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FRIENDS NOT ON OUR MAILING LIST? PLEASE DON'T SEND US THEIR NAMES--ENCOURAGE THEM TO WRITE TO THE INSTITUTE THEMSELVES, AND WE WILL HAPPILY ADD THEM TO OUR MEMBERSHIP ROSTER. REMEMBER, EACH LETTER WE RECEIVE IS A VOTE FOR "BUCKAROO BANZAI AGAINST THE WORLD CRIME LEAGUE"!!!



LETTER FROM THE DIRECTORS:

Salutations, fellow BBIs!

The Blue Blaze Irregulars, the Official Buckaroo Banzai Fan Club, began with a single fan letter received in August of 1984. Now there are over 3,500 of you out there, scattered across the United States and the rest of the world, from Canada to Australia and from England to Pakistan. We have received letters from people deeply involved with science fiction/fantasy/media fandom, and letters from people who say they've never joined a fan club before. We've received multi-page, in-depth critiques of the film from some fans, while others have had to dictate their brief messages to Mom, Dad or an older sibling. On homemade stationery and professional letterhead, often in wildly decorated envelopes, we've received letters, photos, drawings, puzzles, cryptic messages, Lectroid food and all manner of speculation on "Why is there a watermelon there?"

The answer to that question will be in the second issue of World Watch One, the BBI Newsletter, which we had hoped to have in your hands by now. However, as we warned you before, we are the Blue Blaze Irregulars; also, as John Lennon reminds us all, life is what happens to you when you're busy making other plans. We each have full-time jobs with awkward schedules, and over fifty miles of heavy traffic separate SF and Hollywood from Catnip and Illinois Kate, while the entire continent lies between the four of us and Sunshine and D.J. World Watch One (2) will be mailed in March (believe it!). By way of compensation for the delay, we are sending out this abbreviated bulletin to bring you up-

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to-date on recent and upcoming activities of the Banzai Institute.

Inside, you will find an ad from Steve and KathE Walker, whom Twentieth Century Fox has licensed to produce B. Banzai merchandise. They offer t-shirts and jerseys, with more memorabilia in the works, so check out their designs for the latest in strike team activewear. We've updated our list of current film and television projects involving members of Team Richter for your perusal. In the interests of equal opportunity fandom, we've included information on the League of Lectroids for Lizardo, and a BBI who wants to get in touch with Texas fans. You'll also find information on some upcoming 20th Century Fox films that might interest you.

Thank you for returning your BBI Questionnaires! The information is being computer-catalogued for Team Richter by Sunshine and D.J., using a program similar to the one they devised to log Pinky Carruthers' 47,000 unknown facts. These data should prove useful when/if "Buckaroo Banzai Against the World Crime League" goes into production. Since you've been kind enough to tell us so much about yourselves, we feel we should reciprocate by telling you a little more about the Blue Blaze Irregulars and your Directors.

The BBIs (named after the B. Banzai fan club described in the novel "The Adventures of Buckaroo Banzai") began in August 1984 when Dianne Wickes (Hollywood), a secretary in the feature publicity department of 20th Century Fox, started to answer fan mail the studio was receiving about "TABB." Terry Erdmann (Silver Fox), a publicist handling Fox's science fiction/fantasy films, began helping out as the mail increased. In September, while working at the 1984 World Science Fiction Convention, Hollywood met Denise Tathwell (Catnip), a registered nurse, who rapidly became the "Mrs. Johnson" of the West Coast Offices. Catnip recruited Lori Oberscheven (Illinois Kate), assistant payroll supervisor for a group of hospitals; Fern Marder (Sunshine) and Carol Walske (D.J.), our computer experts, signed on shortly thereafter. We are all in our thirties, more or less, and are all women (SF being the definite exception). We enjoy science fiction, fantasy and action/adventure, are long-time film fans, and we love rock 'n roll (although our tastes vary widely) and many other kinds of music. And, of course, we each found a lot to enjoy in "TABB."

