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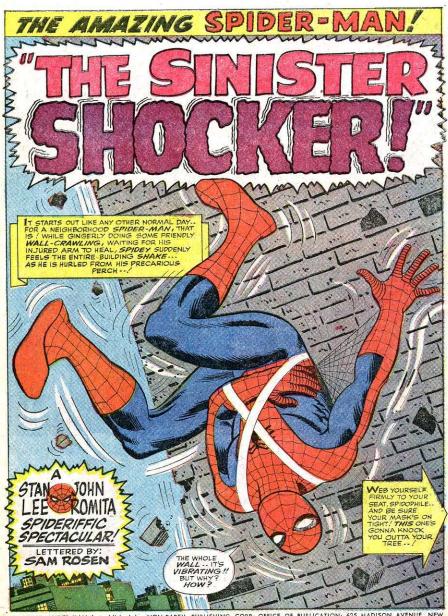
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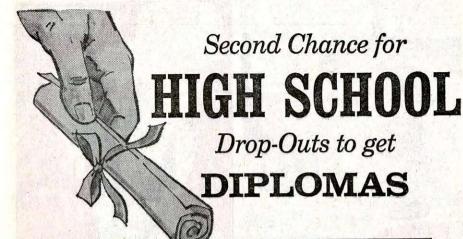


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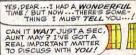
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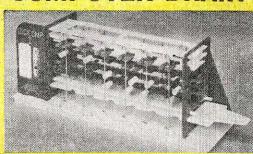
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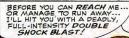
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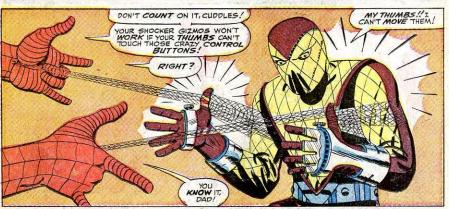






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# NUTTY NOTES AND NONSENSICAL NAME-DROPPING, FEATURING NATURALLY NON-ESSENTIAL NEWS OF THE NATION'S TOP NON-ENTITIES!

ITEM: Boy, are we frustrated Our printer just called to say he has to have this Bull-pen Bulletin page on the presses by to-night! And this is the week our Marvel! Super-Heroes TV show goes on the air—which means we won't receive your letters of comment for another few days! Therefore, we can't print a summary of all your poulent opinions until our next B.B. page! Although we may manage to squeeze a mention or two in some of our Letters Pages—cause they go to the printer a few days later. Anyway, by next ish we'll have everything all straightened out (at least, as straightened out as WE can ever have things!)—so, till then, let's go on to our other items of earth-shaking unconcern—

ITEM: The big talk around the Bullpen these days concerns Marvel-ous MARIE SEVERIN, who's just taken over the illustrating chores on the Doc Strange strip. The mirthful Miss Severin has been keeping us in stitches for years with the hilarious cartoons she whips up whenever no one's looking-but it never occurred to us (or to her) that she could also draw a sensational serious strip-never, that is, until Our Leader asked her to take a whack at Doc Strange, because WILD BILL EVER-ETT wanted to devote himself full time to his beloved Sub-Mariner, Well, the rest is history. This gal is gonna be one of the greatest! (We're not sure about the greatest what-but why be picky?) And to anticipate your question, the answer is "yes" -she's the sister of talented JOHN SEV-ERIN, who illustrated our Agent of Shield strip about a year ago. Anyway, we know you'll enjoy watching her achieve real Marvel stardom as the months go byand, take it from us-it couldn't happen to a nicer gal!

ITEM: We'll award a pocket-sized, portable, ten-transistor no-prize to any True Believer who can name a feature in any comics. magazine which has had more artists handling it than the happy-go-lucky Hulk! We can name at least six stalwarts who've tackled the illustrating chores in just the past few years-and knowing how blechhh our memories are, we're sure that you can name a lot more! However, it's just barely possible that we've come up with the perfect choice for ol' Green Skin in the person of GIL (Sugar) KANE! We're not really sura what makes his version of everybody's favorite monster so appealing, unless it could be those gamma ray treatments we've been forcing him to undergo! Anyway, we're trying to chain him to the drawing board, and if we succeed, it seems as though of Torn Pants will have his own steady artist at last!

