

HERE WE GO 'ROUND THE DUFFBERRY BUSH #5

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Enclosed with this issue of DUFFBERRY BUSH is a ballot for the 1987 DUFF race (North America to Australasia). The deadline for this ballot reaching the administrators is December 31, 1986. Please be sure that you mail your ballot early - the excuse that it was delayed in the Christmas mail rush (or any other excuse) will not work. We would like to point out that the election period this time around is shorter than usual because the Aussie Natcon is near the end of April and the winner of this race will need some time to complete arrangements for his or her trip. So do not wait to cast your vote.

We encourage all fans to make copies of the ballot (substituting their names for ours) to send out with their fanzines. We also encourage clubs to make copies of the ballot for any of their interested members.

MAIL AUCTION

As we lamented last time, the DUFF mail auction has not been a resounding success in terms of lots of action. Here is a list of the winning bidders and the items on which they made the winning bid:

Janice Murray: #19 (CRY issues) - \$8.00
 #31 (Weird Tales in 30s) - \$6.00
 #36 (Our Yesterdays) - \$2.50

Chris Bates: #20 (Extrapolation) - \$12.00

Joyce Scrivner: #27 (Remembrance of Things Past) - \$10.00
 #30 (The Lindsay Report) - \$20.00

The winning items are already in the mails on the way to the winners.

SPEAKING OF AUCTIONS

We had one at Worldcon (in conjunction with TAFF). I also brought zines which were sold at the fanzine sales table in the Fan Room (and I should point out that 50% of the sale price of ALL zines sold at this table was donated to both TAFF and DUFF (50-50 split). I also sold DUFF badges and a few miscellaneous things at the con. Rusty Hevelin gave me some money, the result of various DUFF auctions which he has held during the past year. The result of all of this activity is a bunch of money which I brought back for the DUFF coffers (see the financial section of this report).

Many people are deserving of thanks for DUFF's financial success at Worldcon, not the least of whom are those who brought items for auction and those who bid on them. Special thanks also go to the following: Neil Kaden, Pat Mueller, Bill Bowers (and others) for their work in the Fan Room (almost \$900 was raised to be split between TAFF and DUFF), Joyce Scrivner and Tom Weber for their record keeping at the auction, Tom Whitmore for his master auctioneering for both funds, the three DUFFers for assisting me (Marty) in some auctioneering. Extra special thanks go to CONFEDERATION's Don Cook for (1) accepting my advance shipment of three cartons of auction and sales material, (2) delivering same to me in the Fan Room, (3) accepting the remaining material for remailing back to me, and (4) volunteering to pay the return postage as a DUFF donation. Many thanks, Don.

Thanks also go to Patrick Nielsen Hayden and the TAFFers for their cooperation in helping make things go smoothly for both funds.

While we are giving out thanks we should mention Mike Morris (who recently donated items for the DUFF auctions at LASFS) and our continuing thanks both to those LASFS members (mentioned in previous issues) who periodically bring in auction items - and to LASFS for allowing us our every-other-week auctions. Some time in November we will be holding a major auction at LASFS to try to clear up as much as possible our backlog of auction material.

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Income

interest	\$ 48.17
zine sale	3.00
LASFS auctions	79.27
nomination bonds	40.00
Comicon auction *	25.00
Hevelin auctions	153.00
CONFEDERATION auction & zine sales	776.27
	<u>1124.71</u>

*= I (Marty) ran the auction at a small Comicon at LASFS and donated this portion of my fee to DUFF.

Expenses

Hotel expenses for the DUFF winner	\$ 535.00
Money given to the DUFF winner for expenses *	950.00
other expenses (post., tel.)	135.02
	<u>1620.02</u>

*= The DUFFers returned \$136.00 at the end of their trip.

DUFF North America Bank Account	\$2908.48
Cash in hand	245.52
	<u>3154.00</u>

NEW ITEM FOR SALE

The L.A.CON II people (SCIFFI) have acquired the total remaining stock of the CONSTELLATION edition of THE ENCHANTED DUPLICATOR (8th ed., 1983). This is a marvellous production of this fan classic by Walt Willis and Bob Shaw, with illustrations by Dan Steffan. This is a *must* for all fans.

The entire stock has been turned over to me (Marty) to sell - ALL of the proceeds will be split between TAFF and DUFF in the same manner as I handle THE NEO-FAN'S GUIDE TO SCIENCE FICTION FANDOM. The cost of THE ENCHANTED DUPLICATOR is \$2.00 plus \$1.00 for postage. Get your copies now.

1985 DUFF TRIP REPORTS UPDATE

DUFFBURY TALES (by Marty Cantor) and TALES OF DUFFBURY (by Robbie Cantor), our combined trip reports, will be out before the end of the year. Art director: Brad W. Foster, caricatures and other artwork by Mel White. The reports are final-typed and quadruple-checked for typos (unlike other stuff emanating from this household) and is now in the capable hands of Brad and Mel. Printing will commence when the material is returned to us. The cost will be \$5.00 plus \$1.00 postage. Those who wish to send us \$6.00 now will have their copies put into the mails as soon as copies are collated.

SOME MORE THANKS

Go to those who have been hosting the DUFFers in their trip around the country. In Los Angeles this includes the Trimbles and Cheryl Chapman. Special thanks go to Harlan Ellison who wined and dined them and who took them to see some places that I could not because of my work schedule.