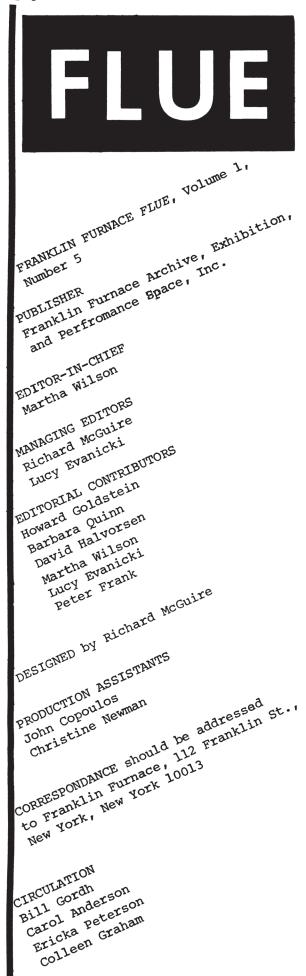


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For info call (212) 925-4671.

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Special thanks to the Beard's Fund for generously providing Laurie Anderson's fee.

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This is the last Flue of 1980-81. Thanks to the artist-designers of the Flue this season: CHICAGO BOOKS; MARJA SAMSOM; BARBARA KRUGER, SHERRIE LEVINE and LOUISE LAWLER; CARLA LISS; and RICH McGUIRE. Thanks to artists and curators who have organized exhibitions this season: WIES SMALS; SUSAN HILLER and SUZANNE LACY; CLIVE PHILLPOT; CHARLES HENRI FORD; BARBARA MOORE and JON HENDRICKS; INGRID SISCHY; and PETER FRANK. Thanks to our student interns: MICHAEL ROSS, KATHERINE GOETZ, ANN ROSENTHAL, MICHELE POPE, MARGARET OWEN, CHRISTINE NEWMAN, JOHN GLUCKMAN, FATIMA BERCHT, LOUISE NEADERLAND, and EMIKO. Thanks to lecturers BENJAMIN BUCHLOH, EDIT DE AK, RONNY H. COHEN, LUCY R. LIPPARD, TONIA AMINOFF, DONALD CARLI, ADRIAN PIPER, ARTHUR A. COHEN, and JOHN BERNARD MYERS. Thanks to the artists who performed at Franklin Furnace this season: ANNE BEAN, JULIEN BLAINE, JAMES GREEN, CLAIRE FERGUSSON, GINA PANE, BEVERLY FELDMANN, LANCE RICHBOURG, DENISE GREEN & ELIZABETH SACRE, ERIC BOGOSIAN, SCHULDT, MAY STEVENS, HOWARDENA PINDELL, KRZYSZTOF WODICZKO, CANDACE HILL-MONTGOMERY, TOBY MacLENNAN, SANDY MOORE, JAMES COLEMAN; and exhibiting artists: MICHEL RITTER, MARK MENDEL, ANN SULKOVSKY, JAMES CASEBERE, JOHN FEKNER, DAILE KAPLAN, VERNON FISHER, DEBORAH WHITMAN, KRZYSZTOF WODICZKO, A.A. AGUILAR, and PAMELA McCORMICK. Artists exhibiting in our Window Works Series were: DAVID CHANNON, LINDA HARTINIAN, ANNE MURPHY, THE STRUGGLE COLLECTIVE, DOMINIC ALLELUIA, JANET HENRY & SYDNEY BLUM, DOMINICK GUIDA, RICH McGUIRE, and CAROL MEINE. We deeply appreciate the fine work these artists exhibited at Franklin Furnace this year. Thanks as always to staff artists, who run Franklin Furnace with such energy: BARBARA QUINN, HOWARD GOLDSTEIN, JOHN COPOULOS, BILL GORDH, DAVID HALVORSEN, LUCY EVANICKI, CAROL ANDERSON, and archivists and cataloguers STEVE WHITSELL, RUTH HARDINGER,