ITEM: Unless we figure out what to do about it real fast, it looks like the FAN-TASTIC FOUR are gonna have the biggest cast of characters in super-hero history! What with the six most famous Inhumans now being free—not counting their dog. Lockjaw—and the Silver Surfer still making the scene, as well as the Black Panther, wyatt Wingfoot, the Wizard, Sandman, Alicia—and don't forget the original four members of the F.F.—or the ever-delightful

Doc Doom-all we can say is: Hoco boy! (And, imagine if we had to feature the Yancy Street Gang regularly, tool-There are dozens of 'em!) Now do you see why poor. Stan and Jack even have frouble remembering their own names sometimes?

ITEM: Who says this isn't the Marvel Age of Rapid Advancement? Didja notice that RASCALLY ROY THOMAS is now scripting four features each month? (And, it seems like only yesterday that SMILIN STAN was telling him what all those little buttons on the typewriter were there for!) Hard-working Roy is busily putting words in the mouths of The X-MEN, SGT, FURY, the AVENGERS, and S.H.I.E.L.D.! But, here's the payoff-Roy was originally supposed to lighten the work load for poor Smiley; but now that the Rascally One is so busy, we hadda hire another budding Shakespeare to take the pressure off him So, let's hear it for GARY FRIEDRICH, whom we snatched away from an editorial job on a Midwest newspaper to help bring culture and enlightenment (Marvel style!) to all you Keepers of the Flame!-Pretty soon, we'll haveta start issuing score cards so you'll know who's who-and then maybe you'll be able to tell us!

ITEM: We just hadda mention it on the Bullpen page — lest any card-carrying MMMSer overlook the newest Marvel title amidst
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be kinda embarrassing if one of 'em belonged to Brand Echil On well ——!)

ITEM: Before we forget, we wanna wish you the best of everything for this holiday season. May you have good luck, good neath, and a good sense of humor—if you do, everything else will take care of itselff, so stay happy, and be good to each other. Who knows—? It could become contagious!—"Nuff said."



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Dear Stan and John,

In #43 you mentioned that you were concerned about the aging problem. Should Spidey continue to get older? I might have the solution. As you know, to stop all our heroes from getting older would seem unrealistic, but to age them one whole year for every 12 issues would also be unrealistic. For examples, in TALES OF SUSPENSE, the time, issue-wise, from Iron Man's first battle with Titanium Man to the second battle took over 12 issues, or over one year. However, reading all those issues in a row, I found that it took 4 days of Iron Man's life at the most. At this rate, 20 years from now, we can still be reading Iron Man, and he'll only have to get a few months older. See how simple it is? Marvel time is different than our time. Peter Parker can stay in college for a hundred years our time and still have only been there four years Marvel time. If this is the solution you want, don't applaud -just throw no-prizes. I knew my four years in college as a math-physics major would be good for solving something, Lee Vercoe, Box 169 Elco, Pa. 15434

Go to the head of the class, Lee! Your solution really grabbed us! (Mostly, because it's what we had practically decided to do, anyway!) So, your special de-luxe no-prize will be on its way to you—as soon as it gets old enough! We also had a zillion other great answers to our little time-riddle (With a hey-diddle-diddle!), and since there are too many to fit in a dozen pages like this, we'll just print the names of the ten frantic ones whose letters we received first. Our thanks to you magnanimous Marvelites who took the time and trouble to compound the confusion for us-as well as to the host of others whose letters were read, tabulated, chuckled-over, and treasured!

OFFICIAL LIST OF TEN RUNNERS-UP IN MAR-VEL'S MIXED-UP "SHOULD SPIDEY AGE?" CONTEST: Scot Pope, Jack Friedman, Robert Ford, Randy Hudson, Lynda Johnson, Steven Ratfelders, Lee Puff, William Link, Michael Jungman, and Bill Malcolm .-Heroes all



Dear Stan and John,

I have just finished reading issue #43, and, if I have ever seen a cover so brilliantly displayed, I've seen it now. I happened to come across a question about whether or not we should keep Spidey aging or keep him at a standstill. I think we should keep him at a standstill and not allow him to grow up. If we keep him at the age he is now, he would be like a symbol of American Youth, the teen years Dave Mitchell, 4834 Marseilles Detroit, Mich.

