$2.50), and The Necronomicon: A Study, by Mark Owings (paper only, \$1.95). All the above can be ordered from Mirage Press, 5111 Liberty Hgts. Avenue, Baltimore, Md., 21207. A catalog is available on request.

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SF WRITERS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD: A Writers' Workshop in Science Fiction and Fantasy will be held June 24th through August 2nd, 1968, at Clarion State College, Clarion, Pennsylvania. Visiting staff will include Judith Merril, Fritz Lieber, Harlan Ellison, Damon Knight, and Kate Wilhelm. Participants may enroll for 2, 4, or 6 week periods; college credit will be given. For information write: Robin Scott Wilson, Director, Clarion Writers' Workshop, Clarion State College, Clarion, Pennsylvania, 16214.

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ARTHUR C CLARKE IN LECTURE TOUR: Arthur C Clarke is in the middle of an extensive lecture tour. On March 25 he will be at Ball State University; 3/26, The Cincinnati, Ohio, Women's Club; 3/28, Purdue University; 3/30, the Woman's Club of Central Kentucky, Lexington, Ky.; 4/7 Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, NH; 4/16, Marietta College, Marietta, Ohio; 5/14, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff; 5/21, The Morning Forum of Los Altos, California; 5/22, Washington State University, Pullman, Washington; and 5/23 the University of Montana at Missoula. For information contact these organizations or the Press Information Offices at the respective Universities and schools. (Source: Ballantine Books)

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MUST RENEW THIS ISSUE: Vern Bennett, Hank Davis, Tom Draheim, Michael Fogaris, Bruce Fredstrom, Joe Haldeman, Ron Hicks, Alan Howard, Richard Labonte, Roy Langbord, Shirley Meech, Fred Phillips, Gordon Phillips, Mike Viggiano, and R F Wald. Subscriptions are 12/\$1 or 25/\$2.

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US AGENT DEPT.: Australian Science Fiction Review, Australia's leading sf publication, costs only \$2.40 for 6 issues. The ThirdManCon, the 1968 British National Science Fiction Convention, costs only \$1 to join. I am agent for both. Please make checks and money orders payable to Andrew Porter.

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NEW SF MAGAZINE TO BE PUBLISHED: Ted White, leading Brooklyn SF Author, will be editor and co-publisher of Stellar Stories of Imagination, a new effort on the professional level. Stellar, offset printed in the half size format, features a full color cover by Jack Gaughan; Lee Hoffman, Samuel R Delany, Alex Panshin, Dave Van Arnam and Roger Zelazny in the interior; and some of the most inspiring art and layout in many a year, all in the first issue. The price for the magazine, to be distributed in bookstores only, is \$1, or \$4.50/6 issues direct from the publisher. To order the first issue (75¢) or long term subscriptions write: Ted White, Stellar, 339 49th Street, Brooklyn, NY, 11220. (Sources: Ted White, SFTimes, ES Reed)

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DEEPSOUTHCON VI: The Sixth DeepSouthCon will be held in New Orleans, La., the weekend before the BayCon. The guest of Honor will be Daniel F Galouye. For membership, send \$1 to John Guidry, #5 Finch Street, New Orleans, La., 70124  
New Orleans in '73!!!

# TAFF PROGRESS REPORT NO. 10: JANUARY 1968

Published in the interests of the Trans-Atlantic Fan Fund by Terry Carr, 35 Pierrepont St., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201, U.S.A., and Thomas Schlück, 3 Hannover, Georgswall 5, Germany. Mimeo-graphy courtesy of Dick Lupoff.

## STEVE STILES WINS TAFF

After possibly the closest TAFF voting in the Fund's history, Steve Stiles won on the second ballot and will represent American fandom at 1968's British National Convention over Easter.

The first ballot ended in a dead-heat tie:

STEVE STILES	50
TED JOHNSTONE	50
Ed Cox	40
Hold Over Funds	1
Write-in: Len Moffatt	1
Write-in: Bob Pavlat	1

The second ballot awarded a close victory to Stiles:

STEVE STILES	71
Ted Johnstone	62

Differences in total-vote counts between the first and second ballots were occasioned by voters who didn't fill out their ballots past the #1 slot when voting for Cox, Hold Over Funds or write-in candidates.

The voting in Europe was surprisingly light this year, only 15 ballots were received by Tom Schlück. 8 of these were from German fans, 7 from England. Even so, in such a close election, the European votes were highly important to the outcome.

The breakdown by European and American voting was as follows. On the first ballot:

	<u>American</u>	<u>European</u>
STEVE STILES	45	5
TED JOHNSTONE	49	1
Ed Cox	32	8
Write-in: Bob Pavlat	0	1

On the second ballot:

	<u>American</u>	<u>European</u>
STEVE STILES	61	10
Ted Johnstone	58	4

Steve Stiles is currently making plans for his TAFF trip. Letters of congratulation, suggestions, and advice from England may be sent to Steve at 1809 Second Avenue, New York, N.Y., U.S.A.

