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A tetracuspid is the graph of an equation of the form $x^{2/3} + y^{2/3} = a$. The TETRACUSPID is a Diplomacy* oriented zine published on the last Friday of every month by Richard Kovalcik, Jr., Room G316, 450 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, MA 02139 who may occasionally be reached by calling (617) 253 1000 any day of the week between noon and midnight and asking for dormline 5-9336.

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*Diplomacy is the registered trademark for the game invented by Allan B. Calhamer and manufactured by Avalon Hill, Inc.

RANDOM RAMBLINGS

(1) Well, here it is, the first anniversary issue. Unfortunately it is about three weeks late and the content is limited by the lack of outside contributions.

(2) Page 3 of this issue was mailed out to the players in 1974FO during the last week in June.

(3) This issue is being sent out to many publishers who don't usually receive this including all those publishers whose zines are reviewed herein in the hope of getting some more trades.

(4) My houserules are enclosed with this issue for all those who don't have them.

(5) All publishers are requested to please plug me. Please mention that I have gameopenings, need standbies, and pay for guest articles (if I publish them).

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## GENERAL INFORMATION (continued from page 1)

be the Koval Publications Houserules dated July 1st, 1976 with the exception that no phone calls will be permitted. To play you must maintain a subscription or trade, pay a \$2.00 gamefee, and maintain a \$3.00 deposit which will, as stated in the houserules, be deposited in the ISE (International Subscription Exchange). This deposit will only be refunded if you stay in the game until you are eliminated or the game ends. Please send me your preference list and a lump sum of money if you want to play.

Standbies are needed. To be eligible to standby the only requirement is that you regularly receive the TETRACUSPID. If you're interested in standbying please let me know.

Anyone writing an article which is published herein will receive two cents of sub credit *per* line used toward anyone's account. Hence a trader who writes an article can use the money he makes from the article to provide a subscription for someone else. However, this money may not be refunded.

I am a member of DNYMPA. This means that should I be forced to fold the games contained herein will be rescued by the other members of DNYMPA. To the best of my knowledge the other members of DNYMPA are:

Peter A. Berggren  
John Boardman  
Fred Brenner  
Greg Costikyan  
Robert Goldman

Ben Grossman  
Ray Heuer  
Robert Bryan Lipton  
Michael Technik  
Doug Reid

1974FQ

SPRING 1906

## GAME ROLLING ALONG

Fall 1906 orders are due to me by Wednesday July 21st, 1976.

England (Civil Disorder)

FCly H. (1 unit)

France (Ken Johnson)

FHol S FNwg - Nth, FLon S FNwg - Nth, FBel S FHol, ABur - Ruh,  
APic - Bur, FMid - Eng, FNwg - Nth, AMar H. (8 units)

Germany (Ira Rosen)

AKie S FHel - Den, FYor S FEdi - Nth, FEdi - Nth, FHel - Den,  
AMun H. (5 units)

Italy (David Lagerson)

AVie S ATri - Bud, FGre S FAeg - Bul(sc), ABul - Rum, ARom - Ven,  
ATri - Bud, AVen - Tri, FAeg - Bul(sc), FCon - Bla, FNap - Ion,  
FSmy - Con. (10 units)

Russia (Wayne Callahan)

ABud S ARum - Ser/is dislodged and must retreat to Gal or OTB/  
FSwe S FNth - Den, AMos - Ukr, ARum - Ser, ASev - Arm, AWar - Pru,  
FNth - Den/is dislodged and must retreat to Nwy, Ska, or OTB/  
FStP(sc) - Bot. (8 units)

Turkey (Ron Kelly)

AArm - Sev. (1 unit)

NMR PROTECTION

I have no Fall 1906 orders on file.

I have no general orders on file.

I have permission from David Lagerson to call collect if I don't get his orders.

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## ITEMS THAT STRIKE HOME

from the Pocono Record, 2/26/76

In California one out of every ten adults is an alcoholic.

In this nation four out of every 100 people you see at a super-market have been in jail.

