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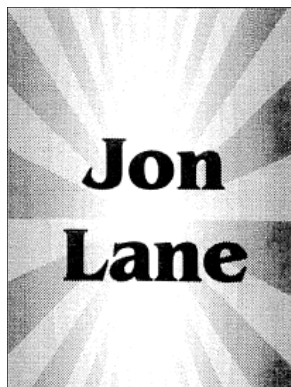
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COVER ARTIST

Captain Jon Lane is the Executive Officer of the USS Avenger and Special Projects Advisor of Region Seven. Jon graduated as a psychology major from Cornell University and decided to throw an Ivy League education completely away to pursue his true love of computer art. He is currently pursuing a two-year Associate degree in Graphic Design at Pratt Manhattan. In his 'free time', Jon produces "Tricorder Readings", one of the USS Avenger's two chapter publications. He has been in STARFLEET for over seven years and has earned what could only be called an 'infamous' reputation in the Fleet. This piece of cover art was put together between the hours of 9 pm and 3 am one particularly sleepless night. Jon has only partial memory of the experience.

THE COMMUNIQUE CREW: Deciphering, Keying & General Lunacy provided by Deb Galeone. Jacqueline Gilkey, Mark Morrow. General supervision & occasional whip cracking provided by Fritz, the Pit Tribble. (grrrr)

AN INTERNAL COMMUNICATION FROM STARFLEET HEADQUARTERS

Jeannette Maddox Commander, STARFLEET



Deborah Nelson has just been appointed as Regional Coordinator of Region Two, replacing Sherry Bowen, who has stepped down from that position. And in Region Ten, April Gorman has assumed the position of Regional Coordinator after the former RC, Terry Wyatt, moved to the state of Washington.

We want to give a warm welcome to Deborah and April. I know they both will be tremendous assets to their regions. We also want to say thanks to Sherry and Terry for the great jobs they did while serving as Regional Coordinators.

For those commanding officers who may not have gotten the word, STARFLEET Archives is now at Headquarters. Instead of sending one copy of your report to Archives and one to HQ, you will send only one to HQ. It will be read and then placed into Archives. This will help conserve paper and reduce postage costs. The Archive copies of your report are used to provide chapter news for the Communiqué and to preserve STARFLEET's history,

Ah, Spring! I hope by the time everyone receives this issue that spring has come to their doorstep (except for our Down Under members, of course, for whom winter is on its way).

First of all, I would like to welcome two new Regional Coordinators to the STARFLEET Admiralty Board.

so please remember to send them to HQ.

The Department of Communications has taken on the task of keeping up with the ever-rapidly changing Vessel Registry. (Hooray!!!). That will give me a little more time to work on my two foot stack of unanswered letters. And besides, I know Judith and her staff will do a much better job than I have been doing with it. Any Fleet member that would like to have the latest update of the addresses of STARFLEET ships and shuttles should send a SASE plus an extra .29 cent stamp (to cover copying costs) to the Communiqué address.

The STARFLEET National Conference in Maryland in July at Shore Leave is already shaping up to be a fantastic experience. The Shore Leave convention staff have been very accommodating and Mark Haynes has scheduled hours of STARFLEET activities and meetings. I've had STARFLEET members from almost every Fleet Region tell me they'll be there for the fun. I'm going to be there myself and I'm looking forward to meeting and talking to all the Fleet members I can while my voice and feet hold out. Hope to see you there!

FINANCES

I know most of you will be glad to see that the chapter reports are back. The treasury has recovered enough that we can return to the larger version of the COMMUNIQUE, at least for now.

(Continued on next page)

Sue Hampton Vice Cmdr., STARFLEET



Here it is the beginning of March, winter will be over in a couple more weeks. Officially winter will be over, but it never really came this year. I grew up in Ohio and Michigan and to me winter is cold and sleet and snow and all the aggravations and fun that go with that. The news is reporting a heavy snow and ice storm that dumped on New York recently. The only snow I've seen this year was a ski trip to West Virginia and some snow flurries and ice while visiting STARFLEET headquarters for a couple of days. So enough on the weather. It will be quite a few more years before we can really control it to what we want. I will still swap a few hours of my sunshine for some time in Regions 10, 13, 14, 5, 6, and 7. But only a few hours!

The past three months not only brought the holiday seasons and busy activities, but also the start of my second term as Vice Commander. It has gotten off to a roaring start. The third big time taker of my life has been working as cheerleading coach for my daughter's team. This, in addition to taxi driver for her basketball team and both sons teams. Since both those seasons are finally over I can get down to some Fleet business. So if your answers have not been returned as quickly as you expected, be patient. I am pounding the keyboard, again. Memberships, new and renewals, are on a regular turn around time frame now. I have had a few letters about missing packages from members that joined at the end of 1990. I am not that far behind! Those were obviously lost by the Post Awful and

we are replacing them as I hear about it. Advise members to give 46 weeks to receive their packages and then start checking. Since I am the last stop in the headquarters computer-operations-package-mailout-chain, please check with me first and I will back track as necessary.

Requests continue to come in for membership packages at conventions. This is a great promotional program for STARFLEET. A reminder: I must have four weeks, written notice. A lot of conventions seem to hit at the same time and often on the same weekend. In order to have that many packages completed, ready, and shipped on time and still keep up with the regular flow of membership packages, I need plenty of planning time.

My congratulations and welcome to the Admiralty Board to new Regional Coordinators Deborah Nelson, R/2, Eric Anderson, R/6, and Lynnette Knox, R/17.

Our world is forever changing in major and much smaller ways. Before you definitely decide that a change is good or bad, wrong or right why not give it/him/them a chance. If it works...fine. If it doesn't work, then by all means take appropriate steps to change or improve. This is hitting close to home as I step down from the center seat of the U.S.S. Bonaventure. I am sure that there will be changes fast and forth coming. We only learn by trying. The old sayings are "you can't move forward without taking the first step" or "the turtle has to stick his neck out to get moving" As we move into spring and more active weather as well as convention fever, have lots of fun, save those cancelled stamps (Clayton Melanson hasn't cried, "Uncle" yet so you must not have swamped the post office). Cut up those plastic six-pack holders and kiss your frog every night.

Thanks to all the members who wrote to give us an opinion about a proposed annual membership fee increase. Your responses are very much appreciated. The discussion about the fee increase continues and we'll let you know how it comes out.

As most of you know, STARFLEET has been working with a CPA to get a Tax Exempt status for the organization from the IRS. We have encountered a small problem that must be addressed before we go on to the next step.

At this time, the directors of the STARFLEET Academy schools are keeping the tuition fees in their personal possession and using the money to cover their expenses for the operation of the schools. This has been working very well, but the IRS says that we must change the procedure.

All tuition fees for Academy schools and services must come through the STARFLEET bank account. The Academy directors will send receipts to HQ monthly and be reimbursed for their expenses. It makes a lot more work for everyone concerned, but the IRS insists, so we'll comply. We definitely want that Tax Exempt number.

To make the figures easier for everyone to remember, the fee for each Academy school/course and the Alumni Association will be \$2.50. Make your check or money order payable to STARFLEET. Send the tuition, along with your application, to the school you wish to enter (or to the Alumni Association). The director of the school/service will then send the check or money order to HQ for processing and will handle the rest of the paperwork as before.

If you have any questions about this new method of payment for STARFLEET Academy, write the school director, Academy Director Rob Lerman or HQ and we'll be glad to help you.

SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE

At the STARFLEET National Conference at Shore Leave in Hunt Valley, Maryland this year (July 12-14), the scholarship program will be holding a raffle for autographed items for each of the Star Trek star's scholarship program. The tickets will be sold during the convention and the winning ticket drawn on Sunday,

July 14th, hopefully by the convention's Star Trek guest, George Takei.

We know that not everyone will make it to the conference and we want to give those people a chance at the autographed items also. These raffles are open to everyone via the mails. The tickets are \$1.00 each and the designated scholarship (James Doohan, Patrick Stewart or DeForest Kelley) should be put on the check or money order so we know which raffle you wish to enter.

Purchase of tickets by mail will be accepted up until the Fleet Admiral leaves for Shore Leave. All tickets purchased by mail will be taken to Shore Leave and placed with the tickets purchased there. If an order for tickets arrives too late to take to Shore Leave, the money will be refunded. If the winner is not in attendance at the convention on Sunday, July 14th, the autographed item will be mailed to him/her.

Now's your chance to help the scholarship fund and try for that autograph you wanted. Send raffle ticket orders to STARFLEET, PO Box 430, Burnsville, NC, 28714.

FINANCIAL REPORT

ACCOUNT SUMMARY							
Beginning Balance	+	Total Deposits	+	Interest Paid This Statement	-	Total Amount Paid Out	= Ending Balance
4,041.34	+	3,958.15	+	20.57	-	1,931.06	= 6,089.00

Year-to-Date Interest Paid
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1990 CHAPTER OF THE YEAR UPDATE

by Charles Quick, Coordinator • shuttle STAR LEAGUE

As we got to press, the Judges' panel of the STARFLEET Chapter of the Year completion has completed over 80% of their evaluation of the 16 submissions postmarked by the deadline (Earthdate: 9103.01). Their selections for Chapter of the Year and Rookie Chapter of the year, as well as Runners-up and Honorable Mentions in two categories will be announced by STARFLEET Headquarters to the ships that entered, as soon as the judges have reached their consensus. Stand by for the full results and profiles of the Chapter and Rookie Chapter of the Year in the next issue of the STARFLEET Communiqué.

The entries for Chapter of the Year are : U.S.S. Alioth, NCC-1828; U.S.S. Chesapeake, NCC-1877; U.S.S. Heimdal, NCC-1793; U.S.S. Horizon, NCC-1000-A; U.S.S. Lagrange, NCC-3916; ; U.S.S. Sally Ride, NCC-643; and the U.S.S. Tai-Shan, NCC-2524. The entries for Rookie Chapter of the Year are: U.S.S. Dominion, NCC-2115; U.S.S. Excalibur, NCC-1705; U.S.S. Joshua, NCC-3700; U.S.S. Ranger, NCC-2206; U.S.S. Challenger, NCC-1676; U.S.S. Rebel, NCC-1600; U.S.S. Renegade, NCC-2547; U.S.S. Tempest, NCC-1566; U.S.S. Triumph, NCC-26228; and the U.S.S. Wasp, NCC-1721.

Seven of the entries are ships of the "First Fleet", two are from Region Two, one from Region Three, two from Region Seven, three from Region Twelve, and two from Region Seventeen. (The Star League intends to enter next year, we throw down the gauntlet by challenging every rookie starship compete with us.)

The judges, who are not members of STARFLEET, have been viewing the entries in round-robin fashion, a handful at a time, using their lunch breaks, evenings, and weekends to study the enormous volumes of material contained in them. The best estimate

to date is from an hour two hours to peruse each submission. That's a lot of lunch breaks! They have been taking detailed notes on their impressions of each chapter's yearbook, scrapbook, fanzine, videotape, audio tape, T-shirt, handkerchief, badge, certificate, proclamation, (handkerchief?) and stuff, so that the ten entries that came in in March receive the same attention as the six that arrived in February.

In setting up the competition, STARFLEET established a system of points to award each entry, exemplifying the priority STARFLEET places on each endeavor. A maximum of 50 points are to be given for ship, STARFLEET, and Star Trek-related activities; a maximum of 40 points are to be awarded for donations of time and money to charity and community service; and a maximum of ten points go to the quality of the ship's presentation.

The judges were given an orientation into the STARFLEET family at their first meeting Earthdate: 9101.19. The staff of the shuttle Star League were quick to establish that, although the Star League is available to the judges with assistance of any kind, the judges were free to determine the structure and criteria of the evaluation among themselves; the points structure set by STARFLEET was emphasized as indication of what sort of activities should get the most credit.

The judges met again Earthdate 9103.02 to view their progress and to refine their criteria. All the attending judges expressed the fun they were having, and the difficulty of coming up with an objective assessment of the widely varied styles of presentation. They agreed that a final meeting would be needed after the detailed scrutiny, in order to reach a consensus.

The date for the final meeting of the Judges' Panel has not been set, but the task will be completed

some time in mid-March. This will come as good news to the chapters who anxiously await the outcome. The Star League will return the submission materials to the chapters as soon as possible after that. This will be good news to those chapters which sent originals of documents, artwork, and irreplaceable photographs.

Once the judging is finished, the judges will be sending each chapter a concise summary of their opinions. They will also be giving STARFLEET Headquarters an outline of ideas and impressions for the guidance of chapters and organizers in making future competitions run smoothly. (One hint for now although only 10 points were awarded for the presentation package itself, a well organized presentation is important since it makes it easier for the judges to find, and be properly impressed by, the information about activities.)

Star Trek fans all, the judges have cheerfully overcome the obstacles our mundane existence has thrown in their path. One whose VRR was on the fritz, made sure to get access to a machine at work after hours. Another has had employees quit, a staggering shipment of stock, and a tour of corporate executives in the same week, working double shifts and judging in the "free time." All of them have shown great enthusiasm and imagination in keeping the judging moving in spite of other demands.

Chapters which have even the slightest inclination to enter the 1991 Chapter of the Year competition are reminded that it's already 1991. Take those pictures. Copy those certificates. Save those newsletters. Start a file. When next January rolls around, your entry will be 95% complete if you start now and keep it up. For that matter, shouldn't every chapter try to be the best chapter of their year, ever year? Working as if you were intent on competing in the Fleet could bring that into focus.



Department of Communications

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Cmdr. Michael Sawczyn • Director

Hello again from OPR! This issue's report doesn't bring a whole lot of news; we're waiting for the SF corporate community to come to a decision on whether STARFLEET is a good place to dump some advertising dollars (if they'd ask me I'd tell them YES!).

