

1980/1 TAFF BALLOT

What is TAFF? The Trans-Atlantic Fan Fund was created in 1953 for the purpose of providing funds to bring well-known and popular fans across the Atlantic. Since that time, TAFF has regularly sent North American fans to European conventions and brought European fans to North America. TAFF exists solely through the support of fandom. The candidates are voted for by interested fans all over the world, and each vote is accompanied by a donation of not less than \$1.00 (50 pence). These votes and the continued interest of fans are what makes TAFF possible.

Who may vote? Voting is open to anyone who was active in fandom (clubs, fanzines, conventions, etc.) prior to March 1979, and who contributes at least \$1.00 (50 pence) to the fund. Contributions in excess of the minimum will be gratefully accepted. Only one vote per person is allowed -- no proxy votes -- and you MUST sign your ballot. Details of voting will be kept secret; write-ins are permitted. Money orders, postal orders & checks should be made payable to the administrators.

Deadline: Votes must reach the administrators by December 1, 1980.

Voting details: TAFF uses the Australian system which guarantees an automatic runoff and a majority win. You rank the candidates in the exact order you wish to vote. If the leading first-place candidate does not get a majority, the first-place votes of the lowest-ranking candidate are dropped and the second-place votes on those ballots are counted. This process goes on until one candidate has a majority. It is therefore important to vote for second & third place on your ballot. It is also a waste of time to put one name in more than one place.

Hold Over Funds: This choice, similar to "No Award" in Hugo balloting, gives the voter the chance to vote for no TAFF trip if the candidates do not appeal to him/her, or if he/she feels that TAFF should slow down its trips. "Hold Over Funds" may be voted for in any position you wish.

Donations: TAFF needs continuous donations of money, and material to be auctioned, in order to exist. If you are ineligible to vote, or do not feel qualified to vote, why not donate anyway? Just as important as donations is publicity -- in fanzines, letters, convention booklets, and by word of mouth -- to increase voter participation.

Candidates: Each candidate has promised, barring acts of God, to travel to the 1981 British Eastercon, Yorcön II, and has posted bond & provided signed nominations and a platform, which are reproduced overleaf, along with the ballot.

Send ballots and contributions to:

North American Administrator:

or

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TAFF PLATFORMS

GARY FARBER: Gary promises to do a trip report. A die-hard fanzine fan (and caustic critic), Gary has edited or co-edited numerous personalzines, genzines, newszines, special one-shots and apazines, including TELOS, DRIFT, TWEAK, FANHISTORICA, & QUINTESSENTIAL COVERS FOR DUFF. A short traveling giant, Gary has lived and been active in East Coast, Midwest & Pacific Northwest fandoms, has attended over 80 cons, 20 different clubs, & participated in over 20 apas. He has worked on innumerable cons, including vice-chair of one worldcon, and creating the modern tradition of comprehensive fan programing and fan history room at another. He also is: small, friendly, Silly, very eclectic fan, and a touch Odd. He owes Peter Roberts & Rob Jackson a round & wishes to repay them. He therefore promises to spill all the dirt on US fandom to British fandom.

Nominated by: John D. Berry, Jeanne Gomoll, Fred Haskell, Joseph Nicholas, and Darroll Pardoe.

STU SHIFFMAN: Active in fanzine circles with both art and writing in such zines as MAINSTREAM, RUNE, DNO, NABU and JANUS. Has illustrated the playscripts of several fanmusicals (THE MIMMO MAN, RIVETS REDUX and THE DECOMPOSERS). Co-editor of RAFFLES. HUGO and FAAN Award nominee for past two years. Chairman of the Flushing in 1980 bid. Member of the New York in '86 Committee and FAAN Award Committee. Meeting host of New York City's Fanoclasts. An interest in history and archaeology has led him to the latest ancient truths about the fannish ghod Roscoe.

Nominated by: Harry Bell, Mike Glicksohn, Mike Glycer, Jerry Kaufman, and Peter Roberts.

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I vote for (list 1, 2, 3):  
\_\_\_\_\_ Gary Farber  
\_\_\_\_\_ Stu Shiffman  
\_\_\_\_\_ Hold Over Funds

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is \_\_\_\_\_ as a contribution to TAFF (make payable to Terry Hughes or David Langford, please, and not to "TAFF").

If you think your name may not be known to the administrators, in order to qualify for voting, please give the name & address of a fan or fan group to whom you are known:

Name & address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please read voting information overleaf.