

FAPASURVEY AND SAPSURVEY REPORTS, LIKE

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First of all, I guess I'd better tell you that I had a very good response from SAPS (83%) and a very poor one from FAPA (40%). My FAPA statistics, however, are a bit more representative than they might have been, because I had SAPS polls from a few bi-apans bringing the sampling up to a rousing 44%. But on the whole the Fapasurvey probably didn't give a very clear picture, because not only is it a small relative sampling, but many members didn't answer all questions. But here is the picture, as clear as I could get it for you. (Maybe the fact that there were two other polls distributed in FAPA last mailing accounts in part for the poor response.)

Reading down the membership lists in THE FANTASY AMATEUR and THE SPECTATOR discloses that the membership of each apa is 19% female and 81% male. The average FAPA male is 31 years old; the average FAPA female 24 years 2 months old. (Except, I don't think this is a very good statistic on the women's ages at all; you see, no woman over 27 filled in this question on the Fapasurvey.)

The average SAPS male is 26 years 10 months old; the average female SAP is 32. (If one lady's age were discounted and the total re-divided, the average age would be $27\frac{1}{2}$ for SAPS femmes.)

The average height for FAPA men is 5 feet 11 inches. For SAPS men it is 5 feet 10 $\frac{1}{3}$. (Oddly enough, the shortest male answering my poll was in FAPA, and there were three or four men in SAPS 6 feet 4 inches. But of course there are quite a few teen-aged fellows in SAPS; this probably explains the younger average age of the SAPS men and the slightly shorter average height.)

Both the average FAPA gal and the average SAPS gal are 5 feet 5 inches tall. (Why should they lie?)

The average male FAPAN weighs 177 pounds; the average female FAPAN supposedly weighs 116. (This latter is another statistic you may feel free to ignore, due to lack of answers in too many cases.)

The average male SAP weighs 166 pounds and the average female admits to 120.

The average member of both clubs reads science-fiction fairly regularly, though the percentage is quite a bit higher in FAPA. (FAPA, 84%; SAPS, 67%.) It might be interesting to note here that it's mainly the youngest group in both clubs that doesn't read stf. Some lost interest as their tastes matured; some are forced away from reading for pleasure by other activities--school, social, etcet.

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There were other reasons given too, for not reading stf, but they mainly boiled down to loss of interest. (See graph at end of report.) Of course, all those who don't read stf at present, used to. Books and magazines are about tied for favour.

The average FAPAN belongs to .80 of a local fanclub, while the figure for SAPS is .70.

FAPANS have been to more cons than SAPS members have, but they've also been in fandom quite awhile longer. FAPA: 2.94 worldcons each, and 5 regional cons each. SAPS: 1.98 worldcons each, and 2.69 regionals. The average FAPAN has been in fandom 12 years, 1½ months, attending an average of .66 cons per year. The average SAP has been in fandom 7 years 11 months, with .60 cons per year.

The average FAPAN has .63 spouse, whereas the average SAP has only .50 spouse. The FAPAN has .70 child (1.1 per married member); the SAP has .56 child (1.13 per married member). These spouse-and-child statistics, by the way, represent an almost 100% sampling of each apa--I went down the rosters and filled in for those that I could, which was most.

"Mr. Average FAPAMember" has 1.47 duplicators, to "Mr. Average SAPS member"'s 1.41. There are 1.72 typers in the possession of the average FAPAN; the average SAP has 1.48.

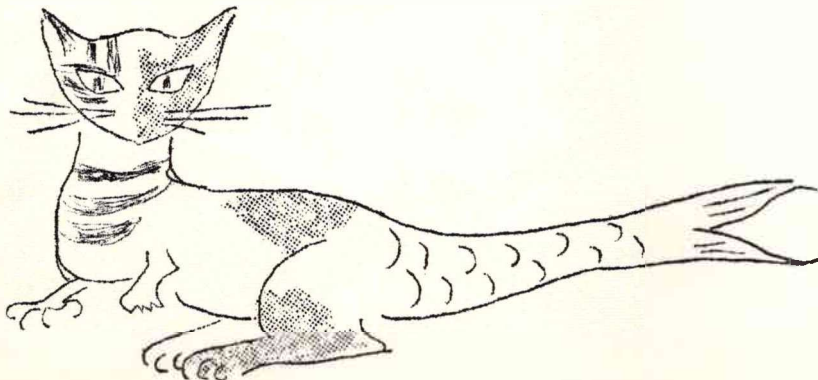
The average FAP goes to 1.78 movies per month. (Hi, Bob.) The average SAP goes to 1.52 per month. (Note here that taking out the number of movies attended by Bob Tucker--who is a movie projectionist--the average movie attendance by FAPANS is .84 times per month.)

The average member of each apa considers himself an actifan outside the group; 83% in FAPA and 97% in SAPS. The average FAPAN pubs .64 of a genzine and the average SAP pubs 1. The average FAPAN is in 172 other apas; the average SAP is in .60 others. Of these biapans in FAPA, 6 prefer FAPA, 4 prefer SAPS, one prefers OMPA, and 4 were undecided or declined to state. In SAPS, 7 of the biapans prefer SAPS, 3 prefer FAPA, one prefers OMPA, and 5 decline to state. In both apas, those who preferred FAPA said it was because FAPA has higher quality material in general and those who preferred SAPS liked that club's friendliness and cohesiveness. Those who preferred OMPA didn't say why.

Musical tastes of the two apas are pretty similar:

- FAPA**
- 1) classical
 - 2) jazz
 - 3) folk music
 - 4) operetta
 - 5) show tunes
 - 6) pops
 - 7) peace and quiet
 - 8) rock and roll

- SAPS**
- 1) classical
 - 2) jazz
 - 3) folk music
 - 4) operetta
 - 5) pops
 - 6) show tunes
 - 7) rock and roll
 - 8) peace and quiet



The average FAP has 1.42 pets, the average animal being 52% tropical fish, 23% plain cat, 9% Siamese cat, 4.5% turtle, 4.5% bird, and 27% dog. We call Karen's illo here a "graph" because it's certainly graphic, anyway. (This question was not asked

