

Regarding religion, 50% seem to have a religion. "But, Mr. Singer, I thought you just said that only 38% stated that they believed in God." I did. But do you have to believe in gods and ghosts to have a religion? Einstein said: "My religion is to do good." Which does not in any sense imply belief in deity. About 1/6 of the fan are Hebrews, 1/6 Lutherans, and 1/6 Presbyterians. And neither do these formal religionists all believe in God. Then there are nature-boys, humanists, etc. in smaller quantities.

Almost half the fan answering the poll go to school, and 10% are each of the following: white collar, factory slaves, and writers. (?)

Fan are rather sexless. Or so it seems. With an average age of 25.44 years, only 19.2% are married "legally".

Each of the one out of five married fan has 5/6 of one child. (co-operation or communion?)

The average fan buys 6 stf mags. I don't.

44% of the fan questioned do not buy FANTASTIC ADVENTURES. 40% never purchase WEIRD TALES. While 32% don't care for AMAZING. 24% never bring FANTASY READER home. And 30% prefer reading other than FFM, or FN. Only 12% are afraid to bring PLANET home. And 4% pass Merwin's brainchildren (TNS & SS) with their noses in the air. The winners (not Feedlebaum) is ASF, with nary a bad mark against it.

90% if the fan like stf best, 75% give fantasy second place honors. (Wait'll Augie hear of this: will we fan get Hell!) And WEIRD garnered last place.

Fan like reading, besides stf, science most of all. The classics came in second place—a general term for the most read of 'old literature' to-day; philosophy, current fiction, and serious essays finished next in that order. Such crud as detective fiction, comics, etc., finished after biography, history, and music in that order.

33 1/3% like Governmental systems other than our own. In the poll, I said: "Do you sympathize with any other governmental systems than the democratic one?" Actually, (as has been pointed out to me by several wary fan) our government cannot be truly called a democratic one. We are a republic, and not a true democracy. But, we are as close to a democracy as any country today. Which doesn't make us a democracy, of course. But to get on, Socialism got the most votes, (And very few it got), technocracy, communism, anarchism, and foreign systems, (Sweden and Switzerland) all tied for the next place.

There was very close voting for favorite author; Smith, Heinlein, Merritt, all received an even 16 & 2/3% of the vote each. Kuttner and van Vogt trailed behind with about 14% each, while Lovecraft, Wells, CO Smith, Keller, and Bradbury shared last place honors.

Baggs led the pack in the favorite fan-writer grouping; he got a full 20% of the vote, while Art Rapp came in second with 16%. Kennedy Sak, Dale Hart, and Augie (of all people!) shared next place. Ackie received one negative vote! This is rather unethical. Oh yes, Mallin, also finished with Kennedy and Co.

60% of the fan answering the poll have had their work published in fanzines. The next question: 'what fanzine (s)', was rather ill-asked; LeCombe, Koban, Imagery, Spacowarp, Timewarp, Dembook, the Ishifan, Typoary, K-M-T, Pluto, Fanfare, Orion Atom, Spaceways, If, SFW, Loti, Cygal, Dream Quest, Galaxy, Stifist, Corgan, Fandom Speaks, Attitudes, Vuk

Sun Spots, Straggy, Loxygen, etc. And billions more!

Well, as most of you suspected, Hillin took first honors as best fan editor. He got 30% of the vote. Joke (old things are often long remembered) and Rapp shared second place honors, with Singe, Wilson, Searies, Burbac, Stein, and Day in sundry following places.



Goggin and Spasewarp vied for top honors as favorite fanniness. Fantasy Review took second, in a tie with Tympant, and Dream Quest, Fascient, Mutant, Marable, Fantasy Commentator, finished after Ca-Yaz, which was darned close to second place.

45% of the fans have had letters printed inazines. They have each had an average of 7.3 letters printed.

