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<u>Editorial</u>

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New member: Geraldine ("Gerry") Brady has become our 15th member. Her address is: 5728 S. Blackstone Ave., Chicago, IL 60637. Her occupation is chief manuscript editor for the Astrophysical Journal, which is published by the University of Chicago Press. She is also a Ph.D. candidate in philosophy at the University of Chicago.

Questionnaire responses: I have received only two responses so far to the questionnaire that appeared in issue 19, which I shall include in this issue. I'd like to receive responses from all members. If you do not want your response published, all you have to do is circle the word "Confidential" at the bottom of the questionnaire.

The Titan Test: Discover magazine rejected my test, so I have sent it to Scot Morris, the puzzle editor at Omni, as I had originally intended, after making a few improvements (or at least changes) in the test. I reduced the test from 50 problems and 7 pages to 48 problems and 6 pages, primarily by eliminating the miscellaneous problems at the end, increasing the number of number sequences from three to six, and by consolidating the eight non-verbal sections to just four. I also filled in all the multiple-choice answers. Twelve of them are tentative because that is how many problems from Trial Test "P" that I hope will be successful enough for inclusion and because the wrong answers that I am given to the trial test problems help to determine the misleading choices that I will include in the final test. If Omni rejects the test, I shall probably distribute it to members of Mensa, or whom there are about 50,000 in the U.S., and hope that a high enough percentage respond to meet or exceed the cost of distribution, given a scoring fee of, say, \$25. If Omni distributes the test, the scoring fee will be a more modest \$10, probably.

The newspaper clipping: I shall include on the last page of this issue a clipping from Richard May. Richard, who has a somewhat wry sense of humor, says concerning the clipping: "Thought you might find the enclosed article on a contemplated 'autolobotomy' stimulating! Feel free to use it as a 'sequential' to the Rick Rosner article in Noesis if you like. Hope this doesn't result in formation of Autolobotomy Special Interest Groups." (Mensa, for those who have never been members, is noted for its somewhat wacky special interest groups.)

Society meeting: Chris Cole believes that at least seven members would be interested in attending a meeting for the Titan Society in Southern California next spring. They are: Chris Cole, Dean Inada, and Jelf Mard, who all reside in Southern California, plus James Hajicek from Misconsin, Michard May from Boston, Ray Mise from Long Island, N.Y., and myself here in New York City. If other members would be interested in attending, feel free to contact Chris to suggest a convenient time. His home and office numbers are (714) 720-1761 and (714) 855-3923.

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