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DUFF

This year's DUFF winners, Pat and Roger Sims, have released a brief introduction, including their trip itinerary. June 2-5 Melbourne; June 6-8 Adelaide; June 9-13 Hobart (Thyлаcon); June 13-14 Sydney; June 15-16 Wellington; June 17 Auckland.

In Print

Leah Smith, one of Australia in '99's U.S. agents, reports that she has sold her fourth story, "Hemingway, Remarks Are Not Literature," to Wildside Press's forthcoming *Alternate Skiffy* anthology.

1995 N. Z. S.F. & Fantasy Awards

Best Fanzine: *Time/Space Visualiser* Paul Scoones.
 Best Other Publication: *The Best of TSV 21-26*.
 Best Writer: Peter Friend & Li Cross "Vain" (Interzone)
 Best Artist: Warwick Gray
 Special Achievement: The Continuum Con Committee

Convention Updates

Basicon, the 1995 Media NatCon, has released its first flier (attached). Thyлаcon, the 1995 Lit NatCon has released another progress report, with details on their guests, hotels, a program skeleton, masquerade, the Magic Tournament and a membership list reaching into the fifties.

Upcoming Conventions

Thyлаcon 1995 Lit NatCon, June 9-12, Hadley's Hotel, Hobart. GsoH Kim Stanley Robinson, Peter Nicholls and Grant Stone. \$75-00. Sup \$20-00. Voting \$5-00. P.O. Box 418, Sandy Bay, Tas 7005 (002) 313-779 e-mail cary_jl@postoffice.sandybay.utas.edu.au
 Arcon Aussiecon Reunion Convention- celebrating twenty years of Australian Science Fiction. September 22-24 GsoH Robin Johnson & David Grigg Savoy Plaza Hotel Melbourne. P.O. Box 215 Forest Hill, Vic 3131 Att \$50-00. Att Ages 12-18yrs \$30. Supp \$20.
 Continuum (Conquest 95) October 13-15 GsoH Jerry Hardin O.C.P. & Richard Arnold. Gateway Hotel, Brisbane GPO Box 1376 Brisbane 4001 (07) 273 6512 Att \$85 until August
 BasiCon 1995 Media Natcon October 14 venue tba \$20 Att (\$100 at the door.) Hucksters \$30. Banquet \$7 P.O. Box 567 Blackburn 3130
 Terror 95 Horror Convention. October 27-29 Caulfield Arts Complex Victoria. GsoH Richard Harland,

Michael Helms & Big Bad Ralph. \$40 to 1/6/95; \$45 to 25/10/95; \$50 at the door. Hucksters \$75. P.O. Box 7545 St Kilda Rd Melbourne 3004 (03) 9509 0766
Mudcon November 18-19 Winery tour/Convention. Susan Clarke 6 Bellevue Road Faulconbridge NSW 2776
 Mutagen '96 January 26-29 1996, Dr Who GsoH Peter Davison (O.C.P.) Chris Barrie (O.C.P.) Paul Cornell. Att \$90-00. GPO Box 910G Melbourne 3001. (03) 534-2752
The Festival of the Imagination '96 (Confusion 96/Swancon 21) Lit/Media NatCon April 4-8 1996.
 Kings Hotel Perth. GsoH Bruce Sterling, Neil Gaiman & Robin Pen. Membership \$50 until May 31; \$60 from then until September 30; Supp \$20; Voting \$10. GPO Box G429, Perth, 6001 Ph:(09) 434 4167. E-mail julian@multiline.com.au

Constellation NZ Natcon: Queens Birthday Weekend 1996 The Christchurch City Travelodge, NZ GsoH Michael Moorcock, James Dignan \$50.00 during 1994/5 P.O. Box 29-119, Fendalton, Christchurch NZ. Email: c.brandenburg@lincoln.ac.nz
Medtrek V Australia Day Weekend 1997 UWS Hawkesbury Richmond NSW Susan Clarke 6 Bellevue Road Faulconbridge NSW 2776
Conspiracy 1997 18th New Zealand National Science Fiction Convention (bidding for the 15th Australasian SFMedia Con) 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.

