

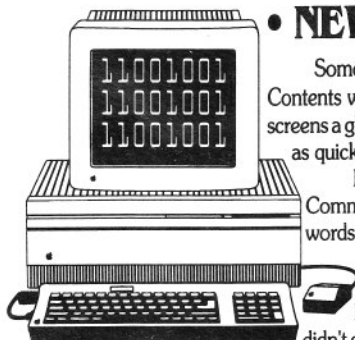
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• NEWS YOU CAN USE:

Something new this time around with the Communiqué, folks — A Table Of Contents which may or may not be accurate because it's 5:25 a.m. and all the screens a glare. But, seriously, we wanted to speed you on to your desired reading as quickly as possible, and to that end, we're trying the TOC.

I heard from many, many Fleeters, liking the new look of the Communiqué, and wishing me luck. I want to thank all of you for your kind words of encouragement. They were much appreciated here on the Thagard, because we were a bit nervous about the results.

Now, an apology or two. In the rush to get things done last time, I made a few errors. To: David Forvendel, my apologies. I hope you didn't get any OTS mail due to my error on the STARFLEET Academy page.

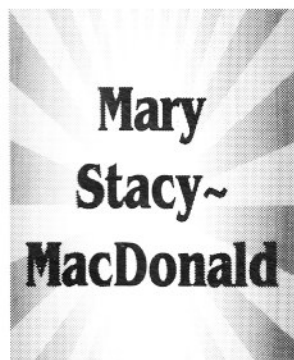
To: RAdm. Janis Moore, my apologies. I knew you were the OTS director and kept putting it on Post-It Notes to correct that from the original computer printout. Naturally, the Post-It got lost under the sea of incoming mail, and was never seen again. Hence, no correction....Actually, it was rumored that the Post-It Note was on it's way to the Bahamas on vacation from this, but that's another story. Anyway, I'm sorry. To: Admiral David Ryan & Captain Howard Cronson: Oops. Sorry about that. Captain Cronson is the Captain of the Christa McAuliffe not Adm. Ryan. In a nice letter, David & Leslie informed me of this change in command six months ago. I'm sorry. When the Fleet Reports come back, I will correct that. As to the poor shuttle Hood, it is zipping out of the Fleet Shuttle Bay and not off of the Tai-Shan. To: Anyone Else, I may have forgotten.

• **WRITERS' & ARTISTS' CONTEST UPDATE:** What a great response. Obviously, there are a lot of Fleet people into fiction and art. Fantastic! If you haven't sent for your brochure, please do so. Because of the impending postal increase, please send 45¢ instead of 25¢ in stamps for the application.

• **SPACE CAMP '91:** Due to the phenomenal interest in this trip, we are already backlogged in getting back to you. All requests will be answered shortly. As to the date, we called NASA and they will be getting back to us shortly. We will let you know in the handout whether it's the second or third weekend in September.

• **PRESS CORP:** The liaison in the Press Corps Office is Cmdr. Jacqueline Gilkey. She will be handling much of the inter-Fleet Correspondence. Write Jacqui c/o The Communiqué Office.

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Mary Stacy-MacDonald has been doing media and Star Trek art for years, attending conventions all of the country. A limited number of signed, numbered and matted prints of the cover art are available through the artist at a cost of \$10.00 plus \$2.40 postage and handling. Other subjects are also available in Star Trek and Beauty and the Beast as well as several stationery styles. For a complete listing, send an SASE with current postage to: Mary Stacy-MacDonald, P.O. Box 752, Ardmore, PA 19003-0752

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AN INTERNAL COMMUNICATION FROM STARFLEET HEADQUARTERS

Jeannette Maddox Commander, STARFLEET



A big Happy Valentine's Day to everyone. May you all get lots of hearty hugs and delicious kisses from your favorite valentine.

I want to send my sincerest and most humble thanks to all the dozens of Fleet members who sent me Christmas cards

and words of congratulations on my re-election as Commander, STARFLEET. It is serving all the warm-hearted people like you that make the job so worthwhile and rewarding.

And speaking of the Fleet...we seem to be zooming along at warp speed. Most departments and activities are functioning smoothly with only a few refitting changes here and there.

Because of problems piling up at home, David Allen, STARFLEET's Chief of Communications, has had to step down from that position. We wish him all the best.

The new Chief of Communications is Vice Admiral Judith Brandy, CO of the USS THAGARD in Region 7. Judith and her staff are already hard at work and doing a great job as you can see from this and the last issue of the COMMUNIQUÉ.

Like so many other organizations and individuals, STARFLEET is having to tighten its' belt a little. See the financial report below and on page 4 for details.

And last, but certainly not least, I'm sure I speak for everyone in STARFLEET when I say that our thoughts and prayers are with our troops in the Middle East. We wish them safe passage.

FINANCIAL REPORT

STARFLEET is suffering from a malady that seems very common these days. Our income is not keeping up with our outgo.

After a couple of slow months in which the bank account dropped precipitously, a little financial research was done. It was discovered that at this time, the membership is receiving over \$10.00 worth of services (membership package and COMMUNIQUÉs) for their \$10.00 annual membership fee. Income from the sale of merchandise had been taking up the slack, but with the membership growing so rapidly, it couldn't keep up.

That is why your February/March 1991 COMMUNIQUÉ is only 16 pages instead of 24. Sixteen pages is the maximum we can mail for 45 cents (although by the time this issue is mailed, the postage increase to 52 cents will probably have occurred). And limiting the COMMUNIQUÉ to only 16 pages will cut down on printing costs also, of course. We really regret having to leave out the chapter reports, but we had to take some emergency steps to keep

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Sue Hampton Vice Cmdr., STARFLEET



I want to thank all the individuals and ships and shuttles that sent me Christmas cards as well as words of encouragement for my next term as Vice Commander, STARFLEET. I especially appreciate those cards that thanked my family for sharing me with the Fleet. That really

earned "Brownie Points" with my Mundane husband, Ed. So far in 1991, I am proud of two accomplishments. First, I have not mistakenly put 1990 on any of my checks that I have written. Second, for Christmas I received a nice black sweatshirt specially for my collection of patches. I have already sewn on my STARFLEET patch, my Region patch, my ship patch, and a few other ship patches that I have collected. I certainly would like to have the opportunity to sew on a lot more patches from any of the chapters that would like to send me one. (HINT...HINT...)

MEMBERSHIPS: There is always something to be said in this area. Renewal packages in 1991 will not have the large membership certificate but will continue

to have a memo pad, a STARFLEET sticker and will include the new STARFLEET magnet. To hold down costs, only one package will be sent to an address even if there are new members and renewals at the same time. Each member still gets a pocket ID card and blue or yellow membership card. As you are recruiting memberships in STARFLEET, be sure that new members understand the guidelines for family membership. All family members must live at the same address. We also have repeated problems with someone sending in a check for \$17.00 or \$20.00 with one application. This delays things while I have to write back to the person and ask for the names of the other family members.

I've been warned by the Fleet Admiral and the Editor to keep this report short, so I will close. I hope to renew many acquaintances at conventions this year and to meet many more of my Fleet friends.

from completely depleting the treasury (except for the scholarship funds, which are still intact).

The question now is, of course, "How do we rectify this situation?" We can do it only two ways: 1) Decrease our outgo, 2) Increase our income.

To decrease our spending, we will need to cut down on the materials put into the membership packages and keep the COMMUNIQUÉ limited to 16 pages or less. The increase in postage costs is really going to play havoc with our bank account. We don't want to have to return to bulk mailing for the COMMUNIQUÉ if we can keep from it. We would also need to eliminate other, non-income services, such as the Fleet Status Update.

The alternative is to raise our income and the most obvious way to do that is to raise the annual membership fee. It's not a step any of us want to take, but it may be necessary to do it in order to maintain the level of service STARFLEET is providing at this time.

We would really appreciate some input from the membership about this predicament and which direction to take. Send your comments to Headquarters or to any member of the Executive Committee. Thanks.

FINANCIAL REPORT

	MEMBERSHIP	SCHOOL	MISC	MERCHANDISE	TOTAL
NOV.	6740.00	1.00	226.50	410.50	7378.00
DEC.	3035.00	25.00	91.00	6942.40	3344.00
TOTAL	\$49,377.00	2358.00	2545.45	6942.40	61,223.35

Total interest earned on the account in 1990 - \$415.77

Nov. Membership: new: 384 renewal: 139
Dec. Membership: new: 192 renewal: 130
Total memberships worked by HQ in 1990 = 4890
Corrections for financial columns for October:

Oct. scholarship money from \$146.00 to \$146.50
Oct. Misc. money from \$320.00 to \$320.50



FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Balance	+	Total Deposits	+	Interest Paid This Statement	-	Total Amount Paid Out	-	Ending Balance
4,689.22	+	3,294.50	+	20.97	-	4,246.91	=	3,757.78

Year-to-Date Interest Paid

4.37



NATIONAL CONFERENCE

by Captain Mark Haynes, VRC Region Seven
National Conference Coordinator

Hello, friends. I have good news! The best convention around has just been named the site of the STARFLEET 1991 National Conference! That's right! That con of cons! Shore Leave XIII! Take your R & R in style at the convention that leaves others in the dust!

You read it right. The 1991 STARFLEET National Conference will be held at Shore Leave XIII this summer. And hold on to your hats, because we have got programming that will blow you away! Our National Conference programming, which is still in the planning stages as of this writing (12JAN91), is nothing short of spectacular. Those of you who attended either of the past East Coast Conferences will remember that there was a STARFLEET meeting all three days of the convention. The past conferences featured the opening meeting on the first night of the con, the main conference meeting on Saturday morning, and a Sunday afternoon wrap-up session. This year, as the scope of the STARFLEET activities is so much bigger, we have things planned a little differently. Aside from an abbreviated welcome meeting on Friday night, the major portions of STARFLEET programming will be on Saturday. Saturday will begin with the main conference. This program, like last year, will feature an address by members of the Executive Committee, and a question and answer session. The questions and answer session, based

on comments voiced during past cons, was an extremely popular segment of the programming. Following the main conference meeting, we will be presenting a series of workshops concentrating on various areas of STARFLEET activities. Some workshop ideas that we currently have in the works are:

R.H.I.P.: Rank has its Privileges? The benefits and pitfalls of being in charge. Many aspects of STARFLEET policy.

Stop the Presses! The Newsletter process from start to finish. Newsletter production and tips.

Excuse me, brother, can you spare a dime? Shuttle/Ship fundraising strategies.

We want you! STARFLEET recruiting. Recruiting tips and ideas.

