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*1 Yes, Virginia, there is a Stuart Schiff. See note following page.
*2 Of which three appear to be creditable -- the rest being previously circulated, and the cover can hardly count as a page.
*3 Yes, Doreen, you can be a member. See note following page.
*4 Delightful enclosures not counted.
THE COMPANY OF DAMOCLES

The following people owe the indicated number of pages in the next mailing: Beck - 3; Boeren - 4; Breiding - 2; Collins - 2; Drake - 2; Eber - 6; Everts - 3; Faig - 6; Howard - 6; Lord - 6; Nelly - 6; Schiff - 4; Sherman - 4; Webbert - 3; Weihberg - 6; Williamson - 6; and the following people owe $2 each in dues by next time: Barbara, Eber, Howard, Lord, Morris, Moudry, Williamson.

Ins and Outs: Reed Andrus and Bill Wallace owed pages that did not arrive; regret fully, they must be dropped. Bill; I got your letter but not your package. If it arrives, I will put it in next mailing; I hope you'll return to the waitlist (and that goes for Reed too). And mail sooner! *** Most of you are probably aware that Rich Small left this life a few weeks ago; you'll find details and eulogies within the pages of this mailing, which I think should be DEDICATED TO RICH SMALL. *** Our new members this time are Eric Carlson, John Finkbiner, Reg Smith and James (usually known as Tommy) Bass. *** This leaves us with 35 members ... opps, I left out one; Fred Adams, against all advice and urging of many of his fellow members, resigned from the Order. Fred felt that he was just too pressed for time at present, and that it was only fair to pass the spot to someone else. He promises to return, and we can hardly wait.

Anyway, 35 members means I get to make The Offer You Can't Refuse -- because those night-gaunts can even make your soul tickle.

The following waitlisters are invited to join the Order as of next time. They should send the indicated amount of dues and the indicated number of pages by October 31.

1. $1 + 6 pgs: Randall Larson, 774 Vista Grande Ave, Los Altos CA 94022
2. $1 + 6 pgs: Loay H. Hall, 210 West Florence, Balckwell, OK 74631
3. $0 + 0 pgs: Dr. Howard J. Duerr, 12 Arlington House, Maitland FL 32751
   (Howard had 6 pages in this mailing and extra-mailing money in, so he's an instant member as of right now.)
4. $1 + 6 pages: Bill Pugmire, 5021 43rd Avenue South, Seattle WA 98118

FOOTNOTES (from the previous page)

1. Stuart Schiff was listed last time as dropped, but; Stu's package was received in Akron well before the deadline, but the nice people down at the Post Office put it in the wrong Post office box, whose owners took their good old time returning it. This being the case, Stuart is restored, as he did the right things.

2. Doreen Webbert's entry of a zie in this mailing makes it imperative that I do something about joint mailings. So, this ADDITION TO THE RULES: "Joint Mailings: The mate of any member may become an instant member by contributing 6 pages to any mailing. Thereafter, the mate shall be a member with voting rights as long as he or she maintains minimum activity. One set of dues shall suffice for both; one copy of the mailing will be sent to them. The term "mate" does not necessarily imply marriage. If you can agree on it, so can I." Doreen is not an instant member this time, as she only has two pages. But we'd be glad to welcome her (and any other mates...) any time.

MORE CHANGES, including THE O.E.'s NEW ADDRESS!! I haven't gone anywhere, but my mailing address has changed. From now on address me at Roger Bryant, 1019 Cordova Avenue, Akron Ohio 44320. (When the post office raised their rates and told me I had to pay 6 months at a time instead of 3, I decided they could jolly well lug the stuff out to my house. They will forward the mail if you address it to the PO Box, but to assure your stuff getting here on time, use the NEW ADDRESS.

And about PHONING THE OB: The number is still the same - (216) 667-4624, but the best hours to call me have changed. I recommend between 5 and 10 pm eastern time on weekdays, any time after 3 pm Saturdays, pot luck on Sundays.

EXTRA MAILINGS continue to be a problem. They are selling out in advance of publication, and no one is happy about it. So here is the latest in the long string of policies: 1. I will continue to accept advance orders for the next mailing at $1 per copy. All orders will be filled until the deadline day. No more than one mailing (the upcoming one) can be ordered in advance.

