

MAD's IDIOT OF THE ISSUE!

JACK DAVIS FAQs (Foolish, Asinine Questions we asked Jack!)



Q: What is your favorite MAD article that you drew?

A: I really don't know. I've enjoyed so many — some I didn't — because they were a little distasteful. I love to draw sports.

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Q: Who are your influences?

A: My influences started with Elzie Segar (*Popeye*), Walt Disney, Hal Foster (action), Alex Raymond, Honore Daumier, Heinrich Kley.

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Q: What is your favorite book?

A: *Gone With the Wind*.
(editor's note: MAD's *Gone With the Wind* spoof illustrated by Jack appears on page 38!)

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Q: Who is your favorite non-MAD artist(s)?

A: Howard Perding (western artist) and David Levine.

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Q: Who is your favorite non-MAD writer?

A: Lewis Grizzard.

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Q: Boxers or briefs?

A: Boxers!

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Q: If you could change one thing about yourself what would it be?

A: Be more intelligent.

Q: What actor should play you in a movie about your life?

A: Boris Karloff.

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Q: What actress should play your wife?

A: Janine Turner
(*Northern Exposure*)

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Q: If you could have dinner with three living or dead people, who would they be?

A: Hal Foster, Norman Rockwell and Frederic Remington.

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Q: Pick a MAD contributor and describe them in one word.

A: Paul Coker — talented.

Q: What's your astrological sign?

A: Sagittarius.

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Q: What is your favorite fried chicken part?

A: Breast — white meat.

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Q: What was your favorite MAD trip?

A: 1) Africa, 2) Zermatt, 3) Russia.

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Q: Does anything that happened on a MAD trip stand out in your memory?

A: Mexico — bull fight.



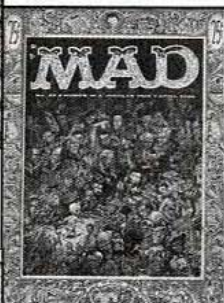
MAD Matadors: During the infamous 1973 MAD trip to Mexico, Jack Davis (far left) joins fellow MAD bull throwers (L-R) Bob Clarke, Irving Schild, Sergio Aragones, and Nick Meglin in the bull ring. Yes, they really fought a bull (actually, a calf). The calf lived, though years later, Jack reported sensing something oddly familiar about the Oscar Mayer luncheon meat he was enjoying.



▲ Jack illustrated the very first story in the very first issue of MAD!



▲ Some of Jack's action-packed MAD covers.



Q: Where did you go to school?

A: E. River (Grammar), N. Fulton (High School) all in Atlanta, University of Georgia Athens. Art Students League in New York.

Q: What is your favorite college football team?

A: University of Georgia.

Q: What was the last movie you viewed?

A: Can't remember — I'm not a movie goer.

Q: Who's the most famous person you ever met?

A: Casey Stengel.

Q: If you were on *Who Wants To Be A Millionaire*, who would be your phone-a-friend life line?

A: My children.

Q: What are some other magazines you've drawn covers for?

A: *Time*, *TV Guide*. (editor's note: Jack is modest. Besides drawing covers for dozens of magazines, he's also illustrated countless record album jackets, advertisements and movie posters!)

Q: What are some awards and honors you've received?

A: "Milton Caniff Lifetime Award," National Cartoonist Society Advertising Award.

Q: Do you have any known allergies?

A: Hay Fever.

Q: Do you prefer toilet paper to go over the roll or under the roll?

A: I don't care.

JACK STATS:

- First Mad Article: "Hooahh!" (MAD #1)
- Number of MAD issues appeared in: 236
- Number of MAD covers drawn: 14
- Number of MAD sports-themed articles drawn: 68
- Number of MAD articles in this spotlight section: 4

SALUD, JACK!

▼ During a MAD trip, Jack enjoys some grapes while demonstrating a fool-proof way to avoid having a bird on his head soil his shirt.

