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## Editorial Matters

You may have noticed a somewhat different look to parts of this issue. We switched to a Laserjet printer in the middle and have experimented with several type styles. We still have no idea what the final printing will look like. The learning process is slow, and you will have to bear with us for several issues. We now have proportional type available, which gives more words to a line with the same size type, but it's *not* true typesetting. The printer and software have limitations we're still discovering. (Changes and corrections are much more difficult to make.)

We learned the truth of the joke "What's the difference between a computer salesman and a used car salesman? Answer: A used car salesman knows when he's lying." The printer didn't quite work right with our programs, and we bought new programs which also didn't work right. We're still not sure what we're doing, but thanks to Bill

Contento (who is constantly rewriting the program), and advice from Bob Collins, who is going through the same problems with *Fantasy Review*, we might just fake it enough to get this issue out. It should be easier next time. We might even get the spacing to work right! Special thanks to Faren, who is still inside slaving over a hot computer even though it's Sunday evening.

### NOVEMBER ISSUE GOES O.P.

A funny thing happened on our way to mailing last issue. We ran out of copies. There were several hundred extra orders from bookstores, etc., after we had set the print run. We were able to scrape up just enough copies to fill almost all the orders, but anyone who renewed late or sent in a late subscription with a request for the November issue was out of luck. All late renewals started with December no matter what was marked on the renewal

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Editor Charles N. Brown attacked by vengeful Tor editor Beth Meacham

Beth Gwinn