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elcome to Ampersand's Back to School issue. This is our seventh year of publication (tra la), and we're pleased to present something new: a special consumer-information section in each of our six issues. In this one - Fashion. Next month, we survey Home Electronics, and for December, Food and Entertainment (for the holidays, of course). Future issues will grapple with Hifi Sound, Health & Personal Care, and Beyond the Campus (travel, credit, etc.). All of these special programs are extrawe still bring you entertainment news and features in every

We'd like to know your reactions to the special sections, and to Ampersand in general. Write to us, and soon; we live for the mail (things can get pretty lonesome around Hollywood . . .).

P.S. A trivia quiz: Who was on Ampersand's first cover, back in September of 1977? (No prizes - just the winners' names in print in a future issue. Your mothers will be thrilled.) **Judith Sims**

Editor

Send your comments, kudos and complaints to In One Ear, 1680 North Vine, Suite 900, Hollywood, CA 90028.

am a bit confused about Eric Flaum's reference to New Jersey as "rightfully one of the most maligned states in the nation." I'm especially confused with your use of the word "rightfully."

I've grown up in New Jersey, spending all of my summers on the Jersey shore or in the northwestern corner of the state. New Jersey has some beautiful places with miles of farmland, beaches and lots of beautiful horse country. We serve the nation (yes, the whole nation) as a gateway or causeway to New York City. When did we earn such a horfible reputation?

It is because of you and hundreds of other malinformed journalists who are looking to hop on the band wagon and poke fun at New Jersey that things are the way they are. So from now on keep vour opinion to yourself.

I regret you had to be the subject of my wrath but I had to begin somewhere. I'm just tired of hearing it from Johnny Carson's Tonight Show to small, useless columns like your own.

Anthony Stefarelli, Jr. Glen Ridge, NI

Joe Piscopo, in our cover story this issue, says some very nice things about New Jersey, which we did not bother to contradict, being the fair-minded, neutral, fine bumans that we are.

oved the cartoon illustrations by Paul Ollswang in your ■ April issue. Could you feature him again sometime?

Kathie Pederson University of Oregon

Mr. Ollswang is a regular contributor, and be will no doubt reappear in these pages.

ust wanted to send a quick note of appreciation for your magazine. I plan to live in the Northeast for the summer and your magazine has helped me with my summer plans (i.e. your Summer Travel and Entertainment section in Vol. VI, No. 6, April, 1983).

Incidentally, I discovered Ampersand at Arizona State University.

> Dawn M. Tosch Mesa, AZ

