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AVAILABLE *to Australian members of Aussiecon Two (those resident in Australia); an assortment of other worthy people, and, in this case, to the New Zealand members of Aussiecon Two. Why let a little thing like the Tasman Sea come between us? Also available for \$10-00 per copy. I'm not proud, and that would cover the cost of pages one and two - paper and stencils.*

TIGGER continues to be a small bouncy newszine designed to keep the members of Aussiecon Two up to date with the occasional bit of juicy scandal, but mainly with the boring minutiae of the upcoming World Science Fiction Convention. Its editor is badly in need of malt extract, being far less bouncy than usual. A new job and new house really take it out of him, to the point that he forgets his page format. The editor reserves the right to stop running fliers and to edit things however he likes. He will also be more wary about convention fliers in future. The editor accepts no responsibility for the contents of fliers contained herein.

QUISTEONS

Q: I have never been to a science fiction convention before. What does the well-dressed science fiction fan wear to a convention?

A: The choice is pretty much up to you. I must admit that I felt a little under-dressed when I presented the 1981 Ditmar for Best International Fiction to Greg Benford at Denvention II, the 1981 Worldcon. I was wearing jeans, thongs and t-shirt. However, unless you have a thing about formal dress, the options are wide open. Comfortable casual seems to be the rage, unless you feel like putting on a bit of style for the Hugo Awards or the Banquet. Costumes are fine too, provided that they don't contravene the Weapons' Policy.

Q: Can you provide a complete list of the Masquerade categories?

A: Currently no. Hopefully I will be able to do so in TIGGER #11.

TRIVIAL INFORMATION: *Someone looking very much like Perth fan Ian Nichols appears as a customer in a tattoo parlor in the film THE NEWMAN SHAME. Does this mean anything, and does it have anything to do with Melbourne fan John Newman?*

BORING COMMITTEE STUFF

PHONY? Please note that Aussiecon Two has its own telephone to which you may direct enquiries, should you so wish. It is connected to an answering machine, but don't be shy. Answering machines are only human... The Phone Number is (03) 699-4940.

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MONEY There. That got your attention. It appears that the convention recieved a cheque from Western Australia, for membership, but bearing nothing but an indistinguishable signature. If you think that it might be yours, then please write to the convention giving us a few more details about the cheque.

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MORE MONEY Membership rates are still being finalized, however, day membership looks as though it might be somewhere between twenty and twenty five dollars per day. The convention will stop accepting mailed memberships on August 1st.

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FOOD Details on the Banquet are currently being finalized. It will be on the Friday night, and, for \$26-00 you will get pre-dinner drinks and nibbles; a three course fixed meal, with vetarian options; and a speech by Bob Shaw. Book your tickets now!!! (Further details in P.R. #4.)

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PEOPLE In addition to those listed in the last TIGGER, we have fairly solid promises from the following people:- Ed Bryant, Frank Herbert, and Marty and Robbie Cantor, the 1985 DUFF winners.

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FILMS Lucasfilms have offered us an assortment of very nice material, including some blooper reels; some of George Lucas's student films; and a triple-header of the Star Wars movies. More information on that as it comes to hand.

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AFTER THE CON IS OVER Jack Herman is interested in sounding out reactions to the idea of a small relaxing convention for the weekend after Aussiecon Two, to be held in either Canberra or Sydney. Contact him at Box 272, Wentworth Building, University of Sydney, NSW 2006 if you're interested in this. (Jack has obtained the rights to name the convention Corflu 2½)

DUFF STUFF

As mentioned above, Robbie and Marty Cantor have won the 1985 Down Under Fan Fund race, and will be attending Aussiecon Two. Marty and Robbie produce the fanzine HOLIER THAN THOU - the fanzine that gave bad taste a bad name. Jack is looking for Downunderers to run in the 1986 race, which will take someone from here to the 1986 Worldcon in Atlanta. If you think you have what it takes, contact Jack at the above address. In addition, Jack is running a postal auction and a couple of raffles to raise money for the fund. RAFFLE 1 features signed copies of Card's SONGMASTER; Joe Haldeman's MINDBRIDGE; McCaffrey's DRAGONFLIGHT; plus an unsigned first edition of Vonnegut's THE SIRENS OF TITAN. RAFFLE 2 has a series of magazines connected to the space programme. Tickets are \$1 each in each raffle, with a limit of five tickets in each per customer. The raffles will be drawn when Jack has sold 100 tickets.

Jack also announces that his trip report is ready to run off, and that it costs \$4-00 signed, \$5-00 unsigned, contrary to what I said in a previous TIGGER.

