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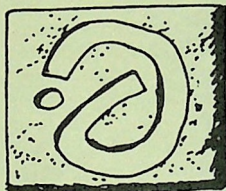
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Harlen's *Kristen* and Rick Wilkinson's *The Ancient Secret and Teeth of the Storm* as new releases.

Bullsheet Media Watch

Chandler winner and Murdoch University Librarian Grant Stone scored himself a full page feature in *Who Magazine* 11/11/99. But, rather than concentrate on Grant's role as raconteur, sf librarian, or general good guy, Grant is singled out for his thesis "Barbie—An Ecology of Popular Culture". The accompanying photo is of Grant groping six Barbie Dolls.

Peripatetic Fans

David Evans notes "My application for the "green card" has been successful so I'm off to San Francisco. I'll be working with Oracle, starting 17th Jan 2000." Meanwhile, Perth fan Sue Ann Barber is moving to Melbourne in January and Far North Queensland fans Eric Lindsay and Jean Weber are off gallivanting around the United States in February, for a trip that takes in Corflu and Potlatch. Judith Hanna will be in Perth and Sydney during December and January.

Fan Funds

The 2000 FFANZ race, to send an Australian fan to New Zealand, is open for nominations. The winner will attend Con d'Or The 2000 New Zealand National SF Convention. You require three nominators, and are required to undertake to be "an utter rampant nutcase and ratbag for the duration of the convention." Contact FFANZ 2000, P.O. Box 33 Seville Vic 3139 for further details, or see the nomination form attached.

Australia in 2007

A group of Melbourne-based fans intend to stage a Natcon within the vicinity of Melbourne in 2002, and use the Natcon process as a practice-run for bidding and staging a Worldcon in Australia in 2007.

We are currently 'brainstorming' ideas -- a bit like

1999 Arealis Awards

The Second Arealis Newsletter notes the dissolution of the Society for Australian Speculative Fiction writers and its support for SF Australia. It also notes that the 1999 Arealis Awards will be presented in Adelaide at the South Australian Writers' Centre, Second Floor 187 Rundle Mall Adelaide S.A. at 6:00pm on Monday March 6 2000. (This is during Adelaide's Writer's Week.)

The newsletter also notes that Arealis will no longer read submissions from December 1 to March 1. Further details are available on their Web site <http://www.aurealis.hl.net>

In Print

Eidolon 28 has hit the shops, and features fiction by Chris Lawson, Paul Hassing, Marianne de Pierres, Andrew Morris, Simon Ng and Jodie Kewley plus Greg Egan's column, reviews and a Sean Tan Interview. It also notes the amicable departure of co-editor Jonathan Strahan.

Slow Glass Books Catalogue 130 lists Jonathan

throwing stuff against the wall and seeing what sticks. It is envisioned that the Natcon Project (a two year project) will run in conjunction with the Worldcon project (an eight year project). The Worldcon project should then benefit from the experience, expertise and lessons learned from the Natcon Project. We don't see the Worldcon process beginning until after Easter 2000, but in time to stake a table and perhaps a room party at Chicon in August.

We see our immediate and long term goals as:

Recognise the different interests of the various fannish groups by use of Guests of Honour and Programming streams that cater to the mixed interest of fandom in this country.

Converge the enthusiasm of fandom in general to further develop people and fannish relationships to provide an infrastructure for the next Worldcon in Australia.

To set precedent of staging the Natcon at regular intervals in different states.

To set precedent of staging Worldcons in Australia at regular intervals

To build and develop the personal and professional skill base of the committee and staff of the cons.

To continue the culture of fandom in Australia and around the world by introducing people who have an interest in SF but who may not otherwise be involved in group activities, to the concept of fandom.

To unite the perceived chasms between Literary and Media fandom in Australia

And to develop an Australian-specific process for running conventions.

All very lofty and idealist, but the people involved in these projects were also heavily involved in Aussiecon Three and had such a positive experience out of the Worldcon that they are all eager beaver to go again. Some say we have completely lost it after running a worldcon but that's subjective!

As Nick Price (formerly Head of Fixed Functions at A3) says, "We know we went wrong last time and next time around know how to make it better".