Wine bottles capped with a foil seal over the corks can lead to lead poisoning if you drink 30 gallons a year.

More restaurants now carry an anti-choking device, a tweezer like plastic forceps that can easily remove an obstruction lodged in someone's throat.

Marriage is great for one particular reason: Without it, one has to argue with total strangers.

## THE DEWEY GAMES - WRAPUP

The following three games were completed in John Dewey High School over a year ago. I had originally planned to print all the orders. However, I have finally realized that doing that would be an incredible waste of my time and money and yours. Consequentially, I have decided to only print the final wrapup, Everything style.

1975EC (FORMERLY 1975E<sup>7</sup>)

## FINAL SUPPLY CENTER CHART

Magazines: the E<sup>X</sup>PONENT (to Winter 1902), the TETRACUSPID

GM: Richard Kovalcik, Jr.

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| England - | 4           | 5           | 6           | 6           | 7           | 7           | 7           | 8           | 7           |
| France -  | 3           | 4           | 1           | 1           | 1           | 1           | 1           | 1           | 1           |
| Germany - | 6           | 6           | 8           | 8           | 9           | 9           | 9           | 8           | 8           |
| Italy -   | 4           | 4           | 3           | -           |             |             |             |             |             |
| Russia -  | 6           | 5           | 3           | 2           | 2           | 2           | 1           | -           |             |
| Turkey -  | 4           | 4           | 4           | 5           | 5           | 5           | 5           | 5           | 5           |

## Players:

Austria - Steven Balsam (Won by a conceded win F/10)  
 England - Fred Tarzartes  
 France - Pauline Powledge  
 Germany - Steve Okolica  
 Italy - Joseph Bloom  
 Russia - Mark Vechio  
 Turkey - Bruce Rosenblum

1975EE (FORMERLY 1975E<sup>9</sup>)

## FINAL SUPPLY CENTER CHART

Magazines: the E<sup>X</sup>PONENT (to Fall 1901), the TETRACUSPID

GM: Fred Brenner

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| France -  | 5         | 5         | 6         | 6         | 7         | 8         | 9         | 9         | 8         | 8         | 7         | 7         |
| Germany - | 5         | 6         | 5         | 5         | 2         | -         |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| Italy -   | 3         | 4         | 4         | 2         | 1         | -         |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| Russia -  | 5         | 3         | 4         | 3         | 2         | 1         | -         |           |           |           |           |           |
| Turkey -  | 4         | 6         | 6         | 7         | 9         | 11        | 11        | 11        | 10        | 10        | 11        | 10        |

## Players:

Austria - Robert Liebowitz (Drew F/13)  
 England - Steven Balsam

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## THE BOARDMAN NUMBERS - AN OPINION

by Richard Kovalcik, Jr.

In Everything, # 26 Doug Beyerlein printed a survey to determine how Everything should be run in view of Avalon Hill's desire to combine it with Diplomacy World. I sent my answers in along with some comments. Although Doug Beyerlein seems to have printed everyone else's comments, he didn't print mine. I won't bother to speculate why here as that would be a waste of time. The purpose of this article is to air my views.

In the survey Doug asks for each publisher to rate each of the following four ideas from completely agreeable to completely disagreeable:\*

- a) AH should combine Everything into Diplomacy World
- b) To support Everything in its current format publishers should subscribe while still sending Doug copies of their zine
- c) To support Everything in its current format publishers should pay \$1.00 for a Boardman Number and continue to trade
- d) To support Everything in its current format publishers should contribute money to its operation

He also asks "if AH's plan ((to combine Everything and Diplomacy World)) is used in the future, will you ((the publisher)) continue to send me your zine even though you may be trading with ((Walt)) Buchanan for Diplomacy World?"

I feel that the first idea is a good idea. This would give Everything a greater circulation which I think would be good for it. The next three ideas are completely disagreeable to me and I'm sure to most other college students who publish. These options would be too great of a financial burden. I simply can't afford it. I suggested in response to his last question that perhaps Walt Buchanan could send Doug one of the two copies which Walt receives of most zines after he's finished with it.

