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.

Further comment about Chris Cole's "Word Records From Webster's Third": Dan Tilque believes he has "made an important contribution to the logological world" and Sir Jeremy Morse adds "I found Chris Cole's article...particularly useful, and hope that it can be refined to an authoritative canon." Dan Tilque points out that the head 'n' tail suggestion of OFO in the August Colloquy should not be disallowed, for Cole has included other capitalized examples such as NAURUAN and MANXMAN. He adds the following:

1) longest all-vowel word: AIEE, IEIE
2) longest word, each vowel once: ENTWICKLUNGSROMAN (no Y), CYLINDROCELLULAR, VENTRICULOGRAPHY (Y included)
3) shortest word, each vowel once: OXYURIDAE (Y included)
4) longest word, vowels in order: ABSTEMIOUSLY
5) shortest word, vowels in reverse order: MUROIDEA (no Y)
6) longest palindrome, each central letter: ROTATOR, SOCOS, SOLOS, SEMEMES, DEVOWED, SEITIES, DEWED (REPAPER not in Web 3)
7) longest word with only two different consonants: ARAUCARIACEAE
8) longest words with one, two, ... consonants (new category): OUABAIO; AIZOACEAE; OUGADOOGOU or PAEONIACEAE; FOUQUIERIACEAE

Dan Tilque comments "The category of 'longest words with same consonants' may need rethinking. Simple vowel-vowel substitutions (e.g., COMPLEMENTARINESS, COMPLIMENTARINESS) would seem to qualify, although that may not be what was intended. Either the category should be eliminated or significantly changed (perhaps to be based on the number of vowels substituted for)."

Sir Jeremy Morse proposes improvements to "Word Records" from Chambers Twentieth Century Dictionary or the OED. Although these are outside the scope Cole defined for his article, they may be of interest to *Word Ways* readers:

1) palindrome beginning with Z: ZUZ
2) thrice-repeated prefix: ZENZIZENZIZENCIC
3) a full 3x5 cadence: tNeCoNNeNNeNNeNg
4) longest univocalic word: STRENGTHLESSNESSES
5) longest vowel-consonant alternation: HONORIFICABILITUDINITY
6) longest last-half alphabet lipogram: ZOOSPOROUS
7) longest reverse-order word: SPONFEED

How C's, Two A T'

Two of us (LIL AND UNDB) have sent letters to OVER, COMMITTEE, and the editor and are waiting for replies until February.

Oxford University press personnel appear to have made an error. The University press has released its drafts of the OED for further comment and additions. Sir William Lea, past president of the Lea, Northwood, and Jackson publishing firm, has written that the OED will be revised but that it will not be completed until 2000.

Leonard M. Blume, president of the Academy of American Poets, has written a letter to the editor of *Word Ways*:

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Dave has written:

It's from you the snot.

Darron has written:

"The well-disposed towards you the snot..."
8) longest beheadable V-word: V-INDICATIONS
9) longest monosyllables: QUENCHED, THRUTCHEED, VOUCHED, XYSTS
10) longest disyllable starting with G: GROUNDBURSTS, GROUNDSHEETS

How about adding the list of Websterian words with most A's, B's, C's, ... etc.?

Two readers tried extending Darryl Francis's "Letter-Deletions: A Type Collection". Fraser Simpson adds the eleven-letter examples (L)IMITATIONS, S(T)IMULATING, UN(G)RATIFIED, STA(B)LEMATES, UNDE(R)SIGNED, ALTER(C)ATION, OVERTA(L)KING, OVERTUR(N)ING, OVERCROW(D)ED, UNDERLINE(N)IS and UNDERCOVER(T), and the twelve-letter examples (P)RESIDENTIAL, (P)LEASANTRIES, UNDE(R)SERVING, OVERS(W)ELLING, UNDERP(L)AYING and OVERCROW(D)ING. Tom Pulliam found the eleven-letter deletions so easy to do that he submitted three lists, one of words beginning with A, one with B, and one with C. "I'm now of the opinion that this can be done for most of the alphabet... but I felt I better save these aged eyes until required to undertake such a challenge!"

Official Scrabble Words, the British counterpart to the OSPD based on Chambers English Dictionary, was originally created by a four-person committee including Darryl Francis; a revised edition will appear in 1990. Darryl notes the OSW is available in machine-readable form, from which various word lists have been generated. The Association of Premier Scrabble Players have published anagram lists for 7-letter and 8-letter words which reveal many new transpositional groups such as DIPHONES SIPHONED SPHENOID and ION-UMS NIMIOUS. They can be purchased from Graeme Thomas, 3 Grove Lea, Hatfield, Hertfordshire, England.

