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1996 Hugo Nominations

Greg Egan has scored two Hugo nominations in the Best Novelette category for "Luminous" (Asimov's, September 1995) and "TAP" (Asimov's, November 1995). Ian Gunn has been nominated in the best Fan Artist category. In addition "Giant Killer", by A. Bertram Chandler (Astounding, October 1945) has been nominated for Best Novella in the 1946 Retro-Hugo Awards. (Past DUFF winner Bill Rotsler made it onto both the 1996 and 1946 ballots in the Best Fan Artist category)

What are they doing now?

The Channel 9 news noted that a pilot named Jack Herman banked up traffic by landing his plane on the Pennsylvania Turnpike. I guess there was nothing in the rules against it. Kim Huett's grand tour of the U.S. went well. He appears to have enjoyed himself at Corflu and in Seattle and Minneapolis. Meanwhile Melbourne had a few visitors of late, including Tim & Narelle Harris and FFANZ winner Evan MacArthy. David Hodson turned 40 and might have gotten away with it unnoticed had he not turned up at Michael Ortlieb's birthday party and discovered a cake with the number 40 on it. (Michael was seven.) David's ex-wife Mandy Herriot made sure that everyone else was aware of this milestone. Paul Voermans will be the science fiction reviewer on Radio National's "Books & Writing"

Suvin for ANU

Damien Broderick reports that "Prof Darko Suvin, regarded by many as the world's most important living sf theorist/critic, will be a Visiting Fellow in 1997 at the Humanities Research Centre at the Australian National University? Due to ANU Librarian Colin Steele's sterling efforts, no doubt." Damian also notes that an interview with him appears in *Ibn Qirtaiba* #14 http://www.netrunners.com/Ibn_Qirtaiba/iq-14.html <http://odyssey.apana.org.au/~terminus/iq-14.html>.

In Print

Futurist Science Fiction & Science Fact, a new magazine, distributed by Gordan & Gotch has appeared in newsagents in Victoria. Edited by Geoffrey Dale, it features fiction and some historical material. The layout and printing certainly require attention (Desktop Publishing has a lot to answer for.) Dale is looking for hard science fiction stories of 1,000 to 5,000 words. No mention of

payment. P.O. Box 197 Ferntree Gully Vic 3156. Terry Dowling reviews Greg Egan's *Distress* in *The Weekend Australian* April 20/21.

Closing Down Sale

Merv Binns, notes in a letter that he will no longer be selling new books and that he will be disposing of his current stocks at greatly reduced prices. Merv promises news of his closing down sale in the near future.

Enterprising

The Enterprise club raised \$4,250.46 for this year's Good Friday Appeal. While we may speculate on the cheap bastard who found a one cent piece to donate, Derek Screen notes that, not included in this figure, was a 1948 one shilling piece and \$15 worth of Casino betting chips. (Knowing Derek, he should be able to get at least a 200% return on the chips.)

Ditmar Results

The 1996 Ditmars and ASFMA's were awarded at The Festival of the Imagination in Perth over Easter. Fortunately the current constitution does not forbid members of the awards sub-committee from accepting awards. It's a pity that Alan Stewart had to find out about his ASFMA from a third party. Perth also kept with a tradition in that *Ethel the Aardvark* won the ASFMA for best fan fiction zine, despite not having published any fan fiction in 1996.

Best Long Fiction *Mirrorsun Rising* Sean McMullen (Aphelion)

Best Short Fiction "Schrödinger's Fridge" Ian Gunn (*Aurealis* #15)

Best Publication/Fanzine (Periodical) *Eidolon* (J. Byrne, R Scriven & J Strahan)

Best Artwork *Eidolon* 19 (Cover) Shaun Tan

Best Non-Professional/Fan Writer Ian Gunn

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William Atheling Jnr Award "The Hunt for Australian Horror Fiction" Bill Congreve, Sean McMullen & Steven Paulsen (*The Scream Factory* 16 November 1995)

ASFMA Awards

Best Fan Fiction Zine *Ethel the Aardvark* Paul Ewins

Best Fan Newsletter *Thyme* Alan Stewart

Best Media Fan Writer Ian Gunn

Best Media Artist Ian Gunn

Best Amateur Audio/Visual Production *The Dalek Tapes* (Albert Q.)