The Blue Blaze Irregulars were founded and exist:

- 1) To respond to inquiries about "The Adventures of Buckaroo Banzai" with printed material about the film, the characters and the world of Buckaroo Banzai.
- 2) To research and demonstrate support for "The Adventures of Buckaroo Banzai" and "Buckaroo Banzai Against the World Crime League."

Legal, financial and other restrictions placed on us by our sponsors, 20th Century Fox and Sherwood Productions, preclude charging fees or providing services other than those above. The promotional material we send out was produced for the original publicity campaign for "TABB," and unfortunately, we are not funded to replace items such as pins, stickers, headbands, etc., once we have run out. Therefore, the Blue Blaze Irregulars could probably be better described as an activity-oriented mailing list rather than a fan club.

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However, that has not stopped us from organizing a few local activities for L.A. area fans, and we encourage you to do the same in your communities. We've greatly enjoyed the friendships we've formed through our work with the BBIs, and would like all of you to have the chance to get to know one another as well. The response to our inquiry in the BBI Questionnaire about a "pen pal" list was very positive, so enclosed you will find your BBI Directory Listing Form. If you would like to participate, please return the completed form to us as soon as possible, so we may compile the first edition of the BBI Directory and mail it with World Watch One (2) in March. Any listings received too late to be included in the first Directory will be included in supplements accompanying future newsletters.

As mentioned earlier, we will be sharing the most creative answers to "Why is there a watermelon there?" with you in the next issue of WW1. Interestingly, we received a number of equally creative answers to the question, "Why are Rawhide, Sam and McIlvaine still there?" We will include those responses (as well as our own explanation) in WW1(2), too, along with more anecdotes about life at the Banzai Institute. We've heard rumors of B. Banzai publications other than our own, and will gladly print the addresses of any we discover so that you may contact them directly (if you know of any, please drop us a line). If you'd like to submit material to WW1, we'll accept it in almost any form, provided it's brief, readable and Reno doesn't think it's too dirty. We promise to read everything, but we don't promise to print it.

A number of you have written the Institute and offered to distribute flyers for the Blue Blaze Irregulars. Many members have found us through your work, and we thank you. Also, a few of you have copied the BBI Questionnaire and distributed it. Although we appreciate your efforts, this makes us crazy because we can't be certain who has already written to us and received their introductory membership packet and who has not. It also cheats the tally of support letters for B. Banzai. Therefore, we've enclosed a copy of our flyer for you to copy and give to your friends instead. If you need a large number of flyers, just contact us and we'll send them to you.

It's been a long year of gathering in Building 89 at the Fox studio on Sunday afternoons to eat Kentucky Fried Chicken and run thousands of Xerox copies, stuff and type labels for hundreds of envelopes, and write scores of letters. We've enjoyed it all, though, and we plan on continuing as long as there is interest in Buckaroo Banzai, his friends and his adventures. We are, after all, a growing excited fan club.

Be cool, but care...

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"NOTHING IS EVER WHAT IT SEEMS.
BUT EVERYTHING IS EXACTLY
WHAT IT IS."

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UPDATES: TEAM RICHTER

W. D. RICHTER (director)

EARL MAC RAUCH (writer)

W. D. Richter is now writing "Second Marriage" and "Pig Heaven" for 20th Century Fox; "Big Trouble in Little China," directed by John Carpenter from Richter's screenplay, is now shooting at the Fox studios. E. M. Rauch has completed the screenplay to "Wired" for Warner Bros. and is working on "Hot Tamales" for Fox. Write c/o:

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20TH CENTURY FOX
P.O. BOX 900
BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90213

NEIL CANTON (producer)

Neil Canton is working on a sequel to his hit "Back to the Future" for Steven Spielberg's Amblin' Entertainment. Write c/o:

AMBLIN' ENTERTAINMENT
UNIVERSAL STUDIOS
100 UNIVERSAL PLAZA, BLDG. 477
UNIVERSAL CITY, CA 91606

PETER WELLER (Buckaroo Banzai)

