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In Print

Greg Egan's Novelette "Tap" appears in the November 1995 Asimov's.

Lucy Sussex passed on the following gem from Rachel Cunneen. "In case there are some masochistic mortals out there who are still interested in perusing THTSTP for sources - I think I've found another one that, to my knowledge, noone else has mentioned. On page 61 of my copy of the book there's a passage detailing how one of the Nazi officers has a dream about a basilisk. This basilisk is afraid to breath on people because his breath turns people to ashes. When I first read this, I thought it sounded vaguely familiar (not to mention bizarre) and I've recently worked out why. There's an Australian short story by Dal Stivens that is published in Van Ikin's anthology of Australian science fiction. It is titled, I think, "The Gentle Basilisk" and although the wording doesn't match Darville's telling of the story, the idea is exactly the same. Friends who are better versed in mythology than myself have told me that while stories of basilisks abound, the idea that they have killer halitosis is uncommon enough to suggest that this is yet another Demindenko plagiarism. Has anyone else noticed the similarity between Stiven's story and the passage in THTSTP? Or are there any amateur experts in the private lives of basilisks out there?"

The Herald Sun 9/10/95 has an article on Richmond's Elizabeth Rogers who claims to be compiling "Australia's first fanzine directory". However there is no mention of sf fanzines by Ms Rogers who has all of eighty zines. There will be an exhibition of these at the State Library from October 14.

Fans on the Move

Margaret Arnott, ex-Adelaide and now Darwin is on her way to Ballarat. Congratulations on her impending marriage to Bob Orchard. The 1996 FFANZ race is once more a one horse affair, with Evan McArthy as the only candidate. Either Evan or Hold Over Funds will visit The Festival of the Imagination Easter 1996. I have yet to see the ballot paper.

Arcon Broke

Be ready for all sorts of less than subtle fund raising activities. Arcon though most appeared to find it enjoyable, with the exception of the lack of on-site coffee and the rather snooty nature of the hotel, lost money. (A full financial report will appear in the post-con report, due

out real soon now.) As a first attempt to cover costs, the Aussiecon Memory book is now available. Weighing in at 60pages, it features a brand new piece on Aussiecon by Ursula K. LeGuin plus her Aussiecon GoH Speech, articles by Don Ashby and Marc Ortlieb, photographs and reprints (including Gene Wolfe's SFWA report on Aussiecon Two) dealing with the two Aussiecons. Cost is \$10 plus \$2-00 postage and handling. In addition we have assorted Nortstrilia Press publications, some small Aussiecon Two t-shirts and program books from Aussiecon and Aussiecon Two.

Convention Updates

A week to go until Basicon. David Richardson reports that Mutagen has been postponed indefinitely due to hotel price hikes. He suggests that people interested contact Geoff Chan at 9350424E@rmit580fs1.hais.rmit.edu.au. Geoff's comment "Sean-Paul and Brett Jomes have decided to go into business called "OffWorld" and they have decided to postpone it, (I only report it and look after email."

Upcoming Conventions

BasiCon 1995 Media Natton October 21 Melbourne University Student Union Building. \$20 Att (\$100 at the door.) Hucksters \$30. Banquet \$7 P.O. Box 567 Blackburn 3130

Mudcon November 18-19 Winery tour/Convention. Susan Clarke 6 Bellevue Road Faulconbridge NSW 2776
Mutagen '96? GPO Box 910G Melbourne 3001. (03) 534-

The Festival of the Imagination '96 (Confusion 96/Swancon 21) Lit/Media NatCon April 4-8 1996. Kings Hotel Perth. GsoH Bruce Sterling, Neil Gaiman & Robin Pen. GPO Box G429, Perth, 6001 Ph:(09) 361 8210 or (09) 381 7534. E-mail julian@multiline.com.au

The Reunion #4 April 20-22 1996 Susan Clarke 6 Bellevue Road Faulconbridge NSW 2776

Parliament of Dreams Babylon 5 3-5 May 1996 The Ridge Hotel, Leichardt Street Brisbane GoH Jerry Doyle (Garibaldi) \$95 payable to New Horizons PO Box 492, Corinda, QLD 4075 (07) 375-1775

Constellation NZ Natcon: <u>Queens Birthday Weekend 1996</u> The Christchurch City Travelodge, NZ GsoH Michael Moorcock, Peter Jackson, James Dignan \$50.00 during 1994/5

P.O. Box 29-119, Fendalton, Christchurch NZ. Email: c. brandenburg@lincoln.ac.nz Medtrek V <u>Australia Day Weekend 1997</u> UWS Hawkesbury Richmond NSW \$40 Susan Clarke 6 Bellevue Road Faulconbridge NSW 2776

Conspiracy 1997 18th New Zealand National Science Fiction Convention (bidding for the 15th Australasian SF Media Con) March 28 to 31 1997. Airport Hotel Wellington N.Z. GsoH tba. PO Box 10104, Wellington, New Zealand. Email: concom@sans.vuw.ac.nz

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GoH = Guest of Honour

O.C.P. = Other Commitments Permitting tba= to be announced.

