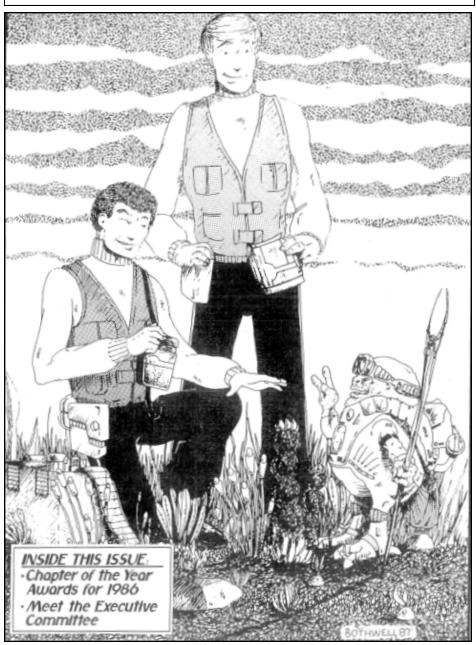
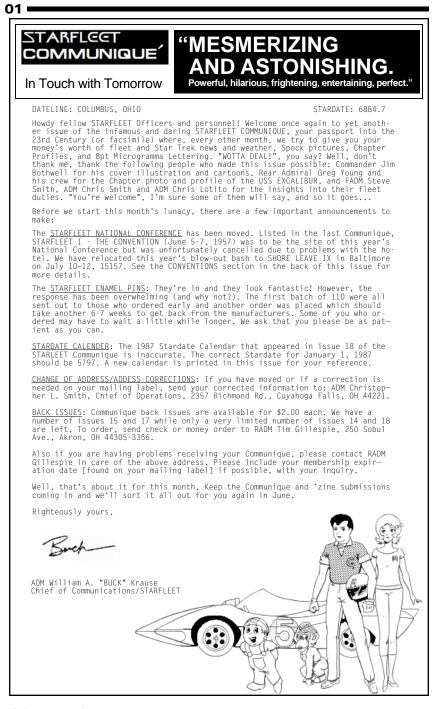


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The local premiere of STAR TREK IV took place at the Capri Theatre in Des Moines, Iowa and Commodore Mark Schmadeke (CO/USS VICTORY, Region XI Coordinator] and I were there with a STARZLEET display table. As part of our recruitment efforts, we we were offering a chance to win one of the U.f.P. admittance badge pins as seen in the film to the first 100 people to join STARFLEET, Well, the drawing has taken place and congratulations to Lorraine Rovig from the <u>Starbase 17</u> club in Des Moines! She's the winner and I will present to pin to her at their next meeting (probably in April - well, it's April now, so she'll have the pin by the time this is read by all).

I've also had some inquiries about what STARFLEET has for sale in the line of membership items. Yes, we do sell them and here is what we have available:

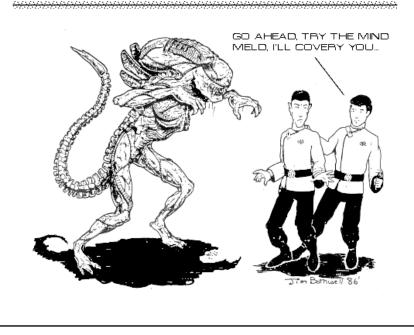
Memo pads: \$1.50 each (plus two 22¢ stamps) STARFLEET Handbooks: \$3.00 ea. (plus one 22¢ stamp)

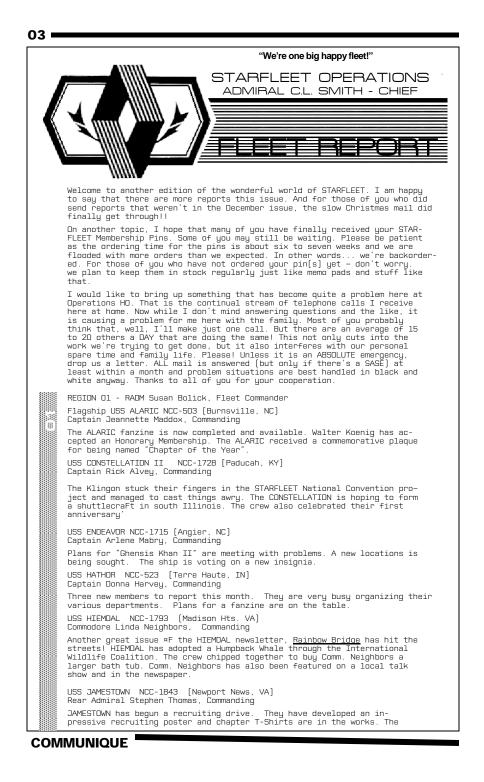
Send all orders to: STARFLEET, P.O. Box 843, Newton, IA 50208.

I've also found a place that can place our STARFLEET logo (as used on our flyers) on a carry—all tote bag. This would come in greet for conventions, parties, etc. We need to order at least 50 to place an order and the price will probably run \$10 to \$12. If you're interested, drop me a line and we'll go from there. Send no money at this time, though.