The small but dedicated band of people involved at this stage, code named 'The Build and Bid Stage' meet regularly at Rose Mitchell's (Head, Finance Division A3) each Friday night before the MSFC. If people are interested in being involved they should contact Rose at mitchell@vicnet.net.au

Convention News

I've been talked into acting as the Australian Agent for the Nieuw Amsterdam '04 WorldCon Bid. Aussiecon Three held its final envelope stuffing last weekend and so supporting members and attending members who didn't attend should be getting their little packages of goodies real soon now.

Upcoming Conventions

PhanCon 99 November 28 Phantasia Bookshop 443 High St Penrith NSW 2750. Guests Ian Irvine, Caiseal Mor, Richard Harland, Kate Forsyth, Maxine McArthur, Traci Harding & Alison Goodman. \$25. Contact P.O. Box 1255 Penrith NSW.

Whovention 2000 Australian National Doctor Who Convention. *February 4 - 6 2000* GsoH: Sylvester McCoy (7th Dr) and Nicola Bryant (Peri). Fan Guest: Karen Herkes Rydges North Sydney \$120 to January 15th. At door rate is \$140 and day rate of \$80. Children's under 16, \$10 less than adult rates. Make all cheques payable to Whovention (not Whovention 2000) P.O. Box 4 Epping NSW 2121 Australia whovention@eagles.com.au <http://www.eagles.com.au/~whovention>

Highlander Down Under 3 April 14-16 2000 Mercure Hotel Brisbane GsoH Peter Wingfield, Valentine Pelka & Anthony De Longis \$165 P.O. Box 198 Brisbane Albert St Qld 4002 ph (07) 3282 4220. sonjav@powerup.com.au <http://www.powerup.com.au/~sonjav/>

Swancon25 39th National Australian Science Fiction Convention April 20th-24th, 2000. Ascot Inn, Belmont, WA. GsoH Connie Willis and Ian Nichols. Gratuitous interstate guest "Mitch" Other guests include Stephen Dedman, Sue Isle, Jack Dann, Janeen Webb, Sean Williams and Tess Williams swancon25@megabyte.murdoch.edu.au <http://www.swancon.iinet.net.au> Swancon 25 GPO Box G429 Perth W.A. 6892 \$70 Aus until January 1st 2000 \$20 Friends of Science Fiction Mini-Con May 7 2000 10:00am to 6:00pm Guest (commitments pending): Nicole deBoer. \$50 FSF members and \$60 nonmembers (02) 9523 8385 fsf@nlc.net.au P.O. Box 797, Fairfield, NSW, 1860.

Con d'Or The 2000 New Zealand National SF Convention June 3 to 5 2000 West Plaza Hotel Wellington GsoH Tad Williams Sara Douglass and Maree Sole. Contact enquiries@condor.sf.org.nz or <http://www.condor.sf.org.nz> **Chicon 2000** The 58th World Science Fiction Convention August 31 to September 4, 2000 - Hyatt Regency Chicago IL GsoH Ben Bova, Bob Eggleton, Jim Baen, Bob and Anne Passovoy, Toastmaster: Harry Turtledove \$US135.00 for residents of North America \$US150.00 rate for bona fide residents of other continents P. O. Box 642057, Chicago IL 60664, fax: 312-946-3779 <http://www.chicon.org/>

Swancon 2001 the Masquerade, 40th Australian National Science Fiction Convention April 13-16 2001. GsoH tba The Rydges Hotel Perth. P.O. Box 162 Nedlands W.A. 6909. swancon2001committee@egroups.com <http://www.sf.org.au/swancon2001>

Odyssey Con The 2001 New Zealand National SF Convention Auckland. enquiries@odyssey-con.sf.org.nz **The Millennium Philcon** The 59th World Science Fiction Convention August 30 to September 3, 2001 The Pennsylvania Convention Center & Philadelphia Marriott Hotel GsoH Greg Bear, Stephen Youll, Gardner Dozois, George Scithers Toastmaster: Esther Friesner. Supporting \$US 40 Millennium Philcon Post Office Box 310 Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006-0310 U.S.A. phil2001@unix3.netaxs.com <http://www.netaxs.com/~phil2001>

