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Welcome to FSFSCU! (pronounced fsfscu) I assume that most of the people reading this have some interest in either science fiction or fantasy. I will now attempt to explain the wondrous advantages you will gain if you pay \$1.00 and join the club.

First of all, you gain access to our lending library, with its hundreds of carefully selected books and magazines. (Actually, the selection was done by the people giving the books away, since the library consists entirely of donations. But quite a bit of good stuff slipped through). The library is kept in my apartment (see address above), and members are welcome to come and browse (just give me a call first). There is a book list available upon request.

As if this weren't enough, your paltry dollar entitles you to receive, free of charge, all FSFSCU publications produced this semester! Admittedly, this may only mean an issue of PROSPECTUS once a month, but what do you expect for a buck? In the past, FSFSCU has published a magazine (copies are available in the club library), and if there are some writers and artists among you this year, it could happen again. But PROSPECTUS will keep you informed of events in the science fiction field (e.g. the Hugo Award for the Best Science Fiction Novel of 1971 was given to Philip José Farmer's TO YOUR SCATTERED BODIES GO), of local SF conventions, and most importantly, PROSPECTUS will tell you when the next FSFSCU meeting is. If things go well, we might even have short book reviews and assorted amusements.

(Hey -- any of you out there who are interested in writing anything for PROSPECTUS, let me know).

If none of this convinces you, how about a buck for charity?

Anyway, as to the meetings themselves: We will have a meeting place (possibly Fayerweather lounge) available every Thursday from 5:30 to 7:00, beginning sometime in October. Approximately once a month there will be a formal meeting, with a business session and some sort of program. There are a couple of SF writers and illustrators that I think I can get to give talks. The other Thursdays, the meeting room will be open for people to drop by and meet each other. Or swap magazines.

If there's anything more you want to know, get in touch with me.

-- Eli Cohen