\*these ideas have been paraphased

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## A LITTLE EXAGERATION

from the Pocono Record, 3/26/76

Whenever one of his shows was faltering on the road, theatrical producer, William A. Brady, would release padded box office figures to the press to give the impression that the show was doing better than it really was.

When the manager of the show dispatched his usual telegram after every performance, advising Brady of the receipts, he would add \$300 to the actual take. Thus, when Brady showed the telegram to the press, a \$1200 house became a more respectable \$1500.

One night, the manager sent him a telegram which read: "Receipts \$300."

"What do you mean - \$300?" Brady wired back.

To which the manager replied, "Theater burned down this afternoon."

## THE DEWEY GAMES - WRAPUP (continued from page 4)

France - Fred Tarzartes  
 Germany - Sam Hertz  
 Italy - Danny Diorio  
 Russia - Joseph Bloom  
 Turkey - Richard Kovalcik (Drew F/13)

1975EF (FORMERLAY 1975E<sup>12</sup>)

## FINAL SUPPLY CENTER CHART

Magazines: the E<sup>X</sup>PONENT (Spring 1901), the TETRACUSPID

GM: Richard Kovalcik, Jr.

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| Austria - | 4           | 2           | -           |             |             |
| England - | 5           | 6           | 6           | 4           | 3           |
| France -  | 5           | 5           | 5           | 7           | 7           |
| Germany - | 5           | 6           | 5           | 2           | 3           |
| Italy -   | 4           | 4           | 4           | 1           | -           |
| Russia -  | 6           | 5           | 7           | 9           | 12          |
| Turkey -  | 5           | 6           | 7           | 9           | 10          |

## Players:

Austria - Neil O'Callaghan  
 England - Albert Normandia  
 France - Steven Balsam  
 Germany - Fred Tarzartes  
 Italy - Jeff Miller  
 Russia - Pauline Powledge (Drew F/06)  
 Turkey - Scott Smith (Drew F/06)

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AND NOW SOME ONE LINERS FROM THE POCONO RECORD...

Look at the bright side. We no longer have to tell our children about the Great Depression.

Overheard: "We hadn't realized how tough things are until we threw the dog a bone and he had to signal for a fair catch."

I'm convinced there isn't any life in outer space - it isn't listed on our telephone bill.

Canibal, spotting big-game hunter in sleeping bag: "Ah, good! Breakfast in bed!"

Some tasks have to be put off dozens of times before they will completely slip your mind.

One good thing about kleptomania is that if you've got it, you can always take something for it.

## ZINE REVIEWS

On the following pages I have reviewed the last copy of every Diplomacy zine I receive (including both trades and subscriptions). I have tried to be as objective as possible. I have not included any information as to cost. If you are interested in getting a zine you should get a sample copy by sending the publisher an SAE before you subscribe.

Arrakis, David Head, Box 1231, Huntsville, Ontario, CANADA P0A 1K0. Number 58. Dated 6/20/76. Received 6/24/76. 8 Mimeo Pages. Gameopenings in Antagoni Isles and Anonymous Diplomacy. This issue contained letters, the results of the Gemignani Awards, games, and press.

Atlantis, Christopher Schleicher, 40 West Apple Hill Lane, Apt. 205, Prairie View, IL 60069. Number 86. Dated 1/76. Received 7/10/76. (N.B. This is the first issue of Atlantis in 6 months. This issue was started in January and just recently mailed.) 6 Mimeo Pages. No gameopenings. This issue contained only games.

Black Hole, Doug Reif, 67 Grosvenor Road, Kenmore, NY 14223. Number 38. Dated 6/26/76. Received 6/28/76. (N.B. Black Hole has never been late to my knowledge.) 4 Ditto Pages. Apparently no gameopenings. This issue contained games, press, and some small stories.

