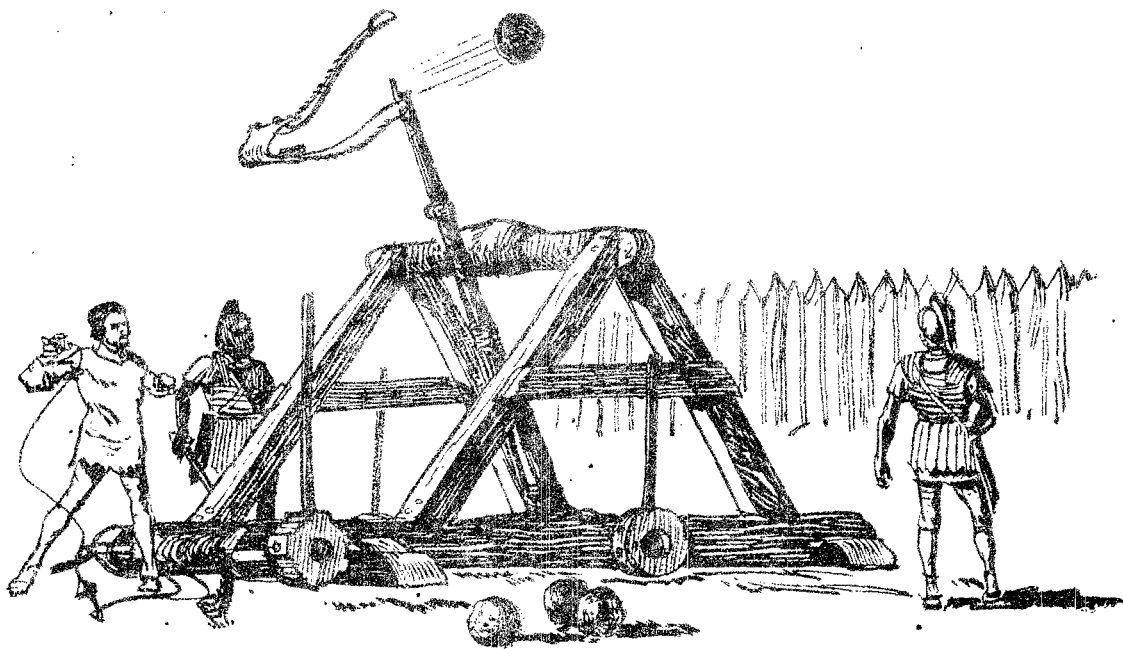


ARRAKIS

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Weather: The snow has finally gone! Well.. Almost. We should be able to see the ground by June.

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Just What the Hell is Happening to Arrakis Anyway?.....Head

That's the third time that title has appeared on an article, the first two by Leeder and this one by yours truly.

First off, many people failed to realize that the deadline had been extended last issue from March 20 to March 27. We rely on the high school's Gestetner machine to print Arrakis, so we are at its mercy should it decide to go on the fritz ((sorry Willie)). The high school actually has four Gestetners, one in the main office, and one in the shorthand room, both of which are off limits to us. The machines which are available for our use are in the audio-visual room (the one we normally use) and the one in the commercial practice office. Unfortunately both of these became sick at the same time. A plea by us to use the other machines was met with deaf ears. We didn't know for sure when the machines would return so we couldn't make a definite deadline extension and had to play it pretty much by ear((you should see Dave play bridge by ear BJ)). When the machine finally returned I had only a few minutes to type in the new deadline as it was four o'clock and everyone was anxious to get home, so I could only get the change in one place. I'm sorry for the confusion that this has caused.

You may well be wondering how we managed to print during the summer. It was hairy to say the least. The audio-visual technician came in periodically during the summer and we had to catch him while he was there, which often didn't coincide with our deadlines.

As you can see relying on the school's equipment has its disadvantages, but there are benefits, ie. we don't have to pay for ink, file folders for the stencils and we get our stencils well below retail prices. I do feel that the drawbacks outweigh the economic benefits. Thus I have begun to look for my own machine. A new machine is out of the question, as a machine similar to the one we use (Gestetner #460) is over \$1,000.00 used! I don't even know the prices for a new machine. An older machine (these prices are for a rebuilt machine, which ^{are} almost as good as a new machine) the #360 is \$700.00 (#54 was printed on a rebuilt #360). A slightly less fancy electric machine the #320 is available for \$450.00. I would like to get a #360 but these apparently are hard to come by so it may be a while before we have our own machine. Raising the money may also take a considerable amount of time.