2. When the mailings are ready, I will FIRST fill the orders of those who are in-
vited to join in the next mailing. (So, if you're near the top of the waiting list, be sure to order.)

3. Then, I will send copies to others, in chronological order as their requests were received, until I run out of copies.

4. When that happens, I will refund money to anyone who ordered too late.

When you order, your request will be filed. Do not expect an acknowledgement. I can't tell you before the deadline whether you'll get a mailing or not, since the number of copies available depends on how many drop out each time. After the deadline you will get either a mailing or a refund.

This is about the best I can do; this will not change again until the new OE takes over; perhaps he can think of a better system.

**SPEAKING OF WHICH --** Next mailing, October, we will elect a new official editor.

I will not be running this time. One candidate has announced (no, I won't tell you who, but his initials are J.M. and his zine's initials are A.A. Go look up his platform.) Others interested in running should notify me of their intentions by October 10th to be on the ballot.

And the mailing after that -- the February 5th, 1976 -- is the 13th mailing, also known as the EMOD's DARK RASTh Anniversary. It should be a special mailing, so be making plans to do something special for it.

Well, I guess that's enough ado, eh? Back to the bookwork, namely the

**REST OF THE WAITING LIST.** Dollar amount indicates how much you will need to send when you're invited to join.

1. Jonathan Bacon, Box 147, Laroni IA 50140  ($1)
2. John Gates, PO Box 5216, University AL 35486 ($1)
3. James Faulkner, 2312 A West National, Milwaukee WI 53204  ($1) /$1
4. Gary Kimber, 139 Highview Ave, Scarborough MI 222 Canada ($0) /09502
5. SSGt Edward Paul Berglund, 472-46-7335, S-2, 34th MAU Detachment G, FPO New York NY
6. Charles Korb, 816 Birch St, Apt 103, Honolulu HI 96814 ($1)
7. L.W. Hill, 3952 W. Dundee Rd, Northbrook IL 60062 ($1)
8. J. Vernon Shea, 10821 Governor Avenue, YXX Cleveland OH 44111 ($1)
9. Frank Stauf, 21091 Red-Fir Ct., Cupertino CA 95014 ($0)
10. Walter A. Gose, Box 6, Helena MT 59601 ($1)
11. Jim Depkus, Route 1 Box 247, Westfield, WI 53964 ($1)
12. this space open. Recruits needed.

**AND HERE ARE THE MEMBERS, with new addresses marked #, new members named in CAPITALS, and the number after your name being the mailing by whose deadline your next years dues ($2) are due. If it's "12", do it NOW.**

1. Frank Bambara, 8853 Central Avenue, Montclair, CA 91763 (12)
2. BASS, TOMMY 507 Barlow St., Americus GA 31709 (15)
3. Baok, Claire PO Box 27, Lakeport CA 95453 (13)
4. R. Boerum 1041 La Deney Dr., Ontario CA 91762 (19)
5. Sutton Breiding, 2760 Sutter #101, San Francisco CA 94115 (14)
6. Roger Bryant, 1019 Cordova Avenue, Akron OH 44320 (13)
7. Crispin Burnham, 1051 Wellington Road, Lawrence KS 66044 (16)
8. ERIC CARLSON, PO Box 7042 West Duluth Sta., Duluth MN 55807 (15)
9. Tom Collins, PO Box 1261 Peter Stuyvesant Sta., New York NY 10009 (14)
10. Scott Connors, 6004 W Kingston Dr., Alliquippa PA 15001 (14)
11. Bob Culp, 2563 Hunter Terrace, Fort Myers FL 33901 (16)
12. Dave Drake, Box 904, Chapel Hill NC 27514 (14)
13. HOWARD J. DUBER, 12 Arlington House, Maitland FL 32751 (15)
14. Bob Eber, 4801 Clair Del Ave Apt 103, Long Beach CA 90807 (12)
15. R. Alain Everts, PO Box 664, Madison WI 53701 (13)
16. Ken Faig, PO Box 1228, Chicago IL 60690 (13)