CostumeCon20 - February 15-18 2002 Melbourne
Exhibition and Convention Centre \$A50Daily Admission
\$100 until Dec 31st 2000; \$A130 Jan 1st 2001 - Dec 31st 2001
\$160 Jan 1st 2002 - Feb 15th 2002 The Australian
Costumers' Guild PO Box 322 Bentleigh Vic 3204
stilskin@netspace.net.au

<http://www.vicnet.net.au/~costume/>

ConJose The 60th World Science Fiction Convention
August 29 to September 2, 2002 San José McEnery
Convention Centre GsoH Vernor Vinge, David Cherry, Bjo
& John Trimble, Ferdinand Feghoot Toastmaster Tad
Williams. P.O. Box 61363 Sunnyvale CA 94088-1363

U.S.A. ConJose@sfsfc.org <http://www.sfsfc.org/worldcon/>
Attending \$A150. Supporting \$A50.

GoH=Guest of Honour

O.C.P. = Other Commitments Permitting

tba=to be announced.

Club News

The Westgarth Cinema, in Northcote, is having another
24 hour SF Movie Marathon on December 11. On the list
are 7:00am Free Breakfast; 8:00am Forbidden Planet;
9:55am Contact; 12:40pm My Favourite Martian; 2:30pm
Wing Commander; 4:25pm The 13th Floor; 6:05pm Dinner
break; 7:00pm Star Wars - The Phantom Menace; 9:35pm
Deep Blue Sea; 11:35pm The Astronaut's Wife; 1:35am
Close Encounters of the Third Kind (Special Edition!);
4:05am The Matrix; 6:25am Men In Black

Events

Note that there is an annual calendar available on the
Vicnet SF web site at
<http://www.vicnet.net.au/~sfoz/1999cal.htm>

N.S.W.

Southern Science Fiction Group *December 11th* 7pm
Christmas Dinner Yummies at Bexley Postal Address 15
Shade Place Lugarno (02) 9534-3595. elvey@mcme.com.au
Skyforce Sydney *December 12* Christmas Party Lidcombe
Catholic Club, 24 John St Lidcombe
Friends of Science Fiction *December 12* Special overseas
guest attending (TBA) Lidcombe Catholic Club, 24 John St
Lidcombe fsf@nrc.net.au P.O Box 797 Fairfield NSW 1860
Phone/ Fax (02)9523 8385

Queensland

New Alliance *December 5* PO Box 12083 Elizabeth St/B
Brisbane Qld 4002
Conquest *December 5* A.G.M.Red Cross Centre 409
Adelaide St Brisbane GPO Box 1376 Brisbane Qld 4001

South Australia

Critical Mass *February 2 2000* Critical Mass Quiz Night
Writers Centre Adelaide PO Box 3355, Rundle Mall,
Adelaide, SA 5000 dmw@pobox.com
1999 Aurealis Awards *Monday March 6 2000* 6:00pm
South Australian Writers' Centre, Second Floor 187
Rundle Mall Adelaide S.A.

Victoria

MSFC *November 26* Babylon 5 Wrap Up *December 3*
Christmas Party Preparations *December 10* Christmas
Party.8:00 pm St. David's Uniting Church Hall, 74
Melville Road, West Brunswick P.O. Box 212 World Trade
Centre Melbourne 3005

Friday Night Mob *November 26* *December 3* ANZAPA
Collection *December 10* 6-7.30pm. Informal eating and
nattering. Myers Cafeteria Melbourne
Sara Douglass at Slow Glass Books *November 26* Slow
Glass Books 305 Swanston St Melbourne
Enterprise *November 27* Sailing Day Postal Address P.O.
Box 466 World Trade Centre Melbourne 3005 With
Australian Babylon 5 Club enterprise@minerals.csiro.au
<http://www.vicnet.net.au/~enterprise/> (03) 9515 3226
(7pm to 10pm only)

