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# **End of Year**

Please note that The Bullsheet #46 will be the last for the year. There will be a break until early February.

# In Print

Chris Nelson has been busy again. He notes "The "Grad Briefs" section of the latest *Uniview* magazine (UWA graduate newsletter) includes this listing: "Judith Hanna (BA 1975) is editor of the formightly policy analysis magazine, *Local Transport Today* and other transport journals. Judith is also an editor with the UK Commission for Racial Equality and Vice-Chair of New Economics Foundation in London."

Writer's Competition

Out of the Ashes has announced The Paul John Statham Memorial Fantasy & Science Fiction Competition (See details at the end of this issue.) There is a \$2,000 first prize, the competition will be judged by Van Ikin, Sherry-Anne Jacobs and Barry Watts.

Congratulations

British author, fan and beaut bloke Bob Shaw will marry Duff candidate Nancy Tucker in Ypsilanti Michigan on December 16. They were engaged at Novacon in Britain. (Bob was a special guest at Aussiecon Two)

#### Timebinders

As part of the Timebinders' Project (Timebinders are a group interested in preserving fan history) Perry Middlemiss is compiling entries for an Australian Who's Who of Fandom. "Biographical entries could be linked to mentions in various fanzines that are converted to HTML and made available over the WWW." Contributions should be brief and directed to Perry at GPO Box 2708X Melbourne 3001 or c/o his homepage (See Web Pages)

Where Are They Now?

Could the following, discovered by Cath Ortlieb in *The Whitehorse Gazette* 22/11/95 explain why Kevin Dillon hasn't been seen at conventions of late? Somehow one doubts it, but.

"The Rev. Fr Kevin Dillon from St John's Catholic Church Mitcham, said he could understand the council's logic in having only one event."

#### **Committees Etc**

The Australia in '99 bid has formally added Perry Middlemiss (Treasurer), David Evans (Memberships) and Cheryl Morgan (General) to its committee. Marc ortlieb has formally adopted the position of Secretary. John Edmondson, President of Austrek, has resigned due to illhealth. His place will be taken by Vice-President Pat Magee until the February AGM.

**Upcoming Conventions** 

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,

Constellation NZ Natcon: <u>Oueens 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

Corinda, OLD 4075

Medtrek V <u>Australia Day Weekend 1997</u> 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

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Medtrek Christmas Party <u>December 9</u> 7.00pm Golden Rickshaw Restaurant Homebush Susan Clarke 6 Bellevue Road Faulconbridge NSW 2776

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 <u>August 31 1996</u> 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 7pmInfinitas Bookshop, 5/1 Horwood Place,
Parramatta. (02 633 5682) ianm@mpx.com.au

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MSFC December 8 (No meeting Dec 22 & 29) 7.30pm. St David's Church Hall 74 Melville Rd West Brunswick P.O. Box 212 World Trade Centre Melbourne 3005 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. Austrek December 31 4-00pm to 1.00am. New Year's Eve Party Coppin Hall 313 Punt Rd Prahran. GPO Box 5206AA Melbourne 3001 e-mail austrek@tbsa.com.au Nova Mob February 7 Donna Heenan. Phone Alan Stewart for details (03) 9429 8354 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

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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<sup>TM</sup> P.O. Box 369 North Adelaide S.A. 5006 (08 337 8759). (Please note the correction)

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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 The Neutral Zone Star Trek Last Friday of every month. 6.30pm. Murdoch University, ECL Lecture Theatres 1 and 4. PO Box 1169, Bibra Lake, WA, 6163. Phone (09) 434 4167, email: nzone@iinet.net.au

## A.C.T.

Canberra S FS <u>December 21</u> Christmas Party (Spanish Restaurant), Campbell ph (06) 288 6391 (ah) PO Box 47, Civic Square ACT 2608

#### **Fanzines**

Black Light #17 British Telemedia Damian Christie & Sean-Paul Smith for Gallifrey GPO Box 910G Melbourne 3001 Thyme #106 Newszine Alan Stewart P.O. Box 222 World Trade Centre Melbourne 3005. Comes with Australian Sf News #66 Merv Binns & Alan Stewart and Ansible 99 & 100 British newszine Dave Langford. The Gamma Quadrant Outpost Report Deep Space 9 fanzine. Karen Pender-Gunn for Gamma Quadrant Outpost P,O, Box 567 Blackburn Vic 3130. Babbling On #2 Babylon 5 Fanzine Glen Tilley & James Allen for the Australian Babylon 5 Fan Club P,O. Box 41 West Brunswick Vic 3055. Mimezine Flashback #4 Genzine Terry Frost 26 Head st Balwyn 3103. The Captain's Log #220 Star Trek Katharine Shade for Austrek GPO Box 5206AA Melbourne 3001. ANZAPA #167 Amateur Press Assn. Alan Stewart P.O. Box 222 World Trade Centre Melbourne 3005 The Metaphysical Review 24/25 Superb genzine Bruce Gillespie 59 Keele St Collingwood 3066. Weber Woman's Wrevenge #48 Genzine Jean Weber 7 Nicholl Ave Ryde 2112