Boast, Herb Barents, 1142 South 96th Avenue, RR # 4, Zeeland, MI 49464. Number 82. Dated 6/20/76. Received 6/24/76. 10 Ditto Pages. Apparently no gameopenings. This issue contained games, press, and announcements.

Bumm, Walter Luc Haas, Postfach 7, CH-4024, Basel 24, SWITZERLAND. Number 16. Dated 5/76. Received 6/14/76. 24 Mimeo Pages. Gameopenings in English speaking regular Diplomacy, German speaking intercontinental Diplomacy, and German speaking regular Diplomacy. This issue contained letters, zine reviews, other info, and games.

Bushwacker, Fred C. Davis, 3012 Oak Green Court, Ellicott City, MD 21043. Volume 5, Number 7. Dated 7/76. Received 6/29/76. 6 Mimeo Pages. Gameopenings in Abstraction and Atlantica. This issue contained games, news, and an article on life in outer space.

Centurion, Russell Fox, 5160 Donna Avenue, Tarzana, CA 91356. Number 23. Dated 7/4/76. Received 7/7/76. 10 Mimeo? Pages. Gameopenings are available in regular Diplomacy and Anarchy. This issue contained games, zine reviews, and some miscellaneous information.

Claw and Fang, Don Horton, 16 Jordan Court, Sacramento, CA 95826. Number 68. Dated 7/3/76. Received 7/14/76. 12 Mimeo Pages. Gameopenings in several games of regular Diplomacy with guest GMs. This issue contained games, articles, a cooking column, a puzzle page, and a horoscope column.

Command, Dennis Agosta, 900 L Foxridge, Blacksburg, VA 24060.  
Number 5. Dated 5/76. Received 4/21/76. 9 Offset Pages. Game-openings in regular Diplomacy. This issue contained games, press, announcements, letters, houserules, and plugs.

The Deck Of Many Things, Anthony E. Kniaz, 3975 Haverhill, Detroit, MI 48224. Number 4. Dated ?. Received 6/14/76. 10 Mimeo Pages. Apparently no gameopenings. This issue contained games, press, news, and various articles including ones on Mastermind and D&D.

Diman, Brad Hessel, 15 Oak Avenue, Tarrytown, NY 10591. Number 22. Dated 7/10/76. Received 7/14/76. 12 Ditto Pages. No game-openings. This issue contained games, press, letters, a baseball contest, news, and announcements.

Diplomacy World, Walter Buchanan, Box 324, RR # 4, Lebanon, IN 46052. Volume 3, Number 1. Dated Spring 1976. Received 3/18/76. No gameopenings. This issue contained variant and ratings info, the Hoosier Archives Demonstration Game # 5, news, letters, and articles on the history of postal Diplomacy's growth, player behavior, Charles Reinsel, allies, press releases, and tactics. This zine is recommended for a general overview of the hobby.

The Diplomatic Journal, Roger Oliver, PO Box 452, Denville, NJ 07843. Volume 2, Number 6. Dated ?. Received ?. Oh boy, I better say that it was postmarked 6/28/76. 3 Offset Pages. Gameopenings may be available. This issue contained games, press, announcements, a cartoon, an article on stabs, and an article on the Italian - Turkish alliance.

Erehwon, Rod Walker, 1273 Crest Drive, Encinitas, CA 92024. Number 97. Dated 5/30/76. Received 6/17/76. 9 Ditto Pages. Gameopenings may still be available in regular Diplomacy. This issue contained games, plugs, an editorial on subscription prices in postal Diplomacy, book and music reviews, and announcements.

Europa, Walter Lus Haas (address under Bumm). Number 12-13. Dated 2-3/76. Received 4/15/76. 102 Mimeo Pages. No gameopenings. Europa is best described as a general wargaming zine. This issue contained news, games reviews, and many miscellaneous articles.

Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Diplomacy But Had Better Sense Than to Ask, Doug Beyerlein, 240 Hawthorne, Apt. F, Palo Alto, CA 94301 (Editor) and John Weswig, 2115 N.W. Elder Street, Corvallis, OR 97330 (Publisher). #27. Dated 7/1/76. Received 7/10/76. 6 Xerox Pages. Everything is the official zine of the BNC (Boardman Numbers Custodian). It generally contains listings of game beginnings and finishes. This issue also contained some general comments and the results of a survey in issue # 26.

