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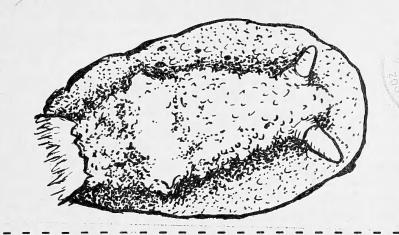
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Paupua New Guinea: 4 1978 issues showing Roboastra arika, Chromodoris fidelis, Flavellina macassarana and Chromodoris trimarginata in values of 10, 15, 35 and 40t respectively.

Singapore: #267, Amplustrum amplustre (1977) 20¢.

Eveline Marcus writes that she is expecting the Rehders from the Smithsonian to visit in Brazil and later, other visitors. Her summer trip for this year will again leave out California.

Speaking of trips: We live about 30 minutes from the San Francisco International Airport and would love to hear from any of you who are travelling through. Please let us know even if it is only a short stop between planes. I won't be able to do any foreign travelling for quite a while so please don't miss the opportunity to say hello if you get to California.

I still have microfiche available for many, many opisthobranch and general molluscan works. Most of the fiche are 24x reduction and contain 98 pages when full. Most are also negative appearing and have a black background with clear characters for optimum viewing and printing. Paper copies of any paper I have are available for \$.35 per page as I have to pay that much to have them done commercially. I hope to lower this cost but that will have to wait until the volume of requests justifies the purchase of a good reader/printer. I will also have to spend about \$2,000.00 more to get the text editing set-up computerized. Quite a few original papers and books are available. If you desire prices on any of these items you need only to send a request with the ON citation numbers.

Dr. Ruth Rosin has moved. Her new address is: 126 W. 83rd. Street, New York, NY 10024.

Chris Kitting is now Dr. Christopher Kitting since he has received his Ph.D. from Hopkins (Stanford). Chris is working as a research associate until March and will then probably go to U.C. Santa Barbara as a research associate. Congratulations Dr. Kitting!

The 1979 meeting of the Western Society of Malacologists will be held in conjunction with the American Malacological Union and the Coastal Bend Shell Club, from August 5-11 at Corpus Christi, Texas. The call for papers should go out around April 1, 1979. If you are planning to attend and present a paper, please let me know. I would like to see a coordinate group of opisthobranch papers if possible.

James T. Carlton has moved. His new address is: Department of Biology, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, Massachusetts

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The Bay Area Malacologists meeting, held January 27, 1979, was well worth attending. Approximately 40 people attended and discussed a variety of subjects. Dr. James Nybakken talked about two opisthobranch publications which should be out this year. One will be published by R. Tucker Abbott and one by the California Academy of Sciences. If any of the often-heralded "Color California Opisthobranchs" books is actually published and distributed, it will be cause for shouting!

Ian Loch and Bill Rudman are still at the Australian Museum. Bill

is spending time getting to know the local fauna.

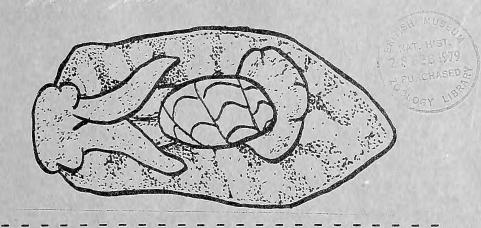
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Illustration at right: Micromelo guamensis (Quoy & Gaimard, 1824) Illustration by P.J. Hoff.



From Kerry B. Clark: "In clarification of an earlier note [ON XI(2): 3-4] on tank culture, we discovered that we actually had two species of Oxynoe living in our culture systems. O. antillarum has type I development and large egg masses, while the second species has very extended intracapsular development and small inconspicuous egg masses. Kathe Jensen is preparing a description of the new species. This explains why Oxynoe appeared to be developing in our tanks, as the new species can be cultured

very easily (as long as we can supply Caulerpa).

We are continuing our identification of diets of Florida Ascoglossa, which should help clarify feeding trends within the order, and also help workers locate specimens. Almost invariably, if the food can be located, the animal can be collected the holding the alga in aquariums for several days, after which the juveniles grow to visible size. The adults can also be collected by snorkeling, grabbing handfuls of algae and shaking vigorously underwater. These techniques are necessary to collect sufficient numbers for lab work, because tropical populations have very low densities relative to those of temperate climates. Nearly every siphonalean alga in Florida supports one or more species of ascoglossan, though often seasonally. We have collected nearly all reported species of Florida Ascoglossa in this way, with some apparently new species and several interesting range extensions, including Costasiella lilianae, Mourgona germaineae, and Caliphylla mediterranea. Many species appear to be quite havitatspecific, and we have collected these from only a few localities in Florida despite relatively widespread occurrence of the algal food. Perhaps some of these anomalies are due to currents, but we often find that a distance of a hundred meters may make a tremendous difference in density of a population, even though conditions appear quite similar.

I have three papers in press - one in Baruch symposium volume, and two in the December JOURNAL OF MOLLUSCAN STUDIES. Two are on plastid sym-

biosis and one on developmental patterns."

From James T. Carlton: "Greetings!, and congratulations on seeing the Opisthobranch Newsletter through its first ten years! I still remember the day when the first issue (and covering sheet) arrived on our desks at the California Academy of Sciences. Of all the other newsletters — for barnacles, amphipods, polychaetes, echinoderms, Corbicula, and many others — the ON is surely one of the, if not the, oldest and most continuous of them all.

Let me comment on my old friend Dave Behrens' comments on the matter of nomenclatural changes. There are of course two general types of such changes: 'legal' changes necessitated by ICZN rules (matters of priority, homonomy, etc.), and somewhat more 'subjective' changes, based on the op ions of one worker or another as to the generic placement of a species, as to the synonymy of two or more species, etc. It is the latter that most often give the most trouble: Worker A thinks species X and Y are the same, but Worker B thinks species X and Y are not only quite distinct but should perhaps be in different genera, leaving Worker C not knowing which name or names to use. Only time and further data can resolve such

