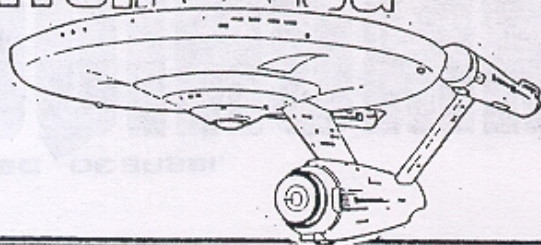


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EDITOR'S LOG



DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS

Wow! I never thought I was going to get this done! It's hard enough to produce one of these things, let alone produce one during an election year, during holiday season's, during mid-terms and during an administration change! But, I did it! And, foregoing printing or mailing problem's, you should receive this issue on or at least around time!

First off, I want to say that the Starfleet Newsletter Contest will be extended until January 31, 1989. Get them in! I apologize over the inconvenience of the previous date, and if you want all of the details, write me. Looking at the ones that have come in so far though, it looks like it's going to be a tough one!

I want to congratulate Bart Alcorn on his recent promotion to Captain. Bart's dedication to the field of computer assisted communication's has streamlined communications beyond the realm of the computer. I also want to congratulate Janis Moore on her recent promotion to Commodore and we here at Starfleet HQ wish her luck with her new job: Regional Coordinator, Region IV!

A lot has happened since I last logged on. Much of the pertinent information is contained in the section titled 'Headquarters News'. Please read the information. I will not make any speculation's on the resignation of Fleet Admiral Steven L. Smith, nor will I comment at this time about the incoming administration. I will say this, we've got to pull together. I've been in this

organization since the last days of Flt. Admiral Longshaw (who was president before the Flt. Adm. Stillwell administration...). From experience, I have never seen what I would call smooth transitions. In fact, our presidential transitions more often resemble administration changes in the Third World! Allegations are made, heads roll, we lose both old and new members, faces and hands get bloodied and in the end... nobody comes out ahead. Let's give Jeannette's administration a chance, let's avoid what has happened in the past. Let's cooperate!

Lastly, I would like to call everyone's attention to Starfleet's Region One. Over the last year the ship's of the First Fleet have built reputation of being one of Starfleet's most active regions. Region One has also produced some very high quality publications, and it is my feeling that they, as a whole, should be recognized. Therefore it gives me great pleasure to give Starfleet Region One, CO'd by Rear Admiral Linda Neighbors, a Unit Citation for Communication's. Keep up the good work!

Well, that brings this to a close. I hope you enjoy this issue, it's been regarded as a sort of 'Great Experiment'. Read on and see why!

Peace!!!!

Jack E. Fields, Admiral
Chief of Communications, Starfleet

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HEADQUARTERS NEWS



Fleet Admiral Steven L. Smith

Chief of Staff

Well, this is really it. "The Big Goodbye!". I must resign my post as Fleet Admiral/President of Starfleet. My promotion at my new job leaves me no other choice as I go into an extensive training program which will have me working 12-15 hour days for at least one good year. This will hardly leave time for my family (which is very important, above all else), let alone leave time to run Starfleet and do it successfully.

As some have been able to tell, it has affected my Starfleet performance the past remaining months. I apologize deeply. It wasn't an easy decision to make; and I've been fighting it for months, but I've been trying for a year now to get this career and I don't want an outside hobby (Starfleet) costing me that job, as it nearly has before.

Anyway... In closing, I'd like to thank all of the wonderful people out there who made my 3 years in office a wonderful experience. I'd like to name them all, but it would take up this whole issue! You all know who you are and I would like to continue our friendships. So, feel free to write or call anytime.

I want to give a "Big Thank You" to all the same people who were supporting me in the

election. Your dedication and support will always be remembered and appreciated! Sorry I had to pull the election process out from under you, but my promotion came faster than I thought it would.

So, welcome our new Fleet Admiral, Jeannette Maddox. She will lead Starfleet into the next decade. Her term starts on January 1, 1989.

I will be taking a rest leave from the Fleet for four months, mainly to recollect my wits! I will be back in May to reopen the U.S.S. Exeter Chapter. Running a chapter will be a lot less work, believe me, I know!

Again, thank you and let's keep the winds at our backs! (It smells better that way!)

Fleet Admiral Steven L. Smith
Chief of Staff, Starfleet

P.S. — See you in 1990 'When the levee breaks.'

A Message from Commodore Jeannette Maddox President-Elect

I'm sure you all know by now that Fleet Admiral Steve Smith has withdrawn from the campaign for Fleet Admiral and conceded the election to me. I will do everything in my power to make the change of administration a smooth one and keep the Fleet going full speed ahead.

I want to give my sincere thanks to all the great Fleet members who stood by me during my campaign for Fleet Admiral. There are so many that I can't mention you all, but I would like

to thank the Region One Conference, RoVaCon, was warm, joyful and almost overwhelming. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

I specifically and humbly want to thank my former First Officer and now Captain of the U.S.S. Bonaventure, Sue Hampton, for believing in my goals for the Fleet and urging me to run for its President... and for always being there when I needed help with any job, large or small.

There is so much energy, enthusiasm and talent out there in the Fleet that with all of us working together we can make Starfleet an even more fun and exciting club to be part of.

May the wind be at our back...

Commodore Jeannette Maddox
President Elect, Starfleet

The following letter was sent out by Jeannette Maddox on 8810.17, shortly after Steve dropped out of the '88 presidential election. I am reprinting here because I feel that it is of paramount importance to the future of Starfleet and its membership. Please read her letter, follow through with the questionnaire and let us know here at Communique how you feel. — Ed.

To all Starfleet personnel:

I know you've all got your pencils sharpened and ready to mark your ballot, but you can put your pencils back in your pocket or behind your ear or wherever you keep things. There's no need to send your ballots in. Steve Smith called me at 11:25 EDT Saturday, October 15th and said that he was withdrawing from the race for Fleet Admiral and conceding the election. I didn't know whether to jump for joy or run away in panic, but as of January 1, 1989, I will become President of Starfleet. I'll do my best to make sure the transition is smooth and keep things moving full speed ahead.

I went to the Post Office today and got a box for Starfleet. The box can be used anytime now since I've already paid for it, but as of January 1, 1989, Starfleet's official address will be:

**Starfleet
P.O. Box 430
Burnsville, NC 28714**

This is one of the larger boxes and the fee is \$74.00 per year. You can get specific box numbers from the Post Office and I wanted to get box 1701 so it would be easy to remember, but that would have cost an extra \$100 per year, so I decided against it. We'll be starting out short enough in the funds department as it is.

Steve Smith told me that by January 1st, there will be probably only about \$500.00 in the Starfleet treasury to pass on to the new administration. (No, I don't know where it has all gone.)

In 1986 Chris Smith bought a Commodore 64 computer with Starfleet funds (along with accessories). He has decided to buy the computer rather than turn it over to the Incoming administration. As soon as we get an official estimate and Chris pays up, that will put a little more money in the treasury. After January 1st, Starfleet will not pay any money to anyone for Starfleet expenses unless the purchase has my prior written approval and a voucher is provided. I have promised the Fleet to account for their money and I intend to fulfill that promise.