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#### Web Pages

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http://www.peg.apc.org/~roman/afr/afr\_1/afr\_1.htm Australia in '99

http://www.maths.uts.edu.au/staff/eric/ain99

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/dwcvhome.html

Dr Who Fan Club of Australia

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

http://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 Statham Memorial Competition January 31 1996 1996 Ditmar Nominations January 31 1996 1996 ASFMA Nominations January 31 1996 15 April 1996 1996 DUFF Voting

#### Sources

Warp Speed, Chris Nelson, Sue Ann Barber, Joyce Scrivner, James Huntley, Cath Ortlieb, The Captain's Log,

## Deadline For #46

Tuesday December 19th. Distribution Friday December 22th.

# The Paul John Statham Memorial **Fantasy & Science Fiction Competition** 1996

\$2,000 First Prize Closing January 31, 1996

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Paul Statham was a highly respected member of the Out of the Ashes writing group. Although Paul had

published numerous articles in computer magazines, his great love was for Fantasy and Science Fiction. When he died in November 1994 after a long illness, he left behind him many fine short stories and a partly finished novel of great promise. His family in New Zealand have sponsored this competition to honour his memory and to encourage new writers in the genres.

The competition is for a Fantasy or Science Fiction story between 3,000 and 5,000 words in length. The first prize will be \$A2,000 with two runners-up prizes of \$A200 each.

You may submit more than one entry; however, each entry must be accompanied by a fee of \$A5.00, cheques or money orders payable to Out of the Ashes, or the equivalent in IRC coupons from your Post Office. Mastercard, VISA and Bankcard are acceptable if the name and signature of the cardholder and the expiry date of the card accompany the card number.

Entries (no form required) must be in English, clearly and cleanly typed or printed in double spacing on one side only of A4 paper. All entries must be accompanied by an unattached front sheet stating the entrant's name, address, pseudonym, story title and word count. The entrant's name must not appear on the manuscript. The manuscript must have each page sequentially numbered, showing both the title and the author's pseudonym. Manuscripts will be destroyed, not returned.

The competition is restricted to citizens or permanent residents of Australia and New Zealand. The winners may be required to provide proof of status. Each story must be the original and unpublished work of the entrant and may not previously have won a prize worth more than \$100.

Competition judges will be Dr Van Ikin and Sherry-Anne Jacobs of West Australia and Barry Watts of Victoria. The organising committee retains the right to substitute alternative judges should the need arise. The judges decision is final and no correspondence or conversations will be entered into.

Entries must arrive at the address below no later than 31st January, 1996. Winners will be notified by mail in April 1996. The names of the winner and runners-up will be published in the next issue of the Out of the Ashes newsletter.

The organising committee reserves the right to publish the winning and runners-up entries in full or abbreviated form in Out of the Ashes before the end of 1996.

The Paul John Statham Memorial Competition PO Box 1410 CROWS NEST NSW 2065 Australia

Any enquiries should be addressed to James Huntley, Editor, Out of the Ashes, as above, or Ph&Fx +61 2 648 5603 (AH +61 2 411 7741)

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#### A brief update on the Australia in '99 bid.

Australia in '99 P.O. Box 99 Bayswater 3153 http://www.maths.uts.edu.au/staff/eric/ain99 Who are we?

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in North America

Leah Smith North American Agent in charge of bidding in North America

Sian O'Neale General Committee
Cheryl Morgan General Committee
Justin Ackroyd General Committee

Interstate and Overseas Agents

Dick & Leah Smith North America; Martin Hoare U.K.; Masamichi Chesla Osaka Japan; Tim Jones New Zealand Gigi Boudville W.A; Eric Lindsay & Jean Weber NSW Mark Loney ACT

What are we?

Australia in 99 is a bid to hold the 1999 World Science Fiction Convention in Australia.

#### What are we doing?

For a start, we're in the middle of completing the legal requirements for formally filing the bid with LaCon. The first part of this, lodging information about our facilities, has been done by Stephen Boucher. The second part, the formalisation of a board structure for the running of the 1999 World Science Fiction Convention, is in progress and should be completed by early January.

We are also sending vast numbers of koalas, platypuses and other items to our agents, friends and helpers in the U.S. and the U.K. who, co-ordinated by Dick & Leah Smith and assisted by the occasional Australian visitor - usually Stephen Boucher, Eric Lindsay or Jean Weber have been throwing wonderful parties to promote the bid.

How can you help?

To join the bid as a pre-supporting member send \$10 to the bid address. We need to send more stuff to our bidders. Join LaCon as a supporting member (\$A42 to Eric Lindsay 7 Nicholl Ave Ryde 2112)

Tell us if you intend to be in Los Angeles for the Worldcon. We need as many people there as possible to look after the bidding table and parties.

Send us money or volunteer to run fund-raising activities. It will cost \$US1,000 per night to rent a party suite in Los Angeles.