

# DUFF TALK-ABOUT #1

FEBRUARY, 1996

News of the Down Under Fan Fund, a fan-supported fellowship that since 1972 has helped to send fan representatives between North America and Australasia in order to encourage closer ties between our fandoms.

## 1996 RACE TO NORTH AMERICA UNDERWAY:

Three candidates from Australia are standing:

Stephen Dedman, Perth

Danny Heap, Melbourne

Perry Middlemiss, Melbourne

Ballots are enclosed. Ballots must be postmarked by 4/15/96 and reach an administrator by 4/22/96.

The winning fan will receive DUFF funds to attend LaCon III, the 54th WorldCon, August 29 — September 2, 1996. The winner will also be expected to do fund raising, administer the Australasian end of the fund until their successor is chosen, and to produce a Trip Report to be sold as a fundraiser.

## PAT AND ROGER WENT DOWN UNDER:

Pat & Roger Sims, 1995 DUFF winners, traveled to attend Thylacon, the 1995 Australian National Convention in Hobart, Tasmania. They left Cincinnati 5/31/95 and did a whirlwind trip visiting fans in Melbourne, Adelaide, Sydney and Wellington, New Zealand as well as the Convention in Hobart before returning to the States on 6/17/95.

While there, our fabulous, fantastic trip was due to all the wonderful people we met and remet (from AussiCon 1) who acted as hosts and guides during their visit. Special thanks go to Donna Heenan, Alan Stewart, Roman Orzanski, Nick Stathopoulos, John Foyster, Cary and Marjorie Lenahan, Robin Johnson, Eric Lindsay and Jean Weber, Gerald Smith and Womble, Mervyrn Barret, Kay Gubbins and Tim Jones, Phil Wlodarczyk and Frances Papworth.

Real soon now, we will get a trip report out! Hopefully before some other overdue ones. Nag, Nag, Nag!

## WE DO AUCTIONS:

Since our return, we've been busy attending conventions — InConjunction, InterSection, Windy Con and TropiCon assisting in auctions to raise funds. Fans have been most generous. The future agenda includes Corflu, Kubla Kahn, InConjunction, RiverCon and WorldCon. And that's only through August, 1996.

## FINANCIAL REPORTS NORTH AMERICA

### INCOME

Balance Received from the Smiths . . . . .	5,129.15
MAGICON . . . . .	500.00
CONFRANCISCO . . . . .	400.00

### Auctions

Kubla Con . . . . .	140.00
Inconjunction . . . . .	156.00
Intersection . . . . .	161.71
Windy Con. . . . .	535.00
DITTO.8 . . . . .	216.00
ICON. (Iowa) . . . . .	239.00
Rivercon.1995. . . . .	100.00
<b>Total</b> . . . . .	<b>1547.71</b>

### Other Income

Corflu Donation . . . . .	100.00
Miscellaneous . . . . .	80.00
Earned Interest (12/31/95). . . . .	17.24
<b>Total.</b> . . . . .	<b>197.24</b>

<b>Total Income</b> . . . . .	<b>7,774.10</b>
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### EXPENSES:

Sims Trip Expenses . . . . .	2,477.75
Australian Purchases for North American Auction . . . . .	547.42
Copy Expenses to Date . . . . .	17.73
<b>Total Expenses</b> . . . . .	<b>3,042.40</b>
<b>BALANCE</b> (1/1/96). . . . .	<b>4,897.20</b>

### AUSTRALASIA

<b>BALANCE</b> (7/8/95). . . . .	<b>1,637.99</b>
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## DUFF HALL OF FAME #1

### Special thanks to:

The Committees of MAGICON, CONFRANCISCO and CONADIAN for their generous donations;

To the conventions noted in the financial statement for providing venues for auction;

All auctioneers, especially Bob Passavoy and his team at Windycon and Joe Siclari and cohorts at Tropicon;

Those generous spenders at Ditto;

Auction item donations from David W. Clark, Linda & Greg Dunn, Mike Resnick, Lynne and Mark Aronson, Dragonspawn, Marcy and Barry Lyn-Waitsman;

For fanzines from Mike Wood's collection through the assistance of Minn-STF, Martin Schafer, Don Fitch and Geri Sullivan;

And a very Special thanks to Vonda McIntyre for her most generous donations for auction.

# WE HAVE FANZINES

To list all of the material would take days and many pieces of paper. So I will not! However, I will say that we have on hand over 10 feet of fanzines and journals as well as prozines and semi prozines. All of the fanzines are alphabetized in four filing cabinets. If you are looking for a particular title, please send us its name and a reasonable offer. We will be the sole arbitrators of your offer. Should it be acceptable we will ship same to you and expect that you would include the cost of postage with your check.

Should more than one person ask for the same item, we will take appropriate steps to bring this situation to a successful conclusion. We do not expect a horde of mail, but any, even one would be most gratifying.

We also have several hundred hard cover and paper back books, new and used, many autographed, that have been donated. Anyone interested in them should send an inquiry and list will be made available.

## CURRENT AND FUTURE RACES

Because this is several weeks late in the mailing, the time remaining to vote is very short. So do not delay, mail today! A word to the wise: Candidates for 1999, should Australia win WorldCon, will be very crowded. But 1997 is wide open at present. It might be wise to declare now even though dates for both 1997 and 1999 have not been announced!

### DUFF DELEGATES

- 1972 Lesleigh Luttrell
- 1974 Leigh Edmonds
- 1975 Rusty Hevelin<sup>2</sup>
- 1976 Christine McGowan
- 1977 Bill Rotsler<sup>1</sup>
- 1978 Paul J. Stevens<sup>1</sup>
- 1979 Ken Fletcher & Linda Lounsbury<sup>1</sup>
- 1980 Keith Curtis<sup>1</sup>
- 1981 Joyce Scrivner<sup>1</sup>
- 1982 Peter Toluzzi<sup>2</sup>
- 1983 Jerry Kaufman
- 1984 Jack Herman
- 1985 Marty & Robbie Cantor
- 1986 Nick Stathopoulos, Lewis Moreley  
& Marilyn Pride<sup>2</sup>
- 1987 Lucy Huntzinger<sup>1</sup>
- 1988 Terry Dowling
- 1989 John D. Berry<sup>1</sup>
- 1990 Greg Turkich<sup>1</sup>
- 1991 Art Widner<sup>1</sup>
- 1992 Roger Weddall<sup>3</sup>
- 1993 Dick & Leah Zeldes Smith<sup>1</sup>
- 1994 Alan Stewart<sup>1</sup>
- 1995 Pat & Roger Sims<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Has not published a trip report.

<sup>2</sup> Produced a slide show in lieu of a report.

<sup>3</sup> Died before completing report.

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We would like articles regarding Australasian-North American fan relations and other topics of interest to DUFF supporters for future issues of *DUFF TALK ABOUT*. Please send submissions often and early to the address just above this box.