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TED RUSSELL RESIGNS. INTERMEDIATE STOPS FAN ACTIVITIES.

For the time being, the Futurian Society of Sydney has lost another member, for added to the long list of resignations is that of Edward H. Russell, editor of Future, co-editor of Ultra, and member of the F.S.S. since its inauguration.

At the last meeting of the society, secretary Val Molasworth was handed a letter from Ted Russell, which said that because of the extra time needed for study for the Intermediate Examination, he would not be able to participate in fan activities until the exam. was over. Thus he was forced to resign from the club until after the Intermediate, when he would seek re-election.

Ted is one of the "Originals" of the F.S.S. having been in the club since the early stages. He attends to the technical side of Ultra, and made a flatbed duplicator to help bring it out. When Future was decided upon, he was chosen as editor, although on its suspension this position was relinquished. He was also known as an artist, and his illustrations adorned the covers and inside pages of many a magazine. But now there will be little heard from him in the next three months.

At the same meeting, however, the F.S.S. gained a member. This was Arthur Duncan, who, attending his third consecutive meeting, was elected into the club.

Arthur has yet to become what is termed a really active fan, but he is enthusiastic, and that is what counts. He wrote stories before he heard of fanmags but is waiting till he knows a little more about fans and fandom before he brings out his own magazine "Venus".

POLLROGERS No.1 ARTIST

With only two extra votes on to last week's total, Rogers managed to hold his one point lead, to top the poll as Australia's most popular artist.

We were very disappointed not to receive any votes from Hobart, as even one vote could have altered positions quite a lot. However, we already held the poll over one extra week, and were not willing to wait any longer. The final score is:-

Total number of votes.....	13	
ROGERS.....	9	points
PAUL.....	8	"
FINLAY.....	7	"
CARTIER, WESSO.....	6	"
BOK, MOREY, SCHNEEMAN.....	5	"
DOLD, KRUPA.....	2	"
ERON, MARCHIONI.....	1	"

Positions have worked out so that there is no dispute over the first three positions. Although they are close together, there are no ties, and the order of Rogers, Paul, Finlay, is definite.

The styles of the three differ considerably. There is Rogers, at home in all branches of the science-fiction field; Paul, with his monsters and alien scenes and Finlay, who sticks more to fantasy and weird. The three make an excellent combination. Australian fans have made a good choice.

We are extremely grateful to all those who voted, especially those who hunted up other votes to add to the number. To these we extend our thanks, and hope that they keep up the good work in future polls.

POLL No.2.....AUTHORS.

This poll is to be run exactly the same as the one just completed. That is, you send in your five most liked authors, and they will receive one vote each. It may be a little harder to pick five favourites, and may cause a little more thinking than the last poll, so get to work to-day, and send in your vote as soon as you can. We want to finish this poll on time. There are other polls to be held, so if one is held up, all the others are, too.

MELBOURNE NEWS., BY WOG HOCKLEY.HARRISON COMES TO LIGHT -- ALMOST.

Best and worst news from the southern state this week is the report that Harrison has been found. Wog has been searching for him ever since he heard of his peculiar night-reading habits, about two months ago.

He got in touch with him last week, only to learn that Mamma and Dadda Harrison regard stf a little differently from their offspring. So while Harrison Junior is quite enthusiastic about it, his parents are not. So he did not contact Wog as any magazines sent to him would be speedily confiscated.

However, Hockley left a parcel of mags, and a letter at McGill's, and expects to hear something very shortly.

MACLENNAN'S COLLECTION.

Some more details on Marshall MacLennan's super-collection. He has every promag from 1926 to the ban, except for the first and third Amazing's, and one Amazing Stories Quarterly. Also, his collection of fantasy books approaches 200. His whole collection was stolen in 1934, so his effort is doubly praiseworthy. So now we are satisfied. We know all about his mags - except for one thing. WHERE DOES HE KEEP 'EM ALL????

FANDOM AT RANDOM.WE SAWYER, BRUCE:

As foretold in Reporter two weeks ago, Bruce Sawyer came out of camp last week, and poked his face around the corner of King and York Streets last Thursday. Unfortunately, he was unable to be present at the F.S.S. meeting on Friday night.

LATEST FANMAGS.

Fanmags due out this week are Profan, from Hobart, and Austra-Fantasy, from Melbourne. Both of these are to be liberally sprinkled with colour. Zeus should be out soon, too, with a printed cover.

MESSAGE FROM THE SCIENCE FICTION LEAGUE.

In an Amazing recently purchased by Eric Russell, there was a very crudely printed semi-quarto piece of paper, telling the reader to contact a member of the Science Fiction League, if at all interested. But on investigation, no one lived at the address mentioned.

EDITORIAL.. Ted Russell's Resignation.

Front page news this week is E.H.R's resignation from the F.S.S. This probably came as a shock to some people, and they might cry out that his action was unnecessary: that he could have remained in the club and joined in activities, as well as preparing for the examination. They might even say that he has deserted fandom because of the exam, preferring to let the club drift away, rather than stick by it, and add it whenever possible. Perhaps they will condemn him because of this.

Are they right or not?

No, they are not right. They are asking that Teddy share his time between study and fandom. They are asking that he should purposely risk his chances in the coming exam so that fandom might benefit. Is that fair to Teddy?

Is it fair that he should neglect something which will undoubtedly affect his whole career just for the sake of the F.S.S. Of course not.

At the end of last year, when he was really becoming interested in fan activities, a fan tried to blend fan work with exam work, with disastrous results. While we do not say that Ted could not negotiate both successfully, we do say that his exam result will be a lot better if he forgets about fandom, until afterwards. And Ted knows this. That is why he resigned.

THE EDITORS.....

Voters in poll No.1 were Arthur Duncan, David R. Evans, Jack Hannan, Wog Hockley, Ronald B. Levy, Vol Molesworth, Colin Roden, Ted Russell, Eric F. Russell, Graham Stone, Keith Taylor, George R. Thompson, and William D. Veney.

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