Since funds will be short, the February Communique will be black and white (no color — too expensive) and consist of however many pages we can afford to print. But, it will be out on time. If anyone would like to submit anything for the February issue, they need to get it to my desk by December 10th so I can okay it and send it on to the Chief of Communications. Anything going into the Communique will need my approval, so be sure to send it to me by December 10th. Article for the April issue of the Communique should be on my desk by February 10th. This will give us time to get everything done and the newsletter out on time.

I have also included several questions on which I would like to have some Fleet input. If you would like to voice an opinion on future Starfleet policy, please answer the statements and send them back to me. You can make copies for other Fleet members to fill out too. Also, please fill free to comment on any other area in Starfleet you think needs attention.

I would like to thank all those great and wonderful Fleet members who stood with me during my campaign and gave me the support I needed to run in this election. I especially want to thank all those people at the Region One conference at RoVaCon who made it such a warm and caring experience. Together we can make it work.

Send to: Starfleet, P.O. Box 430, Burnsville, NC 28714

1. Name the 5 most important things (in order of importance) that you think should be included in each issue of the Communique.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

2. What would you like to see included in the

Starfleet Membership Handbook?

3. Please give me your opinion of the performance of the various Starfleet Academy colleges. If you think that any of them need to be changed, how would you change them?

1. OTS

2. PGS

3. VAS

4. SACOM

5. Security

6. Computer

4. Other comments:

To avoid damaging your copy of *Communique*, feel free to copy this page, or use another sheet to answer the questions.



STARFLEET COMPUTER OPERATIONS

Vice Admiral Timothy Dover, Director

Well, here it is the December/January issue once again, and the Computer Operations Department has been very busy this last year preparing for 1989. Most of you Starfleet members receiving this issue will notice that your mailing label once again contains your membership renewal date. Most of the Starfleet membership renewal dates have been changed to reflect the actual month you joined Starfleet rather than some abstract month that means absolutely nothing to anyone! As I have said in past reports, I plan to keep the records as accurate as humanly possible. Since I've already explained how I intend to do it in past issues, I've decided to tell you what I do my job with.

Let me start with the computer. The current database is being kept on an IBM PS/2 Model 80. This is a 386 machine (this may mean absolutely nothing to some of you) with a 115 MB (megabyte) hard disk (a large storage facility). I am using the PFS: Professional File version 2.0 program to manage the database and I have an IBM Proprinter XL24 to output most of my archive information. If that is not enough, I have a SUN Microsystems 386i Roadrunner (another one of those 386 machines) at work which is connected via Ethernet (a local area network) to a 900 MB hard disk. If my

proprinter doesn't do the trick, I have almost any type of printing device at my disposal. This has been the most equipment ever available to any individual who has been the Chief of Computer Operations in many years.

The effort I have put forth to fix the problems of the past has been well worth it because there is finally some logic to it all again. There are still some problems that need to be worked on and some of those include prompt renewing and address correction notification. For the last couple of months, we (Steve and myself) have been noticing that the renewal cards have been coming back when the member feels that it is time to renew. This has been a problem in that the current tracking system does not allow for late renewals. The renewal date that is on the renewal card is correct to the best of our knowledge. Once a member's renewal date is reached, a renewal card is sent out and their last *Communique* is sent out (if applicable). The renewal cards are sent out first class so they are forwarded if possible. This allows the member to get the renewal card if they have moved and send it on before the next *Communique* is due to be mailed. If the member waits too long, they will more than likely miss *Communique* issues since their name will no longer be in the database. This obviously causes problems.

The other big problem has to do with members renewing with regular application forms. If a regular application form is used, the renewal box must be checked. If there is no renewal box, don't use the application form. If nothing is checked, the member is entered as a new member and the consequence is that that member will not receive a Communique if they renew in a Communique month. If there is any confusion regarding this, please feel free to contact me. I encourage all renewing members to use the renewal card they receive if at all possible.

Steve Smith's administration has made great strides in member relations, and the reassigning of the Computer Operations Department was one of the first steps. When I first took over the responsibilities of this office, only 70% of all paid members actually received their Communique's. Due to new Starfleet policies and my reorganization of the computer depart-

ment, 90% of all Starfleet members are now getting their Communique's. This 20% increase will grow if the member relations remain stable and/or improve. Address correction notification is one of those little things that really help in this matter. Address correction processing has been slow in the past, but this has greatly improved. All address corrections sent in are processed weekly and all those received before just before the Communique labels are printed are entered before printing begins. This allows for the maximum possible corrections to be entered at any given time. If you have any further questions regarding any Computer Operations policies or procedures, please feel free to write to:

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FLEET REPORT

"New's From Around The Fleet!"

Admiral Bryan Ackermann, Chief of Starfleet Operations



REGION I: RAdm. Linda Nelghors, Fleet Commander

U.S.S. Alaric, NCC-503 (dl), Burnsville, NC
Como. Maddox gearing up for the campaign for Fleet Admiral. Revised orientation package ready for distribution. Planning party to get nl together.

U.S.S. Bonaventure, NCC-102 (d), Greensboro, NC

Finalized details for the chapter uniforms and should be ready for RoVaCon which 14 members plan to attend. 4 new members. Thirteen promoted. Joint meeting planned with Dr. Who club. Planning another Trek-a-Thon for Nov. with proceeds going to the aid of a local fireman who was recently injured. First issue of newsletter is out and excellent. Starting nl changes.

U.S.S. Constellation II, NCC-1728 (hcl), Paducah, KY

Held CPR class. Planning to attend the upcoming Creation Con. Planning a trip to

Huntsville Space Museum. Will participate in Paducah Holiday Parade. nl out and quite good.

U.S.S. Gordon Cooper, NCC-635 (ssl)

Newest R/1 chapter. New recruiting flyer out. Working on newspaper promo's. Planning a trip to Huntsville Space & Rocket Center. Planning Starfleet wedding. Some members recertified in CPR with former mother ship, Constellation II. Up-dating nl. Planning to produce Trek satire video. Captain Picone expecting new 'treklet'. Working on joint mission/story with U.S.S. Maat.

U.S.S. Endeavor, NCC-1716 (hcl), Garner, NC

Volunteered time and sum of \$120 to the Children's Miracle Network Telethon. Received R/1 DSA. Finished first in Community Club Awards Contest. Will participate in up-coming Comm. Club Awards Contest. Bookfair at Waldenbooks huge success. Have been asked to do another bookfair. Membership drive continues. Planning to attend RoVaCon.

U.S.S. Holmdal, NCC-1793 (hcl), Madison

Heights, VA

August meeting was Annual Crew Auction. Auctioned off Trek and SF items; Made \$368 which will fund Christmas Charities. Food bank canned goods collection increasing for donation at Christmas. September meeting was a CPR class. 17 crew members promoted at PRB meeting. Ens. Cheryl Lewis received Heimdal DSC for continued service above and beyond the call of duty, contributions to nl, volunteerism and for making the Heimdal banner that will be used at RoVaCon.

