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NEWS LETTER

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CHANGES IN F.S.S. NEW EXECS...NEW POLICY.

At the special F.S.S. meeting on September 5, several important matters were decided. Elections for executive positions were held, and after new officers had been chosen, the resolutions and club rules were brought up to date, and the policy altered.

At the start of the meeting Eric Russell resigned from position of secretary, Vol Molesworth from that of F.F.A. co-ordinator, and Colin Roden from treasurer and registrar. It was then decided that a permanent director should replace the rotary director of old and that he should take on the duties of registrar, eliminating the latter position. Also, secretary and treasurer were combined, leaving the following positions to be contested.

Director.

Secretary-treasurer.

Co-ordinator of the F.F.A.

Colin Roden was chosen as director, and Vol Molesworth as secretary-treasurer. Position of co-ordinator was left undecided until next meeting.

After the election, new officials took control, and the resolutions and rules were revised. The policy of the club was changed from "the discussion" of stf, etc to "the discussion, and advancement, of stf., where such is possible," thus giving the "Futurian" in "Futurian Society of Sydney" a meaning.

It was decided to hold elections quarterly, instead of half-yearly.

Arthur Duncan was present as guest, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at his place, as he will be eligible for membership at that meeting.

SYDNEYS.AUSTRALIA'S ANNUAL.

From Eric Russell comes news of another new fannag. While there are yet some details to be settled, these are the facts that are known at present.

Name of the magazine will probably be "Australian Fannag (or fanzine) Index." As suggested by the name, it will be an indexed list of Australian fannags, and their contents.

It will use a cross-reference system, one part giving an alphabetical list of magazines, and contents, and the other a list of stories, articles, etc., and where they appeared.

First issue will be out sometime in January. It will cover all fannags from "Science Fiction Review" to end of 1941. Other issues, published annually, will cover the past year's magazines. Price will depend on production cost. First issue, being larger than others, may be a little dearer.

The editors, Eric and Ted Russell, announce that "Index" will not exchange.

BACK FROM THE GRAVE.

"EPITAPH: Cosmos, born April 20th, 1940, died Jan 27th, 1941. May Fort rest its sole."

You will find those two lines on page 6 of Cosmos No. 13, the last issue. And when we say last, we do not mean the final issue, but the latest. For No. 13 is not the final issue. Cosmos is being revived.

When Vol Molesworth resigned from co-ordinator of the F.F.A., "Spaceward" was left hanging in the air, for although it was Vol's own magazine, it was also the official organ of the Federation. So instead of putting out Spaceward, Molesworth will reissue Cosmos.

First issue (should be Fourteenth issue) will be out sometime this month, featuring an interview with David R. Evans.

GRAHAM STONE RESIGNS.

Don't be startled by that heading. It has nothing to do with the F.S.S. It concerns only Reporter.

Because of limited finances (Graham still goes to school, remember) our co-editor has been forced to give up this position, as he finds that it is impossible for him to pay his share for Reporter and buy magazines at the same time. While this makes it harder for us, we promise to keep Reporter in its present form as long as possible.

POLL.ROGERS HARD PRESSED FOR FIRST PLACE.

The votes received this week in Reporter's poll for artists were mainly for those not at the top of the list, and as a result positions have bunched up considerably. Here is the score as it stands at present.

Total number of votes.....	9
ROGERS.....	6 points.
BOK, CARTIER, PAUL, WESSO.....	5 "
FINLAY.....	4 "
SCHNEEMAN.....	3 "
DOLD, MOREY, KRUPA.....	2 "

The two fantasy artists, Bok and Finlay, both gained this week, while Rogers, who has led from the start, received only one extra vote. Only one vote behind him are now four artists, any of whom could easily take the lead. Two votes behind is Finlay, Sydney's favourite of a year ago.

With interstate votes still to come, and positions so close, we would not like to predict who will come out in front. Next week we would like to give final results, but cannot guarantee this.

If you have not voted, (and every fan who is a fan should vote) send in your five favourite artists, and they will receive one vote each. As you can see from the close positions, one vote will make a lot of difference.

PANDOM AT RANDOM.HI, BRUCE.

Bruce Sawyer was seen, in hat and all, in Sydney's Victory march last week. Which reminds us that L. Vague le Damp should be out of camp in about a week.

WE CAN'T THINK OF A READING FOR THIS.

Arthur Duncan makes fireworks out of gunpowder and bootpolish, lights them on his front path, which is red, and stains everything a beautiful yellow.

NOR THIS.

David R. Evans claims he had a dream in which he met Ackerman. Was that a dream, or a nightmare?

MELBOURNE NEWS.. BY WOG HOCKLEY
McGILLS AND A-F.

A few weeks ago we stated that McGill's Agency had asked Hockley for samples of Austra-Fantasy, with views of selling it with their regular stf.

Wog, however, has not yet given them any copies, as he is waiting for the September issue to appear. Incidentally, this issue will be a little late as it is a trifle larger than usual, and requires a little more work and time.

INVISIBLE THINGS.

Hockley and Keith Taylor saw "Invisible Woman" and decided to try out some photographic effects of their own.

Shots they took included three of Hockley becoming invisible amidst a maze of apparatus including a fire screen, a clothes horse, and a pile of chonical app.

Another one was a snap of the Invisible Woman sitting in a chair, wearing silk stockings. (The I.W., not the chair.) According to Hockley it is very effective but whether he means the silk stockings, the Invisible Woman, the chair, or the snap, we don't know.

We apologise for having no editorial in this issue but somehow there was no room for it.

THE EDITORS.....

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