

Eastercon '73

TENTH ANNUAL MELBOURNE
April 20th. - 23rd. SCIENCE FICTION & FANTASY CONVENTION

FIRST AND FINAL PROGRESS REPORT : The Convention will be held at
The Victoria Hotel, 215 Little
Collins Street, Melbourne, from
Good Friday through to Easter Monday. This hotel has first-class
convention and accomodation facilities and is conveniently situated
in the heart of the city.

Convention Membership is \$7. You are advised to join early and
avoid the higher rate of \$8 which will apply on the first day of the
Convention. The amount of \$7 for four days of entertainment over
Easter in such good surroundings is remarkably cheap.

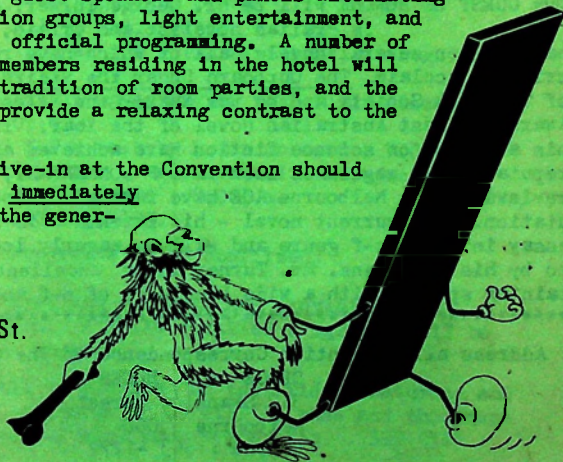
Programming : The major purpose of any convention is that members
should enjoy themselves. To this end the programming has been
arranged as follows : guest speakers and panels alternating
with informal discussion groups, light entertainment, and
events outside of the official programming. A number of
interstate and local members residing in the hotel will
continue the fannish tradition of room parties, and the
allnight movies will provide a relaxing contrast to the
formal programming.

Anyone wishing to live-in at the Convention should
contact the Committee immediately
to take advantage of the gener-
ous concession rates.

SEE OVER :

Office: 317 Swanston St.
Melbourne 3000

Phone 663-1777



ROOM TARIFFS AT THE VICTORIA HOTEL : Standard first-class accomodation in twin-bedded or double-bedded room with bath or shower, television, etc. and including breakfast is \$19 per day. Convention Members are allowed 15% off this charge but they must book through the Committee and they must do so now.

CONVENTION PROGRAMME BOOKLET : This will contain full Programme Details and will be issued to Members on the First Day of the Convention. It will be copiously illustrated and contain articles and biographical details of Convention Personalities. It will also carry advertising. The advertising rates fall into two catagories : \$12 for a full page for professionals (publishers and book-sellers etc.) and \$6.50 for personal announcements (fans and other private individuals). Half pages accordingly. DEADLINE FOR COPY : April 10th. It must be copy ready. Page size : 10" x 8" (standard quarto). It will be offset printed.

MASQUERADE PARTY : This will be held on Friday evening. You are encouraged to come dressed as your favourite s-f or fantasy character, and there will be prizes for the best costumes.

OUR GUEST OF HONOUR will be Mr. George Turner, senior Australian novelist and critic. Mr. Turner has written several novels, all of which have received critical acclaim. The Cupboard Under the Stairs was a choice of The Book Society and he was awarded the Miles Franklin Award for Best Australian Novel of the Year. In recent years his articles on science fiction have achieved an enviable reputation in magazines such as S-F COMMENTARY, and his book reviews in the Melbourne AGE have further enhanced his reputation. His current novel - his seventh - is his first essay into the s-f genre and will be eagerly looked forward to by his many fans. Mr. Turner is an excellent and entertaining speaker with a wide knowledge of s-f and literature.

Address all Convention Correspondence to The Committee,
SPACE AGE BOOKS
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CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS :

FRIDAY April 20 (Open for Registrations at 12.00p.m.)