GARY SIPE, and JILL MEDVEDOW. As I am writing this, President Reagan is dealing a heavy blow to arts funding for organizations which present avant-garde art. Below you will see my letter to the New York Times and a reply from a citizen who doesn't realize that less than a dollar a year of taxpayers' money is devoted to the arts in America. If you feel strongly that the arts should be supported on the Federal level, send a personal letter (not a postcard since representatives are not required to return an answer to cards) to the representatives listed below, and to your Congressman:

Senator James McClure (R-ID)
Chairman, Senate Subcommittee on
Interior and Related Issues
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510
Representative Sidney Yates (D-IL)
Appropriations Subcommittee
Interior and Related Agencies
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515
Senator Robert Stafford, Chairman
Senate Subcommittee on Education,

Arts, and the Humanities

Representative Paul Simon, Chairman
House Subcommittee on Post-Secondary
Education

Representative James R. Jones (D-OK)
Chairman, Budget Committee
Senator Pete V. Domenici (R-NM)
Chairman, Budget Committee

The importance of an issue is measured by the number of letters our representatives receive on each issue in question. Call the League of Women Voters for your representatives' addresses. Again, I urge you to send a letter. No matter how ineffectual you feel your individual effort might be, the combined effort of artists must be heard in Congress and in the Senate for Reagan's 50% cut to be softened.

Now for a related topic. Although President Reagan says that "Americans have always supported the arts," those organizations that get private sector support are frequently the visible, established ones, not the ones that present avant-garde art to the public.

Money talks!! If you have not sent your Membership or a contribution of any size to Franklin Furnace, please do so; your donation is still important. People like Mr. Rubin ignore the larger economic, social, and political benefits of art, and are happy to accept whatever Hollywood dishes out as culture. But you know better, and you know just how vital your support is.

The New York Times, Saturday, February 14, 1981

Matchless Art

To the Editor:

I was shocked to read that President Reagan has recommended 50 percent cuts in the budgets of the National Endowments for the Arts and for the Humanities.

Perhaps Mr. Reagan doesn't realize that the endowments give dollars that must be matched by the private sector and that therefore the impact of the cuts on cultural activities, already funded at minimum levels, would go far beyond the Government dollars involved: Organization's ability to raise matching funds would be severely hampered, and the arts in America would be dealt a heavy blow.

As director of Franklin Furnace Archive, an organization devoted to contemporary art, I urge the President to reconsider. Only 1.5 percent of the Federal budget is spent on arts funding. The detrimental effects of the cuts on the quality of life in America would outweigh any benefits.

MARTHA WILSON New York, Feb. 6, 1981

The New York Times Sunday, March 1, 1981

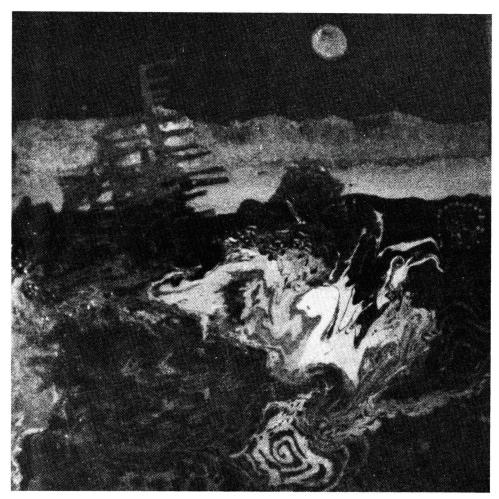
Dollars and Arts

To the Editor:

I am sorry that Martha Wilson is "shocked" by the President's recommended cuts in funding for "the arts," which she believes would be "dealt a heavy blow" affecting "the quality of life in America" [letter Feb. 14].

The worst blow — the unkindest cut — is inflicted when officials and those with a stake in approved high culture decide what "arts" my tax dollar is to support. I am tired of having people confiscate my movie money to buy what they consider esthetically preferable. I welcome the Reagan move toward restoring my right to define what constitutes quality in my life.

No matching funds needed, thanks. ŁEONARD RUBIN New York, Feb. 17, 1981



"Untitled No. 1," paint on wood by Richard Frank Hrabal, 1976. (see back cover)

FLUE NEWS

BY MARTHA WILSON

Among distribution outlets for artists' books, three stand out as extremely active and regionally important. PRINTED MATTER, 7 Lispenard Street, New York, 10013, is a collective non-profit organization which distributes 2500 titles of artists' books in print, as well as periodicals and audio works. Their principal business is mail order, but their storefront is open to the public for browsing, and their front window sports monthly exhibitions curated by Lucy Lippard, one of the collective's members. Phone the Director, Nancy Linn, at (212) 925-0325.

