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Addresses for all the other people who receive the Tetracuspid can be found in the last issue.

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Subscriptions are one cent per page plus postage.

All trades are quite welcome.

There are no game openings at the present time.

Standbys are needed. Let me know if you are interested.

Articles are payed for at two cents of sub credit per line.

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R A N D O M R A M B L I N G S

1) Starting this issue the deadlines will once again be three weeks after the last issue was published. That means that the next deadline for all orders will be Monday October 22nd, 1979.

2) I am still in need of standbys. If you are interested, please let me know. If you don't submit orders when called for, I will take you off the list even if the original player submits orders. Also, if you are playing in other games and NMR in an issue, I will not call for you to standby in that issue. A lot of my standbys are in most of the games already so I am in real need of more standbys. As of the moment, my standby list consists of Ron Kelly, Eric Verheiden, Lee Kendter, Sr., Chuck Doehrer, Bob Brown, Wayne Norton, and Doug Hollingsworth.

3) I am planning to try to use up some old first-day covers to mail this issue as I have no use for the several hundred of them that I have. I doubt that the post office will complain, but if anyone gets charged postage due, please let me know and I will credit your account.

4) I will probably be opening up some games in the near future and am looking for people interested in guest-gamesmastering. If you are interested, please let me know.

5) This issue unless I get copies of their zines soon I am cutting trade with several people I thought I was trading with. It seems that when a publisher determines that a zine is no longer being published, he generally does one of three things: a) just stops sending the other publisher copies of his zine and then doesn't resume sending them if the other person starts publishing again, b) just stops sending the other publisher copies of his zine but does resume sending them if the other person starts publishing again, and c) tells the other person that he is going to stop sending copies of his zine. Surprisingly enough the three categories seem to be pretty evenly divided. The third action is the only one that I consider reasonable and am getting especially tired of people who fall into the first category. (Continued On Page 4)

C A L H A M E R P O I N T C O U N T R A T I N G L I S T

The following list was compiled by Doug Hollingsworth based on an older list compiled in 1974. It contains all game results reported up until and including Everything, # 42. However, it is rumored that there are a large number of finished games that have not yet been reported in Everything. This list includes both active and inactive players with more than two Calhamer Points. In games reported since 1974 the standby player always got credit for participating in a win or draw. A game was not included only if it was reported as irregular in Everything.

31 7/15	Ronald Kelly	17 7/30	Edi Birsan
14 1/4	Andy Phillips	14 7/30	Doug Beyerlein
8 1/2	Brenton Ver Ploeg	8 5/12	Eric Verheiden
8 1/3	John Smythe	8 1/5	John Beshara
8 73/420	Joel Klein	8 1/12	Mike Rocamora
7 5/6	Walt Buchanan	7 37/60	Len Lakofka
7 1/5	Lewis Pulsipher	7 1/60	Steve Brooks
6 13/15	Randolph Smyth	6 5/6	Lee Kendter, Sr.
6 47/60	Andy Davidson	6 9/20	Gene Prosnitz
6 11/30	Steve McLendon	6	Dave Crockett
5 3/4	Richard Walkerdine	5 2/3	John Boyer
5 8/15	Thomas Eller	5 1/2	Randy Bytwerk
5 5/12	Andrew Waldie	5 1/4	Tony Ball
5 1/6	Hal Naus	5 1/15	Charles Turner
5	Michael Lariton	5	Arnold Vagts
4 11/12	John H. Fleming	4 5/6	Dave Ditter
4 5/6	Jeff Power	4 3/4	Don Pitsch
4 37/60	Blair Cusack	4 1/2	Tom Ripper
4 5/12	John Weswig	4 1/3	Ray Evans
4 1/3	Jerry Pournelle	4 1/4	John Stevens
4 1/4	Tim Tilson	4 1/5	Conrad von Metzke
4 1/6	Mike Goldstein	4	Tim Roberts
4	Pete Swanson	4	Buddy Tretick
4	Charles Wells	3 19/20	John McKeon
3 5/6	Allan Ovens	3 47/60	Doug Hollingsworth
3 3/4	John Piggott	3 44/60	Zine Parks
3 7/10	Jim Diehl	3 7/10	Pete Rosamilia
3 7/12	Norman Nathan	3 7/12	Roland Prevot
3 34/60	Harry Drews	3 8/15	Bob Bawtinheimer
3 1/2	David Barnes	3 2/5	Ted Holcombe
3 11/30	Rod Walker	3 1/3	Mick Bullock
3 1/3	Richard Hucknall	3 1/3	Burt Labelle
3 1/3	Geoff Nuttall	3 1/3	Steve Pratt
3 1/3	Charles Reinsel	3 1/3	Eric Wallis
3 1/4	Gareth Lodge	3 1/4	Clay McCuistion
3 1/5	Dave Lebling	3 1/12	Don Horton
3 1/12	David Lagerson	3	Gary Behnen
3	James Dygert	3	Michael Grayn
3	Gary Kilbride	3	Don Miller
3	Derek Nelson	3	Monte Zelazny
2 11/12	Larry Peery	2 382/420	Mark Zimmerman
2 5/6	Richard Loomis	2 47/60	Herb Barents
2 3/4	Jack Westlake	2 7/10	Rick Brooks
2 7/10	Jeff Key	2 7/10	Bob Ward