Arrakis has seen a considerable amount of change in the past year and a half, it has gone from a one editor zine under Leeder to a five editor zine when Kitching, Monahan, Johnston and I joined in with John. We only produced one issue (#39) as a five editor zine. The new editors sections in #39 were not too good, but I think we could have, with a little practice made an excellent zine, but good things must come to an end and John had to move to Calgary. Without the experience of John we bumbled through the next few issues as a four editor zine. Issue #41 was however a respectable nine-pager. Steve McLaughlin's first satire "Tarzan of the Monkeys" appeared in that issue. At that time Paul was about our best writer, but he never had time to develop this to its fullest. And with increased pressures from school, he had to leave us. Although #43 was only four pages in length, it did have two articles and our first variant Atlantica II enclosed. That issue also showed a change in style, we no longer typed up our own page, but typed all the games onto the same stencil to reduce the wastage of space. This unfortunately cut down on comments from the gm's. Issue #44 was our first ten-pager and we had our first experience with the stencil cutter. (remember the drawing of the Vildebeest torpedo-bomber). Ooops I'm wrong, the first time we used it was for the front page of #40.

From issues 45-53 we were a three editor zine. With issue 46 and 47 we experimented with dividing the page into two columns, but a number of people protested this move so we returned to the old format. During this period the HDA also surfaced (Huntsville Diplomacy Association) This period also saw a gradual increase in errors made by Kitching in the games he was gaming and a decrease in interest with diplomacy and publishing. We had told him a number of times to get his ass into gear but we received little response from him. The climax of the matter came on the night of the deadline. Brian called Kitching asking him to bring his stuff for cw and hb over but he hung up on Brian. What you read last issue was typed right after that. It seemed rather blunt and cut-throated well it was as we were both quite angry.

With issue #51 Arrakis returned to the old 8½x11 format after after we finally got rid of all the 8½x14 paper that we had. Issues #5s 48, 50 and from 52 on have seen the use of the electric stencil cutter for our front covers and drawings. Except for the last page of issue #54 (which should have had three stencils cut for the one page ie one for the two drawings, one for the crossword and one for the typing) we have been pleased with the results that we have been getting and plan to make more extensive use of the machine in the future. Page 12 of #53 was a combination of an electric stencil and a type-on stencil which turned out rather well.

With issue #54 Arrakis has almost turned full circle being a two editor zine. But don't be thinking that the domino theory is at work here. Neither Brian or I have any intentions of skipping out (unless we get ran over by a truck or something).

As for the future, I don't really know to tell the truth. We intend to keep the same format for a while at least. Each issue will likely be limited to ten pages to make it under the one ounce limit. That would sound rather odd in the old days when we had to grope to make it a ten-pager. Subscriptions and game fees will remain the same. In the future I would like to try writing articles on Diplomacy and possibly design some variants, now that I have a fair bit of experience in the hobby. I have cooked up three variants which thankfully never saw print, they were: Finlandia, Bay of Biscuits, and Newfie Diplomacy. Finlandia is the only one that I still have a map of, the other two have long since bit the dust. The map of Finlandia is dominated by a large island the shape of Finland with various territories on other islands most of which are on the western half of the map. The major powers have three units on the island of Finland and two units in the other territories, which operate something like the

colonies in Colonia. If anyone is interested I will try and put the map on a stencil and get some rules together.

As for long range plans, Arrakis will remain as a Huntsville based zine for at least another couple of years. I'm in grade 11 now and will be here until 13. If I do move after 13 to university or some-thing I think Arrakis would move with me instead of remaining a Huntsville zine, unless another bunch of newbloods come along willing to carry on the tradition of Diplomacy publishing in Huntsville.

WAKEUPIT'SOVERNOWDETREADYFORTHEMOSTIMPORTANTPARTOFTHEZINENAMELYTHEGAMES....