BOOKSPACE in Chicago, at 2952 North Clark Street, Illinois, 60657, is directed by John Hogan and distributes 1600 artists' book titles. Other events held at the storefront include musical events and readings, exhibitions, window works, and occasionally audio telephone pieces. BOOKSPACE has a printing press, an AM 1250 offset, on which local work has been printed. BOOKSPACE carries most titles published in the Midwest: phone is (312) 935-3984.

ARTWORKS, at 170 South LaBrea, Los Angeles, 90036, is directed by Barbara Pascal. Presently the store is moving from an old location to the new one listed above, and in the interim (before May 1st) artists may reach Pascal at 12243 Falkirk Lane, LA, 90049. ARTWORKS distributes between 500 and 600 artists' book titles, holds readings and video shows as well. Phone (213) 472-6377 for further information.

Distribution of artists' books is tough work, and the staff of Franklin Furnace has been brainstorming for some time in an effort to get artwork on the page to a broad public. So we hatched a plan which will allow more

artists to show to more people for less money. Interested? Here's how. Suppose the pages of the Flue were available to artists as artspace and the cost was less than sending out an announcement? Artists from all over the world could submit work for publication, and this art-on-the-page would reach an international audience of over 10,000. Next season, Franklin Furnace proposes to offer full pages, half pages, and quarter pages at cost of printing to the artist for those who wish to produce black and white art for the page. Camera-ready art (full page 11 x 17") will be selected for publication by a changing panel of artists, and art not selected will be returned and may be resubmitted. An example of prices would be an "X" deposit for full pages, half of "X" for half pages, one quarter of "X" for quarter pages, and payment MUST accompany art for consideration for printing in Flue. (We ESTIMATE cost of a full page to be \$100.00). Deadlines for each issue will be the end of the first week of the month ahead. For example, artworks for September will be due the first week in August.

Tentative plans for next year include the Bean Book, a life-sized "book"-sculpture by ALISON KNOWLES; a historical exhibition of Russian avant-garde and Roumanian Surrealist books, plus present-day Russian and Eastern European books; a Xerox show; Mexican books; an exchange with A-Space in Toronto and a sound show from the UK, both to be aired on Cable TV and radio stations; pages purchased from Artforum as exhibition space; and our regular schedule of emerging artists' performances, exhibitions, and window works. We look forward to an exciting year in spite of cutbacks.

REPORT FROM BARBARA QUINN, DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AND DAVID HALVORSEN, FINANCIAL MANAGER

GRANTS 1981

International Paper Company Foundation: \$3,000, the second half of a two year grant to be used for presenting artists' published books in five public lobbies in the New York area.

Pinewood Foundation: \$2,000 to help match a grant from the NEA's Museums Program for the LA-London exhibition of performance artists.

Tortuga Foundation: Stock shares donated and sold at \$5,842 for help in the maintenance of the artists' book archives.

Consolidated Edison: \$1,000 for support of Franklin Furnace's newsletter, the Flue.

Beard's Fund: \$3,500 to help support Franklin Furnace's Fifth Anniversary Benefit.

<u>Poets & Writers</u>: \$100 for artist's honorarium.

Schenley Beverages Company: donated Oranjeboom Holland beer for the De Appel show from The Netherlands.

<u>Patron Members thus far, 1980-81:</u> Christophe de Menile

Sustaining Members thus far, 1980-81:
Marvin and Ruth Sackner
Evander D. Schley
Carl Andre
Mrs. M.S. Keeler
Barbara Jakobson
Anne Coffin
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Arthur and Elaine Cohen
Ms. Ella B. Schaap

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Thanks to all the artists and enthusiasts who became members this year.