Careful observers may note that Ian Gunn's name appears quite often in the lists above.

The Chandler Award

The Australian Science Fiction Foundation presented this year's Chandler award to Perth fan Grant Stone for his numerous contributions to Australian science fiction, including the Murdoch Library Collection and his *Faster Than Light* Radio Show.

Phillip K. Dick Award

This year's Phillip K. Dick Award winner (for works published in 1995) is: *Headcrash* Bruce Bethke

First runner up *Carlucchi's Edge* Richard Paul Russo

Other finalists: *Virtual Death* Shale Aaron; *Permutation City*

Greg Egan; *The Colour of Distance* Amy Thomson; *Reluctant Voyager* Elisabeth Vonarburg.

Shaw Material

Nancy Shaw is looking for any audio or video tape recordings of her late husband, Bob Shaw, especially giving talks at conventions. This material is to be turned over to the SF Oral History Society for archiving. If you have any such material, or know of someone who does, please email Tim Gatewood 72740.3445@compuserve.com

And He Can't Stand DUFF Beer

Aleophile Perry Middlemiss will be representing Australia at LAcon III as the 1996 DUFF winner. The votes were as follows

	Australia	US	Total
Stephen Dedman	3	6	9
Danny Heap	18	26	44
Perry Middlemiss	21	42	63
No Preference	0	9	9
Write-In	0	0	0
Hold Over Funds	1	0	1
Total	43	83	126

Upcoming Conventions

Added to the list is **Multiverse 2**, being run by Enterprise, The Red dwarf Club, The MSFC, the Babylon 5 Club and the Victorian Dr Who Club. Constellation have apparently lost Michael Moorcock as GoH. Basicon 2 won the right to host the 1987 Australian National SF Convention (as well as the Media NatCon). They beat a Tasmanian bid.

Parliament Of Dreams May 3-5 (Babylon 5) GsoH Jerry Doyle (Garibaldi) (O.C.P) Andrea Thompson (Talia). Carindale Hotel, Carindale, North Quay, Brisbane (07) 3266-4040 or (07) 3375-1775 PO Box 492, Corinda, QLD 4075

Multiverse 2 September 6 - 8 venue and other details tba. P.O. Box 1044 Bundoora Vic 3083

Conquest 96 September 27-29 GsoH Marina Sertis, Majel Barrett & Richard Arnold. Mecure Hotel Brisbane. GPO Box 1376 Brisbane Qld 4001.

Whovention III - Continuity 13th National Dr Who Convention October 4-7 GsoH Elisabeth Sladen, Tony Howe. Rydges North Sydney \$100. P.O. Box 148 Gladesville NSW 2111 Dallas.Jones@sydpcug.org.au
Mutagen tba GPO Box 910G Melbourne 3001

Constellation NZ Natcon: Queens Birthday Weekend 1996
 The Christchurch City Travelodge, NZ GsoH Peter Jackson, James Dignan P.O. Box 29-119, Fendalton, Christchurch NZ. Email: c.brandenburg@lincoln.ac.nz

Medtrek V January 25-27 1997 UWS Hawkesbury Richmond NSW GsoH Marilyn Pride & Lewis Morley \$50 until June 30. Susan Clarke 6 Bellevue Road Faulconbridge NSW 2776 <http://www.ar.com.au/~medtrek>

BasiCon 2 1997 Media & Mainstream NatCon \$20. Date, venue 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: Pat Cadigan (confirmed) Danny John-Jules & Robert Llewellyn (O.C.P). Dan McCarthy. Australian address PO Box 1044, Bundoora, Victoria 3083. Full NZ\$55 / AU\$50 until 3/6/96, thereafter NZ\$60 /

AU\$54. Supp NZ\$15 / AU\$14. PO Box 10104, Wellington, New Zealand. Email: concom@sans.vuw.ac.nz

Force 2 (Star Wars) June 7-9 1997 Edmund Barton Conference Centre 488 South Rd Moorabbin Vic P.O. Box 427 Northcote 3070

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.