Other Events

N.S.W.

Foot Rally & Barbecue October 21 Susan Bellenger 24 Locksley Ave Merrylands NSW Sydney Dr Who Fan Club October 28th Anglican Church Hall, 2 Rochford Street Erskineville 9:30 to 4:00 GPO Box 2870 Sydney NSW 2001.

Valentine's Ball <u>February 17 1996</u> 7.00pm Elim House Burwood NSW Susan Clarke 6 Bellevue Road Faulconbridge NSW 2776

The Winter Ball August 31 1996 7.00pm Elim House Burwood NSW Susan Clarke 6 Bellevue Road Faulconbridge NSW 2776

Newcastle Doctor Who Science Fiction Club 3rd Sunday of the month, Alice Ferguson Community Centre, 30 Caldwell St Merewether P.O. Box 140, Kotara Fair 2289, ph (049) 543 603 (049) 43 2666

e-mail shadow@scorch.hna.com.au

Babylon 5 OZ Fan Club PO Box 161 Adamstown NSW 2289. Fanzines *The Babble-on Babylon 5* and *Gold Channel* e-mail shadow@scorch.hna.com.au

Penrith SF Group (047) 322-179 or (047) 301-073
Australian SF Association GPO Box 4440 Sydney 2000
Dr Who Fan Club of Australia PO Box 4 Epping NSW
2121 email: korman@laurel.ocs.mq.edu.au S9 per year
Gargoyle Club First Friday of month 7.00pm, Royal
Exhibition Hotel Surrey Hills

The Thursday Night Group Informal eating and nattering. 5-7pm Thursday Nights. Ali Baba Café on George St. (Contact Graham Batho (02) 807-2573 for details)

Tavern Monthly booze-up for Doctor Who fans in Sydney.

First Friday of month, 6 pm. Museum Hotel (just behind the Australian Museum)

Victoria

MSFC October 13th 7-30pmAll Sorts of Refreshments October 20 M.S.F.C. Montage October 27 Cuppas & Cookies St David's Church Hall 74 Melville Rd West Brunswick P.O. Box 212 World Trade Centre Melbourne 3005

Enterprise October 28 Spocktoberfest P.O. Box 466 World Trade Centre Melbourne 3005 (03) 583 7404

Red Squadron Halloween Costume Party: Out For Blood October 28 7.00pm 2 Tracy Court Delacombe. (053-361076 for details)

Nova Mob November 1 Alan Stewart's Place. Phone Alan Stewart for details (03) 9429 8354

Star TrekTM Marathons November 4 6:30pm State Film Centre 1 Macarthur St East Melbourne (03) 9758 1807 Dandenong Valley Science Fiction & Futurist Society
November 21. 8pm Dandenong Library. Ann McGann 63
Woodside Ave, Frankston, 3199. 5971-3645.
Gallifrey December 16. (ph) 0411 180 717. GPO Box 910G
Melbourne 3001

Friday Night Mob Friday Nights 6-7.30pm. Informal eating and nattering. K&Ms, Myer Arcade Melbourne Gamma Quadrant Outpost A local chapter of the U.S. based Bajoran Alliance, (Deep Space Nine) P.O. Box 567 Blackburn 3130 k.pender-gunn@latrobe.edu.au Australian Babylon 5 Fan Club P.O. Box 41 West Brunswick 3055 Fanzine Babbling On

The X-Files Fan Club of Australia P.O. Box 402, Niddrie 3042., Fanzine The Field Journal.

Doctor Who Club of Victoria GPO Box 4782UU Melbourne VIC 3001. \$12 per year. Fanzine Sonic Screwdriver. Meetings Second Saturday of the month. email: borad@yoyo.cc.monash.edu.au

Australian Horror Society 1st Thursday of the month, 7.30 pm back room Maori Chieftan Hotel, Moray St Sth Melbourne. P.O. Box 7545 St Kilda Rd Melb. 3004.

