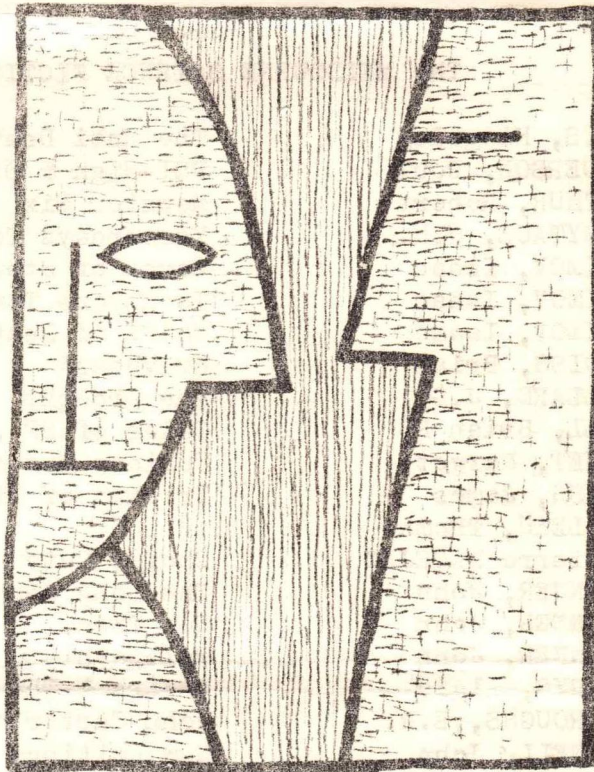


MELBOURNE SCIENCE FICTION CLUB NEWSLETTER



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SECRETARY'S REPORT

On the 26th of June 1968, the annual general meeting of the M.S.F.C. took place at the clubrooms at 19 Somerset Place.

The main purpose of this meeting was to elect a new club committee. This was duly done, and the new committee is as shown below:

President: Dr. D. Jenssen.
Secretary: Mrs. D. Bangsund.
Treasurer: Mrs. D. Bangsund.
Librarian: Mr. M. Binns.
Film Sec.: Mr. P. Stevens.
Assistant Sec.: Mr. J. Breden.
Committee Members: Messes L. Edmonds & A. Thomas.

It was also put forward at this meeting that a constitution be drafted by the club committee to be put before the club for ratification. As can be seen in another part of this newsletter, this has been done, the meeting to ratify the constitution is to be held on August 7th. at the M.S.F.C. rooms.

-- Diane L. Bangsund
Secretary

The NEXT 16mm FILM SCREENING OF THE FILM GROUP WILL BE HELD
on FRIDAY, AUGUST 16th

The feature film will be "FAIL-SAFE"