That's all for now. Enjoy your spring and summer1

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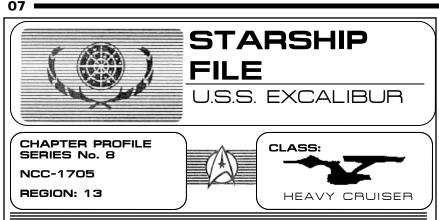
chapter newsletter <u>Stardate</u> is also being revamped. USS LAGRANGE NCC-3916 (Cuyahoga Falls, OH) Admiral Christopher L. Smith, Commanding The chapter has recently developed a program called "Star Buddies" where seasoned members help new members get acquainted and involved. The LAGRANGE just celebrated and published its 50th consecutive monthly issue of <u>Atten</u>tion All Hands, the ship's newsletter USS LEXINGTON NCC-1703 (Columbia, SC) Captain Gunther Bellows, Commanding LEXINGTON has started several shuttle via friends in Europe. The chapter is celebrating it's first anniversary. USS PATHFINDER NCC-2121 [Salem, VA] Captain Robin Pillow, Commanding This year's "Rookie Chapter" is helping get new chapters started. Currer shuttle at Virginia Tech. is doing well. PATHFINDER is hoping to form a Current shuttle in Pennsylvania soon. USS PULSAR NCC-3941 [Cleveland Hts. OH] Fleet Captain MaryLee Holzheimer, Commanding Projects are moving along smoothly and the holidays were celebrated duely. USS VINDICATOR NCC-1984 [Ft, Wayne, IN] Captain Jackie Gill, Commanding Vindicon II went well. Proceeds went to two charities. Region O2 - RADM Linda Taylor, Fleet Commander Flagship USS COLUMBIA NCC-621 [Cocoa, FL] Rear Admiral Linda Neighbors, Commanding The COLUMBIA is still doing some recruiting and plans to hand out flyers at the local community college. Preparations are being made for Region 02 war aames. USS ANUBIS NCC-586 (Orlando, FL) Commander Peter Lutz, Commanding The crew of the newly commissioned ANUBIS finally got their chapter "green light" on Christmas Eve. Chapter CO, Capt. Katherine Osburn has left the ANUBIS and joined the United States Army. Cmdr. Peter Lutz will soon be taking full command once he has passed the OTS. USS ENCOUNTER NCC-2164 [Ft. Lauderdale, FL] Captain David Smith, Commanding Recruiting continues and the ship reports having a blast at cons and parties. USS PAEGAN NCC-1755 [Winter Garden, FL] Captain Peggy Vanguard, Commanding War games were held with members of the Klingon Strike Force. Information on their officers was obtained. Recruiting continues. USS PERSEUS NCC-544 (Columbus, GA) Commodore Barbara Cotton, Commanding Comm. Cotton has now been taken off the sick list and things are returning The PERSEUS serves as the Armed Service Program Flagship. to normal. Region O3 - Capt. Christopher Meinsen, Fleet Commander Ŵ Flagship USS CONFEDERATION NCC-2114 [Corpus Christi, TX] 8 Captain Christopher Meinsen, Commanding ADM Mary Helm has stepped down from the position of Fleet Commander for Reqion D3, and the US ANTARES has been drydocked until further notice. Capt Meinsein, commanding the newly commissioned CONFEDERATION is acting as RC until he cuses his teeth as an administrator. Good luck Chris! Region 04 - RADM Pam Dupuy, Fleet Commander Flagship USS ACHERNER NCC-1732 [Los Angeles, CA] Rear Admiral Pam Dupuy, Commanding Internal organization of personas is being taken care of when shuttles become chapters. More parties and a semi-yearly Babel Conference are being planned. USS DEFIANCE NCC-1717 [Fair Oaks, CA] Captain Janis Moore, Commanding The DEFIANCE will be running a Star Trek trivia contest (based on a game

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There was a trip to the Star Trek IV exhibit at the Monteret Bay showl The chapter also celebrated "Lowell Kelly Day" Aquarium. USS EAGLE NCC-1719 [Menlo Park, CA] Captain Dail Koehler, Commanding One Jan. 25th, the ship celebrated James T's birthday. A budget and plans for 1987 are being laid out. USS ENDURANCE NCC-1862 [Richmond, CA] Captain martin McClure, Commanding Work progresses on the film project. The story plot is being finalized and make-up test have been done. USS LUCIFER NCC-521 [Ontario, CA] Captain Cat MacGregor, Commanding Ship's zine was sold at the zine table at Recruiting remains a priority. the March Creation Con in Anaheim USS SHADOWSTAR NCC-1875 [Hollywood, CA] Captain Sandor Xen Thonger-Kaos, Commanding The ship's newsletter/zine has a new format. Members have attended the CO's Meeting in Torrance [San Francisco, CA] USS VIGILANT NCC-1865 Captain Carolyn Balsley, Commanding There are going to be several club socials planned for summer evenings. A shuttle is possibly in formation. REGION 05 - Comm. Tom Davis, Fleet Commander [A big Fleet welcome to Commodore Tom Davis! RADM Sheila Glassburn has 16 stepped down from the position of Regional Coordinator and has also taken a (as) Reduction in rank. She wishes to devote more time to her ship, the USS MERRIMAC. Thank you Sheila for all your dedication and help in getting Reg-Ion O5 revitalized!) USS MERRIMAC NCC-1715 (Mountlake Terrace, WA) Captain Sheila Glassburn, Commanding Recruiting was held at RustyCon in January. A new shuttle has been started in Spokane. February marked the first anniversary of the MERRIMAC. USS SARATOGA NCC-1724 [Seattle, WA] Commander Keith Marshall, Acting Commander Captain Bob Hilton has stepped down from the post of CO of the SARATOGA, Commander Marshall is Acting CO until his OTS requirements have been met. Congratulations Keith! REGION 06 - Comm. Mark Schmadeke, Fleet Commander m (NO Regional report filed, however...) ٠ USS CZAR'AK NCC-1798 [Minneapolis, MN] Rear Admiral Tim Dover, Commanding The crew hosed Microcon '87 and was quite successful. New members were gained as well as finances. REGION 07 - RADM Faue Esswein. Fleet Commander (No report was filed from Region O7. RADM Esswein is currently "with child" and has spent much time in her quarters. RADM Alex Rosenzweig has been appointed to the position of Vice Regional Coordinator. He is currently 100 serving as acting RC until Faye is up to speed.) REGION 10 - Comm. Trina Anderson, Fleet Commander Flagship USS SOL NCC-1733 [Fairbanks, AK] Commodore Trina Anderson, Commanding The ship now has three shuttles working towards chapter status. Long term projects include a float for a local parade and fair. REGION 11 - Comm. Jennifer Yates, Fleet Commander Flagship USS SOUTHERN CROSS NCC-1886 (Queenscliffe, Australia) Commodore Jennifer Yates, Commanding Several ship's projects are underway such as the chapter handbook, ship's library, fanzine and T-Shirt. USS N'DELE NCC-1758 [Rostrevor, Australia] Rear Admiral Leanne Jackson, Commanding

