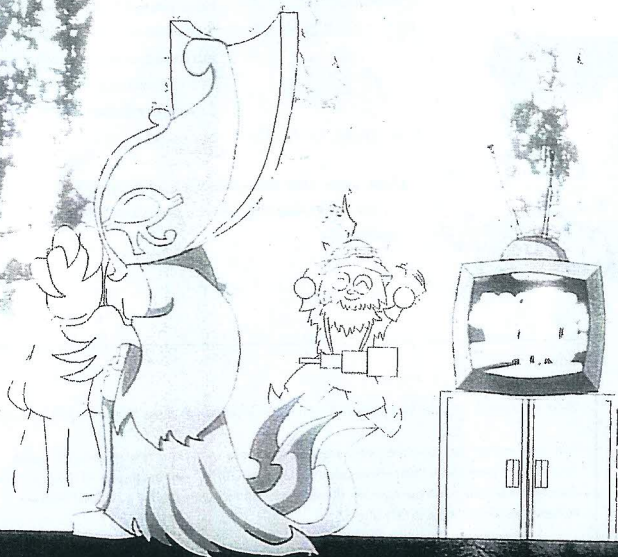


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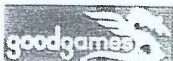
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Editorial

What is SUTEKH? Why did you bother to join? What in particular about this society enticed you?

The common root to these questions' answers is typically something related to being a geek. "SUTEKH is a geek club", "I joined because I am a geek", "It enticed me due to all the geeky things they do". Now this is not the case for all members, but I imagine it is for a lot and I'll like to address this in reference to SUTEKH.

What even is a 'geek'? There seems to be no real common thread. Not every member of SUTEKH will like Star Wars, nor will they like playing board games. There are vague threads that can connect all 'geeks'. One being 'Pop Culture', but really doesn't everyone like Pop Culture in some way or another? Pop Culture doesn't really mean anything to me, so I would ignore this commonality.

Donald Glover describes a nerd as being someone who likes "strange specific stuff". In this collection of articles etc. you will find people are writing about specific things that are typically strange. And by strange I really could mean anything. Doors can be strange, and they are used by everybody every day. I think this description is more fitting to a 'geek', if there even exists such a description.

Really I don't think there is some natural test for 'geekiness', I don't even think that there is a class of 'geeks', and it is just a made up construct used to exclude people.

Dover Dubosarsky

Hi, everyone! Thank you for joining SUTEKH for 2014, whether you're a new student here at Sydney Uni (by the way, congratulations on getting into Sydney Uni!) or you're coming back for another year of daily doses of geek. As always, SUTEKH is here to organise events for our members to enjoy and share all facets of pop culture, including (but not limited to) film, television, tabletop gaming, video gaming and comic books.

Onto the changes for SUTEKH 2014! First of all, we are adding two new weekly events into our usual rotation. The first will revolve around the popular trading card game *Magic: The Gathering*, and this will run on Tuesday afternoons. Each event will be a structured tournament, with varying formats from week to week. We hope that the addition of this event will allow for members to focus their weekly fix of SUTEKH-flavoured *Magic* away from our other two gaming events (Wednesday Beer and Cards and Friday Pizza and Games), so that they may enjoy other games and activities with non-*Magic*-playing members. The second will be an online event on Saturday nights, revolving around PC-gaming on our new Steam group. We hope this second one will provide a positive online gaming community for our members to enjoy the world of PC.

Secondly, we're improving the scale of our major events. This year will see the return of our annual Trivia Night, which will be happening early Semester 1, so that it doesn't interfere with late-semester study or freakouts. This year, we also hope to improve the experience of our annual Video Game Olympics by increasing the stakes. This will involve qualifying matches or tryouts during Friday Pizza and Games throughout, or at the start of the Video Game Olympics event itself. Members with sufficient skill will be invited to the Quarter Finals to battle for first place. For less competitive and more casual attendees, there will of course be a range of other games and consoles to play on the night, as well as the finals itself to watch.

One of the most important changes is the addition of our Women's Officer and Queer Officer on our executive. We hope that the addition of these roles will help us take a big step toward making sure that female and queer members of this society are properly included, represented and catered to. Specifically, they will be present at our events to watch out for and to hear out any grievances related to their domains.

As for our TV and Film-oriented members, we haven't forgotten about you, and on the whole, we're pretty happy with where we are for you all. We'll still be organising "SUTEKH Attends" events for new movies this year (TBA) and TV Time will be largely the same. However, due to our Thursday Movies and Munchies event usually relying on the Holme Student Lounge, the event will be a little bit less comfortable for at least some time while the Student Lounge is being redeveloped. We apologise for this inconvenience, and hope that your experience of the event isn't tarnished. We will try our best to make sure that the event runs as smoothly as possible. Meanwhile, please don't hesitate to make any recommendations for the event.

That's it from me! Enjoy the rest of this brilliant publication, year and most importantly, get your geek on! Thank you for joining, and hope to see you at our events! Make sure to join the SUTEKH Facebook group to keep up to date with all of our updates.

Your President, Tom Diep

