

THYME SEVENTEEN

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DITMAR AWARDS - THE SCENT OF BULLSHIT We had originally planned to make some suitably scathing comments on Ron L. Clarke's speculations about the Tschaicon committee disallowing nominations for DATA as Best Fanzine in this year's Ditmars, published as an editorial in MENTOR 38. But the facts speak louder than mere invective can:

AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT CONCERNING THE 1982 DITMARS

It seems that some rumours regarding the nominations for the 1982 Australian Science Fiction Achievement Awards (Ditmars) in the category of Best Fanzine are circulating. To clear up this situation, we would like to publish the details of the nominations in this category, and to state that: (1) No fanzine nominated was ineligible. (2) There were 103 nominations. (3) Some nominations were received after the deadline published on the nomination form. These were not included in the final count.

The nominations were as follows:

Q36	19 nominations
THYME	17 nominations
SF COMMENTARY	15 nominations
AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE FICTION NEWS	11 nominations
WEBER WOMAN'S WREVENGE	11 nominations
SCIENCE FICTION	8 nominations
DATA	8 nominations

There were 9 other fanzines nominated which received 3 nominations or less. We hope that these facts will remove any misconceptions concerning this matter.

Mandy Herriot and Phil Waze (Awards Sub-Committee)
Justin Ackroyd (Chairman)

on behalf of Tschaicon.

AN ITINERARY Peter Toluzzi reports on his plans for his DUFF trip: "I shall be gone for two whole months: August 24 - October 25. I shall be attending at least five conventions: Duboni-con (Albuquerque), Chicon (the Worldcon), Minnicon (in Minneapolis, of course), a convention whose name escapes me in Gainesville,

Florida, and Eastcon Too in Albany, NY. I shall also be getting to LA, Seattle, Vancouver, Denver, Baltimore, Washington DC, New York, Boston, San Francisco and anywhere else possible before I die of exhaustion! I shall be promoting Melbourne in '85, putting in good words about Transfinite AV's, doing DUFF Stuff, infiltrating US Massage Randon, collecting rare and unusual frisbees, and completing my Doonesbury collection. I shall also be taking a portable cassette recorder with me, as well as a camera, and hopefully putting together a slide-and-tape show on my return, as well as a DUFF report. And before anyone screams, I intend to put that out by around Easter next year. (By the way, while in the States I also plan to get to as many concerts as possible...) Oh, the slide/tape show should be together in time for Circulation."

DUFF 1983 Jerry Kaufman is definitely running for DUFF next year, he tells us in a recent letter. According to Jerry (Seattle fan and co-editor of MAINSTREAM), his competition will probably include Fran Skene, Jan Howard Finder, and Bill Bowers.

ON A DIFFERENT NOTE Jerry also reports that he and fellow Seattle fans Patrick and Teresa Nielsen Hayden, Suzle Thompkins, and Lucy Huntzinger are forming a band called Mystery Guest. Says Jerry: "I'm learning to play bass. Don't ask what sort of band it is; we don't know yet. Anyone for mellow rockabilly funk punk? Roots in sixties harmonies/Beatles/Stones/Eno/Talking Heads/Grateful Dead/medieval/folk/commercial jingles/Costello/Sun...etc.". At this point, some bizarre theory might be evolved concerning the abovementioned, the presence of Dave Langford's younger brother in The Mekons, the San Francisco Bay Area band known as The Cows (featuring famed Rich Coad, among others), and Andrew Brown's drumming position in The Red Cardigans. But not today, folks.

MORE MOVING STORIES It has been pointed out to us, by numerous people, that Mr. Alan Small, whose change of address appeared in the last issue, is not known to us by his given name except on mailing labels, preferring the name "Asms". So - rewind to the beginning of the tape, and...

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And on the international scene, our English agent, Joseph Nicholas, and Australia's latest ambassador to the mother country, Judith Hanna, have announced their change of address, effective from the end of July. To wit:

22 Denbigh St., Pirlico, London SW1V 3ER, U.K.

Speaking of cohabitation, we wish Asms and Karen Wilkinson the best of luck following their wedding on July 31st ("Met at Tschaicon and married by Syncon", were Karen's words, I believe.)

BRAND NEW ECONOMY SIZE ! Those of you who are alarmed at the thinness of this issue need not fear that this trend will continue in the future - all you've got to do is do something interesting and newsworthy. If we don't have any news, we can't fill the pages, right? Meanwhile, before departing, a quick plug - Andrew Brown is celebrating his 22nd birthday on July 17th, and anyone wishing to do it with him is invited to his party, from 8.30 onwards at 1 Hilda Cres., Hawthorn, EYO, please. Seeyez later...