

Holmdel Science Fiction Discussion Group  
Club Notice - 10/1/81

MEETINGS UPCOMING:

(Unless otherwise stated, all Holmdel meetings are on Wednesdays at noon in room HO 4A-606)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
10/14/81	SNOW QUEEN by Joan Vinge (HP: GAMEPLAYERS OF ZAN by M. A. Foster)
11/4/81	TACTICS OF MISTAKE by Gordon Dickson
11/10,11/81	Video meetings: LATHE OF HEAVEN, HO 1H-306
11/17,18/81	Video meetings: FIVE MILLION YEARS TO EARTH, HO 1A-505
11/25/81	FIFTH HEAD OF CERBERUS by Gene Wolfe
12/8,9/81	Video meetings: QUEST FOR LOVE, HO 1H-606
12/16/81	RIDDLEMASTER OF HED by Patricia McKillip

Our library is in HO 4B-510. Mike Lukacs (x4043) is librarian. Debi Bennett (HP 1B-368 x2408) is in charge of South Plainfield activities. Evelyn Leeper (HO 1E-313 x6033) is Club book-buyer. Alan M. Gopin (HO 1D-407 x2089) is the game chairperson. This notice publishes anything (not slanderous or libelous) submitted by club members. Members, feel free to submit.

1. Well, I knew it was too good to be true. Here we finally get a videotape machine to be able to show films during lunch hours and what happens? Conferencing screws us up. No rooms available. We will still have the same films but they will have to be delayed until can get rooms. Unless we get shuffled again the date and rooms listed above are fixed. Notice also that for all other meetings our room defaults to HO 4A-606.

2. For the benefit of those who follow these things, the first adventure of Traveller is complete. It was an unqualified success with most of the characters ending up on a prison ship for the rest of their lives. A few of the others ended up free but wanted by the police (who no doubt would have thrown them on a prison ship for the rest of their lives). One character -- Devious Dan Vargas (who doubles as a librarian for a certain science fiction club) -- did manage to get the plans requested and to avoid getting thrown on a prison ship for the rest of his life. Those of a theological bent might interpret the reason for Lukacs's apparent ease at getting the plan that the god of this particular universe (whom the locals depict in their religious works as a tall thin man with a deep voice booming out from under a scraggly mustache, who sits behind a green screen covered with mystical formulae, and rolls dice to determine the fate of mortals) just got so bored and disgusted with the goings on and the characters that he willed success upon someone just to bring matters to an end. If this explanation seems unrealistic realize that it is based (with a substitution of gods, of course) on the best explanation anyone has ever put forward for how national elections and baseball games are won in our own universe.

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