The STARFLEET Communiqué Media Kits have hit the streets and, as we speak, are winding their way to the desks of advertising managers and SF collectible dealers nationwide. As always, if you, as members, have any friends or contacts that might be interested in getting more information about Communiqué advertising, drop me a line and I'll be more than happy to send that along.

The OPR newsletter has been delayed (some may say forgotten) for the last few issues. This was so that I could concentrate on two tasks: the media kits and the Region One convention that's being held at Marcon 26 in Columbus, Ohio. For all those who thought I may have forgotten about them, my apologies. We'll be seeing regular newsletters (cross fingers and hope) from now on.

And speaking off or getting about folks, some OPR members have been dropped from the roster. If you wrote me back in the beginning, asking to help, and haven't helped yet (sent in responses, answered letters, or looked for leads), you've been dropped from the roster. It's just like anything else in the 'Fleet...you do the work, you

PEN PAL SERVICE

Cmdr. Cathy Addlesee, Director

The Pen Pal directories are finally out. It was a big job and took longer than was anticipated. Bi-monthly newsletters are going out on time.

For more information on how to join the PEN PAL SERVICE, write to:

STARFLEET Pen Pal Service
Cathy Addlesee, Director
PO Box 42106
Fayetteville, NC 28309

Please include an SASE.

Chief of Communications

VAdm. Judith Brandy

Another issue is upon us, and we've compiled what I hope is a wonderful issue, encompassing interesting Fleet news, individual ship reports as well as some interesting Trek news. We have gotten great response from everyone in the Fleet, and are very happy about the diversity in the ranks.

The Communiqué stall sends greetings and warm welcomes to the new regional coordinators: Deborah Nelson and

April Gorman. We wish them well in their new positions. I also wanted to welcome Fritz to the Communiqué staff. (See elsewhere in this issue for a full story on ol' beige Fritzboy.)

We have received a ton of review materials which are being included in every issue that we will produce (space permitting). So, if you sent us something (and we've gotten some very strange things), fear not, they will be turning up in future issues.

If you want past issues of the Communiqué, please write to STARFLEET Headquarters. Adm. Maddox keeps back issues, and has prices and availability for same.

Space being at a premium here, I'll close. I shortened my diatribe, er, article to allow as much news and reviews in as possible.

See ya' round the universe.

SPACE CAMP UPDATE

Here it is, the long awaited Space Camp information.

The trip to the U.S. Space Camp is planned for the weekend of September 20-22nd, 1991. A deposit of \$250.00 must be received by May 15, 1991, if you intend to go. Checks or money orders should be made out to STARFLEET and sent to the Communiqué Office at PO. Box 1304, Lansdale PA 19446. The balance (around \$200.00, maybe less) will be due by August 1, 1991.

Please remember, these prices DO NOT include airfare. You must arrange this on your own.

Progress reports will be mailed as we receive information, if you've sent us an SASE. Hope to see you there!

NEWSLETTER CONTEST

Capt. Mark Morrow • Director

Back by popular demand, the 1991 STARFLEET Newsletter Contest.

The contest will begin with this printing of the Communiqué and will end December 31, 1991. Newsletters will be judged by the Office of Communications and will be judged in two categories:

1. Content & Writing/Art Quality
2. Overall Appearance & Form

All STARFLEET ships and shuttles who would like to participate should send their Newsletters with request for entry to: The Communiqué Office.

THE PRESS CORPS

Cmdr. Jacqueline Gilkey • Director

Greetings fellow STARFLEET Press Corps. members! I know you are out there as I have received letters from a number of you either requesting information about joining the Press Corps. or, once you have officially joined, for Press Corps Writers Guidelines.

First of all, I would like to thank those individuals who have written to express their interest in the STARFLEET Press Corps. We at the Office of Communications look forward to reading your submissions as 'the news you can use' begins to pour in and take over our work space. As for those of you who think they might be interested in claiming their right to flash around a fancy press badge but have not, as yet, written to make it officially known, let me take this opportunity to leap upon the soap box of encouragement.

As you know, the the editorial staff of the Communiqué is looking for qualified individuals to join a forum created specifically to report STARFLEET and/or STAR TREK related

articles of both local and national interest.

A two dollar (\$2.00) fee payable to STARFLEET enables those who join the opportunity to receive a copy of the Press Corps guidelines and a STARFLEET Press Corps badge.

For all you frustrated writers (and artists; out there, here is your chance to serve the Fleet. As the coordinator of the STARFLEET Press Corps, I strongly encourage your participation.

When writing, please include a short synopsis of your writing credentials. And, as always please include a SASE when writing so as to facilitate a timely response to any queries.

Well, that about covers it. The editorial staff hopes you enjoy the STARFLEET Communiqué and look forward to receiving articles, etc. for publication. We want your input!

Jacqueline Gilkey
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Lansdale, PA 19446
ATTN: PRESS CORPS



STARFLEET ACADEMY

Admiral Rob Lerman • Director

I am going to try to have the STARFLEET Academy School & Departments addresses listed in each issue of the newsletter (space permitting), so if there is a change of address or Directorship, then you will know when the next newsletter comes out.

There have been 2 changes of Directorship since the last newsletter, PGS and Marine College have new directors, please find the information below.

All Academy programs must be completed within 10 weeks from when your packet was sent out, this will keep all outstanding tests current. If you are going to be late, please request an extension. Extensions are granted for a 2 week period only, so please be aware that if you take too many tests at once, that may cause a problem in completing your tests in time.

A reminder, you must complete your tests by yourself. Do not give copies of your test to anyone else, only make copies of your test for yourself. The original should always go back to the Academy school for which you applied.

FROM FLEET ADM. MADDOX: As most of you know, STARFLEET has been working with a CPA to get a Tax Exempt status for the organization from the IRS. We have encountered a small problem that must be addressed before we go on to the next step.

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STARFLEET ACADEMY SCHOOLS

OFFICER'S TRAINING SCHOOL

RADM Janis Moore
P.O. Box 188993, Sacramento, CA 95818

Newer OTS test is about to come out, a bit more challenging with the addition of some essay questions. No other changes have been done to the first part of the test.

OFFICERS COMMAND COLLEGE

Cmdr. Kim Lerman
P.O. Box 554, Fair Oaks, CA 95628-0554

All OCC students who have received the older version of the exam (under VAdm David Forvendel) should send their completed exam to the OCC director at the above address not later than April 15, 1991. After that date, points will be deducted for lateness. Students who have received their OCC exams from the director have 10 weeks to complete their exams, unless an extension is requested and granted.

POST GRADUATE SCHOOL

Capt. Anita Davis
469 Mistletoe Avenue, Youngstown, OH 44511

Anita is the new PGS Director now and I welcome her to the Academy. Several courses have been changed and modified and there now is a tuition cost for the school.

VULCAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

Capt. Marlene Miller
461 Harmony Lane, Campbell, OH 44405-1212

This course is one of the most popular courses in Starfleet Academy (with the exception of OTS & OCC.) In 1990 there were 340 graduates and for the month of February, already 30 have graduated. Marlene does a great job in Directing her school.

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Cmdr. Cheryl Willcox
5532 Stewart Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23464

9 students were inducted into the SACOM Honor Society, they are: Ens. Lennae Seevers, Ens. Amanda Oliver, Capt. Laura Morris, Lt. Greta Northrup, Cmdr. Ronald Samuel, Cmdr. Dianna Dodson, Ens. David Miller, Cmdr. Lawrence Timson. These were for the month of January.

SECURITY SCHOOL

Capt. Beth Lipps
2218 Eastview Drive SW, Roanoke, VA 24018-2114

Many of you have heard that the Security School is helping out in creating a program called the Omega Force along with the STARFLEET Marines. This rumor is false, so please don't keep writing and asking about it. Such a project must be approved before it can be worked on and thus far, it hasn't been approved by me as Academy Director. Please all note that Beth's address is the above one, not what is listed in older Academy Applications that list it as Marshall University.

COLLEGE OF COMPUTER SCIENCES

Captain Sharon Ann Campbell
720218th Avenue SW Redmond, WA 98053

The following have received special award certificates from CoCS: Brice A. Laris, Joe Maurantonio, Brice A. Laris also received a commendation in the Doctorial Degree.

MARINE COLLEGE

Marine Captain Joe Maurantonio
334 Bronxville Road, Bronxville, NY 10708-2112

Joe is the newest Academy School Director, he takes over from Colonel Scott Akers who started the Marine College. I would like to thank Scott for all of his great work in the Marine College.

COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Adm. Jack Fields
148 G Casentini Street, Salinas, CA 93907

This is another school that has been well written, but hasn't had too many people taking the course. Jack was the former Chief of Communications of STARFLEET and has put out some excellent newsletters. Want a good challenge, try this course.

CHAPLAIN / COUNSELOR COLLEGE

Capt. M. Price Oswalt
P.O. Box 37538, San Antonio, TX 78237-0538

This school is slowly getting the word around of its existence. Try this one out, a lot of effort went into its creation. Thus far this year only 11 have graduated. I hope to see the numbers increase soon to show Price that more are interested in the school.

STARFLEET ACADEMY DEPARTMENTS

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Capt. Debra Roberts
7246 Castilian Court, Citrus Heights, CA 95621

Issue #13 of Pip's and Squeeks should have gone out in February (with the typing assistance of Cmdr. Helen Slagter of the USS Defiance.) If for some reason #13 hasn't made it to you and you are a member of SFAAA, then please write. Membership is now approx. 80 members in the Assn. and growing.

STARFLEET MARINES

Brig. Gen. Robb Jackson
P.O. Box 23560, Columbus, OH 43223-0560

Work is now finishing up on the Marine Manual update, due to the last manual was updated over 4 years ago.

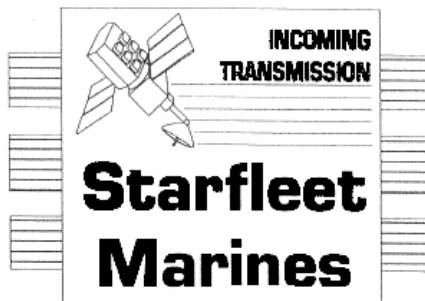
Effective immediately, Col. Jim Harris, Commander of the 1st division has been appointed as the Deputy Commandant of the STARFLEET Marines. If you have any questions, you may contact Jim at: Col. Jim Harris, Deputy Commandant, STARFLEET Marines, 528 North Park Drive, Petersburg, VA 23805-2438

Jim will be the Chief of Staff and is fully authorized to handle unit assignments and promotions of Senior Marine Officers.

STARFLEET MILITARY MEMBERSHIP

Received from Daniel Cantwell on December 13, 1990: Greetings and Hallucinations from the "Neutral Zone". Here's the latest update as you may already have guessed, we are still playing the waiting game with Gamemaster Saddam Insane, but I bide my time by answering the letters that I've received from my fellow Fleet associates. Again, I can't thank you enough for running the military members page in the last Communique, and please send this to everyone involved in STARFLEET: Thank you all for the support you've shown to me and my fellow service members even the smallest thanks means a lot. I close this note wishing all a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year, wherever you may call home. Live Long and Prosper, Peace to all, Dan Cantwell, USS Nassau LHA-4, FPO NY, 09557. P.S. May the Great Bird of the Galaxy shower you with good fortune.

For obvious reasons, the military section is somewhat short. YAH! We at the Communique office send a warm welcome to the returning troops, and would like to hear from you now that you've returned home.
Welcome home!



Brig. General Robb Jackson
Marine Commandant
P.O. Box 23560, Columbus, OH 43223-0560

Our universe is full of contradiction: We are considered expert killers, but we are also healers. We are the first to go into action, but the last to leave. Hard working, sometimes giving our lives for the Federation's interests, we get hardly any credit. Some say our work is dirty, but we say it must be done.

One of the most overlooked aspects of STARFLEET is the need for the Federation to have a peace-keeping force which is fast-moving and hard-hitting. Troops which are essentially "ground-based" and designed to handle situations that cannot be efficiently solved in other manners.

Starships of all types are superb for exploration and defense, but when something is needed to settle a simple planetary dispute, calling in a

THE STAMPEDE CONTINUES...

Greetings from Arlington, Texas, home of the Stampede. The project has gotten off to a nice start and I would like to say thanks to all of you who have sent in stamps. Unless it is cut due to space considerations, a list of all you helpful folks should appear in each report, indicating which are first and which are subsequent supporters. The donations are being recorded by weight, which is the way that the stamps will be sold. The donors will be grouped in three categories: individual, vessel and organization. The vessel is a STARFLEET vessel and an organization is not part of STARFLEET. An organization may be something like your office where the company's mail is received. The most successful in each category reported in the Communique will be announced and when a nice certificate is designed, awarded to the winners.

I get letters with the stamps. Keep those cards and letters coming. (I enjoy reading them!) I guess that the most asked question is how is the best way to send the stamps. (This refers to the packaging and condition of the stamps.) The stamp dealers around here want 1/4" around all sides, not torn or wrinkled, preferably still on the paper but not on red paper. Apparently, the red paper tends to tint the stamps when soaked off. The US stamps need to be separated from the foreign stamps. If they are all of one type, such as US, they can be loose in a box or an envelope. If they are of different countries, they need to be separated. If the stamp is cut off of the envelope with the back of the envelope still intact, the value of the stamp decreases because of the additional weight. Whole envelopes are worth more but how much more has not yet been determined. If the stamps are neatly trimmed to 1/4", the value increases. This may sound like a lot of work, but if we are to make the most out of the stamps, we need to do this. If each of you make the effort, it will make the work on this end much easier. Try to imagine 50 pounds of stamps. That is a box 1' x 1' x 3'. Imagine trying to trim all of these stamps. It is much easier done in the small groups before they get here.

The organization to receive the proceeds has not been decided yet. A brief summary of potential organizations will be submitted to the Executive Committee for their final selection. This will be announced when it is available. Send stamps to: Cmdr Clayton Melanson, Stampede Coordinator, Shuttle Lancelot, 2205 Sharpshire Lane, Arlington, TX 76015

starship is like burning down the barn to get rid of the rats.

