

Holmdel Science Fiction Club
Club Notice - 1/5/78

MEETINGS UPCOMING:

(All meetings are in room 3H-506 on Wednesdays at noon.)

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1/10/79	STARSHIP TROOPERS by Robert Heinlein
1/31/79	THE FOREVER WAR by Joe Haldeman and STARSHIP TROOPERS by Robert Heinlein

1. Be reminded that we have a meeting Wednesday of next week to discuss STARSHIP TROOPERS by Robert Heinlein. Since a number of people have indicated that they will not be able to make this meeting (due to somebody's luncheon) we will also discuss STARSHIP TROOPERS on January 31. It makes a good running mate for FOREVER WAR. If there is enough discussion we may have another meeting on FOREVER WAR.

2. Due to the fact that it was New Year's weekend (and somewhat due to illness) it was necessary to postpone the club outing to see LORD OF THE RINGS. We will try again for the evening of January 12. Anyone interested is invited to join us for dinner and/or the film. Dinner will be at 6:10 PM (to give you time to gather up spouses, camels, runestaffs, etc.) at a hostelry known as Victoria Station; the film will be presented at the very nearby Cinemas at the Brunswick Square Shopping Mall at 7:30 PM. Both restaurant and cinema are located at the mall, but Victoria Station is a separate building across the parking lot. Brunswick Square Mall is located on route 18 a mile or so west of route 516 on the south side of the road. Traveling west on 18, Victoria Station will be at the near corner of the mall parking lot. The building appears to have a number of railroad boxcars parked around it so it is easily noticeable from the road. The cinema is in the mall and has a marquee at the mall entrance a little west of the restaurant on route 18. Victoria Station is a semi-fancy restaurant of the prime rib variety. Dinner is about six to nine dollars plus drinks. The film was, last time I checked, \$3.75. If you are interested in joining us for dinner, the film, or both, PLEASE LET ME KNOW AT OR BEFORE THE WEDNESDAY MEETING so arrangements can be made.

3. Evelyn Leeper is looking into the possibility of creating a semi-regular club publication, mostly for reviews. If you are interested, talk to her.

4. Speaking of opinions, of the five fantasy films that are currently being distributed SUPERMAN is pleasant comic book with some good special effects, particularly in the early parts of the

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film. It is nowhere near worth the attention it has been receiving. LORD OF THE RINGS is an often impressive adaptation. It's a lot of story told extremely compactly. Don't go out for popcorn or you will never be able to piece together what you missed (assuming you do not know from the book). The animation ranges from very good to sloppy and poor (the latter particularly toward the end). Bakshi should have told the story in three films, not two. WATER-SHIP DOWN is an excellent family film that is complex enough to be seen on a multitude of levels. Probably the best fantasy film of the year. If you have read the book you really will enjoy the film a lot more than if you have not. INVASION OF THE BODY SNATCHERS has everything going for it but the fact that it is a remake. If they had done as good a job filming and original story it could easily have been a classic. I am not sure I like the last twenty minutes of the film but the rest of the film is undeniably done just about as well as any horror film I have seen in a long time. A really enjoyable and engrossing exercise in paranoia. I have not seen THE LAST WAVE but this Australian film has won a number of film festival prizes in Europe. It deals with a modern lawyer in Australia and aborigine tribal magic. Views expressed here are my own and do not necessarily represent the opinions of anyone with an ounce of taste.

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