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ACTIFANS PICK NERG

GHOD'S FROZEN PEOPLE HAVE DONE IT AGAIN. Mike and Susan Glicksohn's ENERGUMEN is apparently just as popular with actifans as it proved to be with last year's Hugo balloters, who awarded NERG the "Best Fanzine" rocket.

In Actifan Poll #1, conducted by This Very August Periodical, the Canadian genzine took an early lead in the voting and was never headed in earning a comfortable victory over its nearest rival STARLING. The Glicksohns' topflight fanzine was also named on the greatest number of ballots (24) and received the most first place votes (6). (See page 3 for additional information and results.) (A)

A TOWN WITH A REAL STEAK in the bidding for the 1976 worldcon is Kansas City, Mo., where a relatively new and enthusiastic club has plunged into the race which already includes New Orleans and Columbus. The committee, chaired by Ken Keller, originally intended to make a run for the 1979 worldcon, but impatience got the better of them.

"SF, Fantasy and the Arts" will be the theme of the convention if held, and program items being considered include, a fantasy-based classical music program, all-night movies, one or

FIAWOL LETTERS

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As you are undoubtedly aware, I have devoted much of the last quarter century to the question: Who sawed Courtney's boat?

I have come to the conclusion that this has been a fruitless pursuit. I am therefore presently occupied in working out a mathematical proof that, like the trisection of an angle, this problem cannot be solved with merely a compass and a straight edge.

I believe that until Mr. Bloch tells all (he was there, you know) the matter of who actually did saw Courtney's boat will remain a mystery. ((Until such time as Mr. Bloch -- a valued reader of this fanzine -- chooses to come forward and share his version of the event with us, I fear we must leave the question of Mr. Courtney's boat and turn our attention to problems which are, indeed, solvable. For example, there is the lingering enigma: Where has that old Sense of Wonder gone? I leave the matter in your hands. -- A.))

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Here's that correct about the Philcon Air Hockey Championship. Hired killers always come out on top when they have time to work their ways. Before the rounds on Sunday Ted and I prepared by walking around the outside of the hotel smoking a lot of hashish. Looking over at each other during the first game, we broke up at the incongruity of it all. His good spirits didn't save him, though, since I decisively beat everyone I played that day. Also, we all smoked dope in the gameroom bathroom just a few steps away from the Air Hockey table. When we left the gameroom, a trail of smoke tried to follow us out. ((FIAWOL -- the fanzine that's not afraid to air the truth, right wrongs and redress omissions! -- A.))

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I feel that perhaps the Actifan Poll could be used by all serious-minded fans like ourselves to solve the great crisis that is now upon us -- The Energy Crunch As It Applies to Fandom. It is obvious that we must cut down on the number of fan-ergs that we are using, but, but, in a manner that will not injure our lifestyle. We do not wish to see fewer fanzine published, and with this in mind I have one immediate suggestion to make; a crash program to develop a duplicating ink which, instead of fading slowly only after a number of years, will disappear entirely after a period of not more than two months. This, I maintain, will not only aid us in solving the fan-erg problem but will have beneficial side effects in that notoriously slow publishing giants will have to speed up their collating... However, the main advantage will be that we will be creating a waste-free cycle. ((I had one once, but the wheels fell off)). Anyone wishing to publish a fanzine will merely have to wait until he has received enough blank sheets through the post... and at no cost to himself!. Until this breakthrough has been achieved, however, I would suggest as an emergency measure that henceforth quarto shall be ruled (!) to be 5" x 4" and foolscap 6" x 3"!

Some consideration should also be given, I feel, to the actual words that we are using, and whether we are in danger of exhausting our natural resources in this way also. It will become obvious when considering this in relationship to the Energy Crisis that certain fans have, for instance, used up their lifetime quota of four-letter words and should be immediately instructed that henceforth they must use only three- or five-letter words... thus giving the rest of us a chance... and solving the effluent problem in one swell foop!

