

DUFF 1978

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 five races which resulted in the exchange of American and Australian fans attending major conventions. This years race will send an Australian fan to the 1978 Worldcon in Pheonix, Arizona-IGUANACON.

VOTERS Any fan active in science fiction fandom since September 1st 1976 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 you may not be known to either of the administrators, please include the name of a fan or fan group that you think will be known to them and that you would be willing to verify your eligibility to vote. We cannot count unverifiable votes.

DONATIONSDUFF exists solely on the contributions of fans and always welcomes donations of money and auctionable material. There will be DUFF auctions at numerous conventions during this race; contributions may be bought 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 payable to an administrator, not to DUFF. Copies of trip reports by the first two winners have been contributed, all profits going to DUFF. The 1972 report, "LESLEIGH'S ADVENTURES DOWNUNDER (AND WHAT SHE FOUND THERE)" is available from the administrators for \$1.00 The 1974 report "EMU TRACKS" OVER AMERICA" is \$3.00 (US) and \$2.50 (AUST) from Leigh Edmonds. Christine's report will be available in mid-1978.

CANDIDATES Each candidate has posted a \$5.00 bond, provided signed nominations and platforms and has promised (barring circumstances beyond their control) to travel to PHOENIX, ARIZONA to attend the 1978 Worldcon. Platforms are reproduced on the other side of this sheet 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 your exact order of choice. 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 and 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 April 14th 1978.

Send ballots and donations to:

AUSTRALIAN ADMINISTRATOR CHRISTINE ASHBY, PO BOX 175, SOUTH MELBOURNE. VICTORIA
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AMERICAN ADMINISTRATOR BILL ROTSLER, PO BOX 3126, LOS ANGELES. CA USA 90028

C A N D I D A T E S " P L A T F O R M S

SHAYNE McCORMACK Going on the old saying "third time lucky", Shayne is having yet another go. President of the Sydney SF Foundation for two years, Shayne has been an active fan for 8 years, has attended over 20 conventions and run a few of them herself. She has edited her own and club fanzines and is presently a full-time graphic Design student with ambitions of becoming an artist and writer.

nominated by Eli Cohen, Keith Curtis, Mike Glicksohn
Eric Lindsay and Paul Stevens.

PAUL J. STEVENS For those who are interested, my boring statistics are: born 1942, single, Australian, been in fandom for about 15 years, asst manager at Space Age Books, the local SF watering hole, helped organise most of the conventions held in Melbourne over the last 10 years, is now the local 'expert' in sf and on call to the Melbourne media when they need a quote of sf, comics or sf movies. Partrayed Anti-fan in "that" movie. Interests are SF, fandom, conventions, comics, fantasy movies, military history and aardvarks. Ambitions are to get to as many American conventions as possible, meet lots of fans, visit Forry's mansion, civil war battlefields, Disneyland and enjoy myself.

Nominated by John Bangsund, Merv Binns, John Foyster,
Craig Miller and Roger Zelazny.

KEITH TAYLOR Keith is one of those poor, struggling writers you hear about. He shambles here and there in beard and patched denims and shapeless sweater with leather elbows, dreaming of wealth and fame. What's more, those dreams have lately begun to show the first faint signs of coming true. Besides professional writing he contributes to every mailing of ANZAPA as fully as he can (and has just been elected Official Bloody President). He attends every convention he can make. Widely known for his superb cooking and fine taste in friends, he also plays the worst game of chess imaginable.

Nominated by Derrick Ashby, Don Ashby, Carey Handfield
Andrew J. Offutt and Susan Wood.

B I vote for (list 1, 2, 3): Signature: _____
A
L SHAYNE McCORMACK _____ Name(print) _____
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O PAUL J. STEVENS _____ Address: _____
T
 KEITH TAYLOR _____

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