2	2/3	Mike Ingham
2	7/12	Walter Blank
2	7/12	Richard Scott
2	8/15	John McCallum
2	1/2	Andrew Holborn
2	1/2	Bud Pendergrass
2	9/20	William Young
2	1/3	Bruce Coy
2	1/3	Larry Moran
2	1/4	Marie C. Beyerlein
2	1/4	Bob Fabry
2	1/5	George Schelz
2	1/5	Mehran Thomson
2	1/6	Rick Kassel
2	1/30	Don Berman

2 2/3	Bruce Kindig
2 7/12	Elliott Lipson
2 8/15	Terry Knowles
2 1/2	Konrad Baumeister
2 1/2	Willy Haughan
2 1/2	Richard Sharp
2 1/3	Lee Childs
2 1/3	Frank McIlvaine
2 1/3	Jerry Rogowski
2 1/4	Robert Correll
2 1/4	Arnold Trembly
2 1/5	Bruce Schlickbernd
2 11/60	John Leeder
2 1/5	Richard Swies
2 1/30	Robert Sergeant

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RANDOM RAMBLINGS (Continued From Page 2)

6) Recently, Robert Sergeant has announced that he is going to be phasing out Saint George and the Dragon and Jerry Jones has announced that he is going to be phasing out LDNS. Both of the zines were very good and will be missed.

7) For those of you that haven't noticed, there is currently a controversy going on over whether Bernie Oaklyn and Buddie Tretick are the same people. I have tried to stay neutral on this point. There have been some pretty strong statements made and I would like to see some of the proof that people claim to have.

8) A while back, Ben Grossman effectively disbanded the ISE (International Subscription Exchange) by returning all the money he was holding. The deposits and gamefees for 1977HS had been deposited in the ISE and were returned to me. It is not clear how I am going to change my house rules as they say that all deposits will be deposited in the ISE.

9) Please note the following COAs and additions to the mailing list. All COAs are effective immediately.

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N O R T H A M E R I C A N Z I N E A N D G M P O L L

For the third year in a row John Leeder has run his North American Zine Poll and for the second year in a row his North American Gamesmasters Poll. Ratings are from 1 to 10 with 10 being best. All zines which received five or more votes are listed and all gamesmasters who received two or more votes are listed. 72 ballots were tabulated as opposed to 56 last year. The following are the results as reported in Runestone, # 258 which is published by John Leeder.

