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Editorial Matters

Welcome to another slightly late issue of *Locus*. There are no big problems; just more material taking more time to produce on a new computer system. We still only have one person, Pam, capable of handling the PageMaker program with any degree of facility. She took a five-day vacation, went back to North Carolina and came back weighing only 94 pounds. We're trying to get her up to 100 pounds, and to train a second PageMaker expert.

Meanwhile, we're gathering information for *Along Publishers Row*, scheduled to appear next issue. It will fill at least half a dozen pages and will probably force us up to 76 pages plus inserts. If so, we'll push up our price increase to \$2.95 next issue instead of waiting until April. We'll also try to get in our Andre Norton interview, pushed out again because of more dated material, and our aging foreign coverage on the Soviet Union, China, Argentina, and Belgium. We should also have the final Nebula Ballot. What we won't have is as many book reviews as usual -- there just haven't been enough advance galleys to keep our reviewers busy. Dan Chow will get a month off, and Tom Whitmore will probably have a shorter than usual column.

It will also be the last installment for our short fiction column. Amy Thomson has reached burnout after two years. We may or may not replace her.

Looking further ahead, April will mark our twentieth anniversary. If we can find time, we'll try to do something special. Meanwhile, we'd like to hear from those of our readers who have been around for the full twenty. We hope at least to publish a special letter column.

We're also getting the final work done on *Science Fiction, Fantasy, and Horror: 1987* and the 1984 volume (which will have a very small print run). They will probably be out in late spring/early summer.

POLL & SURVEY

It's *Locus* poll and survey time again. Please return the centerfold ballot by April 15, 1988, the same day you have to send in your income tax. The two new categories are Best All-Time Writer and Best Writer of the Current Decade. We'll compare the answers to the Best All-Time Novelist category we listed in the August 1987 issue. As usual, we will give a free issue to subscribers of record when we count the ballots in late April. You have to at least make an attempt to vote in some categories on the poll as well as filling out the survey to qualify. Photocopied forms are fine, and we'll count ballots from second or third readers of your copy, but only one freebie per subscription. For those who keep their issues pristine, we'll send an extra survey if you send us a stamped addressed envelope. In other categories,

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