

Comic Book Club of Ithaca
1701 N. Cayuga St. Ithaca, N.Y.
1st & 3rd Tues. of each month

Here we go again with another sensational Newsletter of the C.B.C.I.. Beginning with this issue we now have comic illustrations to entertain you and brighten up the Newsletter. All of the pictures were done by Tim Gray and we would like to give him a special thanks for them. Anyone who draws cartoons if they be either singles or short strips is welcome to submit them for the Newsletter and we will try to fit them in; and while we are on the subject don't forget about the contest for a comic logo character for the clubs rubber stamp. Entries should be in no later than the June 3rd meeting.

EDITORIAL DEPT.-Also beginning this issue we are going to have editorials and reviews of new comics and related material for good advice and hopefully good reading. To save space and alot of rejection slip writing only Executive officers and writers of Fanzines will be put in the letter. From time to time though we will put in special editorials from members and letters from people, but that remains to be seen. Here is our first editorial written by Tim Gray:

All in all it would appear that comics companies are more concerned with profit, rather than putting out good comics that last a long time. They're all itching for that last quarter. With more than 60 titles to choose from, everyone is hungry, but when a company makes a comic let's say a #1 issue with a special artist, with fantastic advertising, it comes out on sale and every one is sold. The company in 2 or 3 issues cancels out and replaces it with just another spectacular #1, it's time to write some letters or comics as a collectors field will fall very fast in a few years. Mainly because of the cost and the absurdity of buying a comic which has a print run of more than 300,000. There comics will never be worth what the Golden and Silver Age comics are worth in the same period of time. But of course we can always hope and if we can save our comics for 50 years somebody may make a bundle.

NEWS DEPT.-Good news for all of you collectors out there who can't afford those 50¢ comics put out by Marvel and National; all of them are either being cancelled or replaced by standard 25¢ers. The change has already begun with Super Villain Team-Up and The Invaders now 25¢. Over the past few months National has slowly been decreasing there 50¢ and 60¢ comics and now are dropping them all together... Another big change at Marvel is the cancellation of 8 black&whites including Savage Tales and Dracula Lives, and are adding 8 new titles such as, Sherlocks Holmes, Marvel Super Action, Legion of Monsters, And possibly Doc Savage. ..With Jack Kirby coming back to Marvel, National is cancelling Omac, but there is no news yet about Kamandi. They are also dropping the Shadow. When Jack returns to Marvel he is going to take over Captain America and work on a \$1.50 size Silver Surfer... Paul Casano will give a talk on the production of the Leisure Spider-man and tell how it is similar to the printing of comics... The winner of the Conan #1 was Peter Lees... The club auction will be held on June 17th. Lots should be turned in on the June 3rd meeting so as to give time to arrange the order of the lots. 10¢ out of the payment of lots will go to the Treasury. More info can be obtained from either Bill Turner or Tim Gray, if you missed the last meeting they have the rules and regulations for the auction.



SCI-FI DEPT.-MGM is planning a science fiction series based on Kubricks 2001:A Space Oddey...And for those of you who don't know it by now,Paramount and Gene Roddenberry have completed negotiations and Gene is currently writing a wide screen Star Trek movie!He is attempting to get all of the original cast back.The company has stated that production cost is no concern and if it is a hit,they will probably have a mini series on T.V. consisting of 90 minute shows.

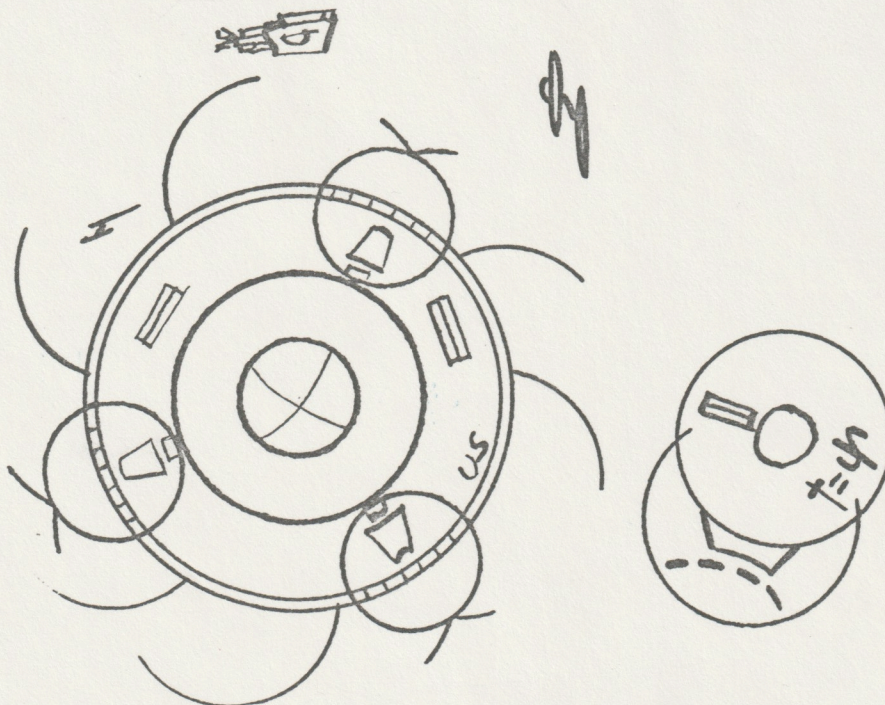
NEW ISSUES DEPT.-New issues currently on the market are the following: Barbarians featuring Iron Jaw,Giant-Size Doc Savage,Hands of the Dragon,Kong the Untamed,The Invaders,Super Villain Team-Up.

Members as of 5/20/75

Paul Casano
Mike Costello
Carol Eddy
Cliff Frish
Tim Gray
Paul Hildrith
Peter Lees

Dominick Malone
Peter Minotti
Scott Pardee
Aaron Pichel
Norman Rich
Mike Rosen
Chris Rossi
Matt Rossi

Jeff Ruoff
Don Schaffner
Brock Talman
Chris Talman
Bill Turner
John Vanvleck
Mark Wilcynski



We hope you enjoyed the change in format for this issue,if not we're open for suggestions.Until next month Avanti!