The following people voted on the American side; Dan Alderson, Karen Anderson, Poul Anderson, Lon Atkins, Len Bailes, Ed Baker, Robert Bell Jr., Ruth Berman, John D. Berry, Barbara Blackbeard, Bill Blackbeard, James Blish, John Boardman, Jean Bogert, Redd Boggs, N. A. Bratmon, Ned Brooks, Charlie Brown, Connie Brown, Marsha Brown, Rich Brown, Robert P. Brown, Charles Burbee, Elinor Busby, F. M. Busby, Colin Cameron, Carol Carr, Terry Carr, Phil Castora, Jim Caughran, Ross Chamberlain, Wm. J. Clark, Jessie Clinton, Sid Coleman, Leigh Couch, Juanita Coulson, Buck Coulson, Anne Cox, Ed Cox, Dik Daniels, Walt Daugherty, Thomas Digby, Alex Eisenstein, Phyllis Eisenstein, Gordon Eklund, Ron Ellick, Dick Ellington, Mitch Evans, Dorothea M. Faulkner, Dave Fox, John Foyster, Don Franson, Les Gerber, Owen Hannifen, Phil Harrell, Tina Hensel, Hilda Hoffman, Fred Hollander, Allan Howard, Dave Hulan, Ted Johnstone, Dwain Kaiser, Arnie Katz, Ben Keifer, Betty Knight, Eph Konigsberg, Gil Lamont, Fritz Leiber, Fred Lerner, Al Lewis, Anthony Lewis, Bob Lichtman, Thomas Locke, Doug Lovenstein, Dick Lupoff, Pat Lupoff, Hank Luttrell, Rich Mann, Joyce McDaniel, Bill McDermit, Mike McInerney, Banks Mebane, June Moffatt, Len Moffatt, J. G. Newkom, Frederick Norwood, Alexei Panshin, Fred Patten, Bruce Pelz, Tom Perry, Joe Pilati, Andy Porter, Jerry Pournelle, Boyd Raeburn, Neal Clark Reynolds, Ross Rocklynne, Jock Root, Bill Rotsler, Alan Shaw, Art Saha, Dick Schultz, Jim Schumacher, Al Schuster Jr., Jon V. Shaw, Bob Silverberg, Donald Simpson, Beresford Smith, Ginger Smith, Helen Smith, Rick Sneary, Karl Spreitzer, Criss Stevens, Lyn Stier, Steve Stiles, Henry Stine, Roy Tackett, Bjo Trimble, John Trimble, Dave Van Arnam, Bob Vardeman, Mike Ward, Harry Warner, Wally Weber, Charles Wells, Jon White, Robin White, Ed Wood, Roger Zelazny.

Voters on the European side were: Heinrich R. Arenz, Alfred Beha, H. R. Bell, Ron Bennett, Eddie Jones, Gary Kluepfel, Waldemar Kunning, Ethel Lindsay, John Owen, G. P. Possato, Walter Reinecke, Franz Rottensteiner, Juergen Thadewald, Wolfgang Thadewald, Arthur Thomson.

Ken Bulmer, Bob Madle and Dick Schultz contributed additional money without voting. The Bristolcon (1967 British National Convention) contributed £40, approx. \$96.00. The Tricon contributed \$100, and the NyCon3 contributed \$250. Many thanks are due to these people and committee members; in addition, thanks must go to Harlan Ellison and Bob Silverberg for their participation in the TAFF Auction at NyCon3. One hour of Ellison's time was auctioned by Silverberg, bringing a price of \$40.00. Then Jan Trenholm, who had led the group buying Ellison, allowed an hour of her time to be auctioned by Ellison, with half the proceeds going to TAFF and half to the Columbus in '69 bid; author H. H. Hollis paid \$42.00 in this bidding.

As a result of these donations and the contributions accompanying votes, the TAFF treasury now stands as follows:

American:	\$934.30	
European:	\$160.00	(Approx. \$27 in German funds, \$133 in British funds.)
	<u>\$1094.30</u>	

\$600 of this will go to Steve Stiles for his trip, leaving a sizable amount to give next year's administrators a head start in collecting funds for the next Europe-to-America TAFF trip.

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ATCM ABROAD, Arthur Thomson's 90-page, profusely illustrated account of his 1964 TAFF trip to the World Convention in Oakland, California, is now available. The price is \$1.00 or 7/- per copy, from:

Ian Peters  
292 Southend Lane  
Catford, London SE6, England