GM:Head

Game:1974HP

Season: Winter 1905, Spring 1906 ALLIES FINALLY BREAKTHROUGH THE LINE!!!

England: Refused Build, will play one short. Russia retreated a gal-bud,
Germany: Built A mun.

Spring 1906

England (Klein) a ukr-rum; a sto-mos; f ska h; f nth h; a mos-war; f bot h; f den h.
France (Correll) a tyo-vie; a pie-tyo; f tyr s ITA f ion; a ven-tri; f wme s f tyr; a spa h.
Germany (Johnston) a mun s FRE a pie-tyr; a boh s FRE a tyo-vie; a war s -gal; a gal-rum; a sil-gal; a hol h.
Italy (Stewart) f adr s FRE a ven-tri; f ion s f adr; f tun s f ion.
Russia (Berggren) a vie-gal; a bud s a vie-gal; a sev-ukr.
Turkey (Anschuetz) f bla-rum; a gre s f alb; f aeg-ion; f eme s f aeg-ion; a tri h; a ser s a tri; f alb s a tri.

German a gal is ann.

The draws were defeated.

No press! what's going on here?

See the last page for the deadline.

XWX

GM:Head

Game: 1975EG

Season: Winter 1903 A LITTLE CONFUSION SO WINTER ONLY!!

(bal-)

Last season The german order f nwy s f bal-swe was written "fnwy s f swe " I had left it out and tried to slip it back in but some people didn't notice it.

Autumn 1903: England retreats f Eng-lon. No retreat was given for the Russian f swe so it is removed. Turkish f eme retreated OTB.

Winter 1903

Austria (Case) even has a ukr, a rum, a vie, a gal, f gre, a ser, a bul.(7)
England (Smyth) Removed f ska, has f lon, f nth. (2)
France (Anschuetz) even has a gas, a bel, a pic, a bre, f eng, f wal, f mid (7)
Germany (Johnston) Built a ber, a mun, has a sil, a kie, f nwy, f swe, f den(7)
Italy (White) even has a apu, a tun, f eme, f ion.(4)
Russia (Leeder) even has a mos, f sev, a war, f bot. (4)
Turkey (Ronson) built a ank, has a smy, f con.(3)

Press (cont'd) 1975 HA

Constantinople: It seems the Czar is doing a lot of travelling these days. The Sultan is quite upset about being invited to dinner at the Kremlin, then having the Czar decide to collect taxes in Siberia or somewhere. The Sultan has vowed that the Czar will be quite put out before this incident is forgotten.

Greetings to Italy, too bad about the food shortage. I hear "sole of boot" is a very distressing diet. Our condolences to the relatives of Diplomatico. He should have remembered that much quoted saying "never clean your machine gun at the bottom of the Tiber" (or something like that. Should Tony the Rock, that sleazy infamous ambassador of ill will ever arrive in the capitol here, the Sultan intends to accompany him back to Rome. A special private carriage has been constructed for Tony's use. It's made of the very finest pine, with the usual "2" bearers since it seems Tony is used to travelling in strange conveyances.

fortuanetlydaveisnotwritingthislinearseparatororyouwouldhearaboutthattundrawolf

GM: Johnston

Game: 1974CW

Season: Fall 1908 ITALY OUT! FRANCE AND ENGLAND BUILD DESPITE LOSS OF CENTERS!

Austria (Snyth): f bullsc-aeg, a sev-ukr, a run-gal, a tri-tyo, s bya vie, a ser-tri, f adr-ven, a gre-apu.

England (Cusack): Retreats f stpsc-fin. f fin-swe, f eng-bel, a hol s a kie, (a hol anniated), a bur-mun, s bya kie, f emed s fre f tun-ion, f nth-nwy, f den s a kiel, f wmed-tyrr, f mid-spasc.

France (Head): a rom s f tyr-nap, f tyr-nap, f tun-ion, a pie-tyr, s bya ven.

Germany (Kelly): Retreats f kie-hel. a ber-kie, s bya mun, f hel-hol, s bya ru

Italy (Ronson): f nap-ion.

Russia (Gross): a stp-nwy, a mos-stp.

Turkey (White): NMR! f con, f ion, f alb all hold.

