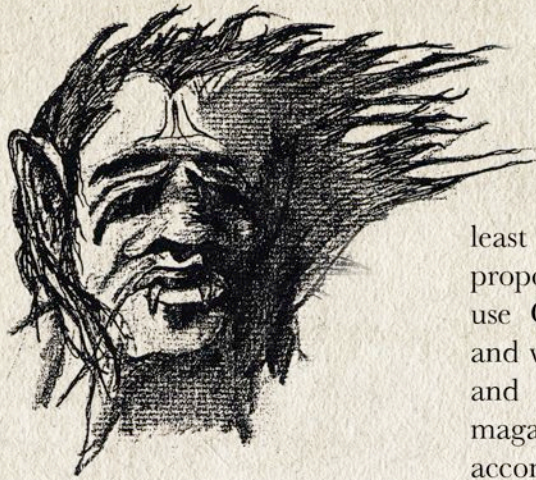


## CALIBAN WANTS YOUR IDEAS

Thanks to contributors and readers spreading the word on Calibanonline, we are reaching even more people now than the old paper Caliban reached at the height of its popularity. We average a little more than 250,000 hits per issue. And yet, as gratifying as those numbers are, we are not selling detergent. In fact, we are not selling anything. My primary motivation in bringing back Caliban as an online magazine was to stir things up, to give a home to the most innovative and stimulating contemporary writing and art that I could find. I also wanted to recreate the sense of community that the old magazine had, so the awareness people had of one another's work would act as a catalyst for even more daring experimentation. All of that seems to be happening now, after five issues.



However, there is one important group that we are not reaching in the numbers I would like to see: creative writing students. With some exceptions, the most exciting writers of the future will come from this group. I want them to see a range of really good avant-garde work as they are developing their styles and visions. The question is how can that be done? How can I reach their teachers (at

least the ones amenable to this proposition) and convince them to use Calibanonline in their courses and workshops? After all, the poetry and fiction that appears in the magazine is both outstanding in its accomplishment and it's free. Considering the cost of textbooks now, the latter criterion is significant. Furthermore, all issues of Calibanonline remain permanently available on the website. I hope that many of you reading this issue of Caliban Chronicles will have ideas on how we might reach these teachers and students. Or at least we could begin the discussion. I look forward to hearing from you.



CAPTAIN AMERICA is calling on the Occupy Movement. He's looking for leaders, five million or so for starters, who will continue to march and occupy, but who will also search for like-minded allies, those who are not yet on the street. The five million leaders, realizing that utopianism is an interesting but ineffective strategy for bringing about change, will spend the next year organizing politically, as well as marching and occupying. They will organize so well that the political balance of Congress will shift toward economic justice. And when the 2012 elections are over, they will continue to organize and press their demands, even on the allies they have elected to office. Hooray for CAPTAIN AMERICA and the ever-expanding OCCUPY MOVEMENT!



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