U.S.S. Hornet, NCC-1714 (hcll), Charlotte, NC
Concerned (as are most R/V chapters) about lateness/absence of 'Communique'. Working on nl. Did another reading of 'The Naked Now' on audio tape for the blind. Planning to attend RoVaCon. Working on starting shuttle Prometheus. Readopting Whale. Paper drive underway as fund raiser.

U.S.S. Jamestown, NCC-1843 (hcll), Newport News, VA

Planning to attend RoVaCon. Will attend Atlanticon and have Phaser Tag match with interested Fleet attendees. Recruiting. Planning to build float for local holiday parades. Planning to build display case to donate to King's Daughters Children's Hospital.

U.S.S. LaGrange, NCC-3916 (tl), Cuyhoga Falls, OH

Held Active Officer's Meeting. Will attend Cleveland Air Show on Labor Day weekend. Collecting for local food bank. Raised \$131 at Flea Market. Working on handbook. Planning banquet. Planning crew photo session.

U.S.S. Maat, NCC-1794 (hcll), Virginia Beach, VA

Attended Summerfest. Maat and Jamestown both had recruiting tables. PRB held. Raised \$109 at car wash. Working on full color insignia. Silk screening t-shirts. Plan to attend RoVaCon and Atlanticon.

U.S.S. John B. McKay, NCC-653 (ssll), Blacksburg, VA

Ship's crew getting into registration at Va. Tech. No August meeting.

U.S.S. Pathfinder, NCC-2121 (dnll), Roanoke, VA

Newexec., Cdr. Trudy Horton, appointed. Assisted Sarpeidon at Trekfest at WV mall. Recruited and had table. Working on nl. Second

anniversary party held Aug. 27. Attended Yeager's First Anniversary party. Planning fund raisers. Working out details for RoVaCon as host chapter for R/V1. Planning photo session. Planning Halloween party. Excellent crew handbook out.

U.S.S. Polaris, NCC-1839 (hcll), Hamilton, OH
Excellent crew handbook out. Held Dept. Heads meeting. Finalizing uniform production. Plans finalized for Polaris Dance this month. Latest nl out and very good.

U.S.S. Sarpeidon, NCC-1874 (hfill), Kenova, WV

Excellent recruiting flyer out. Helped sponsor Trekfest at local mall with Marina Sirlis and Walter Koenig. Had Fleet display. Planning joint trip with Polaris. Attended Pathfinder Anniversary party. NL out and superb.

U.S.S. Yeager, NCC-1893 (hfill), Bluefield, WV
Latest nl out and excellent. Captain Conner guest on local radio talk show. Spoke about Fleet, Yeager, etc. Attended Heimdal auction and donated lovely model of Heimdal which brought in the largest amount of money. First Anniversary party July 30. Raised \$108 at crew auction. Will be part of working staff at RoVaCon.

REGION II: Commodore Sherry Bowen, Fleet Commander

U.S.S. Encounter, NCC-2164 (dnll), Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Ship's compliment stands at 87. FCpt. Dave Smith announced leave of absence until the first of the year. Cdr. Theresa Sledge will assume temporary command. The newsletter, Interphase, will no longer be free due to the tremendous increase in membership and increased postage costs. A special meeting of dept. heads was called and increased duties were discussed.

U.S.S. Federation, NCC-2100 (dnll), Clearwater, FL

A review of the Starfleet handbook has been an ongoing project at their monthly meetings. Lt. Maria Selman was recently appointed RDC of Security. The crew is also in the process of planning more shore leaves for next year. The newsletter is due out shortly. Shuttle petition for Miami shuttle attached to Federation is expected within the week.

U.S.S. Ingram, NCC-2001 (scs), Columbus, GA

Cdr. Dorman has submitted his OTS. The crew is busy preparing for a softball game between the U.S.S. Ingram and KISS-FM radio. And, just when they thought it was safe to return to the diamond, another ball game with SOUTH 106 radio has been agreed upon. The crew is also busy selling t-shirts, hats, and Beer. They are also collecting money for Hospice. A membership booklet for new members is almost finished.

U.S.S. Menagha, NCC-3100 (dl), W. Springs, FL

The crew was contacted by a local K-Mart to appear in uniform to help celebrate the release of the new Trek book *Spock's World*. The Menagha has also invited the Phoenix to attend. The Captain is currently taking shore leave at World Con in New Orleans. Applications are being taken for the position of Executive Officer.

U.S.S. Paegan, NCC-1755 (hcl), Winter Garden, FL

The crew is gearing up for Tachyon the end of the month. Due to the new shuttle formation, they are looking for a new Chief of Communications to produce their newsletter. *Paegan Writes*. The yearly fanzine, *Starduster* is due out at the end of the year and is already in production.

U.S.S. Phoenix, NCC-625 (sl), Orlando, FL

Active in the Whale Adoption Program, Mannitee Adoption Program, South Lake Animal League Support Program, and maintaining contact with Orlando TV channels 6 and 24. Recruiting drive in full swing.

U.S.S. Republic, NCC-1371 (hc), Norcross, GA

Crew compliment stands at 62, with 105 awaiting membership materials. Cdr. Patrick Roberts, XO, recently got a job working for NASA at Cape Canaveral on the Shuttle. The first issue of the nl, *The Federation News and Republic Report* has been published. Work is also being done on reviewing local charities in order to choose the chapter's charity. Several crew members beamed down to Georgia Public Television to help with a pledge drive.

REGION III: Commodore Christopher Meinsen, Fleet Commander

U.S.S. Lonestar, NCC-1601 (hcl), Garland, TX

An excellent planning meeting about mid-month to lay the groundwork for our activities for the rest of 1988. We spent quite a bit of time

discussing how to increase member participation and what to do for our kids at Christmas. Plans for 4th. quarter, 1988 include: a trivia match, excursion to the State Fair, the Dallas Fantasy Fair, and Christmas projects for our kids at Scottish Rite and BCH.

REGION IV: Rear Admiral Pamela DuPuy, Fleet Commander

U.S.S. Achernar, NCC-1732 (hcl), Van Nuys, CA

Plans for our first annual Halloween party are now in the works. This party will be held jointly with a local club, the U.S.S. Devastator. Our first canned goods gathering will be held at the party and will be donated to the needy through services of the Boy Scouts of America. Six to ten members are planning to attend TulareCon this coming November.

U.S.S. Defiance, NCC-1717 (hcl), Sacramento, CA

The meeting this month was basically a social night. Special awards were given to crew members who took part in the Channel Six August Summer Resort Pledge Drive. It was announced that nominations will be taken for election of officers for the coming year of 1989 at the next meeting.

U.S.S. Eagle, NCC-1719 (hcl), Menlo Park, CA

Eight members of the Eagle attended TimeCon, and five were able to attend the Western Starfleet Conference. The first of our regularly scheduled monthly meetings was held on August 12.

U.S.S. Gallant, NCC-1869 (hfl), Kingsburg, CA

Much time was spent planning for TulareCon, a local sf con in our area. The possibility of raising dues and upcoming activities was also discussed. After the meeting, we met later that after for a car wash as a fund raiser. Next month we will have our annual Halloween party, our fourth fun-filled festivity for fulfilling fantastic frivolity!