What are you doing and why are you dressed like that? STARFLEET's relationship with the Mass Media - good and bad.

The Rec-Deck: What do STARFLEET members do for fun? Chapters share entertainment ideas.

These are some of the ideas that we are working on. If you have an idea for a panel, or would like to be on one of those listed above, simply drop me a line and let me know (include SCC # and your qualifications and credentials).

The convention itself will provide a wonderful schedule of programming. Guests at this time include George Takei, with more guests to be announced as they are confirmed. This is a not-to-be-missed convention. With the STARFLEET programming, it becomes an unbeatable combination.

The convention will be held in Hunt Valley, Maryland on July 12-14, 1991. The hotel, Marriott's Hunt Valley Inn, is offering special rates for con-goers (\$72/night + 12% MD Hotel Tax). Call (301) 785-7000 and mention Shore Leave to get the lower rate. Rates for convention tickets are \$30 until 5/30/91 and \$35 thereafter and at the door. Single day rates are also available and children (5-12) pay only \$10. To ease pre-registration for starships/shuttles who wish to register as a group, you may send a SASE to: STARFLEET/STAT Liaison, Commander Cynthia Geppi, 1209 Seven Oaks Road, Arbutus, MD 21227. She will send you a special STARFLEET registration form. If you wish to be on one of the Fleet panels, you may send your request to: FLEET PANELS, c/o Captain Mark Haynes, PO Box 145, Thurmont, MD 21788-0145. Remember to include a SASE for reply. Thank you for your attention. See you at the National Conference.



Department of Communications

I am the commander of the USS THAGARD, a Philadelphia, Pennsylvania chapter of STARFLEET. I was asked to become Chief Of Communications by the Fleet Admiral, and I must say that I was

surprised (*extreme understatement*), and I felt unqualified for the job.

I, however, love doing newsletters, have worked in the writing and publishing industry for many years, *love to write* and have a "Let's go for it!" attitude. So, I figured, the most that would happen is that, I would flop miserably, resign from Fleet and take up smuggling at the outer rim of the universe.

Chief of Communications

VAdm. Judith Cari Brandy

Fortunately, you liked my work, so that fate was averted.

I am working with a staff of really enthusiastic, competent people in the COMMUNIQUE office including: Cmdr. Mark Morrow who is considered the champion of organization, collecting, sorting and collating incoming mail so that when it's time to key, we're ready. He's sort of a "Granny Elf" without the femininity around here. If it needs to be done, he does it without complaint. He is also working with Lt. Michael Sawczyn, a real "sweetie" who runs the Office of Public Relations. Next, Cmdr. Deb "Lightning Fingers" Galeone, who types as fast, if not faster than I do, and can type accurately in her sleep. At three in the morning, with a PSSST, she delivers an IBM floppy ready to go. Then, there's Cmdr.

Jacqueline Gilkey, my liaison to the Press Corps. "Easy-Going" is her middle name. She is the Voice Of Reason in the CQ office. She is very excited about coordinating the incoming stories articles and queries from the Press people about what's going on *Around The Fleet, Out In Space*, as far away as the next galaxy, but beyond that she doesn't care. We also have a Klingon to help in the proofreading department.

I'm always happy to talk, as is my staff. I am looking forward to having even more fun as I get a firmer grasp on the duties of Chief of Communications.

As always, suggestions, comments and even gripes are welcomed about efforts.

Office Of Public Relations

Lt. Michael Sawczyn • Director



Happy New Year and welcome to 1991. This is the year your Office of Public Relations takes off like a rocket and, with luck, we'll be able to give a big boost to the Fleet and to you, the individual chapters and members.

Back in the last quarter of 1990, Starfleet was asked to participate in a survey designed to give us information on the Communique readership — the demographics, convention habits, a small sampling of spending habits and the like. I'm pleased to say that the Fleet was very responsive; we were able to compile quite an accurate picture, statistically, of Starfleet as a whole. And as promised in the last issue, it's time to present a sampling of what we found.

Answers were tabulated blindly from responses to questionnaires sent to all the ships and shuttles. No identification of respondents was tabulated, so the responses remain completely anonymous. The following figures show the average responses to the questions asked in the survey, with a range of accuracy that was calculated using standard statistical analysis methods. The poll as a whole is accurate to a 99% confidence interval, which means only that we're 99% certain it reflects the membership. The results are being used to give our potential advertisers an idea of what they're spending money on.

Have you ever attended a science fiction/Star Trek convention?

Yes: 83.33%
No: 16.67%
Variance: +/- 4.72%

How many SF/Trek conventions will you attend in a year, on the average?

1-3: 61.58%
4-6: 30.79%
7-10: 5.72%
>10: 1.91%
Mean: 3.47 +/- 0.29

Have you ever bought anything from a dealer at a con?

Yes: 79.51%
No: 20.49%
Variance: +/- 5.13%

On the average, how much money do you spend at cons (total)?

<\$50: 26.70%
\$50-100: 30.11%
\$100-200: 32.10%
\$200-300: 5.11%
\$300-400: 1.99%
\$400-500: 1.70%

>\$500: 2.27%
Mean: \$118.47 +/- \$15.28

On the average, how much money do you spend in dealer's rooms at cons?

<\$20: 20.94%
\$20-50: 39.82%
\$50-100: 23.60%
\$100-150: 6.78%
\$150-200: 3.24%
\$200-250: 2.36%
>\$250: 3.24%
Mean: \$64.56 +/- \$13.36

Do you buy and/or collect comic books?

Yes: 44.36%
No: 55.64%
Variance: +/- 6.26%

On the average, how much money do you spend per month on comic books?

<\$10: 30.88%
\$10-20: 12.59%
\$20-30: 7.13%
\$30-40: 0.95%
\$40-50: 1.66%
\$50-75: 0.48%
>\$75: 2.38%
Mean: \$16.00 +/- \$4.39

On the average, how many movies do you watch per month?

At Theater: 2
On VCR: 7

Have you ever bought anything mail order?

Yes: 84.02%
No: 15.98%
Variance: +/- 4.64%

Have you ever bought any SF/Trek paraphernalia mail order?

Yes: 64.71%
No: 35.29%
Variance: +/- 6.09%

On the average, how much do you spend in a year on mail order merchandise?

<\$20: 20.96%
\$20-50: 27.95%

\$50-100: 14.22%
\$100-150: 6.51%
\$150-200: 3.13%
\$200-250: 4.34%
>\$250: 10.84%
Mean: \$95.36 +/- \$19.67

Do you subscribe to any SF/Trek magazines?

Yes: 39.28%
No: 60.72%
Variance: +/- 6.17%

Have you ever purchased any merchandise from Starfleet?

Yes: 42.86%
No: 57.14%
Variance: +/- 6.27%

What is your age?

<18: 8.51%
18-20: 12.29%
21-25: 17.49%
26-30: 20.57%
31-40: 26.95%
41-50: 9.69%
>50: 4.49%
Mean: 29.33 +/- 1.38

What is your marital status?

Single: 66.25%
Married: 33.75%
Variance: +/- 6.09%

Do you own your home or rent?

Own: 36.67%
Rent: 63.33%
Variance: +/- 6.14%

What is your annual household income?

<\$10,000: 17.69%	\$45,000-\$50,000: 3.75%
\$10,000-\$15,000: 16.89%	\$50,000-\$60,000: 5.09%
\$15,000-\$20,000: 13.40%	\$60,000-\$70,000: 1.34%
\$20,000-\$25,000: 13.94%	\$70,000-\$80,000: 0.54%
\$25,000-\$30,000: 9.12%	\$80,000-\$90,000: 0.00%
\$30,000-\$35,000: 9.38%	\$90,000-\$100,000: 0.54%
\$35,000-\$40,000: 3.75%	>\$100,000: 1.61%
\$40,000-\$45,000: 2.95%	
Mean: \$24,832.44 +/- \$2,567.79	



STARFLEET ACADEMY

Admiral Rob Lerman • Director

There will be NO new schools opening for awhile. The reason that there will be no new ones approved for awhile is due to the many new ones now starting up or getting ready to start up. NO date has been set for allowing any new schools.

Costs for OCC has gone up, with the rising costs of postage, the new manual is bigger, thus requires more postage. The new cost for OCC is now \$4.00. All applications coming out of Starfleet Academy HQ has this new change on it. All people sending in an old application with only \$3.00 will have it placed on hold until we get the rest of the tuition cost.

I have been getting calls at all times of the day and nights here at Starfleet Academy HQ. Please DO NOT call before 6:30 pm Pacific time or after 8:30 pm Pacific Time.

The Starfleet Academy Application is always being revised. Please if you have an old application, re-request one from me. Always include an SASE when writing. Also, only one application will be sent to you. You may make as many copies as you want for the rest of your crew. **Attention: Commanding Officers**, it might be of benefit to you if you request new versions of the application about once every other month and distribute it to your crew. That way all of your people have current versions of the application.

An electronic version of the application is always available via the Starfleet Academy Echo (which I moderate) on any TrekNet BBS system carrying the echo. If not, please send me a message on that echo.

It IS NOT possible to re-take an exam to up your score. The only way to re-take an exam is if you have FAILED and if so, you must re-apply within 60 days of your failure.

Any school marked as Pass/Fail only will issue those ONLY. No actual scores will be given, and I have instructed both OTS and OCC Directors that this is the policy.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Captain Debra Roberts

Subscription: \$6.00. Issue #12 went out to all SFAAA members. Issue #13 will be sent out around February 1991. Will be adding another staff member to help out in the newsletter production. Total Members: 79

CHAPLAIN/COUNSELOR CORPS

Cmdr. M. Price Oswalt

Tuition: \$5.00. The course has 8 year-to-date graduates, 5 new applications and 6 outstanding tests.

COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Admiral Jack Fields

Tuition: \$2.50. The course has 2 year-to-date graduates, 15 new applications and 28 outstanding tests.

COLLEGE OF COMPUTER SCIENCES

Captain Sharon Ann Campbell

No tuition. The course has 77 year-to-date graduates, 13 new applications and 119 outstanding tests.

MARINE COLLEGE

Colonel Scott Akers

Tuition: \$1.00. The STARFLEET Marine College has continuing to expand in an even bigger way in the last two months. In October, Captain Joseph "Storm" Maurantonio, the Asst. Director of the College, and I made initial plans for the first official split of the Marine College to occur sometime in 1991. The plans are to split Flight School off to be run independently by him from New York with the assistance of Lt. Col. Sperling [the head of TACAIRCOM]. Basic Flight School, Advanced Flight School, and TOP GUN will be taught out of New York as well as the various Craft Courses as they come on line. Currently work has begun on AM-13, AM-14, and AM-20 covering in order the KillerBee, the TomCat, and the Tiger Hawk fighters.