LETTERS

H.H.K. Woman (20), looking for travel companion (prefer female), or companions
322 W.Wilson (either sex). I wish to spend two weeks in New Zealand, then three in
Madison Australia, ending at the convention. Looking for companions to join for
WI 53703 the whole trip, or just the Aussie section. Also looking for roommates
USA to share a room at the Southern Cross. If you are at all interested,
please write for more ideas and information. My plans aren't set in
concrete! Please include name, address, and age. Any nationality fine with me.

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Kris Tankersley I would like to share rooms. I am currently active duty military.
Det 5 AFSCF Box 132 If possible either Victoria Hotel or Southern Cross Hotel, or
APO S.F. any cheap hotel nearby. I am single and no one else will be
CA 96334 with me. Party or non-Party floor doesn't matter.
USA

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TIGGER, of course, takes no responsibility for the results of advertisements placed in its pages. TIGGER tends towards irresponsibility. Feel free to send in similar adverts though - at your own risk.

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G.Valdare I am forced to write to you; with a feeling of moral indignation and disgust
at the vicious attempts to force a non-smoking policy at Aussiecon Two.
Firstly I would like to point out that if this policy had been in force at Aussiecon
One the GoH Ursula (sic) LeGuinn(sic) would have been unable to attend as she was a
heavy smoker.

Secondly that pathetic inadequate poisoning perverts should, attack decent
people who are generally forced to smoke to be able to put up with this obscene
behaviour, in Victoria the cradle of Australian freedom, is synonymous with the
general moral degradation gaining strength in Australia, and the rest of the world.

Thirdly to complain about pollution and drive petrol driven vehicles is
to me the height of dangerous hypocrisy and really sounds like "sucking out loud".

Fourthly the attempt to force a non-smoking policy appears to be completely
contrary to what many consider the true spirit of science fiction, which could be
considered as trying to promote co-operation of all life forms and encouraging open
minds free of superstitions(sic) and prejudices(sic), also encouraging self honest
and self examination; to the idea that their(sic) are life forms with different
cultures and moral standards from what some consider to be normal? Human? Standards?
This does not make them necessarily(sic) evil and to be attacked and destroyed just
because they are considered to be different.

To those who complain that other peoples cigarette smoke may affect their
voices or throats, I respectfully suggest that the possible involuntary expansions of
their throats is not due to the smoke itself, but to seeing people with (cigarettes)
in the smokers mouths.

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*Needless to say I totally disagree with the letter above. Current suggestions
for the smoking policy are that smoking should only be banned outright in small rooms
for short programme items. Thus the point about LeGuinn doesn't really say anything. To
suggest that all the evidence on the effects of passive smoking is psychosomatic is,
in my humble opinion, pushing credulity a little far. (Val Rogers sent a rather good
piece on the effect of passive smoking. Scientific evidence suggests that breathing
other people's smoke isn't good for you. The parallel Cath likes to draw is with drink.
Sure, dump your cigarette wastes in the air around me, so long as you don't mind me
drinking and pissing on you.*

RUMOUR OF THE MONTH CLUB

Paul Stevens reports that there are rumours that a Sydney artist has been placed in charge of the ArtShow. This is not true. Christine Ashby is looking after the artshow, with help from Carey Handfield.

The fact that Paul and Kit Stevens are leaving Melbourne and moving to Perth might in itself lead to an interesting rumour or two, but any suggestion that their move has anything to do with police investigations of an anarchist bomb factory in the roof of Space Age Books should be discounted, if you value your life....

It is rumoured that Marc Ortlieb can't spell the word vegetarian. Proof of that may be found on page three of this issue.

ADVENTION '85

12th February, 1985

The following is a statement issued by Ansett with reference to the Advention '85 Programme and Membership form publication.

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The above statement has been issued by the committee of ADVENTION '85 on behalf of Ansett Airlines with regard to their involvement with the 24th Australian Science Fiction Convention as its official carrier.

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MISCELLANEOUS


ANSIBLE Irwin Hirsh announces a change of address as of the end of March. He will be found at 2/416 Dandenong Rd, North Caulfield, Vict 3161. For this sort of news about British fans and professionals, you might like to subscribe to Dave Langford's newszine ANSIBLE. Irwin is the Australian agent. Current Australian subscription rate is \$4. A headline from the most recent issue reads "SEX AUTHOR SLAMS VAT ON BOOKS". To find out why Brian Aldiss got this headline you might like to ask for your sub to start with #42 -- fitting what?

