

SASFA Members Vote To Merge With NFFF!

Members of the American Society For the Advancement Of Science Fiction In America voted to merge with the National Fantasy Fan Federation by better than a 2 to 1 majority.

58 ballots were mailed out by Official Editor Will Sykora. Of the 36 returned, 26 were for the merger, 8 were against it, and 2 were indifferent or neutral.

Members were asked to vote either: "I think that it would be to the best interests of the club to merge with the NFFF, and I approve of this measure; or, I prefer that the SASFA should be turned into a s-f organization." A space was provided for comments and suggestions.

Many comments and suggestions were received. Those in favor of the merger said:—

"Idea is splendid!"

"Hooray! Only hope that s-f activities will continue under the new banner."

"I would like to see a s-f club like the one Bridges spoke of, but do not think the SASFA could do it. Why not start a new and separate club? Too much work to change over the SASFA."

I believe the NFFF would be glad to help good science fiction fans with the publication of a good science fiction fan magazine. However, someone very enthusiastic (one of us) should be in charge."

"The statement speaks for me."

If the vote should come out
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Weird Tales Is On the Air! July Issue Has Coye Cover

Lamont Buchanan, Editor of WEIRD TALES' has succeeded in getting his magazine on the air! The Neblett Radio Productions, a Chicago outfit is undertaking the show. The program, titled "Stay Tuned For Terror", will be done as a 13 week series, and marketed to sponsors throughout the country.

Robert Bloch will write the script, adapting it from his stories in WEIRD TALES. The narrator will be Craig Dennis.

"Along with reading a fine horror yarn, it's grand entertainment to hear one", says Editor Buchanan.

The July issue of WEIRD TALES will feature the first cover by the new artist, Lee Brown Coye. The theme is adapted from a black and white illustration by Coye in the August Derleth collection, "Sleep No More". It will illustrate the long novelet by Derleth, The Watchers From the Sky.

Devil Dog, a novelet by Manly Bannister, will tell about weird dogs creeping through the jungle faster than a man could travel in the open.

There will be short stories by Allison V. Harding called Fog Country, The Dai Sword by Manly Wade Wellman, One Way To Mars by Robert Bloch, The Inn Outside the World by Edmond Hamilton, Carnaby's Fish by Carl Jacobi, Quaking Providence by Reeder Gould, and The Dead Man by Ray Bradbury. This truly fine issue will hit the stands on May 1st.

Westwood Postcard:—Feb. 18th issue of FN just in; was read and completely enjoyed. Palmer's article was very good. Fandom has never given AMAZING a break since their first disappointment over its revival under Rap.

I personally find A-FOUNDING very boring, and would take any of four other magazines in preference.

Other news was interesting. Thanks for plug on Poll, but you didn't vote!! I sent out 80 cards. Gerry.

SASFA-NFFF MERGER

50-50, chalk me up for the s-f org."

Woe! In Black Star you make it sound as though a merger with NFFF would make the organization non-s-f! Woe!",

"I am also in favor of Sgt. Lynn Bridges' suggestion that we have an intelligent s-f fanzine, not connected with a special club or organization, which can be the work of those interested. As a s-f enthusiast of the third group, I'd do what I can to help."

"I don't know whether or not I should vote, because I have given up s-f for the duration, but this is how I'd vote if I was a civvie again."

Query—After the junction, will there be any sort of distinction between SASFA and NFFF?"

"My above suggestion or comment is given because to merge with the NFFF seems the only way to save the club, unless something could be done to save it without taking this step. I don't see why this step couldn't be taken if the measure were PLACED IN THE RIGHT HANDS!!!" (Note: This member had scratched out the clause 'and I approve of this measure' and wrote in 'but I don't approve of this measure.')

Those who voted against the merger, or did not vote for it, said:—

"I prefer neither of the above alternatives, but would rather have SASFA remain as is, a correspondence club, with an enlarged club organ."

"They're both good ideas, but I think we should form a s-f club, and live up to our name. Fandom NEEDS a S-F club."

"NFFF stinks. If there is a (Continued In Next Column.)

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EDITORIAL By Will Sykora.

Again we have a long delay between issues, but this time we have good news to compensate. We have expanded our printing plant by the purchase of two presses with 10 x 15 and 11 x 17 inch chases, electric motors to drive the presses, more than 60 cases of type, and a great many other accessories.

We expect soon to offer to the fan and pro sf world a complete commercial printing service. In addition, we have doubled our speed at setting type and have obtained a position as a hand compositor with the Waverly Press, printers for the Williams and Wilkins Co. In short, we are in the printing business professionally and to stay.

merger, I resign."

By merging with NFFF, it wouldn't be making the club stronger, but merely destroy the club. However, I see no reason why SASFA has to become a strictly sf organization."

"Keep club as it now is."

One member succinctly remarked: "I'm indifferent."

The count was certified by (Continued In Next Column.)

Scientifilms

By Pfc. Mario Racic, Jr.

I found "The Invisible Man Returns" playing in France and also here in Belgium. Also "The Invisible Man", the first of the series, if you remember. "Here Comes Mr. Jordan" and "Fantasia" are to be shown in France soon.

Here is some brief information on a French sfilm, I unfortunately didn't get a chance to see. The title is "La Révolte des Vivant". It means "The Revolt Of the Living". The cast includes Erich von Stroheim, Claude Daushin, and Madeline Sologne. The plot is about a young physician who discovers a way to detect the time of death. Delighted at first to know the hour of their death, the living grow to hate this horrible revelation, and end up by smashing the engine that has caused so many wrecks and suicides.

Will Sykora, Teller. The ballots have been mailed to Harry Warner Jr. the other Teller, for final certification, and from there they will go to President Henry Elsner, Jr., who will make the official announcement

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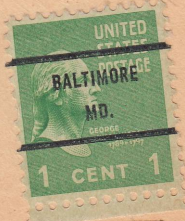
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