

ho is this guy? I recently found out that we released our 200th title. Not bad for a so-called "independent" company, but there was not much celebration at the Antarctic Press office. In fact, I think it went totally unnoticed except by our ever-so-obsessive-compulsive office manager. This company has reached notable milestone after milestone beyond anybody's (even our own) expectations and without much bru-ha-ha. The reason there hasn't been much celebration about our accomplishments at Antarctic Press is because everybody at AP realizes that there is more to be done. What is our goal? Money? We certainly are not raking in the big bucks, but with good management we stay afloat. Respect? While we may have gotten some recognition in some circles, the reality is the mainstream periodicals do not recognize us. To fill a niche? While we do fill a niche, it is about one of the most difficult niches to fill.

Everybody has their own personal goals and agendas. I know my goal is to release the type of comics that I like and enjoy reading and I hope that other people will enjoy reading them as well. What is the personal goal of everybody that has worked for Antarctic Press? I have no idea. But I do know

that there is a feeling that more needs to be done for the comic industry and we're going to try to do it. The meshing each of our personal agendas to a common goal is the most important milestone in our nine-year history. While we may eventually completely fill the niche or get the respect or obtain the money so people do not have to ask the question, "Who is this guy?", we will have accomplished each of our goals by working with each other at Antarctic Press and because our distributors, retailers, and (most importantly) our readers who have supported us in an industry that is harsh and unforgiving.

Thanks, everybody for helping us reach our many milestones. I look forward to reaching many more with you.

> Sincerely, Joe Dunn

PS - So, what was our 200th book? It was Mangazine #30, which hit the shelves in late February. It is quite fitting, actually - Mangazine was the very first book that Antarctic Press published, way back in early 1985. Our 300th book will be published later this vear



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gads, April already? Here's some information about current and upcoming books

In April we debut our newest translated manga title, Golden Warrior Iczer One! Written and drawn by Toshihiro Hirano and Moriki Yasuhiro, Iczer One is a five-issue miniseries based on the popular Original Video Animation. Be sure not to miss it!

Also in April is the fan-favorite Girls of Ninja High School annual. This year we are featuring 64 pages jam-packed with stories by a ton of artists, both new and old.

Don't forget to check out the return of **DNAgents**. You heard right - the original superhero team is back for a special appearance at Antarctic Press. All new stories, all new art, and all new characters from the minds of Will Meugniot and Mark Evanier. This 40-page comic includes a special 8-page fullcolor pull-out section.

Now, some sad news - Twilight-X #6, #7, and #8 (scheduled for November, December, and February) have been cancelled. An all-new Twilight-X series (all new art, new story, new format, and new name) will return in August of this year.

Also, Ninja High School Talks About Drugs (scheduled for December) and the Ninja High School Limited Edition Card Set (scheduled for January) have been cancelled. Simply put - we bit off more than we could chew. We decided to spend the time that we would have spent on those two projects working on the regular Ninja High School series (returning in June) instead. We are planning on coming out with the NHS Card Set sometime in late 1994 or early 1995.

See ya'll next month!

- Matthew High (AP's Matt)

CORRECTIONS:

- The cover to Quagnire USA #1 came out a little greener than it should have. Sorry for the mix-up.
- The cover to Silbuster #1 incorrectly listed the artist's name as "Kazumitsu" Sahara. His correct name is "Ikkou" Sahara. The reason for the error is too lengthy to explain here, but trust us + "Ikkou" is

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As I promised you last month, here's the list of conventions AP folks will be at:

> Project A-Kon V, June 3-5 TX. Silicon Origins, July 7-10 CA. Otakon, July 29-31 PA. San Diego ComicCon, August 4-7 CA.

Anime America and Anime Expo are both tentatively scheduled as well, but we're waiting for confirmation on the dates. Next Month: I'll clue you in on how to send your

submissions to us!