Peter Weller just completed shooting HBO's "Apology" in Toronto with co-star Leslie Anne Warren. Write c/o:

BILL TREUSCH ASSOCIATES
853 SEVENTH AVE.
NEW YORK, NY 10019

ROBERT ITO (Professor Hikita)

Robert Ito appears in an upcoming "Airwolf" episode, an episode of "The Hitchhiker" on HBO, a CBS Afterschool Special titled "War Between the Classes," and an upcoming film, "Geisha." Write c/o:

LILLIAN MICELI
DIAMOND ARTISTS, LTD.
9200 SUNSET BLVD. #909
LOS ANGELES, CA 90069

JEFF GOLDBLUM (New Jersey)

Jeff Goldblum is currently in Toronto filming a remake of "The Fly" for 20th Century Fox and Brookfilms. He also appears as the Wolf in Faerie Tale Theatre's "The Three Little Pigs," now available on videotape. Write c/o:

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TONI HOWARD
WILLIAM MORRIS AGENCY
161 EL CAMINO
BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90212

CLANCY BROWN (Rawhide)

Clancy Brown recently completed work on Fox's "Highlander," a fantasy which spans 400 years. Write c/o:

DAVID EIDENBERG
S.T.E. MANAGEMENT
211 S. BEVERLY DR. #201
BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90212

LEWIS SMITH (Perfect Tommy)

"The North and the South" is Lewis Smith's most recent project. Write c/o:

TODD SMITH
CREATIVE ARTISTS AGENCY
1838 CENTURY PARK EAST #1400
LOS ANGELES, CA 90067

PEPE SERNA (Reno Nevada)

Pepe Serna appears in an upcoming episode of "Miami Vice" as a villian. Write c/o:

ROBERT GERSH
THE GERSH AGENCY
222 N. CANON DR. #204
BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210

BILLY VERA (Pinky Carruthers)

Along with weekly appearances in the Los Angeles area with the Beaters, Billy Vera will appear in an upcoming episode of "The Insiders." Write c/o:

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ELLEN BARKIN (Penny Priddy)

Ellen Barkin is currently in New Orleans filming "Nothing But the Truth" for King's Road Productions. Write c/o:

HILDY GOTTLIEB
INTERNATIONAL CREATIVE MANAGEMENT
8899 BEVERLY BLVD.
LOS ANGELES, CA 90048

JOHN LITHGOW (Lizardo/Whorfin)

John Lithgow recently completed "The Manhattan Project," a science thriller, for 20th Century Fox. Write c/o:

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RICK NICITA
CREATIVE ARTISTS AGENCY
1888 CENTURY PARK EAST #1400
LOS ANGELES, CA 90067

CHRISTOPHER LLOYD (John Bigboote)

Along with the just-released "Clue," Christopher Lloyd will star in "The White Dragon," a fantasy now shooting in Europe. Write c/o:

ROBERT GERSH
THE GERSH AGENCY
222 N. CANON DR. #204
BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210

CARL LUMBLY (John Parker)

Carl Lumby is now on stage in Los Angeles in "Gospel at Colonus," as well as continuing in his regular role in "Cagney and Lacey." Write c/o:

