

COLLOQUY

JIM PUDER writes: I was saddened to hear of the passing of Ross Eckler. It was only due to his vision and dedication that *Word Ways* became, under his long editorship, something that had never existed before, the *de facto* journal of record for the English language for novel research results and innovative writings in the field of recreational linguistics (the field that he helped to popularize as "logology.") Indeed, much of the logological research and writing of the last half century would probably never have come into existence at all had it not been for the availability of this unique forum provided by Ross and his wife Faith, not to mention his support and encouragement of new contributors.. Ross's own published studies in the field were notable for their intellectual rigor and for their thoroughness, and his frequent valuable suggestions helped to improve the submissions of many others. Ross's enthusiasm for the discipline and his friendly helpfulness will be sorely missed by the word- and letterplay community that has grown up around *Word Ways*.

MARK SALTVEIT (palindromistmag@gmail.com) reports that he is working on a book about palindromists throughout history, specifically including Howard Bergerson, Dmitri Borgmann, J.A. Lindon and Leigh Mercer (but also Sotades the Obscene, Hrabanus Maurus, Optation Porphyrius, Su Hui, etc.) He'd love to hear from anyone with recollections, correspondence, documents, or pointers to information about any of these folks.

Saltveit reports that The Palindromist Magazine has published issue #8 (Palindrome Competitions) after, um, a rather long day. Anyone owed subscription copies is encouraged to send an updated land address to palindromistmag@gmail.com if they've moved at any point in this century.