So, the Federation must have a force of men and arms which can operate efficiently on a relatively small scale, in a short amount of time, and within the laws and guidelines of the Federation Articles. This group is the STARFLEET Marines.

"PEACE IS OUR PROFESSION"

For it is our duty to constantly insure that interplanetary peace and security is maintained, no matter how hard or impossible the job may seem. Nor how high the cost.

That's our fictional side. Our real-life side is what's really important. Like all STARFLEET members, we strive to do the best we can and to always try to do the right thing.

REMEMBER: The STARFLEET Marines are what you make of it! This organization is made up of individuals, each of whom is very important and each performs a vital task. We Marines are proud of our hard work, being constantly tested, and of winning respect and admiration of our fellow ship mates, friends and family.

There are five basics of being an outstanding STARFLEET Marine. They are:

1. To always remember that this is a CHARITABLE organization,
2. To always remember that this is a VOL-UNTEER organization.

3. To always have as much fun as possible when playing Marine (short of incurring your ship Captain's wrath).

4. To be ACTIVE with your Marine Unit and Starship.

5. To remember, above all, that we are STARFLEET Marines:

To dress, to act, and to behave as Marines at all times while on duty, and to represent the Corps faithfully and in the finest traditions of STARFLEET.

"STAND TALL, LOOK SHARP AND BE VERY DARN PROUD TO CALL YOURSELF A 'STARFLEET MARINE'."

Sounds like a whole lot 'eh? Just take it one step at a time and in the immortal words of Robert Heinlein from STARSHIP TROOPER

"Do it by the numbers and on the bounce." We like to think that people join the Marines, NOT because we're different, but because They are.

For more information on being a part of the Marine Adventure, contact your Fleet recruiter (Division Commander or Senior Marine Officer) or this office.

EARTH DAY 1991

by Lt. Sara Lipsky

"We are a STAR TREK club. So why are you writing about the environment?" This is the very question that has been asked of me on numerous occasions.

My first reaction was just plain, "Why not?" Since then, I have delved a little further into the thought. Yes, we are a STARTREK club. We do role playing, have parties, and even do some fund-raising for worthy causes. But I believe there is a philosophy behind it that goes much further.

We are well aware of the fact that there is a good chance we are not alone in our vast universe. However, until now, we have not had the good fortune to communicate with out-worlders. What if, in our children's lifetime, or their children's lifetime, there was indeed such an encounter? I imagine we would want to do everything in our power to encourage it. But at the current rate at which we are destroying our planet, future plans may never become a reality. Landfills are almost at their maximum capacity. Our air is steadily reaching the "danger" levels in toxins, and our wonderfully protective ozone layer is quickly depleting.

What other race in its right mind (leaving out, of course, the Borg) would want to visit such a self destructive race? We have but one planet at this point in time. We have only one people, regardless of race or religion. We need to preserve what we have left and try to re-establish what was lost through past ignorance.

By pulling together, working and caring enough to get something done to preserve a place for Earth's future- that is the philosophy behind of the STAR TREK fan. Keeping this goal in mind will enable us to earn a firm grasp on that which lies ahead.

April 12, 1991, marks the 26th year of the "Earth Day" celebration. On this day, many people will get together to perform environmental projects. Many STARFLEET ships/shuttles, including the U.S.S. Joshua, hope to coordinate these environmental projects into a major STARFLEET activity. Each ship/shuttle is encouraged to do a project of their choice be it planting a tree, recycling, Adopting-A-Highway clean-up project, or tidying up a park. As long as we all do it on the same



day as part of the "Earth Day" celebration. Each of STARFLEET's ships and shuttles has proven their excellence on environmental issues. Here is the opportunity to do it on a Fleet-wide basis. We may even amaze ourselves!

The U.S.S. Joshua is planning a "STARFLEET Forest". Any individual, or ship/shuttle can, for a modest donation of \$20, have a tree planted in the forest. Joshua crew members will fertilize, plant and water this tree in your name. You will also receive a certificate verifying your participation in this project including the date the tree was planted and its location. This is going to be a really big affair, complete with guitarists and a lot of (muddy) people. A plaque specifying that the forest is planted in the name of STARFLEET for every individual living on this planet. And yes, even for the enjoyment of those yet to come. If you would like the U.S.S. Joshua to plant a tree in your name or simply want more information please write to:

EARTH DAY '91, c/o USS Joshua/NCC-3700, PO Box 202363, Arlington, TX 76006.

PS: All trees will be maintained by the public Park Authorities.

NASA NOTES



by Patrick Roberts and Dawn Smith-Webber

Space...the final frontier. We hear those words at the opening of every episode of those shows which are dear to us all - Star Trek and Star Trek : The Next Generation. And yet, how easy is it for each of us keep up with the space programs of the world? We, as visionaries, as believers in the future, must support the push for space projects if we ever expect to realize the dream of a Star Trek Universe. And, what better way to begin that support than to become informed about current space projects.

We wish to cover the projects outlined by the Augustine Commission, a committee appointed by the Bush administration to examine the United States Space Program.

The Augustine Report, issued in December, made

fifteen specific recommendations and many suggestions for changes in the direction and scope of the U.S. space program. It is the document upon which congress, NASA and space industry executives say they will base their decisions on designing, financing and scheduling major space projects for years to come.

The report calls for a continuation of both manned and unmanned space exploration. The long-term goal of this exploration is returning astronauts to the moon and eventually sending them to Mars.

The committee recommended the creation of two new offices. One would insure that NASA has the necessary scientific, engineering, and administrative talent to fulfill its

mission goals. The other would develop "well thought out" options to meet the challenges of moon and Mars missions.

These options include a plan to buy a Soviet Topaz 2 space nuclear power system. Soviet officials and Topaz's U.S. importer hope this will open a significant market for this advanced Soviet space technology in the U.S. In recent years, America's nuclear propulsion research has been drastically declining. Joseph R. Wetch, president of International Scientific Products which will purchase the Soviet motor, said that without the Soviet Topaz to reenergize the U.S. program, all U.S. work in space nuclear power systems could be dead in two or three years. Such nuclear power systems are considered critical elements of any advanced space program such as the President's Space Exploration Initiative. Richard Verga, director of key technologies for the SDIO, said, "All the neat things man would like to do in space are either physically impossible or economic nonsense without space nuclear power."

To reduce reliance and wear and tear on the shuttle and to reduce the risks and expense that come with using the shuttle when a crew is not necessary, the commission recommended redirecting NASA money into the development of an unmanned booster. This booster would have a "heavy-lift" capability for launching large satellites and segments of the space station into orbit. It would take over many of the shuttle tasks and free the shuttles for missions which require crews such as assembly of space station segments, space lab experiments, satellite repair, and others.

It was recommended that the National Aero-Space Plane (NASP) be given a lower priority. This plane is designed to take off horizontally, fly in the atmosphere at speeds in excess of 17,000 mph, enter orbit, then return to Earth and land on a conventional runway. The NASP program goal is to develop and demonstrate follow-on vehicle technologies that could provide ready, affordable access to space.

The outlook for the space station is still clouded, but slightly improved by the commission report. The station toll again be redesigned to reduce cost and simplify the construction work performed by the astronauts. This latest redesign effort is expected to be complete in March 1991.

On a global note, the commission endorsed the "Mission to Planet Earth," a series of space flights to study the planet from orbit. This will allow a comprehensive look at the entire ecosystem — land, oceans, ice and atmosphere. It is proposed as a decade-long endeavor to help better understand our fragile Earth.

Many believe that the most significant outcome of this investigation is a more coherent and realistic approach by the government to designing and financing space projects. In fact, NASA's \$15.7-billion Fiscal 1992 budget proposal calls for a 13.6% increase to initiate work on the heavy-lift booster and a new Lifesat spacecraft to carry animal payloads for detailed life sciences research. The budget also requests funding for other Augustine-outlined projects including lunar/Mars exploration technology, work on nuclear propulsion, and an aeronautics effort keyed to eventual U.S. development of a high-speed civil transport. "This request clearly demonstrates the Presidents strong support for NASA," Administrator Richard H. Truly said. If approved, NASA's budget would grow by nearly \$2 billion.

The total Bush Administration request for unclassified space program development across several agencies including NASA and the Defense, Commerce and Energy departments represents a 15% increase. This planned funding growth is especially significant when compared with major reductions in other federal aerospace programs.

DISABLED CONSULTANT PROGRAM

Cmdr. Greg Phillips • Director

This has been a pretty exciting time, both for the Disabled Consultant Program and for me personally. In my mundane life, I have been hired by the City of St. Petersburg to help them implement the new Americans with Disabilities Act. Basically, St. Petersburg has just caught up with STARFLEET!!! And I'm doing the same thing for both - makes it difficult to keep my "jobs" straight. Somehow, answering my phone at work "STARFLEET Disabled Consultant Program" doesn't seem to fit in! Anyway...

The audio library of COMMUNIQUE on tape is current and up to date. I really can't say enough about the work the USS SACAJAWEA has put into this project. Remember, the tapes are available free to any member (although donations of cassettes are welcome), as well as tapes of several ships newsletters and stories. I would very much like to get more ships' stories taped and available, so keep it in mind guys!

The DCP has been given a major donation for equipment, courtesy of a group called "ELECTRICAL EGGS ACCESS SYSTEM", so we now are the proud possessors of a closed captioning decoder machine. Any video that someone tapes, if the show was broadcast with closed captions, will also have the captioning, so the decoder will work for almost any tape. The machine will be available for any cons that want to use it, as soon as I figure out security procedures. Right now, it will be going to the

March VULKON, as an addition to the sign language interpreters that will be there, and also to the August TACHYCON, to be held in Deland, Florida. Tachy, at this point, looks like it will be the first fully accessible con the DCP has been involved with - I hope it's the first of many!

Two cons out on the West Coast have asked for an access liaison, and the DCP is offering help to them. This doesn't include a Creation Con, who wants signers, since they had a very good experience with signers for a con with Patrick Stewart! So, anyone who is planning a con, please note!

Again, let me mention the two awards the DCP is sponsoring — the "CHRISTOPHER PIKE", and the "REVA". The Pike is for the ship/group/con who do the most for the disabled, and the Reva is for the disabled member who does the most for STARFLEET. I personally will not be allowed to nominate and judge any entry, but I KNOW we have some excellent candidates, so send those nominations in!!!! They should be mailed to:

DCP AWARDS NOMINATIONS

4566 22 Avenue N.
St. Petersburg, FL 33713

Results and awards will be announced at the National Conference.

THE CROSSWORD PUZZLE SCAM

by Carolyn Cook

The Star Trek Crossword Puzzle Book, published by the USS POLARIS is almost completely sold out. There may be one or two still floating around if you are interested in it. At a CreationCon, we sold several copies of this book to a dealer. At that time, the dealer asked if she could get more copies if she sold out. I told her to contact me and gave her a Polaris bookmark with my address on it. Instead of contacting me, she has copied the book and is now selling "inferior" copies at conventions and to other dealers. I saw these on a dealer's table in Chicago and Cmdr. Joan Riley saw them on the dealer's table in Indianapolis. The lady dealer told Joan that I had given her permission to copy the books. I DID NOT give her permission to do that.

At first glance, these forged books look much like ours. They have the same blue covers, and the puzzles are on white paper with the answers on gold-enrod colored paper. The big difference is the way they are bound. OURS are glued with a black tape-like paper down the spine. The forged copies are simply stapled with two staples - many times these staples are bent or crooked. Another major difference is on the first puzzle (subject "Kirk"). The clue #23 was mistakenly omitted in my typing and later taped in. On the forged copies, there is not tape on this page.

Whether or not you decide to purchase one of these forged copies is entirely up to you. The sale of these books puts money in the Polaris charity fund. The sale of the forged copies does NOT add to our charity fund. The final decision is up to each individual STARFLEET member who encounters the dealer.



SHUTTLE OPERATIONS COMMAND

VAdm. Denise Peterson
Chief of Shuttle Operations
Rt. 3, Box 224 • Marthasville, MO 63357

I apologize for the shortness of this message. I'm neither writing nor typing at the moment, thanks to extenuating circumstances, that is, a very hungry werewolf made a bid for my arm. Well, actually, that's a joke. One must have a sense of humor in times like these. My arm is temporarily

incapacitated. It decided to be this way all on its own without any coercion or even mild agreement on my part. I went to bed just fine, and when I got up in the morning, my wrist decided to stay in bed and scream in pain for a few days.

Let's welcome these new shuttles to STARFLEET with all our best wishes. We look forward to seeing these shuttles exploring strange new worlds as full fledged starships.

VALCOUR, FB07/13
Cmdr. Ronald Dawley, Peru, NY

DANIEL BOONE, NCC-503/08
Cmdr. Cindy Glen, Blowing Rock, NC

TIBERIUS, 1784/04,
Cmdr. Penny Ridout, Mars Hill, ME

MAVERICK, 1711/01
Cmdr. Joseph Bartlow, Youngwood, PA

AQUILA, NCC-1839/0-2,
Cmdr. Samuel C. Hearld, Highland Heights, KY

STARQUEST 4017/01
Cmdr. Jeffrey Handshaw, Maples, FL

SAN JACINTO, NCC-3700/02,
Cmdr. John Lunt, Argyle, TX

TUTAKAI, NCC-1711/02,
Cmdr. Barbara Oberlander, Erie, PA

The Grand Total- an all time high, a stack of 55 shuttles in the shuttlebay. There is no less than three up and coming shuttles in Region 13.

