

DUFF: The Down Under Fan Fund was created in 1972 to encourage closer ties between fans in Australia and North America. With host country alternating each year, there have been ten exchanges of fan representatives since then, supported entirely by voluntary contributions from fans all over the world. DUFF representatives visit a major SF convention in the host country and visit with fans they might otherwise never meet in person. DUFFers are treated as special guests and are always well looked after.

DONATIONS: DUFF exists solely on the contributions of fans and always welcomes material that is auctionable and donations of money. There will be auctions of DUFF material at future conventions. Contributions may be brought to a convention or sent to the local administrator. Anyone may contribute, even if ineligible to vote, and donations in excess of the voting donation are gratefully accepted. Checks should be made out to Down Under Fan Fund or Joyce Scrivner (in North America) or Peter Toluzzi (in Australia).

VOTING: Any fan active in fandom since January 1982 may vote. Ballots must be signed and be accompanied by a donation of at least \$2. Each person is allowed only ONE VOTE. If you think your name may not be known to the administrator, please include the name of a fan or fan group who can vouch for you. We will not count unverifiable votes. **ALL VOTES MUST REACH AN ADMINISTRATOR BY NO LATER THAN MARCH 31, 1983.**

DUFF uses the Australian preferential system of balloting to guarantee an automatic run-off and a majority win. You rank the candidates in order of preference (1,2,3,4,...). If there is no absolute majority for one candidate after the first count of votes, first place votes for the lowest-ranking candidate are dropped and the second place votes on those ballots are assigned to the candidates named. This goes on until one candidate has a majority. It is therefore important to vote for second, third, and fourth places, especially if you choose to write in a candidate. (You are not required to fill in more than your name and your first choice.)

CANDIDATES: Each candidate has posted a \$5 bond, provided signed nominations, and had promised (barring acts of god) to travel to the 1983 Australian National Convention, SYNCON 83, in Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, to be held June 10 - 13, 1983. Platforms are reproduced on the reverse side of this form, and the ballot is below.

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I vote for (list 1,2,3,4,...): SIGNATURE: _____

JAN HOWARD FINDER _____ Name and Address (print): _____

ALEXIS GILLILAND _____

JERRY KAUFMAN _____

CHARLOTTE PROCTOR _____

HOLD OVER FUNDS _____

NO PREFERENCE _____

WRITE IN: _____

If you think you may not be known by the administrator, please give the name of a fan or fan group to whom you are known:

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This original Australian ballot produced by: PETER TOLUZZI, 8/11/82.

DUFF 1983 NORTH AMERICA ---- AUSTRALIA: THE CANDIDATES' PLATFORMS

JAN HOWARD FINDER: What can be said about a marsupial groupie? Who became a British fan with a funny accent, while living in Europe, because of John Brunner. It was in '75, that Jan went to Australia and met his first wombat and other mighty and magnificent Marsupials. While there he climbed Ayers Rock, sampled seafood in Brisbane, froze on the train to Ballarat and met what seemed to be old family, the Aussie fen. To celebrate the best Worldcon to date, Jan organises the AUSSIECON Reunion Party each year at the Worldcon. He works hard at raising money for DUFF and published FINDER'S GUIDE TO AUSTRALTERRESTRIALS, selling it and sterling silver marsupials to the unwary. Going to more cons than his budget allows, Jan promotes the MELBOURNE IN '85 bid and has learned to fasten the chain on his hotel room door. (Tucker made me put that in!) He is also an easy mark for a backrub, just ask him for one. His hands are supposed to be two of the best in fandom.

NOMINATED BY: Mike Glicksohn, Mike Glycer, Carey Handfield,
Paul Stevens, Wilson "Bob" Tucker.

ALEXIS GILLILAND: Alexis, founder of the International Cookie Conspiracy, is witty, charming, and sinister (or at least left-handed). He has furnished countless cartoons plus a few locs to innumerable fanzines. A glutton for punishment, he has chaired half a dozen DISCLAVES and hosted the hordes of WSFS in his home for the last fifteen years, not to mention wandering Brits and Aussies. He now proposes to take his act on the road... along with his wife, Dolly... and draw cartoons all over Australia.

His good attitude towards the important things in life is shown by the fact that he brews his own beer and ale in the basement and has his friends and itinerant fans over to help him drink it.

NOMINATED BY: Merv Barrett, Avedon Carol, A Bertram Chandler,
Bill Rotsler, Mike Walsh.

JERRY KAUFMAN: He has been active in US fandom since 1966: publishing fanzines, founding apas, attending club meetings in Ohio, New York, and Seattle. He has also appeared in several fan dramatic performances and on unnumbered panels (on fanzines or Delany) at conventions. He is known for his dramatic readings from Walt Kelly and R.L. Fanthorpe, and becomes slightly more amusing after two beers. He is best known in Australian fandom for stomping George Turner (in print) with his hob-nailed sneakers, and for acting as hostelier (with his housemates) to Australian Traveling Giants.

NOMINATED BY: Richard Bergeron, Andrew Brown, Irwin Hirsh,
Linda Lounsbury, Sandra Meisel, Marc Ortlieb, Stu Shiffman.

CHARLOTTE PROCTOR: WHY I SHOULD WIN DUFF (in 100 words, more or less, by Charlotte Proctor):

- 1) Having been graced by the presence of both Marc Ortlieb and Peter Toluzzi, Birmingham fandom would like to ~~affix~~ send a representative to Australia in turn.
- 2) Hands across the water; or Cultural Exchange: Birmingham feelie fandom has, by all accounts, a lot to learn from Australian backrub fandom.
- 3). With the distinct possibility of a Worldcon being held in Atlanta (which is right next door to Birmingham) in '86, it is only fitting and proper that Southern (US) fandom and the southernmost fandom of all get to know one another better.

NOMINATED BY: JOHN FOYSTER, MEADE AND PENNY FRIERSON, JIM
GILPATRICK, DICK AND NICKI LYNCH, JOHN PACKER.

ONCE MORE: Votes MUST reach an administrator by MARCH 31, 1983.