

A slack but frequent little science fiction newsletter produced for the Australian National Science Fiction Association by Marc Ortlieb, P.O. Box 215, Forest Hill, Vic, 3131, AUSTRALIA (e-mail: mortlieb@vicnet.net.au).

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In Print

Greg Egan has a new book *Distress* (Millennium, London, December 1995). MSFC member Craig MacBride got a letter in *Good Weekend, The Age Magazine*. It was about the Liberal's tendency to allow everyone freedom in everything but the right to view pornography. Tasmanian Chris Nelson notes 'As part of its travel supplement on the weekend, The Australian Magazine 11/11/95 featured a column and photo on a London pub decked out in Star Trek memorabilia. Staff and regulars wear costume, the menu includes "Kirk Kebabs", "Tribble Burgers", etc.' Chris has also been leafing through the first edition of a new "who's who" *Contemporary Australians 1995/96* (Melbourne, Reed, c1995) of ca.4500 entries, 9 are F or SF writers Damien Broderick, Peter Carey, Lee Harding, Paul Jennings, Victor Kelleher, John Marsden, Gerald Murnane, Gillian Rubinstein, Patricia Wrightson. Only two or three names that could be considered central to adult sf in Oz. George Turner? Terry Dowling? Not listed. 'Broderick, at least, must have smiled as he filled out his form. Under recreations his entry reads "pain control". Oddly enough, Lee Harding doesn't include "Wastebasket" or any of his other zines among his publications. 'Graham Green notes that he is part of a team that is in the process of publishing a science fiction based magazine that will include sf based articles. Submissions invited. Correspondence to u922303@student.canberra.edu.au

Steve Paulsen's Science Fiction News

(Edited version)

(A longer version of this, including Paul's overview of the year in Australian SF will appear in the January issue of *Thyme*)

One of Paul Collins' "Calloway" stories, "Tangerine Dreams", has been published in issue #13 of *Revelation Magazine*.

Stephen Dedman continues to place stories in professional markets around the world. "A Sort Of Walking Miracle" appeared in the September issue of *Science Fiction Age* (Stephen's name is on the cover). "Tour de Force" also appeared in *Asimov's*. Stephen's most recent story sale is "A Single Shadow" to *Beyond*.

Recently Greg Egan has found it necessary to curtail his prolific output of short stories to concentrate

more on novel writing. Fortunately he still finds time to fit in a new story every so often. Some recent stories include: "Mitochondrial Eve" *Interzone* #92, Feb 95; "Wang's Carpets" *New Legends*, ed Greg Bear, Legend, May 95; "Luminous" - *Asimov's* Sep 95; "Mister Volition" *Interzone* #100, October 1995; "Tap" *Asimov's* Nov 95; "Silverfire" *Interzone* #102, Dec 95.

Rosaleen Love has placed a story, "Alexia And Graham Bell", with Pamela Sargeant's *Women of Wonder* anthology.

Stephen Proposch (editor of *Bloodsongs*) has sold a poem titled "Hard" to the US magazine *Palace Corbie*.

Lucy Sussex appeared in Melbourne's *Accent Age* on Friday 15 September with a commissioned short story on the Beijing conference and the future of women. It appeared under the heading "A Fit Future f or Women with Vision" (Lucy's original title was "Walking Backwards into the Future")

George Turner's story "Flowering Mandrake" is reprinted in the Dozois *The Year's Best Science Fiction: Twelfth Annual Collection*.

In his editorial for *Beyond* #2 David Riley says he has consistently received many really excellent stories from Australia. Issue #1 included Rick Kennett's "The Road to Utopia Plain". #2 includes "Two Tomorrow" by Steven Paulsen. Issue #3 includes "Research Project" by Shannah Jay.

Paul Collins will have another anthology out from Penguin next year. This will be a collection of young adult fantasy stories from writers such as Isobelle Carmody, Paul Collins, Shannah Jay, Tony Shillitoe, Keith Taylor, Beverley McDonald, Jane Routley and Sean McMullen.

Dark House (Mammoth) subtitled "stories compiled by the master of the macabre" is an anthology of horror stories for young adults edited by Gary Crew. Contributors are David McRobbie, Jenny Pausacker, Garry Disher, Victor Kelleher, Gillian Rubinstein, Phillip Nielsen, Arno Izable, Carmel Bird, Peter Lawrance, Marion Halligan, James Moloney, Isobelle Carmody and Gary Crew.