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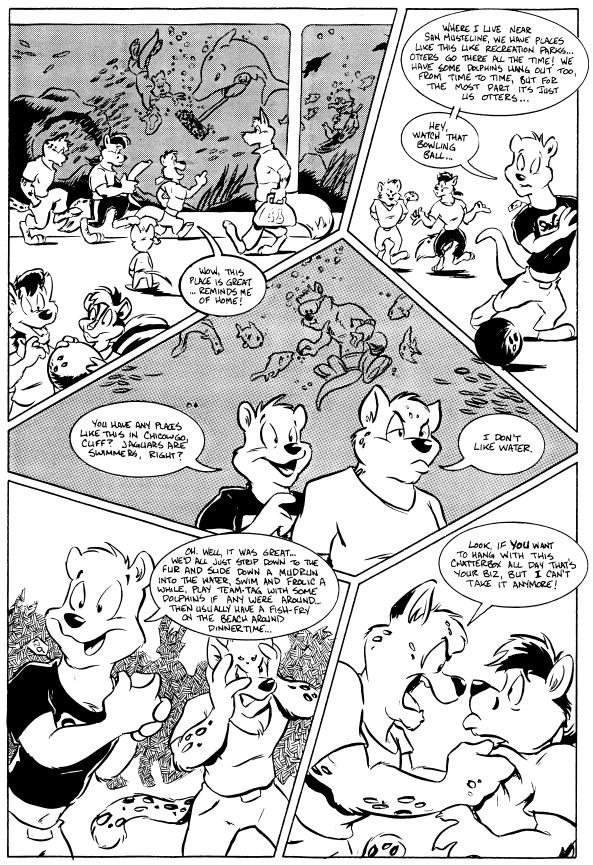
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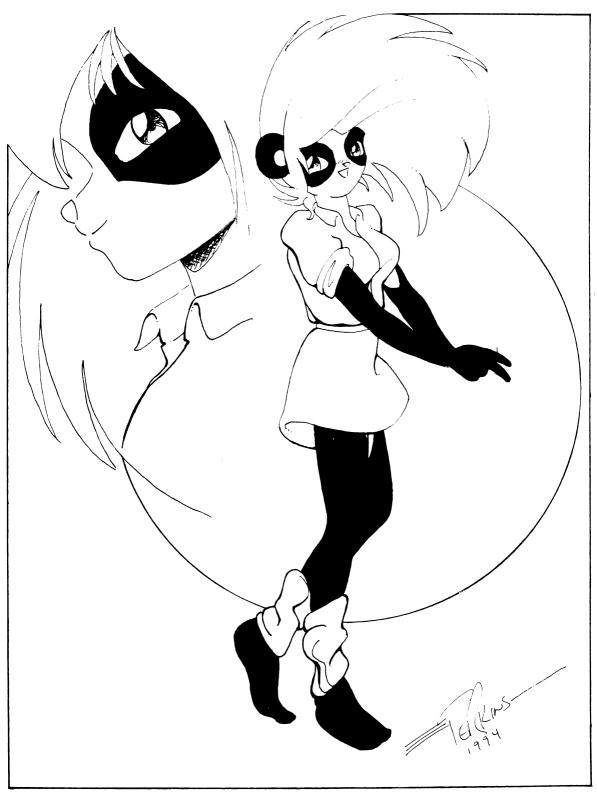


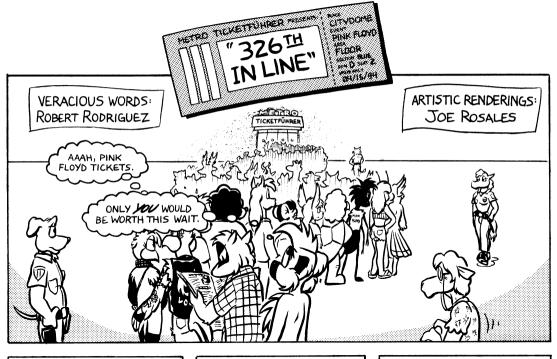




























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Dear Penguins:

Continuing with my compulsive LoCing of every AP title I buy:

Wild Life #5 is, in my opinion, your best issue to date. No duds anywhere. Just 1800 in the print run? Alas.

