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In Print

Greg Egan's Novelette "Tap" appears in the November 1995 Asimov's.

Lucy Sussex passed on the following gem from Rachel Cunneen. "In case there are some masochistic mortals out there who are still interested in perusing THTSTP for sources - I think I've found another one that, to my knowledge, noone else has mentioned. On page 61 of my copy of the book there's a passage detailing how one of the Nazi officers has a dream about a basilisk. This basilisk is afraid to breath on people because his breath turns people to ashes. When I first read this, I thought it sounded vaguely familiar (not to mention bizarre) and I've recently worked out why. There's an Australian short story by Dal Stevens that is published in Van Ikin's anthology of Australian science fiction. It is titled, I think, "The Gentle Basilisk" and although the wording doesn't match Darville's telling of the story, the idea is exactly the same. Friends who are better versed in mythology than myself have told me that while stories of basilisks abound, the idea that they have killer halitosis is uncommon enough to suggest that this is yet another Demindenko plagiarism. Has anyone else noticed the similarity between Steven's story and the passage in THTSTP? Or are there any amateur experts in the private lives of basilisks out there?"

The Herald Sun 9/10/95 has an article on Richmond's Elizabeth Rogers who claims to be compiling "Australia's first fanzine directory". However there is no mention of sf fanzines by Ms Rogers who has all of eighty zines. There will be an exhibition of these at the State Library from October 14.

Fans on the Move

Margaret Arnott, ex-Adelaide and now Darwin is on her way to Ballarat. Congratulations on her impending marriage to Bob Orchard. The 1996 FFANZ race is once more a one horse affair, with Evan McArthy as the only candidate. Either Evan or Hold Over Funds will visit The Festival of the Imagination Easter 1996. I have yet to see the ballot paper.

Arcon Broke

Be ready for all sorts of less than subtle fund raising activities. Arcon though most appeared to find it enjoyable, with the exception of the lack of on-site coffee and the rather snooty nature of the hotel, lost money. (A full financial report will appear in the post-con report, due

out real soon now.) As a first attempt to cover costs, the Aussiecon Memory book is now available. Weighing in at 60pages, it features a brand new piece on Aussiecon by Ursula K. LeGuin plus her Aussiecon GoH Speech, articles by Don Ashby and Marc Ortlieb, photographs and reprints (including Gene Wolfe's SFWA report on Aussiecon Two) dealing with the two Aussiecons. Cost is \$10 plus \$2-00 postage and handling. In addition we have assorted Nortstralia Press publications, some small Aussiecon Two t-shirts and program books from Aussiecon and Aussiecon Two.

Convention Updates

A week to go until Basicon. David Richardson reports that Mutagen has been postponed indefinitely due to hotel price hikes. He suggests that people interested contact Geoff Chan at 9350424E@rmit580fsl.hais.rmit.edu.au. Geoff's comment "Sean-Paul and Brett Jones have decided to go into business called "OffWorld" and they have decided to postpone it, (I only report it and look after email."

Upcoming Conventions

BasiCon 1995 Media NatCon October 21 Melbourne University Student Union Building. \$20 Att (\$100 at the door.) Hucksters \$30. Banquet \$7 P.O. Box 567 Blackburn 3130

Mudcon November 18-19 Winery tour/Convention. Susan Clarke 6 Bellevue Road Faulconbridge NSW 2776

Mutagen '96 ? GPO Box 910G Melbourne 3001. (03) 534-2752- ND

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. GPO Box G429, Perth, 6001 Ph:(09) 361 8210 or (09) 381 7534. E-mail julian@multiline.com.au ND

The Reunion #4 April 20-22 1996 Susan Clarke 6 Bellevue Road Faulconbridge NSW 2776

Parliament of Dreams Babylon 5 3-5 May 1996 The Ridge Hotel, Leichardt Street Brisbane GoH Jerry Doyle (Garibaldi) \$95 payable to New Horizons PO Box 492, Corinda, QLD 4075 (07) 375-1775

Constellation NZ Natcon: Queens Birthday Weekend 1996 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 Australia Day Weekend 1997 UWS Hawkesbury Richmond NSW \$40 Susan Clarke 6 Bellevue Road Faulconbridge NSW 2776

Conspiracy 1997 18th New Zealand National Science Fiction Convention (bidding for the 15th Australasian SF Media 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

Fanzines

Mumblings from Munchkinland #12 Chris Nelson 23 Henty St Invermay Tas 7248 Genzine in which Chris reveals that he has also joined the ranks of fannish fathers. (That's the last we'll see of his fanzines). *Mimezine Flashback* #3 Terry Frost 26 Head St Balwyn Vic 3103. Terry's idiosyncratic perzine/genzine. Interesting reading. *Kalien* James Allen P.O. Box 41 West Brunswick Vic 3055. Jocko's strange little zine. *Reviewzine* #38 Susan Smith-Clarke 6 Bellevue Rd Faulconbridge NSW 2776 Sydney *NewszineThyme* #105 Alan Stewart P.O. Box 222, World Trade Centre, Melbourne 3005. E-mail s_alanjs@eduserve.its.unimelb.edu.au Comes with *Australian Sf News* #65 Alan Stewart & Merv Binns, and Dave Langford's *Ansible* #97 & 98 *Ethel the Aardvark* #63 Paul Ewins for the MSFC P.O. Box 212 World Trade Centre Melbourne 3005

Sources

Warp Speed, David Richardson, *Widya Santoso*, *Reviewzine*, *Thyme*

Classifieds

My attention has been drawn to Agrippa, an interesting "novel". Can you please place a request in the next Bullsheet for anyone who knows a purchaser to contact me. One of the other PhD students is working in the field of advance and change in literacy and is curious as to whether this particular form of ephemera has attracted attention in Australia.

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October 27th.

Web Pages

- AFR**
http://www.peg.apc.org/~roman/afr/afr_1/afr_1.htm
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>
Festival of the Imagination 1996 (under construction)
<http://midnight.com.au/~mjl/foti1996.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://www.peg.apc.org/~larrikin/welcome.htm>
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>



Deadlines

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| 1995 ASFMA Voting | October 21 1995 |
| 1996 DUFF Nominations | October 31 1995 |
| 1996 FFANZ Voting | December 8 1995 |
| 1996 Ditmar Nominations | January 31 1996 |
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| 1996 DUFF Voting | April 21 1996 |

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