Damien Broderick has recently returned to writing fiction. Damien has received an advance from AvonNova for a new novel with the working title of *The White Abacus*. Two other novels, co-written with Rory Barnes, are currently with publishers in the USA: *Zones*, a young adult novel based on a radio play Damien wrote some years ago and *The Book Of Revelation* a "slipstream" style book with SF-ish tones about a character who believes he's been abducted by aliens and returns to start a Hubbard-like religion.

HarperCollins' current thrust into Australian science fiction and fantasy continues. The second book in the *Battleaxe* series, *The Enchanter*, is planned for publication in April 1996 and the third book will follow. HarperCollins' first s.f. title will be *Privateer*, by Simon Brown planned for publication in April 1996. Following it will be *Metal Fatigue* by Sean Williams in June 1996.

Paul Collins will have a non-fiction book published by TPT in Perth late this year. It is called *How To Sell Your Fiction & Poetry - Made Easy* and will feature a specialist SF

short story and novel section. The book will include articles by Robert Hood on Horror, Gary Crew on children's writing and Sherry-Anne Jacobs on Romance.

The fourth (and final?) book in Shannah Jay's Tenebrak series, *The Price Of Wisdom*, is due from Pan next year. Also expected are Dirk Strasser's new novel, *Equinox* and the first novel in "The Living Towers Trilogy" from Martin Middleton.

Greg Egan's novel, tentatively titled *Diaspora* is due from Millennium in December 1996.

Following the success of the first three Mirror Danse chapbooks, Bill Congreve intends to publish more local SF. The first will be a collection of short stories by Leanne Frahm which will probably include two new stories and two reprints. Planned for release next year are collections by Robert Hood and Simon Brown. Bill is also planning to edit a Year's Best Australian Horror anthology to be launched at the Perth NatCon.

Lucy Sussex's *If I Eat Your Soul*, a 19th Century ghost/detective/voodoo novel, is due to be published by TOR in the USA in July 1996.

Bambada Press has released a chapbook collection of horror stories by Bryce Stevens call *Skin Tight*, illustrated by Kurt Stone with an introduction by Chris Sequeira.

Kate Orman's third Doctor Who novel, *Sleepy*, is scheduled for publication in March 1996.

"Moonstone", HarperCollins children's sf and fantasy series will publish *Bronze Mirror*, by Sophie Masson in mid 1996. Paul Collins has sold a science fiction novel called *Earthborn* to the series.

HarperCollins continue to publish a number of other SF/F titles for kids. *Beyond The Boundaries* by Jackie French (a sequel to *Walking The Boundaries*) due mid 1996 explores new boundaries of time and space.

Gary Crew and Steve Woolman have another horror book called *Caleb* (ERA) due out in March 1996, aimed at readers of all ages. Also watch out for *Rookie Cop*, ten macabre stories for adolescent to adult readers edited by Gary. In October or November, Gary will also publish two horror/dark fantasy books for younger readers, one called *The Barn* (Lothian) and one called *The Bentbackbridge* (Lothian).

Planned from Random House is the new Glyn Parry novel, *Mosh*, a rock and roll fantasy on the internet, planned for publication around February next year.

Jobs & The Like

James Styles and family are moving to the idealic wilds of Maryborough, where James will be driving freight trains for VicRail. Mayhap he will bump into John Alderson, who still lives out that way. Local author Paul Voermans, meanwhile has attached his train to the information superhighway and will be working for Vicnet.

Duff Corrections

Please note two minor corrections to the Duff Ballot that appeared in the previous issue of the Bullsheet. Stephen

Dedman's ballot has been ammended to read "...If I win, I'll also try to visit the World Fantasy Convention..." (Some people had read the earlier version as Stephen saying he would be attending the World Fantasy Convention INSTEAD of the SF Worldcon). There is also a minor change to his nominators. Wil McCarthy has been replaced by Samantha Star Straf.

MSFC Elections

At their recent AGM, the following were elected unopposed to the MSFC Committee: Apollo Zammit - President; Alan Stewart - Secretary; Sharon Tapner - Treasurer; Justin Semmel - Club Activator; Derek Screen - Publicity Officer.