**DEADLINE FOR THE 12TH MAILING: OCTOBER 31, 1975**
17. JOHN FINKBINER, PO Box 784, Eagle Lake FL 33839 (15)
18. Meade Frierson, 3705 Woodvale Road, Birmingham AL 35223 (13)
19. George S. Howard, 2004 Hasley Dr., Oklahoma City OK 73120 (12)
20. Len Indick, 428 Sagamore Avenue, Teaneck NJ 07666 (13)
21. Glenn Lord, PO Box 775, Pasadena TX 77501 (12)
22. Arthur Metzger, 1171 Neab Road, Cincinnati OH 45238 (13)
23. Harry Morris, 500 Wellesley SE, Albuquerque NM 87106 (12)
24. Dirk W. Mosig, Dept. Psych, Georgia SW College, Americus GA 31709 (13)
25. Joe Moudry, PO Box 1205, Tuscaloosa AL 01 (12)
26. Doug, Shore View-Circle, Indialantic FL 32903 (15)
27. Neily, Kennett 17 Albert Avenue, West Barrington RI 02980 (14)
28. Stuart Schiff, 5508 DodgeDirve, Fayetteville NC 28303 (13)
29. David E Schultz, 3019 N. 70th St., Milwaukee WI 53210 (13)
30. Chris Sherman, 22700 Parkview Terr., Minneapolis MN 55416 (12)
31. David C. Smith, 520 Secrest ZLane, Girard OH 44420 (14)
32. R.M. SIMTH, 1509 Mar-les Drive, Santa Ana CA 92706 (14)
33. Wally Stoeeling, 2326 Deewood Dr., Columbus OH 43229 (14)
34. Jim Webbert, 3925 West Missouri, Phoenix AZ 85019 (13)
35. Robert Weinberg, 10553 S. Kenneth, Oak Lawn IL 60453 (14)
36. Chet Williamson, Box 13, Rheems PA 17570 (13)

I see I have a variety of last-name-firsts and first-name-firsts, not to mention typos and erasures and so forth. It's late at night, and I'm an old and tired OE.

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I've written approximately these lines in two other apas now, and it's becoming hard to say. No, that's not true! It was hard to say the first time. I will miss seeing Rich Small's fanzines and letters; I shall never see his face. But I was happy -- and more at ease about myself as a fan -- for having known Rich, for he was in a sense the possible fan. I trust that he is well now.

I'm grateful to Scott Liltle for having sent the Rich Small material for inclusion with this mailing. It had no title, so I chose one from the text: "Fandom Has Lost a Good Friend". Amen.

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DON'T FORGET:

THE O.E.'s NEW ADDRESS: Roger Bryant
1019 Cordova Avenue
Akron Ohio 44320

THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT MAILING: October 31, 1975

HELP WANTED

Executive Position

Prestigious weird-fiction oriented amateur press association needs official editor. Must have wisdom of Solomon, patience of Job, stubbornness of Balaam's ass. Experience not necessary; on-the-job training provided. Pay is low, rewards can be considerable. Apply by October 10 to above address. Fee paid.

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RULES of the Esoteric Order of Dagon

The Esoteric Order of Dagon is a quarterly amateur press association devoted to weird fiction and fantasy, with emphasis on the works and followers of H.P. Lovecraft.

Membership in the E.O*D is limited to 39 (thrice 13) members who have paid dues of $2 per year (four mailings) and who fulfill the requirements set forth below...

Minimum Activity is six pages of printed or duplicated material every two mailings.

Five of these six pages must be the member's own writing or artwork, and all six must not have been circulated elsewhere prior to the deadline of the mailing in which they are to appear. Any other material (pre-circulated or not, the member's own work or not) may not be contributed to the mailings, but the minimum requirements must be met in order to retain membership. NEW MEMBERS must have at least SIX PAGES in their first mailing. (A page is defined as a standard sheet such as this one, but smaller sheets are perfectly acceptable if an equivalent larger number of them is submitted to meet the minimum requirements.) 50 COPIES of each submission are required; format and method of reproduction are the option of the member so long as they meet the minimum requirements and are legible. The member is responsible for printing his "Dagonzine" and sending 50 copies to the official editor before the deadline. Zines should always be sent in finished form (i.e., collated and stapled, etc.) Please use two or more staples -- no corner-stapling. Double-spacing of one's submission is discouraged if it is intended for minimum-activity credit.