The crew has been attending a play starting their First Officer. They also held a N'DELE variety show and have many, many more activities planned such as a Cabaret dinner, recruiting drive, "Codes and Ciphers" project, and a lot more! Region 12-RADM Lee Schmidt, Fleet Commander FLAGSHIP USS JUPITER NCC-1734 [Springfield, MD] Rear Admiral Lee Schmidt, Commanding The ship continues to be very active with many projects and ideas for the crew to participate in. JUPITER will be hosting a 12th Fleet Conference at K.C. Con in Kansas City. USS DISCOVERY NCC-1308 [St. Charles, MO] Fleet Captain Doug Glenn, Commanding Ship is working with the local PBS station on their auction and will be helping March-of-Dimes in their annual Walk-A-Thon. USS QUINTILLUS NCC-590 [Alston, IL] Captain Jackie Morris, Commanding No report. QUINTILLUS recently came back to duty after a year. However, no word has been received since their registry form was sent to Operations HO. USS YORKTOWN NCC-1704 [Tecumseh, OK] Admiral Sharon Robison, Commanding March meeting was dedicated to re-organization. Work on chapter handbook progressing. Ten new members reported. REGION 13 - RADM Greg Young, Fleet Commander Ų Flagship, USS EXCALIBUR NCC-1705 (Winnipeg, Canada) Rear Admiral Greg Young, Commanding EXCALIBUR crew continues to be active. Working on several combined role playing activities with an independent Trek group called "Star Trek Winnpeg". REGION 14 - ADM John Supranovich, Fleet Commander Flagship USS KASIMAR NCC-1784 [Bangor, ME] Admiral John Supranovich, Commanding Several groups of members trying to get shuttles going. Many may have seen the great COLOR article on the KASIMAR starship bridge set in "Starlog" ma maaazine. Many bookings for the bridge tour are pouring in. The ship has definitely left it's fantastic mark for Trek Fandom and future generations definitely left it's fantastic mark of the KASIMAR crew. What a legacy! REGION 17 - Comm. Karen Emerson, Fleet Commander [No Regional report received] That's all For this issue [as if that's not enough. Wheew!]. I would like to welcome a newly commissioned ship to the Fleet. That is: USS FEDERATION NCC-21DD [Clearwater, FL] Captain Linda Singer, Commanding Welcome and congratulations! REBEMBER: If you are reporting and your chapter is not listed in the FLEET REPORTS, check to see if your Regional Coordinator and/or Sector Chief are receiving them or are reporting themselves. Lastly, Captain Mark Williams has had to step down as Chief of STARFLEET Computer Operations due to his increased responsibilities at his job. A special thanks and my gratitude to Mark for doing what he does best and sharing the frustrations with "these damnable machines". (Oh yes! Mark's gonna be a daddu!!]. EHGLAND-MARITI NCC 1784 USS KASIMAR USS ATLANTIS COMMUNIQUE



Good day, eh? Greetings from the Great White North…er…ah…the U.S.S EXCALIBUR! Probably contrary to popular belief, Starfleet is not dead up here in Canada. Although at the moment the EXCALIBUR is relatively inactive in Starfleet. we have had a very colourful past and are working now to having a very eventful future.

The EXCALIBUR, captained by Greg Young, was formed in May of 1980 shortly after the formation of a Star Trek club here in our city of Winnipeg, logically named STAR TREK WINNIPEG. It wasn't until 1982 that we discovered and joined Starfleet, then under the command of Eric Stillwell. Because there was already a Regional Coordinator for Canada, Elizabeth Rose, Starfleet decided to split Canada into two regions and EXCALIBUR became the flagship for the new Region XIII. Our membership is relatively small (about 20), compared to other ships in Starfleet, but our members come from all over. Most are in Winnipeg, of course, but some are from Nova Scotia, Alberta. and even one member from Reno, Nevada! All members share many varied talents including one that is almost essential for EXCALIBUR crew, a GREAT sense of humour,

When the ship first formed, one of the first things we set out to do was to compile our own Officers' Manual, containing the fictional service records of our crewmembers as well as technical drawings and other information about the ship and her crew. With Cmdr. Jocelyn Wirth, our Executive Officer/Chief Engineer, overseeing the entire project, we are getting EVERY member involved, having each person write their own service record. We know that just about every ship in Starfleet is writing a Manual, but we have been working on ours for 7 years! Already over 40 pages in length, it is continuing to grow by leaps and bounds We are hoping to make the first issue one of the best in Starfleet but were not stopping there, our manual is designed to be placed into a 3-ring binder so that later supplements may be added as they are published. Another related project that is being worked on Is our 'EXCALIBUR SAGA' (for lack of a better name for now). This story of the construction of EXCALIBUR in drydock is being written by all crewmembers, each writng a chapter of their character's arrival on board and meeting the other officers. It is a humouress look at the trouble-plagued construction of a starship, How many other captains do you know of that have their Bridge Captain's Chair mounted in their bedroom; or walking into stubborn Tubolift doors; or having their sonic shower set for 'Tickle'? (Believe me, the troubles do get fixed before launch, or do they?)