By the next issue of the COMMUNIQUE, sickbay should have me back and up to speed. *Would you believe that I had to launch the shuttle MAVERICK personally, actually push it out of the shuttlebay? That's how I injured my arm! Well?? No, huh. Oh well, Back to SHOC stuff*

I wish a cheery bon voyage to the following ships:

Shuttle Pegasus is now the USS Questar, Captain Karen Goldeach

Shuttle Defiant is now the USS Defiant, Captain Donna Horn

Shuttle Odyssey is now the USS Odyssey, Captain Esther McCord

Captain Ed Danley of the USS Excalibur has joined Shuttle Operations and will be responsible for helping to develop informational materials for the Shuttle Program. Anyone with suggestions should please contact him. Oh, and Ed, the next time you leave Excalibur double parked outside the Fleet Shuttlebay doors, I'll have her towed to Neptune's orbit and let you walk home (Just kidding, Ed).

COMMUNITY SERVICE CORNER



USS HEIMDAL WORKS WITH ABUSED CHILDREN



by Linda Neighbors

Since her launch as a STARFLEET shuttle in 1984, the USS HEIMDAL based in Amherst, Va., has been a charity oriented chapter. Her members support a welfare child through the local Social Services, the local Food Bank, and two Humane Society shelters on an on-going basis. They have also adopted whales, provided food baskets for the needy, and supported a local wildlife rehabilitation center. Most recently the HEIMDAL has begun working with Genesis House, an area emergency shelter for battered and abused children.

Having heard about Genesis House through the local media, chapter CO RAdm. Linda Neighbors presented to her crew the idea of looking into the needs of the facility as a possible area for the HEIMDAL to lend a helping hand. Medical Department member Tammy Austin acted as contact person with the facility and started the ball rolling.

On Halloween HEIMDAL crewmembers made their first visit to Genesis House. Those who have uniforms wore them. Chapter newsletter Art Editor Cheryl Lewis painted the children's laces like Ninja Turtles, vampires, and skeletons in preparation for the staff to take the children Trick or Treating at a local mall and the Engineering Department provided Halloween treats. The first visit not only proved to be very special for the children, but was unexpectedly rewarding for the HEIMDAL crew.

In the meantime, a representative from Genesis House spoke at the HEIMDAL's monthly meeting. He told of the atrocities endured by the children at the hands of their parents and guardians prior to being placed at Genesis House which included not only physical abuse but abandonment and gross sexual abuse as well. After having met the children during the Halloween visit, the reports of such horrors made it impossible not to become involved.

The Genesis House representative stated a need for clothing, toys, videos, even toilet paper and tooth brushes. "But," he said, "most of all these kids just need a hug."

The children at Genesis House are 2 to 12 years old and are housed at the facility a maximum of 60 days while the courts decide where to place them: foster homes, permanent care facilities, or back into the abusive home with counseling.

The HEIMDAL immediately stepped in.

Linda Neighbors, with the unanimous vote of the crew, committed to donating a video tape to the facility on a monthly basis for the entirety of 1991 starting a video library. The crew gave the children at Genesis House a Christmas Party with gifts for each child provided by Chief Engineer John Haruch and his department. The Science Department headed by CSO Willy Smith donated books, clothing, and games plus a free video club membership secured by CSO Smith. Chief Medical Officer Meg Roach and her department bought and stuffed Christmas stockings for each child. Linda Neighbors invited a local newspaper columnist to accompany the crew to Genesis House for the party and he later did a two-part newspaper article on the facility and the HEIMDAL's involvement, bringing attention to not only the chapter but the facility in particular.

Communications Department member Cheryl Lewis acted as contact person with a program called "Character Storytime." Through this program, groups and charities who agree to read stories to children in facilities such as Genesis House on a on-going basis may borrow as many as three story related costumes from a local costume rental agency to wear while reading to the children. At Christmas CMO Roach read "The Animals at Christmas" to the kids at Genesis House. Linda



L-r Linda Neighbors (lamb, Willy Smith (dog), Jeanne Wilson (duck)

Neighbors dressed as a lamb, Willy Smith went as a very large brown dog, and Jeanne Wilson went as a duck and baahed, barked, and quacked at the appropriate times during the story. Subsequent visits to Genesis House have found HEIMDAL crewmembers passing themselves off as ET, Alf, spacemen, Batman and various "Storytime" characters. The children love it.

"We've donated to a lot of charities," Linda Neighbors said, "but this is our opportunity for a true HANDS ON involvement. If you visit the facility once, you're hooked. You start trying to think of what you can do next...of new ways to help?"

Standing beside the Genesis House Christmas tree at the party given to the facility by the HEIMDAL, member Cheryl Lewis said, "I feel so good about this. We were MEANT to be here," which pretty well sums up the feeling of the entire crew - the HEIMDAL was MEANT to be there.

NEW COMMUNITY SERVICES COORDINATOR

Robert Fryman has been chosen as the new STARFLEET Community Services Coordinator. From now on he will be spending less time in the Medical Department of the U.S.S. Renegade. In this position Bob will report to the Fleet Admiral to keep her informed of Community Service projects throughout the Fleet. This information is very important for our public relations with groups outside of the science fiction genre. Ships and shuttles can also have access to this information for use with local media and Public Service Announcements. Each issue of the COMMUNIQUE will update what has been happening throughout the world. There may also be highlights of some unusual or outstanding projects that have been noted. Bob

will be contracting Chapter C.O.'s to work on the best method (translation: simplest, least paperwork) to gather this information.

In addition to these new duties for STARFLEET, Bob will keep up his mundane job as an Assistant Professor of Anthropology with Kent State University. The rest of the Fryman family is also active with STARFLEET and members of the U.S.S. Renegade. The last word was that 4 year old, Jacqueline, will become the official mail opener and cancelled stamp collector for this new department. Have fun, Jacqueline! For more information or to report your chapter activities write to Bob Fryman, 352 Windsor Drive, East Liverpool, Ohio 43920.

STARFLEET SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



JIMMY DOOHAN MONTGOMERY SCOTT AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP

Mr. Doohan has been really wonderful and has sent us more items to auction/raffle for his scholarship. About 4 weeks ago, HQ received a package in the mail from Mr. Doohan. It contained some beautiful, beautiful 8 1/2" x 11" colored photographs of Mr. Doohan. It also contained several copies of 2 pen and ink studies of "Scotty". One of the studies was done by Sat Nam Kaur Keahey in 1981. This pen and ink drawing had a print run of 230 copies and Mr. Doohan sent us 6 of them. He also sent us more of the business-card-size refrigerator magnets with "Scotty" dreaming of Warp 10. All of the pictures, drawings and magnets have been individually and personally signed by Mr. Doohan. The magnets are \$3.50 each, the black and white photos and single view head study in pen and ink are \$10.00 each. The colored photos and multiple view studies will be raffled at conventions.

Mr. Doohan has also sent us news that he has authorized the re-establishment of his fan club. Fan club dues are \$15.00 per year. Membership includes a certificate, an autographed magnet, a quarterly newsletter, Mr. Doohan's calendar of appearances, a bi-annual fanzine and more. For former members of Mr. Doohan's previous fan club, there will be a special button with the phrase, "We're Doohan it again.". The president of this new fan club is Gail McDonald and the address is: James Doohan Fan Club, #1-361, 13410 Preston Road, Dallas, TX, 75240.

Some exciting news from the fan club is that Gail and Mr. Doohan have stated that the James Doohan Fan Club will be donating \$1.00 for each membership received to STARFLEET's James Doohan scholarship fund. Because of this, the members of the James Doohan Fan Club will also be eligible to apply for STARFLEET's engineering scholarship.

The James Doohan scholarship has accumulated enough funds to grant the first \$500.00 scholarship this year. So if you're studying in aeronautical engineering or a related field and want to apply for the scholarship, contact Sue Hampton.

PATRICK STEWART SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

The Patrick Stewart scholarship is a "go" this year too. At DeleCon in September of 1990, we had raffled a picture and a T-shirt, both autographed by Mr. Stewart, for \$193.00. Then the USS Bonaventure in North Carolina decided to adopt the Patrick Stewart scholarship and raised \$140.00 for the fund. The fund also received a \$35.00 check from a new member of the USS Polaris in Ohio, Dennis Schwendemann.

Tim Gillespie and the USS Lagrange had talked to Patrick Stewart at LagrangeCon in 1990 and with his permission had initiated the Patrick Stewart Scholarship for the Performing Arts. Understandably Time and the Lagrange have a somewhat proprietary interest in this particular STARFLEET scholarship. When they learned that the fund hadn't really gotten started yet and was short of the \$500.00 total we needed to award the scholarship this year, they held a Valentine's Dance and raised \$167.00 for the fund, to bring it up to the \$500.00 needed. Way to go, Mighty Lagrange!

So if you are studying in the field of performing arts and need a little financial aid, send Sue Hampton a request for an application form.

For next year's Performing Arts Scholarship, we have two black and white photographs of Captain Picard that have been autographed by Mr. Stewart. We also have two Picard-artwork T-shirts from the November 1989 VulCon in Orlando, Florida that have been autographed by Mr. Stewart. These will be raffled or auctioned during the coming year for the scholarship fund.

Via Marina Sirtis, Sue Hampton sent one of our blue STARFLEET T-shirts to Patrick Stewart on the Next Generation set. Mr. Stewart very kindly autographed it and mailed it back to her. That autographed T-shirt will be raffled and a winner picked on Sunday at Shore Leave at the STARFLEET National Conference.

DEFOREST KELLEY DR. LEONARD MCCOY MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP

Good news about this scholarship...it has met the financial challenge and we will be able to award this medical scholarship this year also.

Early in 1990, the USS Excalibur in Jacksonville, Florida, ever the optimists, contributed \$100.00 dollars to this fund before it was even established and then just waited. Sure enough, Denise Peterson contacted Mr. Kelley at OktoberTrek in Maryland in 1990 and he gave his permission for the scholarship.

On March 2, 1991, Headquarters received a letter from the Region Seven Regional Coordinator, Alex Rosenzweig. He had written:

"It is with great pleasure that I turn over to you the enclosed check for \$591.14. This represents the first installment of funds from the Region Seven 'Mile of Pennies' project. The enclosed amount is equivalent to 3,694.63 feet of pennies, or 69.97% of the way to our goal."

I have been told that the funds for the scholarships, with one exception, are sufficient to fund the scholarships for this year. That exception is the medical scholarship. Therefore, we do hereby re-

quest that the funds enclosed herein be directed to the DeForest Kelley/Leonard McCoy Medical Scholarship so that it can be awarded this year."

Our greatest thanks go to all those Fleet members who emptied their pockets of pennies and gave to the "Miles of Pennies" project and our thanks go to Region Seven for presenting them to Mr. Kelley's scholarship fund.

If you are studying in any of the medical fields and would like to apply for this scholarship, contact Sue Hampton.

For the medical scholarship next year, Denise Peterson has acquired four pictures from DeForest Kelley that he has autographed. They will be raffled for the fund and I'm sure we will be able to come up with more projects for the future of this scholarship.

SPACE EXPLORER'S MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP Four Year Program

This \$500.00 scholarship will be award to a Fleet member studying in a four year college or university program.

SPACE EXPLORER'S MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP Two Year Program

This \$500.00 scholarship will be awarded to a Fleet member studying in a community or technical school program.

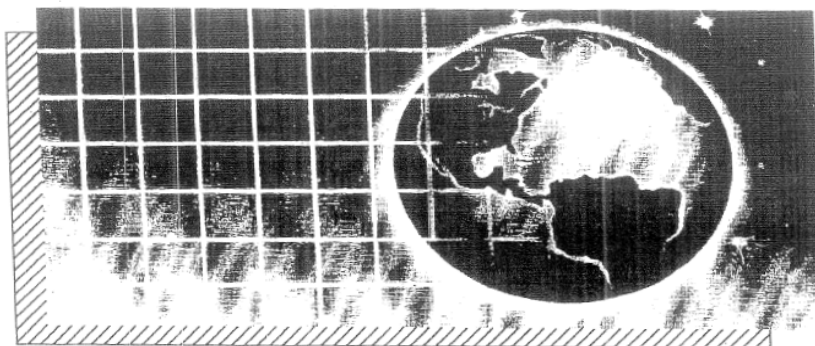
But these scholarships cannot be awarded unless we have some applicants for them. Any Fleet member who might be interested in any of these five scholarships needs to contact Sue Hampton for more information and for application forms.

And there you have it...Last year STARFLEET awarded the two \$500.00 Space Explorer's Memorial Scholarships and this year there will be five \$500.00 scholarships that will be granted to five lucky students. STARFLEET is very proud of this scholarship program and they have every right to be proud. It is an astounding accomplishment for a fan club. Everyone give themselves a well-deserved pat on the back.

STARFLEET SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE

Another raffle is in the works. For complete information on how to participate in the STARFLEET raffle and possibly win personally autographed, fantastic Trek stuff, see Fleet Admiral Jeannette Maddox's *Internal Communication* on page 4. Don't miss this one!

Around The Fleet



TREKKERS RESPOND

This just in from Beate Wurm of Region 9: "Thanks - the very next day after I got by COMMUNIQUE letters started pouring in of fellow-members offering their support and help! It might take some time to connect everybody, but let me express my thanks and deep appreciation already now! THANKS to everybody who has written already and who will yet do so!!!" If anyone missed the article in the last COMMUNIQUE, Beate can be reached at: K-Adenauer-Str. 35, 7070 Schwabisch Gmund, West Germany.

AN AUDIO OF THE COMMUNIQUE

The USS Sacajawea of Region 2 is offering the COMMUNIQUE on audio tape for the visually impaired. These tapes are done by the crew and can be had by writing to Cmdr. Gregg Phillips, the Director of STARFLEET's DCP (Disabled Consultant Program). These tapes are also great for those of us who don't have time to sit and read the whole COMMUNIQUE. They can be used while on the way to work or while doing household chores. See the DCP's report for the address.

CAPTAIN'S HONOR

During LagrangeCon, hosted by the STARFLEET Chapter USS Lagrange last October in Cleveland, Ohio, Patrick Stewart was presented with a plaque by Lagrange president Tim Gillespie and STARFLEET's VAdm. David Allen. It announced the beginning of The Patrick Stewart Scholarship for the Performing Arts, which will be awarded annually to a student studying in this field.

