

## THYME FIVE

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**AUSTRALIA LOOSES:** Australia has lost the bid for the 41st World Science Fiction Convention. The result of the vote held at Denvention Two, the 39th World Science Fiction Convention is as follows:

Baltimore	916
Australia	523
Copenhagen	188
Write In: New York	5
Johnstown	4
Medlow Bath	1
Rottnest Isalnd	1
Palnet Sharo	1
None of the Above	3
No Rreference	37

In addition there were about 30 votes that could not be verified and so were not counted. Australia did better in the mail voting than in the at con voting, and the vote for Australia was the highest ever vote for a non-Nth American bid. Both were no doubt due to the high number of Australians who voted (most of whom wouldn't normally vote in worldcon site-selection). The total number of votes registered is also the highest number of votes registered for worldcon site-selection.

**CONSTELLATION** is the official name of the 41st World Science Fiction Convention to be held in Baltimore. Their guests of honour are John Brunner (pro) and Dave Kyle (fan) with Jack Chalker as toastmaster. Address is Constellation, The Forty-First World Science Fiction Convention, Box 1046, Baltimore, Maryland 21203, USA. Everyone who voted in the sit-selection for the 41st worldcon have automatic supporting memberships; these may be converted to attending memberships for US\$7.50 as long as this is done before the 12th of December, 1981.

**HUGO AWARD WINNERS:** the hugos were awarded at Denvention, and are as follows

Novel: "The Snow Queen by Joan D. Vinge (Dial - Sidgwick & Jackson)  
Novella: "Lost Dorsai" by Gordon R Dickson (Destinies Feb/Mar '80)

Novelette: "The Cloak and the Staff" by Gordon R Dickson (Analog August '80)  
Short Story: "Grotto of the Dancing Deer" by Clifford Simak (Analog April '80)  
Non-Fiction Book: "Cosmos" by Carl Sagan (Random House)  
Pro. Editor: Edward L. Ferman  
Pro. Artist: Michael Whelan  
Fanzine: "Locus" Charles N. Brown editor  
Fan Writer: Susan Wood  
Fan Artist: Victoria Poyser  
Dramatic Presentation: "The Empire Stricks Back" (Lucasfilms)  
John W. Campbell Award: Somtow Sucharitkul  
First Fa ndom Hall of Fame Award: Stanton Coblentz  
Big Heart Award: Walt Liebscher  
Gandalf Award: C. L. Moore  
John W. Campbell Memorial Award for Best Novel: "Timescape" by Gregory Benford  
Golden Lion Award: Michael Whelan  
Special Denvention Committee Award: Edward L. Ferman

CHICON IV is the 1982 Worldcon, to be held in Chicago, Illinios at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. Its dates are September 2-6, 1982 and guests of honour are A. Bertram Chandler (writer), Frank Kelly Freas (artist) and Lee Hoffman (fan). Supporting memberships are \$15 US, and attending memberships are \$40 US (thru till the 31st of DEcember, 1981) and \$50 US thereafter. No memberships will be accepted, by mail, after the 15th of July, 1982. Mail address is: PO Box A3120, Chicago, IL 60690, USA.

FUTURE WORLDCON BIDS: Britian in 1984, is being headed by much the same people who bought you Seacon 79.

Los Angeles in '84 is being bought to you by a strong group of LA and other fans, and is likely to be the only Nth American bid. Its mail address is PO Box 8442, Van Nuys, CA 91409, USA.

1985: Albuquerque, Louisville, Minneapolis, Toronto, Madison and Melbourne.

1986: New York, Philadelphia and Atlanta (PO Box 10094, Atlanta, GA 30319, USA).

MELBOURNE IN 1985 is obviously a bid of interest to Australian fans.

The present contact address is c/- David Grigg, 1556 Main Rd., Research, Victoria 3095, but the bidding committee expects to have a GPO Box by the time you read this. Pre-supporting memberships will be offered in the form of a subscription to a quarterly newsletter. It should be realised that the success or otherwise of the Britian in 84 bid will have a large bearing on the success of the Melbourne in 85 bid. We understand, but have not actually heard, that there will be no Sydney based bid for the 1985 worldcon. Though of course it is early times, etc.

NON WORLDCON NEWS: TOLKON had a membership of 226, with about 200 attending. Most attendees spent the Con in costume and very much enjoyed the performance aspects of programme. The highlights of the Con were the Medieval Fair, Masquerade and the Dramatic Performances. (Jack Herman)

UNICON VIII: there were no bids for the right to hold the 8th Unicon. Jack Herman has been writing to the Uni stf clubs to try and get a bid(s) and then have a mail ballot. Anyone who is interested should contact Jack (1/67 Fletcher St, Bondi, NSW 2026).

