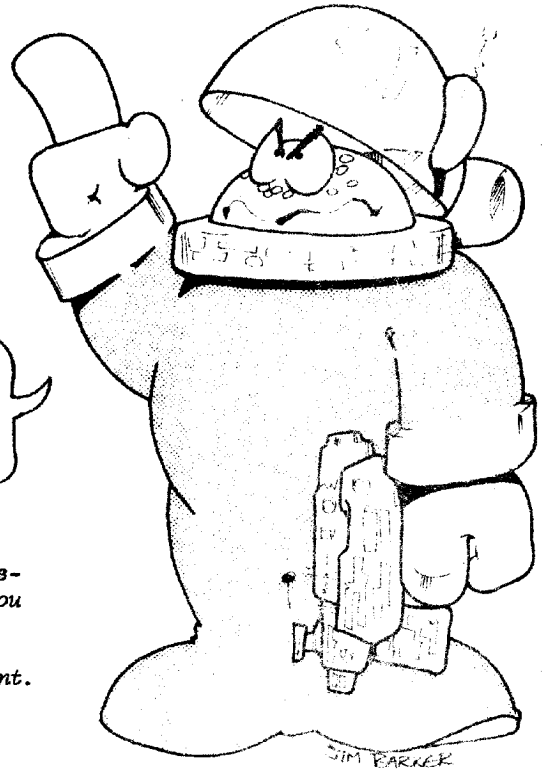


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## THE TARAL-TORIAL IMPERATIVE - EDITORIAL BY TARAL

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Recently, Gary Farber circulated a one-sheet zine to stir up some activity in the FAAn Award committee. He asks a number of pertinent questions, suggests changes, and wants to know how fandom feels about the FAAns after 4 (sic) years. Many of his thrusts are accurate. He makes a couple of errors too. The FAAns are in their 6th year in 1980, not their 4th. But of more serious nature, he criticizes the "decision to release the names of the winners last year before the actual ceremony". There was no such decision; Bruce Pelz unilaterally "leaked" the names against the wishes of the committee, if the committee can be said to have wishes. But aside from these cavils, Gary's zine is sensible. He wants to know if 1) everyone is happy with the status quo, 2) whether a Best Single Article can be added, 3) whether the Best Loccer can be dropped, 4) whether the whole thing should be dropped, 5) what about other categories such as Best New Fan, Best Humorist, Best Humor Article, Best Personal Essayist, etc., 6) should be continue with Randy Bathurst's statuettes, 7) should be go for a wider voter base or narrow the franchise, 8) how about the ballots and distribution, is it satisfactory?, and 9) are we happy about the award ceremony or the selection of sites for it? If interested in commenting, or if you want a copy of DOES ANYONE HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY? for yourself, write to Gary at 606 12th Ave. E., Seattle, WA 98102. Personally, though, I'm annoyed that Gary published this without first checking to see just what the committee was up to before implying that it was doing nothing and that outside interference was necessary. It is also revealing that Gary says "Should a trend toward actually Doing Something show itself, we can reinvoke official publication." We? Who we? Suppose in fact that the committee was publishing a Zinefan? As it happens, that was almost the case, as Victoria, Mike Glicksohn and I had assembled many of Gary's items together for another Zinefan,