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EDITORIAL

Announcing the Digital Availability of *Pynchon Notes*

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Article

Well before the launch of *Orbit*, there was *Pynchon Notes*. This journal, which ran for thirty years from 1979 to 2009, was a remarkable resource for scholars around the globe working on Pynchon and on a broader range of American literature. If *Orbit* can even half match its longevity and reach, we will feel proud of our work.

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We feel that the availability of this closed back-archive in a publicly available, free-to-read, digital form will greatly enhance scholarship on postmodern fiction around the world. *Pynchon Notes* will not accept new articles but its incredible legacy will live on.

A few small technical notes. It is possible that during the import of hundreds of articles we have overlooked some errors in the metadata, although we have undertaken to check these as thoroughly as possible. This is a peril of checking works imported from typewritten pages into the digital space on a small team. Furthermore, *Pynchon Notes* did not provide abstracts and so we have here taken the

first paragraph of the article as the abstract. In some cases, this is less than ideal but better than nothing. If you find mistakes in the metadata, please contact Martin Eve at martin.eve@bbk.ac.uk.

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