The E<sup>X</sup>ONENT, Fred Brenner, 2821 West 12th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11224. Number 28. Dated 6/25/76. Received 7/1/76. 10 Mimeo Pages. There are gameopenings available in regular Diplomacy. This issue contained games, press, announcements, and various articles.



Fol Si Fie, Randolph Smyth, 249 First Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario, CANADA K1S 2G5. Number 53. Dated 6/25/76. Received 7/7/76. 5 Xerox Pages. Gameopenings in regular Diplomacy. This issue contained two Diplomacy games, one chess game, the analysis of one of the Diplomacy games and various stories and articles.

GASSED (Guelph Automatic Simulation System of Electronic Diplomacy), David Truman, 30 Prince Rupert Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M6P 2A7. Number 18. Dated 6/7/76. Received 6/11/76. 2 Computer Pages. Gameopenings in regular Diplomacy. This issue contained games, press and announcements.

The Gamesman, Don Miller, 12315 Judson Road, Wheaton, MD 20906. Number 7. Dated 4/29/76. Received 7/1/76. ~60 Mimeo Pages. No gameopenings. This is a general gaming zine. This issue contained many book reviews and articles.

Graustark, John Boardman, 234 East 19th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11226. Number 348. Dated 6/26/76. Received 7/2/76. 10 Mimeo Pages. Gameopenings may be available in regular Diplomacy. This issue contained games, announcements, and an article on the Carter presidential campaign.

Impassable, John Boyer, 117 Garland Drive, Carlisle, PA 17013. Number 67. Dated 6/27/76. Received 6/30/76. 8 Mimeo Pages. No gameopenings. This issue contained announcements, games, press, and news.

Janus, Cal White, 1 Turnberry Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA M6N 1P6. Number 23. Dated 7/4/76. Received 7/13/76. 15 Ditto Pages. Gameopenings in regular Diplomacy. This issue contained announcements, news, games, press, and articles on alliances, how to lose a game, and tactics.

The Mixumaxu Gazette, Robert Bryan Lipton, 269-A West 73rd Street, New York, NY 10023. Number 52. Dated 7/10/76. Received ?. Gameopenings in regular Diplomacy. This issue contained games, press, announcements, letters, and articles on tactics, inverse tactics (i.e. how to lose), how to smoke a pipe, a humorous topic which I can't quite classify, and science fiction.

The Moravian Gazette, Robert Goldman, 200 Old Army Road, Scarsdale, NY 10583. Number 12. Dated ?. Received ?. Apparently no gameopenings. This issue contained games, press, announcements, and a D & D Column.

Paroxysm, Harry Drews, PO Box 282, Kitchener, Ontario, CANADA N2G 3X9. Number 32. Dated Dominion Day, 1976. Received 6/30/76. 20 Ditto Pages. Apparently no gameopenings. This issue contained games, press, announcements, and miscellaneous articles including ones on religion, Wooden Ships and Iron Men, and the Top 20 Wargames.

Pellucidar, Burt Labelle, Forest Park # 23, Biddeford, ME 04005. Number 44. Dated 5/29/76. Received ?. No gameopenings. This issue contained announcements, games, and press.

The Pocket Mongolian, Jeremy Paulson, 63-60 98th Street, Apt. C19, Rego Park, NY 11374. Number 3. Dated 6/6/76. Received ?. 12 Mimeo Pages. Gameopenings in Excommunication. This issue contained announcements, games, press, letters, and miscellaneous stories.

Pocictesme, Bruce Schlickbernd, 6194 East 6th Street, Long Beach, CA 90803. Number 25. Dated ?. Received 5/24/76. Apparently no gameopenings. This issue contained games, press, and miscellaneous stories.

