

DUFF 1979 USA TO AUSTRALIA

THE FUND The down ~~under~~ fan fund was created in 1972 to encourage closer ties of friendship between science fiction fans across the Pacific. The generosity of fans has now made DUFF an established "fan charity". Supported entirely by voluntary contributions from fans all over the world, DUFF has held six races which resulted in the exchange of North American and Australian fans attending major conventions in Australia and North America. This year's race will send an American fan to the 1979 Convention in Sydney, Australia, Syncon '79. This year's race is being run in a very short space of time due to certain problems which were caused by the post office losing correspondence between the two Administrators. If needed, a full explanation can be had from the Australian administrator for several stamps and any old fanzine.

THE VOTERS Any fan active in science fiction fandom since March 1977 may vote in the DUFF race. Ballots must be SIGNED and accompanied by a donation of at least \$1.50(US) or \$1.00(Aust) or the equivalent. Each person is allowed ONLY ONE VOTE. If you think your name may not be known to the administrators, please include the name of a fan or fan group that you think will be known to them and that would be willing to verify your eligibility to vote. We CANNOT COUNT UNVERIFIABLE VOTES.

DONATIONS DUFF exists solely on fan contributions and always welcomes auctionable material and donations of money. There have been and will be auctions of DUFF material at numerous cons in Australia and America, during 1979. Contributions may be brought to these conventions or sent to the administrators. Anyone may contribute, even if ineligible to vote, and donations in excess of the voting minimum will be gratefully accepted. Cheques and money orders should be made out to the administrators and not to DUFF. Trip reports from previous DUFF winners are available. \$1.00 Lesleigh Luttrell, \$3.00 Leigh Edmonds. Christine Ashby's report is due out late 1979 and Paul J. Stevens's report is due by August '79.

CANDIDATES Each candidate has posted a \$5.00 bond, provided signed nominations and platforms and has promised (barring unforeseen circumstances) to travel to Sydney Australia to attend SYNCON '79. Platforms are reproduced on the other side of this form as is the ballot form.

VOTING DUFF uses the Australian preferential ballot system to guarantee an automatic run-off and a majority win. You rank the candidates in order of preference (1, 2 & 3) If there is no absolute majority for one candidate after the first count of votes, first-place votes of the lowest ranking candidate are dropped and the second-place votes on his ballots are assigned to the candidates named. It is IMPORTANT to vote for SECOND & THIRD place - if you wish to vote only for your first choice you may, but if that person loses you have NO CHOICE between the other two candidates.

DEADLINE ALL VOTES MUST REACH THE ADMINISTRATORS BY JUNE 5th 1979. It is suggested that people sending votes to the AUSTRALIAN Administrator do so by AIR MAIL letter. We realise that this gives most people less than one month but airline bookings must be made in advance to take advantage of the cheaper fares now being offered across the Pacific. The administrators apologise for the short voting time and promise it won't happen in 1980. (Blaine Stevens)

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DUFF 1979 CANDIDATES' PLATFORMS, USA to AUSTRALIA

KEN FLETCHER and LINDA LOUNSBERRY

Slightly silly platform

Five reasons why Ken and Linda should not go to Australia

1. Linda doesn't like to eat Eucalyptus leaves (neither does Ken)
2. Ken doesn't know all the verses to Waltzing Matilda (but Linda does)
4. Neither of them is named "Bruce" (or "Mavis")
5. The Koalas at Qantas don't want us
6. There will be no reason Three.

Nominated by Fred Haskell, Rusty Hevelin, Susan Wood, Eric Lindsay and Leigh Edmonds

MIKE GLYER

In ten years as a fan Mike has edited such zines as PREHENSILE, SCIENTIFRICTION and FILE 770. He was one of half a dozen founders of the Ronquet at McDonald's in 1972 - now a putrid fan tradition. Co-chair of Westercon, participant in creating the FAN awards, officer at various times of FAPA, LASFS, even the Church of Herbangelism, Glycer has been very active in areas of fandom from the most serious to the most hilarious. Also: Glycer's selection would assure a thorough trip report to share the adventure in Australia with everyone who supports DUFF.

Nominated by John Foyster, Ken Ozane, George Flynn, Mike Glicksohn, Elst Weinstein

CY CHAUVIN

Cy Chauvin entered fandom in 1969, after reading John Berry's Clubhouse column in Amazing. His first fanzine contribution was published in an Australian fanzine, the Mentor. In 1973, he went to his first convention, TORCON, where two of the first fans he met were Bruce Gillespie and Shayne McCormack. In 1975 he was fan GoH at Fanfair III (while everyone else was at Aussiecon). He edited Seldon's Plan, has been OE of APA-50 and MISHAP. Helped organize Autoclave and written for scores of fanzines. He promises to write a trip report if he goes to Australia. He promises to invent one if he doesn't.

Nominated by Gil Gaier, Mary Long, Jeanne Gomoll, Bruce Gillespie and Keith Curtiss.

B A L L O T	I vote for (lis 1, 2, 3)	Signature: _____
	FLETCHER and LOUNSBERRY _____	Name (print) _____
	MIKE GLYER _____	Address _____
	CY CHAUVIN _____	_____

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