AWARDS Graham J Stair, 66 Bellevue Ave, Denistone, NSW 2114 suggests that, in addition to the 1985 Hugo Awards ballot, there should be a voting form allowing people to vote for the best of the ten years' worth of Hugo Awards since Aussiecon in 1975. While it is an interesting idea, it is one that has been suggested a little too late. The Hugo Ballots are due out soon, with PR #4, and have to be to the printers in about a week, leaving no time for the committee to get together and discuss the suggestion. However, people should feel free to make alternate suggestions.

PROGRAMMING Suggestions, to the Programming sub-committee, are still actively sought. We particularly appreciate the help we've been getting from the clubs, both local and interstate, which have been holding programming meetings in order to get their ideas together.



GALACTIC TOURS CONVENTION



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Come to the Ambassadorial banquet, meet the fan guests, sit through the video shows
All this and more

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Net proceeds from this Convention are in Support of the Victorian Red Cross Society
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Let Ansett arrange your travel and hotel bookings

For initial contact for more information, write to:

The Chairman
29 Connell Drive
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FFANZ VOTING FORM 1985

DUNCAN LUCAS nominated by Seth Lockwood, seconded by Graham Ferner

I, Duncan Lucas, being of sound mind and body, have been persuaded to run for FFANZ in 1985. Now all I have to do is persuade some of you lot to vote for me. Herewith a list of my achievements and attributes. Such as they are: Edited and published two copies of the highly praised but little seen KIPPLE. Edited WAPP for NASF for one year. Inaugural member of AOTEARAPA. Lapsed APPLESAUCER (is that a plus or a minus?) Artist (starving), cartoonist and contributor to all NZ fanzines of quality. Attendee of all NZ natcons. An organiser of NORCON '81 plus divers one day cons and the upcoming ORCON '85. One of the famous and fabulously wacky crazy guys who opened and MC'ed NORCON '84. Fringe member of most of the good feuds and controversies over the years. Poor correspondent, rotten mooch, trashy philosopher, good wit and okay speaker. Magnificent drunk with a tremendous capacity for FOSTER'S LARGER. Understands what cobber, jumbuck and chunder mean. All-round nice guy who's desperate to go to AUKSTICON II.

NIGEL ROWE nominated by Peter Burns, seconded by Cathryn Symons

Skybus, well everyone is allowed one mistake, okay, okay there was also Heads n Tales. Two mistakes surely you can let me off, I mean that was three years ago. I'm trying to make my way in the world now. What have I done since? Well I became involved with this gang, er... I mean committee of people trying to organise the sixth national SF con in New Zealand, alright, alright - so I organised the committee, what of it? I mean there's no law that says you can't have a good time is there? That was kinda a success, and there are the few fanzines that I've edited, but nothing illegal mind you. I'm a new person, I tell you!! All this talk about me trying to con my way into a free trip to Australia... Geez, it's enough to give a guy heartburn. Pass my pills would you? HI MM!

FFANZ VOTING

" This is my vote for the 1985 FFANZ ballot. I have placed an "X" in the box of the candidate I prefer. Please find enclosed also my minimum voting of \$2." (ALL CHEQUES AND MONEY ORDERS TO BE CROSSED "NOT NEGOTIABLE", AND MADE OUT TO FFANZ)

DUNCAN LUCAS []

NIGEL ROWE []

NAME..... SIGNATURE.....

FULL ADDRESS (No PO Boxes please!).....

(NB: If the voter is not known to the Administrator, the vote should be endorsed below by a fan who is known.)

NAME..... SIGNATURE.....

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POST TO: AUSTRALIA: John Newman PO Box 4 Thornbury Victoria 3071
WITH \$2! NEW ZEALAND: Tom Cardy PO Box 1010 Auckland

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ALL VOTES FOR THE 1985 RACE CLOSE AT MIDNIGHT APRIL 7 1985 SO BE EARLY!

MEMBERSHIP We're starting to get there. We have memberships well into the sixteen hundreds, with over five hundred Australian memberships.

ACCOMMODATION The Southern Cross and the Victoria are filling up. There are still plenty of good rooms in the Sheraton. If you do plan on staying at any of the convention hotels, please get your room booking in asap. If anyone has sent a booking, but has not received confirmation, please contact ACCOMMODATION c/o the committee address

THAT'S IT Sorry for the lateness of this issue, but there's lots to do, and I've got a new toy - a microcomputer called Eccles - which is supposed to cut down the amount of time I spend on housekeeping type jobs, but it is so much fun that I tend to spend more time on it than I do typing the stencils for TIGGER. Another fan falls prey to computeritis.

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