Old

Warp Speed (Brisbane) October 29 GPO Box 2004 Brisbane 4001 (07) 356 5472 Conquest 95 November 5 GPO Box 1376 Brisbane 4001 (07)

273 6512

Quest Star TrekTM November 12 12 noon - 4.00 pm

Yungaba Community Centre, 100 Mains Rd Kangaroo

Yungaba Community Centre, 100 Mains Rd Kangaroo Point (07) 356 5472 New Horizons <u>December 17</u> British Sf 776 Cavendish Rd

Holland Park 4121 (07) 349 2229 11:21 (Qld X-Files Club) Contact Flat 2, 10 Roseglen St Greenslopes 4120

S.A.

Critical Mass <u>November 1</u> 8pm SA Writers' Centre, Second Floor, 187 Rundle Street, Adelaide. 6:30 Five Spices Restaurant

The 'Nock November 8 6:30pm The Brechnock Hotel, King William St, Adelaide.

AUSFA, c/- Clubs Association, University of Adelaide, North Terrace, Adelaide SA 5001.

W.A.

UniSFA - University of Western Australia Science Fiction Association. See Web page or e-mail (nulsmurf@tartarus.uwa.edu.au)
The West Lodge Doctor Who Fan Club. First Saturday of the month at the Collins Street Centre, South Perth. Snail-Mail: P.O. Box 190 Mt Lawley 6050 E-Mail: nulsmurf@tartarus.uwa.edu.au

A.C.T.

Canberra S FS October 19 Tindales' (Australian and Italian cuisine) Fisher Shopping Centre ph (06) 288 6391 (ah) PO Box 47, Civic Square ACT 2608

Fanzines

Mumblings from Munchkinland #12 Chris Nelson23 Henty St Invermay Tas 7248 Genzine in which Chris reveals that he has also joined the ranks of fannish fathers. (That's the last we'll see of his fanzines). Mimezine Flashback #3 Terry Frost 26 Head St Balwyn Vic 3103. Terry's idiosyncratic perzine/genzine. Interesting reading. Kalien James Allen P.O. Box 41 West Brunswick Vic 3055. Jocko's strange little zine. Reviewzine #38 Susan Smith-Clarke 6 Bellevue Rd Faulconbridge NSW 2776 Sydney NewszineThyme #105 Alan Stewart P.O. Box 222, World Trade Centre, Melbourne 3005. E-mail s_alanjs@eduserve.its.unimelb. edu.au Comes with Australian Sf News #65 Alan Stewart & Merv Binns, and Dave Langford's Ansible #97 & 98 Ethel the Aardvark #63 Paul Ewins for the MSFC P.O. Box 212 World Trade Centre Melbourne 3005

BBS

Echo Base Hoth (03) 9563-1323. The Captain's Quarters Star TrekTM (03) 9723 8344. Ausom's First Class BBS SF conference called Sci Fi (03) 9545-5215.

Web Pages

AFR

http://www.peg.apc.org/~roman/afr/afr_1/afr_1.htm Babylon 5 OZ Fan Club

http://www.ozemail.com.au/~bab5oz/bab5oz.html

David Grigg

http://www.ozemail.com.au/~drgrigg

Doctor Who Club of Victoria

http://www.yoyo.cc.monash.edu.au/~borad/dwcv-home.html

Dr Who Fan Club of Australia

http://www.ocs.mq.edu.au:80/~korman/dwfca.html Festival of the Imagination 1996 (under construction) http://midnight.com.au/~mjl/foti1996.html

Ibn Qirtaiba

http://odyssey.apana.org.au/~terminus.

Eric Lindsay

http://www.maths.uts.edu.au/eric/sf.html

Kate Orman

http://www.ocs.mq.edu.au:80/~korman

Perry Middlemiss

http://www.peg.apc.org/~larrikin/welcome.htm

Quantum Leap

http://www.ecr.mu.oz.au/~eydc

UniSFA

http://www.gu.uwa.edu.au/clubs/unisfa

VicNet

http://www.vicnet.net.au/vicnet/sf/sfpage.html

Deadlines

1995 ASFMA Voting October 21 1995 1996 DUFF Nominations October 31 1995 1996 FFANZ Voting December 8 1995 1996 Ditmar Nominations January 31 1996 1996 DUFF Voting April 21 1996

Sources

Warp Speed, David Richardson, Widya Santoso, Reviewzine, Thyme

Classifieds

My attention has been drawn to Agrippa, an interesting "novel". Can you please place a request in the next Bullsheet for anyone who knows a purchaser to contact me. One of the other PhD students is working in the field of advance and change in literacy and is curious as to whether this particular form of ephemera has attracted attention in Australia.

Cary J. Lenehan

cary_jl@postoffice.sandybay.utas.edu.au

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Tuesday October 24th. Distribution Friday October 27th.



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