

# PYNCHON NOTES

A Newsletter

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## Inaugural

Pynchon Notes arises in part from the frustration of our efforts for the past two years to continue meeting formally at MLA conventions in order to exchange information and scholarly opinions. Our present ambitions are modest by comparison with the opportunities afforded by an MLA special session; but we may be able to reach more people, and they us, more readily. We hope to provide a forum for the exchange of information, and also to create a stable structure to facilitate future meetings. Eventually, Pynchon Notes may develop into a full-fledged journal.

At the moment, our primary purpose is to publicize information of two, somewhat overlapping kinds: (1) news of work in progress--essays and book-length studies, including dissertations--circulating manuscripts and forthcoming works, as well as news of papers being presented, discussions being held, and lectures being delivered at conventions and the like; (2) bibliographic information about books, chapters, essays, articles, reviews, interviews, and even the

minutest fragments thereof, from the most out-of-the-way to the seemingly most familiar, which have not been, may not have been, or are unlikely to be listed in the standard and more accessible bibliographic sources as discussing or containing references to Pynchon. "Kach" Tololyan and John Krafft respectively will have editorial responsibility for these two kinds of material, although, given the overlapping of the present-future and the past-present orientations and our desire not to erect barriers to the flow of information, each of us will be happy to receive any material and pass it along to the other. (Furthermore, any need to distinguish our roles may eventually all but disappear if we are markedly successful in filling in the past bibliographic record and therefore come to publicize mainly current items and events.)

In addition to the kinds of information described above, we will publish authors' queries, news of conferences, solicitations for collections of essays and special numbers of journals, as well as such op-ed material and brief critical exchanges as space and other resources permit.

The success of Pynchon Notes depends on your interest and cooperation. We ask that you spread word of our project among your friends and colleagues. We also ask that you send us news and information. We know of some works in progress, but do not feel at liberty to publicize most of them, and indeed will not unless explicitly authorized to do so. We know of curious and significant material which has not appeared in Pynchon bibliographies or in the common reference sources under "Pynchon"; but we are sure that we don't know about all of it and that we are in any case not infallible judges of what will and will not seem significant to others.

There will be no charge for the initial issues of Pynchon Notes. If it survives and thrives, however, we may begin to welcome an occasional check for a dollar to help with printing and mailing costs. But first, of course, we need your intellectual support. We invite both your contributions to the newsletter and your comments about it.