SUSAN SCHWARZ
CENTURY ARTISTS, LTD.
9744 WILSHIRE BLVD. #308
BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90212

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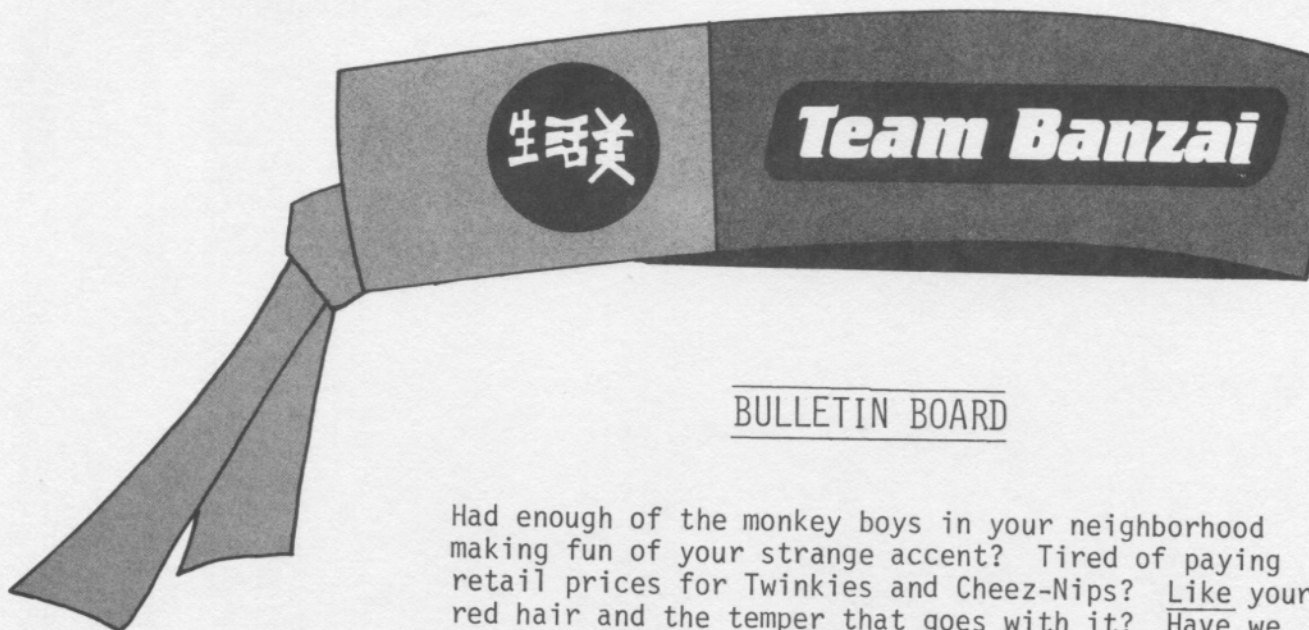
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THE LEAGUE OF LECTROIDS FOR LIZARDO
c/o John Howling Mouse
2610 Whitis #A
Austin, TX 78705

"THE PENNY PARADOX," a Buckaroo Banzai fanzine, is now available from:

A Penny For Your Thoughts Press
125 Fannin
Corpus Christi, TX
78415

-or-

5765 Hampshire
Corpus Christi, TX
78405

North Texas fans who'd like to get organized for group activities write:

BBI Lone Star Detachment
c/o Mike Vanhooser
110 Chelsea Bay
Lewisville, TX 75067

REMEMBER -- courtesy and economics dictate the enclosure of a self-addressed, stamped envelope when communicating with other fans. Thanks!

The West Coast Offices would like to throw a party for those BBIs within driving distance of the Los Angeles area. Unfortunately, we each have one-bedroom apartments, none of which are large enough to accomodate the 400+ fans around here. Anybody out there have a house/garage/back yard/other which they'd care to volunteer? We'll take care of the rest, and as they say in the business, "You'll never know a film crew has been here!" (but this time we really mean it!). If you can help, please contact us here at the West Coast Offices. Thanks!!!

TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX FILM CORPORATION



FILMS IN PRODUCTION

ALIENS

Starring Sigourney Weaver

Directed by James Cameron

Produced by Gale Anne Hird

Sigourney Weaver will return as Chief Warrant Officer Ripley, the sole survivor of the spaceship Nostromo's encounter with a deadly extraterrestrial in 1979's blockbuster "Alien." Written and directed by James Cameron, the creator of 1984's smash hit "The Terminator."

