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End of Year

Last one for the year!!!!!!

In Print

Horror seems to be the main item on the agenda. In addition to the publication of *Bloodsongs #6* which features Australian fiction by Dr Francis Payne, Bryce Stevens and others. Bambada Press have released two limited edition chapbooks *Skin Tight* by Bryce Stevens and *Olympia* by Dr Payne, the former being a short story collection, while the latter is a novella. *Eidolon #19* has also hit the stands. It features fiction by Sean Williams, Robert Hood, Garth Madsen, Stephen Dedman, Karen Attard & Brett Coulstock, plus assorted review material. *Beyond #3*, with a story by Shannah Jay, has been distributed to newsagents here. (Justin Ackroyd notes that the distributors do not seem too happy about supplying local sf specialty shops.)

Local Writers Can Talk Too

Lucy Sussex reports that she and Steve Paulsen read at The Literary Feast, a celebration of writers and writing (chiefly for children) held at Presentation College Windsor on November 27. Over 20 writers read to an audience of over 200, each being allowed 3 minutes. Other speakers included John Marsden and Nadia Wheatley. Lucy also read at the Montsalvat Spoken Word Festival, December 3. Lucy's If I Eat Your Soul, now retitled The Scarlet Rider, will be distributed in Australia by Pan-Macmillan.

Ellison in Sydney

Harlan Ellison will be in Sydney January 5-7 at the Powerhouse Museum Sydney. \$50 for the full weekend. Contact Nick Stathopolous (02) 6224408

Convention Information

Martin Livings, on behalf of The Festival of the Imagination notes: "Apologies to all expecting the October newsletter to come out in October, but our attempts to find another guest to replace Bruce Sterling - who had to withdraw at the last second due to his wife expecting a child in April - took a little longer than anticipated. We're pleased to announce that we have a new guest, and are looking forward to having Jack Dann, who recently moved to Australia, at the Festival.

The Festival web site has moved. It can now be found at: http://www.iinet.net.au/~mjl/festival/"

Upcoming Conventions

The Festival Of The Imagination '96. Lit/Media NatCon April 4-8. Kings Hotel Perth. GsoH Jack Dann, Neil Gaiman & Robin Pen. GPO Box G429, Perth, 6001 Ph:(09) 361 8210 or (09) 381 7534. E-mail richards@iinet.net.au. http://www.iinet.net.au/~mjl/festival/

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 (07) 3266-4040 or (07) 3375-1775 PO Box 492, Corinda, QLD 4075

Whovention III - Continuity October 4-7 \$80. GPO Box 2870 Sydney 2001

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

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.

Harlan Ellison <u>Ianuary 5-7</u> Powerhouse Museum Sydney. \$50 for the full weekend. Nick Stathopolous (02) 6224408 Southern Science Fiction Group <u>Ianuary 21</u> 12.30 Picnic. Wise Reserve, Bonds Road, Riverwood. Contact Lyn Elvey 15 Shade Place Lugarno 534-3595

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

Futurian Science Fiction Society 3rd Friday of every month. Room 1615 level 16 in the Tower Building of UTS

http://ftoomsh.progsoc.uts.edu.au/~ian/writings.html 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 Trek Australis P.O. Box H210 Australia Square 2000 Sydney Dr Who Fan Club Anglican Church Hall 2 Rochford St erskinville GPO Box 2870 Sydney 2001

Victoria

MSFC January 13 11am MSFC Annual Barbecue. Electric barbecues by Yarra, opposite the World Trade Centre. 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 The Australian Science Fiction Foundation A.G.M.

January 14th 2.00pm. 137 Green Street Ivanhoe (03) 9497 1291. Nominations for committee positions to Cath Ortlieb by January 7.

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

Qld

Quest Star TrekTM 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

S.A.

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

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 December 21 Christmas Party (Spanish Restaurant), Campbell ph (06) 288 6391 (ah) PO Box 47, Civic Square ACT 2608

Fanzines

Sydney Futurian #12 & 13 Newszine Ron Clarke P.O. Box K490 Haymarket NSW 2000 (Mentions the fact that the real Kevin Dillon still attends Futurian meetings.) The Instrumentality LynC for the Australian Science Fiction Foundation P.O. Box 215 Forest Hill Vic 3131. Ethel the Aardvark #64 Paul Ewins for the MSFC P.O. Box 212 World Trade Centre Melbourne 3005

Web Pages

Please note changes for Perry Middlemiss, the Australian Fannish E-Mail Directory and The Festival of the Imagination.

AFR

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://ncc1701.apana.org.au/~larrikin/sfandom/fandom/directry.html

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

Eidolon

http://www.midnight.com.au/eidolon

Festival of the Imagination 1996

http://www.iinet.net.au/~mjl/festival/

Futurians

http://ftoomsh.progsoc.uts.edu.au/~ian/writings.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://ncc1701.apana.org.au/~larrikin/welcome.html

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

CoAs

LynC & Clive Newall P.O. Box 104 Coburg 3058. The Australian Science Fiction Foundation P.O. Box 215 Forest Hill Vic 3131

Deadlines

Statham Memorial Competition January 31 1996

1996 Ditmar Nominations

January 31 1996 January 31 1996

1996 ASFMA Nominations 1996 DUFF Voting

15 April 1996

Sources

Warp Speed, The Instrumentality, Perry Middlemiss, Ian Woolf, Martiu Livings, Lucy Sussex, Sydney Futurian, Justin Ackroyd

Deadline For #47

Tuesday February 19th. Distribution Friday February 22th.

Australian Fanzines Received 1995

The following is a list of the Australian Fanzines I have seen in 1995. It is by no means comprehensive, but should give people a start in putting together their Ditmar & ASFMA nominations for Perth.

ANZAPA Alan Stewart (Official Bloody Editor)

Artychoke Ian Gunn

The Australian Science Fiction Bullsheet Marc Ortlieb

Australian SF News Merv Binns & Alan Stewart

Australian SF Writer's News Dirk Strasser & Sarah Endacott

Babbling On Glen Tilley & James Allen

Black Light Damian Christie & Sean-Paul Smith

Blusswarble Michael Hailstone

Conscript Conquest

Emerald City Cheryl Morgan

Ethel the Aardvark Paul Ewins

Gegenschein Eric Lindsay

Kalien James Allen

Mimezine Flashback Terry Frost

Mumblings from Munchkinland Chris Nelson

Oscillation Overthruster Sue Anne Barber & Geoff Tilley

Pink Karen Pender-Gunn

Pinkette Karen Pender-Gunn

Platypussary Marc Ortlieb

Refractions Kathryn Andersen

Review Zine Susan Smith-Clarke

Scaramouche Terry Frost

So You Say Shayne McCormack

Strange Matter Sian O'Neale

Sydney Futurian Ron Clark

The Adelaide Fan Review Roman Orszanski

The Aussiecon Memory Book Jean Weber

The Captain's Log Katharine Shade

The Communicator Derek Screen

The Gamma Quadrant Outpost Report Karen Pender-Gunn

The Instrumentality LynC

The Mentor Ron Clarke

The Metaphysical Review Bruce Gillespie

Thyme Alan Stewart

Ultrawarp Michael Cloonan & Greg Smith

Weber Woman's Wrevenge Jean Weber

Zugzwang Kim Huett



The Bullsheet would like to wish a hearty seasonal "Bah Humbug" to all of its readers.



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