Your letter represents the minority opinion, Davey boy! The vote was about six to one to let ol' Web-head gradually age—albeit at a slower than normal rate— but we wanted to include a negative vote also, just to show that every shade of opinion is represented in the serried ranks of Marveldom! To reiterate, then, Spidey and his co-stars shall grow older as time passes -but they won't age a full year for every year of our time. You see, they sort-of spend most of the month in hibernation-when you're not reading about them -and that keeps 'em young a while longer! (Hooo boy! How'd we ever get into this?) And now-for still another peerless point of view-

Dear Stan and John,

I am writing in regard to a letter in SPIDER-MAN #43. By all means, have Spidey age. The poor guy has got enough problems without finding out that he'll never grow old. Spidey is a symbol of today's teenage youth and should grow up with today's teenagers. The fact that Marvel heroes age right along with their readers is one of the reasons why your mags are as great as they are. And as far as tomorrow's generation is concerned, I'm sure Spidey is not the only hero who will go down in the annals of Marvel as the only teenage super-hero who visited a psychiatrist. Have Spidey marry and have a son with spider powers. Then you could have a mag entitled "Son of Spider-Man". So, until Spidey outlives Little Orphan Annie, make mine Marvel! Joe Malik, 4620 Burger Cleveland, Ohio 44109

"Son of Spider-Man", eh? Then, we can have him grow up and meet "Daughter of the Black Widow"and before you know it, wedding bells—and a new mag entitled "Five Little Tarantulas, and How They Grew"! It's an interesting thought, Joey boynow, before the men in the white coats come to drag us away, let's turn to other matters of earth-shattering inconsequence-

Dear Stan and John,

I won't start this letter with Pow! Zowie! or Sock! -or start yelling that issue #42 was great. Instead, I'll calm down, come to my senses, and give you my true impressions of this issue. First, the cover was good-it looked almost 3-D due to the fact that JJJ's son was drawn almost life-like and Spidey like a cartoon character, which provided on odd contrast. The story? Well, Spidey's "robing" the bank was a good starting point. From here the story picked up and continued smoothly. JJJ's son becoming a villain was original. The guest appearance of Foggy Nelson made the story seem real, and so did the mention of Tony Stark on page 4. I like the idea of Peter's having a motorcycle, but don't convert it to a Spider-cycle. The fight scenes were excellent, and the coloring the best so far. Let Spider-Man and the Black Widow join the Avengers. Aunt May looks more like a Mary Worth now than a May Parker—make her older-looking. Give Peter his own apartment or have him live on the college campus, and have Aint May move in with relatives. Also, where I live, your Marvel Super-Heroes are on TV. Now if Cap, Blondie, Tinhead, Subby and the jolly green giant can make it, why isn't Spidey on TV?!

Ian Forrest, 1101 S. Virlee Santa Ana, Cal. 92704

Wouldja believe the fall of '67, Ian? Well, keep it under your hat, tiger, but-!

Dear Stan and John.

Congratulations on SPIDER-MAN #42, Your profound parable on the development of this country during the Cold War was beautifully done. But that portrayal of characters! Stan, this is one of the finest things you've ever done. Not only was it finally possible to believe absolutely in the existence of both Peter Parker and Spidey, but also the character of J. Jonah (who looks like Burt Lancaster)
was presented as never before—obsessed, mistaken, but totally real. Even the character of the younger Jameson, who had nothing much to do except fight the incomparable web-slinger, was of a three-dimensional nature. brings me to Johnny-I almost hate to say it, but the Romita brand of spider-art has got to be the best ever, Jack Kirby notwithstanding. The last frame on page 11 was a veritable masterpiece. Every panel was suitable for framing. In any case, readers should think twice before sending in critical letters pointing out some inconsequential boo-boos. After all, any comics company that can create a Mary Jane Watson can't be all bad. 'Nuff said and all that! Scott Sheppard, Antioch College Yellow Springs, Ohio

Thanks for the cogent comments and sterling support, Scotty boy. We're glad you find something of signifi-cance in our little Spidey fables. By the way, our best to the student body at affable Antioch. The oldest son of Merry Marty Goodman, our peerless publisher, attended Antioch some years ago, and is now a swingin' psychologist on the West Coast. We figure a juicy little tidbit like that is just the sort of thing to bring a lump to your throat—and, any comics company that can give you your lumps can't be all bad! (Wha'd he say?)