Kim Stanley Robinson June 15 6pm Galaxy Books Sydney Futurians June 16 7pm Room 1614, Tower Building, University of Technology, Broadway, Sydney.
Kim Stanley Robinson June 17 Powerhouse Museum \$10. 12noon to 5pm. Other speakers include Professor Malcolm Walter.
Southern SF Group June 17 2pm Interplanetary settlement 15 Shade Place Lugarno (02) 534-3595
Terry Dowling June 22 6pm Galaxy Books. Reading from *An Intimate Knowledge of the Night*.
The Winter Ball July 29 Elim House, Shaftesbury St Burwood (NSW). \$50. All bookings by July 20th to Susan Clark, 6 Bellevue Road Faulconbridge NSW 2776. Proceeds to the Linda Cox Chan Fund for Diabetes Research.
Sydney Dr Who Fan Club 4th Sunday of month Sefton District Girl Guides' Hall. P.O. Box 381, Chester Hill, 2162 (02) 727-4272
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) 57 5109 (049) 43 2666

THE AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE FICTION BULLSHEET

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26th May 1995

Babylon 5 OZ Fan Club PO Box 161 Adamstown NSW 2289

Nerith 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: Kate.Orman@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 (Contact Galaxy Bookshop for details)

Tavern Monthly booze-up for Doctor Who fans in Sydney. First Friday of month, 6 pm. Museum Hotel (just behind the Australian Museum)

Victoria

MSFC 7-30pm St David's Church Hall 74 Melville Rd West Brunswick May 26 Book readings. June 2 model car racing. June 9 Coffee, cake & conversation. P.O. Box 212 World Trade Centre Melbourne 3005

Enterprise May 27 1-4.30pm. Sydney Myer Music Bowl Ice Rink P.O. Box 466 World Trade Centre 3005

Time Trekkers June 2 7.30pm Bendigo Community Support Centre 46 Sternberg Street Bendigo. P.O. Box 934 Bendigo 3550

Star Trek Marathons June 3 6:30pm State Film Centre 1 Macarthur St East Melbourne (03) 9758 1807

Austrek June 4 12 noon Coppin Hall 313 Punt Rd Prahran. GPO Box 5206AA Melbourne 3001 (03) 9887 1701

Nova Mob June 7 Alan Stewart's Place. Phone Alan Stewart for details (03) 9429 8354

Dandenong Valley Science Fiction & Futurist Society June 13. 8pm Dandenong Library. Ann McGann 63 Woodside Ave, Frankston, 3199. 5971-3645.

Kim Stanley Robinson June 14 12 noon Slow Glass Books Upstairs 305 Swanston Street Melbourne

Gallifrey June 17 GPO Box 910G Melbourne 3001
Winter Fete July 8 9am-3pm MSFC St David's Church Hall 74 Melville Rd West Brunswick. Tables \$15. (03) 9877-1093

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*

Qld

Warp Speed May 28 GPO Box 2004 Brisbane 4001 (07) 356 5472

Conquest 95 June 4 GPO Box 1376 Brisbane 4001 (07) 273 6512

New Horizons June 4 British Sf 776 Cavendish Rd Holland Park 4121 (07) 349 2229

Quest Star Trek June 11 12noon - 4.00pm Yungaba Community Centre, 100 Mains Rd Kangaroo Point (07) 356 5472

Brisbane Dr Who Club June 18 P.O. Box 10308

Adelaide St Brisbane 4000

S.A.

Critical Mass June 7 8pm John Foyster on 'June 1953'. SA Writers' Centre, Second Floor, 187 Rundle Street, Adelaide. 6:30 Five Spices Restaurant
The 'Nock June 14 6:30pm The Brechnock Hotel, King William St, Adelaide.

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

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. Snail-Mail : P.O. Box 190 Mt Lawley 6050 E-Mail : nulsmurf@tartarus.uwa.edu.au

A.C.T.