U.S.S. Stellar Wind, NCC-1501 (hcl), Freedom, CA

A CO's Association meeting is to take place at a Creation Con in San Jose on Sept. 25th. Recruiting flyers have been posted as Cabrillo College. The Stellar Wind Membership Handbook has been put on hold for a few weeks after the final group edit draft, but is now going into the final word processing stage. It is hoped

to finished and printed soon, whenever finances can be arranged.

U.S.S. Vigilant, NCC-1865 (hfil), San Francisco, CA

Our current events will include a trip to Mallbu Grand Prix for us to test our skill at driving and video gaming on Sept. 4. Our upcoming social will be on October 15. A welcome to the U.S.S. Vigilant book (with everyone's name, address, phone, etc.) is definitely needed. Election of officer's was discussed.

REGION V: Commodore J. Scott Spadaro, Fleet Commander

U.S.S. Calypso, NCC-1891 (hfil), Spokane, WA

The September meeting was held on 8809.11 and was one of the best ever. Approximately 25 members attended. New I.D. cards were distributed to everyone present. David and Danna Strand and Patric and Charlie Potter are now the proud parents of baby boys (CONGRATS!!) Plans for MdsCon, September 23rd through 26th, were finalized. The aluminum can for the Challenger Memorial Fund is over.

U.S.S. Merrimac, NCC-1715-A (hcll), Mountlake Terrace, WA

The August meeting was replaced with our third annual camp out at Whidby Island. The Dr. Who fan club challenged us to a baseball game on the 29th. Thanks to those who did manage to attend and defend our honor. I have made contacts with interested parties and we could see another jump in membership soon. We are planning DreamCon in October. I contacted the convention and am making arrangements for a club table.

U.S.S. Pendragon, NCC-2005 (scs), Seattle, WA

Applications are now being accepted for the Chief of Pendragon Operations. While a department head is being sought, Captain Chris Wallace will serve as acting head of operations. The U.S.S. Pendragon will attend the "SOOn of Heaven" display at the Seattle Center on 8809.24. Committee chairpersons are needed for the following: DreamCon, RustyCon and NorwesCon. New committees for the Northwest Sector Conference are being formed. The Pendragon has two foster children: a 7 year old boy and a 7 year old girl in the Philippines.

U.S.S. Saratoga, NCC-1724 (hcll), Black Diamond, WA

Congratulations to Dana Seaney who

passed OTS with a score of 95%. She has been promoted to Commander. There is another lady in our midst who has done a good job: Sarah Schaper. Sarah had an article published in the *Best of Trek* series titled "Mythology and the Bible in *Star Trek*", issues 8 & 9. It was voted that Sarah be made an honorary member of the Saratoga. Thank you, Sarah. Interviews with Jonathan Frakes, Michael Dorn and Majel Barrett will soon be submitted to the *Comminique*.

REGION VI: Commodore Gary Anderson, Fleet Commander

U.S.S. Czar'ak, NCC-1798-A, Richfield, MN

An anniversary picnic was held at Hidden Valley Park on the Mississippi River on 8808.06. A garage sale was scheduled for 8809.03 as a major fund raiser for the Czar'ak and the Shuttle Dover. Crew members are looking forward to the next two major events: Landing Zone Charlie and Creation Con. We hope for a huge success at both.

U.S.S. Star Legion, NCC-1889 (hfil), Ottumwa, IA

A command level meeting was held at the home of Captain Burtlow. The meeting consisted of an award ceremony for Executive Officer Stanbraugh and his father, Ensign Lawrence Stanbraugh. After the meeting, the crew went to the greater Ottumwa Parks for a picnic and some fun and games. After the games and food, the crew went on a clean-up of the entire park.

REGION VII: Rear Admiral Alex Rosensweig, Fleet Commander

U.S.S. Arcturus, NCC-1807 (hcll), Hicksville, NY

We have placed our order for chapter t-shirts. Several members are currently working on OTS and will soon be sending them off to the Commandant for grading. We have plans to enlarge the next issue of *Sensor Scan*, which should be out in late September. The recruiting at the Creation Con was a huge success! We signed up 15 members for the Arcturus and 6 additional members to *Starfleet* in general. Our crew compliment is now up to 56!

U.S.S. Argon II, NCC-1636 (hcll), Edgewood, MD

Crew compliment is 44, 35 of which are fully active and 13 of which are shuttle members. 8808 seems to have been slow for the Argon II.

A cookout for the ship's 5th anniversary was held on 8808.20. The ship is gathering material for the anniversary issue of *Queen to King's Level One*.

U.S.S. Avenger, NCC-1860 (hfil), North Brunswick, NJ

Crew compliment is currently 110. A change in the Avenger's fictional structure was passed by the command staff, lowering the minimum rank for officer grade. This is expected to streamline ship operations. Avenger members will be travelling in force to the Newark Creation Con 8809.17-18. They expect to be joining both the Tai Shan and the Challenger in representing *Starfleet*.

U.S.S. Challenger, NCC-1676 (hcll), Hollywood, NJ

Crew compliment is currently 56 persons. The Challenger held its monthly meeting on 8808.07 which emphasized plans for the next two months activities. These include participating in the Seaside Hts. Mardi Gras parade, attendance at an area comics show and con attendance. The crew participated in the Cystic Fibrosis Fund raiser softball game on 8808.13-14. *New Frontiers* #3 has been completed.

U.S.S. Christa McAuliffe, NCC-860 (ssll), Pawtucket, RI

The ship's monthly meeting was held on 8808.13. The actual meeting took place at a beach. Good move. Several members attended the Pawtucket Red Sox baseball game on 8808.14. The 8809 issue of *Immortal Lines* has been released, and work continues on the fanzine project. The McAuliffe's handbook is in the final stages of preparation and is being readied for command staff review. The shuttles Intrepid II and Shepherd have been disbanded.

U.S.S. Intrepid II, NCC-1730 (hcll), Garberville, NY

The ship's monthly meeting was held on 8808.27. It was followed by a recruiting voyage and barbecue, which brought in two new members. The convention that same weekend resulted in the addition of yet another Intrepid II member. The Intrepid II is planning a late 8810 trip to the Intrepid Museum in NYC.

U.S.S. Konkordium, NCC-2106 (dnll), Fairfield, CT

Crew compliment is at present 67. At a command staff meeting on 8808.12, 12 crew members were promoted, 2 Meritorious Duty

Commendations were awarded and a letter of recommendation was dispatched to Arcturus Command for the promotion of Carey Sperling. On 8808.13, the Konkordium held a volleyball marathon which raised \$253 in pledges to help raise money for a child overseas.

U.S.S. Potemkin, NCC-1711 (hcll), Arnold, PA

The ship's monthly meeting was held on 8807.07. 19 members attended. A charity fund raiser for Children's Hospital was planned. This will take the form of a costume dance aboard the Gateway Clipper *Majestic* on 8810.28. 16 volunteers manned phones during the Labor Day Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon. During that time, Captain Speck and Commander Dain presented a check for \$300 to MDA.