Of course, we also have our own newsletter as well, 'WARP 8' (affectionately named after our captain's vehicle licence. plate).

Although we never really had a large circulation, we had very supportive members, writing and doing artwork and the editor, Cmdr. Robert Doyle, really did a great job of putting it all together, Some of the issues were 50 pages long!! It is still being printed today, but is very sporadic in coming out, due to the amount of material coming in. However, we expect it to take off again soon as our Chief Science Officer, Cmdr. Wayne Morris, takes over the duties of editor, due to the resignation of Cmdr. Doyle,

As is true of most starship/chapters In Starfleet, the EXCALIBUR crew tries to help out in the community, doing charity work and other good things. We have worked (in conjunction with STAR TREK WINNIPEG) to raise money for various charities in our city and even to help out by answering phones and the like. However, the one event that we make sure never to miss is the Annual Kiwanis Walkathon for Cancer Research. For the past 6 years now, EXCALIBUR crewmembers have helped out by participating in this very worthwhile event, filling up pledge sheets and then coming out, in costume, and walking the 12.5 mile long route. Not only is it fun, but supports a worthwhile cause at the same time.



TOP ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT): CMDR W. MORRIS, CMDR P. BEDARD, CMDR. L. PETERSON, CMDR J. WIRTH. FRONT: RADM G. YOUNG, CMDR K. KOPYSNKY, LT CMDR B, SMITH

Of course, we have our fun activities as well. With our 5th anniversary, we started celebrating the ship's birthday by having a dinner party for crewmembers each year. We have participated in parades, appeared on local television shows, and even produced our own small television show on public access for a short time. We have even been inviled to the premieres of the last three Star Trek films, providing we show up in uniform (It's really neat to see your picture in the paper the next day!) We also help out with the socials put on by S.T.W. and participate in the wild fun and games (and a bit of friendly competition) at the ST.W. Annual Olympia Picnic. But the big event for the past 3 years has been KEYCON!! This is a science fiction and fantasy convention that was started in Winnipeg 3 years ago and is

becoming more and more successful each year. This year they even started a committee to make a bid for a WORLDCON here!! For now, though, we help out with the convention by gophering and hosting panels and other activities. We even help out with S.T.W.'s hospitality suite. Here they set up a non-smoking, non-alcoholic environment for Star Trek and other science fiction fans. They show videos. set up displays and have the wildest dry bar this side of Antares! Where else can you get an 'Intermix Chamber' or ' Romulan Ale' or 'Vile Ecstacy'? And they are all made without a drop of alcohol. Yummy!!

Of course we attend other conventions as well in our area, some of our members going to VALLEYCON and MINICON each year, but for the past 5 years, some of us have been attending NONCON in Alberta, participating in panels and the costume contest and meeting with other Starfleet members there, including members of the U.S.S EQUULUS. Greetings to Capt. April Gorman and her crew!!

Now, we have been saving the best for last. Last year, with members from S.T.W., we have started a bold experiment. The production of a Star Trek based movie, using individual slides instead of film or videotape. Ok, so we're cutting some corners, but we are trying to do it as cheaply as possible, with impressive results. It will be the story of the EXCALIBUR and CONFEDERATION's first contact with a space-faring race from well beyond the Federation borders. We have even designed our own extrapolations of the Starfleet uniforms to bring the costs down. Where it can cost as much as \$150 to recreate a proper Starfleet uniform, our design will only cost about \$25!! Cmdr. Wayne Morris has even perfected a method of reproducing the redesigned EXCALIBUR insignia and belt buckle for the uniforms. We are hoping to do it with the slides and recorded dialogue (with original music) first then transferring it to videotape. This way, hopefully, we will be able to show it at whatever conventions we go to.

As you can see, although we may have one of the smallest crews in Starfleet, we are just as active as any other and having just as much fun!! Starfleet is alive and well in Canada!

For the EXCALIBUR -- THE ADVENTURE CONTINUES ...

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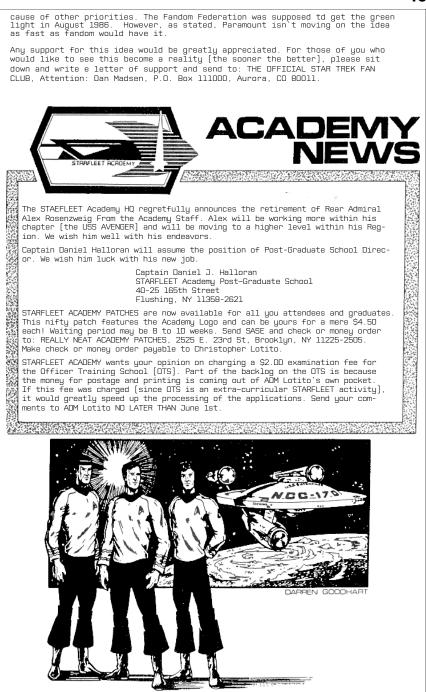
FANDOM FEDERATION UPDATE

Some of our readers may recall the mention of the proposed Fandom Federation in last August's Communique. To recap:

The Fandom Federation is an effort being launched by Mr. Dan Madsen and his staff at Paramount's Official STAR TREK Fan Club. This Federation would help to organize Fandom to the extent of linking all professional organizations (such as STAR-FLEET) together for the purpose of communication. The Federation would be administered by the Official STAR TREK Fan Club, however, this does not mean that the organizations involved would lose control over their individual groups. The only purpose of the Fandom Federation is to pass along to all the groups involved, direct information about STAR TREK. There are many other facets of the Federation that can be explored and the idea will, of course, nurture and grow.