Canberra S FS June 1 7:30pm, general meeting ph (06) 288 6391 (ah) PO Box 47, Civic Square ACT 2608

Fanzines

The Captain's Log #214 Star Trek Katharine Shade for Austrek GPO Box 5206AA Melbourne 3001 Sydney *Futurian* #6 Newszine Ron Clarke PO Box K490 Haymarket 2000 *So You Say* #11 Perzine/Genzine Shayne McCormack 49 Orchard Rd Bass Hill 2197

BBS

Echo Base Hand (03) 9563-1323. Psibaud, (03) 9804 3205, free single line stand-alone sf and education BBS *The Captain's Quarters* Star Trek (03) 9723 8344. Ausom's First Class BBS SF conference called Sci Fi (03) 9543 3411

Web Pages

Unisfa

<http://www.gu.uwa.edu.au/unisfa/>
Damien Warman

<http://smug.student.adelaide.edu.au/~damien/>
Sundance Bilson-Thompson

<http://smug.student.adelaide.edu.au/~kickaha/>
VicNet

<http://www.vicnet.net.au/vicnet/sf/sfpage.html>

Deadlines

1995 Ditmar Votes	June 10 1995
1995 ASFMA Nominations	July 14 1995
1996 FFANZ Nominations	August 11 1995
1996 FFANZ Voting	December 8 1995
1996 Ditmar Nominations	January 31 1996
1996 ASFMA Nominations	January 31 1996

Jove Nods. Bullsheet Happens

Greg Egan is not really trying to corner the young adult market. The title of his novel is *Quarantine*, not "*Quaranteen*" as typed in *The BS* #32. and it was the British SFA Awards, not "Britist". (Corrections courtesy of the K&M's "after it's been run off" proof reading service. Thanks fellas.)

Sources

Warp Speed, Captain's Log, Sydney Futurian Tim Jones, Roman Orszanski, John Foyster

Deadline For #34

Tuesday June 6th. Distribution Friday June 9th.

FFANZ 1995/1996

Tim Jones
NZ FFANZ Administrator
Dept of Library and Information Studies
Victoria University of Wellington
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email: timothy.jones@vuw.ac.nz

The Fan Fund of Australia and New Zealand is looking for candidates to travel to Perth at Easter 1996 (5-8 April) and represent New Zealand fandom at Swancon 21/Confusion 96, the 1996 Australian Literary and Media Natcon. The Guests of Honour at this convention are Bruce Sterling (co-author with William Gibson of *The Difference Engine*, author of *The Hacker Crackdown* and *Heavy Weather*), Neil Gaiman (famous comics dude and co-author with Terry Pratchett of *Good Omens*), and Robin Pen (Perth fan, who as far as I know isn't the co-author of anything with anyone). The Con is being held at the Kings Hotel, Perth.

What Candidates Need

To be eligible, you must be an active fan resident in New Zealand. Candidates need one nominator from New Zealand and one from Australia. You must provide a written candidate's platform of not more than 100 words describing yourself and your virtues as a candidate, together with a non-refundable deposit of \$10. Candidates must promise, barring acts of God, to attend Swancon 21, to administer the fund in New Zealand until such time as a successor is chosen (normally, a period of approximately two years), and to complete, publish, and sell a Trip Report detailing their trip to raise funds for FFANZ. Although the FFANZ winner is not required to do more than attend Swancon 21, it is customary to spend two to three weeks in the destination country, travelling and meeting fans. Joint candidacies are possible - in this case, the joint platform should not exceed 100 words.

What You Get

Funds permitting, the winning candidate will receive their fare to and from Perth from the New Zealand fund, and travelling expenses within Australia from the Australian fund. Their Swancon 21 membership and hotel accommodation will also be paid for. In the case of a joint candidacy winning, the fund will undertake to pay one return airfare to Perth, and will contribute towards the other if funds permit.

The Dates

Nominations will close on	Friday August 11 1995
Voting will close on	Friday 8 December 1995

Send nominations, with name of the candidate, names of nominators, candidate's platforms and \$10 deposit to: Tim Jones, 87 Ellice St, Wellington 6001.

FFANZ in Good Shape

At about the midway point of my term as New Zealand FFANZ Administrator, the fund is in good shape to send the next New Zealand FFANZ winner on their way to Swancon 21, the 1996 Australian National Convention in Perth at Easter. After Donna Heenan's FFANZ visit, we have approximately \$1150 in the New Zealand FFANZ account, which on present prices is enough to fly one New Zealander to Perth and back. A stopover in Sydney or Melbourne can currently be added for only another \$50.

