

STOP THE PRESSES!



A RIDER OF SORTS TO INVADER #6

by Joe Staton

my support for Larry Montgomery for the magnificent post of the Official Editor of this sterling amateur press association. My reasons for this move, you may recall, were stated to be merely that I wished the OE to remain a de facto Southerner, not merely a de jure one. (See how bright I am with all the Latin phrases!)

However, since I've written that bit, I've given the matter just a little more thought. I have not been a very good OE of SEPA while my term has lasted. I've made some colossal blunders that a person with experience would not have made. But I've tried.

I do think however, that during my brief flirtation with this office, I have accomplished one constructive thing as regards the outlook of the apa. I have tried to best of my limited ability to make the outfit an integral part of fandom. It seems that I've succeeded at least in part in this aim--the Retained Status Amendment to the Constitution, re-interpreting (that is, stretching) the residence rule to allow "legal residence" to count, and just plain disregarding the rules to let Dian Pelz in, have all contributed to liberalize to some degree what I have considered a slightly provincial attitude that had colored the club up to this time.

Whether or not I really have accomplished this--or indeed if it was worth accomplishing in the first place--is clearly open to discussion. But in the light of my aims it sure looks contradictory to support a person to run the thing simply because of where he lives.

So the purpose of this rider to change my support from Larry Montgomery to Dave Hulan. I can't see why either of them would want this job in the first place, but since there are two of them who do want it, I have decided that the better qualified should get it.

And Dave Hulan is clearly the better qualified. He ran the apa very well before and will have no trouble slipping back into the way of things. And, though he has never really said so, I have a feeling that he has a more cosmopolitan outlook than Larry. Larry is a Fine Fellow, please don't misunderstand, but I feel that if want my ideas to continue in a general way, Dave is better suited.

But I won't cry my eyes out if Larry is elected. Don't forget to vote, people.

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