Archive of the Northrop Frye Newsletter

The Northrop Frye Newsletter was a project begun in the Fall of 1988. The first number was issued from Emory & Henry College and the subsequent numbers from Roanoke College. My initial goal was to prepare two numbers for each year, but once I became involved in the Collected Works project, the Newsletter was published with less frequency. Altogether there were nineteen issues, the last one appearing shortly before I retired in 2004. The Newsletter was distributed without charge to about 500 libraries and individuals worldwide. I did all of the manuscript preparation and paste-up for printing, but without the financial support of Roanoke College, which paid for the printing and mailing, and the assistance of my secretary, Channing Johnson, who during the late years managed my U.S., Canadian, and overseas mailing lists, the project would have died on the vine.

Much of the material in the *Newsletter* is from Frye himself. He generously consented to let me publish several of his manuscripts and recordings of his talks, and after his death, the Frye Estate extended me the same permission. Once his diaries and notebooks came to light, the *Newsletter* became the means for disseminating a sampler from these documents, thus alerting readers to the treasures that were to come in the Collected Works—what amounted eventually to eleven large volumes. While everything Frye wrote that was published in the *Newsletter* can now be found in the Collected Works, I have not deleted any of it from the archive files.

The initial issues were composed with a word-processing program called Nota Bene. I preserved the computer files, with all of their formatting codes, for these issues. For the present archive, I have copied all of those early files into Microsoft Word. The two-column format of the some of the original issues has, therefore, not been preserved. Otherwise, the content of the issues is more or less as it originally appeared. —Robert D. Denham

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