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Directory: a good number in paperback

Review By Susan Edwards LINCOLN TELEPHONE DIRECTORY: Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph Co., 1974.

Despite an appallingly plain cover (especially for a reviewer who selects most books by cover design alone), it's difficult to put this book down. Tittilation early in the text (heavy breathing/panting calls, p.2) seems to promise more.

It would be a mistake, however, to just write this bestseller off as another sex treatise. There is crime, too. A warning against telephone misuse lists penalties up to \$500 and six months in jail. The secret thrill, of course, is that the reader can so easily identify with it. Like the Weight Watcher working in a bakery or the exhibitionist on the grounds crew of a girls' school, I sit with a phone two feet from the typewriter.

Similar editions

The book has its weaknesses-each edition tends to be repetitively similar. The phone company, with its pervasive advertising, attempts and fails at comic relief. (See the slightly obscene picture of peanuts preceding the blue section).

The reader, however, can always count on a chuckle from the funny names listed in the white pages. Not wanting to name names, I refer only to examples: P. 236, 1st column; p. 187, any column; all the

The yellow pages feature some of the best reading material around. It is a virtual library of information-where to renovate pillows or treat your scalp. And in the true Library of Congress puzzle tradition, items are tucked away under archaic headings.

Film potential Another test of popular reading

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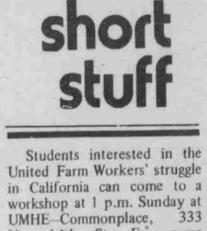
material is film potential. I think Warner Brothers could have a mint of a cartoon with the "Yellow Pages After Dark." All those little smiling razors, electric plugs, termite spray cans (not to mention the snarling termites) could soft shoe themselves right off the pages.

This rampang personification also adds a Jungian, mythlike depth to the plot which otherwise is pathetic if not paranthetic. (It's unclear). This reviewer even had difficulty following it in spots.

A good point is that, if you own a phone, the book is free since the phone company probably already owns a little piece of you. Despite virtually no characterization or action (you are literally forced to read between the lines), the book, crammed with facts and trivia, has the fascination of Wheatchex cereal box games. Pedantic but recommended.

CINEMAL "SOMETHING HIT US... the crew is dead... help us, please, please help us!" An all NEW film inspired by the novel, "AIRPORT by Arthur Hailey HARLON HESION KAREN BLACK GEORGE KENNEDY GLOBIA SWANSON HELEN REDU





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Ushers are needed for the UNL School of Music's production of the opera "The Consul," to be presented Jan. 24, 25, 31, and Feb. 1 at Kimball Recital Hall. Call 472-2506 for more information.

Tryouts for the University Theater production of "Happy Birthday, Wanda June" will be tonight. Sign up for an audition time at the Temple Bldg.

There will be a general meeting of the African Student Organization 7 p.m. Saturday in the Nebraska Union.

The Delian-Union Literary Society will meet Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Nebraska Union. Prospective members are invited.

Applications are being taken for students interested in volunteering to work in income tax assistance centers located Lincoln. throughout Volunteers will serve low-income and handicapped persons and students. Training sessions begin Jan. 21. Contact Student Volunteer Services, Nebraska Union 200, for more information.

Phi Upsilon Omicron will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the Home Economics Building, Rm. 121. "Jewish customs" is the discussion topic.

will There be demonstration today at 3 p.m. at the Capitol in support of the Minominee Warrior Society, which took over an abandoned mission in Gresham, Wis.

Applications are available in 1223 Oldfather for two student conferences: U.S. Air Force Academy conference on "Multinational Corporations: Agents of Conflict or Cooperation?" and U.S. Naval Academy conference on "Europe-1975." Deadline for applications is Wednesday.

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