Donna Heenan's Visit

Donna Heenan's trip as 1995 FFANZ winner seems to have been highly successful, with a number of people who met her remarking how much they enjoyed her company. Donna and her travelling companion Neil Murray began their trip at Conquest in Auckland, where Donna was on several panels and also spoke on Australian fandom at the "Australia in 1999" Worldcon bid. They then visited Dunedin, where they were the guests of Pauline Meinung and Rex Thompson; Christchurch, where they stayed with Murray and Natalie MacLachlan; Wellington, with Kay and I; and Norsewood, to visit Lyn McConchie, before flying out again from Auckland. In each centre, their hosts made sure they met local fans; here in Wellington, we had a gathering of about 15 people which began in our (full to overflowing) living-room and moved down the road to Strawberry Fare dessert restaurant. I enjoyed Donna and Neil's company, and I hope to see them again if Australia wins the 1999 Worldcon.

Trip Report completed

Australian Crawl, the report on Tim Jones' and Kay Gubbins' trip to Constantinople in Melbourne last Easter and subsequent travels in Victoria and N.S.W., is now available. For a donation of \$5 to FFANZ, you get a 32-page report featuring everything from ferrets to philosophy, from William Gibson to pit bull terriers. Written by Tim Jones, with guest appearances by Kay Gubbins, the report is available from 87 Ellice St, Wellington 6001. Get your copy now!

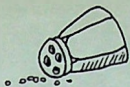
The money-go-round

Here's a summary of the New Zealand FFANZ account's incomings and outgoings since I took over the account in November last year:

Opening balance (24/11/94)	472.22	
INCOME		
FFANZ Auction - 1994	588.00	
FFANZ Auction - 1995, plus sales	675.20	
Lyn McConchie - FFANZ afternoons	203.94	
Cost reimbursement from Neil Murray	125.00	
Voting fees	31.00	
Interest	14.88	
Total:	1638.02	
EXPENDITURE		
Costs of 1995 FFANZ winner's trip	844.70	(1)
Printing of 50 x trip report	115.30	
Repayment of sales to WICG (Dunedin)	15.00	
Total:	975.00	
Excess of Income over Expenditure	663.02	
Current balance (16/5/95):	1135.24	

(1) This was made up of accommodation 370, tolls 14.70, expenses + travel 460.

Australian Administrator Donna Heenan P.O. Box 99 Bayswater 3153



CONDIMENT IS DEAD!
...BUT THE MEDIA NATCON ISN'T!

Basicon

***What's Happened To The Media NatCon?** Well, basically, since *Condiment* won the right to hold the 1995 Media NatCon, not a lot has happened, due to various organisational problems. But now, with permission from the original committee, the NatCon has a whole new look. It's under new management, it's got a new team of helpers, it's on a completely different theme, in a new location. And we've changed the name, too. *Basicon*. Sure it's not quite the convention you voted for, but it's better than nothing.

***Why Basicon?** Well, basically, we had the idea for this before we had the idea of taking over the NatCon. For far too long, conventions have been trying to get bigger, better and more spectacular, with elaborate banquets, expensive guests, pricey hotels and exorbitant entrance fees. It's time we got back to basics. It's time we had reasonably priced convention where fans can gather together and just enjoy themselves without the need to be entertained by some spectacular extravaganza. No overseas guests. No ostentatious light-and-sound shows. No long autograph queues. No rip-offs. No hassles with hotel managers. A one-day convention in a hall. Just a fun time, basically.

***Where And When Is It?** Good question. The location is, as yet, unconfirmed. We've got a number of places in mind. We're looking for a hall or similar, centrally located, reasonably priced, near public transport. We're open to suggestions. As for the date, *Condiment* always said it was going to be on Saturday the 14th of October 1995, so we're going to try to get it as close

to that as possible. We'll let you know when developments occur.

***What Are You Going To Do?** All sorts of stuff. Because it's the NatCon, we're obliged to run the Business Meeting, complete with legal wrangling and site selection of the 1997 Media NatCon. Also, we'll be handing out the ASFMA awards. Other than that, a variety of interesting and entertaining panels and items are planned. The con will only have one basic programme stream. There will be hucksters. There will be an auction. There will probably be soup and bread rolls provided free for lunch. There will be a pizza banquet at night for an extra \$7.