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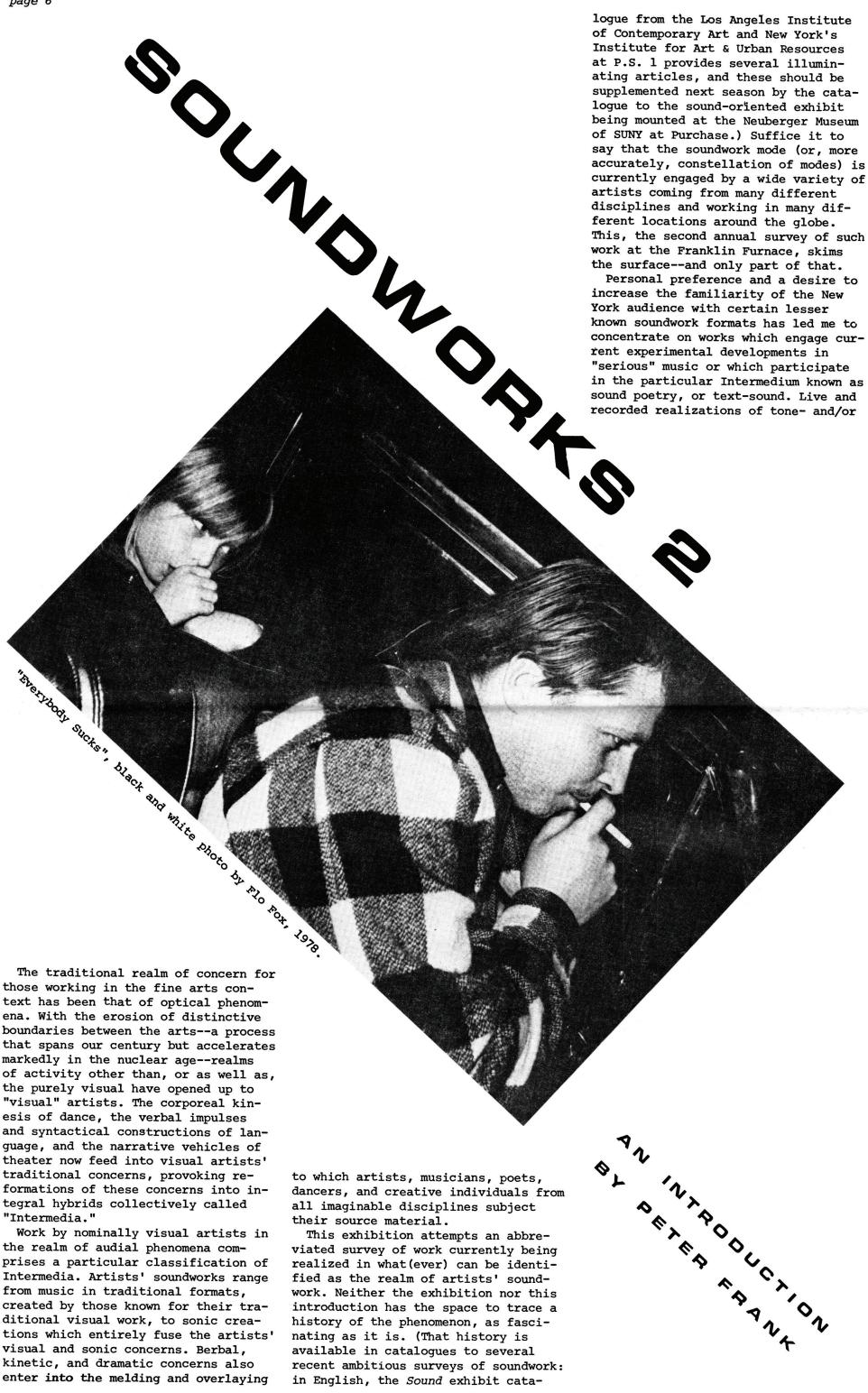
Thanks to <u>City Search</u> for locating a motorized treadmill for Rose Finn-Kelcey from the LA-London Lab.

And thanks to $\underline{\text{Aerobics Company}}$ for the donation of the treadmill.