The cover is second only to Phil Morrissey's for #2 (I see that others share my admiration for that one). Just as Archie as anything. I like the clock; I question the guy's earrings.

Funny frontispiece too. Does "Pain-in-the-Neck: Matt High" mean we'll never see another installment of "From the Ouarter Box"?

"Shopping Hell" is far superior to "A Visit to the Comics Store" in #3; no pointless worm's/eagle's-eye-view shots, no superhero parody (parodies are at best only one step above superheroes themselves), less scenery-chewing, better-drawn characters, a glimpse into an alien world (OK, so I'm male; it happens to half of us), and a better punchline.

"The Eyes Have It" is the best melding yet in WL of funny writing and funny art; yes, even better than "Snow Job" and "Pierced Dreams". It never lets up. Marianne falling apart manga-style, Ellen (not Musky?) applying Visine, Mr. Anole's secret lab, "Talk about coincidence!" But Eddie and Preston's class-clowning was best of all. Their imitation of three-eyed aliens was particularly delightful; utterly adolescent stupidity, and only after about five readings of the story was I able to look at it without laughing helplessly.

"Buffalo Wings" is distinguished for storytelling rather than humor and does a good job of it; good characters and story.

And at the end, an intelligent letter column (i.e. I agree with the writers' opinions) and a Tail End with far too many exclamation points!!

I just got Lesbian Foxes in Hovertanks Tank Vixens #1 yesterday. With my low tolerance for military babes, I wanted to see it before buying, and when it first came out it vanished from the racks before I got there. Once I saw it, of course I had to have it. It's sillier than I ever dreamed, treats the topic in the proper manner (and twists the blade after inserting it), contains good pseudoscience and pseudopolitics, and has *sigh* Hilda... The search for an image on page 21 is marvelous. Equipment specs give me hives, so even an equipment spec parody is not my favorite brand of humor, but these were fairly funny. I liked the T-shirt ad too.

> Always carry a grapefruit, Philip M. Cohen White Plains, NY

Dear Elin,

Wild Life seems great for the anthropomorphic humanoids. Luckily, I have WL #1! It sold out already. (Whew!) I adore Mr. Dunn's art.

The cover by Phil Morrissey looks delightful. It reminds me of New Orleans. I hope to see his drawings more for the cover and comic strips, too.

1) "Buffalo Wings": The characters are in the college years now. I bet the series will be excited in the events. Cliff seems to be complaining about Stuart. They will develop knowing each other more. (I hope so!) I understand how they feel during college years because I'm a college student myself. More

"Buffalo Wings"!!

2) "Sarah & Ginnie": I enjoy watching both of the girls' humorous actions. Ex. "A Visit to the Comic Shop" and "Shopping Hell". I'm looking forward to seeing them. Sarah's attractiveness with kind-hearted feeling matches her reputation. Ginnie has her sense of humor matching a petite girl. Many boys attract crazy to Sarah when she walks or goes around someplace with her best friend. Give them an A.

3) I adore Mr. Rosales' art. Edward and Co. look humorous and great! They act immature and goody-goody. I'm happy to see their cracked series. Smile!!

4) Mr. Chin's characters intrigue me. Hmmm...his art is almost the same as Mr. Nunnemacher's art. Of course, they have their different styles of details.

Keep up the great work! Yours, Sheila Wheadon Fremont, CA

Wow! What great letters! Like I keep saying, drop us a line and let us know what you think. We love hearing from our readers! And we do accept comments off the Nets; just include a note that says we can print them. Next issue looks to be a great one, what with a cool cover by Pat Kelley, more "Buffalo Wings" by John Nunnemacher, and "Sophistikats" by Paul Castiglia & Co. (Which was bumped from this issue due to space constraints.) Plus, a "Vixy Vid" short by Will Faust-this time for sure! Sorry about all the exclamation points last ish--I'm trying to cut down. See ya'll in 90!

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