Futurian Society of Sydney

<http://ftoomsh.progsoc.uts.edu.au/~ian/writings.html>

Southern Science Fiction Group May 18 Series - the continuing saga 15 Shade Place Lugarno (02) 534-3595.

Skyforce Sydney June 1 The Faculty of Nursing, 88 Mallet Street Camperdown.

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 Babbie-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: neelix@eagle.asstcd.com.au \$9 per year

The Thursday Night Group Informal eating and nattering.

5-7pm Thursday Nights. Ali Baba Café on George St.

(Contact Graham Batho (Wk)(02) 213-8641 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

Sydney DW SF Fan Club Anglican Church Hall 2

Rochford St erskinville GPO Box 2870 Sydney 2001

neelix@eagle.asstcd.com.au

NSW Uni SF Club newsletter *Sub Space Relay* (02) 481-

9419

Victoria

Gallifrey note in their latest *Black Light* that, despite all

rumours to the contrary, they are still holding meetings.

MSFC April 26 Comics 7.30 pm St David's Church Hall 74

Melville Rd West Brunswick P.O. Box 212 World Trade

Centre Melbourne 3005

Enterprise April 27 AGM & Quark's L&F Emporium P.O.

Box 466 World Trade Centre Melbourne 3005 (03) 9583

7404

Time Trekkers P.O. Box 934 Bendigo 3550.

Nova Mob May 1 Wynne Whiteford 13 Frederick St

Brunswick.

Austrek GPO Box 5206AA Melbourne 3001 e-mail austrek@tbsa.com.au
Dandenong Valley Science Fiction Society May 8 8.00pm Series Novels the rip-off 8.00pm, Dandenong Library. Ann McGann 63 Woodside Ave, Frankston, 3199. 05971-3645.

Skyforce (Star Wars) June 15 St Mark's Church Hall, cnr Burke Rd & Canterbury Rd Camberwell. 1.00 to 5.00pm P.O. Box 427 Northcote 3070

The First Annual Costumer's Ball June 22 6.30pm Dallas Brooks Hall 300 Albert St East Melbourne. \$42/head (\$38 for members) P.O. Box 322 Bentleigh Vic 3205 (03) 9557-7088

6th Annual Sci-Fi Ball August 31 6.30pm The Heidelberg Centre, Ivanhoe \$40. 1 Bourke Court Laverton 3028

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.

The Quantum Leap Fan Club Newsletter *The Leaper* PO Box 315, Northcote VIC 3070

Qld

11:21 (Qld X-Files Club) Contact Flat 2, 10 Roseglenn St Greenslopes 4120

Warp Speed April 27 6.00pm Brisbane Wesley Central Mission Hall

Conquest May 6 10am GPO Box 1376 Brisbane 4001

The War Council Babylon 5 May 19 10am. Metro arts Centre Brisbane

Holodiction '96 June 2 (02) 311-3841

S.A.

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).

Critical Mass May 1 Writers Centre Adelaide dvarman@maths.adelaide.edu.au PO Box 3355, Rundle Mall, Adelaide, SA 5000

W.A.