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LIMITED Birthday this created \$10.00/ cakes and dancing, \$30.00 \$35.00/ only.



logue from the Los Angeles Institute of Contemporary Art and New York's

the realm of audial phenomena comprises a particular classification of Intermedia. Artists' soundworks range from music in traditional formats, created by those known for their traditional visual work, to sonic creations which entirely fuse the artists' visual and sonic concerns. Berbal, kinetic, and dramatic concerns also enter into the melding and overlaying

viated survey of work currently being realized in what (ever) can be identified as the realm of artists' soundwork. Neither the exhibition nor this introduction has the space to trace a history of the phenomenon, as fascinating as it is. (That history is available in catalogues to several recent ambitious surveys of soundwork: in English, the Sound exhibit cata-

page 7 in their work. Interestingly, Fox and Grande, who did not know one another until last summer, express the same basically humanist attitude in their photographic work, an attitude which focuses on the drama and humor of ordinary people's lives and the energy and durability they display in living. Fox and Grande are both also concerned with the picturesque; Fox with the "local color" of New York (especially as a metaphor for urban life everywhere), and Grande with the squalor and grandeur of life in the Indian subcontinent and Southeast Asia. But both photographers ultimately subject ambient flavor to the projection of human interest.

made as well to exhibit photographs and documentation pertaining to soundwork in the rear gallery.

At this writing, plans are being THOREMOON BAY, BANGKOK N. BLACK AND WHITE PROTO BY PACO GRANGE, 1979. States. During daytime exhibition hours, a program of recorded soundwork--comprised both of private recordings borrowed from sound artists and of commercially available cas-

settes and records which feature sound art--will be "narrowcast" into the Furnace's back gallery. A different program will be narrowcast each day, during the first and last exhibition hours; in the intervening times, the day's program will be available for for audition by request, over headsets provided for two or three visitors. (Under special circumstances, material from other days' programs will also be available for audition.)

Soundworks by visual artists determine a range of work by which artists from optically-oriented disciplines can reach a new audience, one heretofore unavailable to them: the visually impaired. In consideration of this and of the fact that 1981 has been designated "The Year of the Disabled," Franklin Furnace is working with several service organizations to bring soundwork and the sight-impaired to each other.

Conversely, Franklin Furnace is presenting the work of certain visually impaired artists in the context of Soundworks II for the Furnace's normal, sighted audience. During the first half of the exhibition's run, the photographs of Flo Fox will be on display in the Furnace's front gallery. During the second half, photos by Paco Grande will occupy the same space. Both Fox and Grande live and work in New York, where they perfected their skills and attitudes as photographers before they fell victim to degenerative eye afflictions. Both Fox and Grande continue to work as they can, making use of advancing photographic technology to aid them

VISUAL STUDIES SUMMER WORKSHOP

The Visual Studies Workshop Summer Institute offers a varied selection of one- and two-week intensive workshops and seminars on photography and other modes of visual communication. Of special interest to book makers are these workshops on printing and the book arts: The Book as Environment with Alison Knowles; The One-ofa-Kind Book with Keith Smith; Hand Bookbinding for Artists with Gary Frost; (Photo) graphic Imagery/Alternatives with Willyum Rowe; Creative Lithography: Darkroom and Presswork with Bruce Childs; Options for Color Separation with Philip Zimmerman; The Original Book from Found and Personal Materials with Carolee Schneemann; Experimental Color Letterpress with Richard Minsky; Verbal/Pictorial Imagery with Bonnie Gordon; and Print Shop (Offset) with Stan Bevington.

Summer Institute workshops run from June 29 to August 14. Tuition is \$165 for a one-week course. For a complete catalogue, contact Linn Underhill, Visual Studies Workshop, 31 Prince Street, Rochester, New York, 14607. Phone: (716) 442-8676.

MEMBERSHIP INFO

Congratulations to Valerie Porr! She's the winner of our 1981-82 Membership Drive Raffle which took place on March 20, 1981. Ms. Porr was the lucky winner of seven works of art by the following artists:

Jennifer Bartlett, John Cage, Tom Doyle, Joyce Kozloff, Bob Stanley, William Wegman, and Barbara Zucker.

Franklin Furnace welcomes new members. Your membership dollars are tax deductible, and membership support is essential for the continued growth of our service to the art community and the public.