U.S.S. Saladin, NCC-500 (dll), Agawam, MA

The ship's monthly meeting was held on 8808.20. Attendees watched a Dr. Who marathon. Several members attended the NYC Creation Con on 8808.28. The ship is also planning to hold a meeting and recruiting drive at a convention to be held at the University of Massachusetts on 8810.21-23.

U.S.S. Tai Shan, NCC-2524 (dnll), New York, NY

Membership packages have been completed and distributed, as has issue #1 of *The Final Frontier*. Tai Shan held its first annual picnic on 8808.13. Representatives from the Avenger and Intrepid II joined the days festivities. At the days end the crew went to Hayden Planetarium to watch Laser Genesis.

REGION X: Commodore Trina Anderson, Fleet Commander

U.S.S. Sol, NCC-1733 (hcll), Fairbanks, AK

For the month of August the Sol had a *Star Trek* display in the main cabinet at the Noel Wein Library entitled "The World of *Star Trek* Fandom". Our 5th anniversary meeting was held 8809.07. The club was invited to a local Waldenbooks for a *Star Trek* promotion.

—Starfleet Operations welcomes Captain Robyn Russell to the center seat of Sol. Good Luck, and smooth sailing!!!

U.S.S. Resolution, NCC-1877 (hfil), Victoria, BC

It's that time of year again — on 8809.18 the 8th annual Terry Fox Run for Cancer Research took place. The Resolution participated

in full force. Last year, we raised \$1,100 in pledges through various fund raisers. We are involved with the following charities: The SPCA, the Cancer Society, the Mustard Seed Food Bank, Santa's Anonymous and the United Way. At a recent meeting members voted unanimously in favor of fostering a child overseas.

REGION XI: Commodore Jennifer Yates, Fleet Commander

U.S.S. N'Dele, NCC-1758 (hcll), Rostrevor, SA, Australia

Star base 88 — Part II was a great success, and was attended by a good proportion of the N'Dele's compliment. A number of crew members were involved in the program in some way. Next month will feature a "Video Marathon and Alien Tea". We now have enough money to sponsor a whale, and a competition is being held to select a name.

U.S.S. Southern Cross, NCC-1886 (hfil), Harbord, NSW, Australia

The activities of the month included a general crew meeting at the new Darling Harbor Complex and the Third Annual Klayton's Kristmas. The main activities have been the production of the FCC Handbook, Technicalities and XI, plus plans for a First Aid training course.

REGION XII: Rear Admiral Eric Gay, Fleet Commander

The reorganization of Region XII continues. We see some great talent beginning to show itself in this area. Compliments from Starfleet Operations to Admiral Gay and the Region XII Captains for their efforts. A full report will follow in the next Fleet Report.

REGION XVII: Rear Admiral Karen Emerson, Fleet Commander

U.S.S. Alloth, NCC-1828 (hcll), Orem, UT

At our July meeting we had our first U.S.S. Alloth Annual Family Picnic. Captain Montgomery received a phone call asking her to be the chairman and the Alloth to serve as the committee for the Walk America in the Provo, Utah area in April 1989. The March of Dimes was very impressed with how organized we were last year.

U.S.S. Aurora Vulcanus, NCC-1888 (hfil), Center, CO

From Reports received from TimeCon, all

went well for all who went. One of our last two candidates finished her Ensign requirements and has become our Veterinarian. I also sent in an ad for our club to the William Shatner Fellowship and have received one reply.

U.S.S. Carson, NCC-592 (sll), Reno, NV

Continuing our mission. Those members who went to TimeCon '88 and the first Western Starfleet Conference had a good time and came away feeling like something had been accomplished.

Operations Notes:

To solve the growing confusion as to the whereabouts of the Chief of Operations, here is the story:

September 10, 1988 through December 10, 1988:

**674 South Case Hall
Michigan State University
East Lansing, MI 48824-1205**

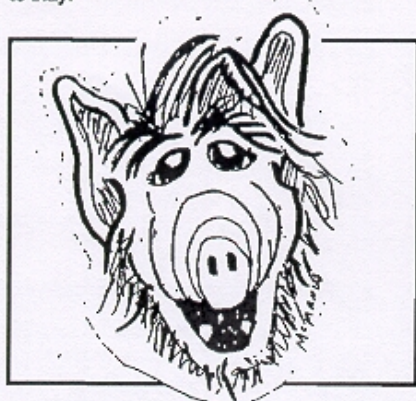
December 10, 1988 through January 1, 1989:

**3321 Avenue P
Brooklyn, NY 11234-3411**

January 2, 1989 through June 10, 1989:

East Lansing address.

Got it! Thanks to all for weathering the confusion. This is my last year at MSU — I graduate with a BS in Computer Science in June. After that, I'll be moving back to Brooklyn to stay.





STARSHIP FILE

USS Jamestown

CHAPTER PROFILE
SERIES No. 16

NCC-1843

REGION: 01



CLASS



HCII

U.S.S. Jamestown NCC-1843 / Modified Enterprise Class Heavy Cruiser
Commission Date: 8.2091.6 (September 16, 1982)

Commanding Officer: RAdm. Stephen C. Thomas

Area of Patrol: Starfleet Region I, Hampton Roads, Virginia

Background by RAdm. S.C. Thomas

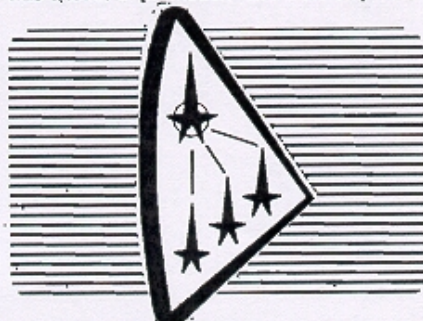
What is is, fellow babies! We're gettin' down... er, um, I mean "Hi fellow *Starfleet* members!" Sorry, when you work at a top 40 radio station, it tends to stay with you after hours. Actually, I'm writing this while I'm on the air as, believe it or not, I'm able to get quite a bit of ship's work done while I spin the hits for Hampton Roads. So far it's worked out fine... so far. Anyway, here are the gory details about the mighty starship Jamestown!

I first found out about *Starfleet* when I read a half-page article about the club in *Starlog* magazine back in early 1982. Though I know there were various *Star Trek* clubs in existence, I never knew there was one structured the way *Starfleet* was, and international at that. Being quite intrigued and wanting to find out more, I tracked down the club president, one Fleet Admiral Eric A. Stillwell. We had a good conversation about *Starfleet* and I liked what I heard, so I joined right away.

The nearest ship (and the only ship at the time) in Virginia was the Region I flagship U.S.S. Hornet commanded by Commodore Casey 'the Rock-n-roll wench' Stuck. She took me on the Hornet as Chief of Security at the rank of Ensign. Her ship was based at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, thus attending any type of local meeting was out of the question. Then again, as she didn't have a local crew anyway,

she didn't have meetings! As she was about 200 miles away from me, I started thinking seriously about starting a chapter here in the Hampton Roads area of Virginia. 'Hampton Roads' is made up of several cities, all located within a 40 mile radius. I proceeded to start recruiting for the fleet and for a potential starship.