Retreats: Turkish f ion-apu or OTB.

Centers:

Austria: home, gre, bul, ser, sev, run. (8) Even.

England: home, nwy, kie, swe, bre, bel, ~~s/a~~, par, den, spa. (11) Build 2.

France: nar, ven, ~~s/a~~, por, rom, tun, nap. (6) Build 1.

Germany: ber, mun, hol, ~~kie~~. (3) Remove 1.

Italy: ~~s/a~~. (0) OUT!

Russia: war, mos, stp. (3) Build one.

Turkey: home. (3) Even.

Press!!!!:

Serbia: "But you've been fulminating against the Turks for years now. How can you convince the Aulic council to accept peace now?"

The Big Owl sighed and rolled his eyes. "Since our marriage, my dear Archduchess, the Aulic Council has become a rubber stamp. You may have noted that they didn't even have the sense to take temporary command of the armed forces while I was absent at the negotiating table. Your father is also unable to head the country at his advanced age."

"He's only 36-I was born when he was 20! You're 59 yourself..."

"I'm telling you, the Emperor show all the signs of senility. I've given orders to have him confined for his own protection".

Could Walter Blank RR#1, Box 181, Ontario, Wisconsin 54651, USA.

press:

me: I will gladly pay you Tuesday, for a hamburger today Dave. More accurately, this temporary taking of Spain is needed to get another build which you can't at this time build for. ((Just like the temporary occupation of Paris and Prussia, right?)).

GM: Johnston

Game: 974AT

Season: Winter 1907 AUSTRIA HITS THE SKIDS!! FRANCE STILL SHORT!

Austria: Removed f eas and a boh. Has a sil, a gal, a bud, a ser, a alb, a aeg. (6) (Kovalcik)

England: Built f lvp. Has f lvp, f nwy, f nth, f lon. (4) (Ronson)

France: Built f bre. Has f bre, f wme, f lyo, f eng, a ruh, a bur, a ber, a pic. 1 short, 8 units, 9 center, one short. (Cusack)

Germany: (CD): Even. Has a hol. (1)

Italy (Correll): Even. Has f nap. (1)

Russia (Klein): Even. Has f smy, a gre, a bul, a con, f bla, a run, a ukr, a war, f den, a swe, f bar, stpnc. (12)

Draw proposal was defeated. New draw has been proposed between Italy and England.

See last page for deadline.

GM: Johnston

Game: 1974HB

Season: Winter 1906 NOT TOO MUCH HAPPENS AS RUSSIAN BUSINESS STRAIGHTENED OUT!!

England (Smyth) Retreats f nwy-nth. Has f nth, f nrg, f den. (3)

France (Solomon) Even. Has f por, f spasc, fwme, f eng, a par, a bel, a bur, a kie. (8)

Italy (Ball) Removed f con. Has f ion, a boh, a tyr, a mar, a ruh, a pic, f lyo, f tyrr, f gas, a pic, f mid. (11)

Russia (Gillespie): Refused to build-2 short. Has f nwy, f bar, a fin, f swe, a stp, a ank, a bul, a run, a gal, a ber. (10)

Press:

"We shall fight on the beaches, in the bunkers, through, from the buses, in the buildings, etc., etc.,. There shall be no surrender until one of our infantry contracts a corn."

Remember when we said we gave the Russian position to Keely, but gave it back to Gillespie because, as we said, we thought he had sent orders? If not, stop reading. A complaint was sent to the IDA ombudsman (John Leeder) complaining that there was insufficient reason to give the position back to Laurence. We agree. The full reason is that Laurence did send orders the second time, but somehow the former GM (Kitching) misplaced them, and Laurence was thought to have NMRed twice in a row. When we got Kitching's file, we found these orders, so there is no justifiable reason to take a winning position away from Laurence because of a former GM's incompetence.

Deadline on the last page.

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Rib Ticklers

Q. When a bricklayer retires, does he throw in the trowel?

When I told this to my history teacher he came back with: No, because he had cemented so many relationships, and a few minutes later "I hear everyone got plastered at the retirement party."

Did you hear about the florist who gets obscene fern calls?

