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Mt. Holz Science Fiction Society
Club Notice - 06/29/90 -- Vol. 8, No. 52

MEETINGS UPCOMING:

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings are on Wednesdays at noon.
LZ meetings are in LZ 2R-158. MT meetings are in the cafeteria.

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- 07/11 LZ: HYPERION by Dan Simmons (Hugo Nominee)
- 08/01 LZ: A FIRE IN THE SUN by George Alec Effinger (Hugo Nominee)
- 08/22 LZ: RENDEZVOUS WITH RAMA by Arthur C. Clarke
- 09/12 LZ: STAR MAKER by Olaf Stapledon (Formative Influences)
- 10/03 LZ: MICROMEGAS by Voltaire (Philosophy)
- 10/24 LZ: THE WORM OUROBOROS by E. R. Eddison (Classic Horror)
- 11/14 LZ: WAR WITH THE NEUTS by Karel Capek (Foreign SF)

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- 07/13 HUGO BALLOT DEADLINE
- 07/14 SFABC: Science Fiction Association of Bergen County: TBA
(phone 201-933-2724 for details) (Saturday)

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1. The good news is that the science fiction club no longer will have any financial problems with AT&T. For a long time AT&T has been cutting back our funding. Year by year we had to figure out how to do with less. First we had to do away with some of our subscriptions. Then we had to do away with buying the Hugo-

winners. Well, that process has come to an end. We expect that with this year's revised budget, which is a nice round \$0, we will have to make the final cut of buying discussion books and that will be an end to it. That is, it is an end until AT&T decides to start charging us rent for the conference rooms.

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Initially, the policy was that AT&T clubs were under no circumstances to ask members for money. In those days they funded us to the tune of \$150/year. The idea was that the clubs were supposed to be part of the AT&T environment, not a subscription service. Of course over the years AT&T has decided on many occasions that it should be asking the employees for money. You know, United Way, Savings Bonds, AT&T PAC, etc. Once they got over the initial embarrassment of sticking out a paw and asking for the old mazooma, they discovered they kind of liked it. Now it is a new AT&T tradition. High executives now get into the act, at least as far as signing requests. Hey, it's only fair if the company pays us for us to once in a while return the favor, right? For a while they even had parties for the canvassers for things like United Way. Then they figured the parties were costing them too much and that was stopped.

So now that AT&T has gotten into the act, they figure, that is a great way to get clubs funded. Ask the members for money. Maybe we can run an emailathon. Get people to e-mail in with messages like "I will contribute two dollars if Evelyn will rerun her review of S_h_e_r_l_o_c_k_H_o_l_m_e_s_i_n_B_a_n_g_k_o_k." Hey, I know. Some orchestras have this deal that if you contribute certain amount you can conduct. (Well, I am sure they are told something like "Ignore the jerk with the baton and play it like you think it should be played. Just start playing when he starts waving, after that let him follow you. And this time, if he says he is conducting Beethoven's 9th, is it asking too much to have you guys play the 9th? That guy last time didn't even l_i_k_e Bartok.") Maybe what we can do is for the highest bidder, you can write the science fiction notice. Bids start at four cents.

Anyway, what we are going to do for the time being is this. I will

cough up \$20 a year out of the goodness of my spacious (specious?) heart. The rest will probably have to be handled on a pay-as-you-go basis with discussion participants taking turns buying the books and loaning them out before the discussion.

2. The discussion books "Micromegas" (actually a novelette), THE WORM OUROBOUROS, and WAR WITH THE NEWTS are now available from the Lincroft SF Library. (These were bought just before the funds were cut off.) [-ecl]

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Persecution is the first law of society because it is always easier to suppress criticism than to meet it.
-- Howard Mumford Jones