Deadlines are Candlemas (Feb 5), Roodmas (May 1), Lammas (Aug 1), and Hallowmass (Oct 31). When the deadline falls on a Sunday, the deadline is considered to be the PREVIOUS day, that is, Saturday. Direct mailings and postmailings do not count for minimum credit.

Changes of Address should be sent directly to the Official Editor by letter or card.

Do not expect the O.E to find a c/o a. in the text of a zine. Letters to the O.E. should not be enclosed in bundles of zines unless the outside of the bundle is marked "letter enclosed", or it won't be read until after the deadline.

Extra mailings will be sold to waitinglisters and members (first come, first served) for $1 each. Mailings available are listed in each Cricket.

A Waitinglist is provided when there are no vacancies on the roster. Applicants will be placed on the list upon payment of a $1 fee, which is applicable to the first year's dues, but is not refundable to people who drop off the list. Waitinglisters will be sent copy of the Cricket official organ each mailing, and must notify the O.E. upon receiving it that he is still interested in becoming a member. As vacancies occur, the Official Editor will invite the top waitinglister(s) to send their other $1 dues along with their first Dagonzine, and join the Order. Waitinglisters are encouraged to contribute zines to the mailings while on the list.

The Official Editor is elected in the October 31 mailing for a term of 1 year (four mailings. Candidates for the office must notify the present Official Editor of their intention before October 10th. A ballot is distributed in the October 31 mailing; the results are announced in the February 5 mailing, and the new O.E. takes over after that mailing has been sent out. Only full members are eligible, and only they may vote.

The Official Editor is responsible for all phases of the E.O*D operation. In particular he is to produce the mailings on time and make a financial accounting to the membership. He is authorized to make changes or add to the rules as necessary, but should take the wishes of the membership into account before making any major changes.

The present Official Editor is:
Roger Bryant
P.O. Box 8198
Akron Ohio 44320
An Introduction to the E*O*D

The Cry of the Cricket is the official organ of the Esoteric Order of Dagon. People who have written to ask about the Order and others who have been recommended to us as potential members, will be sent a Cricket as an indication of what we're up to. This page is for them.

The Esoteric Order of Dagon began as an association for Lovecraft fans, and now considers itself "An Amateur Press Association Devoted to Weird Fiction and Fantasy." H.P. Lovecraft and other authors of similar style continue to dominate the conversation, which is as expected and desired.

An "amateur press association" (apa) is neither a zine nor a club. The apa member prints his own little magazine, in whatever format and with whatever method of reproduction he finds pleasing and/or convenient. (See the Rules page, overleaf, for more details.) He sends 50 copies of his finished product to the Official Editor. The Official Editor takes the bundles of zines from the various members and sorts them, so that each member will receive a copy of each contribution.

We do this every three months and the member is expected to have six pages of material, not previously circulated elsewhere, in every two mailings. For example: If a new member has 6 pages in his first mailing (as every new member must) he does not have to have anything in his second. He may contribute to his second mailing, of course, and we hope he will, but he does not have to. If he does not, he will owe 6 pages in his third mailing. On the other hand, if he puts 3 pages into his second mailing, he will owe only 3 more in his third. And if he should put 6 pages in his second mailing, he will owe none in his third. In sum, the number of pages a member owes in any given mailing is determined by subtracting the number he had in the previous mailing from 6. These are the minimum requirements; any member may submit more than the minimum he owes. But doing so will not change the minimum-requirement cycle. That is, even if he puts 20 pages into his first mailing, he will still owe 6 pages in his third.

If you are interested, and think you can fulfill these requirements (which amount, on the average, to one page a month) and can afford $2 per year dues, read the rest of this little "Dagonzine." It details the contents of the current mailing, tells you who's in the Order and on the waiting list, and (on the Rules page) tells you in more detail what is expected of you when you join us.

And if you decide you'd like to join the Order, send $1 (half the first year's dues) to the Official Editor. He'll send you a card telling you where you stand on the waiting list (or invite you to join, if there are vacancies). You may contribute Dagonzines to the mailings while on the waiting list, and may buy extra copies of the mailings (first come, first served) until you are a full member.

I hope to hear from you. If you want to give the E*O*D a try, or if you have any questions, please write the present Official Editor:

Roger Bryant
P.O. Box 8198
Akron Ohio 44320