Paramount is finally interested in STAR TREK Fans and what they have to say. However, as Mr. Madsen has explained, Paramount is "sitting" on the idea be-

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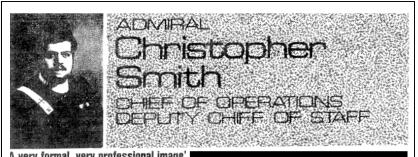


week; personal checks I hold for three weeks to clear, so if you're in a hurry to get your membership kit, send a MO!

Letters are done, money is collected, envelopes are ready, so on Saturday I run up the the PO and check the mail again, sift through the stack, then run up to the bank and make a deposit. By the time that's dune, the PO is closed, so I run to Drugtown to buy stamps and a DumDum for Katelyn. Then it's home to play house-husband since my wife Merribeth works on Saturday, so I clean up and get set for the weekly Smith Family Movie-and-Pizza-Pig-Out Night.

On Sunday afternoon, the marked envelopes are stuffed with materials and scaled and stamped. Depending on how much mail comes in, I can usually answer all the personal correspondence (aside from membership kits) and get all the financial records up-to-date. Lately, this last also takes up Sunday evening (unless there's a good movie on], Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights, and so on... it just depends. Anyway, kits go out Sunday evening, no later than a week after receipt.

We love this club and love helping people, but please try putting problems on paper first. It's much easier to see the problem in print than trying to figure out a solution over the phone...plus it helps to keep our phone bills down! Hope this has shed same light on what's involved in running STARFLEET. It has for me. I thank everyone for letting me work for you!



A very formal, very professional image'

When ADM Krause asked me to write an article about what I did as Chief of Operations, my first question was - 'How many issues of the Communique do you want it to run in?" Seriously, I really had to sit down and think to capture the spirit of the task I face day to day.

I first got involved in the Executive Committee when I was introduced to then ADM Steve Smith when my chapter's secretary Bill Krause became ADM Smith's Vice Chief of Communications. Steve told me of his intentions to run for the position of Commanding Admiral and after several conversations, Steve invited me to join his proposed cabinet as Chief OF Operations due to my record with the LAGRANGE in running starship/chapter operations. Later, I was also offered the post of Vice Commanding Admiral.

In starting things out in January of 1986, we could see that the Fleet needed to be streamlined and given more defined guidance. The first thing that we set out to do was to give STARFLEET a new look [thanks to Bill Krause and Tim Gillespie) and of course, new "high quality" membership materials.

During the first few months of the Smith administration, I, along with Krause, Gillespie, and several LAGRANGE members, worked on packaging and distributing membership materials. This was an enormous task that involved deep concentration and LOTS of room to spread out! The process was later streamlined to cut down on distribution turn-around by transferring the responsibility to the Fleet Admiral's office.

What started off, and continues to be, the most time consuming, tedious task at STARFLEET HQ, is the updating of the Master Membership Roster kept in the STARFLEET computer system here at the Operations office. When the Smith Administration took office. I and several others spent months entering names and addresses into the computer files. Any of you who has ever done data entry will know the scope of what I am saying. I won't go into details, but comput12

er "glitches" seemed to plague us at every turn.

This task continues every week as new memberships must be added, addresses changed, memberships deleted, renewal dates changed, etc, etc. All so that once every other month, we can beat 2000+ mailing labels out of a very touchy machine.

On other day-to-day operations (if the day is free From silly things like my job). I usually begin STARFLEET Operations at 6:00 am. I start of with sleeping practice until usually about noon. Then it's swing by the mail box and downstairs to my office.

Review of the mail of the day usually sets the agenda of the proceedings. If there is a new chapter to be commissioned, all the proper steps must be taken to see that their papers are in order: checking the membership roster to see if all the shuttle crew are "official", verifying OTS requirements, approving the chosen vessel name, writing a letter of commission, Finding a blank registry form, and packaging it all up for mailing. That is just an example. But of the 30 to 40 pieces of mail I receive during an average week, the work varies from noting reports and address corrections, to finding out why some folks aren't getting their membership package and/or Communiques [and please - always let us know. That's the only way we can help].

Filing takes up a large amount of time. I spend an average of two hours a day doing word processing. Copies are made of ALL outgoing communications. Thanks to some of my fellow chapter members, filing goes a lot faster on occasion,

Another person to thank is my Vice Chief of Operations, Capt. Steve Stein. Steve often takes on a lot of the standard question mail. Most of it has to do with questions on policy, information on who to write For what, and general questions that could often be answered just as well by the member's chapter CO. Steve also helps me write and publish the quarterly Command Division news bulletin, "General Orders".

Then there are the problems!! This has proved to be the most wearing and time consuming task of the Operations Department. So and so has a complaint against this person, or no one has heard from their Regional Coordinator, etc. This is where you have to stop being a STAR TREK Fan and an administrator, and start being a diplomat. And if you think it's easy, I invite any of you to come and spend some time at STARFLEET Operations!

Above all, my job is that of an information distributor and advisor. Many of the phone calls I get [back to that in a minute) and letters I get are from people who have ideas, or need ideas and/or advice concerning a myriad of things involving the organization. This is definitely the creative end and probably the part I enjoy the most. We can't always use every idea, but you never know until you let us hear it!

Concerning the phone calls, I would like to say that on an average day, I receive anywhere From 15 to 30 telephone calls From a wide variety of STARFLEET members from around the globe! And when I'm not getting these calls, I'm making them. Whether it's publicity For the organization, or a business deal For the Fleet, even the usual administrative calls between the Executive Committee, communication is the prime word at this end of the galaxy!