The MELBOURNE SCIENCE FICTION CLUB

BOOK LIST

AMIS, Kingsley	The Anti Death League	BPB	Penguin	
ANDERSON, Poul	PSI-High & Others	USPB	Ace	0.60
ARTHUR, Robert	Monster Mix	USPB	Dell	0.70
ARMYTAGE, W.H.	Yesterdays Tomorrows	BBK	R. & Kp.	
ASIMOV, Isaac	Caves of Steel	BPB	Panther	0.80
ASIMOV, Isaac	Is Anyone There?	USPB	Ace	
ASIMOV, Isaac	Whiff of Death	BHC	Gollancz	2.60
ALDISS, Brian	Greybeard	BPB	Panther	0.80
BALLARD, J.G.	The Drought	BPB	Penguin	0.65?
BALL, Brian N.	Tales of SF (selected stories)	BPB	Penguin	0.60?
BENET, Margot	Furious Masters	BHC	E. & S.	3.00
BLISH, James	Triumph of Time	USPB	Avon	
BOILEAU, Thomas Pierre NACEJAC	Choice Cuts	USPB	Bantam	0.90
BRUNNER, John	The Long Result	BPB	Penguin	0.65
BRUNNER, John	Now Then	USPB	Avon	0.70
BRUNNER, John	Telepathist	BPB	Penguin	0.65
BUDRYS, Algis	Amairs & The Iron Thorn	USPB	GM	0.60
BURROUGHS, E.R.	John Carter of Mars	BPB		0.60
CARNELL, John	New Writings in SF No. 12	BPB	Corgi	0.60
CLARKE, Arthur C.	The Promis of Space	USHC		7.50
CLARKE, Arthur C.	2001: A Space Odyssey	BHC	Hutchinson	
DICK, P.K.	Counter Clock World	BPB	Sphere	0.80
DELANY, Samuel R.	Nova	BHC	Gollancz	4.95
DAVIS, Richard	Tandam Horror 2	BPB	Tandam	0.60
FARMER, P.J.	A Private Cosmos	USPB	Ace	0.60
FINNEY, Jack	Unholy City & Magicians of Manchuria	USPB	Pyramid	0.70
FOWLES, John	The Magus	BPB	Pan	1.30
GRINNell, David	Across Time	USPB	Ace	0.60
HAINING, Peter	The Future Makers	BHC	S. & J.	2.15
HARRISON, H.	The Man From P.I.G.	USPB	Avon	0.70
HARRISON, H.	S.F. Authors Choice	USPB	Berkley	0.90
HEINLEIN, Robert A.	Farnhams Freehold	USPB	Signet	0.90
HERBERT, Frank	Dune	BPB	4 Square	
HOWARD, R.E.	Red Shadows	USHC		6.00
JANIFER, L.M.	Bloodworld	USPB	Lancer	0.70
KEYES, Daniel	Flowers for Algernon	BPB	Pan	0.80
KOONTZ, Dean	Star Quest			
PETAJA, Emil	Doom of the Green Planet	USPB	Ace Dble	0.70
KEL, Kren	Conan Reader			4.00
LEIBER, Fritz	Sword Against the Wizards	USPB	Ace	0.70
LEINSTER, Murray	Operation Terror	BPB	Tandam	0.60
LUTHER	Intermind	USPB	Avon	0.60
McCAFFREY, Anne	Dragon Flight	USPB	Ballantine	
McLAUGHLIN, Dean	The Man Who Wanted Stars	USPB	Lancer	0.90
MERRILL, Judith	Daughters of Earth	BBK	Gollancz	2.60
NORTON, Andre	Beastmaster	BPB	Penguin	
NORTON, Andre	Lord of Thunder	BPB	Penguin	
NORTON, Andre	The Zero Stone	USHC		4.50
O'DONOGHUE	The Adventures of Phoebe Zeitgeist (Comic)	USHC		5.95
PANSHIN, Alexi	Rite of Passage	USPB	Ace	0.90
PETTY, John	The Last Refuge	BPB	Penguin	0.70
POHL, Frederik	Star 14	BPB	Pan	0.80

REYNOLDS, Mack	Mercenary from Tomorrow	USBP	Ace Dbl.	0.70
BULMER, H.K.	Key To Verdune			
ROBESON, K.	Death in Silver	USPB	Bantam	0.60
ROBESON, K.	Devils Playground	USPB	Bantam	0.60
ROBESON, K.	Green Eagle	USPB	Bantam	0.60
RUSS	Picnic on Paradise	USPB	Ace	0.70
RUSSELL, Eric Frank	Somewhere a Voice	BPB	Penguin	
SHECKLEY, Robert	Dimensions of Miracles	USPB	Dell	0.60
SHECKLEY, Robert	Mindswap	BPB	Mayflower	0.60
SIMAK, Clifford D.	All Flesh is Grass	BPB	Pan	0.80
SZILARD, S.	The Voice of the Dolphin	BPB	Sphere	
STAPLEDON, Olaf	Last & First Men & Star Maker	USPB	Dover?	2.00
TENN, William	The Human Angle	USPB	Ballantine	0.90
TENN, William	Of All Possible Worlds	USPB	Ballantine	0.90
TENN, William	Of Men and Monsters	USPB	Ballantine	0.60
TENN, William	Square Root of Man	USPB	Ballantine	0.60
TENN, William	Wooden Star	USPB	Ballantine	0.60
TENN, William	The Seven Sexes	USPB	Ballantine	0.60
TENN, William	Lamp for Medusa			
VAN ARNUM, Dave	Players of Hell	USPB	Ace Dbl	0.70
TOLKIEN, J.R.R.	The Lord of the Rings	BHC	A. & U.	
VAN VOGT, A.E.	Destination: Universe	BPB	Panther	0.80
VERNE, Jules	Village in the Tree Tops	USPB	Ace	0.70
WYNDHAM, John	The Chrysalids	BPB	Penguin	
YOUNG, Robert F.	A Glass of Stars	USHC	Doubleday	5.95

This list is prepared from information obtained from the catalogues of British and American Publishers supplied by McGills Newsagency.