Work on the FM-00 Strike Group Commander's Handbook is finally completed with a great reception at its unveiling at the Region 1 Conference ROVACON. A course to accompany is now completed and ready for initial tests and approval by Admiral Lerman. Major David Kling now in Virginia is still working up the Marine Command & General Staff School with what will be the new Major, Lt. Colonel, and Colonel requirement courses. The Major's Course as currently approved by Admiral Lerman will consist of the three command studies sections given together by this office as the Major's Course/Marine Command Studies.

First Sergeant L.W. McPherson of the USS POMTEKIN is still developing the Drill Instructor's Course for Senior Non-Comms in the Fleet. This has been postponed at least two months until January.

The course has 169 year-to-date graduates, 20 new applications and admissions and 34 outstanding tests.

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Captain Cheryl Willcox

Tuition: \$2.00. The course has 139 year-to-date graduates, 16 new applications and 83 outstanding tests.

OFFICERS COMMAND COLLEGE

Cmdr. Kim Davis

Tuition: \$4.00. I was appointed Director of Officer's Command College by Adm. Rob Lerman on Nov. 1, 1990. My first assignment was to complete my OCC course, which was graded by Adm. Lerman.

I received the processed applications and files from David Forvendel, and the booklets/exams from Starfleet and promptly went to work stuffing envelopes and licking stamps. On Nov 28, 182 OCC packets were mailed, with 19 more being mailed on Nov 30. Along with the booklets and exams, I have included an introductory letter. In it I explain the course briefly and also request that the student mail me a copy of their OTS certificate along with their answers (if they haven't done so already). To help lessen the likelihood of cheating, I have numbered each exam.

I am looking forward to this opportunity to serve STARFLEET and its members.

OFFICER TRAINING SCHOOL

Rear Admiral Janis Moore

Tuition: \$2.00. I won't go through the list of graduates as it is a very extensive list. If anyone needs to know when they passed or their score again, they can write me for more info. The course has 421 year-to-date graduates and 185 outstanding tests.

POST GRADUATE SCHOOL

Captain Dail Koehler

Tuition: none. The school is now closed. I have found a new person to take over and will possibly re-open in February. The course has 29 year-to-date graduates and 5 new applications.

SECURITY SCHOOL

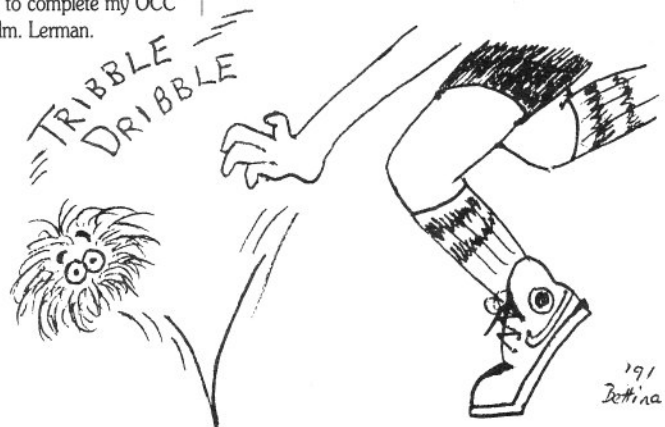
Captain Beth Lipes

Tuition: \$2.00. The year-to-date graduates are: 96 Basic and 28 Advanced. There were 22 new Basic and 3 new Advanced applications. Outstanding tests: 59 Basic and 5 Advance.

VULCAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

Captain Marlene Miller

Tuition: \$2.00. The course has 280 year-to-date graduates, 14 new applications and 37 requests for exam packets. One commendation was given and there were 32 Honor Society inductees.



Artist: Tina Gross
Shuttle Highlander,
U.S.S. Pathfinder

STARFLEET MILITARY MEMBERSHIP

A reminder from the USS Excelsior: Many STARFLEET members sent Christmas cards to American servicemen overseas as part of Operation Dear Abby. While many members will continue to write to servicemen throughout the year, let's not forget all the other servicemen stationed elsewhere in the world. Here are some addresses:

America Remembers
US Air Forces in Europe
Attn: Operation Dear Abby
APO New York 09258-0006

America Remembers
US Air Forces in Korea
c/o Division Chaplain
Attn: Operation Dear Abby
APO San Francisco 96202

America Remembers
US Marines/Okinawa
Attn: Operation Dear Abby
c/o Camp Foster USO
FPO Seattle 98774

Received January 2, 1991 from Dennis Thomas: Jeannette, Hi, how's things back home in the USA? We've been deployed in Desert Shield for four months now and still have at least three to go. I've been busy all the time we've been here but have

managed to keep in touch with the Starship Ranger.

The parts over here are great - I've been to the United Arab Emirates, which borders Saudi Arabia, and got to visit cities like Dubai, Muscat and Abu Dhabi. I've got a few friends here from Little Creek, North Carolina who are based with me. They say it's really nice there. I hope to look around when I get back and go exploring the East Coast. Well, I got to go. Take care, your friend, Dennis

Dennis Thomas
Home: PO Box 701571, Tulsa, OK 79170-1571
SHIP: USS Portland LSD37, FPONY 09528

The Shuttle Equinox sends thanks to all in regards to their successful book drive, in which Region 14 donated nearly half of the books given to the Oakland public library. Check out the Equinox's ad in the classifieds - they've received a request from the Veterans Hospital in Maine for books, as they foresee young patients coming in if peace does not come soon. Let's dig into our own bookcases and fill their shelves.

From USS Dominion: - Security SEALS Desert Shield Pen Pal Program is underway. We are mailing cards inviting Utah soldiers to write.

From: USS Chesapeake: - Our First Officer, Bill Rose, has become part of Operation Desert Shield. He went to Okinawa to replace our Pacific Forces who have been moved to Saudi Arabia. Please don't forget that we have servicemen in other parts of the world that are just as important and vulnerable as those in the Middle East. They need letters and good wishes from home as much as the others.

Shortages - A sign of the changing military: The USS Ranger reports that female troops in Operation Desert Shield have reported a shortage of tampons. Although military officials say the problem's being solved, the maker of Tampax is running a full page ad this week in "Army Times", "Air Force Times", and "Navy Times" citing the "urgent need among the troops". Friends and relatives were asked to call 1-800-TAMPONS to send free supplies to soldiers in the Mideast. Operation Desert Shield has more women than any other US military operation ever.

The STARFLEET Communiqué staff send prayers for a peaceful resolution to the Middle East situation, and we hope that all of the troops can come home real soon.



REVIEW: HOME IS THE HUNTER by Dana Kramer-Rolls by Lt. Tara Elise James

Once it gets started, *Home is the Hunter* by Dana Kramer-Rolls is an interesting look into the minds of Sulu, Chekov and Scotty, and the lives of their ancestors.

Set after *Star Trek: The Motion Picture*, we see the return of and unfortunately the subsequent death of Garrovick, from the episode *Obsession*. After angering the ruler of Cragon V, Chekov, Sulu and Scotty, are sent back to their ancestor's past, to fight for their lives and freedom. Kirk must figure out how to get them back while dealing with menacing Klingons and a cryptic God figure, Weyland.

Meanwhile, fighting a battle of his own with his crewman, Klingon Captain Kral, (who is more likeable than Kirk) faces imminent death, either by Weyland, or his crew. Kral and Kirk discover that the only way to get out of their problems is to work together, so they manage to put aside differences and attempt to find a solution. Weyland is not easily outguessed, though, so all they can really do is react to his obstacles and hope to stumble onto to a solution.

Fans of Chekov, Sulu and Scotty will be pleased. Sulu finally gets his wish and becomes a Samurai in 17th century Japan. He gets a love interest, the lady Onoko, and we get some much needed insights into his character. Likewise depth is added with Scotty in 18th century Scotland, and Chekov in 20th century WWII Russia. They

are all made to contemplate and eventually decide the ultimate question — should they live a life without honor, following the Prime Directive, or face certain death with honor, saving lives that perhaps were not meant to be saved, while ignoring the non-interference directive.

I decided that I wanted to review *Home is the Hunter* because it sounded interesting, but it took me three weeks to get past page 18. When it looked like I was not going to make it, I decided to write a diatribe on the declining quality of *Star Trek* books being released in the 90s.

In the past year, I've had trouble finishing most *Star Trek* of the books. However, I gave *Home is the Hunter* one last chance in the eleventh hour, and I made it! Once I struggled to page 53, the novel took off, and I zipped right through it. It turned out to be quite interesting, although it had a very slow start. Perseverance will be your companion as you "slog" through those first few pages, but in the end, *Hunter* paid off.

There was lots of action mixed with some engrossing introspection, from characters we don't often get to see up close. Of course, Kirk faces the old self doubts — questions his ability to command, laments over having to always provide a brave front for the rest of the crew, etc.

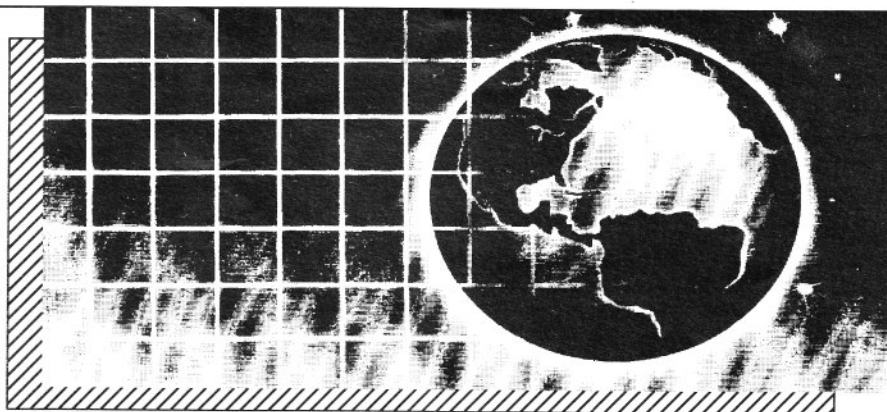
Are the *Star Trek* books being released hard to get through? It might be because there are more available now and the excitement has worn off. I remember in the good

old days, back in the 80s, when I couldn't wait to get my hands on whatever new *Star Trek* book was coming out. I would call the bookstores everyday to see if it was available around publishing time, then just as soon as it was in, I would buy it and read it within 24 hours. I actually deliberately went slower, because I knew how disappointed I would be when I got to the end with nothing more to read.