When "Communique Time" rolls around, my office is infested with envelopes, newsletters, mailing labels, rubber bands, sacks, boxes and Tim Gillespie and Karen Mason. The process, effort and time in which it takes to distribute the STARFLEET Communique cannot be described by any words known to man or Beast!!

I could go on (and I'm sure Bill is afraid I will), but I would have to say that a good 50 hour completely volunteer work week is put in here at STARFLEET Operations. Crazy, yes! And sometimes infuriating! But I'm having fun... wait... yes, oh I guess that's right.

And what am I doing when I'm not BASHING my head into my desk and saying "YOU DIDN'T ENCLOSE A S.A.S.E.!"? Getting stiches of course, but really...

In my, ummm, 'civilian' life, I'm a sales representative, warehouse supervisor, freight coordinator, cashier, and all-around Cyranno Jones at the "Supermarket of Toys", Children's Palace/Child's World (Toys-R-Us, eat hot death!!). If you think working at a toy store looks like Fun, you don't know what it takes to keep Transformers and Jem on the shelf!!

Other than STARFLEET, my spare time (what's that?) is spent building and launching model rockets, building plastic model kits [Bill Krause is my idol-I mean it folks, this guy has a ROOM Full of modeling trophies - I HATE him),

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and a WIDE variety of activities involving my many interests from aviation to collecting SF memorabilia.

My career goals are in the film industry. I have worked on several industrial films and commercials over the past five years and plan on attending film school at the University of Southern California within the next few years (when money permits).

I hope this little tour of my hell, or uh, job in STARFLEET has given you a good idea as to what it takes to get this massive STAR TREK dinosaur in gear.



Part charmer, part wise guy

DEADLINES, RUBBER CEMENT, ADDRESS CORRECTIONS, PRESS TYPE, BULK MAILING. ALL NIGHT LAYOUT BINGES, MISSING COMMUNIQUES, SWEETTARTS, SCROUNGING FOR MATERIAL... Ah, yes, the position of Chief of Communications and the images it first brings to mind... It's a tough Job to be sure, but really the only position in STAR-FLEET I'd want to hold. Although the duties of my position and those of the other members of the Executive Committee are stated in the STARFLEET Membership Handbook, it was my intention to present a more personal description on what it takes to run STARFLEET. That is why I contacted my fellow Executive Committee members and asked each to write an article for the CUMMUNIQUE to shed some light on how they handle their respective departments on a normal day-to-day basis. I thought it might prove interesting, and help clerify the role of STARFLEET bureaucracy.

To trace the steps up to my appointment as Chief of Communications we'll turn back the ol' clock to February 1985. Then Captain Krause, I was surprised when I received my issue of the STARFLEET COMMUNIQUE which sported a bad photocopy enlargement of a drawing I did of Kruge on the front cover. "Hey, great," I thought, "I've been published"' I immediately wrote to Steve Smith, who was then the Chief of Communications, and thanked him for using my art. I also included some more of my artwork, including new section titles for the COMMUNIQUE and layout pages for the Senior Captain Network, which I had directed, As a post script, I asked if Steve needed any assistance in producing the COMMUNIQUE (artwork, typing, whatever], and before I knew it I was promoted to Rear Admiral and made Vice Chief of Communications.

Little did I realize that Steve was planning to run For Fleet Admiral at the end of the year and was looking for someone who could take over as Communication Chief should he win. Throughout the rest of 1985, I continued in my apprenticeship, hesitant that I would be able to take over as Chief, as I planned to return to college in the spring of '86. As the nomination ballots began to pour in, it was apparent Steve would win, and on December 28th, 1985, I received a phone call From Chris Smith telling me that Steve had won with the concession of Mary Helm and that Chris and I were appointed to the Executive Committee and promoted to full admiral. I decided to stick with my appointment as long as I would be able to before my return to school... it was a little late now to bail out and leave the new administration without a Chief of Communications. so I gave it everything I had. The first order of business was to design a new membership flyer, and then a new membership kit. including a newly revised handbook, new certificates, membership cards, memo pads, and envelopes. I re-

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vamped the STARFLEET font to signify the new energy this administration was going to inject into the club, and this new look would be extended to the STARFLEET COMMUNIQUE, which would start a bi-monthly schedule in February 1986.

The COMMUNIQUE would be my main responsibility, but I knew I couldn't tackle it all by myself. Luckily, help was nearby as I drafted a pair of graphic art Flyboy buddies of mine on the LAGRANGE. (They were the only ones able to afford the captaincies I offered.) Tim Gillespie became my assistant editor and typist, while Tom Wilson lent a hand in layout and design. with staff on duty, we had only a month to assemble our First COMMUNIQUE, get a Bulk Mailing permit From the Akron Post Office, and try to decipher the instructions for preparing Third Class mall. Meanwhile, the hunt was on to find someplace to print the COMMUNIQUE within our budget (cheap). And CHEAP we found: in quality, price, and service, at a local quick-print shop. He had slaved over that first COMMUNIQUE night and day for a month to really make a great impression, but it was destroyed when we got them back From the print shop. They looked awful! Pages were printed off center, and were slightly reduced From the original. AND they shorted us by 400 issues. I took them back and told them to do it over again. They came back not much better than the first batch, but we were running out of time and I wanted them out of my hair, pronto.

