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Welcome to the first Newsletter of the COMIC BOOK CLUB of ITHACA. We'd like to start out by explaining that a Newsletter is an essential part of a club because it informs the members of coming events both inside and outside the club. It also informs the members about their particular subject which in this case is Comic Books. We will keep you up to date on new issues that appear and give bits and pieces of information on how to improve their collections and keep them in good order. Now to the News at hand:

At our May 20th meeting we will have a CONAN #1 in near mint condition to raffle off. Save your money for this one folks because it's selling on the average of \$10.00 per copy. It was decided that the tickets would sell for 50¢ each.

GENE RODDENBERRY the creator of STAR TREK will be appearing at Ithaca College on April 14th at 8:00 in the Union Cafeteria. Don't miss it.

At our next meeting on April 15th, our President Aaron Pichel will give a talk on conditions and relative values of Comic Books. It should be interesting so be there.

The C.B.C.I. would like to say thanks to Michael Parkhurst and WTKO for the publicity that they gave us for the club and a special thanks to Tim Gray and Aaron Pichel because without them there would probably be no club.

It was decided that we would have a 3rd meeting this month but there will be no formal meeting, just the usual buying, selling, and trading of our literature and a raffle. There will be a classic film shown entitled, "THE GENERAL", with Buster Keaton. It is a 1927 film which takes place during the Civil War.

Tim Gray our Vice-President and Treasurer will have a display entitled, "The Development of Comic Books from the mid 1850's". The display will be shown at the CLUB Library sometime in May. More details will be in the next Newsletter.

Anyone interested in subscribing to the Buyers Guide to Comic Fandom, send \$3.00 to: DYNA PUBLICATIONS RR#1 Box 297 East Maline, Illinois 61244

For all of you Comic Book Afficianados out there who missed Stan (the man) Lee at Ithaca College on March 26, here is an excerpt of questions put to him that night:

- Q.What about the movie and Jack Kirby?
 Stan.We just signed a contract to do a full length feature,a live action movie of Spider-Man to be directed by John Huff who did "Dirty Mary Crazy Larry" and it's going to be written by Brian Clemens who wrote "The Avengers" series among other things and there's a slight chance that I'll play Jonah Jameson.It's not for kids,it's the first Super-hero adult movie.The rating will probably be PG because we don't want little kids not to be able to go.It won't be like the Batman series Now Jack Kirby,he left Marvel about five years ago to work for the competition,I met with him just last week and his contract has just ended and he's signed a new contract with us,he'll start working for us on May 1st and work on all sorts of new books and projects.
- Q.Will Kirby return to do Fantastic Four,Thor and the like?
 Stan.Actually if he should want to later yes,But the first thing he's going to do is an entire new series which is so radically different from anything out today,I would'nt even want to begin and describe it. Also he's going to do a Giant-Size \$1.50 book called 2001:A Space Oddesey.
- Q.When did you start to get interested in the Martial Arts?
 Stan.We got interested in it when we realized there was alot of interest and money to be made if we put out a good book about Martial Arts.
- Q.Are the Eternal Powers of the Vishanti hereditary?
 Stan.Oh of course that's been going on for centuries now.
- Q.Did Dr. Strange get it from his mother,father,or cumulative?
 Stan.Doc has the cumulative powers of other Mystics enchantments of other Mystics which I can't go into now because we may have people who are not pledged to secrecy listening in the audience.
- Q.You've claimed exclusive rights to the revival of the Silver Surfer can we look forward to a comeback?
 Stan.No not exclusive rights but as long as I'm the Publisher of the Company this character I love so much I don't want anybody else to write the stories.Now that Jack will be back I think we'll try one special issue,maybe in hard book cover form.
- Q.Why are there so many reprints like the X-Men?
 Stan.Not enough people to write and illustrate have the time,but the reprints are selling better than the new ones.
- Q.How did you get the rights to Conan?
 Stan.Roy Thomas who was the editor at the time was in touch with the R.E.Howard Estate and paid them money for the rights.It's easy as pie.
- Q.Are you going to put out anymore Origins book?
 Stan.Yes I am,it's called Sons of Origins.
- Q.Has Doc Dooms face ever been shown and will he ever be killed off?
 Stan.Doc Doom will never die while I'm there,we only showed his face once Jack did a private strip and made Doc Doom look like me.
- Q.Whats your biggest selling book?
 Stan.Spider-Man.
- Q.What is a No-Prize?
 Stan.Theres no losers so theres no winners.We send to people who have spotted a mistake a letter which on the outside says "Congratulations Your another lucky winner of a fabulous No-Prize",but you open it up and it's empty,a No-Prize.

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That's all for this Newsletter folks,see you next month.