All titles will be available to club members from the library, can be ordered from McGills or from the library on clubnights. All mail orders to be sent to McGills

* Prices noted in the book list may be subject to change without notice.

-- Mervyn Binns
MSFC Librarian

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The MELBOURNE FANTASY FILM GROUP

Secretary's Report:

After a good deal of soul-searching and arguing, future screenings of the film group are to be the responsibility of the secretary alone with a final OK to be given by the club committee. This arrangement should produce a better array of films than what has been shown previously.

Our next four screenings are as follows:

- 16th August Feature film: "FAIL-SAFE"; based on the best selling novel of the same name is a Columbia film and stars Henry Fonda. As an added attraction we will be screening the first three episodes of a WHIZ! POW! BANG! serial, "King of The Rocket Men" which will take the place of our usual State Film Centre shorts.
- 20th September Feature film: "CASINO ROYALE"; in Cinemascope and colour with a great array of talent that includes Peter Sellers,

Woddy Allen, David Niven, Ursula ~~Address~~ Address, Joanna Petit, George Raft, William Holden and a cast of thousands.

"A very funny James Bond send-up" Paul Stevens

"I laughed" Mervyn Binns

"It was very unfunny" H.J. Flugelmeyer

Together with a further three episodes of our great serial.

18th October

Feature film: "DR. GOLDFOOT AND THE BIKINI MACHINE" with Vincent Price as a mad, mad scientist who tries to corner the worlds finance by marrying off his lovely feminine android robots to the worlds richest men. Another three episodes of the serial will be shown.

15th November

Feature film: "THE PROFESSIONALS" with Burt Lancaster, Lee Marvin, Claudia Cardinale, Jack Palance in a rip-roaring adventure/comedy. A film that I recommend very highly. And....we finish our great serial, so don't miss this screening.

I hope to be able to announce the introduction of special 35mm screenings for club members soon. Negotiations are under way for the hiring of films from the distributors while I have already managed to secure a theatre suitable for our needs. However, in order to make sure that the film group does not take a loss, it has been necessary to make the following arrangements:

(1) That there must be pre-booking of seats in order for us to decide if there is enough interest to make the showing worthwhile.

(2) There will be a rise in cost to 1.00 per seat to pay expenses.

(3) If we do not receive pre-booking of at least forty seats, the screening will be cancelled.

As yet I can't promise what films will make up the screening, but I can promise that they will be unavailable on 16mm and not very generally shown. I know that Universal have prints of several of their early "Frankenstein" films as well as others of great interest....but, whatever I eventually decide on will be of interest to all.

One word of warning; we have here a chance to lift our film group up out of its present rut but if there is not sufficient response to the first 35mm theatre screening, I will have a hard time trying to justify a second screening, to the committee. It is up to us all to make this a success.

If you have any suggestions/^{or}criticisms, let me know. There have been suggestions that we should fix the sound system in the club, and this is now being done so we hope to have it ready for the August screening.

-- Paul Stevens
Film Group Secretary

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M. S. F. C. CONSTITUTION

A special meeting of the Club will be held on Wednesday 7th August to discuss and, if possible, to approve a written Constitution. The new Committee was directed to draft a Constitution for the Club to think about and vote on, and it has worked out the following clauses as a guide to the kind of document it considers the Club should have. It is emphasized that this is a draft only: the final shape of the Constitution will be decided by those members who attend the meeting on 7th August.

It is also pointed out that only financial members of the Club will be entitled to vote at this meeting. (Check your status on the back page of this issue.)

