

## THE SFSFS SHUTTLE

The Newszine of the South Florida Science Fiction Society - N. T. Atherton, editor

**JANUARY MEETING** The next SFSFS meeting will be held Sunday, January 12, at the South Regional/BCC library on the BCC campus in Pembroke Pines.

Address: 7300 Pines Blvd. (=Hollywood Blvd.)

Phone: 963-8825

Time: 2:00 PM

Directions: SEE MAP.

Program: If you're interested in writing/reading about SF, in exploring its roots, recurring themes, imagery, and stylistic evolution --- then listen up as VINCENT MIRANDA explains "How to Research Science Fiction." With the library's reference collection close at hand, this should be a most informative program!

## \*\*\*ANNUAL ELECTIONS\*\*\*

Annual elections of SFSFS officers and B. O. D. members will be held at the January meeting! Regular members: here's your chance to exercise your famous right to vote. NO ONE WILL BELIEVE THAT YOU WERE SNOWED IN, so please try to make it to this important meeting. See p. 3 for Hot Pre-Election Action!

**DUES REMAIN DUE** Your 1985 SFSFS membership expires Dec. 31, 1985. Think about it: no more rides on the Shuttle, no Solstice brightening your days, no outings, programs, discounts --- just an empty space in your mailbox and silence where laughter once rang (sniff . . .). How can you avoid this black hole of despair? Just fill out the renewal form included with this Shuttle, add dues (\$10 General, \$15 Regular), and mail to SFSFS Treasurer Peggy Ann Dolan, 4427 Royal Palm Ave., Miami Beach FL 33140. 1986 DUES ARE DUE JAN. 1, 1986!!! Don't start the new year in a black hole. Renew your membership today!

**HEAR YE! HEAR YE!** (your editor quakes in her boots) If this Shuttle flies more erratically than usual, it's because I'm still trying to adjust to the idea of Chairing TROPICON V. It all happened so fast: \* as I walked into the con on Friday, Chairman Joe ran up and tagged me, shouting "You're IT!", then tore off down the hall, snickering.

The next thing I knew, there he was at Opening Ceremonies, telling everyone that I was to Chair TROPICON V! And then they all started snickering! I ask you: is this any way to treat your poor old Captain?

Alright, already --- you don't have to shout. I'll Chair TROPICON V. After all, with such a talented and hard-working crew aboard, what could possibly go wrong? [The line starts at the left and STOP THAT SNICKERING!!!]

\*See New Operating Procedures (this issue) and Nov. 1985 B. O. D. meeting minutes for an accurate version of this apocryphal account.

\*\*\*\*\*HOT PRE-ELECTION ACTION\*\*\*\*\*

NOMINATORS NAMED Chairman JOE SICLARI has appointed EDIE STERN, BECKY PETERS, and DIANE FARNSWORTH to the Nominating Committee. Their mission, should they decide to accept it, is to submit a slate of candidates for the offices of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and At-Large Board Members.

NOMINEES NOMINATED The Nominating Committee recommends that SFSFS Regular Members consider the following slate of candidates for the offices of

- Chairman: Joe Siclari
- Treasurer: Peggy Ann Dolan
- Secretary: Pam Parsons
- At-Large Members, Board of Directors: Gail Bennett & Diane Farnsworth

NAMING NOMINEES If you have other names to submit for nomination to any SFSFS office, please bring them to the January meeting. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at that time. Officers must be Regular Members in good standing. (In other words, make sure they've paid their 1986 dues before you nominate them!)

EVER UPWARDS The following General Members are eligible to apply for Regular Member status at the January meeting: MIKE COWART, DOMENICK FRAUMENI, GREG ZENTZ. Applications for Regular Member status will be voted upon no later than the second meeting following the date the application is received by the Secretary. A conversion fee of \$5.00 will be due no later than the second meeting following the date the application is approved.

Regular Members may vote (on officers, new members, changes in by-laws, etc.) and hold office. Please keep in mind the immortal words of converted Regular Member, Russ Dapp: "We must all aspire to Regularity!"