BEDDING DOWN WITH THE U.S.S. YORKTOWN

Ever wanted to stay aboard an Aircraft Carrier overnight or perhaps, just wanted to visit beautiful Charleston, SC in the spring! It is a special occasion that the Shuttle York is to be commissioned the USS Yorktown, NCC-1704 and Fleeters are invited to join the party! The real U.S.S. Yorktown CV-10 will be anchored at Patriot's Point in Charleston, Friday, May 17, 1991 through Sunday, May 19, 1991. To reserve celebration/bed-space, the Shuttle York must have at least forty (40) committed people, sepa-

rated by gender by April 26, 1991. They are 300 planning the two night, forty dollar-per-person stay so that those who attend can take full advantage of the sightseeing available in the area. The ultimate deadline for the \$40 fee is April 28, 1991 to insure reservations. All monies sent will be recorded and a return receipt sent. For more information (deadline March 31, 1991) please write: Cmdr. Marlon V. Ragsdale, Shuttle York NCC-1714/3, 427 N. Confederate Ave., Apt 1, Rock Hill, SC, 29730.

THE VULCAN FORUM

Fleet members are cordially invited to attend the Vulcan Forum, co-hosted by the USS Challenger and the Ocean County Library. This event will take place on Saturday, April 6, 1991 from 2-4 pm, at the Manchester Branch of the Ocean County Library (New Jersey). The Forum is intended to be a symposium for information about the Vulcans, as well as an opportunity for social interaction and Trek talk in general. Guests are welcome to come in uniform. Speakers, including 3 Vulcan guest lecturers from the USS Intrepid II, will discuss various aspects of Vulcan lore. They will also have some sample Vulcan snacks and drinks, as well as a video tape compilation of scenes from Vulcan gleaned from Trek Classic episodes and movies. For directions and more info, please write or call: Lt. Cmdr. Bill Stemmler, 27 E. Lacey Road, Forked River, NJ, 08731, (609) 971-0562.

GET WELL WISHES

Region One reports that Angelique Pettyjohn, Shana of Classic Trek fame, has suffered for several years with cancer. Most of that time she

has been in remission and until recently has been doing well. Now her cancer is out of remission and she cannot take regular treatments and must have major surgery. She is asking for prayers. Anyone wishing to send get well wishes and notes of cheer can write them to: Angelique Pettyjohn, 2500 Karren Ave., #252. Las Vegas, NV 89121

AWARD WINNING USS JAMESTOWN

The USS Jamestown in Region One received the unit Distinguished Service Award for donating \$640 to the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters. Despite an arctic blast, the crew held the "Trekathon" where the money was raised showing Trek episodes during mall hours. They are now considering next year's Trekathon.

TREK NEWS FROM PARAMOUNT

The USS Paramount reports some interesting Next Gen news. Patrick Stewart is set to direct the 100th episode of Star Trek: The Next Generation. Mr. Stewart is also scheduled to direct the final episode of the fourth season. The one plot is reported to deal with Worf's return to end his discommendation plotline. And, are you ready? It might be another two-parter. Another long summer awaits.

A SPECIAL WOZZ

The USS Defiance is holding a Wozz Tournament May 5th in conjunction with a special ceremony. Admiral Rob Lerman and Commander



Commander Kim Davis and Lt. Commander Pete Briggs and the crew of the Shuttle Endeavor, Fairfield, CA have a "can-do" attitude. Members of the shuttle, along with members of their mothership, the USS Defiance, recently donated over 100 cans of food to the Fairfield Salvation Army. The Endeavor became a shuttle in October 1990 and already has over 30 members.

Kim Davis will be repeating their wedding vows in a STARFLEET ceremony. Everyone is welcome and costumes are appreciated

HALLMARK TREK

Thanks to Region Four for letting us know about the new Star Trek greeting cards from Hallmark. As a surprise, one member received a Trek Valentine card from a friend. It was made at the Shoebox company - a small division of Hallmark. Anyone interested should ask their Hallmark dealers when the cards will be in.

HOME AGAIN

The war is over and our friends and family will be returning soon. Several Region 12 members were deployed and are now scheduled to return. Let's send a warm 'Welcome Home!' to Cmdr. John Jordan and the crew of the Shuttle Sandstorm, expected to return in March. Also expected back in March is Lt. Cmdr. Lisa Horonetz from the USS Hexum. In a joint effort, the USS Hexum, USS Invicta, USS Discovery, USS Scribe and the Shuttle Umiak are preparing for one GIANT welcome home party for these members.

FOR THOSE YOU DON'T SEE . . .

There is a volunteer effort in progress to send personal items to the unseen victims of the Middle East war. If you're interested in helping the children and infants in the Middle east then please write to the American Friends Service Committee, 1515 Cherry St., Phila., PA, 19102. The AFSC, a reputable organization, will be pleased to send you the information.

CAPTAIN'S FOREHEAD RAISES MONEY!!

For the last year or so, Region 7 has held a charity drive trying to raise a Mile of Pennies (about \$860) for the STARFLEET Scholarship Program. By the time Region 7 Conference in February in New York City, over 70% of that mile had already been covered. But that still left more than \$200 to go. That's when Captain Jon Lane (Exec. Avenger) and Captain Kevin Miles (C.O., Ascension) came up with a unique fund raising idea for the conference. Kevin, who is the only Captain in the Fleet with less hair than Jean-Luc Picard, has discovered recently that numerous coins will stick to his forehead at the same time wherever they are placed. In the past, members of the Ascension crew have managed to tick several dollars worth of change to their Captain's head! So Kevin and Job figured, "Why not try it at the Region 7 Conference?" Thus, armed only with his scalp and an empty collection hat (for people who didn't have change on them but wanted to contribute paper money instead no-problem!). Kevin went from person to person during the start of the meeting, using his head in more ways than one to collect for the Scholarship Fund. When all was said and done, Kevin and Jon managed to raise \$90.04 in coins and bills, which brought the total up to \$689.96! Who says hair loss can't be a useful thing?

EDGE OF FOREVER II

A Review by Jacqueline Gilkey

In the world of amateur fanzine publishing, EDGE OF FOREVER II stands out as a showcase for the artistic and creative genius found throughout the ranks of STAR TREK fandom. Compiled by editors Jordys Miller and Sandy Bookman, EODII is 150 pages of quality stories and artwork, not to mention exceptional layout, typesetting, and graphics.

The second voyage for Forever Productions, EDGE OF FOREVER contains a wide variety of fresh and well written stories. Literary contributors include Marcia Pecor, Peggy Avant, Larry D. Kirby III, Patty Pauldan, Teegar Jordys Miller, and Sandy Bookman. Artistic credits got to Andrea, David Lawrence, Teegar, Gennie Summers, Sharon Florin and Sandy Bookman.

'Shadows of Doubt' by Jordys Miller and Sandy Bookman, takes place just after STAR TREK: THE MOTION PICTURE. Well aware of Spock's failure to complete his Kolinahr training, let alone his doubts about coming back to Starfleet, Captain James T. Kirk has obtained permission for Spock to travel back in time to the planet Vulcan via the Guardian. By returning to Vulcan, Kirk reasons, Spock would be given a second chance to experience his heritage, thereby allowing him to re-evaluate his decision to remain with Starfleet.

While working his way to UFP 465537, the Time Planet, Spock is exposed to any number of colorful characters. Foremost in Spock's memory however, upon jumping through the Guardian portal to return to planet Vulcan, is his encounter with the legendary Surak. Surak turns out to be quite different from what Spock expected: a mere Vulcan not unlike Spock himself, filled with questions of purpose. It is through a conversation with Surak that Spock realizes his own purpose in life lies with Starfleet and excuses himself to return home to a jubilant James T. Kirk.

Each story is extremely well written. EDGE OF FOREVER II provides the reader with heart-warming adventures into the lives of some of our favorite STAR TREK characters. For more information write: Forever Productions, P.O. Box 75 Cooper Station, New York, NY 10276

FYI: TREK NEWS

Paramount has agreed to film Star Trek VI as the final chapter in the movie series. Leonard Nimoy is acting and is also the film's executive producer. Variety reports all the principal castmembers will appear in the fade-out scene: William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy, DeForest Kelley, Nichelle Nichols, James Doohan, George Takei and Waler Koenig. Gene Roddenberry will be the executive consultant. Nicholas Meyer, director of ST II: TWOK, will direct again from a screen play he co-wrote in collaboration with Denny Martin Flynn. Steve-Charles Jaffe, the executive producer of Paramount's "Ghost", will produce with veteran Star Trek producer Ralph Winter. The working title is "Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country", but may instead be called "The Infinite Voyage." The current forecast for the film's release is December 1991.

Early this year, Patrick Stewart opened a Shakespearean studio offering a series of workshops for actors, hoping to create a Shakespearean company in Los Angeles.

News on Wil Wheaton:

Wil's stars in "Toy Soldiers" with Louis Gosset, Jr. and Shaun Ashton. It's about terrorists that take over a prep school. Current release date is March 22, 1991.

Filming started January 24, 1991 on IRS Media's, "December", a film about the day after Pearl Harbor. Directed by Gabriel Torres, Wil has the lead role. Co-starring Balthazar Getty, Chris Young, Jason London and Brian Krause.

As reported by the IFT Magazine, the Disney Channel is creating their own version of ST:TNG. Youngsters will portray the crew members from ST:TNG aboard "Mouserprise."

The future cable "Sci-Fi" channel is showing interest in a ST:TNG spinoff call "The Lwaxanna Troi Show",

tentatively set to be a comedy. Harvey Korman would play her husband.

Brought to you from "IMZADI". The official and authorized newsletter for the fans of Marina Sirtis, produced by William S. McCullars. For information on this club, write to Mr. McCullars at: 3084 Chastain Park Court, Atlanta, GA, 30342.

Marina Sirtis is "hooked" on the video game, 'Tetris'. After her boyfriend had a motorcycle accident last year, she bought him a Game Boy, put plays it herself around-the-clock. Her record is an amazing 140 lines, 90,000 points at level 14.

Majel Barrett is back on the Next Gen set filming an episode, tentatively titled, "Half Life" and is of course playing Lwaxanna Troi.

For all the Star Trek car buffs out there - the cars of the Next Gen cast:

Marina Sirtis - Chrysler LeBaron convertible
Patrick Stewart - Jaguar (replace a Honda Prelude he had when the show began.)
Jonathan Frakes - Jeep Limited Edition
Brent Spiner - Toyota Corolla
Gates McFadden - Toyota Camry station wagon
LeVar Burton - BMW
Michael Dorn - Volkswagen Jetta
Wil Wheaton - Honda Prelude

Whoopi Goldberg was part of the festivities in Palm Springs recently for "America's Hope Award", honoring Oprah Winfrey. This talented lady also won two trophies at the NAACP's 23rd Annual Image Awards at the Wilern Theatre for Entertainer of the Year and Supporting Actress in the \$200 million plus box office smash, "Ghost". Whoopi was also nominated by the Academy for an Oscar for Best Supporting Actress for her work in that film.

Brent Spiner represented the Next Generation at the Women in Films tribute to Whoopi Goldberg at the DGA Theatre, where film clips to laud her performances were introduced by fellow actors.



Carolyn Cook Interviews "Q"

John de Lancie



L-r: Carolyn Cook & John De Lancie

Last Thanksgiving I took a much needed shore leave and decided to spend my time at a local gathering of science fiction fans called VISIONS 90, held in Chicago. There I had an opportunity to speak with John De Lancie.

John de Lancie was one person I definitely wanted to talk to, so I immediately asked for a pass to his press conference. I was given a pass, but told that he hadn't arrived yet, and they didn't know when the conference would be held.

For two days, my husband, John Cook and I kept checking with the woman at the desk. I'm sure we made a real nuisance of ourselves, but it paid off in the end. The press conference was held Sunday at 1 pm. I showed up at the appointed place and time only to find out that the word hadn't gotten out, and I was the only person who was there. I thought I would be in a room full of people, so I only planned on being able to ask one or two questions. This proved not to be the case. Fortunately, Mr. de Lancie was late getting out of his autograph session, so I had all of 15 minutes to come up with enough questions to fill a half hour interview. Fear swept over me. Could I do it? Would I be given the chance to do it? There was always the chance that Mr. de Lancie would come into the room, see only one interviewer and leave.

Mr. de Lancie arrived and although I think he was a little disappointed that there weren't more people there to interview him, he made no attempt to cancel the interview. We talked of many things, from the movie he was working on at that time (called *Missing Pieces*), to his personal life, to other acting jobs, and, of course, Q.

We began by looking at how John perceives the Q character. "I guess I perceive him as someone who is unencumbered by social requirements of being appropriate. Whatever he feels, or however he wants. He doesn't have a judgement call. It's only the other humans who have a judgement call. I don't think of him as immoral or moral. I think of him as amoral. He a neutral entity. He's bi-moral."

Outside of Star Treks "Q", John is perhaps most noted for his appearance as Eugene Bradford in the soap opera "Days of Our Lives". When asked about that character John replied, "He was a lot like Q in that he was a lot of different things. I started as a red herring killer and he turned into a kind of comedian, but I think one of the things I was was a scientist and a taxicab driver, an inventor, lottery winner, and a time traveler." Was this time traveler like Dr. Who? "No, no. It was mostly all by way of having me try to answer plot problems. I had vibes all the time. It was a cheap way of solving plot complications to have Eugene answer them or to say 'I think something dangerous is going to happen.' It wasn't terribly well thought out in that respect."

Comparing the daily grind of doing a soap opera to something like Star Trek: The Next Generation, de Lancie said, "Star Trek is only eight days in a year, but the daily grind is, in fact, a daily grind. It's very different and I think it is self evident how it is different. Star Trek is just something that I do once a year, and maybe not even that." John has no definite contract to do any specific number of Q shows per year, and doesn't usually know until a few days before when or if he will be doing another Q show. So far there were none scheduled for this season, but that could change.

