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## anti-cult amendment defeated in fapa

THE FAPA ELECTION RESULTS show that the Sneary Amendment, to prohibit any past or present member of the Cult from being a member of FAPA. was defeated 24 votes to 6. Rick Sneary, who presented the amendment as a protest against Cult material appearing in FAPA last year, was astonished to find that it was taken seriously in the intervening mailings, but he did not withdraw it. And though his amendment was defeated, Rick himself was elected Vice-President, defeating Dick Eney by 18 votes to 13 in the closest of the four races for officers. In two of the others, Lee Jacobs, running unopposed for President, got 25 votes, and Bruce Pelz, running unopposed for his third straight term as OE, got 28. For Secretary-Treasurer, incumbent Bob Pavlat defeated Charles Wells by 26 to 5. Also up for vote were two more constitutional amendments. One providing for a referendum on any waiting-lister blackballed under the controversial Section 9.2, thus giving the membership at large a chance to reverse the blackball by a majority of favorable votes cast in the referendum, passed by 19 to 11. The other, to extend the time allowed a member to pay his dues, received 16 favorable votes to 14 unfavorable ones, but, since the favorable votes were not more than } of the membership ( of 65 requires 17 favorable votes), it did not pass. Total ballots cast: 31 received by deadline, 19 September, according to official tellers F.M. & Elinor Busby.

FOLLOW-UP DEPT. Doc Smith's death was from a heart attack, the second in several days. He and Jean would have been married 50 years on October 5th of this year. Poc is buried in Riverview Cemetary. :: The 9th initiate to the order of St. Fantony at LonCon was Phil Rogers.

MISC: Billy Pettit (c/o Control Data, 2109 West Clinton Bldg, Huntsville, Ala. 35805) is collecting material for a memorial volume to Bob Farnam; he would appreciate hearing from anyone who knew and/or corresponded with Bob over the years. :: Pete Weston is folding ZENITH, his excellent seriously SF-slanted fanzine which was a Hugo nominee this year, because of financial problems. Subs will be refunded. :: The Swedish promag Häpna is now almost totally defunct, according to Carl Brandon, Jr., who says the last issue was published in May 1965. He congratulates Ziff-Davis for (probably) putting the last nail into Hapna's coffin. :: And the 11th Swedish SF Con will be in Malmo/Lund next spring, foreign fans most welcome, Information: Lars-Olov Strandberg, Folkskolegatan 22, Stockholm Sv, Sweden. :: Bob Tucker announced at the Midwestcon that he had written a novel about fandom and fans, with the locale being a 4-day Worldcon, Doubleday rejected it, and the paperback houses were being tried. ; Ted White announced his engagement to Robin Postal at the FISTFA Meeting, 20 August. Congratulations (slightly belated, regretfully) to both! :: Marty Helgesen graduated from library school (Pratt) in August, and will work for CCNY Library as a Cataloger. And Fred Patten, another professional cataloger, has moved to USC (where they wanted to know if he published fanzines too.)

WESTERCON 18 has settled up its financial accounts, announced Rick Sneary at the LASFS meeting of 16 September. The profits, quite a good sum for only a regional conference, were donated to various fannish causes: Project Art Show received \$50, a pass-on of \$100 went to the San Diego group for Westercon 19, and the LASFS Building Fund received \$150. A large donation also went to TAFF. :: At the same LASFS meeting, Lois Lavender, on behalf of the Order of St. Fantony, announced Rick's promotion from Squire of St. Fantony to Armorer's Mate, and presented him with the St. Fantony badge which had been worn by the late Bob Richardson. :: And the \$150 from Westercon 18 put the LASFS Building Fund officially over the \$2,000 mark -- about \$1,000 a year raised.

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ELSEWHERE ON THE LACAL SCENE, Ann Chamberlain, long-time NFFF member, is featured in a front-page photo of the August 5 El Sereno Star. As Vice President of the Rose Hills Council, Ann has been in the forefront of the group seeking better recreation facilities, as promised from a bond issue several years ago, for Rose Hills, a small community in eastern Los Angeles. :: AND IN OUR NORTHERN SUBURB, the BArea, Al Halevy resigned from the Little Men in mid-August, moving Vice-Chairman Ben Stark into the Chairman's job. His resignation from the club "for personal reasons" was accepted as of 16 August.

SHIRLEY JACKSON died of a heart attack on 9 August in North Bennington, Vermont. Author of such weird tales as The Lottery, We Have Always Lived in the Castle, Hangsaman, she was married and had four children. Her other books include humorous ones of their home life (Raising Demons; Life Among the Savages). She was 45 at the time of her death.

THE SEVENTH AUSTRALIAN SF CONVENTION has its second report out from John Foyster (Box 57, Drouin, Victoria, Australia). The con will be held April 8-11, 1966, in Melbourne. All you joiners can have non-attending memberships (and thus get the Reports, etc.) for \$1. Those who attend will have to kick in another 50%. All monies to Foyster. :: THE DEFINITIVE LONCON II REPORT can be found in the 12-page SKYRACK 83 (1/- to Ron Bennett or 25% to Buck Coulson, the US Agent - Rt 3, Hartford City, Indiana 47348.) :: The Boskone, held in Boston over the weekend of Sept. 10-12, had 70 registered members. An annual memorial award, to be called the Skylark, will be presented at each future Boskones in memory of Doc Smith. Basis for awarding not stated. The Boskone will be an annual.