

## HERE WE GO 'ROUND THE DUFFBERRY BUSH #1

Hello there!

Most of you know us (or know *of* us) and enough of you voted for us (for which many thanks) so that we became the 1985 DUFF delegates.

This report is going out later than we wanted it to; those of you who know us well know of our over-involvement in fanac (100+ page genzines 3 times a year are but one example). We have not, despite all our other obligations, neglected DUFF. We have initiated a DUFF auction at LASFS meetings. This means that we need auction material *desperately* as holding 20 minute auctions every other week uses up stuff rapidly. A problem is that most of what we have to auction is fanzines and most LASFS attendees are not too interested in fanzines.

To those convention committees who receive this report: an advance thankyou for holding DUFF auctions and/or for turning over to us any contributions/donations. All will be publicly acknowledged.

### FINANCIAL:

Jerry Kaufman has turned over to us a total of \$2,285.58 in DUFF funds - it was put into an interest-bearing account (apparently *just* before a cut-off date as we soon received notice of it earning 21¢ interest). PHOENIXCON 0.5 has sent a cheque for \$60.00. Marjii Ellers gave us \$25.00. DUFF auctions at LASFS have netted the fund \$62.15. A table I set up at LASFS last week (a meeting at which Bruce Pelz held the regular LASFS auction, which now alternates with DUFF auctions) netted \$22.50 in sales. We are selling back issues of HOLIER THAN THOU for \$2.00, all proceeds to DUFF; Doug Booze purchased \$10.00 worth. We sold 6 issues of Jack Herman's trip report (\$5.00 each - copies available from us if any of you want them), netting \$30.00

Expenses: to date \$154.32. Includes refunding to us the \$100.00 which we used to set up the DUFF account (and on which we made that 21¢) and the cost of phoning Australia (Jack Herman), something which we will not be doing too often. Phone cost \$27.82. There was also \$26.50 for airfare. You see, when I asked Rick Foss about air fare during a LASFS meeting he inadvertantly quoted me the fare to Sydney, not Melbourne. Well, we fly *to* Sydney, but we return *from* Melbourne. So I told Jerry the lower fare (which he sent to Rick) - we paid Rick the difference and reimbursed ourselves from the DUFF monies after we received them.

### AUCTION MATERIAL DONATED TO DUFF:

Boxes and boxes and boxes (etc.) of stuff forwarded to us by the previous North American administrator, Jerry Kaufman. Some items of our own. Others: David Schlosser, Bruce Pelz, Dave Fox, Bill Curry, Marty Massoglia, Art Widner, Charles Curley, Thom Digby, Bill Rotsler, and Roy Lavender.

Many thanks to those mentioned above, to those who have bid at auctions, and special thanks to LASFS for allowing to raise DUFF monies at meetings. The Down Under Fan Fund works only because many fans generously give of themselves, their time and their money. Fan Funds are unique institutions still viable in this day and age - they show that fans still care about each other and that SF fandom is truly international in scope.

Future issues of this report will include updates of financial information about the fund, the names of fans and cons who have donated auction material and money, and items which we will have for sale by mail.

### JACK HERMAN reports:

Receipt of A\$706.41 from L.A.CON II. (The con has promised \$500 per trip report for 2 reports each from DUFF, TAFF, and GUFF.) What Jack got was the US\$500, minus US\$15.40 deducted by the bank for its work, put into an A\$ cheque. // Autographed SF books are particularly wanted for the AUSSIECON DUFF auction. Send said books to the Cantors - they will bring them to the con.

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