It's now the 90s and with every new release, (with a few notable exceptions) my enthusiasm has waned. I've questioned others about how they are faring. Some say it is book-by-book basis. Some are really good and others are simply dreadful. A few fans I questioned, have given up on *Star Trek* books altogether. Others are months behind picking out what to read by author now where they didn't before. On the other hand, many are still scouring the bookstores in search of the latest releases. I guess it boils down to individuals.

It's funny, though. I got through a 600-page book on the life of Thomas Jefferson, in less time it took to get through the first 20 pages of *Home is the Hunter*. The slow start of this latest *Trek* novel almost doomed it to the piles of the "un-read". In this case, book proved to be worth it, but, for the most part, I've stopped indiscriminately buying *Star Trek* books.

Around The Fleet



SHOWING SUPPORT

The USS Triumph displayed a poster at their recruiting table at the Tropicon 9 Con in Ft. Lauderdale. The poster, dedicated to the Operation Desert Shield troops, was signed by just about all the con-goers, including convention guest, author Hal Clements. The Triumph also received a thank you from crewmen aboard the USS Gunston Hall, participating in Operation Desert Shield.

KHAN'S CREWMEMBER ENLISTS IN STARFLEET

At the Thanksgiving Creation Con in New York, actress Laura Banks overheard Chris "Fuzzy" Lynch recruiting at the regional STARFLEET table, and asked, "Do you have change for a twenty?". After recovering from surprise, he signed her up. When Chris also told her about their local USS Avenger meetings, she asked to be sent information on where and when.

CAPTAIN WRITES LATE NOTE FOR CAPTAIN

Patrick Stewart arrived late for his appearance at LagrangeCon, thanks to a hydraulic malfunction on the plane. Apologizing, he then read a note from the plane's captain excusing his tardiness. Later, Mr. Stewart auctioned off his Concorde boarding pass to raise money for the USS Endeavor's Amnesty International booth at the con. The unplanned auction raised \$310.00 for Amnesty International, a cause Mr. Stewart fully supports. Even fighting jet lag, he stayed and signed autographs for everyone both days. Thanks to the USS Columbus for this report.

FRAKES & LANDTREK TOGETHER AT LAST!

The USS Triumph presented the first official LandTrek T-shirt to Jonathan Frakes at Trekcon Orlando in September. The shirt was airbrushed by Encounter's artist Chris Avilla. Jonathan loved it, as did everyone else at the con. Plans are being made to give both Marina Sirtis and Michael Dorn T-shirts in November.

CONGRATULATIONS MARK!

News from Region 7 - Congratulations to Mark Haynes for his appointment to the Vice Regional Coordinator position. Mark will be working with RC Alex Rosenzweig.

A CHANGE IN COMMAND ABOARD THE USS ODIN

As a result of his recent appointment, Captain Mark Haynes stepped down as Captain of the ODIN and turned the "Center Seat" over to Cmdr. Jesse Smith. Effective immediately address all ODIN correspondence to: 16945 Frederick Road, Mt. Airy, MD 21771. Congratulations Cmdr. Smith.

REGION 9 YES, IT DOES EXIST!

This past summer, STARFLEET member Beate Wurm moved back to West Germany. While it was not the major reason for the move, her intention is to make Region 9 an active one. She needs our help! Beate's been handing out flyers and writing letters, but has a hard time explaining what STARFLEET is. Since there is no ship in the area, interested people can't try out a meeting to see what it's all about. Beate is looking for members of the Fleet who are interested in sharing their experiences and are willing to answer the questions of members-to-be in Europe. She is also looking for ships who want to sponsor European shuttles once they start developing. It's not necessary to communicate in a European language (but you can). There are several members in Germany right now who are interested in making contact with US Fleet members. If you are interested, write and specify what country of preference (if any) you have to:

Beate Wurm
K-Adenauer-Str. 35
7070 Schwabisch Gmund
WEST GERMANY

Any STARFLEET military members stationed in Region 9, feel free to get in touch with Beate. Also, if anybody wants to activate Region 8, Beate has addresses of Star Trek clubs in Great Britain.

A STARFLEET WEDDING

Captain Will Speck of the USS Potemkin performed a STARFLEET wedding for two of his crew. Kelly Atkins and Joe Bartlow were married on November 24th in Pittsburgh. A video will be available soon.

VULCAN TO BECOME THEME PARK

The town of Vulcan in Alberta, Canada is turning itself into a Star Trek theme park. Hoping to increase revenues for the town, plans include a Star Trek Museum, a statue of the Enterprise and yearly conventions. At town events, people are already wearing Vulcan ears to show their support. Thanks to the USS Triumph for this report.

ADOPT A...DRAGON?

The USS Magellan now has a mascot. They've adopted the dragon named "Magellan" from Nickelodeon's EUREKA'S CASTLE. They also have a puppet of Magellan, thanks to a Pizza Hut promotion.

STRAIGHT FROM STARBASE 17: THE USS FAHRION

Region 17 has a new ship in Orem, Utah. The Shuttle T-Tauri Wind became the USS Fahrion. The crew have worked long and hard at attaining this status, and have done remarkable well.

KOOL-AID EXPRESS TAKES OFF!

The Shuttle Star League is representative of many ships and shuttles that have started sending Kool-Aid to our troops in Saudi Arabia. The water is so bad in Saudi Arabia that Kool-Aid is like fine wine to our troops. Cheers!

UNKNOWN QUOTE

From an unnamed ship commander:
"Sometimes, this is all foolishness."



A LITTLE SUNSHINE FOR THE CHILDREN

The Shuttle Star League visited the children at the Children's Medical Center at the Medical Center of Georgia. The children received gifts of shuttle-made activity books and Star Trek VCR movie tapes for their video library. All the children were given badges with the honorary rank of Acting Ensign of the Shuttle Star League.

Attention: Elli YFNCMO: Where's shoe?

CLUBS UNITE IN JOINT WRITER'S MEETING

The USS Alioth held a writer's meeting, run by crewmember Lyn Worthen. The special guests at the meeting were members of the Salt Lake City "STARFLEET COMMAND" chapter, the USS Kelly. The crew from the two clubs got along very well. Writing and fun was had by all.

BEST WISHES FROM HOME

The Shuttle Lancelot in Texas is still collecting for another shipment from Best Wishes from Home. They need letters, cards, paperback books, videos, or any other recreational materials. The troops of the 136th need to hear from us!

MORAL BOOSTERS

Also from the Shuttle Lancelot: They're collecting stamps, copy paper, pens, notebook paper and envelopes. The woman who organized this effort both during the Viet Nam conflict and for Operation Desert Shield has been invited to attend.

GET THOSE WALKING SHOES ON!

Both the XO and the CO of the USS Rebel are serving on the planning board for the MS SuperCities Walk, which is to take place on April 6, 1991 in Charlotte, North Carolina. Capt. Voight and Cmdr. Brafford are also the head of the Route Subcommittee for this walk.

CAMPOUT FOR THE 25th ANNIVERSARY

Many events are being planned for Star Trek's 25th Anniversary. One is the USS Rebel's multi-ship campout on September 7th and 8th, 1991. The Rebel's CO, Cmdr Brafford, is hosting it at her home in Lincolnton.

BUFF UP THOSE PIPS!

And dust off that STARFLEET briefcase...The crew of the USS Konkordium of New Haven, Ct have been asked to wear their Star Trek uniforms when they work at the Kid's Fair at the Hartford Civic Center with WTIC-TV.

ALASKAN CONVENTION

The USS Sol is currently rounding up sponsors in hopes of bringing Majel Barrett Roddenberry up to Fairbanks, Alaska this August. Ms. Barrett has said that she will be available to make an appearance in late August. Is Alaska ready for Mrs. Troi?

STAR TREK FLOATS IN CRYSTAL RIVER

Last December, the USS Sacajawea entered a float in the Christmas Parade in Crystal River and won second prize in their category, this despite having to virtually rebuild the float in the last few hours before the parade, due to an accident with high winds. Trekkers persist!

BOLDLY GOING....

Three members of the USS Sacajawea will boldly go where many have gone before - Orlando, Florida! They will be taking part in a Star Trek video.

YES...WE HAVE A WINNER

The USS Chesapeake has a winner in their 'Best of Both Worlds' contest. Lynn Evans, a member of the Chesapeake, came closest to guessing the ending of the cliffhanger Congratulations! Lynn is also traveling to Los Angeles sometime this winter to appear on Jeopardy. We'll be looking for the episode later this season. Good luck, Lynn. The Fleet will be watching and cheering you on!



CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. LeVar Burton received his star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame this November in a ceremony only Hollywood could put on. In attendance was Patrick Stewart and Gates McFadden. Congratulations!

OTHER ST:TNG NEWS

The show was featured in a recent article in NEWSWEEK magazine. A movie for Next Gen? Not likely for a while, informed sources state. It would be unlikely until after the show has concluded its run. Gates McFadden's solo episode, Remember Me, was the 79th episode (for you statistics buffs). ST:TNG was nominated by the Golden Reel Awards for Best Automated Dialogue Replacement, One Hour Episodic. It was also nominated for a host of other things, including recognizing Melinda M. Snodgrass for "Measure Of A Man". Whoopi Goldberg stars in the newly released movie, "A Long Walk Home" also starring Sissy Spacek and Dwight Schultz. (Barkley/Broc-

STARFLEET REMEMBERS

On January 28th, the USS Joshua held a candlelite Challenger Memorial Service, headed by Captain Elaine Fisher and their Cadet Corps. It's been five years since the Challenger accident. Our thoughts will be with the families and friends of the seven astronauts.

WE'RE THINKING OF YOU

Send some cheer David's way, guys. He has experienced a double loss in his family over the past two months. His brother died on October 30th of cancer and was followed on December 1st by the death of his mother, also of cancer. Cheer cards might help as he and other members of his family try to deal with this time of bereavement. David is a member of the USS Pendragon. You can send those cards and cheerful notes to: David Sloat, 7330 15th NE, Seattle, WA 98115.

FAMILIAL SWAP IN REGION 6

Region 6 has a new Regional Coordinator. Gary Anderson (father) stepped down and was replaced by son, Eric. Mailing address is 6828 Garfield Avenue South, Richfield, MN 55423.



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

coli from ST:TNG: Hollow Pursuits)

A LITTLE CLASSIC TREK

ST: The New York City Opera has been cancelled.

Nichelle Nichols was listed as part of the illustrious cast at the "Rally For A Free South Africa - A Tribute To Nelson Mandela" put on this past June at the LA Memorial Coliseum. Nichelle has been busy. She was recently part of a stellar cast in a show put on for National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependencies. modeling designer clothing.