Zines:

Place This Year	Place Last Year	Average	Number Of Votes	Name
1	23	8.40	5	Graustark
2	30	8.34	19	The Dragon And The Lamb
3	new	8.14	14	Why Me
4	6	8.09	32	Claw And Fang
5	3	8.02	26	Diplomacy Digest
5	10	8.02	28	Diplomacy World
7	5	7.78	20	Runestone
8	27	7.63	16	Arrakis
9	2	7.62	25	LDNS
10	25	7.39	19	St. George And The Dragon
11	4	7.37	27	Fol Si Fie
12	new	7.26	27	Eggnog
13	1	7.24	25	Brutus Bulletin
14	14	7.17	12	Liberterrean
15	12	7.15	13	Ter-Ran
16	18	6.57	15	Brouhaha
17	new	6.53	15	Passchendaele
18	19	6.35	13	Ruritania
19	11	6.31	13	Ninth Circle
20	22	6.27	11	Command
21	new	6.06	8	Toronto Telegram
22	new	6.00	5	Cheesecake
22	26	6.00	11	Urf Durfal
22	new	6.00	12	Murderin' Ministers
25	new	5.67	6	Swlabr
26	15	5.40	5	Lilaf
27	34	5.13	8	Brew and Reefer
28	36	4.83	6	Zeppelin
29	24	4.50	14	Against The Odds
30	33	4.13	8	Podunk News
31	new	3.38	8	Beholder
32	29	3.10	10	Warmonger
33	new	2.50	6	Front De Liberation Du Diplomacy

Gamesmasters:

1	3	9.18	3	John Michalshi
2	new	9.00	2	Karl Schuetz
3	17	8.89	9	Lee Kendter, Sr.

4	24	8.88	8	Jim Bumpas
5	6	8.70	15	John Leeder
6	new	8.67	3	Eric Verheiden
6	new	8.67	3	John Boardman
8	5	8.58	12	Robert Sergeant
9	2	8.50	2	Fred Davis
9	new	8.50	2	Fred Hyatt
10	8	8.45	10	Steve Heinowski
11	4	8.42	12	Don Horton
12	new	8.33	3	Doug Beyerlein
13	26	8.00	10	Doug Hayward
13	14	8.00	5	David Bunke
13	new	8.00	4	Mike McMillie
16	24	7.82	11	Bob Beardsley
17	19	7.80	15	Randolph Smyth
18	new	7.75	4	Andy Lischett
19	21	7.64	14	Konrad Baumeister
20	new	7.38	4	Bill Lafosse
21	7	7.37	15	Jerry Jones
22	1	7.17	6	Steve McLendon
23	11	7.13	8	Dennis Agosta
24	new	7.00	4	David Head
24	16	7.00	3	Drew McGee
24	new	7.00	2	Lee Kendter, Jr.
24	new	7.00	2	Galen Workman
24	new	7.00	2	Paul Funkenbusch
29	new	6.67	3	Dave White
29	new	6.67	3	Jim Benes
29	new	6.67	3	Blair Cusack
29	10	6.67	3	Robert Lipton
33	new	6.50	2	Gene Bogess
33	new	6.50	2	Tom Gould
35	new	6.14	7	Francois Cuerrier
36	28	6.00	2	Bob Hartwig
37	new	5.75	4	Greg Costikyan
38	new	5.50	2	Richard Loomis
38	new	5.50	2	Helena Rubenstein
40	new	5.44	9	Tony Watson
41	new	5.40	5	Ron Brown
42	23	5.17	6	Craig Reges
43	15	5.00	3	Hal Naus
43	9	5.00	2	Herb Barents
43	new	5.00	2	Elmer Hinton
46	new	4.67	3	John Weswig
46	new	4.67	3	Laurence Gillespie
48	new	4.22	3	David Grabar
49	45	4.00	4	Roy Smith
50	17	3.50	2	Cal White
51	new	2.50	2	Richard Jarvinen
52	new	2.00	2	David Palter
53	22	1.75	2	Alan Rowland
54	new	1.67	6	Bernie Oaklyn
55	46	1.00	2	Richard Kovalcik

T E T R A C U S P I D S T A T I S T I C S

Every since I started publishing the Tetracuspid I have kept careful records of exactly who received each issue of the Tetracuspid. Recently I went over these records to determine the following statistics which I thought some of you might be interested in seeing. These statistics are based on the records up until and including issue number 34.