Money Orders From Steve were sent to pay for the printing cost and the Bulk Mail permit, and then later, For the postage. Doing Bulk mailing is a horror that tries one's patience to the limits: after picking up 1400 COMMUNIQUES from the printers, it's time to stuff them into envelopes, seal them, and stick on the mailing labels. At the conclusion of several hours of work, you're left with a four-foot mound of mail, Then the fun starts... you begin sorting zip codes in numerical order From 00000 to 99999! Then you bundle them in groups of 10 or 15, and place a little sticker on them denoting all from the same zip code or state. It's a little more complicated than that, but you get the picture. Next. the little bundles are loaded into mail sacks and hauled down to the Bulk Mall desk in the Main Post Office in Akron, along with the appropriate paperwork - in triplicate - and cash to pay for it all. Foreign COMMUNIQUES are sent First Class and require Air Mail stamps which have to be done all by hand, and there are roughly 100 foreign members in Canada and overseas.

Quite simply, this position was a little overwhelming at first, but we soon fell into a routine. .. we had to! It was decided to print the next two COMMUNIQUES in Iowa where Steve had done them before. Their quality was top-notch, but it was costing us too much to have them sent back to us in order to be sorted and mailed out. In August 1986, we Found CDS Printers in our own backyard who would professionally offset-print the COMMUNIQUE for less than the price of photocopying, These guys saved our butt and really do first class work. The last four COMMUNIQUES were printed there, along with the handbook, certificates, membership cards, and COMMUNIQUE envelopes.



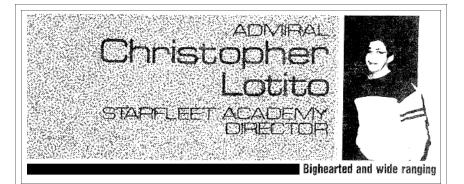
Now with the staff of RADM Tim Gillespie, Senior Vice Chief of Communications; Capt. Tom Wilsen, Vice Chief; Lt. Nichola Tuda, Production Assistant; and Lt, JG Karen Mason, Distribution Manager, we have constant teamwork and dedication.

Normal COMMUNIQUE production begins one month before an issue is due out. Material is assembled and written, edited by Tim or myself, typed, and then reduced 54% to fit in the COMMUNIQUE margins. I usually write to a prospective chapter for the Starship File series in advance so they can get their material to us in time for our assembly stage. Steve Smith will occasionally call or write us

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concerning his HO Memo, Chris Lotito sends in Academy news, and we usually have to pester Chris Smith into getting his Fleet Report to us un time, or mailing labels when it comes time for them. Even with my full time class schedule at Ohio State, I've been able to coordinate COMMUNIQUE production without too much Difficulty, laying out most of each issue myself, while leaving minor touchups, printing and mailing to my staff. What a great bunch!

Well, there you have it. .. everything you always wanted to know about the Communications Department but were afraid to ask. It's a lot of work and a great creative outlet, and Hey!, somebody's got to do it!



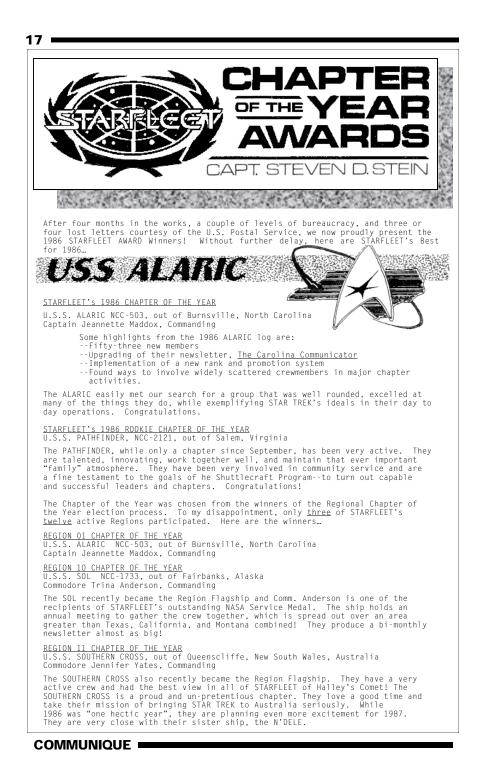
I joined STARFLEET in the spring of 1984 (June). In August of the same year, I signed aboard the USS RIGEL KENTAURUS as a doctor with the rank of Lieutenant. In September I joined the staff of STARFLEET Academy before its opening and was appointed Deputy Director. With this appointment I was promoted to the rank of Commander. In February 1985, I received notice of the decommissioning of the KENTAURUS. The following month, the USS EXPLORER was commissioned under my command and with it came a promotion to Fleet Captain. In May of 1985, Admiral Bryan Ackermann, the Director of the Academy, felt that a change was needed in the OIS (Officers Training School). I was offered the position and I accepted it. I was now Director of the OIS and promoted to Rear Admiral. In September of 1985, Admiral Ackermann and myself began college. I chose to stay at home, while ADM Ackermann decided to go out of state. Rather than take the Academy with him during his adjustment, he decided to leave the Academy home. I was offered the position and as usual, I accepted. Upon accepting the position, I was promoted to Admiral and appointed to the STARFLEET Executive Committee by Fleet Admiral Fran Booth. And so it went until the EXPLORER was decommissioned in December 1986 and the USS ASCENSION, the first Dreadnaught of it's class in the Fleet, was commissioned.

As far as my real life goes, I've always been interested in science research. When in high school, I ran an experiment testing the effects of Monosodium Glutamate [MEG) on fruit flies, which eventually won 2nd Place honors in the Brooklyn end of the New York City Science fair, 6th Place in the New York Academy of Sciences Science fair, and a place in the Honors Group in the 44th Westinghouse National Science Talent Search. On the side, I sometimes earn some extra pocket change as a photographer. Currently, I am attending Long Island University, College of Pharmacy as a Sophomore on a full scholarship.