Become a member of Franklin Furnace and support our archival, exhibition and performance programs. In addition to the Flue, our newsletter, members will receive announcements to all exhibitions, free admission at performances, and invitations to eight special exhibition openings for members only.

Please enroll me as a member of Franklin Furnace.

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EASTERN EUROPEAN BOOK WORKS

During its 1981-82 season, Franklin Furnace will sponsor a four-part exhibition of artists' published work from Eastern Europe, most of which is produced illegally in those countries and distributed only through an underground. As a result, many artists have been imprisoned for a year or more for their work. In a recent letter to us, Czech artist and critic Pavel Buchler wrote:

"It seems to me that non-official art in Czechoslovakia, to which the artists' book belongs, exists not only because artists try to keep continuity with development of world art but it was established by totalitarian regime itself. The regime created strictly normative 'official' level over the art continually existing. Relations between the official and non-official art depend on the temporary changes in politics of course.

In the hard and even dangerous conditions of production and distribution of art, the new medias are created. The most important medium seems to be 'samizdat'-self-publishing. The term comes from Soviet Union of 60s but it was accepted in the other Eastern countries soon. The 'samizdat' is a system of chain-distribution of privately and illegally published books or texts.

The artists' book has its origin in the West and within a short time it became a medium of really international character. Nevertheless, in Czechoslovakia as well as in the other communist countries of Eastern Europe, where artists have no possibility to multiply their books by the means of print officially (even Xerox is not free to public use!), it is very near to samizdat -- a special way of communication developed under hard censorship. If artists in the West use artists' books because they are easy to make, cheap, portable, etc., artists in Czechoslovakia use it from very different reasons. Self-made book production in Czechoslovakia is really expensive, difficult, and very often dangerous--but it is one of very few possibilities how to communicate 'via ars.' Some Eastern artists use the term 'samizdat' for their production, some of them refuse it, but, anyway, their books are something completely different from those made by artists in other parts of the world and they have to be seen from this point of view."

Another Czech artist, Richard Frank Hrabal, wrote to us last year about the problems he faced in exhibiting his work. Twenty-eight years old, Hrabal was born in Pilsen, West Bohemia in 1952. He is a poet, photographer, painter, and has never attended art school. Also, he is the author of 15 books, none of which have been of-

ficially published. In 1978, he was imprisoned for his political activity as a member of the opposition movement "Charta 77." He was released in December 1979, after serving nearly two years. He now works as a manual laborer and is forbidden to publish or expose his books. We promised to print photographs of his paintings which, despite their lack of political content, he may not exhibit. His paintings use spilled paint with collage elements. He prefers epoxide paints, sometimes combined with oil, polyester, or latex paints. He describes the work as "vulcanic abstraction."

Anyone with information on artists' published work from Eastern Europe, please contact Howard Goldstein at the Furnace.

SUMMER WORKSHOP

Six students may participate in a summer internship project with Fluxus artist Alison Knowles. During July and August, Alsion Knowles will build The Bean Book, an accordion-style, 8-foot high book-environment, including a bean garden, kitchen, reading room, and more. Interested students should write to Franklin Furnace for further information.

ATTENTION ALL PAGE ARTISTS

Franklin Furnace is tired of its stationery. Why not invite artists whose business it is to address the page to submit designs? Stationery must say Franklin Furnace, 112
Franklin Street, New York, N.Y. 10013, (212) 925-4671, Archive, Exhibition and Performance and it must allow space for our Board of Directors and Advisory Board to be listed somewhere. Deadline for ideas is August 1st, 1981. Winner of this competition will receive a highly valuable collectible artwork.

OPEN COPYCAT SHOW FOR XEROX ARTISTS

In January, 1982, Franklin Furnace will hold an open competition xerox show for artists using any form of photomechanical reproduction in black and white or color. Submissions will require a \$15 entry fee for members, \$20 for non-members, for up to three submissions; if you want to send more than three works, include \$5 for each additional work. Judges will be Lucy R. Lippard, art critic for the Village Voice, and Lowery Sims, Curator of Contemporary Art at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. All artwork will be accepted only between December 1st and December 15th, and must be accompanied by a stamped self-addressed envelope to ensure return of work.