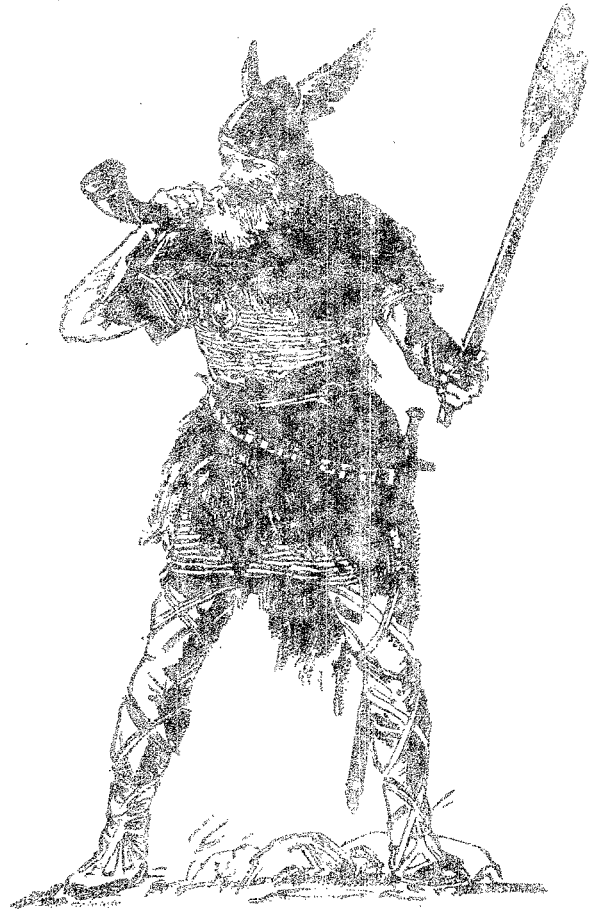
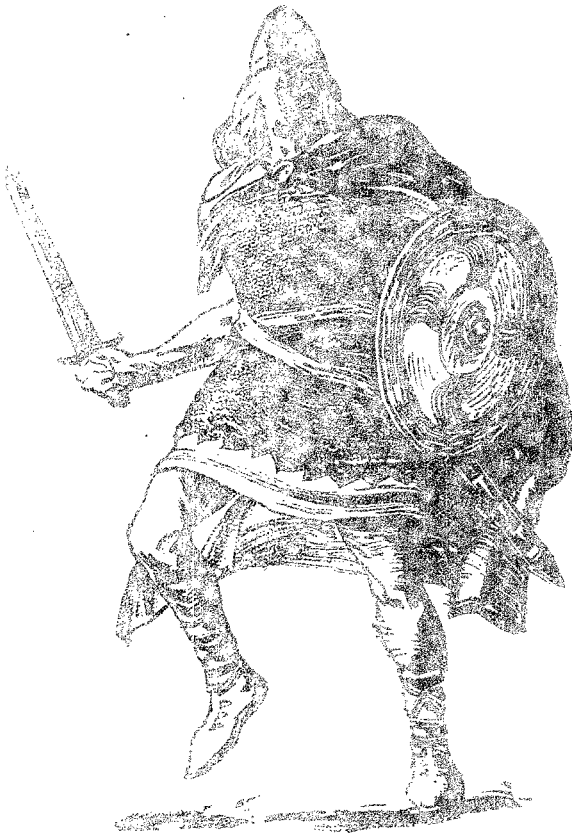
Q. What's the difference between a Scottish Highlander at the North Pole and an Irishman frozen to death?

A. One is cold with the kilt and the other is kilt with the cold!

Q. Why is life the riddle of all riddles?
A. Because we must all give it up.

Lord Halifax a former foreign secretary of Great Britain, once shared a railway compartment with two prim-looking spinsters. A few moments before reaching his destination the train passed through a tunnel. In the utter darkness Halifax kissed the back of his hand noisily several times. When the train drew into the station he rose, lifted his hat, and in a gentlemanly way said: "May I thank whichever one of you two ladies I am indebted to for the charming incident in the tunnel." He then beat a hasty retreat, leaving the two ladies glaring at each other.

Deadline for all games is April 21, 1976 Note that is a Wednesday.



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