The Predawn Leftist, Ben Grossman, 29 East 9th Street, New York, NY. Number 16. Dated 6/5/76. Received 6/11/76. 2 Xerox Pages. Apparently no gameopenings. This rather abbreviated issue contained announcements and games.

Ptarth, Blair Cusack, 1620 42nd Street, SW, Calgary, Alberta, CANADA T3C 1Z5. Number 15. Dated 5/16/76. Received ?. 2 Ditto Pages. Gameopenings in regular Diplomacy. This issue contained announcements, games, and press.

Rebus Sic Stantibus, Drew McGee, 65 Winter Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10301. Number 7. Dated 6/76. Received 6/22/76. 10 Mimeo Pages. Apparently no gameopenings. This issue contained letters, a take-off on Dear Abby called "Aunt Vetkunna", announcements, games, and press. One of the best new zines around.

Runestone, John Leeder, 208 Haysboro Cresent, SW, Calgary, Alberta, CANADA T2V 3G3. Number 125. Dated 7/5/76. Received 7/10/76. 6 Mimeo Pages. Gameopenings in international regular Diplomacy, French speaking regular Diplomacy (in a sub-zine), and regular Diplomacy (in a sub-zine). This issue contained games, press, and announcements.

Ruritania, Tony Watson, 201 Minnesota Street, Las Vegas, NV 89107. Number 24. Dated 6/76. Received 7/7/76. Gameopenings in regular Diplomacy, Four Empires Diplomacy, and Origins of WW II. This issue contained announcements, an article on D & D, games, and press.

Speculum, 1447 Sierra Creek Way, San Jose, CA 95132. Number 33. Dated 5/8/76. Received 6/14/76. 12 Mimeo Pages. Gameopenings in Scacchomany, Sword & Sorcery Diplomacy, Chinese Diplomacy, an international game of regular Diplomacy, and possibly Third Age I. This issue contained games, press, letters, a list of zines received, and announcements.

The Sunday Western Star-Post-Free Press Diplomacy Supplement (otherwise known as Dippy), Jim Benes, 417 South Stough Street, Hinsdale, IL 60521. Gameopenings in regular Diplomacy. This issue contained games, press, and announcements.

Turnabout, Peter Berggren, Orford NH 03777 (That's an old address but mail will probably get forwarded to him). Number 18. Dated 3/76. Received 4/5/76. 14 Offset Pages. This issue contained games, press, announcements, letters, photos, comments on the KGB, and two ballots.

Wargammer's Information, Flying Buffalo, Inc., PO Box 1467,  
Scottsdale, AZ 85252. Number 16. Dated 5/76. Received 6/11/76.  
No game openings. As this zine's title suggests this zine carries  
announcements and news of interest to wargammers. Also included  
are game reveiws. This zine is recommended as a good source of  
news for the general wargamming hobby.

The Warmonger, Alan Rowland, 52 Eighth Avenue, Westwood, NJ. Number 3. Dated 6/2/76. Received 6/9/76. 1 Xerox Page. No game openings. This issue contained moves to a game, press, and house rules. As I understand it, at this time this zine exists only to run its one game which is an orphan.

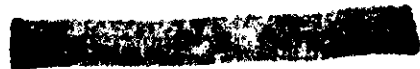
Zeppelin, Laurence J. P. Gillespie, 23 Robert Allen Drive, Halifax, Nova Scotia, CANADA B3M 3G9. Number 25. Dated ?. Received 7/1/76. 20 Mimeo Pages. This issue contained announcements, news, games, press, and one rather long story. Gameopenings in regular Diplomacy.

In closing let me say that although a zine may not have game openings it probably needs standbys. Some zines charge for standby positions while others (like this one) do not.

Also, all of the zines mentioned were more or less monthly (i.e. published on schedules ranging from every three weeks to every month) except for Diplomacy World (quarterly), Europa (semi-monthly approximately), Everything (semi-monthly), Fol Si Fie (just about weekly), the Gamesman (quarterly), Janus (semi-weekly), Paroxysm (semi-weekly), and Runestone (just about weekly).

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