Skyforce *November 27* Christmas Party St Mark's Church
Hall Camberwell. P.O. Box 427 Northcote 3070
kryten@werple.net.au
<http://www.imageworks.com.au/starwalking.htm>
Austrek *December 4* 2:00pm Klingon Kristmas Party St
Mark's Church Hall Cnr Canterbury & Burke Rds,
Camberwell GPO Box 5206AA Melbourne 3001 03 9489 8743
<http://www.vicnet.net.au/~austrek/>
austrek@vicnet.net.au

Costumers Guild *December 5*. PO Box 322 Bentleigh Vic
3204. stilskin@netspace.net.au
<http://www.vicnet.net.au/~costume/>
Dandenong Valley Science Fiction Group *December 8*
Christmas Party and Trivia Night Meeting Room
Dandenong Library Stuart St Dandenong Ann McGann P.O.
Box 706 Frankston Vic 3199 Phone Daniel 9544 9775 e-mail
luddite@hotmail.com 3552

The Melbourne Anime Society *December 11* 5:00pm R2
Theatre in the Rotunda at Monash University Clayton
Campus charley@alphalink.com.au
<http://www.anime.com.au/mas/index.html>
1470 North Rd Clayton Vic 3168
Westgarth Cinema Movie Marathon *December 11*
Westgarth Cinema Northcote
Multiverse *December 19* 11:00am Hoyts Melbourne
Muppets From Space preview *December 22* 7:00pm Greater
Union Melbourne **Inspector Gadget** preview
<http://www.vicnet.net.au/~multivrs/>

Western Australia

The West Lodge *December 4* Collins Street Centre, Collins
Street South Perth P.O. Box 190 Mt Lawley WA 6050
<http://www.iinet.net.asu/~fizzgig/>

Fanzines

Aurealis Newsletter #2 P.O. Box 2164 Mt Waverley Vic
3149
Conscript Conquest Newsletter P.O. Box 1376 Brisbane 4001
Ethel the Aardvark 87 Paul Ewins for the MSFC P.O. Box
212 World Trade Centre Melbourne Vic 3005

Thyme 127 Alan Stewart P.O. Box 222 World Trade Centre
Melbourne Vic 8005

The Southern Fandom Confederation Bulletin Vol 7 No 5
Julie Wall 470 Ridge Rd Birmingham AL 35206 USA
Vanamonde 328-332 John Hertz 236 S. Coronado St No 409,
Los Angeles CA 90057 USA

Slow Glass Books Catalogue 130 Cheryl Louch for Slow
Glass Books GPO Box 2708X Melbourne Vic 3001

Electronic Zines

Ansible 148 Dave Langford, 94 London Road, Reading,
Berkshire, RG1 5AU, UK. ansible@cix.co.uk
Emerald City #50 Cheryl Morgan
cmorgan@ceres.wallis.com

Deadlines

Bullsheet #132	December 7 1999.
ANZAPA 192	December 8 1999
FFANZ 2000 Nominations	December 31 1999
George Turner Prize	January 28 2000
GUFF Nominations	April 14 2000

*This Fanzine Supports The Minneapolis in
'73 WorldCon Bid The Toronto in 2003
WorldCon Bid. The Nieuw Amsterdam in
'04 WorldCon Bid and the Australia in
2007 WorldCon Bid*

*Sending Art by Sheryl Birkhead Other Art
by Bill Rotsler*

NOTED

(Gleaned from the newsgroups and elsewhere)

Norman Stansfield noted "I was just perusing Harry Knowles' Ain't It Cool site www.aint-it-cool-news.com and was horrified to read that the great Forry Ackerman is in court, fighting for his rights over his magazine 'Famous Monsters'.

You can find the details at the Ain't it Cool site, or go have a look at Forry's own site: <http://www.best.com/~4forry/> where he tells you *his* version of it (and you get a free virtual tour of the Ackermansion for your trouble).

Why should you care that he's in court? Because he's fighting to regain control of what has not unreasonably been dubbed 'his life's work' - the magazine 'Famous Monsters'.

It has been taken from him and he has, allegedly, been denied the right to even mention that he created it - his idiomatic turns of phrase (he has always claimed to live in 'Horrorweird, Karloffornia' for example) are, allegedly, now the property of the magazine's new administration and he infringes their copyright when he uses them. Ray Bradbury has committed himself to struggling out of his sick bed and appearing in court, if

necessary.