These, then, are my initial suggestions to help us in Our Time of Need. I feel that I can now safely leave the matter in the hands of the FIAWOL Actifan Poll. ((Another possible way to meet the energy crisis applies particularly to publishers of large, fat fanzines. Reams of paper (and oceans of oil-based ink) could be saved with the simple expedient of putting three or four pages worth of material, duplicated one on top of the next, on each side of the sheet. This cuts fan paper usage by at least 40 per cent and the conservation of ink that will result from most of the overprinted fanzines folding due to lack of response would be a definite bonus.))

actifan poll 1

TOP TEN FANZINES

1. ENERGUMEN/Mike & Susan Glicksohn (170)
2. STARLING/Hank & Lesleigh Luttrell (144)
3. ALGOL/Andy Porter (124)
4. SCIENCE FICTION COMMENTARY/Bruce Gillespie (115)
5. OUTWORLDS/Bill Bowers (106)
6. THE ALIEN CRITIC/Dick Geis (104)
7. WOODEN NICKEL/Arnie Katz (101)
8. TITLE/Donn Brazier (83)
9. PREHENSILE/Mike Glycer (81)
10. SYNDROME/Francis "Towner" Lunney

THE SECOND TEN

11. TANDEM/Arnie & Joyce Katz (68)
12. LOCUS/Charlie & Dena Brown (57)
13. YANDRO/Buck & Juanita Coulson (56)
14. AWRY/Dave Locke (53)
15. MOEBIUS TRIP/Ed Connor (49)
16. KWALHIOQUA/Ed Cagle (47)
17. RATS!/Bill & Charlene Kunkel (41)
18. FIAWOL/Arnie & Joyce Katz (40)
19. CIPHER/Chris Couch (33)
20. RAMBLING FAP/Gregg Calkins (32)
SPECULATION/Pete Weston (32)
XENIUM/Mike Glicksohn (32)

VOTERS: M. Glicksohn, B. Kunkel, C. Kunkel, Charlie Brown, D. Brown, K. Faig, J. Leavitt, H. Luttrell, L. Luttrell, M. Gorra, M. Feder, R. Ellis, E. Mayer, M. Carlson, S. Glicksohn, D. Hall, D. Geis, R. Stooker, Buck Coulson, T. Carr, T. White, L. Bushyager, B. Tucker, M. Shoemaker, B. Bloch, A. Porter, J. Meadows, S. Birkhead, J. Kinney, R. Nelson, J. May, M. Glycer, E. Cagle, T. Hughes, A. Svoboda, B. Gillam, J&G Haldeman, J. Schalles, N. Hochberg, L. MacGregor, T. Cvetko, D. Brazier, A. Katz, J. Katz, W. Straw, E. Connor, F. Balazs, C. Thorne.

Fandom has always had off-years. To judge from the comments which accompanied the 48 Actifan Poll #1 ballots, 1973 was one of them. Evidently, fandom has still not recovered from the fabulous publishing spree of 9th Fandom which ebbed in Spring, 1972, though there's been a rise in fanzine fanac over the few months. I think it's indicative that six of the top 20 fanzines only had one issue each in 1973, and that 8 are either hangovers from 9th Fandom or are published by mainstays of that period.

Despite the vogue for personalzines only two -- WOODEN NICKEL and TITLE -- made the top ten, while middle of the road genzines and science fiction oriented mags each had twice as many representatives. The poll also showed the emergence of a new coterie of faneds who are developing a large following. The group centers around TITLE and includes KWAL, MOEBIUS TRIP and, to an extent, PREHENSILE. Further improvement by them and their younger emulators and an infusion of high quality writers could make this group a dominant force in fanzine fandom in the coming year.

Joyce and I were very encouraged about the response to poll, which was a little better than 50 per cent of our readership at the time we sent out the ballots. There seems to be a lot of interest among actifans about what similarly energetic fanzine fans around the country think about various things, and we plan, on the basis of this promising beginning, to continue our polling on an irregular but frequent schedule.

Again, a thank you to all who participated in this initial attempt.

