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A supposedly bi-weekly news and commentzine from Bruce Pelz, Box 100, 308 Westwood Plaza, Los Angeles, Calif. 90024. Overseas Agent, Archie Mercer.

THE LOS ANGELES SCIENCE FANTASY SOCIETY held its 14th annual Fanquet on 29 Apr. The Fanquet, instituted in 1949 to honor members who broke into the pro field in SF, and to encourage others to do so, this year honored Bill Ellern for his story "Moon Prospector" in Analog, and Ted Johnstone, for his novel The Dagger Affair, published by Ace. There were 29 in attendance, including Guest Speaker Larry Niven, himself the recipient of the 1965 Fanquet. At the conclusion of his speech, Ted announced that he had received a contract for 6 more "Man From U.N.C.L.E." novels, to be done at the rate of one every two months. His second, The Vampire Affair, was sold prior to this contract, and will be out around the end of June. A 3rd title, The Monster Wheel Affair, is in progress. Bill Ellern said that he, too, was working on another story, to take place in the same milieu as "Moon Prospector." // LASFS also celebrates, tonight, its 1500th meeting since its beginning in 1934. The Roger Young Auditorium has been rented for the occasion, and the program will consist of slides and photos of the club's history.



"The eagle, voting for Balto, says you mustn't vote for NY!"

A SOUTHERN FANDOM NEWSZINE is now being published by Lon Atkins and Al Andrews. RALLY! boasts a biweekly schedule and runs three or four pages each issue; it includes exhaustive information on the doings of fans in the Southern States. Subs are 25¢ for 4 issues, to Lon Atkins, Box 660, Huntsville, Alabama. The third issue is now out, and reports that the elections of the Southern Fan Press Alliance gave Lon Atkins the OEship of SFGA by 9 votes to 5 for the incumbent Dave Hulan. RALLY surmises that Lon's platform of SFGA's needing an OE resident in the south was responsible for this upset which is, as far as I know, the first time an incumbent OE running reelection has been defeated. Lon Atkins also placed highest in the SFGA Egoboo Poll, but since the rules prohibit one member's holding both OE and President offices, the latter falls to 2nd-placer Joe Staton. Staton, teller for the election, feels that, as he received only 3 points more than 3rd-place Dave Hulan, Dave should be represented in SFGA Officialdom; a shared Presidency is suggested.

CONS PAST... An attendance of 150 people was reported for the ESFA Open meeting in March. Highlight of the meeting, which is said to have been overprogrammed, was Willy Ley's explanation of what was going on and stories of what happened during the filming of "Frau im Mond." //The Beskone II's attendance was between 60 and 80 (depends on who you listen to). The E.E. Smith Memorial Award for Imaginative Fiction was presented to the Guest of Honor, Fred Pohl. The award itself, according to the program booklet "is in the form of a lens mounted on a wooden base, with an inscribed brass plaque. Although it is not in the shape of the ship made famous by Smith, at this time it is referred to as The Skylark; symbolizing that its recipient is a member of the Order of the Lens." Sounds confusing to me, like half the committee didn't know what the

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other half was doing. Also, FOCAL POINT reports that the NYC Sheraton told them Boston would be putting on the 1967 Worldcon, which information they got from the Boston Sheraton. It is speculated that either Boston bidders told the Sheraton they had the convention sewed up, or else there has been a gross misinterpretation of a statement that they (the Boston bidders) would hold the con at the Sheraton if they got it. //The Lunacon/Eastercon attendance (over the weekend of 16-17 Apr) was estimated at 235, with about 180 people joining the Luncaon and over 100 the Eastercon. A Sunday afternoon panel at Lunacon, consisting of Sol Cohen, Fred Pohl and Doc Lowndes, resulted in a real roasting for Cohen from the audience. Bob Silberberg introduced the Guest of Honor, Isaac Asimov, who spoke for an hour on his favorite subject: Isaac Asimov. He mentioned the October F&SF, which will be a tribute to him and will contain an original novelet by him, plus a bibliography and an autobiographical sketch -- the talk he had just given. The only report so far on the Eastercon mentions no formal program, but remarks that the management of the Edison hotel closed down the parties at 2AM (from which I assume that it was an informal but successful partycon), and that the auctions were quite successful thanks to Jack Gaughan's artwork. The Eastercon may have broken even this time. (The Lunacon made its usual profit.)

...AND FUTURE: Midwestcon 17 will be held June 24-26 at the Carrousel Inn, 8001 Reading Rd, Cincinnati. Membership is \$1 this year, payable at the Committee Suite. Banquet is \$4.50. //Ozarkon I is July 29-31 at the Downtowner Motor Inn, 12th and Washington, St. Louis. Membership is \$2, and Ted White will be Guest of Honor.

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CLUBS ARE TRUMPS: On 3 April the ESFA held its semiannual elections, re-electing unanimously Julius Postal and Fred Lerner as Director and Vice-Director, respectively, though a hasty search through the club constitution failed to disclose the existence of the post of Vice-Director. Les Mayer declined the Secretaryship, stepping down after 6½ years in the office. In appreciation for his service, the club took him and his wife to dinner after the meeting. Allan Howard, a former Director, was elected Secretary, Christine Moskowitz was return to the Treasuryship, and Sam Moskowitz and Les Mayer were elected to the membership committee. All of these elections were unanimous. // On 11 April, the Albuquerque SF Discussion Group held a dinner meeting, with Don Wollheim and Jack Williamson as guests. Caz Casadessus came down from Denver for the get-together, at which Wollheim was presented with a demand for staples in paperbacks instead of glue. (Second Staple War Declared in Albuquerque... .) The Group has about 20 members and meets monthly. // On 15 April, the Columbia University Science Fantasy Society was officially chartered by the Proctor of the University. Officers are Fred Lerner '66, Director; Clifford Dobrin '67, Seneschal; Judith Player '68B, Secretary; Isaac Asimov '39, Honorary Director; Robert Silverberg '56, Honorary Chairman.

SAPS ELECTION RESULTS: OE: Ballard 18, Patten 11. Pres: Berry(283 pts).