- 1 The name of the club shall be MELBOURNE SCIENCE FICTION CLUB.
- 2 Meetings shall be held at 19 Somerset Place, Melbourne, every Wednesday night, commencing at 8pm, except when Christmas and New Year holidays fall on a Wednesday.
- 3 Additional or alternative meetings may be held when and where deemed necessary by the Committee.
- 4 An Annual General Meeting shall be held during the month of July, at which meeting an election shall be conducted to provide a Committee for the following year. Notice of this meeting shall be given to every member of the Club no less than fourteen days before the meeting is to be held.
- 5 For the purposes of an Annual or any other General Meeting, twenty-five percent of the Club's current paid-up membership shall be deemed a Quorum.
- 6 The Committee shall consist of seven persons, and shall include a President, Secretary, Treasurer, Librarian and Film Secretary. An Assistant Secretary may also be elected.
- 7 The Club shall, at each Annual General Meeting, elect a Patron. The person invited to accept this position shall be a person of some eminence in the science fiction field, not normally resident in Australia. No duties shall be required of the Patron, but he or she may be invited to take part in some aspect of the Club's activities at the discretion of the Committee and with due regard to the desires of members.
- 8 Meetings of the Club to consider amendments to the Constitution shall be held if so desired by the Committee or at the written request of ten paid-up members of the Club. The Secretary shall, within seven days, advise all members of this meeting and the business it is to consider; and the meeting shall be held no less than fourteen and no more than twenty-one days after it has been requested.
- 9 Membership of the Club shall be available to any resident of Melbourne on payment of an annual fee of two dollars.
- 10 Associate membership of the Club shall be available to any person normally resident outside the Melbourne metropolitan area on payment of an annual fee of one dollar.
- 11 Fellowship of the Club shall be available to twenty persons on payment of an annual fee of twenty-eight dollars each, of which twenty-six dollars may be paid in weekly instalments of fifty cents.
- 12 Members and associate members shall ^{each} contribute fifty cents to Club funds at each meeting attended. This contribution shall entitle the member to up to five books from the library and supper free of charge. Fellows of the Club shall enjoy these same privileges at no additional charge.
- 13 Clause 12 notwithstanding, members who attend meetings for the sole purpose of exchanging books may elect only to pay a fee of five cents for each book borrowed. If any dispute shall arise as to the good faith of members attending meetings for this purpose, the decision in the matter shall rest with the Committee and shall be binding.
- 14 Any member who borrows more than five books from the library shall pay a fee of five cents for each additional book.
- 15 Any person may be requested to leave the Club's precincts who, in the opinion of the Committee members present, is inebriated, or is behaving in an offensive manner, or has attended three meetings consecutively without paying fees.
- 16 The Club shall publish a monthly newsletter, to be called MELBOURNE SCIENCE FICTION CLUB NEWSLETTER, which shall be delivered or posted free of charge to all members of the Club. Copies may also be forwarded to other science fiction groups at the discretion of the Committee. An Editor shall be appointed by the Committee, and he shall be responsible solely for the production of such material as is supplied to him by the Committee and the delivery to the Secretary of the required number of copies.
- 17 The Club shall conduct a Film Group which shall hold such meetings and charge such fees as shall be considered desirable by the Film Secretary, having due regard to the desires of members.

TREASURERS REPORT

As you may or may not know, the club is not too well off financialy, but there are things underway to correct this state of affairs. There is however, a way in which you can help, and that is by checking as to whether you are a financial club member or otherwise. If you are not, in the interest of the continuation of the club and its improvement I would urge you to pay your membership, full or associate. Full membership of the club is \$2.00 per year and associate membership being \$1.00 which entitles you to receive the monthly newsletter and the right to use the library at any time when you are in Melbourne.

If you know of anyone who is interested in science fiction we would be pleased to see them along at the club as it is only with a larger membership that we are going to be able to improve the club.

Hope to see you on some Wednesday night soon.

-- Diane L. Bangsund
Treasurer

YOU ARE ~~NOT~~ A FINANCIAL MEMBER OF THE MELBOURNE SCIENCE FICTION CLUB.

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