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An interim kind of a zine to explain a few things to my faithful overseas - and underseas - readers of *Askance* why the mailing of issues #2 and #3 are delayed.

It really is very simple: funds are tight. However, the good news is that the overseas copies of *Askance* #2 have all been printed, stuffed into envelopes, proper address labels affixed thereto, and are thus ready to go. As I acquire a bit more cash, I shall indeed get these posted.

This lack of fundage issue applies to the third issue, which now resides on Bill Burns' wonderful fanzine repository known as [www.efanzines.com](http://www.efanzines.com). So for those of you on my Dead Tree Roster who desire to read it, feel free to go there and read the zine. Again, as money permits, all DTR recipients of *Askance* #3 will receive their copy of the ish. I mean it.

Okay?

Now for the *really* good news:

Beginning this coming Fall semester, I have a full-time teaching gig at Blinn College, the Bryan Campus. For the past two years, I have been an adjunct instructor there, and when an opening arrived courtesy of a retirement this past spring, I applied. Two interviews later - including a call-back set since I was one of the three finalists - the department head called me at home to offer me the position! As of yet, I have not received the actual contract in my hot little hands, but that will arrive in mid-August. My actual salary will at least be double what I was making as an adjunct, but the most important thing is that my family will finally have decent health insurance for a change. No more community clinic crap - which serves its purpose very well, I must admit - or fighting with prescription order business. Yuck!

So that's the deal. As income permits, the second and third issues of *Askance* shall be mailed. Please have patience. Ed and I thank you for your support.

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