OFFICIAL OPENING AND KEYNOTE SPEECH BY GEORGE TURNER : 2.00p.m.
THE MIND BENDERS : A.E. van Vogt & Phillip K. Dick (panel) : 2.30p.m.
TOLKIEN AND OTHER FANTASIES (discussion panel) : 3.30p.m.
ASTROLOGY a talk by Maurice Silva : 4.30p.m.
GUEST OF HONOUR SPEECH by George Turner : 7.00p.m.
THE DAYS BEFORE DOOMSDAY - Ehrlich and his Critics (talk) : 7.30p.m.
GRAND MASQUERADE PARTY : 9.00p.m. onwards.

SATURDAY April 21

SCIENCE FICTION ; ART OR RUBBISH? (discussion panel) : 1.00p.m.
THE MYTHOLOGY OF E.E.SMITH (open panel) : 1.30p.m.
WRITING S-F AND FANTASY a talk by Lee Harding : 3.00 p.m.
THE THREE STAGES OF S-F a discussion panel featuring Ron Graham,
John Foyster and Lee Harding : 3.45p.m.
A TOLKIEN WORKSHOP, including a recital of some of the songs from
THE LORD OF THE RINGS by Peter Waltham and Sue Bell : 7.00p.m.
S-F AND HORROR FILMS a talk by John Flaus : 8.30p.m.
ALL NIGHT S-F AND FANTASY MOVIES from 12.00p.m.

SUNDAY April 22

THE CULTURAL VALUE OF COMIC ART (discussion panel) : 1.00p.m.
THE CONAN PUSH (panel) : 1.45p.m.
S-F IN THE LIBRARY a talk by Colin Watson : 2.15p.m.
BEYOND THE GHETTO : A look at the Works of Borges, Vonnegut and
Hesse (talk) : 2.45p.m.
YOU CAN PUBLISH IN AUSTRALIA an interview with Piotr Olszewski,
editor of "RATS" : 3.30p.m.
THE NEED FOR PROPHETIC S-F a talk by Robin Johnson : 7.00p.m.
"JOE PHAUST" first performance of a drama written especially
for the Convention by Minnie Hands : 8.00p.m.
Later, still more ALL NIGHT MOVIES.

MONDAY April 23 (Programme to be confirmed)

*All of the above times and subjects are provisional and
subject to alteration. A fully detailed Programme will be
found in the Convention Booklet.

A BUFFET SUPPER will be provided on the Friday, Saturday and
Sunday evenings only. A charge of \$3 will be made and this must
be paid in advance together with your Membership. SEE OVER :

PERSONALITIES :

PETER WALTHAM is a young musician from Adelaide....OWEN WEBSTER is a novelist, lecturer and journalist : he also writes a column for NATION REVIEW...RON GRAHAM has the largest collection of s-f in Australia, once published VISION of Tomorrow, and is a partner in Space Age Books...JOHN FLAUS lectures at Latrobe University in cinema...LEE HARDING is one of Australia's best-known writers of s-f and fantasy and helps run Space Age Books in his spare(!) time...MERVYN BINNS has been Mister S-F in Australia for more than twenty years. He is also the other half of the Space Age partnership...BRUCE GILLESPIE is editor of S-F COMMENTARY, the world's best magazine of s-f criticism : maybe next year it will get the Hugo....COLIN WATSON runs the Dandenong Valley Regional Library...ROBIN JOHNSON has been our best ambassador to overseas Worldcons and has met just about everybody (ask him about the Dali in Roger Zelazny's toilet. I think it's in his toilet)... PAUL STEVENS organized most of this Convention. He also fills in time at Space Age Books....and there's lots more. Try and meet as many as you can. They'll be well worth your time.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

NAME

ADDRESS.....

Enclosed : \$7.00 for Membership in Eastercon '72

\$10.00 for Membership and Supper

(strike out where not applicable)

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