UniSFA - University of Western Australia Science Fiction Association. See Web page or e-mail doi@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 : null@ucc.gu.uwa.edu.au

<http://www.ucc.gu.uwa.edu.au/~null/WestLodge/West>

Lodge.html

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 May 2 7:30pm Woden Library. .ph (06) 288 6391 (ah) PO Box 47, Civic Square ACT 2608

Fanzines

Black Light #18 British telefantasy Damian Christie for Gallifrey GPO Box 910G Melbourne 3001. *The Captain's Log*

#224 Star Trek Rose Mitchell, Sean-Paul Smith & Tony Soutter for Austrek GPO Box 5206AA Melbourne 3001. *So You Say*

#14 Shayne McCormack perzine/newszine 49 Orchard Rd Bass Hill 2197. *Sydney Futurian* #16 newsletter

Ron Clarke for The Futurian Society of Sydney P.O. Box K940 Haymarket NSW 2000 *Busswarble* #29 perzine

Michael Hailstone 14 Cecil Rd Blackheath NSW 2785

Conscript news/clubzine GPO Box 1376 Brisbane 4001

Web Pages

AFR

http://www.peg.apc.org/~roman/afr/afr_1/afr_1.htm

paul-michael agapow
[http://www.cs.latrobe.edu.au/~agapow/Postviews/Australia in '99](http://www.cs.latrobe.edu.au/~agapow/Postviews/Australia%20in%20'99)

<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>

Sara Douglass

<http://www.quake.net/~autopen/saradoug.html>

David Grigg

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

Doctor Who Club of Victoria

<http://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>

Ithorians (Star Wars)

<http://www.cs.mu.oz.au/~eydc/ITHOR/>

Eric Lindsay

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

MedTrek 5

<http://www.ar.com.au/~medtrek>
Perry Middlemiss
<http://ncc1701.apana.org.au/~larrikin/welcome.html>
The Neutral Zone
<http://www.iinet.net.au/~nzone/>
Kate Orman
<http://www.ocs.mq.edu.au:80/~korman>
Ozsf
<http://pyromania.apana.org.au/~coljac/ozsf.html>
Quantum Leap
<http://www.cs.mu.oz.au/~eydc>
Quantum Leap push server animation
<http://www.cs.mu.oz.au/~eydc/push.html>
SF Times
<http://www.spirit.com.au/acm/sftimes.html>
Star Wars
<http://www.physics.usyd.edu.au/~saxton/starwars>
UniSFA
<http://www.gu.uwa.edu.au/clubs/unisfa>
West Lodge
<http://www.ucc.gu.uwa.edu.au/~null/WestLodge/WestLodge.html>
VicNet
<http://www.vicnet.net.au/~vicvol/sfoz/sfpage.htm>
X-Files
<http://www.iinet.net.au/~bripan/xfiles/>

Sources

Cath Ortlieb, Derek Screen, Justin Ackroyd, Terry Frost, Meru Binns, Kim Huett, The Captain's Log, Sydney Futurian, Alan Stewart, LAcon III Infobot, Conscript

1996 Hugo and Campbell Award Nominees

L.A.con III, the 54th World Science Fiction Convention, has released the nominations for the 1996 Hugo Awards and John W. Campbell Memorial Award. The nominees that follow were chosen by popular vote by 442 members of L.A.con or Intersection who submitted valid nominating ballots. In some categories more than 5 nominations appear due to tie votes. Remember, if you join L.A.con III to vote for Australia in '99, you can also vote for the Hugos.

BEST NOVEL

The Time Ships Stephen Baxter (HarperPrism)
Brightness Reef David Brin (Bantam)
The Terminal Experiment Robert J. Sawyer (HarperPrism; serialised as *Hobson's Choice*, Analog, Mid-Dec 1994-March 1995)
The Diamond Age Neal Stephenson (Bantam)
Remake Connie Willis (Bantam)

BEST NOVELLA

"Fault Lines" Nancy Kress (Asimov's, August '95)
 "A Man of the People" Ursula K. Le Guin (Asimov's, April '95)
 "A Woman's Liberation" Ursula K. Le Guin (Asimov's, July 1 '95)
 "Bibi" Mike Resnick and Susan Schwartz (Asimov's, Mid-Dec '95)
 "The Death of Captain Future" Allen Steele (Asimov's, Oct '95)

