#### THE DUFF BALLOT 1994

# Australasia to North America

Since 1972, the Down Under Fan Fund, a fan-supported fellowship, has encouraged closer ties between science fiction fans in Australasia and North America through the annual exchange of representatives. Host countries alternate each year. DUFF is supported by voluntary contributions from fans all over the world. DUFF delegates attend Worldcon or a national convention in the host country and visit with fans they might otherwise never meet in person. Delegates are responsible for administering DUFF and raising funds *for the test of their variational Ryes* until a new delegate from their continent is elected, and are expected to publish trip reports.

**Donations:** DUFF exists solely on the donations and contributions of fans and fan organisations. Please give generously. Anyone may contribute, and any donations in excess of the voting donation are gratefully accepted. Checks should be made out to *Richard Smith* (in North America) or *Phil Ware* (in Australasia). Money should always be sent in the administrator's home currency. We are also pleased to get donations of items for auction at various conventions -- autographed books and other SF-related materials are especially welcome.

**Voting:** Ballots must be signed and accompanied by a donation of at least \$4 in United States currency or \$5 in Australian currency. You must return the entire ballot. You may vote only once. Anyone active in fandom before January 1993 may vote. Voting is limited to natural persons. If, at the time of voting, you think your name may not be known to the administrators, please include the name of a fan (other than a candidate) or fan group who can vouch that you meet these criteria. We will not count unverifiable votes.

DUFF uses the preferential system of balloting to guarantee an automatic runoff and a majority win. You rank the candidates in order of preference (1, 2, 3...). If there is no absolute majority for one candidate after the first count of votes, first-place votes for the lowest-ranking candidate are dropped and the second-place votes on those ballots are assigned to the candidates named. This goes on until one candidate has a majority. It is therefore important to vote for second, third, etc., places, especially if you choose to write in a candidate. (You are not required to fill in more than your name, address and first choice.)

Candidates: Three Australasian and two North American fans have stood as nominators for each of the candidates. Each candidate has provided a \$30 bond, a brief written platform and a description of previous North American travel, and promised (barring Acts of God) to travel to ConAdian, the 52nd World Science Fiction Convention, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, Sept. 1-5, 1994.

Deadline: Ballots must be postmarked by April 30 and reach an administrator by May 5, 1994.

++++++++ DUFF 1994 -- VOTING BALLOT +++++++++

List in order of preference (1, 2, 3, etc.):

- [ ] Alan Stewart
- [ ] Ron Clarke
- [ ] Lucy Sussex & Julian Warner
- [ ] Donna Heenan

[] Write-in\_\_\_\_\_\_
[] Hold Over Funds

| No preference

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STREET CITY STATE/PROVINCE POSTAL CODE COUNTRY		Voters must be natural persons who have been active in fandom since before January 1993. If you think you may be unknown to the administrators, please give the name of a fan or fan group who can vouch that you meet these criteria:			
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## Alan Stewart

Northem Expositive America beckons, a chance to put faces to names I've corresponded with, exchanged fanzines and read about. Catch up with friends and see the Worldcon in its (almost) home environment. In Australian fandom I've been involved with running the Melbourne Science Fiction Club and edited their newsletter *Ethel the Aardvark*. Currently I'm the Official Bloody Editor of ANZAPA as well as publishing *Thyme*. Local and national convention committees have taken up too much of my time, and I was the Australian Administrator of FFANZ for two years. I think I know a bit of what I'm in for, and that's the chance to become a DUFFer.

Previous North American travel: One-week working holiday 29 Sept.-8 Oct. 1987. Attended DragonCon '87. Stayed with/met Moshe Feder, Alan & Donya White and other fans in New York and San Francisco.

Nominators: Eric Lindsay, LynC, Marc Ortlieb, Sheryl Birkhead, Dick & Nicki Lynch

### Ron Clarke

I was introduced to fandom in 1964 by John Foyster and John Baxter. My first con was the Sixth Australian Convention in 1966. I started publishing a genzine, *The Mentor*, in 1964 and am now up to issue #82. I've been involved in starting the new series of Sydney conventions (Syncons) and was one of the founding members of the Sydney Science Fiction Foundation. I've also helped organise three of the current Sydney SF clubs. I've travelled overland to England with SF fans, and was invited to represent Australian fandom in Volgograd in 1991. I've published trip reports on both. **Previous North American travel:** Passed through (by ship) in 1970 on return from Europe. No fan contacts. **Nominators:** Bill Congreve, John Foyster, Cath Ortlieb, Mike Glyer, Tom Sadler

## Lucy Sussex and Julian Warner

As a writer and editor, Lucy is a popular guest and panellist at conventions. As a fan, she is a contributor to fanzines, a James Tiptree Jr. Award Cakestall organiser and an enthusiastic participant in fannish mischief. She also makes Chilli Beer. Julian co-edited the West Australian fanzine *The Space Wastrel* and played Rail Baron. Now in Melbourne, he pubs his ish occasionally, is a member of ANZAPA, a CD-collector, a wine buff and a devotee of fannish dinners. We promise to party hard, write our trip report RSN and not gossip any more than is fannishly necessary. **Previous North American travel:** None.

Nominators: Justin Ackroyd, Carey Handfield, Nick Stathopoulos, Pat Murphy, Joyce Scrivner

## Donna Heenan

For 17 years I have been a fan, enjoying myself thoroughly by going to conventions, espousing my latest theories on books, and meeting with my friends. I have recently felt the need to repay my fun-times in fandom by organising and participating in a few of the Great Events happening here. Like running Constantinople -- the 1994 NatCon, and convening the Australian bid for the Worldcon in 1999. There perhaps lies my reason for entering the DUFF race! As convenor of the Australia in '99 bid, a tour of fannish America would enable me to meet most of the people I will be dealing with over the course of our bid. As well as that I'm humorous (my puns even make me groan) and entertaining to be around. Find out for yourself -- "VOTE DONNA FOR DUFF"!

Previous North American travel: Holidays in 1986 and 1988; in 1992, fannish activity included attending Magicon and ditto/Octocon.

Nominators: Ian Gunn, Greg Hills, Clive Newall, jan howard finder. Gay Haldeman

Send this complete ballot and US\$4 or A\$5 (or more) voting donation to an administrator by April 30, 1994.

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