COLLOQUY

Webster's Dictionary defines colloquy as mutual discourse. Readers are encouraged to submit additions, corrections, and comments about earlier articles appearing in Word Ways. Comments received at least one month prior to publication of an issue will appear in that issue.

Both Howard Bryks and Anthony Sebastian point out that the adjective **heterological**, denoting adjectives that do not describe themselves, predates Dave Silverman's discussion in his August 1969 Kickshaws. In particular, Bryks cites Eugene P. Northrop's Riddles in Mathematics, A Book of Paradoxes (Van Nostrand, 1944), which on pages 200-201 specifically discusses the paradox of how to classify **heterological**. Sebastian notes that W. V. Quine's Quiddities: An Intermittently Philosophical Dictionary (Harvard University Press, 1987) gives the logical law "No adjective can denote all and only the adjectives that do not denote themselves", and cites the adjective **non-self-denoting** (a synonym of **heterological**) as a contradiction to this law. He identifies Kurt Grelling as the originator of this paradox, although it seems likely that it dates back to Bertrand Russell. Sebastian points out that one can get around the paradox only by deciding that **heterological** is not a member of the ordinary set of adjectives which one wishes to classify, but rather a member of a set that comprises the metalanguage used to describe ordinary language.

Joe Leonard, a colleague of David Shulman, adds the -uu- words duumvirate, Equuleus [Pictoris], [ignis] fatuus, perpetuum [mobile] (in Chambers Twentieth Century Dictionary), suus [heres], [triduum] et tuum, and vacuumize. In similar vein, Kyle Corbin adds ahuula, Anschauung, commiscuum, Equuleus [Pictoris], [ignis] fatuus, huurder, Inuus, Liguus, puud, Sadalsuud, tuum, ucuuba [butter], and ventriloquus. All can be found in Webster's Second or Third editions.

Charlie Bostick tried out the Frame-Maker spelling checker (Sun system) on the authors of the August **Word Ways**, coming up with such droll "corrections" as Anthony Subsiding, Renee Merino, Do Prunes, A. Cross Heckler, Dearly Frances, Start T. Beard, Frank Robin, Brace Pane, George J. Leavened, Richard Letterer, Fillip M. Cone, Makes Broke, and Lanyard R. N. Hassle. (Interestingly, Harry Partridge and Jeff Grant survived intact.) Clever!

Scot Morris notes that he discussed Scott Kim's creative calligraphy in Omni magazine articles in September 1979 and June 1988; readers should be fascinated by the fantastic examples depicted there.

Yes, there are real-life Uckers: telephone directories in Denver, Minneapolis, San Francisco, Arlington VA, San Diego and Oklahoma City list them.

George Scheetz comments on Harry Partridge's "Unsherlocking Sherlock" in the August Word Ways: "Partridge eventually does convey the message...that it is possible for Morice's usage of unSherlock to be correct in exactly the context in which Morice used it. This is really beside the point...because any reader familiar with Sherlock Holmes would intuitively understand unSherlock to mean "not solve" simply because Sherlock Holmes is synonymous with finding solutions...Morice's usage of unSherlock is intrinsically confusing because of its conflict with the popular image of Holmes."

Laura Barsky corrects #45 in Richard Lederer's "Dynamic Trios" in the August issue: it isn't "baseball, apple pie, and Chevrolet" but rather "baseball, hot dogs, apple pie, and Chevrolet". She adds "if he wants to, he can call me and I'll sing him the jingle."

George Levenbach notes that the meaning of zo in "A Dutch Bigram Network" is not the English sol; it has many meanings just as so does in English.

Jane Parker, Journals Publicity Manager for Oxford Journals, points out that there are half-price subscription rates to the International Journal of Lexicography (reviewed in the August issue) to Euralex members as well as member of the Dictionary Society of North America. And, Names and Nicknames of Places and Things (reviewed in the May 1987 issue) is available for $31.95 to American Names Society members.

Dave Morice created some puns based on Philip Cohen's metric prefixes: Don't eat it all yourself, give Megabyte; Why did the accused try to Kilogram; Ohm, ohm on the [electric] range; Be patient--you won't have to wait Furlong; Let's go to the shooting Calorie.

Henri Picciotto writes with regard to "The Pangrammatic Highway" "We have played the alphabet game for many years, and are rather surprised at the fact the article did not mention the following essentials: junction, liquor, and pizza."

Maxey Brooke sends in a cartoon depicting two restroom doors at Captain Otto's Seafood Restaurant labeled Boje and Möwe, with a waiter explaining to a mystified patron "It is German for 'buoys' and 'gulls', dummkopf!"

Dave Morice writes "I laughed so hard when I read Partridge's article that I had to go into a delaughing chamber afterward so I wouldn't get the bends. It never fails to amaze me what the readers will pick up on in any given issue."