-- Arnie

more stage presentations and an afternoon banquet. The Muelbach Hotel, proposed site of the event, is a world-famous convention hotel and has promised to set aside 700 rooms for our grisly lot. The committee pledges to mount a rapid letter and fanzine campaign to back their bid, which might be a nice change from its semi-dormant competitors whose lack of enthusiasm for the bid they're supposedly trying to win doesn't inspire a lot of confidence. But don't look at FIAWOL to Take Sides. We're neutral; we just hope someone wins... (A)

DO BRITIFEN HAVE PSI POWERS? No sooner does Kansas City abandon 1979 than a triumverate of Pete Weston, Pete Roberts and Malcolm Edwards step forward with a U.K. bid for that year. Things are just in the talking stage now, of course, but a program item at the Tynecon will discuss the matter further, and meanwhile Pete, Pete and Mal would like to hear from anyone with thoughts on the subject. (A)

GLOBE GIRDLING GILLESPIE as he's called by those with facile tongues, was last seen in London, says Pete Roberts in CHECKPOINT, but has now left there bound for a destination known only to him and Ghu. While he was still in the United States, according to Barry Gillam, Bruce and Ed Cagle attempted to put out a joint issue of their fanzines SFC and KWAL. The project was delayed when electrostencils arrived tardily and then crumbled when placed on the duplicator. Ed left for a two-month vacation immediately after Bruce's visit, so what happened to the collaboration is anyone's guess. (A)

SOCAL SNIPPETS: LASFS held the official grand opening of its \$32,000 clubhouse located at 11360 Ventura Blvd., Studio City, on Nov. 18. Ray Bradbury, Harlan Ellison, George Clayton Johnson and Forry Ackerman were some of the guest celebrities taking part in the opening. Hasn't fandom changed a lot when Forry Ackerman is a visitor at LASFS? ::: Elliot Weinstein (7001 Park Manor Ave., North Hollywood, Ca) wants information toward the compilation of an extensive fan dictionary. He needs information such as how the term originated, where it was first employed and, of course, its meaning. Pete Roberts, who was working independently on a similar project, has just announced that he and Elliot are joining forces. ::: The annual LASFS Fugghead of the Year contest, which raises money for various club causes, is underway with Ted White gaining an early lead. Also scoring well are Bill Warren and Franz Kafka, an oldtime German fan. (A)

I HEAR YOU KNOCKING BUT YOU CAN'T COME IN, said the Cult to George Senda. They didn't even offer to let him come back tomorrow night and try it again. Should he somehow worm his way into the group, George might find himself in a situation similar to those who sat in at Woolworth lunch counters in the South; once they got served, they found the food was lousy. (A)

THE INDEX TO APAS IS A SMALL JOB NOW says Larry Nielson who formerly performed the task with his fanzine SOUTH OF THE MOON. Larry dropped the idea when his enthusiasm waned, but Richard Small (117 S. Meridian St., #5, Tallahassee, Fla. 32301) is picking up where Larry left off. Send him the hard facts -- name of group, size and frequency, membership requirements and minac, size of waitlist if any and the name and address of the person in charge -- for the groups you know and help him along. (A)

ALBUQUERQUE ATOMS: Bob Vardeman has sold professionally, a story to Spice and a novel to Orpheus Books. It is definitely untrue that his novel is a panegyric to anal sex called "Don't Look Back". ::: Local fan Harry Morris discovered tequila at the group's annual New Years party and achieved a higher plane of existence, says Roy Tackett. Reliable sources indicate that Harry is even now returning to contact with the rest of us with all deliberate speed. ::: Walt Williams is the latest fan to announce that he's teaching a course in science fiction. His will begin at the University of New Mexico next fall. I have no need of such lecture series, having once spent a day with Alex Panshin. (A)

FIFTY DOLLARS FOR BEST NEWS STORY is being paid somewhere by someone. All we can do is send you a postcard and hope you enjoy FIAWOL enough to use it at your earlier convenience. (A)