William Shatner's new book, TekLords, will be released sometime this winter. Rumor has it, that TBS will finally air "Voice Of The Planet" starting February 2, 1991. It's ten episodes and was postponed from the fall.

Leonard Nimoy is a grandfather, with a granddaughter by his son Adam. Leonard Nimoy/Julie Nimoy Oldsmobile commercial was Leonard's first commercial directorial debut. He just beamed in and sold cars, while keeping those cameras rolling.



DISABLED CONSULTANT PROGRAM

Cmdr. Greg Phillips, Director

And a Happy New Year to all of you! Hope your holidays were great, and you have 'recovered' from them by the time you read this.

It has been a pretty hectic, but productive time for the DCP — to all those who have written, I promise I will be answering soon! But first...

The DCP has offered and been accepted to help CreationCon in Boston, in January, and VULKON in Orlando, Florida in March. In addition, the DCP was requested to help a con in North Carolina, Trek-O-Rama, in January and the FriendshipCon in Philadelphia in June! So the word is starting to get around. If any ship is planning a con, please let me know if the DCP can help—you never know, you might get a whole bunch of extra people when they know your con's accessible!

A special note of appreciation to the USS Nightwind, who called me asking for info on getting some Braille Christmas cards. I think that showed a lot of thoughtfulness.

Regarding the "Christopher Pike" and "Reva" awards—the prizes have been arranged for. First prize in both awards will be a \$20.00 gift certificate for STARFLEET stuff and a certificate. Second place will win a free membership and certificate (slightly less fancy!), and third will be a certificate (maybe in crayon??). Remember, the "Pike" is for those who do the most

for our STARFLEET disabled, and the "Reva" is for our disabled members who do the most for STARFLEET. Please send your nominations, stating who, what award, and why they should get it, to DCP AWARDS NOMINATIONS, 4566 22 Avenue N., St. Pete, FL 33713.

On a different note, I realize that a lot of people can feel unsure or uncomfortable around the disabled. To help that, I'd like to offer a couple of specific suggestions that might help.

1. The disabled aren't looking to be patronized or pitied—don't treat them like they are children. Talk to them, not at them. Get at eye-level of those in wheelchairs.

2. If you want to offer help, feel free to ask—but never, never just start doing things! And if the offer is turned down, accept that. Most disabled know their own capabilities and limitations. They will accept help when they need it.

3. Never, NEVER, N*E*V*E*R start playing around with any equipment of the disabled! (Don't laugh—I've seen some idiots start playing with wheelchairs, with people in them!!). Guide dogs aren't pets, canes and wheelchairs aren't toys.

The disabled can do a lot for STARFLEET and vice versa, and hopefully the DCP will be a part of it. If you have any questions or if the DCP can help with con planning with info, ideas, or checklists, please contact me.



Urging
Merging dream with reality
Seven thrust for Heavens own portal
The purpose of the mission
Embodied in the very name of their craft

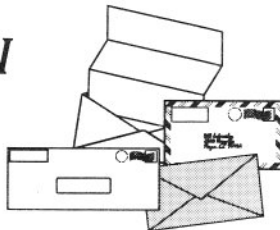
Contained
Refrained from fear of failure
The ruddy flames of the fledgling's tail
Belabor our planet
In quest of space

Crying
Flying metal engulfed in a roaring orange fog
Exploding like a primal event of physics
Chromatic shades burst out of a
billowing white cloud
To engulf the disintegrating spacecraft

Geminating
Disseminating exhaust from boosters
veering widely apart
Their glow and gleaming white trails
inform us of our loss
Steamy tendrils lie reminiscently ashen
In respect to man and machine

Losing
Choosing to derive sustenance from reverent emotion
A new invitation rises from phoenix ashes
In urgent pursuit of the high frontier
Challengers all are we!

ANNOUNCING: OUR NEW STARFLEET STAMPEDE COORDINATOR



It is a pleasure to announce that Cmdr. Clayton Melanson has been chosen as the STARFLEET Stampede Director. Clayton has shown excellent leadership and enthusiasm in the start and growth of the USS Joshua and the Shuttle Lancelot in Texas. He assures us that he and all the shuttle members are looking forward to seeing just how many stamps the Fleet can send them. Below is some information about how to save those stamps and where to send. So, all those stamps from Christmas cards and New Years bills can find a welcome home in Arlington, Texas.

Cut out stamps and leave at least a quarter of an inch margin on all sides of the stamp to insure that it can be used. Bag them and ship them to:

Stampede Coordinator

Shuttle Lancelot • Clayton Melanson
2205 Shropshire Lane, Arlington, TX 76014



CHAPTER OF THE YEAR PROGRESS REPORT

The Chapter of the Year Committee has selected our judges from among the many volunteers; so many in fact that we had to turn some away. The response from "Closet Trekkers" of our sector has been fantastic! Some of the judges have said they intend to join Starfleet as soon as the judging is behind them. (This is almost becoming a membership drive!)

The committee is meeting for an orientation of the judges' panel on Earthdate: 9101.19 when we hope to have some material to show them. The crew of the shuttle Star League eagerly awaits your "ship-to-ship" transmissions.

Remember, the deadline for all entries is Earthdate: 9103.01. Show our judges your best, and give us something to shoot for when our turn comes.

For more information write to:

Chapter Of The Year Committee

c/o Cmdr. Cindy Krell
Shuttle Star League
P. O. Box 7452
North Augusta, SC 29841-1452



SHUTTLE OPERATIONS COMMAND

VADM Denise Peterson
Chief of Shuttle Operations
PO Box 155, St Peters, MO 63376

The Holidays slowed down the flight of new shuttles, but only temporarily. My first batch of mail to go out after the holidays had seven VRRs to prospective new shuttles, so 1991 should be another busy year here at the Fleet Shuttle Bay.

Let's welcome these new shuttles to STARFLEET:

RHYANNA - NCC-1657/01

CMDR William Colston, Spring Branch, TX

NAUTILUS - NCC-FB07/18

CMDR Marc Sisken, Newington, CT

GALACTA - NCC-FB12/19

CMDR Jason Bogguss, Port Byron, IL

VIXEN - NCC-2893/01

CMDR David Fattig, St. Joseph, MO

WOLF - NCC-2547/01

CMDR James Wagner, Jamestown, PA

AUDACIOUS - NCC-1717/11

CAPT. Scott Akers, League City, TX

MALVERN - NCC-FB07/20

CMDR Anthony Rowley, Upper Darby, PA

I only wonder what's waiting for me at my mailbox...I've been iced in (honest! I can't even get out of the house.) for a week now. Watch this space.

The starship roster is just about to grow also. The shuttles, Bacchus, Chronos, Imladris, Ra, Odyssey, Starlight, and Vanguard have finished their nine month tour of duty and should be going to ship status in the near future. These groups have done a great job as shuttles. We'll be honored to welcome these new ships to the fleet.

On a different note, the **Shuttle SandStorm**, has left for Saudi Arabia. Their address is: S.Sgt. John Jordan, Operation Desert Shield, 1702 Contingency Hospital, APO NY, NY 09854. Do not put any STARFLEET rank on the envelope or any reference to the shuttle for obvious reasons. I'm sure they'd love to

hear from us over there, and you other folks over in Saudi, they'd love to hear from us, too. Let's all do our best to support our people overseas. They're counting on us - don't let them down.

In regards to OCC, after March 1, any shuttle requesting a VRR for ship status will have to send a xerox of the OCC certificate for the CO and XO. This comes from the Fleet Admiral. She says that OCC is sufficiently caught up that it shouldn't be a problem now. My suggestion to all shuttle CO's and XO's is to sign up for OCC as soon as you can. Not only will you get it over with - you'll get a lot of valuable information that will help you during your tour of duty as a shuttle.

A number of shuttle CO's have asked me to address the problem of lost memberships/academy applications. I have a suggestion. Ask your crew to xerox their applications with the check across the top, and note the date it was sent. That way if they don't hear in a reasonable length of time, (6-8 weeks for STARFLEET memberships, 2-3 weeks for Academy apps.) they have some record that can be used to trace the missing paperwork. When you send in your test answers, keep a xerox for your records (but don't SHARE them - refer to the Academy report in the last issue of the *Communique*). That way, if the post office loses it, you have a way to replace it.

Speaking of the post office and losing mail...I wonder if putting STARFLEET rank, ship and shuttle names as part of the address could be part of the problem. I know that someone sent me a letter with my ship's name and NCC number as the bottom line of the address...Invicta has the NCC number of 26246 - the post office read it as the zip code and sent it to West Virginia! And the Sir A. John Macdonald had a bunch of their mail to the states sidetracked through military intelligence since it was addressed to admiral this and admiral that.

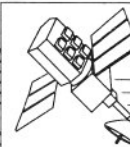
Just something to think about.

I'm still waiting to hear from you shuttle CO's about the newsletter. I've only gotten 3 answers so far. What do the other 49 of you think?

Some of you have asked about the terms "DSA" and "Unit Citations" used in the first section of the shuttle report form. A DSA is a distinguished service award, and I know that they are given in Regions 1 and 12 and maybe others. Unit Citations are just that, it's a regional award, although I think there are some motherhips that award them as well. Ask your regional coordinator and mothership CO's about what your region has available and how you go about qualifying for them.

Speaking of report forms and VRRs', please type or press very hard when using them - they're four copy forms and all copies need to be legible. My printer says it helps to keep them in a closed envelope until you use them, otherwise they lose their effectiveness from being exposed to too much heat or humidity.

Tell me what's been working for you folks when you recruit, and next issue I'll include your ideas. Til then, have fun and pray for warm, dry, weather in Missouri.



**INCOMING
TRANSMISSION**

Starfleet Marines

Brig. General Robb Jackson Marine Commandant

The Marines number between 250 to 300 members and now have 36 strike groups. The newest are:

The 34th, onboard the Shuttle Star League, Shawn Krell as NCOIC

The 35th, onboard the USS Constellation II, Marine Captain Rick Pirtle

The 99th, onboard the USS Challenger, Lt. Colonel Tom Wilson

We're closing the four level Marine College because a new manual is in the works. This manual will replace the 4 year old one with up-to-date information, including promotion policy.

The Marine Reserves are doing well with the latest inductees being: Lt. Colonel Charlotte Howey (Captain of the USS Aurora Vulcanus) and Lt. Colonel Tom Milinski (Captain of the USS Polaris). In a joint effort, the Marines are working with STARFLEET Security head, Beth Lipes, trying to establish a security special forces designation. This is in combination with the Marine Special Forces to form the "Omega Anti-Terrorist" teams.

