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**EDITORIAL:** There are some people reading this who have got the first two issues and still haven't sent me stamps. Maybe they think that they don't have to send me stamps but they are deluding themselves because EVERYBODY has to send stamps. If you've got a Big Red \*A\* beside your name on the other side it means that YOU have to send stamps. So there - this might be a public service but it's not a public charity.

**PROFESSIONAL NEWS:** Lee Harding told me some down at Degraeves last week but just as I started to write it down somebody said something funny and I didn't get it finished. So we'll have some pro news next issue. In the meantime John Bangsund rang all the way from Canberra to say that he had talked to Damien Broderick by phone all the way from Sydney. The upshot is that when I printed that Damien would be editing the Third Pacific Book of Australian SF last issue I was wrong. Damien will be editing a book for Angus and Robertson to be sure but the title of the collection will be TERROR AUSTRALIS and it won't be taking exactly the form that the two John Baxter edited books did.

**JOHN BANGSUND THROWS IN THE TOWEL:** When Paul Stevens was in the process of sending out those funny little sheets encouraging people to vote for him he enclosed with John Bangsunds copy a little note asking if he was ready to throw in the towel yet.

John and Sally replied by sending Paul a towel and enclosing a little note saying that they were enclosing a towel and also saying that they couldn't think of anyone who needed it more.

**NEW ADDRESSES:** If you're going to visit David Grigg you'd best try going to Flat 2/36 Princes Street, StKilda. It's on the corner of Princes Street and Barkelt Street.

For the next couple of weeks Peter House is at: Pleasant View, 131 Wood Street, Preston. He would appreciate fanzine but no ditto please.

Bernie Bernhouse is living in the United States these days, working for the Australian Consulate-General in New York and apparently enjoying himself. He would appreciate Australian fanzines which you can send to: Mr B Bernhouse, Australian Consulate-General, 636 5th Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10020, US of A.

**PARTY FUN:** Melbourne fandom has been having more than it's fair share of parties recently. There was one at the Ham-Johnson establishment on Saturday March 9th, a combined house warming and celebration of Robins birthday. Apparently it was a very enjoyable event but Valma and I were at the Melbourne Town Hall hearing the first Melbourne performance of the Shostakovich 15th symphony (amongst other things) and so there is no in-person report. The symphony was very good though, not perfectly performed but then what can you expect from an orchestra drilled to play Mendelssohn with it's eyes closed. Bruce Gillespie was at the party though and says that it was a quiet and enjoyable event.

Last Saturday a small party was held around at Lee Hardings establishment in honour of John Brosnan who was passing through on his way from Perth to Sydney where he will be staying for a few weeks before heading back to London. Peter Darling was also down from Sydney where he has been hiding himself since he got back from overseas. It seemed like old times again. Everybody drank a lot, Lee played old Beatles records which people sang along with and I talked to a lot of people and said a lot of things that I don't remember now.

**CONVENTIONS:** Over Easter Paul Stevens will be holding a Film Convention in Melbourne at a site in North Melbourne which is reputed to be very good and has twin 35mm projectors. Science Fiction and Fantasy films will be in the spotlight but there is likely to be a smattering of films from other genres and if nothing else the whole event should be a good excuse to meet all those people you haven't seen since last August.

A real progress report will be ready soon from Bruce

Give people and the crew who are organising the National Convention in August.

Ron and Sue Clarke are co-chairmen of the Sydney convention to be held next Australia Day, it will be called SYNCON 3 and from the planning that's gone into the affair so far it promises to be atleast as good as the previous two.

APA CORNER: MINNEAPA 34 - 118, MINNEAPA 35 - 197, FHAPA 1 - 26 and RAPS 37 - 59. ANZAPA is having a problem at the moment with it's OBE election, secret sources report that the running so far is Ken Ford with 1 vote, John Foyster on 3 with somebody called Burnett Toskey. Since nobody has ever heard of Burnett Toskey and he certainly isn't a member of the apa there could be some problems if he wins.

THE SSFF: A meeting of the Sydney Science Fiction Foundation will be held on the 5th of April at 128 Hereford Road, Glebe at 8 pm. The Committee and other interested people meeting will be held at 2/159 Herring Road, Ron and Sue Clarkes home, on 20th of April.

THE MSFC: The following item was handed to me at Degraeves Tavern:  
"The catalogue of the Melbourne SF Club library numbers some 3,980 books, quite a good collection. Sadly, at the last stocktake (whenever that was) atleast 500 titles were missing, the number is concervative. Herebelow follows a list comprising the most resent disappearances (judged by acquisition numbers alone): ((Editorial note: the listing is left out here because we don't want to bore you with it all)).

If you have these books and you have finnished with them will you please bring them back? ALL IS FORGIVEN! THERE IS NO FINE!! Any other books, of course, which are no longer needed and are property of members of the MSFC, we will willingly accept.

FANZINES: (Australian) FORERUNNER 30/ SSFF c/- Sue Clarke, 2/159 Herring Road, North Ryde, NSW 2113/to members of the SSFF and other lucky people/15pp. General natterings about the Foundation and Dennis and Del Stokcs writing about the snap-freezing imortality business. RATAPLAN 14/Leigh Edmonds, PO Box 74, Balaclava, Victoria 3183/\$1.60 for 4 or the usual/20pp. If I weren't so modest I'd say this is one of the best Australian fanzines but I'm merely trying to keep the listing of Australian fanzines complete.

DUFF: Keep those votes and donations rolling in. No DUFF ballot with this issue, if you haven't got atleast ten already you've been asleep too long.

AUSSIECAN: The latest news from that direction is to be found on the flyer that comes with this.

THE TUCKER BOX: Apparently there is/will be another Fan Fund running in this direction next year alongside DUFF. The idea will be to bring Bob Tucker to AUSSIECON and it will be called the TUCKER FUND. Dave Locke will be doing a collection of Tucker fannish classics for the fund and Donn Brazier and others are supporting. Jackie Franke, Box 51-AA RR 2, Beecher, IL 60401 USA) will be collecting the money.

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