Travelling Fans

In a brief pocsarcd from Ditto 8, Eric Lindsay & Jean Weber note that Ditto 9 (A convention for fanzine fans) will be run by Richard Brandt October 25-27 1996. (4740 N. Mesa #111 El Paso TX 79912) The other major fanzine fan convention, Corflu 13, is March 15-17 1996 in Nashville (Lucy Huntzinger 2305 Bernard Ave Nashville TN 37212)

Upcoming Conventions

Multiverse I November 25 9-00am to 6-00pm Melbourne Uni Student Union \$15 P.O. Box 1044, Bundoora 3083
The Festival Of The Imagination '96 Lit/Media NatCon April 4-8, Kings Hotel Perth. GsoH Neil Gaiman & Robin Pen. GPO Box G429, Perth, 6001 Ph:(09) 361 8210 or (09) 381 7534. E-mail richards@iinet.net.au.

<http://midnight.com.au/~mjl/foti1996.html>

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

Parliament Of Dreams May 3-5 (Babylon 5) GoH Jerry Doyle (Garibaldi)(O.C.P) Radisson Hotel, North Quay, Brisbane Att (until 1 December) \$95 (full) / \$75 (concession) (07) 3266-4040 or (07) 3375-1775 PO Box 492, Corinda, QLD 4075

Constellation NZ Natcon: Queens Birthday Weekend 1996

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 Australia Day Weekend 1997 UWS

Hawkesbury Richmond NSW \$40 Susan Clarke 6 Bellevue Road Faulconbridge NSW 2776

BasiCon 2 1997 Media NatCon Melbourne Uni Student Union \$20. Date and other details tba. P.O. Box 567 Blackburn 3130

Conspiracy 1997 18th New Zealand National Science Fiction Convention March 28 to 31 1997. Airport Hotel Wellington N.Z. GsoH tba. PO Box 10104, Wellington, New Zealand. Email: concom@sans.vuw.ac.nz

Australia in '99 Bid for the 1999 World Science Fiction Convention. \$10 pre-supporting rate. P.O. Box 99 Bayswater 3153.

GoH = Guest of Honour
 O.C.P. = Other Commitments Permitting
 tba= to be announced.

Other Events

N.S.W.

Medtrek Christmas Party December 9 7.00pm Golden Rickshaw Restaurant Homebush Susan Clarke 6 Bellevue Road Faulconbridge NSW 2776
 Valentine's Ball February 17 1996 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 \$9 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.
 Parramatta SF Discussion Group! 1st Thursday of the month 7pm Infinitas Bookshop, 5/1 Horwood Place, Parramatta. (02 633 5682) ianm@mpx.com.au

Victoria

MSFC Each Friday 7.30pm AGM. St David's Church Hall 74 Melville Rd West Brunswick P.O. Box 212 World Trade Centre Melbourne 3005
 Star Trek™ Marathons December 2 6:30pm State Film Centre 1 Macarthur St East Melbourne (03) 9758 1807
 Nova Mob December 3 Christmas Yum Cha Lotus Inn, Market Lane Melbourne. Phone Alan Stewart for details (03) 9429 8354
 Dandenong Valley Science Fiction & Futurist Society December 13, 8pm Dandenong Library. Ann McGann 63 Woodside Ave, Frankston, 3199. 5971-3645.
 Enterprise December 16 6.30pm to Midnight. Christmas Party St David's Uniting Church Hall 74 Melville Rd West Brunswick P.O. Box 466 World Trade Centre Melbourne 3005 (03) 583 7404
 Time Trekkers December 16 2-00pm Christmas Party 6 Melbury Court Epsom P.O. Box 934 Bendigo 3550.
 St Valentine's Ball February 10 7.00pm. Red Squadron P.O. Box 1230 Ballarat Mail Centre 3354

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.
 Gallifrey is no longer holding meetings

Qld

Warp Speed (Gold Coast) November 25 GPO Box 2004 Brisbane 4001 (07) 356 5472
 Warp Speed (Brisbane) November 26 GPO Box 2004 Brisbane 4001 (07) 356 5472
 Conquest 95 December 3 GPO Box 1376 Brisbane 4001 (07) 273 6512
 Quest Star Trek™ December 10 12 noon - 4.00 pm Yungaba Community Centre, 100 Mains Rd Kangaroo Point (07) 356 5472
 New Horizons December 17 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