STARFLEET

By-Laws Committee

Dan McGinnis, the Regional Coordinator of Region 12, and chairman of the By-Laws committee has finished accepting input about the content of the By-Laws. He and his group have really been hard at work trying to get the final draft of the By-Laws hammered out, and will be ready shortly to submit a final version for consideration.

The other members of the By-Laws committee are J.R. Fisher, Anita Davis, Patrick Roberts, Ray Brown, Sara Lipsky and Joyce Bercov.

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Community Services Coordinator

Sue Hampton has stated that due to enthusiastic response, she is still considering who the Community Services Coordinator will be. She has sent response letters to all of the applicants and is awaiting their replies.

There will be a Community Services Section in the next issue of the *Communique*. Please send information pertinent to that section to: The *Communique* Office, P.O. Box 1304, Lansdale, PA 19446. Deadline: March 5, 1991.

STARFLEET Scholarship Program



Our current STARFLEET Scholarship Fund are as follows:

THE PATRICK STEWART SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

JIMMY DOOHAN/MONTGOMERY SCOTT AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP

DeFOREST KELLEY/LEONARD McCOY MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP

SPACE EXPLORERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

FYI: STARFLEET SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications will be accepted for the scholarships until May 1, 1991. Applications and guidelines can be obtained by sending an SASE to Sue Hampton, 3401 Argyle Lane, Greensboro, NC 27406. Please mark "Scholarship" on the outside of the envelope. Hopefully, we will be able to announce the winners in our Aug/Sept. Communique. The following scholarships are available: a \$500 scholarships for studies at a junior or community college; a \$500 scholarship for studies at a four year college; a \$500 scholarship for studies in the aeronautical engineering field. At this time, there has not been enough money collected to award a scholarship under the Patrick Stewart Performing Arts Scholarship or the DeForest Kelley/Leonard McCoy Medical Scholarship. If enough donations are made that these scholarships can also be awarded this year, we will put out that information in the newsletter.

The action in the scholarship fund has been rather slow the last two months. It seems to have been put on hold, like so many other things during the holiday season.

The total donated during November and December was the whopping sum of \$26.00. \$25.00 of that was from our undisputed champion scholarship region, Region 12. Thanks, guys.

As the 1991 conventions and other activities get into full swing, more donations should be coming in, especially since STARFLEET has photos of Patrick Stewart, James Doohan and DeForest Kelley - all autographed and ready to raffle for their individual scholarships.

A FEW WORDS WITH GEORGE TAKEI

by Lt. Cmdr. James Van Cleave

While attending a *Star Trek* convention in Austin, Texas, I had the pleasure of listening to a fantastic guest speaker and feature attraction, actor, George Takei. He held talks and autograph sessions on both days of the convention. During his talks, he covered many topics. He told of how the response of fans forced Paramount to drop the proposed script they had for *Star Trek VI* in which they planned to have younger actors portray the crew during their academy days. Thanks to the voices of concerned fans, **all** of the **original** cast are signed to do the next movie. He also commented on the wonderful time he was having touring the city and especially the LBJ Library. He mentioned the great time he was having meeting and talking with fans, and extended a blanket invitation to those attending Saturday to go running with him the next day.

After his run, I had an opportunity to interview him, and here, for the members of STARFLEET, are the results of that interview:

JVC: How much of your own personality has gone into Sulu's development?

MR. TAKEI: Some of the characters, like Kirk and Spock, were very detailed in their conceptualization by Gene. Other, lesser characters, like Sulu, had very sketchy profiles, which allowed me to put a lot of myself into the role.

JVC: Have you ever had an interest in something that Sulu was scripted to have been interested in, such as botany?

MR. TAKEI: Not really. We are both collectors, but where he collects exotic weapons, I collect masks from around the world. I have some from Africa and from Japan, as well.

JVC: What was it like to watch *Star Trek* continue to grow in popularity, even during the lull between the cancellation of the TV series and the beginning of the movies?

MR. TAKEI: I don't think that there was ever really a lull. As the TV series was ending, the convention circuit was starting up with full force. But, to answer your question, we knew that we had a good show when we first signed on, though we never expected it to become the phenomenon that it has. That, of course, is mainly due to the wonderful support of all you fans.

JVC: Is it true that *Star Trek VI* will be the last movie for the original cast?

MR. TAKEI: Says who? So far, nothing to that effect has come out from Paramount. They had to seriously re-think things after the failure of *Star Trek V*, but the fact that there is going to be a *Star Trek VI*, with the original cast, proves that they still have some faith in us and in the fans.

JVC: If *Star Trek* had not come along, what would you like to have done with your career?

MR. TAKEI: That's a difficult question to answer. All I can really say is, that I would have continued my acting career.

JVC: Do you have any aspirations past the *Star Trek* saga?

MR. TAKEI: I would like to do some work with Shakespeare. After all, I did my graduate studies at Stratford on Avon. It was a present from my father, when I graduated from UCLA.

JVC: If you could deliver a personal message to all of the fans of *Star Trek*, what would it be?

MR. TAKEI: Well, like I say in all my interviews and talks at conventions, all of the people associated with *Star Trek* owe a great deal to the fans. Without your support, we never could have been put back on the air in the sixties; we never would have had a series of movies; and we certainly wouldn't be enjoying the response we've received at conventions like this. We owe all of that to the fans, and for you to support us like this and turn out at conventions like you do is just really fantastic. I'd like to thank you and all the other fans for that. It's very flattering.

VALLEYCON — February 9-10, 1991. Sheraton Airport Hotel, I-85 (Exit 6), 5351 Simons Blvd., Columbus, GA 31904 (404) 323-2664 in Georgia or 1-800-325-3535 outside Georgia. Guests are Spice Williams and Linda Feters. For more information, write: ConCo, 141 Munson Drive, Columbus, GA 31903 or call (404) 689-5584 or (404) 568-4928.

CONTINUITY 1991 — February 8-10, 1991. Birmingham, Alabama. Guests: Michael Resnik, Julia Ecklar, Ruth Thompson, Real Musgrave, Craig Brasfield and Brad Strickland (Toastmaster). For more information write: Continuity 1991, PO Box 55302, Birmingham, AL 35255-0302.

SNOWFLAKE V — The Frigid Frontier Cabin Fever Fan Party. Saturday, February 9, 1991. Ranch Mart Auditorium, 95th and Mission Road, Overland Park, KS. For more information, write: Starbase Kansas City/CFFP-V, PO Box 8701, Prairie Village, KS 66208-0701.

FAN-OUT — March 1-3, 1990. Marriott Hunt Valley Inn, Shawan Rd., I-83, Hunt Valley, MD (12 Miles N. of Baltimore). (301)785-7000 for reservations. Guests: Denise Crosby, William Campbell, Bob Greenberger, Howard Weinstein, Rich Brinkley, Barry Longyear, Mark Okrand. Activities include: Language workshop with Marc Okrand, costuming, writing & acting workshops, costume call, art show & auction.

REGION 2 CONFERENCE — March 22, 1991. Alamonte Springs, Hilton, Orlando, FL.

S.T. CON '91 — March 22-24th. Glenbow Inn, 8th Avenue S.W., Calgary. Main guest is Susan Sackett. Also featuring the N.W. Sector Conference and a STARFLEET Wedding. Membership: Now to December 31st, 1990 - \$12, January 1st to Feb. 28th, 1991 - \$17, March 1st and at the door - \$22. For more information, contact: Capt. April Gorman, 5351 Silverdale Dr., N.W., Calgary, Alberta, T3B 3M7, Canada

VULKON ORLANDO — March 22-24, 1991, Altamonte Springs Hilton. Guests: Wil Wheaton and Marina Sirtis. Hotel Reservations: \$69 single, double, triple or quad. Call 407-830-1985. For more information write: Devlin Associates, PO Box 786, Hollywood, FL 33022-0786.

REGION 12 CONFERENCE — March 30, 1991. At the Best Western Inn and Conference Center in Columbia, MO. For more information, contact Region 12 RC Dan McGinnis.

TECHNICON 8 — April 12-14, 1991. Blacksburg, VA. At the Donaldson Brown Center at Virginia Polytechnical Institute, in the beautiful mountains of Virginia. Special guest this year is Diane Carey, author of several Star Trek novels. 5th annual Batron 11 Conference will also be held for STARFLEET members. For more information, write: Technicon 8, c/o VTSFFC, PO Box 256, Blacksburg, VA 24063-0256 or call (703) 953-1214.

MARCON 26 — April 26-28, 1991, at the Hyatt Regency, Columbus, OH. (614) 2MARCON. Guests: Lois McMaster Bujold, Peter David, C. J. Cherryh, Juanita Coulson, Rowena, and Dick Spelman. For more information write: Marcon 26, PO Box 211101, Columbus, OH 43221.

MAGNUM OPUS CON 6 — April 26-28, 1991. Hyatt Regency Greenville, 228 N. Main Street, Greenville, SC 29681 (803) 235-1234. For more information, write: Magnum Opus Con 6, PO Box 6585, Athens, GA 30604 or call (404) 324-2559 or (404) 549-1533.

LANDTREK 91 — Where the coolers come out of the closets! May 31-June 2, 1991. Miami South KOA, 20675 SW 162nd Avenue, Miami, FL. Cheaptrek and the USS Triumph present the convention for fans by fans. Charitable auction, marshmellon sacrifice around the campfire, Trek ghost stories and seance, "The Rocky Horror Star Trek Show", Trek Trivia for the adults and Trekling Trivia for the kids, Horta egg hunt and to top it off, the Selay Swing and Anitican Bar-B-Que. All proceeds go to the KOA Kare Kampers (Children with cancer) and the Camillus house for the homeless. For more information, write: Landtrek 91, c/o Deborah Nelson, 7010 W. 2nd Way, Hialeah, FL 33014.

BONAVENTURE LANDING PARTY '91 — May 31 - June 2nd, 1991. The great annual Camp-Out Weekend goes on. Lots of sports, fun and zaniness galore. More information is coming, but if you can't wait contact: Kathy Forvendel, 459 Pebble Creek Drive, Carey, NC 27511.

THUNDERCON — June 7-9, 1991. Central Plaza Hotel, I-40 and Eastern, Oklahoma City, OK. 1-800-522-4383 in Oklahoma or 1-800-233-2219 outside Oklahoma. Guest of Honor, Colm Meaney, Transporter Chief O'Brien of ST:TNG. For more information, write: Thundercon 1, 2019 Beaumont, Norman, OK 73071.