BEST NOVELETTE

"Luminous" Greg Egan (Asimov's, Sep '95)
 "TAP" Greg Egan (Asimov's, Nov'95)
 "Think Like a Dinosaur" James Kelly (Asimov's, Jun '95)
 "When the Old Gods Die" Mike Resnick (Asimov's, Ap'95)
 "The Good Rat" Allen Steele (Analog, Mid-Dec '95)
 "Must and Shall", Harry Turtledove (Asimov's, Nov '95)

BEST SHORT STORY

"TeleAbsence" Michael A. Burstein (Analog, Jul '95)

"Life on the Moon" Tony Daniel (Asimov's, Apr '95)
 "A Birthday", Esther M. Friesner (F&SF, Aug '95)
 "The Lincoln Train" Maureen F. McHugh (F&SF Apr'95)
 "Walking Out" Michael Swanwick (Asimov's, Feb'95)

BEST NON-FICTION BOOK

Yours, Isaac Asimov: A Lifetime of Letters, by Isaac Asimov, edited by Stanley Asimov (Doubleday)
Spectrum 2: The Best in Contemporary Fantastic Art, edited by Cathy Burnett and Arnie Fenner (Underwood)
Science Fiction: The Illustrated Encyclopedia, by John Clute (Dorling Kindersley)
Alien Horizons: The Fantastic Art of Bob Eggleton, by Bob Eggleton (Dragon's World/Paper Tiger)
To Write Like a Woman: Essays in Feminism and Science Fiction, by Joanna Russ (Indiana University Press)

BEST DRAMATIC PRESENTATION

Apollo 13 (Universal)
 "The Coming of Shadows" (Babylon 5) (Warner Brothers Television)
 "The Visitor" (Star Trek: Deep Space Nine) (Paramount Television)
 Toy Story (Buena Vista)
 12 Monkeys (Universal)

BEST PROFESSIONAL EDITOR

Ellen Datlow; Gardner Dozois; Scott Edelman; Kristine Kathryn Rusch; Stanley Schmidt

BEST PROFESSIONAL ARTIST

Jim Burns; Thomas Canty; Bob Eggleton; Don Maitz; Michael Whelan

BEST ORIGINAL ARTWORK

Cover of *F&SF*, October-November 1995 Bob Eggleton
 Cover of *Analog*, January 1995 Bob Eggleton
Dinotopia: The World Beneath, by James Gurney (Turner)
 Cover of *Analog*, March 1995 George H. Krauter
 Cover of *F&SF*, January 1995 Gary Lippincott

BEST SEMI-PROZINE

Crank!, edited by Bryan Cholfin
Interzone, edited by David Pringle
Locus, edited by Charles N. Brown
The New York Review of Science Fiction, edited by David Hartwell, Ariel Hameón, and Tad Dembinski
Science Fiction Chronicle, edited by Andrew Porter

BEST FANZINE

Ansible, edited by Dave Langford
Apparatchik, edited by Andrew Hooper and Victor Gonzalez
Allitude, edited by Michael Abbott, John Dallman, and Pam Wells
FOSFAX, edited by Timothy Lane and Elizabeth Garrott
lan's Lantern, edited by George "Lan" Laskowski
Mimosa, edited by Richard and Nicki Lynch

BEST FAN WRITER

Sharon Farber; Andy Hooper; Dave Langford; Evelyn C. Leeper; Joseph T. Major

BEST FAN ARTIST

Ian Gunn; Teddy Harvia; Joe Mayhew; Peggy Ranson; William Rotsler

JOHN W. CAMPBELL AWARD For Best New S F Writer, Michael A. Burstein (1st year of eligibility); David Feintuch (2nd year of eligibility); Felicity Savage (2nd year of eligibility) Sharon Shinn (1st year of eligibility); Tricia Sullivan (1st year of eligibility)

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