Herwin's mags have had their letter columns patronized more by fans than any other mags. 1/3 of the entire group and 70% of all the letter-writing fans have had their letters in the Thrilling group (TWS-SS). About 30% of the group and about 2/3 of the letter-writers have spoken their piece in FFM. 40% of the epistle-shap satisfy their egotistical feelings by writing to ASF and the former Dero's Digest, and Plane. 30% FA noses ahead of Weird with 20-10%. And defunctees- larvel and Comet each score in for a share of the honors with about 10% each.

Which brings us up to pro-work. One out of every 6 fans has had something of his published professionally. Pretty high percentage!

Believe it or not, a full 28% of the fans don't like poetry. But 100% like music. And naturally, it is easy to guess their favorite type of music; 76% named classical music as their favorite, while about 18% called modern music (and I assume you know what I mean by 'modern') their first choice. While Hillibility, religious, and foreign music shared last place with about 5% each.

This will astound you! Ye average fan has 273 mags in his collection. Of course that's averaging in the 1000 plus boys-- AND those who don't collect at all.

And more unbelievable is the return on the number of books per average individual collector: 134 BOOKS! You must remember, though, that many fans have book collections consisting of more than 1000 volumes.

The average fan has read 7 26/7 years and therefore during the last decade fandom has inducted many neophytes and this has lowered the reading average per year.

Now to politics... and a varied opinion! 50% were Republicans, 22% were Democrats and other lesser parties (Wallace's Third and the like ????) had 18%. Also included were a few foreign political parties such as the CCF of Canada and others. (Durn furxiners!)

Now to the favored sciences: Astrology...oops, pardon, astronomy came in first with 40%; psychology next with 33.3%; biology and chemistry tied with 6.66% to follow physics with 10%; last place goes to semantics, which racked up 3.3%.

A rather ill-asked question was "What are your objections to present day society?" Here are the answers-- take it or leave it-- fans in general hated hedonists, and love of money and too much aristocratic snobishness placed for second, with the rest of these following: wars, anti-communists (this came in from the Kremlin), political mess, monopolies, religion (!!), poor education (non-fan), economic system with its false values, traditionalism, and a solitary vote against the mad dog who was crucified on a fire hydant.

(Mr FAN-- WHATARE YOU LIKE?????)

Picture on the left is representative of Mr. Average Fan, as contributed by Radell Nelson of Cadillac.... (Must have been drawn with a mirror in front of him).



MR. AVERAGE FAN NELSON

According to the poll, Mr Fan is 5' 7" in height, toting around 153 lbs. His eyes, (2, just like ordinary people) are light brown; hair was a little difficult to average because of several baldies in the poll, but it turned out to be 2,783, 691 strands colored a brownish tint. Those with blue hair are not included here... look below.

Objections were practically nil, with the exception of the following: religion, politics, democratic government, and sex included a few ripe answers.

And now comes Dr. Kinsey Singer's on the sex of the average stfans 73% were males and 24% female. Now I know that doesn't make 100%, but also included were 2 blue-haired Jovians, 1 Martian with a petal-top and 1 Venusian nighthound... (The pet of H. Beam Pipez-ibrace B. Fyfe???- we hear).

Well, that's it! For further and more comprehensive information, listen to Bob Tucker's report at the Torcon. No doubt he will have much the same thing but in a lighter and more presentable manner.

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Martin Alger was the creator of the BEM (Society for the prevention of bug-eyes on the covers of science-fiction publications).

Art Rapp, currently head of the NFFF Manuscript Bureau and perpetrator of Morgan Botts, the great stfan inventor.

WE ALSO STAR BEN SINGER and HAL SHAPIRO, MEMBERS OF THE (M)

IF THIS ISSUE LOOKS A LITTLE MESSY? BLAME IT ON THE BUMPS OF #2 HIGHWAY FOR IT WAS ASSEMBLED ON THE ROAD FROM DETROIT TO TORONTO IN ALGER'S PACKARD. CANADIAN ROADS...UGH!

Misfits--abbreviation of Mich. SF Society-- was recently explained by Hal Shapiro as: The Michigan Instigators For Science Fiction For Intellectual Thinking Society. Not bad.