BAYCON '91 — June 7-9, 1991. Creation Salutes Star Trek 25th Anniversary. Los Angeles Airport Hilton. Guests: William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy, DeForest Kelley, James Doohan, George Takei, Walter Koenig, Nichelle Nichols, Gene Roddenberry. For more information write: BayCon '91, PO Box 70393, Sunnyvale, CA 94086.

FRIENDSHIPCON '91 — June 15-16, 1991. Sheraton Valley Forge Hotel, North Gulph Road and First Avenue, King of Prussia, PA 19406. For Hotel Reservations call 1-800-325-3535 (The Sheraton) or 1-800-333-3333 (the Radisson). Guests: Anthony Ainley (The Master) & Tom Baker (The Doctor). Writers' and Artists' seminar. Dealer's Room, Cars of the Future exhibition, Star Trek 25th Anniversary party on Saturday night.

FANTASY FAIR — June 21-23, 1991. Altamonte Springs Hilton. Guest: Colm Meaney and other guests to be announced. Hotel rates to be announced. For more information write: Devlin Associates, PO Box 786, Hollywood, FL 33022-0786.

CONTINUUM 91 — June 21-23, 1991. A Star Trek 25th Anniversary Celebration! The Holiday Inn, Cape Girardeau, MO. Guests so far are Majel Barrett Roddenberry, Richard Arnold, and artist Jean Kluge (who did the cover for the October/November 1990 issue of the *COMMUNIQUE*). For more information, write: CONTINUUM '91, 1617 Lyndhurst, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701.

DEEP SOUTH CON/CONCATENNATION — June 7-9, 1991. Airport Hilton in Knoxville, TN. For more information, write: PO Box 23592, Knoxville, TN 37933 or call (615) 579-3202.

SHORE LEAVE XIII — July 12th-14th, 1991. Marriott Hunt Valley Inn in Hunt Valley Maryland. Festivities include (but are not limited to) appearances by George Takei (Sulu), other Star Trek:TNG guests to be announced, Howard Weinstein, Bob Greenberger, Brad Ferguson and lots of fun and fans. Dealers room, autograph sessions, videos, panel discussions, childrens' programming and more. For more information write to S.T.A.T./Shore Leave XIII, P.O. Box 6809, Towson, MD 21285-6809. or call our hotline: (301) 486-1681.

VOLGACON — September 8-14, 1991. Volgograd, USSR. For more information, write: Boris A. Zavgorodny, Volgograd-66, Poste Restante, USSR, VOLGACON or phone 34-74-62 or 43-74-64 or 34-86-56.

LAGRANGECON '91 — hosted by the fabulous USS Lagrange. November 16th-17, 1991. Holiday Inn Independence, Cleaveland, OH. Guest of Honor: Home Town Girl Gates McFadden. More guests to be announced. For more information, send an SASE starting April 1st to: LagrangeCon '91, PO Box 1193, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223.

VULKON ST. PETERSBURG — November 22-24, 1991, St. Petersburg Hilton & Towers. Guest: DeForest Kelley. Other guests to be announced. Hotel Reservations: Rates to be announced. For more information write: Devlin Associates, PO Box 786, Hollywood, FL 33022-0786.

Having a convention or conference? Send details and flyer for inclusion in our Convention Report.

Diplomatic Transmission from: Lt. j. g. Kretorg tai-Dok'Marr Communications Officer; Imperial Klingon Vessel : "Storm Walker" Death's Hand Squadron, Klingon Defense Force

An open letter to all STARFLEET Personnel:

I am Kretorg, Lieutenant junior grade rank, of the Mortas-Te-Kaase. I have been ordered by my commander to transmit this message in an attempt to initialize further diplomatic relations between the Federation and the Mortas-Te-Kaase, the Klingon fleet which I have sworn my loyalty to.

I will begin by stating that the Klingon Empire is very much alive and well. If you have not seen uniformed representatives of my Fleet or members of other Klingon battle groups at interplanetary conventions and other large gatherings, you soon will. The Klingons there represent a uniquely honorable, strong, and violent Empire which, because of glorious qualities such as these, it's memberships have increased dramatically. Our ships are fully manned, and our forces are always prepared for battle and willing to die in service to the Klingon Empire.

Of course, the Grand Alliance now exists. For better or for worse, we must honor it. The forces of the Empire are now allies to those of Starfleet, and any attack upon a Federation vessel will be regarded as an attack upon the entire Klingon Empire, and dealt with as swiftly and decisively as such. You Dvl' ghots He'wl are quite fortunate to have such a powerful ally. But I would like to cover a point which has fallen into controversy in some sectors of the Federation lately.

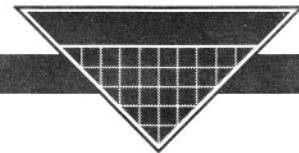
Primarily, the Klingon Empire has not, nor has it ever, surrendered to the United Federation of Planets, or anyone else for that matter. The Great Peace came about by events which began during the "Yesterday's Enterprise" episode. Those whom I have not yet dealt with, who still claim that the Klingons were defeated

by Starfleet (a humorous theory at best) are strongly advised to view this episode, as it will not surprisingly state that if War was to occur between our two governments, the Klingons would quite frankly rip you to shreds. But as exciting and appealing as this sounds to me, the War unfortunately was avoided because of the very honorable actions of U.S.S. Enterprise, NCC-1701-C.

As for the Mortas-Te-Kaase, I will say this. We are at peace with the Federation for now, and I am quite certain that this relationship will continue long into the future, benefiting both of our peoples. My Fleet shall continue to assist STARFLEET in maintaining it's battle readiness by continuing to challenge STARFLEET warships to lazer tag battles and other combat maneuvers, such as providing warriors to act as Security during interplanetary conventions. I will also give you a few words of advice. When you see a Klingon warrior, be aware of the fact that he is highly trained in personal combat, and is quite probably heavily armed. My imagination is far too limited to even begin to ponder what would happen to the unfortunate one who provokes a Klingon warrior. Proper respect shall always be given to uniformed members of STARFLEET, and it is always expected that the same be given to us in return.

Finally, and I grit my teeth in saying this, I wish you all survival and success. Although, you are not Klingons, you do show a few warrior traits which indicate some potential for the future. I can respect this, and I trust that both of our futures shall bring forth greater glory.

Forward to Victory,
Kretorg



WHAT IS SUCCESS?

To laugh often and much;

To win the respect of intelligent people
and the affection of children;

To earn the appreciation of honest critics
and endure the betrayal of false friends;

To appreciate beauty;

To find the best in others;

To leave the world a bit better,
whether by a healthy child, a garden patch
or a redeemed social condition;

To know even one life has breathed easier
because you have lived;

This is to have succeeded.

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

Reprinted from

USS Ranger's newsletter, Blackfire, with thanks.

ROMULANS: WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM IN THE 24TH CENTURY?

by Sherry Hopper • USS Polaris - NCC-1839

To the United Federation of Planets and to all the species they victimized, the Romulans were known as savage, cunning fighters. And despite a bloody war and a tenuous treaty, neither starship captains nor Federation ambassadors nor treaty negotiators knew the face of that enemy. At least until, in classic Star Trek, Captain James Kirk and the crew of the USS Enterprise, NCC-1701, had the dubious honor of being the first to come face-to-face with their Romulan counterparts in "Balance of Terror".

Uhura opened a hailing frequency. The viewscreen engaged...On the Enterprise bridge that day, they weren't prepared for the enemy face to be a familiar one. And, oh, it was so familiar. These were Romulans? The acute ears, the upswept brows — The Romulan warbird commander could have been cousin to the Enterprise's First Officer, the Vulcan/Human hybrid Spock. Indeed, to Star Trek viewers, there was little difference in actor Mark Lenard's makeup for his role as the Romulan commander in "Balance of Terror" and his transformation into Sarek, Spock's Vulcan father, on the "Journey to Babel".

But they WERE Romulans, not Vulcans. Though they shared the same planet of origin, the Romulans had sought the freedom of the stars long before the Vulcans embraced logic to cool their hot blood. Romulan blood had never cooled. These were fiery, impassioned warriors — as extreme and intense in their loves as they were in their enmities — which Spock learned while his captain appropriated a Romulan cloaking device during "The Enterprise Incident". That episode's seduction scene between the female Romulan Commander and the Vulcan First Officer remains a classic study in sensuous seduction and ultimate betrayal.

From those glimpses, the Romulan mystique lingered.

Judging by the warbirds' crews, this was a handsome and intelligent race. Where Klingons provided a brute-force enemy, the Romulans had finesse. They were a unique blend of power, passion, savagery, and honor. If their physical presence was Vulcan, they were Vulcans unrestrained. If female crewmen (and viewers, too) were drawn to the suppressed, do-not-touch sensuality of Spock, the Romulans' every mannerism promised eroticism as fierce as any battle.

Then...nothing.

Fifty-three years passed for the Federation before the Romulan presence became once again more than a rumor (in the Star Trek: The Next Generation first season finale "The Neutral Zone"). Captain Jean-Luc Picard and the Enterprise 1701-D encountered a single Romulan warbird at the edge of the Neutral Zone, where both vessels were investigating (and blaming each other for) a baffling, destructive phenomenon. Emotionless, the Romulan commander pronounced, "Matters more urgent caused our absence. We have been negligent, but no more. Your presence is not wanted. We are back."

Picard's response echoed the hopes of many viewers: "I think our lives just became a lot more difficult."

At last! The return of an enemy worthy of that designation, a foe more fitting than Ferengi to test the Federation's flagship. Only Borg outdo Romulans in savagery; but Borg have no personality, no compelling motives other than mechanical assimilation. (And Q isn't really savage, just playfully insensitive; not so much an enemy as a pain in the photon tubes).

But...what about those "matters more urgent" that kept them away for five decades?

Whatever it was had some pretty far-reaching effects on the Romulan race. For instance, it had to be something more interesting than 50 years of evolution that brought those fore-

head lines into about as much prominence as you find on Worf (who doesn't have bangs to soften the effect). Did they try a crossmatch with Klingons during that long-ago alliance? This new facial feature certainly takes the edge off their sex-appeal.

