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Ron Graham, veteran and much-respected Sydney fan, died yesterday, Sunday February 11. At the recent UNICON 5 he was Fan Guest of Honour, and organized tours of his library for visiting fans. He looked happy but tired that weekend.

Ron was active in fandom for just over fifty years with his first activity being a letter of comment in AMAZING STORIES for May 1928. Ron's greatest fan achievements were his publication of VISION OF TOMORROW in 1969 and 1970, and his substantial backing, both financial and moral, for the AUSTRALIA IN '75 campaign. His science fiction library, one of the most admired in the world, was willed to the Fisher Library of the University of Sydney and is a fitting memorial to his lifetime of collecting.

I enjoyed a visit to his library just over two weeks ago, and found Ron to have the encyclopediac memory one would expect. Over the years I have had a great deal of pleasure out of our talks about early science fiction and Ron's knowledge of the pre-Gernsback period was not only vast but so well-organized that he could produce small essays off-the-cuff in conversation about some minute aspect.

Different Australian fans will have different reasons for mourning Ron's death but all of us will remember him.

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