ACADEMY OPERATION

Academy mail is answered as it comes in. Applications are processed and materials are sent out. Exams are graded individually. Scores are based on the amount of information that answers the question asked. Therefore, a two line answer and a two page answer could get the same score if they both include enough to answer the question. As it stands, there are only three members of the fleet that grade exams — myself, Admiral Bryan Ackermann, and Commodore Rob Lerman. I handle most of the OTS, while Rob Lerman handles the west coast, ADM Ackermann helps out whenever he can.

As for the rest of the Academy. reports are collected on the 1st of each month. I assist any Director that needs help, or I find someone who can, and I review proposals for new Academy branches. Any idea that relates to 20th century life is considered. Most 23rd Century ideas are left for the Post-Graduate School.



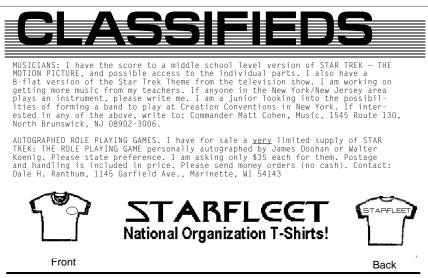
Receiving STARFLEET Honorable Mentions for outstanding service for 1986 are: U.S.S. LAGRANGE NCC-1758, out of Cuyahoga Falls/Akron Ohio Admiral Christopher L. Smith, Commanding U.S.S. N'DELE NCC-1758, out of Rostrevor, South Australia, Australia Rear Admiral Leanne Jackson, Commanding U.S.S. HEIMDAL NCC-1753, out of Madison Heights, Virginia Commodore Linda Neighbors, Commanding U.S.S. AVENGER NCC-1860, out of North Brunswick, New Jersey Rear Admiral Alex Rosenzweig, Commanding U.S.S. DISCOVERY NCC-1308 , out of St. Charles, Missouri Fleet Captain Douglas Glenn, Commanding U.S.S. DEFIANCE NCC-171, out of Fair Oaks, California Captain Janis Moore, Commanding U.S.S. CONSTELLATION II NCC-1728, out of Paducah, Kentucky (A Rookie Chapter) Captain Richard Alvey, Commanding U.S.S. ASCENTION (formerly the U.S.S. EXPLORER), out of Brooklyn, New York Admiral Christopher L. Lotito, Commanding U.S.S. CRISTA McAULIFFE NCC-860, out of Pawtucketm Rhode Islanc (A Rookie Chapter) Admiral David Ryan, Commanding U.S.S. YORKTOWN NCC-1704, out of Tecumseh, Oklahoma Admiral Sharon Robison, Commanding U.S.S. CZAR'AK NCC-1798, out of Bloomington, Minnesota Rear Admiral Timothy Dover, Commanding U.S.S. VINDICATOR NCC-1984, out of Fort Wayne, Indiana Captain Jackie Gill, Commanding U.S.S. PULSAR NCC-3914, out of Cleveland, Ohio Fleet Captain Marylee Holzhiemer, Commanding A hearty congratulations to all the winners! And a big thank you to all who participated. These chapters and their many members are representative of the best that STAR-FLEET has to offer. All of these chapters are very active and have a wide range of activities. The ALARIC, in particular, does a large amount of community ser-vice. If you chapter doesn't do any, you should start and find out how much fun community service can be. Most Chapters do the same general types of activities--parties, outings, meetings, community service, convention trips, work sessions, etc... But what makes these groups stand out are the <u>way</u> they go about what they do. For some of these chapters, the sheer <u>volume</u> of what they do is impressive. But most impor-tant is that they cultivate an easy-going family atmosphere between the members. Everyone is made to feel a part of a whole and that their opinion is valued. Organization and orderly paperwork helps too! Some of those who were recognized are old familiar names in STARFLEET. To them. we applaud their continued dedication and hard work. We can be sure you will continue to be successful at serving your members and providing a well-set anchor for STARFLEET in the years ahead. To the newer names on the list, you know what you've done to be there. Keep up what you are doing. And remember to keep it FUN, because <u>that's</u> the real secret. STARFLEET is really on the move now. With the excellence demonstrated by these chapters, with the cooperation of their leaders, and the enthusiasm of the in dividual members of Fleet, STARFLEET will become the finest STAR TREK fan association anywhere, anytime. Lastly, a few notes on the awards project itself. Not everyone followed the directions that were laid down, and unfortunately some things that were mailed never reached their destinations. Such is life. Well, every new endeavor has to have the bugs worked out and this project is no differ-ent. Anyone who has any suggestions or comments on how we might change or improve the Awards Project, please feel free to contact me at: 530 Wadesworth Rd. #312, Medina, OH 44256-2680. If your Region was not represented in the awards, or if you want to know if your chapter participated or not, contact the appropriate officer. This is your organization, so be sure to let the leadership know your <u>politely</u> voiced opinions (please!).

Again, congratulations to all the winners. See you next year!

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race whose greatest desire is to become human, IASHA YAR - The Russian Security Chief who worships Starfleet. This character was originally named Macha Hernandez but was changed in subsequent drafts, DEENA TROI - The half-alien ship's psychologist, BEVERLY CRUSHER - The Senior Medical Officer, WESLEY CHUSHER - Her brilliant son, GEORDI LAFOFGE - A mission regular who is birth defect blind.

Two other characters - OPS and KPN are also on the drawing boards and could become series regulars as well. One of the most amazing rumours (accidently leaked by Hub Justman on <u>Entertainment Tonight</u>) concerns the peace treaty (and subsequent alliance) between the Federation and Klingon Empire. Yup, the Organians were right, and we'll be seeing Klingon crewmembers aboard the Enterprise (probably the aforementiuned KDN character), More on the new series next issue.



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