Number Of Issues: 34

Number Of Issues On Time: 24

Number Of Issues Delayed: 10

Longest Delay: 8 Months (Number 33)

Average Time Between Issues: 46.2 Days

Largest Circulation: 91 (Number 22)

Smallest Circulation: 5 (Number 1)

Largest Increase In Circulation: 46 (From Numbers 12 To 13)

Largest Decrease In Circulation: 25 (From Numbers 13 To 14)

Total Number Of Copies Sent Out: 1659

Total Number Of People Who Have Received The Tetracuspid:
163

Average Number Of Issues Per Person: 10.2

Earliest Issue Received By A Current Subscriber: Number 2
(Costikyan, Hessel, Kelly, and Leeder)

Longest Continuous Subscription: From Number 2
(Hessel and Costikyan)

Italy (David Mueth???)

NMR! Will Bob Brown please submit standby orders? All addresses can be found in the last issue. FEas H, Fion H, AVen H, AApu H.

Russia (Karl Schuetz)

FNwy - Nth, FSwe S ENGLISH ADen/no such order/, FBla - Con, AAnk S FBla - Con, AUkr - War, AGal - Rum, ASev S AGal - Rum/is dislodged and must retreat to Mos or off the board/.

Turkey (Wayne Norton)

FGre - Bul(sc), FAeg - Con, FCon - Ank/is dislodged and must retreat to Smy or off the board/, ARum - Sev, AArm S ARum - Sev.

Supply Center Chart

Austria	- Gained:	None.
	Retained:	Bud, Ser, Tri, Vie.
	Lost:	None.
	4.	Even.
England	- Gained:	None.
	Retained:	None.
	Lost:	Den, Edi, Lvp.
	0.	Out.
France	- Gained:	Lvp.
	Retained:	Bre, Lon, Mar, Par, Por, Spa.
	Lost:	None.
	7.	+1.
Germany	- Gained:	Den, Edi.
	Retained:	Bel, Ber, Hol, Kie, Mun.
	Lost:	None.
	7.	+2.
Italy	- Gained:	None.
	Retained:	Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven.
	Lost:	None.
	4.	+2.
Russia	- Gained:	Con, Rum.
	Retained:	Ank, Mos, Nwy, Stp, Swe, War.
	Lost:	Sev.
	8.	+1 or +2 depending on retreat.
Turkey	- Gained:	Sev.
	Retained:	Bul, Gre, Smy.
	Lost:	Con, Rum.
	4.	-1 or Even depending on retreat.

NMR Protection

I have no winter orders on file.

I have no general orders on file.

I have permission from Doug Hollingsworth, Eric Verheiden, Karl Schuetz, Wayne Norton, and David Mueth to call collect if I don't receive their orders by the night before they are due.

Press The Spendthrift (Italy) At last I get the better of Lee Kendter.

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WINTER 1902

The gamesmaster for this game is Ira Rosen. Please note his new address on page one. Spring 1903 orders are due by Monday October 22nd, 1979.

Austria (Eric Verheiden)

Is even. Has AGal, ABud, ASer, FGre, and ATri.

England (Ron Kelly)

FNwy retreats to Nwg. Removes FNat. Has FNwg, ALon, and FNth.

France (Alan Rowland???)

NMR! Since this is his second NMR in a row, Alan Rowland is removed from this game. Will Wayne Norton please take over this position? All addresses can be found in the last issue. The GM retreats FBel off the board. Will be one short. Has FEng, FSpa(sc), and AGas.

Germany (Lee Kendter, Sr.)

Builds AKie. Has AKie, ABel, AHol, ARuh, AMun, and FDen.

Italy (Tom Ripper)

Is even. Has FEas, FIon, ATun, and AVen.

Russia (Fred Zornow???)

NMR! Will Doug Hollingsworth please submit standby orders? All addresses can be found in the last issue. Will be one short. Has FNwy, AFin, FBar, ARum, FSev, and AUkr.

Turkey (Bob Brown)

Is even. Has ACon, FAnk, FAeg, and ABul.

NMR Protection

I have spring orders on file from Austria, England, and Turkey.
I have no general orders on file.
I have permission from Bob Brown and Eric Verheiden to call collect if I don't receive their orders by the night before they are due.