.Dear Stan and John,

I just got issue #42, and the story and art were great. The art in your mags has been getting better and better. Looking back to issues #37 to #39, the art wasn't as good, but in #42 Gwen is better looking than ever, even though Mary Jane outclasses her by a mile. I looked all through the mag very carefully but only found one mistake, on page 19, panel 8, you show Pete putting on a red tie, but on page 20, panel 1, the tie is yellow! Don't say he changed it because in panels 2 through 5 it's red again! Regarding the SPIDEY SPECIAL, why didn't you let Spidey join the Avengers? 'Nuff said! Doug Casey, Rt. #1 Adair, Okla.

We didn't stop Spidey from joining the Avengers, Doug. We just present the yarns as they happen. Next, you'll be accusing us of making the stories up! As for Pete's red tie, the fault is neither Pete's, nor oursbut rather a minor mistake somewhere along the line on the printing press. (There! That last part was for all you nit-pickers who want us to answer the questions in a straightforward manner. See how a straight answer can be right from Dullsville?-Of course, we'll also admit that many of our so-called flip retorts don't exactly ring the bell, either! As a matter of fact, some-times we wonder if it's all worth it-but then, we get the grocery bill—and we know it is!)

Dear Stan and John,

After reading several issues of SPIDER-MAN I have eached the conclusion that there is no possible way for him to escape the ravage of ulcers. Not only does he con-stantly worry about his ever-lovin' Auntie, but he is obviously mentally disturbed over his lack of friends. To top it off, he is constantly having to do battle with super crime finks, plus the fink of all finks, JJJ! Since your characters are the most realistic in the comic book industry, we would consider it a great honor if you would give our proposal serious consideration. We are your ever-lovin' fans from the corn-pone country at E.T.S.U.

Bob Grimes & Bill Shoemake, 651 Vinton St. Erwin, Tenn.

Many thanks, B. and B., for a carefully-worded, wellthought-out, masterfully-composed piece of correspondence. We'll be happy to give your proposal serious consideration, fellas-'cept for one tiny thing-no matter how many times we re-read it, we can't figure out what, in the name of a hundred wobbly webs, your proposal is!! Can anyone out there in Marvel-land clue us in?

Dear Stan and John.

SPIDER-MAN #43 was terrific! I really liked the action as well as the art and story. It was great on pages 12 and 13 when that cop saved Spidey's life. It really busted of Web-head's ego. On page 20, when Flash said he got drafted, Gwen said she didn't think Pete would get drafted because he's a scholarship student. Isn't Flash in college on a sports scholarship? Now it's omnipotent time. You've got to let Spidey grow up. If you don't, it might take away one of the biggest things about Marvel that I like. In your mags you have some characters that are about forty, but you don't make them look like they're 20-no, you make them look 40! In other companies' mags, there's some guys who must be about 60, and they look like 30-year-olds! And their teenage pals should be about 33! Growing up is what happens in life. Well, Marvel does it just like it really happens in life. I also love your Marvel Super-Heroes on TV!

David McGuigan, 115 W. Butler Ave. New Britain, Pa. 18901

Ouch! We thought we'd seen the last of the "Should We Let Spidey Age?" letters! But, one final missive which somehow slipped thru isn't apt to affect the final tabulation too much—and besides, your opinion agrees with the majority, Dave. (—Which is kind'a unusual for a true Marvelite. Most of the time, our faithful frantic ones tend to disagree with everything-and, if you agree with 'em while they're disagreeing, they'll disagree with your agreement!)—Oh well, it's been a long day for us! So, who says this isn't the Marvel Age of Consistent Inconsistency!

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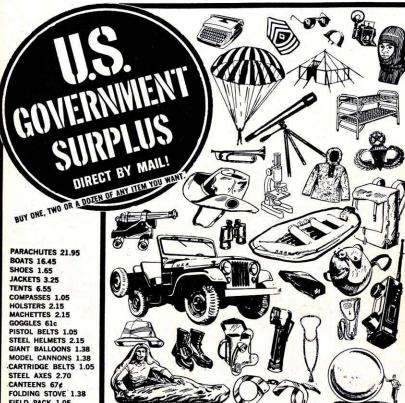
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