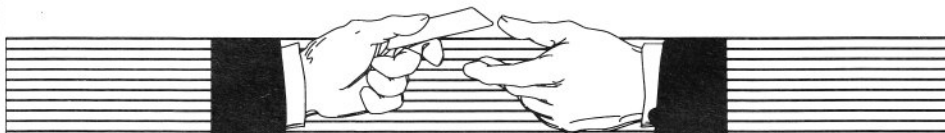
And speaking of emotions, it seems that Romulans in the 24th Century decided to adopt the austere demeanor of their Vulcan cousins. "New" Romulan officers are formal to the point of stiffness rather than the haughtiness of their predecessors. Even their voices are often without inflection or fire. Counselor Troi described them as "creatures of extremes. Their belief in their own superiority is beyond arrogance." Where are the extremes? What happened to Romulans who were always letting a little of that arrogance show? The ones who were quite willing to claw their way out of any situation, because honor demanded it or for the good of the Empire that was more than life to them? After only 50 years, Romulans in crisis situations are either cast adrift in confusion by humans ("The Enemy") or desire peace and a farm on which to raise their children ("The Defector").

Was it a space virus with mutating affects?

Where are the Romulans that could sit in warbird command chairs and rub their arrogant superiority in a starship captain's face with smoldering body language alone? What happened to the female Commander (and others like her) that viewers could cheer as she carried her battle with the Federation into the bedroom, even if you knew she didn't have a chance of winning that game? It was fun just watching the strategies and counterpunches!

Classic Romulans had drop-dead voices, sensuous moves, elegant style in politics or seduction or war. They were appropriate keepers of the Vulcan blood that never felt the cold touch of logic.

What happened to them?



HIGH PROFILE: CHAPTER PUBLICITY IDEAS

By Lt. j.g. Don Jones, CCO, USS Powhatan • NCC-1967

Ever wonder what more you could do to get your ship in the community's eye, and to let people know you exist? We've all put up displays at conventions and put flyers and posters in the local comic shops, but there's a lot more you can do to make a "high profile". Here are a few suggestions.

First, PSA's, or Public Service Announcements, are your most valuable resource. Public television stations (including networks, independents, etc.) and radio stations are required by the FCC to give some advertising time to non-profit organizations like STARFLEET. Television stations will usually put your meeting dates and times on their "Community Calendar", but radio stations will read a brief (30 to 45 seconds) message on the air every so often. Be sure to "renew" your PSA's every month to keep the station current.

Next, is a source many chapters have never considered. Most movie theaters will post a PSA if given to them in the form of a 35mm color slide. AMC is one such chain, and others in your area may be willing to help you out, too. Sure, putting up a display for the new Trek movie attracts attention, but those pre-movie slide shows have a huge captive audience. Contact the local theater managers for more information. Remember: The worst they can possibly do is say, "Sorry, but no."

Back to television for the third tip. Get on really good terms with your local FOX affiliate. You know, the people who carry Next Generation. Most chapters have a few members with costumes and uniforms, and that's a great resource! Most FOX affiliates are local independents, and don't have a big budget, so will take help from any quarter. Suggest that they run a trivia contest during Next Generation or "Classic" re-runs. Chapter members could read the "daily trivia question" in costume/uniform, and then a screen could be shown telling about STARFLEET and the local chapter, with one of the members doing a voice-over of when and where the next meeting will be. This is a fantastic way to recruit if you put some time into setting it up.

Finally, the easiest way to recruit is if you've got a recognizable Trek uniform. Put it on, carry some flyers, and walk through your local shopping mall or downtown. Yes, it takes some courage sometimes, but you will get questions.

Now, some of the problems with recruiting and how to solve them. Assume you let people know you exist. Assume they've taken a flyer and are enthusiastic about making your next meeting, etc. etc. You never see them again. No, the Great Bird didn't steal them — only their memory. They get home, flyer hits the "junk pile" or trash can, and it's forgotten. Solution? Sell membership packages directly whenever possible. Get permission from your Regional Coordinator and let Adm. Hampton know a good month ahead of time. Once ya' got da' dough, dey'll remember.

Regarding flyers: Never use anything smaller than 8 1/2 by 11", and don't print on white paper if you can avoid it. Color ink on bright paper is the best, and the bigger and badder it looks, the better. Take a photo of your crew, or a model of your ship if you have one. Have it screened so it will reproduce well (local printer's shop) and get someone with a fancy computer to laser-print the text. Or spring for printing. Or, at least, type it on a non-dot-matrix printer. Looks are everything! Go for low text and lotsa pictures and drawings. People like that. Make the text easy to read, too! Don't print 20 characters per inch and then reduce it 63% (I have seen this, and the CO in question knows who I'm talking about!!) It is unattractive and people don't read it.

Anyway, you should be getting the basic idea by now. Some other quick suggestions: Local schools often have spring fairs. Show up. Civic Leagues may do some, or the Jaycees. Participate visibly and always carry flyers. Trek-oriented license plates are the best . . . just keep some flyers in the glovebox if

someone pulls you over or makes the Vulcan salute at the stoplight (my plat says "TREKIN" and I've given away dozens of flyers to split-fingered drivers!) Recruit with a High Profile! And be sure to let us all know about your own unique ideas!

TRIVIA ANSWERS FROM LAST ISSUE:

McCoy's Middle Name is Horatio
George Samuel Kirk was James Kirk's father and brother.
Reliant's Prefix Code is 16309
Worf's Targ Appeared In The Episode:
Where None Have Gone Before
It appeared on the Bridge of the Enterprise

VALLEY OF THE CAPTIONS CONTEST



CAPTION WINNER:

KIRK: *Okay everybody, when she starts singing, we sing "doo-wah, doo-wah."*
Roman Gheesling, 722 A. Jefferson Ave. #306, Springfield, MO 65806

HONORABLE MENTION:

"O Great Bird of the Galaxy, if not a fourth season, what about feature films?"
Sherry Hopper, 4613 Brookview Drive, Batavia, OH 45103



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNER. Roman wins a \$5.00 Gift Certificate good for STARFLEET merchandise. Here's the next one.
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Is your ship the type of ship that you cannot find extensive ship plans for? If so, the **Corps of Engineer's Department of Engineering Design** will help you create ship plans for your chapter. All ship plans will be of starships that are allowed by Office of Technical Information for chapter use. For more information write: Department of Engineering Design, Cpt. Milo J Postel, 1750 Sandra Dr, Fayetteville, NC 28304

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PUBLICATIONS

Now accepting submissions. Fiction, poetry, art and cartoons. *First Officer's Log* is an upcoming fanzine featuring the character of Riker on Star Trek: The Next Generation. For submission guidelines, send a SASE to: fffJF Editors, Suite 214, 145A Danbury Road, New Milford, CT 06776

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KLINGONS UNITE! A chapter of The Klingon Assault Group is forming in central New York State (Syracuse and surrounding areas). For more information write: IKV RAVAGE/Rick Powell, PO Box 223, Syracuse, NY 13208.

USS LEONARD NIMOY, INDEPENDENT: ADM. Sandra Keel, #4001, County Rd. 9, LaFayette, Alabama 36862. Handbook, four to five newsletters per year, depending on Mr. Nimoy's activities. Newsletters offered soon in German, and other languages. Authorized by Leonard Nimoy from Nov. 1982 until March, 1987. Known by his manager. Any other clubs by me are ages past. This one is permanent! Dues \$10.00 U.S.A. \$12.00 overseas. Operation Desert Shield Personnel Free.

Yes, Virginia, there is a fan club for Jonathan Frakes, Newsletter, fanzine, and more. For information, send a SASE to friends, fans and followers of Jonathan Frakes, Suite 214, 145A Danbury Road, New Milford, CT 06776

WANTED

HELP WANTED: Please help me to rebuild my Star Trek collection! I'm searching for Star Trek and Star Trek: TNG items, all except dolls and fanzines. I also need video copies from cons, interviews and films with the Star Trek actors.

Who knows other Austrian Star Trek fans?!!! Please write or call: Gabriele M. Wrubel, Jedlersdorferstrasse 99/33/50, A-1210 Vienna, Austria-Europe, Phone: 01143-222-390 1191.

WANTED: Does your Ship/shuttle operate a Fidonet compatible electronic Bulletin Board System (BBS)? Would you like to "talk" to others via a BBS? Then contact Rob Lerman at 1:203/57 Fidonet or via the BBS at 916-985-4041 300-9600 baud HST.

WANTED: Playing cards featuring either classic Trek or Next Generation cast members. Do they exist? Stacia Felix, 543 E. Wigdon Way, Suisun City, CA 94585.

WANTED: One Tribble with "Do Not Feed The Tribble" sign. Do not care what color. Send replies to: Amy Humphries, RT 4 Box 496, Beals Chaple Dr. Lenoir City, TN 37771. Please include price of tribble. Thanks!

WANTED: Specs and Diagrams of Alaska and Galaxy class Starships. Will pay reasonable price. Write to Robert Moore, PO Box 947, Woodbridge, CA 95258

WANTED: Good quality VHS copy of Rent Control, a film starring Brent Spiner. Will pay cost of tape and postage, plus small bonus finder's fee. Please write Laura Greenberg, 637 Mitchell Ave, Lexington, KY 40504 or call 606-278-8334

WANTED: All STARFLEET members from the Beagmont/Vidok areas of S.E. Texas or from the Lake Charles area of S.W. Louisiana, in order to discuss the possibility of forming a ship in the Beagmont/Vidor Texas area. Please contact Ronald Ryder, 162 Great House Rd, Vidor, Texas 77662, phone 409-768-1690

WANTED: BOOKS: Equinox is at it again. We have recently received a request from Veterans Hospital in Maine for books for their in and out patients. Unfortunately with the Kuwait situation they foresee young patients coming in if peace does not come soon. They are in need of all types of books, sci-fi (of course), westerns, mysteries, all types of fiction and nonfiction. Please refrain from sending X-rated type of material. You may send your books to Equinox, Attn: Peg Pellerin, RDF#3, Box 5460, Winslow, ME 04901. We will deliver these books to our veterans in the hospital. If you wish to have your postage reimbursed, indicate so with the books you send. Thank you for your assistance, again.

HELP WANTED: Do you or any of your friends watch Quantum Leap? Since it was moved from Wednesday to its new Friday night time slot, Quantum Leap's Nielson ratings have fallen dramatically. Consequently, Quantum Leap is in BIG trouble at NBC. Act now, while the show is still on the air! Write NBC and tell them how much you like Quantum Leap. If you stopped watching Quantum Leap when it moved to Fridays, tell NBC to move it back! A possible address to write is: Mr. Warren Littlefield, NBC-TV, 3000 W. Alameda Avenue, Burbank, CA 91523

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SF101 Maroon Windbreaker. Nylon taffeta outer shell. Cotton flannel lining. Byron collar. Drawstring bottom. Elastic cuffs. Snap front. Slash pockets. **STARFLEET** logo in silver and white on left breast. Sizes S-XXL. \$20.00 plus \$2.00 postage per jacket.

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