Leonard Gordon found a 6-letter solution to his minimum-length pangrammatic ladder problem described in the May Word Ways:


Dave Morice comments on "Pseudopornography" "It was hilarious. It should be given as a test to anyone who wants to remove a book from libraries or bookstores, with only two questions asked: would you censor this? what does it mean? If the would-be censors give the wrong answers, tell 'em to quit their crapping and pick the snot-gobs off the yew."

Darryl Francis comments on "Common Acronym Words" in February "The various lists in this article could be supplemented with other well-known acronym words. For example, SITREP (a situation report), NIFE (the earth's hypothetical core of nickel and iron), CERMET (a ceramic-metal combination), and FIDO (fog investigation dispersal operation) are all in Chambers English Dictionary."

In "Shelling Peas Analysis" add the reference ASD Anglo-Saxon Dictionary.
Errata: The antepenultimate line of "A Pale Gold Raven" should have read "repeal diagonal", in line 20 of "The Wife of Noble Character" buy should have been buys, and in line 35, speak should have been speak. In "Pseudopornography", pisspott has only one T.

John Bulten assures the readers of Word Ways that his Greek Speak item in Kickshaws was generated by hand, not computer. Would that a machine-readable Webster's Third database were available to logologists!

Doug McIlroy follows up on his August Colloquy "Rest assured that there are no double [7-letter] word squares in Webster's Collegiate; had there been any I'd have found them...To cast the net wider, I tried adding to the list inflected forms of shorter words: noun plurals, verb derivates in -s -ed -ing -er, and adjective derivates in -er -est. This made a list of almost 17,000 words. I ran it for about 16 hours on a machine three times faster than the speedy one I used to redo the 7x7 search. In that time it did less than 3% of the whole job. I found 66 squares, just two of which are unsymmetric, and then only in a single letter position. Extrapolating, I would expect to find around 2000 squares. That's too much output to be interesting, and not enough to raise much hope of finding doubles...Modern computers have enough space for me to try 8-letter words. I did it for the Collegiate, and found no squares at all. The sudden cutoff, which is not unusual in probability, is confirmed at 6x6 for doubles and at 7x7 for singles [with respect to the Collegiate Dictionary]."

Dave Morice writes "Wolpow's 'Canine Star Shined'...missed one word in the 4-category: CAN (Mayan) + NED (Korean). This idea also provides a new form of math formula. GORE = PA, for instance, because GO (Sino-Japanese) = 5, RE ( Ainu) = 3, and PA (Chinese) = 8. Others include TODOs = STAR (5), TOES (or DOSES, MINES or IRE) = GO (5), and CANINE = PA (8), which implies that a dog is a man's best friend."

Tom Pulliam adds to Leonard Gordon's "Insertion-Deletion Networks" with two Websterian chains of deleteable words starting with twelve letters:

cardinalists-cardinalist-Cardinals-cardinals-cardinal-cardia-Caria-arica-ria-ri-l

eradication-eration-radication-eration-adiation-adition-adition-adition-adition-adition-dit-it-l

In "Words With JQXZ in Varying Positions" various holes can be filled by capitalized words in Webster's Second or Third: Qaraqal-paQ, Khawarij, PontacQ, the latter two suggested by Dan Tilque and Tom Pulliam. Tom adds the uncapitalized kinderbeweis, and John Bulten suggests the obvious countersubjects and koggelmannetjes. He wonders if such noun-labeled acronyms as IQ or DJ are permissible. How about citation plurals, which adds duodenojournals?
No *Word Ways* readers have yet responded to Peter Newby’s August 1990 plea for word-game testers of his new book *Pears Word Games*; the organizer of a US chapter of the Pears Word Games Society will receive a complimentary copy of the book in question.

Dave Morice says "I liked Gordon’s articles [in August], and it occurred to me that an animated movie of the entire network concept would be fascinating, starting with the announcer saying 'This is a word ladder, as conceived by Lewis Carroll in the 19th century'. The ladder would blip down the screen one word at a time. From there the movie would trace the evolution of complexity with the added feature of showing the growth of a ladder like a time-lapse movie of the growth of a flower.'"

Peter Newby sends a clipping from the Chesterfield Gazette: "The credit appears...in the magazine *Word Ways*. This publication is internationally respected and is frequently quoted by leading authors." Should *Word Ways* now expect a spate of subscriptions from Chesterfield?

Tom Pulliam notes that the longest state-abbreviation word (cited in the August Colloquy) is not CALAMONDIN but CACOGALACTIA.

Darryl Francis offers a belated addition to his August 1989 article on PALINDROME wordplay: RED CAMPION, in Webster’s Third, is a substitute-letter transposition (remove L, add C).

John Bulten gives the tongue-in-cheek Ouija phrase CHICAGO IL: chica is "girl" in Spanish, and goil is "girl" in Brooklynese.

Darryl Francis has discovered a new commercial palindrome: SKOOB BOOKS, located at 15 Sicilian Avenue in London’s West End.