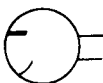


# GLASGOW HERALD



# ALBAICON III



## SCIENCE FICTION SHORT STORY COMPETITION

Next Easter Glasgow will be host for the third time to the annual British national science fiction convention.

Writers, editors, publishers, critics, and experts of all kinds will be gathered for a programme of talks, discussions, films, parties, and general

meetings with readers and enthusiasts from all over the world. The event runs in the Central Hotel from March 28 to 31.

To encourage new talent in the field of science fiction the Glasgow Herald jointly with Albaicon III is sponsoring a competition for new short story writers. The prize is an Amstrad computer worth £450. The computer comes complete with a monitor, built-in disk drive, keyboard and near letter quality printer. Supplied with a Locoscript word processor, the Amstrad is the ideal computer for an aspiring writer.

The winner will be announced and the prize awarded at the 1986 convention and the winning entry will be published in the Herald's Weekender section. The judges will be internationally acclaimed Scottish author Alasdair Gray, Archie Roy, Professor of Astronomy at Glasgow University, Chris Boyce of the Glasgow Herald, and Duncan Lunan, author and science fiction critic of the Glasgow Herald.

### RULES:

1. All entries must be original works of science fiction or fantasy. Plagiarism will result in automatic disqualification. Submitted works must not have been previously published.
2. Maximum length of entries is 2000 words.
3. The contest is open only to those who have not had professionally published more than one novel or novella, or more than three short stories or novelettes.
4. Entries must be typewritten and double spaced on one side only of white A4 pages (or nearest overseas equivalent size) with broad margins at top, bottom, and sides. Author's name and story title should not appear on pages bearing text.
5. Entries must be accompanied by an A4 sheet (or nearest overseas equivalent size) bearing only the title, author's name, address, and telephone number.
6. Entries must be accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope bearing full return postage. While every effort will be made to return all entries, no liability can be accepted for manuscripts misplaced, damaged, or lost in transit.
7. Entries will be judged by a panel appointed by the Committee of the Albaicon III science fiction convention. Judges' decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into. The winner will be announced and the prize presented at the Albaicon III Convention at Easter, 1986.
8. The winning entry will be published by The Glasgow Herald to coincide with the Albaicon III Convention. Copyright in all entries will be retained by the authors.
9. Entries must be submitted to Science Fiction Competition, Glasgow Herald, 195 Albion Street, Glasgow, G1 1QP, to arrive not later than February 28, 1986.
10. The winner(s) of the contest will be individually notified of the results by mail.
11. Employees of George Outram & Co. and their families, and members of the Albaicon III Committee and their families are not eligible to enter the contest.