

DUFF Newsletter #4, May 1980. This issue edited by Ken Fletcher, 341 East 19th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55404, USA, for the Down Under Fan Fund (DUFF). Co-administered in North America by Linda Lounsbury and in Australia by the Soon-to-be-deposed-in-a-bloodless-coup Paul J. Stevens c/o Space Age Books, 305 Swanston St., Melbourne, Victoria 3000, AUSTRALIA. DUFF was created in 1972 to support the annual exchange of a science fiction fan between Australia and North America.



Keith Curtis is the 1980 DUFF representative from Australian fandom. Well known to attendees of Australian sf conventions as an auctioneer, and as a knowledgeable sf & fantasy bibliophile, Keith is also well known to those collectors looking for the best in book-searchers. He is a member and founding editor of APPLESAUCE, a Sydney-based apa, and he publishes a fanzine, OPAL. He has been active in organizing recent Sydney conventions, including chairing SYNCON 78. He is currently director of Australian affairs (it says here) in the AUSTRALIA IN 83 worldcon bidding committee.

Though details of Keith's schedule and route through North America have not yet been set, he will be at the worldcon, Noreascon 2, over Labor Day weekend. He would like to go to as many regional cons as he can fit in, which may include Bubonicon & Pghlunge. He has some specific fans and pros he hopes to meet, and specific places he'd like to visit, including: Sauk City, Wisconsin; Providence, RI; the Smithsonian; the site of the H. Holmes crazy castle in Chicago; plus a sampling of North American usedbookstores and Chinese restaurants.

If you would like to meet, re-meet, and/or be a native guide or host to Keith on his North American pilgrimage (subject, of course, to his itinerary) contact the DUFF administrators:

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AUSTRALIA (for a 2-year term)

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Mr. Curtis replaces the capable and beaut Paul J. Stevens, who has been reportedly kidnapped by Anti-Fan for reprogramming.

Voting

Keith Curtis won on the first ballot count, with a clear majority of first-place votes out of 94 votes cast:

North American votes: (39 voting)

Keith Curtis: 20 Bob Ogden: 13 Jack Herman: 5
+1 write-in vote for John & Sally Bangsund + 4 ballots abstaining

Australian votes:

Keith Curtis: 42 Bob Ogden: 4 Jack Herman: 9

Totals:

Keith Curtis: 62 Bob Ogden: 17 Jack Herman: 14

DUFF candidates for 1981

Do you know a fan who would like to visit Australian fans in the ~~summer winter~~ year of 1981 as DUFF representative? Anyone out there want to learn to speak Marsupial? In June of 1981, DUFF will send a North American fan to Adelaide, South Australia, for the 20th Aussie National Convention, ADVENTION. This will be in the depths of the Australian winter, which isn't too bad considering the climate is much like Southern California (except around Melbourne, which is like Northern California, maybe). You would probably get the chance to look out Gary Mason's office window and take a tour of the Barossa Valley wineries, besides attending a high-energy convention and meeting fans on the way there and back.

Candidates should post a \$5.00 bond, and send signed nominations (3 N. American fans + 2 Australian) and a 100 word platform to the North American administrators. Candidates promise to attend the 1981 Australian National Convention if they become DUFF representative. (Practically speaking, travel time makes this a minimum 2 week obligation. You would have a better time on a 4 to 6 week visit.)

Candidates would be wise to have been active in fandom for several years and known through fanzines and conventions. It certainly would not hurt to know and be known by Australian fans, if only by reputation! You'll need Aussie as well as North American votes to win.

It would be best if the DUFF race is resolved by January 1981. We are accordingly setting a deadline of 15 July, 1980 for North American DUFF candidates to send in bonds, nominations and platforms. DUFF will be active over this Northern Hemisphere summer collecting funds for the 1981 DUFF trip.

Help

Would you do us a favor and start thinking of which Australians you might like to see running for DUFF in 1982? Let us know--or better yet, let them know!

If you would like to find out more about Australian fandom, read an Aussie fanzine. One source of excellent listings of Australian zines is in current and past issues of THE WHOLE FANZINE CATALOG, edited by Brian Earl Brown, 16711 Burt Rd. #207, Detroit, MI 48219, U.S.A. Send \$1.00 for some samples.

I was going to thank Mark Digre and Garth Danielson for donating printing time for these newsletters, but then I thot of all of you who are making this 1980 DUFF visit possible: contributors of time, space, money, auction material, and concern--you know who you are: thank yourselves for me.... Thanks.