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AUSFA, c/- Clubs Association, University of Adelaide, North Terrace, Adelaide SA 5001.
 Sastrek Star Trek™ P.O. Box 369 North Adelaide S.A. 5006 (08 337 8759). (Please note the correction)

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. P.O. Box 190 Mt Lawley 6050
 E-Mail : nulsmurf@tartarus.uwa.edu.au
 Westrek Star Trek Club of Western Australia Inc. last Friday of month 6:45pm. (except December second Friday)
 Labour Centre Building, 82 Beaufort Street Perth. Hall . P.O. Box 307 Bentley WA 6102 Phone: (09) 356 1757
 Email: evans@pf.adied.oz.au

A.C.T.

Canberra S FS December 7 Woden Public Library Corinna Street, Woden ph (06) 288 6391 (ah) PO Box 47, Civic Square ACT 2608

Fanzines

Oscillation Overthruster Sue Ann Barber P.O. Box 1169
Bibra Lake 6163

BBS

Echo Base Hoth (03) 9563-1323. The Captain's Quarters
Star Trek™ (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

Kathryn Andersen

<http://connexus.apana.org.au/~kat/refract.html>

Australasian Fannish Email Directory

<http://www.peg.apc.org/~larrikin/sf/directry.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/dwfa.html>

Eidolon

www.midnight.com.au/eidolon

Festival of the Imagination 1996

<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

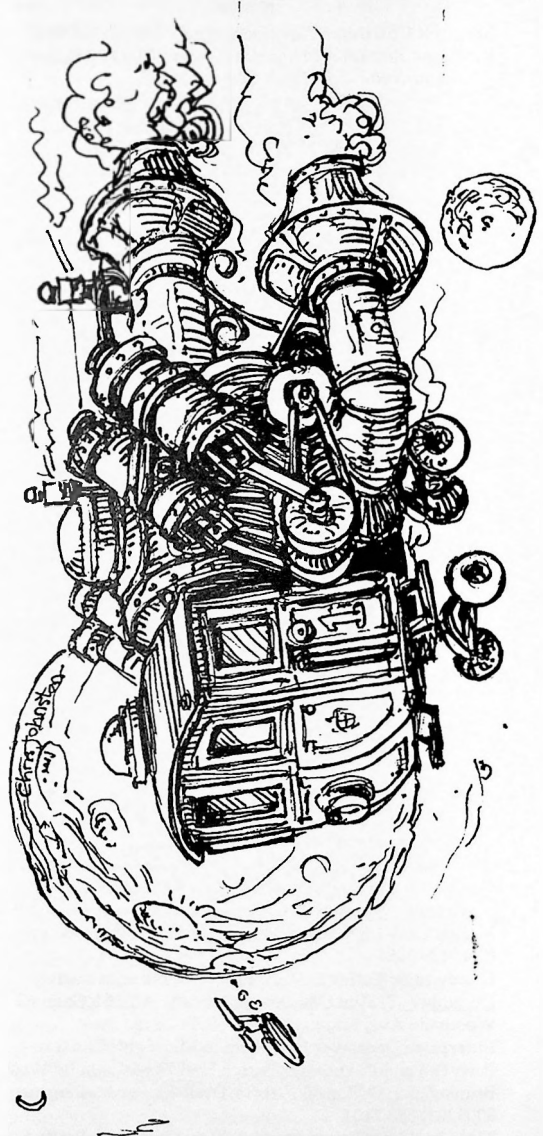
<http://www.vicnet.net.au/vicnet/sf/sfpage.html>

Deadlines

1996 FFANZ Voting	December 8 1995
1996 Ditmar Nominations	January 31 1996
1996 ASFMA Nominations	January 31 1996
1996 DUFF Voting	15 April 1996

Sources

Warp Speed, James Styles, Carey Handfield, Chris Nelson,
Greg Egan, Graham Green, Ian Mackereth, Ian Simcock,
Malcolm Evans, Alan Stewart, Steve Paulsen



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