The questions then turned to John's personal life. Talking about his spare time, he said, "I read a lot, but I'm not much of a fiction reader. I usually read non-fiction. I like biographies, and I like discoveries, and I'm reading a book on Grant right now." Other spare time pleasures include sailing on his own boat. And where does he sail? "That's the problem. On the West Coast there's really no place to sail. I sailed a lot on the East Coast and there I would actually go off for a couple of weeks and sail, but there's no place to sail to so the result is that I haven't done much about sailing. I'm getting it (his boat) back into shape. They say that two happiest times in a man's life are when he buys his first boat and when he sails it."

For those of you who are "Mission:Impossible" fans, you may remember John as the villain in the first episode. When asked about the fact that this villain was not killed off, John admitted that this might have been another recurring part for him, but went on to say "I know that when I talked to one of the producers he would say, 'Oh well, if we get another seasons...', but talk is cheap and I didn't go back. I know at the very last moment they decided not to kill me, although it was scripted that I be killed off. That made the potential to bring me back, but it didn't happen. It was an OK character. I don't watch these things very much. I watch myself sometimes, and so I don't have the same sense of it that you do, I think I would have liked to have gone back. I certainly liked where we were shooting. Australia was fine. Also, I think I would have liked to have

flushed that character out. He was not a very flushed out character, although it seemed to have made an impression. I've always liked that type of character. The guy who does what he wants and lets everybody else adjust."

I asked if Mr. de Lancie felt he was being typecast as a villain? "No, I don't feel like I'm being typecast. If anything most people in the industry don't know how to cast me. I'm not quite handsome enough to be a leading man. I'm not character enough to be a character actor. If you want a real 'heavy', you can find people who are much 'heavier' than I am. So I'm kind of a mixture of all these things." Would he want to do comedy? Yes, he would and in fact has. Does he enjoy doing one more than the other? "No, I enjoy having the free reigns to bring a smile or whatever."

When asked if he had anything he wanted to say to his fans, Mr. de Lancie replied with a laugh, "Keep those checks coming." Then he went on to say that writing to Paramount and asking for more Q shows would be helpful. "I know they (Paramount) read it. They are very conscience about that kind of stuff...It's fun to be on a show that even people who don't know it, know the name Star Trek. Keep those cards and letters coming in...not to me though. You have to write to the producer."

I still find it hard to believe that I got a private interview with Q, but I have it on tape to prove it to myself. It wasn't fantasy, but it was a dream come true.

OUR MAN FRITZ

PIT TRIBBLE JOINS OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

March 9, 1991, VAdm Judith Brandy and Staff were astounded by the arrival of the newest member to join the Office of Communications.

Sent for review from Lt. Cmdr. Victoria L. Rubottom, "Fritz, The Pit Tribble" (and yes, that's PIT, not pet) brings with him mayhem and madness as well as a legacy of uncertain heritage. Is "Fritz" the result of a selective breeding experiment aboard the USS Stargazer that went awry? A plot by the Klingons to create a pet with as bad an attitude at theirs? A sorry exchange between the Mirror/Mirror universe or a story of magic and the punishment of a very annoyed good fairy Tribble? We don't know. We may never know. We may not want to know.

"Fritz" isn't much for keying, proofing or layout either. As a matter of fact, the nearest "Fritz" comes to layout is in the supervisory capacity, a role he readily began to assume not long after his arrival. Yes, laying on top of the COMMUNIQUE staffers computer monitors, breathing down their necks and occasionally cracking the whip seems to suit "Fritz" just fine. And who are we to argue with him? His teeth are nearly as big as the rest of him. A picture of Fritz will appear in the next issue of the Communiqué.

Should any member of STARFLEET feel the need to obtain a supervisory "Pit Tribble" of their own (or any number of Victoria's other interesting items), please send an SASE and request to: Lt. Cmdr. Victoria L. Rubottom, 1101 Congress, Emporia, KS, 66801

Romulans: The Lost Years

by Jon Lane

Let's talk Romulans

After reading Sherry Hopper's well-written article in the February/March Communique, I realized that not much has been conjectured about what exactly the "matters more urgent" were which caused the Romulans' absence from Federation contact for 53 years (as revealed in the STAR TREK: The Next Generation episode "The Neutral Zone").

While I agree with Sherry that the Romulans seem to have become more intense and Vulcan-like, if you will, between the time of classic *Star Trek* and *Star Trek The Next Generation*, I don't feel that this is the major point which should be dwelled upon. After all, societies do change over the course of 78 years. Americans certainly don't have the same attitudes and mannerisms that they had back in 1913. No, I believe that the big question is: What were the Romulans doing for those "missing" 53 years during which the Federation had no contact with them? Granted, the answer to this question must, unfortunately, remain pure conjecture on our parts, since the Great Bird and his ST:TNG writers could give us completely different information in an episode at any time. But I'd still like to offer a few guesses that may shed light on this mystery.

It has been suggested that the Romulans were fighting the Borg for those 53 years. Improbable. One or the other of the powers would not have survived the conflict (probably the Romulans), and since both races are obviously still around in the 24th century, one could reasonably assume that there was no Romulan/Borg conflict. Second, in the episode "The Neutral Zone", the Romulans were just as clueless as to what had happened to their outposts as was the Federation. There's got to be some other explanation—and that's why I'm here.

Considering the tendency that Paramount has to "ignore" most of what is published in the TREK novels, comics, and reference books (everyone's loss), let's look at the situation based solely upon observations taken from the original, 79 "classic" episodes, the five movies, and ST:TNG (trust me, it can be done, even without references to Diane Duane). Okay, here's what's definite...

OBSERVATION #1: Of the three interstellar "superpowers," the Romulans started out to be the most backward technologically. Although they had the cloaking device, their ships were smaller, slower, and their weapons drew all the ship's power to fire. The Enterprise held out against almost ten Romulan ships in "The Deadly Years". And then the Romulans started to use the assumedly superior Klingon designs for their ships in "The Enterprise Incident". This leads us into the next observation.

OBSERVATION #2: The Romulans must have entered into some form of alliance with the Klingons. The Romulans started using Klingon design and the Klingons, in turn, had a rather watered-down version of the cloaking device in *Star Trek III*.

OBSERVATION #3: This alliance is obviously over by the time of ST:TNG. The Klingons seem to hate the Romulans about as much as the Romulans seem to hate the Klingons.

OBSERVATION #4: The Federation had no verified contact with the Romulans for the 53 years prior to the episode "The Neutral Zone".

OBSERVATION #5: The Klingons did have contact with the Romulans during this time. Worf's parents were killed in a Romulan raid, and the Romulans destroyed the Enterprise-C while it was trying to save a Klingon outpost (although all the Federation knows is that the Enterprise-C was "missing in action" after responding to a distress call).

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Romulans' plan...

OBSERVATION #6: The Klingons would be a much stronger adversary in a war than the Federation would be. While I'm not trying to start an argument, it was revealed in the episode "Yesterday's Enterprise" by the alternate Picard that the Federation is losing the war with the Klingons, and might be forced to surrender within six months. This makes sense—the Klingons are bred to be fierce warriors and don't surrender, while the Federation was founded under the tenets of peace, not war. Who's more prepared for a fight?

Using these observations, let's try to postulate what the leaders of the Romulan Empire might have been thinking. Okay, they obviously couldn't defeat both the Federation and the Klingons in a war. But of the two, the Klingons would most likely be the more difficult adversary.

As hostilities began between the Feds and the Klingons in the years following "classic" Trek, the Romulans probably pulled away from entering the war directly, wanting to conserve their strength to potentially challenge the weakened victor of this Fed/Klingon war. (This is probably about the time the Klingon/Romulan alliance broke down, as the Romulans wouldn't assist their "allies." The Romulans weren't going to remain completely uninvolved. With the alliance broken, the Romulans could make the occasional raid on Klingon outposts and colonies, which would weaken the Klingon Empire. The Romulans weren't actually "at war" with the Klingons, but instead were helping to weaken them so that the

Federation would win the war. They gambled that the Federation would make an easier post-war opponent. However, the Klingon surrender would not come quickly (surrender is not a warrior's way), and both sides would likely exhaust their resources until one side (probably the Federation, with some covert assistance from the Romulans) finally won. The victor would be quite weakened from the long war, and the Romulans, who would have been building up their battle strength, would attack what was left of the Federation, stunning Starfleet with improved warships and devastatingly new technology (which the Federation wouldn't have seen for decades and would not be ready for).

The unexpected happened. The Klingons and the Federation made PEACE!!! Unbelievable and catastrophic for the Romulans' "plan." When the peace treaty was signed, the Romulans pulled away from any interaction with the Federation or the Klingons, and instead concentrated on building their arsenal. The Romulans now have a tremendous task ahead of them: defeating the combined might of both the Federation and the Klingon Empire. This would not be considered completely beyond the abilities of a fortified and prepared Romulan Empire.

Now the Romulans are back. Their ships are bigger, faster, more powerful, more menacing, and they're prepared for war. I doubt there will be

any more Romulan commanders self-destructing their ships because of "failure" or for "honor." Now every Romulan ship has become sacred, essential to the cause. (And that's most likely why, in the episode "The Detector", Commander Tomilok did not engage the Enterprise and three Klingon warbirds. He could have destroyed the Federation's flagship, but the Empire would have lost two Birds of Prey -- perhaps acceptable in the past, but no longer.) When the Romulans do finally choose to attack, they will do so with great numbers, and only on their time schedule.

I just hope that the Federation's ready, too.

— DREAMS OF SPACE —

by Susan D. Severt, Region 17

Take time out to dream
the dreams of outer space.

Thinking of the planets and stars
for me, is commonplace.

Relax and view the heavens from
your own secret place.

And try to imagine those gazing at us
from different planets in space.



DRIVING OLD BALDY

by Anita Davis, USS Renegade

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So what was it like driving Patrick Stewart around? What'd you two talk about? Was he - like, normal? Those were the usual questions asked of me since achieving my life long ambition of chauffeuring the Bald Captain at LagrangeCon.

Well, what can I say. Was it the thrill of a lifetime? No. I guess it's because I'm not a ST:TNG fan. It was probably this, plus that I have a halfway decent little car and that I've done a little security before is what tapped me for the job. I wouldn't fall all over the guy, blabber like an idiot or try to kidnap him and take him to my hidden apartment like Marlene Miller tried to do. No, Patrick Stewart was safe with me, and that's the truth.

The actual chauffeuring duties were a little disorganized. The several changes in Stewart's arrival time, shuttling back and forth to the airport was annoying, but it beat digging ditches, and I would hate to have been at the registration table.

When Patrick finally arrived, I didn't recognize him at first. Ruthanne Devlin, Patrick's representative for the convention had to point him out. Dressed in a pair of worn jeans, a beat-up pulled down baseball cap, and weighted down under several overnight bags and a monstrous black suitcase which was described as "plain but it does travel well", Stewart was easy to miss. As the three of us loaded his gear into the trunk, Patrick, ever the gentleman, stopped me as I went to grab his monstrous suitcase. He said, "No dear, that's much too heavy for a young lady to lift."

The drive to his hotel, the Hilton across from the convention site, was rushed. There were only 40 minutes to make it to the Hilton, check him in, and then get him over to the convention for his first presentation. We made it in less than 35 minutes.

The trip back to Patrick's hotel on that night was

kinda interesting, it was fun. We picked up a tail, (someone really tried to follow us). The tail was easy to spot and even easier to lose. We dodged in and out of a couple of parking lots, (Patrick just sat back and enjoyed the ride). Then we pulled into a parking slot, doused the car lights, and watched our tail go speeding by us. It was fun telling Stewart to hang onto his doorstraps. Patrick's reaction to all this: "Hmnnnnnn, that was rather interesting. That's never happened before". As goodnights were said at Stewart's hotel, he said, "You will be my driver tomorrow, won't you?" more a statement than a question. When the reply was affirmative, he said, "Excellent, then I'll see you in the morning," (I think he was relieved to have such a CAREFUL driver).

The following day was a lot calmer. No tails, at least. We had planned to drop Stewart off at the front lobby (he was going to slide in unnoticed). But when we drove to the front lobby, there was a mob of people awaiting Patrick's arrival (somehow word had leaked out). So it was up through the kitchen entrance and on with the show. A press conference with the Cleveland Plain Dealer and Channel 43, and Tim Gillespie of the USS Lagrange presented Patrick with a plaque from STARFLEET and a "Lagrange Rules" T-shirt.

Following the press conference, it was downstairs to meet with and talk to his fans once again. His Sunday presentation was great. Marlene Miller made sure Patrick stayed comfortable and exchanged some discreet words with him during his entire talk (ask her about the warm smiles then exchanged, heh, heh.).

On the drive back to the Hilton on Sunday, Patrick and I got a chance to ask each other about both our jobs.

It usually takes him about a week or so to fully

recover from doing a convention. Especially when he has to be on the set the next day at 5 am as he did this time. But, as Patrick said, "It beats digging ditches? He likes most of the people he works with, not just the actors, but the support people as well. Stewart is presently doing an audio tape, but it's going slow. Doing conventions is interesting and sometimes full of surprises. We joked and laughed about them and other aspects of his work. Then he turned the tables and inquired about my line of work; the kind of cases I handle, working conditions, and of course, the usual about shooting people. He thought my work would be so exciting.*

We only stayed at the hotel long enough to pick up his luggage and other personal items, and then it was another drive to the airport for his return flight to L.A. At the airport I finally got some shots of Patrick for our newsletter, and we said our goodbyes. He thanked me for ferrying him to and fro.