During this time and being a very (that's VERY) enthusiastic member, I regularly inundated FAdm. Stillwell with ideas for the organization and offered to help as I could. After being a member for six months, I received a letter from the Fleet Admiral, which I thought would be an acknowledgement for the name of the starship that I would petition for in the near future, but it was a letter of promotion and a starship com-



mission! I was quite flabbergasted, but decided to take the challenge, although I didn't have enough members to qualify as a starship. However, I believe I was given the commission just to keep me occupied and out of Eric's hair! Thus, The U.S.S. Jamestown, Naval Construction Contract 1843 was born September 16, 1982.

I chose the name Jamestown for several reasons. Mainly, I wanted a name in keeping with the history of the area (Yorktown was already taken, as were Monitor and Merrimac).

Jamestown (where America *really* began) is the first permanent English-speaking of the 'New World'. It was also where I worked for three Summers as a costumed actor and tour guide with the National Park Service! Our insignia reflects the history of Jamestown... the overall triangular shape is reminiscent of the shape of the fort that was built by the settlers. The three smaller stars represent the three ships that took the settlers to the 'New World': the *Discovery*, *Godspeed*, and *Susan B. Constant*. The larger star is the 'star they steered her by' and the promise of a new world. And as the starship Jamestown would become involved in helping within the Hampton Roads community, our motto is "Let Me Help."

Jamestown's is also important in U.S. Naval history too! Crew member Lt. J.G. Richard Hewitt recently discovered that there were three vessels named Jamestown; two sailing ships and one power vessel. All ship's served with distinction, as we strive to do on the 'starship' Jamestown!

Trying to run a starship without the benefit of senior officer guidance (Comm. Stuck was becoming too busy with school and there was no 'shuttlecraft program' at the time) proved difficult, but I gave it my best. Recruiting went slowly but surely, however, problems with *Starfleet* developed to a degree that almost seemed to doom the organization. A lot of us stuck it through this uncertain time, even attempting to keep the fleet going ourselves if the administration of the time crapped out on us. As it turned out, new elections were held and Fran Booth became our new Fleet Admiral. At the same time, Comm. Stuck had seemed to disappear, so I'd asked Fran that, if no one else was being considered, if I could be the new Region I Coordinator. I was duly appointed and proceeded to regroup the region and build from there. During my year as the 'First Fleet' commander, I was able to accomplish many things (keeping in regular touch with the CO's, suggesting the 'RoVaCon' convention as our official con gathering, co-designing the 'First Fleet' insignia with Adm. Buck Krause, establishing regional department chiefs and newsletter), but being the regional coordinator was causing the Jamestown to suffer. Thus, I stepped down and turned my full attention back to the Jamestown.

Since then, the Jamestown has racked up some nice accomplishments. We've spawned 4 shuttlecraft, with two now at starship status (the U.S.S. *Heimdall* commanded by current Region I commander RAdm. Linda Neighbors, and the U.S.S. *Encounter*, the 1987 'Chapter of the

Year', commanded by Capt. David Smith) and our newest shuttle in Richmond, Virginia commanded by former Jamestown Chief Science Officer and current First Fleet Outpost 01/1 commander, Captain Kris Paavola-Baril. Our consistently sporadic newsletter, the *Stardate*, has earned a nice reputation for being quantitative as well as qualitative, thanks in part to my Second Officer Cdr. John McDaniel. We hosted the 1983 'Starfleet National Conference' at 'Atlanticon 1' in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Two former members of the Jamestown (or 'Jimmy-T' as dubbed by Captain Dave Smith) have commanded and currently command the 'Second Fleet' (Comm. Barbara Cotton and Comm. Sherri Bowen respectively). As a ship, the Jamestown has donated to the U.S. Marines 'Toys for Tots' program, the U.S.S. *Alaric* 'Wheels for David' fund, the Children's Miracle Network Telethon, the American Cancer Society, our local Public TV station and our on-going charity, the 'Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters.' We're currently involved in helping the city of Hampton, Virginia sell 'Vacations to Mars', to raise money for the new Virginia Air and Space Center! We're also planning a major fund raiser for the Children's Hospital. With these projects and others in the works, the U.S.S. Jamestown is well representing *Starfleet* in Hampton Roads!

Apart from our community oriented projects, the 'Jimmy-T' is into fun and good times! We have three bashes a year (our anniversary party, a Christmas or 'Tween the Holidays' party and our 'Summer Bash') and we're currently working on increasing that number! Our meetings take place the third Sunday of each month at the Hampton Public Library and are open to the public. We've had guest speakers like Marsh Bartuslak, a science writer and author who is a regional finalist in the 'Journalist in Space' program, and David Merriman, a model maker who recently completed work for a 'B' picture called *Midnight Movie Massacre*, and who built a beautiful model of the Constitution Class *Enterprise* for a client at the small price of almost \$10,000! Also, we're preparing for a 'Romulan Boarding Party' made up of local friends who feel the Jamestown and *Starfleet* needs an 'adversary' to keep us on our toes! This is timely, as we've recently put together the mighty 'Jimmy-T Photon/Phaser Tag Team!' We play 'Photon' at a local arena and we use the 'Lazer Tag' equipment to play anywhere, anytime!

As a starship, the Jamestown currently uses a system of rank and promotion that's based on your age or years of membership in *Starfleet*. Rather than award a deserving mem-

ber with a promotion, an award system has been created where the member will receive a certificate and (very soon) a corresponding 'award ribbon' (like those worn on the formal tunics in the original Trek series). This system is one of three systems that will be suggested as a guideline for new CCommanding Officer to use in the up-coming 'College of Command Training' course. Another aspect of the Jamestown starship operations is our *Jamestown Handbook and Technical Reference*.

This is a publication that has all the pertinent information a new Jamestown member needs to know, and then some! It's currently being updated to include just about all of the *Star Trek* universe information (ST maps, tech manual, various reference manuals and blueprints, etc.) that can be applied to each *Starfleet* division. It'll be an awesome publication!

So there you have the U.S.S. Jamestown in a nutshell (!) We've just completed year one of our second 'five year mission' in Hampton Roads, with over sixty members in our crew and more on the way! I'm quite blessed to have solid, dedicated crew members who've distinguished themselves by their participation in our various projects and recruiting/promotion displays. I'm especially grateful for having a Command Staff who more than adequately helps me run the Jamestown. They are: Executive Officer/Chief Science Officer Lt.J.G. Clifford Cherry, Personnel Officer/Chief of Computer Sciences Lt.J.G. Richard Hewitt, Second Officer Cdr. John McDaniel, Chief of Operations Lt. Thomas Rawls Jr., Chief Medical Officer Lt. Diane 'Stitches' Hammond, Chief of Special Services/Chaplain Lt. Pat Slaymaker, Chief of Security Lt. Robert Bell, Chief Engineer Ens. Lorenzo Scott. I appreciate the efforts of our new *Stardate* editors, Cdt.Lt. Don Jones and Ens. Jaima G. 'JG' Schultz, in continuing to put out a good product and tackling the problem of putting that sucker out on time! And my appreciation to the 'Jimmy-T Photon/Phaser Tag Team' leader, Ens. Claudia Fravel. And to you, our fellow members and friends in *Starfleet*, please know that we treasure the relationships and camaraderie that we've established these past six years, and we look forward to establishing ones in the next 601

yours in "Space: The Final Frontier."