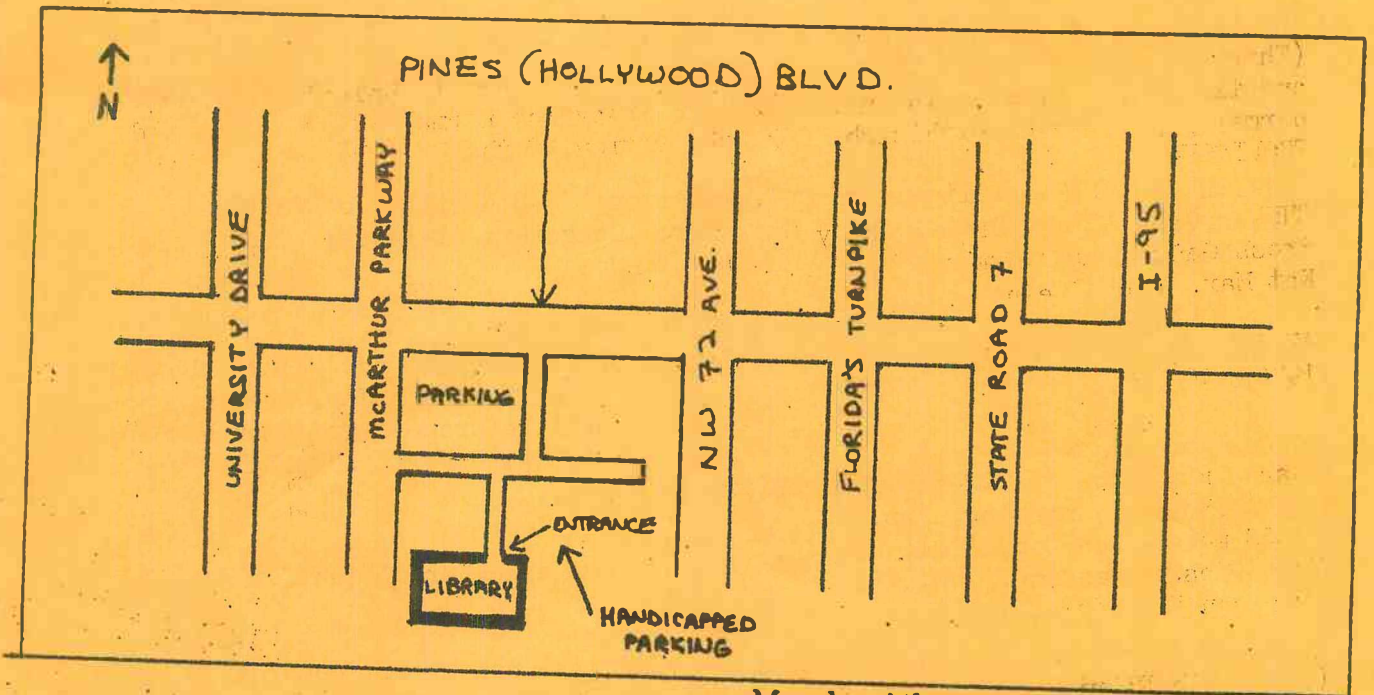
S.O.S. JOHN MURPHY still needs someone to drive him and his wheelchair to meetings. His van is a home away from home, with an automatic transmission and power-everything. Please let John know that you're willing to lend a hand. Call him at 467-6467 and LEAVE A MESSAGE. John will return your call promptly. If this looks familiar, that's because the Shuttle has beamed this message TWICE already with NO RESPONSE. Well, John, they say that three's a charm. Let's hope that the message reaches some civilized beings this time . . .

CALLING ALL MEDIA FEN The Media Research Committee will meet Jan. 18 at 2:00 PM at the Siclari/Stern residence in Boca Raton. Come to the meeting to pool information on video resources, brainstorm the idea of a SFSFS Video Library, and meet other media-minded members. Call JOE SICLARI [392-6462] to find out what you should bring to the meeting and for directions on how to get there.

TROPICON V IS ALIVE and meeting on Saturday, Jan. 25, at 2:00 PM at the Atherton residence in Hallandale. This is a pre-Omnicon powwow and general idea-exchange and everyone is welcome. Call NANCY ATHERTON at 458-8177 for directions to the Shuttle launch pad.

BEFORE I FORGET

HAPPY HOLIDAYS, ONE AND ALL!!!



Map by Atherton Cartographers, (very)

South Regional/Broward Community College Library [South Campus!]  
 7300 Pines (Hollywood) Blvd. Pembroke Pines

If you get lost, call 963-8825 and ask for Reference. Then ask for Nancy.

The library is a two story building with orange arches and is the westernmost Building on the BCC South Campus.

The meeting will be held in Room 208, on the second floor. There's an elevator for those of us travelling by wheelchair and for those of us too ~~lazy~~ preoccupied with Great Thoughts to walk upstairs. See you there!

SFSFS  
 Annual Membership Renewal Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Check where appropriate:

General (\$10.00)  
 I would like to apply for Regular Member status.  
 Regular (\$15.00)

Please renew my membership in the South Florida Science Fiction Society.  
 My check for 1986 dues is enclosed.

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 Signature

Please make checks payable to: The South Florida SF Society.  
 Mail to: SFSFS Treasurer, 4427 Royal Palm Ave., Miami Beach FL 33140.

(This issue of the Shuttle is a bit short due to some technical problems and time constraints. The next issue will have the normal items that would normally have been in thisish, like the review of the December meeting and TROPICON IV. JoeD.)

SHUTTLE CREDITS: Editor: Nancy T. Atherton; Stencils: JoeD Siclari; Press Gang: Judy Bemis, Chief Gangster; Gangsters-at-large: Tony Parker, Kat Max. Rich Klein

AT-A-GLANCE: \*\*\* READ THIS! \*\*\*  
1986 DUES ARE DUE \*\*\*\*\*Jan. 1 (If you don't pay before then or bring to the Jan. meeting, you will be dropped from membership.)

Board meeting Jan. 6 7:30pm; Fort Lauderdale  
Call Joe at 392-6462 to confirm location.  
SFSFS monthly meeting, Jan. 12.  
Media Research Committee, Jan. 18. )  
Tropicon V meeting, Jan. 25. ) see elsewhere thish for details

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