SYNCON 83: 2nd Australasian Con, has not yet confirmed Gohs, site, etc, due, no doubt, to the complexities involved with the Australia in '83 worldcon bid. However, Jack Herman reports that an announcement is expected Real Soon Now.

OCTACON is the 4th New Zealand National Science Fiction Convention and is to be held at the Otago University Club and Societies Building (Official Hotel to be announced soon) over the NZ Queen's Birthday Weekend of 4-7 June, 1982. Guests of Honours will be announced soon. Membership rates (in NZ \$): Attending \$15.00 till 31st of December, 1981, \$19.00 thereafter; Supporting \$4.00, Overseas supporting \$6.00. The mail address is Octacon '82, PO Box 5516, Dunedin, New Zealand. The bid is being billed as the world's most southern-most science fiction convention. (Tom Cardy/Fission Chips)

DUFF The deadline for DUFF nominations has been extended, as when the previous deadline passed there was only one announced candidate. We are not in the position to tell you the new deadline as neither we nor John Foyster (who told us the news) know what it is (what's happening there, Keith). Anyone wishing to know more, or what they have to do to nominate can write to the Australian administrator Keith Curtis (PO Box J175, Brickfield Hill, NSW 2000).

GUFF There will be no GUFF race to take an Australian to Channelcon, the 1982 British Easter SF Convention, as there were no announced candidates when the deadline passed. The two administrators have decided that the next GUFF race will take an Australian to the 1983 Eastercon. John Foyster has asked that all people who could be interested in running to contact him to help determine a nomination deadline; one of the things going against the 81/82 race is that the administrators did not have much time to play with to provide reasonable nominating, voting and travel-arranging periods. John's address is 21 Shakespeare Grove, St. Kilda, Vic 3182, Australia.

THERE WILL STILL be an Australian at Channelcon, despite the GUFF setback. Judith Hanna writes (on Department of Corrective Services stationery) that she hopes to be in England in March/April. In order to find the money to get there, Judith has found it necessary to become a boring old public servant.

WARHOON 28 Richard Bergeron writes that he still has about 600 copies of WARHOON 28 left. This volume is has been acclaimed as the best single issue of a fanzine ever, and was nominated in this years Hugo ballot for Best Non-Fiction Book. For those of you who don't know this issue runs to over 600 pages and provides us with a view of the best of Walt Willis, one of fando's best writers. Obviously a 600 page is not expensive, but its cost of \$25(US) is about the cost of a membership to one of todays conventions and who'd have to be a strange person indeed if you didn't get a convention-worth enjoyment of hours from this volume. Rush your \$25(US) to Richard Bergeron, Box 5989, Old San Juan, Puerto Rico 00905, USA.

CHRIS PRIEST has written to us with some early details of his visit next March as the guest of Adelaide's Festival of Arts. He will be in Australia for about a month. He arrives in Australia on the first of March, in Melbourne and will be spending a night or two here before moving on to Adelaide for the Festival. He will be returning to Melbourne from where he will be leaving Australia. If the Festival organizers arrange some talks for him he will also be visiting some of the other cities. Chris's wife Lisa Tuttle is unlikely to travel down with him. Chris and Lisa have just bought a house and need a windfall for both to come Down Under. It would seem that in todays recession in the publishing world, the sale of two novels, a television option, a film option renewal, and the release of a novel in the USSR is not enough to qualify a couple of sci-fi writers with a windfall.

COAs: Chris Priest. & Lisa Tuttle, 2 Huddispitt Cottages, Lewdown, Okehampton, Devon EX20 4DZ, England.  
Perry Middlemiss, PO Box 1308, Canberra City, ACT 2601 (Helen Swift is still 'at' the Rundle St PO Box, and expects to join Perry In December).

EDITORIAL: This issue of THYME, like the previous issue, is going to only 60 Aussies. Of the 60 only about 30 have shown any interest in wanting to recieve THYME; most by taking out a sub., the others by suppling bits of news, etc. Unless interest picks up I can't see THYME continueing for much longer: it is hard to get excited about producing a regular newszine for just 30 people, even if it wasn't a financial drain (an ideal THYME will never reach). We appeal to those 30 who haven't shown any interest to do so: subs are easiest, and the most reliable way of getting THYME, and we also encourage a regular line of news and/or trades. For those of you who have already shown interest, how about talking other people to take an interest in Australia's most frequent, of fannish news? You'll certainly recieve our thanks.

- Irwin Hirsh

By tha way, the worldcon news was supplied by Marc Ortlieb and John Foyster.