RAdm. Stephen C. Thomas, Commanding Officer

U.S.S. Jamestown NCC-1843, First Fleet
Hampton Roads, Virginia Chapter, *Starfleet*

1987 STARFLEET BEST CHAPTER AWARDS

Admiral Christopher Smith, Vice Chief of Staff

Sorry about the lateness of this report. The Communique's have been coming out so fast and furious that it was hard to slide this in. This year, we have developed several categories that our best chapters could be recognized in. Over 40 of our chapters submitted a petition to the 'Chapter of the Year Awards'. All of them are fine examples of the hard work chapters put into *Starfleet* everyday. Judging was based on the best all around performance as an active and social organization. The recipients are:

1987 STARFLEET CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

U.S.S. Encounter, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Capt. David Smith, Commanding

First Runner Up

U.S.S. Southern Cross, Harbord, Australia
Comd. Jennifer Yates, Commanding

Second Runner Up

U.S.S. Helmdal, Madison Hts., VA
RAdm. Linda Neighbors, Commanding

Fleet Honors

U.S.S. Avenger, N.Brunswick, NJ
RAdm. Alex Rosensweig, Commanding

U.S.S. Christa McAuliffe, Pawtucket, RI
Adm. David Ryan, Commanding

U.S.S. Constellation II, Paducah, KY
Capt. Richard Alvey, Commanding

U.S.S. Defiance, Sacramento, CA
Flt. Cpt. Janis Moore, Commanding

U.S.S. Kasimar, Bangor, ME
Adm. John Supranovich, Commanding

U.S.S. LaGrange, Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Adm. Christopher Smith, Commanding

U.S.S. Pathfinder, Roanoke, VA
Capt. Christopher Atkins, Commanding

U.S.S. Polaris, Hamilton, OH
Capt. Ted Tribby, Commanding

Honorable Mention

U.S.S. Achernar, Van Nuys, CA
RAdm. Pamela DuPuy, Commanding

U.S.S. Alioth, Orem, UT
Capt. Carolyn Montgomery, Commanding

U.S.S. Arcturus, Hicksville, NY
Capt. Eric W. Johnson, Commanding

U.S.S. Aurora Vulcanus, Center, CO

Capt. Charlotte Howey, Commanding

U.S.S. Konkordium, Fairfield, CT
Capt. Jennifer Levine, Commanding

1987 Rookie Chapter of the Year

U.S.S. Hornet, Charlotte, NC
Capt. Ronald Byram, Commanding

Congratulations to those chapters that won an award! For those that didn't get in this year, keep up the good work. Good luck in the 1988 awards coming in February.

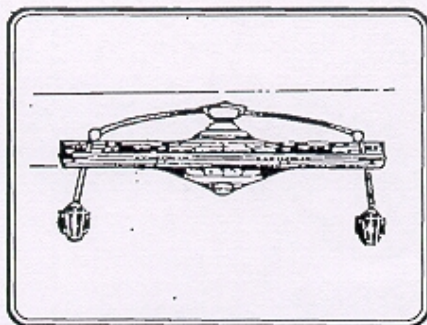
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1989

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Calendar data supplied by Captain Charlotte Howey, Commanding Officer, U.S.S. Aurora Vulcanus



LETTER'S TO COMMUNIQUE'

From: Robert G. Shepherd, Member of Starfleet 4421 Vista Lane
Lynn Haven, FL 32444

I wrote a letter to Flt. Admiral Smith, which he promptly answered. He asked me to write to you and tell you the ideas I told him so that they may be printed in the next Communique'. They are as follows.

1. Print in each issue a list of ships no longer in Starfleet. This would help members who have just joined Starfleet form writing to ship's that are not part of Starfleet and save a lot of time and stamps.

2. It would be nice to hear from the Sector Chief's in each issue. I am sure that there is something interesting that happens in each sector.

3. Another idea is to have Sector Chief's hold a Sector Starfleet Picnic. This would make it possible for members of other starship's, shuttles, star bases, and command stations to meet each other and have fun. This could be held once a year.

4. Also have Starfleet hold a picnic once every other year in a different part of the country, ie. West Coast, Mid-West, East Coast, then members would have a chance to meet their Chief Staff Officers.

Sincerely,
Robert G. Shepherd
Member, Starfleet

Bebe June Mantooth

Dear Editor,

So enjoy reading *Starfleet Communique'*. Actually I enjoy reading *Star Trek*!

I recently reread *Star Trek: The New Voyages*, edited by Sondra Marshak and Myrna Culbreath. There was one story that really appealed to me.... tion to the story they acknowledge the flip side of this one... *Visit to a Weird Planet*, by Jean Lorrain and Willard F. Hunt. I would very much like to read that story too. My problem is, I can't find it!

I had written to Sondra Marshak a year or so ago to see if she would be able to help me find a copy, but I have never heard from her.

My request is: I would like a copy, of the above mentioned story and will of course be willing to pay someone to 'copy' their copy of the story, plus I'll pay for the shipping.

Is there any way through Starfleet and all the *Star Trek* fans out there that I can obtain the above requested?

Thanks for your attention.

Sincerely,
Ens. Bebe June Mantooth

Send your letter's to: *Communique'* Letter's, 4516 Holliday Hills Court, Shingle Springs, CA 95682

Dear Communique',

In my researches, I have found evidence to believe that an equivalent *Warp Drive* could be manufactured. Please send me ideas and/or formulae on your own warp theories and we will swap. Write me for more info. Victor Cypert, 1023 Ms. Annies Drive, Jacksonville, AL 36265.

To: All Members of Starfleet
From: Adm. Sharon Smith
Re: Starfleet Selects

Greetings,

Due to some very serious personal problems our efforts to see this fanzine become a reality has been delayed for more than a year.

This letter is to inform all interested members that we are now ready to begin production. We will be accepting submissions immediately with a publication target date of June 1, 1989.

Please follow the guidelines listed below when submitting a story and be sure that you use my correct address, also listed below.

1. Stories must be *Trek* and/or deal with *Starfleet* or the vessel you serve on.
2. Stories must be between 100 and 250 typed double spaced pages in length and must be pre-edited as much as possible.
3. Submissions will not be returned unless proper postage is enclosed.
4. Cost of the fanzine will be between \$8.00 and \$12.00 an issue.
5. Only prepaid orders will be accepted.
6. Submissions will be accepted only from *Starfleet* members.

I apologize to those of you who tried to contact me during my leave, your letters were lost in one of several moves. Please try again, I promise you more luck this time. My new address is: Adm. Sharon Smith, 802 N.

Penn., Shawnee, OK. 74801. I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

To: All Starfleet Personnel
From: Director, Starfleet Disabled Consultant Program

Greetings from the new, improved, ready to serve *Starfleet Disabled Consultant Program*! For many of you who haven't the faintest idea of what that is, or why... read on!

