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Well, RUNESTONE is back in business once again. Not without problems: In addition to getting used to the vagaries and idiosyncracies of a new machine, I'm also using different paper. Advantages: it's cheaper (good for me) and marginally lighter (lower postage costs, good for you). Disadvantages: it's harder to work with, prints through more easily (not having a glossy surface). Between the new machine and new paper, print quality last issue was not up to the standard I hope to regain (although vastly superior to the few previous issues).

You might have noticed that I screwed up the paging last issue. Too bad it happened that particular issue; when I print variants in the zine I try not to put rules, etc., on the back of maps. Makes the variant easier to use. You'll notice (if you've ever gotten a variant from me) that I always leave the backs of maps blank so that they can be easily put together to form a game board without the necessity of making copies.

New Boardman Number Custodian: Shows how out of touch I've been: EVERYTHING #45 came out and was the first indication I've had that there's a new BNC. Also, for the first time since I've been around the hobby, it's someone with whom my dealings have been minimal: Lee A. Kendler, 4347 Benner St., Philadelphia, PA 19135, USA. However, Lee publishes a highly-regarded zine and is a highly-respected player, so I'd have to applaud the choice on the basis of my second-hand information, at least.

More serious matters. Lee mentions: "I do not have back issues of EVERYTHING, nor are the files prior to Bernie Agosta's custodianship in good order. Therefore, a lot of questions that have already been asked of me are unanswerable! Also, I cannot accept your copy of a game finish for this zine. I must have a xerox, or original, of the game in question. Many games are simply not being reported to the BNC, and I have very little control over this."

The latter is a deplorable situation. Any gamesmaster (including carbon copy GMs) who does not send copies of his issues to the BNC, drawing to his attention gamestarts and game completions, is behaving in a grossly irresponsible fashion. Get with it! Pass the word! Let's eliminate shoddiness in our hobby!

#### Letters on topics other than Bob Albrecht:

From Fred Winter: I wanted to make a comment on finances... personally, I think you ought to add a fee of perhaps a penny per issue, an increase in your subscription fees. It certainly should cost you nothing to print RUNESTONE, considering the large value your time has. Perhaps you think me too commercial, but time is a limited commodity, and hence has value, especially as recreation. And considering the fine product, it should cost you nothing extra in terms of blood, sweat and tears. My 2¢.

((Hmna. One Fred (Davis) thinks the zine's too expensive. Another (Winter) thinks it's too cheap. Any opinions? I'd be curious especially as to what other publishers make/lose on their zines.))

From Robert Sacks: How unfair not letting Canadophiles join CDO. ((Actually, I'll bring this question up for discussion in THE NATIONAL (Francois Guerrier please note.) Even though CDO was born as a breakaway movement from IDA/NA, it's always tried to maintain friendly relations and avoid territorial "poaching". Since IDA doesn't seem to be operating in certain of the fields in which CDO is (or at least not actively), perhaps now's the time. We'll talk about it, anyway.))

Corrections to Colonial Winter Variant:

-The "Oceans and Seas" map should be corrected in the Pacific region in conformity with the new spaces (133-139). Compare with the Oceania map.  
 -Space numbers omitted: African map: sea space 66 (south of land space 64), land 80 (east of land 19), land 31 (east of land 80); Asian map: border between 2 and 3 omitted; sea space 102 bordering land 27 to 29; South America: sea 58 east of land 33, sea 59 south of land 40, sea 120 west of land 40, border between sea 46 and 52 goes from land 12 to 13; Oceania: sea 102 not labelled (see Asia above); North Polar: erase border between 105 and unnumbered square to the south; South Polar: erase border so that 134 extends northward between 67 and 63 to border 53; also the impassable areas marked with an "x" are not supply centres (Fred used "x" to indicate impassable areas, and I neglected to erase them).  
 -I did not label the continental maps, as they're pretty obvious to any person with a rudimentary knowledge of geography.

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 My face is red. I neglected to mark this game on my calendar, so it's two weeks late. An important event, too...

Game 1977AShe (Diadochi V): ROME EXTENDS HEGEMONY OVER ENTIRE ANCIENT WORLD!

Yes, all players have registered "Yes" votes to a concession to Rome. Pete Reese therefore wins the game, with my congratulations. Here's how it went:

Game 1977AShe (Diadochi V). Zine: RUNESTONE. GM: John Leeder. Players:  
Carthage: Steve Payne. Egypt: Steve Hueston (res W237), Robert Fisher.  
Macedon: Bob Bawtinheimer (res S36), Steve Cartier. Rome: Pete Reese (won W34). Syria: Douglas P. Mills (res S37), John Lipscomb (res W37), Kanrad Baumeister.

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Carthage	7	10	11	8	7	6	6	began: Dec. 27, 1977
Egypt	7**	8	9	9	10*	9	6	ended: Mar. 10, 1980
Macedon	6	11**	11	11*	9	9	11+	+indicates an extra unit
Rome	9*	13***	14*	16*	17	18	19* won	due to centre loan
Syria	7*	10*	10	12	14	15*	15	*indicates a unit short

At some points in the past I've incorrectly labelled this game "1978AShe". It in fact began in late 1977; the correct Miller Number is used above.

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 Just received a flyer from an outfit called "Vegas Promotions" announcing plans for a \$25,000 National Diplomacy Championship to be held in Las Vegas Aug. 22-24. Seven regional tournaments are planned in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Houston, Milwaukee, New York, Virginia Beach and At-Large; winners of them will compete in the finals in Vegas. Some unusual ideas: the finalists will remain in separate suites in the Silver Shamrock Casino and will conduct negotiations by house phone, submitting orders via computer terminals in his room; the game will go to a finish (18 centres or a draw by agreement). Pari-mutuel betting will be conducted, and coverage by ABC Wide World of Sports is "anticipated". If this gets off the ground it'll constitute quite a sensation for the Dippy world. More details next issue.