BIG TROUBLE IN LITTLE CHINA

Starring Kurt Russell, Kim Cattrall, James Hong, Victor Wong, Kate Burton

Directed by John Carpenter

Produced by Larry J. Franco

A mystical action-adventure-kung-fu-monster-ghost-story about the imaginary world underneath Chinatown, where the ghosts live. Kurt Russell stars as Jack Burton, a "good old boy" truck-driver who is swept into one of the most bizarre adventures any screen hero has ever lived.

Jack's troubles begin when he accompanies his friend Wang Chi (Dennis Dun), a plucky restaurateur, to the airport to meet his future bride, who is kidnapped before their eyes by thugs. In their pursuit of the kidnappers, Jack and Wang Chi acquire as allies Egg Shen (Victor Wong), an enigmatic tour bus driver who seems to know a lot about ancient Chinese magic, for a tour bus driver, and Margo Litzenberg (Kate Burton), an eager but inexperienced reporter. Together they do battle with an outlandish array of enemies, sporting names like Lightning, Thunder, Rain, The Wild Man, The Eye, The Sewer Monster, The Door Guards, Needles, Joe Lucky and One Ear -- all under the command of the centuries-old Lo Pan (James Hong), who is not your average villain: one of the most feared figures of Chinese legend, Lo Pan was subjugated to an eternal hell of fleshless existence by the first emperor of China, Qin Shi Huang, over 2000 years ago, and has the power to transform himself from a wheelchair-bound old man to a youthful seven-foot-tall mystical menace. Written by W. D. Richter.

THE FLY

Starring Jeff Goldblum, Geena Davis and John Getz

Directed by David Cronenberg

Produced by Mel Brooks

This remake of the horror classic "The Fly" tells the story of an unfortunate scientist whose molecules are scrambled with those of a common housefly during an experiment in matter transmission. After his DNA is interwoven with that of the insect, the scientist watches helplessly as he is transformed, step by step, into a gigantic fly -- incredibly agile, super-strong and driven to murder by appetites he cannot control.

JUMPIN' JACK FLASH

A Silver Pictures Production

Starring Whoopi Goldberg, Stephen Collins, Carol Kane, John Wood, Roscoe Lee Browne and Annie Potts

TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX FILM CORPORATION



Directed by Penny Marshall

Produced by Joel Silver

Terry Doolittle is a bright young woman with a dull job. Day after day she sits behind a computer in the international money transfer department of a large bank. Terry breaks up the monotony of transferring money by punctuating her transactions with a personal touch: to a Japanese bank she signs off "Sayonara," to an Italian bank she says "Arriverderci," to London, she ends with "Sweet Dreams." And on the other side of the world, someone is listening.

One day Terry receives an urgent plea on her computer screen encoded from "Jumpin' Jack Flash." She discovers that the sender of the message is a British operative trapped in the Eastern Bloc. Intrigued by the possibility of some excitement and romance in her life, Terry embarks on a rescue mission, leading to a series of comedic hair-raising adventures in which she tangles with both CIA and KGB spies.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS,
 AND ALL THE BEST IN THE
NEW YEAR!

Donist Tathwell
 Fern Macdon

mi Okusaka
 Carl Wabbe

[Signature]
 D. Wickes

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BLUE BLAZE IRREGULARS DIRECTORY -- LISTING FORM

If you would like to be included in the Blue Blaze Irregulars Directory, please complete this form and return it to us by February 28, 1986. The first BBI Directory will accompany the next issue of World Watch One, due out in March. Listings received after we go to press will be included in subsequent issues of World Watch One.

You may be listed under your own name, your BBI name, or both (please don't use "anonymous"). Group listings are welcome; however, they should announce only groups formed around interest(s) in "The Adventures of Buckaroo Banzai." Please include other groups in your personal listing under 'special interests.'

INDIVIDUAL LISTING

name _____ (_____)
BBI name

street address/box number _____ apt./ste. # _____

city _____ state _____ zip code _____

age (optional) _____ special interests _____

GROUP LISTING

group name _____ membership is regional _____ open _____

street address/box number _____ apt./ste. # _____

city _____ state _____ zip code _____

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