The function of the Disabled Consultant Program is to act as a prime resource for any ship that wants to improve or increase the participation of the disabled in *Starfleet*. Preliminary results of a survey mailed to ship captains shows that less than 2% of *Starfleet's* membership is considered disabled. Since anywhere from 15% to 25% of the U.S. population are handicapped in some way, there is obviously a lot of increased participation possible!

As the DCP Director, I am concerned about the impression we make to the disabled, and the barriers (both physical and otherwise) that may be placed in the way of the disabled. As examples, are the dealer's rooms at conventions too crowded to allow a wheelchair to get in? When was the last time you got down at eye level when talking to someone in a wheelchair? Too often, I have seen it happen that, in talking 'down' physically to someone because we are standing above them, we end up talking down to them emotionally. That would sure turn me off to *Starfleet* if it happened to me.

This is one of the main purpose of the Disabled Consultant Program - to achieve changes in attitudes and awareness. If someone knows they will be able to get some extra help, and thereby be able to attend a meeting or a convention, they'll probably be more willing to become involved. If someone is involved and aware that some extra help may be needed - they'll probably be more willing to provide that help. But, we all need to be more sensitive to the problems.

Once the rest of the surveys come back, I plan to give a fuller report

as to the problems and possible ideas to solve these problems through the *Communique*'. In the meantime, any and all input regarding this, or ways to assist increasing involvement by the disabled will be warmly welcomed. After all, the more possible solution there are, the more people are thinking about the problem!

Please feel free to write me at: Cdr. Greg Phillips, Director, Starfleet Disabled Consultant Program, 4566 22 Avenue North, St. Petersburg, FL 33713. Understandably, letters including a S.A.S.E. will get answered first! Thanks for your help and awareness in this matter - let's see what we can do!

The Cloaking Device: Another Point of View

By Donald Duncan

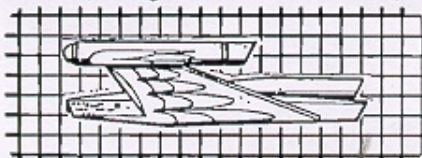
As reported in the February issue of the *Starfleet Communique* the cloaking devices, at least to some of us an important issue. Specifically to those of us who play Romulan or Klingon characters in our leisure time. It is therefore that I must disagree on several points with Mr. Lane's report. Even though well written and filled with information, it is my belief he should have studied the subject a little more in depth before forming such a one-sided point of view.

The most distressing statement by Mr. Lane was the fact that he believes the Federation possesses and has incorporated the device into its vessels, to this I say, "Are you nuts?" For one thing both the Romulans and the Klingons, though somewhat lacking in the technological areas, are far from insane, and allowing the Federation to gain control of the one thing that keeps all concerned on an equal footing would be just that, insanity. In fact, it would be tactical suicide on their part, and therefore very unlikely to have occurred.

Point number two is the problem of detecting a cloaked vessel. As most of you will remember, the *Enterprise* had to scan for movement and the ion trail left by the Bird of Prey. Which means simply there was no detection of the cloaked ship itself, that's why Kirk used torpedoes with proximity detonators and blew up half a parsec of space to stop one ship, because he simply could not get a lock for his weapons.

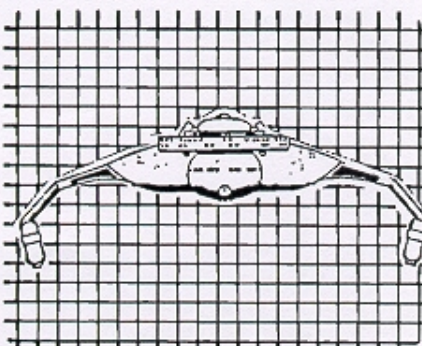
As for the Romulans suing for peace after the encounter, I very much doubt this. As one who plays electronic sensor waves. In essence, it creates a neutralizing zone around the vessel effectively canceling light and sensors in much the same way as does the stealth craft with radar, thus no need for the powerful magnetic field.

Point number four is the uncontrolled spread of the device. If all the major races had acquired the thing I doubt if they would have hesitated in turning on their neighbors before giving them the chance to do the same. If that doesn't sound likely, think of the Orions. Being as they are the Twenty-third Centuries version of buccaneers, do you think they wouldn't take advantage of such an item. Very doubtful, therefore, so long commerce. No commerce, no



money. No money, no products. No products, no economy, at which point the entire galaxy collapses into a deep depression and civil war runs rampant. Personally, I think the Romulans should give it to them... Then sit back and watch as the rest of the universe destroys each other. After which they walk in and pick up the pieces. End of problem.

Truthfully though I must admit that Mr. Lane's ideas are intriguing and personally I would like to meet him one of these days. It is apparent that he is an avid fan, and unfortunately there are few enough of us. So I hope he will hang in there and keep hitting those keys, for I'm interested to see what he and I will disagree on next.



Star Trek: The Next Generation, A Review

Fit. Admiral Steven L. Smith

Well now that the show has been on the air for a while, I felt it was time to put down in words my thoughts on this wonderful new show. I can sum up the new show in three words: I Love It!!! Gene Roddenberry has done it again! I find the characters very interesting, and their development is progressing nicely. Jean-Luc Picard is an excellent commanding officer. He can be stern and understanding, but he also has the respect and trust of his officers.

Riker is a good stand in for Kirk. He's stern, knows and works hard at his career goal: the command of a starship. He also has an abundance of charm. Now where have I seen that combo before?

As for Data, well, when I first heard his name, my initial response was, "Data? What kind of name is that? And on an android?" Well, he's turning out to be my favorite character. His humor, his questions about humans and life have turned him into a very interesting addition to the Trek family.

Lieutenant LaForge, I Feel, is a very nice partner for Data. I thought the scene in the "The Last outpost" was great when Data was giving his report on the planet below, got his finger stuck in the Chinese Finger Puzzle and Geordi came to his rescue. "My Hero!" Those puzzles could pose more troubles than tribbles (bad Steve, real bad... Ed.). The Klingon, Worf, has my okay too. He still growls a lot, but he does seem to be getting on the right track. The rest of the characters have my okay too.

Deanna Troi doesn't have a lot to do, but she's nice to look at. Her character has really developed during the season and she plays much more of a part now than in the beginning. Her position makes her valuable and I feel that has started to come out more in these last few episodes.

Tasha Yar, the character played by Denise Crosby, has left the show. It will be a loss to the show, but I am sure we all wish her well as she pursues other career goals.

Doctor Crusher, the character played by Gates McFadden, left the show at the end of the first season. Her reasoning is unclear, however, we wish her success in her future plans.

As for the other aspects of the show, they are fantastic! The special effects are superb and as for the good ship Enterprise, well here again,

when I first saw the drawing in *Starlog* I was doubtful, but after seeing the model and reading the specifications of the vessel, it grows on you. I'm hoping that with the success of the Galaxy Class Starship, Starfleet will invest in more ships of this class, but only time will tell. Let's hope time will be good to this new show. It's refreshing to see a high quality sci-fi show back on the airwaves. *ST:TNG* has four stars and two thumbs up from me!

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