***Who's Behind This Dastardly Scheme?** *Basicon* does not have a committee, *per se*. We do, however, have a small, enthusiastic bunch of volunteers with over a century of convention experience between them. Salt of the Earth, they are, each and every one. Upon hearing that *Basicon* was going ahead, they all selflessly stepped forward to offer their valuable time and expertise in order to ensure that you, the con-going public, have an enjoyable convention. They will each be allotted various jobs to perform before and/or during the convention. These hero volunteers include Samantha Dare, Paul Ewins, Ian Gunn, George Ivanoff, Paul Poulton, Wendy Purcell, Carol Tilley, Glen Tilley, Jane Tisell, Kerri Valkova and Christine Young. Karen Pender-Gunn is Panicker-In-Chief. If you want to volunteer to help, you'll be most welcome.

***Who Gets The Money?** We're ~~keeping every cent~~ going to give any profit to worthy causes. We haven't finalised the details yet, but it looks like the money will be going to a combination of the various Fan Funds and one of the local foodbank charities.

***What's It Going To Cost?** Not a lot. We're deliberately trying to keep the price down. The following prices might possibly be subject to change, depending on venue charges, but we rather doubt it...

Full Membership (if paid in advance)	\$20
Full Membership (if paid at the door)	\$100
Huckster's Table (includes 1 membership)	\$30
Pizza Banquet Smorgasbord Pig-Out Frenzy	\$7

Getting Conventions Back To Basics...

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***Why Is Your Pay-At-The-Door Price Five Times As Much As Your Pay-In-Advance Price?** Basically because we want you to pay in advance, stupid. That's how cons run. They need most of the money up front to book the venue and pay other expenses. It's the same when you buy tickets to a concert. All too often lately, cons have been cancelled because people haven't been paying in advance. Also, we need to know how many people want lunch. So we're training you to pay in advance. We really doubt that anyone will be dumb enough to wait to pay at the door, so, basically, you either pay in advance or you miss out on a pretty good convention.

***Our Dealing With Dickheads Policy.** We're running this convention. If you don't like the way we're running this convention then shut up, go away and let the rest of us enjoy it. Or go and run your own. If you want to help, want to offer constructive advice or any form of assistance, then you will be welcomed with open arms. If you are self-important enough to believe you have the god-given right to inspect our financial records, we're quite happy to let you come round and see them at the first convenient time, *provided* you are a fully paid-up member of our convention. The donation of a small Financial Records Inspection Fee will apply. Basically, if you act like a dickhead, we'll treat you with the respect you deserve.

***What If I Want To Run The Media NatCon In 1997?** We'd love you to. You need to let us know as soon as possible. Right now would be good. If you intend running a con in 1997, and have not yet announced your guests of honour, you can make a presentation at our business meeting. The members of *Basicon* will put it to the vote, and away you go! Bids will be accepted up to one week before *Basicon*. Contact us for further details.

***So What Do I Do Now?** Join up by filling in the form overleaf. Volunteer to help. Reproduce this flyer and pass it around. Tell your friends. Advertise it wherever you can. Watch the skies. Stay calm. Listen for further announcements.

P.O.Box 567, Blackburn, Vic, 3130

Basicon

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Your Basic All-Purpose Form.

I want to join *Basicon* and pay _____
membership(s) in advance at \$20 each. ()

I want to hire _____ Huckster's Table(s)
at \$30 each (including one membership) ()

I want to pay for _____ meals at the
Pizza Banquet Smorgasbord Pig-Out Frenzy
at \$7 each. ()

Total cheque enclosed (made payable to
Basicon, of course.) TOTAL:()

None of the above, just yet, thank you,
but I want to be on your mailing list to
be kept apprised of future developments. ()

I would like to volunteer to help with
Basicon in the following areas...

Panels ()	Auction ()	Pre-con stuff()
Catering ()	Publicity()	Registration ()
Security ()	Displays ()	Setting Up ()
Gopher ()	Whatever ()	Sweeping Up ()
Other _____		

Of course, I enclose a Stamped Self-Addressed
Envelope because that's just the sort of nice,
generous person I am. ()

My Name: _____

My Address: _____

My Phone Number: _____ My e-Mail _____