As a sidebar: the Holiday Inn manager was heard to comment about several missing drinking glasses, the ones that Stewart used during his presentation and autograph session. I have it on reliable information that certain STARFLEET personnel confiscated those items for resale at a charity auction. Also missing was a carafe that Stewart was seen handling while on one of his return trips back to the Hilton. Rumor has it that he left a tip in this jar. On closing, would anyone care to purchase a beat-up ball cap? Someone left his in my car.

That brings to a close my career as OLD BALDY's chauffeur, but there are still some side effects. Every so often I get the feeling I'm being followed, but usually that turns out to be my dogs, Scotty and Rodney, wanting their dinner. But I did catch some Patrick Stewart groupies trying to remove the front passenger seat of my car - that's OK, I shot them.

**Ed. note. Anita Davis is a police sergeant with the Youngstown Police Dept. in Youngstown, Ohio.*

— ON STAR TREK FICTION —

by Sherry Hopper • USS Polaris

At the end of Tara James's review (Feb/Mar COMMUNIQUE), of "Home is the Hunter", Lt. James commented: "I remember 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... It's now the '90s and with every new release (with a few notable exceptions), my enthusiasm has waned... (for the most part, I've stopped indiscriminately buying STAR TREK books.)"

I thought it only fair to balance her review and comments with the other side. Yes. I still collect Pocket Books STAR TREK fiction as fast as it's published and for a very significant reason - finding the prizes!

There are roses among this thorny series that has produced the stellar "Strangers from the Sky" (Margaret W. Bonanno, 1987) hand in hand with the inane "How Much for Just that Planet?" (John M. Ford, 1987), the mesmerizing "Tears of the Singers" (Melinda M. Snodgrass, 1984) and the struggling "Kobayashi Maru" (Julia Ecklar, 1989), the riveting "Dwellers in the Crucible" (Margaret W. Bonanno, 1985) along with the ghoulish "Bloodthirst" (J. M. Dillard, 1987).

The decade of the '90s has a lot to live up to, and so far I don't think Pocket Books and Paramount are doing too badly. But if you buy according to author credentials, you probably missed "The Pandora Principle" by Carolyn Clowes. This book gets my vote for best of the decade (so far). In her work to define Lt. Saavik from the movies "The Wrath of Khan" and "The Search for Spock", Clowes builds layer upon layer of deft characterization and relationships. She manipulates some intricate plot twists and weaves a masterful tapestry of suspense in a galaxy on the brink of annihilation. I couldn't put this book down, and I've re-read it twice since I bought it.

The year 1990 gave us some winners by known authors, too, particularly for The Next Generation. The first best novel was Jean Lorrah's "Metamorphosis", which defined the character of Data in heart-warming detail as his greatest wish was unexpectedly granted - he experiences the "human condition" in every measure. Yet A.C. Crispin's "The Eyes of the Beholders" went even further, binding the Next Generation crew - their talents and desires, strengths and weaknesses - into a creative whole. This book, show-

ing how one world's art can become another culture's madness and death, redefined the concept of universal beauty in a fascinating story.

The myth of STAR TREK continues to grow, more quickly these days through movies, the new series, and a plethora of novels both good and not-so-good. Whether those books build upon Classic Trek episodes like Judy Klass' tender "The Cry of the Onlies", or when they attempt to describe the unique worlds of the 24th Century as in the exotic "Masks" by John Vorholt, they are pursuing the myths and exploring the legends that we have come to love.

So, without embarrassment, I admit that I have avidly collected each of Pocket Books' 50-plus Classic Trek and almost 20 Next Generation novels. In each of them, I've found another piece of the puzzle. Often I've found pieces contained within excellent fiction that has satisfied much more than the fan in me.

To the authors and editors, I say thanks for the roses. To the publishers, please don't stop! And to the readers both discriminate and unleashed, there are a lot of roses to be found among the thorns. Don't give up on the written myths that bring the legends to life in your imagination.

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. 8th annual Batron 11 Conference will also be held for STARFLEET members. For more information, write: Technicon 8, c/o VTSFCC, PO Box 256, Blacksburg, VA 24063-0256 or call (703) 953-1214.

IMPACT 0.6 Game Fests, April 20, 1991, Table Top and Role-Playing - Sam till Midnight, Omaha, NE (See IMPACT I for more information and address)

BAMACON V — April 19-21, 1991. Ferguson Center on the University of Alabama campus. Guests: Mercedes Lackey, Brad Stricklan, Lary Dixon, Larry Elmore, Keith Parkinson. For more information write: PO Box 6542, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL 35486.

MARCON 26 — April 26-28, 1991, at the Hyatt Regency, Columbus, OH. (614) 2MARCON. Guests: Lois McMaster Bujold, Peter David, C.J. Cheryh, 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.

AIRCRAFT CARRIER U.S.S. YORKTOWN. MAY 17-19, 1991. Come spend a memorable evening aboard the U.S.S. Yorktown for the commissioning party of the USS Yorktown. Price: \$40.00 per person for a two night stay. Sighseeing available in the area. For more information contact: Cmdr. Marlon V. Ragsdale, shuttle YORK, 427 Confederate Ave., Apt. #1, Rock Hill, SC, 29730. (803) 329-7861. Deadline for payment is April 28, 1991.

BAYCON '91 — May 24-27, 1991. Red Lion Inn, San Jose, CA. Guests: John M. Ford, David Mattingly, Forrest J. Ackerman, Cynthia McQuillan. Memberships rates are \$35.00 until April 30, 1991. For more information write: BayCon '91, PO Box 70393, Sunnyvale, CA 94086. (408) 629-4729.

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 Antican 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. \$35.00 for weekend and includes breakfast Saturday & Sunday. Dinner Saturday and Landing Party T-Shirt. For more information 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 Meany, Transporter Chief O'Brien of ST:TNG. For more information, write: Thundercon 1, 2019 Beaumont, Noman, OK 73071.

CONTINUUM 91 June 21-23, 1991. A Star Trek 25th anniversary celebration, The Holiday Inn, Cape Girardeau, MO. Guests are Gates McFadden, Majel Barrett Roddenberry, Richard Arnold and artist Jean Kluge (who did the cover for the October/November 1990 issue of the COMMUNIQUE).. There will be a Masquerade Ball, Art Show & Auction, Contributors Reception, Charity Auction, Art Panel, Star Dance, Costume Contest, Tribble Breeders Show, Formal Gaming, Video Room, Large Dealers Room, Trivia

Contest, Con T-Shirts, Autograph Sessions and more. For more information, write CONTINUUM, 1617 Lyndhurst, Cape Girardeau, MO, 63701

CREATION SALUTES 25TH ANNIVERSARY CON — June 7-9, 1991. 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. Creation, 145 Jericho Turnpike, Mineola, NY 11501 (516) 746-9626.

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. For more information you can call: 215-537-TREK. Sovereign, Michael Marinelli, 6201 Revere St., Phila., PA 19149.

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

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.

TIMECON '91 — July 26-28, 1991. Red Lion Hotel, San Jose, CA. Guests: Wil Wheaton and Majel Barrett. Special appearances by: Richard Chaves, Jon Levene, Kim Bailey, Stephan Abbott, Eric Hoffman, Barbara Hambley, Mark Ferrari. For more information call us at: (408) 926-9408. Time Ltd., PO Box 361924, Milptox, CA 95036.

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), Michael Dorn and Michael Okuda, and Carmen Carter, Howard Weinstein, Bob Greenberger, Brad Ferguson and lots of fun and fans. Dealers room, autograph sessions, videos, panel discussions, children's 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.

IMPACT 1 — Gaming, Comics, and the Science Fiction and Fantasy Arts. July 26, 27, and 28, 1991, Omaha, NE. Guest of Honor to be announced. 24 hr., all weekend role-playing & table top gaming, Art room and Auction, Electronics room, Dealers room, special interest video room. Friday night 7 Alien Prom, Saturday night - Costume Masquerade, Sunday 7 "Live" Role-Play Murder Mystery. Impact, P.O. Box 4486, Omaha, NE, 68104

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 16 & 17, 1991. Holiday Inn Independence, Cleveland, 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.

Review : Star Trek: The Next Generation Of Trivia



Produced by the USS Guardian
6725 Anecia Avenue
Cocoa, Florida 32927

Reviewed by Cmdr. Alexandra German

As an original and Next Generation trivia fan I was really happy to look over a series of trivia booklets put out by the USS Guardian, NCC-25244. They are divided by season and are fabulous! I consider myself to be a well read Trek fan, knowing every episode, every movie. It is rare that I'm given a run for my money in Trivia.

These trivia books have done just that. Just when I thought I knew everything there was to know about First Season, a minor question about Q threw me off. Just when I thought I knew all there was to know about the Borg, a question concerning their weapons or capabilities comes up. These questions are well thought out and require more than just "Yes" or "No" answers. These trivia questions are for those who have seen episodes more than five times (at least!).

What is also nice is how the episode titles, guest stars, directors and air-dates are listed by each episode. Looking at the date on Encounter at Farpoint (Sept.30, 1987), it doesn't seem THAT FAR back that we were all crowded around a TV set watching this "New Star Trek".

Lastly, what is also neat about these booklets is how they contain quotes (from just about everybody) by different characters. Maybe I'm biased because I really enjoy memorable quotes, but the ones given are really very good and printed liberally throughout different pages.

My compliments to the Guardian for some really excellent work.

A STARFLEET "POSER"

In 250 words or less (per question), let's hear from you on the following "posers":

STARFLEET FICTION: Compare and analyze the differences and/or similarities in the command styles of Captain Christopher Pike, Captain James T. Kirk and Captain Jean-Luc Picard. What is your favorite mannerism, phrase or speech from each character and why do you like it?

STARFLEET FACT: The three most important words in STARFLEET (the fan organization) according to the Fleet Admiral is: *Let me help!* Compare the different methods and ideas that ships and shuttles in the Fleet use to empower that phrase. Describe one or two that you really like and explain why you feel that way.

We will compile and print excerpts from the ten best answers. They will appear in a future issue of the Communiqué.

VALLEY OF THE CAPTIONS CONTEST

And the winner is



"This is Klaa, and this is Vixus. We're not in right now, but if you leave a brief message and your coordinates, we'll be sure to get right back to you. Now remember, wait for the beep."

Captain Jennifer L. Cole of the USS Alliance wins a \$5.00 gift certificate good towards STARFLEET merchandise. CONGRATULATIONS!



HERE'S THE NEXT ONE, FOLKS . . .

We had so many great (and strange) responses to this photo, that we decided to list some of the runners-up. Honorable Mentions go to:

Klaa: "What's wrong?"

Vixus: "My God, it's full of stars!"

Submitted by: Hartriono Sastrowardoyo

"What do you mean our machine is VHS, and our tapes are BETA?"

"Twin Peaks, I just don't get it, do you?"

Two submitted by: Ken Ward

Klaa: "Tell me again how much I love my job...I need constant reminding."

Submitted by Captain Jennifer L. Cole

"Do not attempt to adjust you TV set. We control the horizontal We control the vertical..." "As always, should you or any of your IM Force be caught or killed, the Thought Admiral will disavow any knowledge of your actions. This monitor will self destruct in 5 seconds. Good luck."

Two submitted by Elizabeth Morrow

STARFLEET OPERATIONS

Fleet Reports

REGION ONE

Regional Coordinator
RAdm. Linda Neighbors
Amherst, VA

USS ALARIC • NCC-503

Captain Richard Heim Asheville, NC
PSA mailed to newspaper, local radio, TV, etc. about chapter, increasing area interest. Collected donations to Manna Food Bank and aluminum for recycling. Donating ST and ST:TNG books to local library, will include publicity bookplate. Planning April citywide Star Trek/Alaric meeting Open House. Planning local displays. Went to UNC-A campus to watch ST:TNG on large screen broadcast locally and visited with campus fans.

USS BONAVENTURE • NCC-102

Adm. Sue Hampton Greensboro, NC
Eight members of Shuttle Star League attended ship meeting. Security department now responsible for recruiting for ship. They have PSA's ready and are working on a "handbook" to be used at conventions. Scott Gibson was nominated as new Commanding Officer. Ship projects include: Highway clean-up, where the crew received a certificate from Governor for participation in the program; members working as servers and drivers for Super Cities Walk - Multiple Sclerosis in April; members participating in March of Dimes Walk-a-Thon in May; Landing Party planned for end of May. Members attended Trek-O-Rama, helping with recruiting and selling STARFLEET merchandise. Assisting USS Kitty Hawk with gaming convention.

USS CHESAPEAKE • NCC-1887

Captain Kris Paavola Richmond, VA
Made four public appearances last month: Richmond First Club (businessmen & educators promoting positive gov't) spoke on STARFLEET's charity involvement; at the Va Science Museum, promoting planetary films, Rubbed elbows with media, astronauts, and Governor Wilder. Recruited. Working on Sci-Fi Film Fest in April, Managers of book store were meeting guests.

USS COLUMBUS • NCC-2006

Captain Patrick Keeney Columbus, OH
The February meeting was canceled due to hazardous weather. Working on MarCon and scheduling panels. Planning to attend a 24 hour Sci-Fi film festival at local theater. Newsletter out last month. USS Columbus crewmember, Phil Green was killed in an auto accident. The Fleet sends their condolences to Phil's family and friends.

USS CONSTELLATION II • NCC-1728

Captain Debra Paducah, KY
Smooth sailing. Crew will help with Telethon with Leonard Nimoy as guest host.

USS HEIMDAL • NCC-1793

RAdm. Linda Neighbors Amherst, VA
Members planning to attend MarCon and Film Festival

sponsored by USS Chesapeake. Passed out flyers for Landing Party '91. Discussed sending paperbacks to Desert Storm troops. Visited Genesis House for abused children and read Batman comic to kids with member wearing Batman costume. Will donate another video tape to Genesis House. Food Bank collection continues. Had class on basic self defense.