If Bradbury is prepared to risk his health for his friend, I think the least we can do is be aware, take an interest, maybe even drop him a line of support."

Regarding Bradbury, Gary Farber noted reports that Ray Bradbury is recovering from a stroke. Reuters quoted producer John Dayton, as saying the author lost partial use of his right side in the stroke but was expected to make a full recovery.

Leah Zeldes Smith noted "EdConnor was recently struck by a car and killed. Connor is probably best known for his unique fanzine, S.F. Echo. In the 1970s, after a recalcitrant Peoria postal clerk refused to let him mail the mimeographed zine at book rate because it didn't look like a book, Connor took to hand-binding the Twil-tone pages in book format, a tremendous effort.

He hadn't been active in quite a while, but many of us remember S.F. Echo fondly. Like Martin Alger and many others who've gone before, Connor was a champion of fannish ingenuity."

Garth Spencer reports on CUFF Canadian Unity Fan Fund.

"A trip report from this year's fan fund winner is posted at <http://www.vcn.bc.ca/~hrothgar/cuff/triprep.htm>. "What I Did on My October Vacation" covers the 1999 Convention, inCONsequential II, and the 1999 Aurora Awards for Canadian SF, fantasy and fanac.

A nomination ballot for the 1999/2000 CUFF race, for a Canadian fan to attend the 2000 Convention (TT2000 in Toronto, July 2000), is posted at <http://www.vcn.bc.ca/~hrothgar/cuff/nombalt.htm>."

Corflatch sends its PR #2. Seattle will definitely be the place to be between February 25th and March 5 2000. For more details, contact them at P.O. Box 31848, Seattle WA 98103-1848. Included with this PR were the complete voting details on the FAAN Awards for 1999 which featured Ian Gunn as Best Fan Artist and Karen Johnson as Best New Fanzine Fan. Other Australians (and expatriates) to get a guernsey were Judith Hanna, Bruce Gillespie, Terry Frost, Phil Włodarczyk, Craig Hilton, Metaphysical Review, Ethel the Aardvark, Interstellar Ramjet Scoop, Thyme, Yvonne Rousseau, Karen Johnson, and Ditmar

Dick Jenssen could no doubt generate a lovely little fractal to go in here. I must ask him to one of these days.

FFANZ 2000

Fan Fund for Australia and New Zealand

Cond'Or: The New Zealand National Science fiction Convention, June 3 -5, 2000

This is a nomination form for FFANZ 2000. The results from which a voting ballot will be produced. Please fill it in and return the completed form to us by December 31, 1999.

We, the undersigned fans (3 required) believe that the following nominated individual is of worthy reputation and fannish stature to be the next FFANZ representative to spread goodwill and kindred spirit to New Zealand.

Fan Nominated: _____

Nominated by:

Names:

Signatures:

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

As the person nominated above I accept being selected by my fannish peers as a possible candidate to be voted on for FFANZ 2000 to represent the Australian fan community at the New Zealand Natcon in 2000 where I will be completely free to be an utter rampant nutcase and ratbag for the duration of the convention:

Signature _____

Phone No. _____

In the event that no nominations are made, the current administrator, a small soft toy sheep (hey don't laugh; YOU voted for him. I didn't) will select default candidates or be forced to "hold over funds".

If only one person is nominated then that person becomes a candidate alongside a "hold over funds" option in the final ballot.

Ideally we would like to see 2 to 4 candidates making up the race for FFANZ 2000 in the final ballot.

In the unlikely instance we receive more than 5 nominations for FFANZ 2000 we will have to take the regrettable action of culling back potential candidates at our discretion - not a task I wish to be responsible for, but hey, we gotta keep it under control.

No money is required to be sent with this nomination form. If you wish to make a donation to FFANZ, a cheque made out to FFANZ will be greatly appreciated.

Post the completed nomination form to Renaldo, party animal & international celebrity soft toy sheep, at:

FFANZ 2000
c/o Senator Renaldo
Devilfish Downs
P. O. Box 33
Seville
VIC 3139

Renaldo, Frances Papworth and Phil Włodarczyk thank you all for your support.