USS HORNET • NCC-1714

Captain Ron Byram Charlotte, NC
Adopted a whale. Members cleaned their adopted highway. Working on handbook. Revised point system and members voted on it. Making plans for Walk-a-Thon. Will participate in PBS telethon. Planning CPR course. Awaiting Treknet arrival. Starting Travel Pod at local college.

USS JAMESTOWN • NCC-1843

RAdm. Steve Thomas Newport News, VA
Trekathon is now history - members raised \$640 for local children's hospital. Contemplating Trekathon II. Fundraising and recruiting planned. Resuming work on bridge set. Planning to attend USS Powhattan's spaghetti dinner. Taking part in March of Dimes Walk-America. Planning to attend MarCon. Chapter constitution completed.

USS JOHN B. MCKAY • NCC-653

Cmdr. Cathy Williams Christiansburg, VA
Plans made to help in Special Olympics. Members checking into Volunteer Action. Trying to get a street to clean. Each department is requested to come up with an activity of some type. Discussed Fleet suite.

USS KITTYHAWK • NCC-1659

Captain Joffre' R. Fisher Raleigh, NC
The ship has approximately 30 new members as the result of Trek-O-Rama. The first episode of "Sub-space Communications" is finished, to be aired on local cable TV. Set date for highway clean-up. Will assist PBS telethon. Planning to attend cons and will work as security, run 24 hour Trek video room and Captain Fisher will act as auctioneer at Tri-Con.

USS LAGRANGE • NCC-3916

RAdm. Tim Gillespie Akron, OH
Members are planning to work at a Dreamwerks convention. Held First Annual USO Dinner Dance. Planning to attend MarCon. Planning trip to Air Force Base. Planning bowling. Working on food bank donation where the new goal is 3,000 pounds.

USS MAAT • NCC-1794

Captain Blair Willcox, Jr. Virginia Beach, VA
Chief of Special Services planning "Trek on at Motor World", benefitting the USO. Will invite other chapters to attend the auto race track event, and will sponsor several cars. Newsletter and zine assembled. Revamping chapter flyer. Still involved in Farm Fresh Community Gift Program. Members attended Fan Out. Members plan to attend Shore Leave.

USS PATHFINDER • NCC-2121

Captain Janice Rhodes Roanoke, VA
A quiet month on the Pathfinder. Continuing with canned

food drive. Donated eyeglasses to the Lions Club for recycling.

USS POLARIS • NCC-1839

Captain Tom Milinski Fairfield, OH
Crew directory published. Engineering division newsletter released. Chapter blueprints being proof read. Medical division distributing info sheets on members, containing medical history, to be used in case of emergency. Completed recruiting handbook. New CO will take over in April. Security Chief and CO working Animal Adoption Center Bingo. Holding blanket drive for area needy. Continue canned food drive. Media packets sent to area radio and newspapers, and had a radio interview and newspaper article as the result. Working with MarCon.

USS POWHATAN • NCC-1967

Captain Clifford Cherry Chesapeake, VA
STARFLEET Marine unit re-activated. Held role playing games. Lazer Tag Team preparing for Landing Party '91. Will hold Spaghetti dinner in March. Working on chapter deck plans.

USS QUESTAR • NCC-435

Captain Karen Golbach Louisville, KY
Newly commissioned starship. Congratulations.

USS REBEL • NCC-1600

Captain Bonita Voight Lincolnton, NC
Received certificate of appreciation from North Carolina's First Lady for Outstanding Service in NC Adopt-a-Highway program. Planning March litter pick-up. Will walk as team, 'Ramblin' Rebs', in the SuperCitiesWalk. Recycling. Still sending letters and Kool-Aid to troops. Visited with ship's adopted grandfather/grandmother and helped grandmother celebrate her 97th birthday. Working on operations manual. Will help with Habitats for Humanity. Collecting stamps for Stampede. Gathering magazines, paperbacks and hardback books for VA Hospital. Will participate in 4th Annual Red Cross CPR. The crew will be hosting a multi-ship campout for the 25th Anniversary of Star Trek on September 7th and 8th, 1991 in Lincolnton.

USS RENEGADE • NCC-2547

Captain Anita Davis Youngstown, OH
Members attended several bowling and movie outings. Held an indoor winter picnic, minus the ants. Members of the crew appeared on local TV to promote our upcoming Science Fiction Film Festival. Nine new members signed on. The crew put together over 700 Safer Sex Kits for the local Health department. Crew made a monetary donation to the national foundation for AIDS research.

USS RICHMOND • NCC-2003

Captain Kevin Hanna Covington, VA
Developed ship promotion point system. Winter quarter newsletter/zine out. Held dinner meeting at Pizza Hut. Food Bank collection continues. Still recycling aluminum.

USS SARPEIDON • NCC-1874

Captain Darren Queen Huntington, WV
Planning the 4th Annual Film Festival.

USS STARWARD FURY • NCC-2122

Captain Milo J. Postel Fayetteville, NC
Planning MOC VI recruiting display. Holding yard sale for chapter. Had Valentine's Day party. Anniversary issue of newsletter out. Ship having Kendo and fencing classes every week.

USS TEMPEST • NCC-1566

Captain Robin Pillow Charlottesville, VA
 Adopted chapter by-laws. Visited Science Museum of Virginia. Will participate in Bloodmobile to help the Federation in the Blood Feud that is currently underway. Cleaned section of highway. T-shirts available for summer. Members walking in March of Dimes Walk-America Recycling continues. Entered Rookie Chapter of the Year. Plan to attend Science Fiction Film Festival.

USS WASP • NCC-1721

Captain Thurman Wilson Bristol, VA
 Having newsletter cover contest for 25th anniversary issue. Plans being made to attend Shore Leave. Producing license plates, which will be ready next month. Attended support rally for troops. Planning First Anniversary party for June. Good results from TV and Radio PSAs. Found tailor to make uniforms. Planning highway clean-ups. Discussed Walk-a-Thon.

USS WEST VIRGINIA • NCC-2008

Captain Kevin Miller Charleston, WV
 Held launch ceremony. Had excellent writeups in both local newspapers and featured on the Sunday News. Have finished audio adventure. Will attend MarCon. Will help the USS Sarpeidon with their Annual Film Fest and planning one for the West Virginia. Planning community service - March of Dimes Walk-America and Geri-Olympics.

USS XANTHII • NCC-1743

Captain Shelley Kelsheimer Clinton, IN
 Discussed restructuring meetings. Held role playing game party.

USS YEAGER • NCC-IS93

Captain Jerry Conner Bluefield, WV
 Planning on attending upcoming cons including MarCon, Technicon, and Landing Party. All humor issue of newsletter in production. Investigating potential summer activities.

REGION TWO

Regional Coordinator
 Captain Deborah Nelson
 Hialeah, FL

USS DRAGONFIRE • NCC-2007

Captain James Maloney Ft. Myers, FL
 Planning beach cleanup.

USS EXCALIBUR • NCC-2000

Captain Ed Danley Jacksonville, FL
 Crew visited Wolfson Children's Hospital. Starting in January canned food drive became a part of regular dues.

USS FEDERATION • NCC-2100

Captain Lorri King-Aldridge St. Petersburg, FL

USS GUARDIAN • NCC26244

Captain Dawn Smith-Webber Cocoa, FL
 Members continue to work at the BCC Planetarium every Friday night. Also working on Region 2 conference projects, including "Star Sacks", and Earthday display and a martial arts demo. Planning Earthday projects and other club activities. Medical and Engineering members are working on the Region 2 Hospital project. Richard Louis Newman, editor of "Man in Space Today and Tomorrow" and author of "Siege of Orbitor" and "Deadly Eyes", spoke about publishing, fiction writing, the space program and the

Star Trek club he used to have in the 70's. Awaiting site designation for beach clean-up on Earthday. Adopting a shore line.

USS INGRAM • NCC-2001

Cmdr. Joseph Perry Columbus, GA
 Cmdr. Perry in the interim CO. Elections will be held

USS MAGELLAN • NCC-2594

Captain Jeffrey Stapleton Sarasota, FL
 Things have been quiet of late on the Magellan. Awaiting completion of the first set of ship T-shirts. Acquired a dowel and cord for the ship's banner.

USS MENAUGA • NCC-3100

Cmdr. Thom Groomes Orlando, FL

USS NIGHTWING • NCC-4025

Captain Cheryl Marlan Tampa, FL
 Heard from one of our crew from overseas. He said we probably know more about what is happening that they do. The annual garage/bake sale brought in \$58.00, and the crew celebrated with a pizza party. In what has become an annual event, the crew celebrated their anniversary at the Florida State Fair, and once again, it was the coldest day of the year. The BBS of the Nightwing continues to add new members and has been placed on the TASA and Tampa Bay Area Bulletin Board lists.

USS ODYSSEY • NCC-454

Captain Esther McCord Hattiesburg, MS
 At the last meeting, members of the Forrest County Humane Society accepted the crew's gift of food for our furry friends. It was officially declared that the Shuttle Odyssey is now the USS Odyssey. Promotions were announced. Plans being made for CPR classes. At the meeting, reports were given on the Special Olympics and on the Disaster Team Training. Crew member Wanda Dubuisson spoke about her brother, Major Glenn Cleveland, whose battalion was visited by James Doohan just prior to their leaving for Saudi Arabia. Mr. Doohan delivered a special message from Gene Roddenberry.

USS PAEGAN • NCC-1755

FltCaptain Lori Anne Brown Mt. Dora, FL
 Will have regular meeting schedule soon. Working on Region 2 competitions.

USS PARAMOUNT • NCC-2004

Captain Jeffrey M. Jones Birmingham, AL
 At the last meeting, Steven Tankersley demonstrated his round chess board. Members from the Shuttle Auburn and the Starfleet Command vessel Citadel visited. Section chiefs in Security Intelligence and STARFLEET Marines were appointed. Plans made to send birthday cards out to members. Three amendments to the ship's constitution were passed.

USS PHOENIX • NCC-625

Captain Richard Allen Orlando, FL
 Editing of ship's video, "The Prime Detective" is proceeding well, with plans for a premier party in March. Members took part in Orlando's annual Kite Day. Promotions were announced.

USS REPUBLIC • NCC-1317

Captain Michael G. Hart Atlanta, GA

USS SACAJAWEA • NCC-598

Captain Elizabeth Osbourne Inverness, FL
 Two meetings were held in February. An issue of the newsletter, "Trail Marker" came out along with another issue of "Internal Affairs". Finished putting the Jan/Feb issue of the COMMUNIQUE on audio tape

in record time. Also had a highway pick-up. A wreath laying ceremony for the Challenger crew was postponed, but planning to set a date for later in the year. Several members traveled to Orlando, Florida to take part in a Star Trek video.

USS SCORPION • NCC-4017

Captain Chris Cancilla Eglin AFB, FL

USS TAJARHI • NCC-1783

Captain Robert George Tyndall AFB, FL

USS TRIUMPH • NCC-26228

Captain Deborah Nelson Hialeah, FL
 Plans continue for the 1991 March of Dimes Walk-a-Thon with plans calling for a barbecue/meeting afterwards. Members attended team captain's rally and kick off party. Artwork submitted for March of Dimes/Triumph logo T-shirts. Plans continue for "Landtrek 91". Easter fundraiser order forms distributed for two size Easter baskets where the proceeds will go to Camillus House (homeless fund) and KOA KARE Children's Cancer fund. Medical section wrote an update on our STARFLEET handbook recording project for blind members. Complete new ship's banner. Engineering sponsored another pet in the "adopt-a-pet" program. The Captain's birthday was celebrated - a good time was had by all. Captain Nelson received a ship's bell complete with brass plate engraved with the ship's name.

REGION THREE

Regional Coordinator
 Commodore Bob Corbett
 Ft. Worth, TX

USS ANDROMEDA • NCC-1657

Captain Elizabeth Patton Houston, TX
 Members attended a convention where they were able to do quite a bit of recruiting. Attended the latest IMAX movie at the Museum of Natural Science. Plans made for a video party. Also made plans to go sailing on Clear Lake in March.

USS JOSHUA • NCC-3700

Captain Bill A. Schwab Mesquite, TX
 The Challenger Memorial "Keep the Dream Alive" Celebration was held. It was considered to be a success and is planned to be repeated next year. The crew plans to participate in Earth Day '91, sponsored by Sarah Lipsky and her Genesis Project. It promises to be one of the biggest events of the year for the ship. The Mile of Pennies has gathered over 1/4 mile toward its goal for charity and there was a penny wrapping party. Plans are also being made to sell homemade items at the May Creation Con. Held the first meeting of the "Read-a-Book" effort for the Lighthouse for the Blind. Crew looking forward to the first shuttle launch commissioning in April, when the Lancelot leaves the mother ship.

REGION FOUR

Regional Coordinator
 Radm. Janis Moore
 Sacramento, CA

USS ALLIANCE • NCC-2113

Captain Jennifer L. Cole W. Los Angeles, CA
 Topics of the last meeting included: advertising for other clubs, a new Community Service Director for the club was appointed and newsletter exchange with

other ships was started. In March, the Alliance crew plan to invade Universal Studios.

USS CONSTITUTION • NCC-1700

Captain Truman Temple Los Angeles, CA
The ship's first zine was completed. Preparing a landing party for the Science & Aeronautical Museum. The second issue of the ship's newsletter, "We the People" is finished. Crew hand book in the works. Ship's cookbook in the planning stages. Looking into Adopt-a-Wall and Adopt-a-Freeway for community service.

USS DEFIANCE • NCC-1717

Adm. Rob Lerman Fair Oaks, CA
The crew of the Defiance along with the Shuttle Endeavor donated approximately 100 cans of food to the Salvation Army. A new crew handbook is now in final draft stages. The handbook will include information about ranks, promotions, applications and forms. Working on goals for the coming years. The ship's newsletter will now be published bi-monthly.

USS EAGLE • NCC-1719

FtCaptain Dail Koehler Menlo Park, CA
Crew cleaned adopted beach, saving an injured sea gull by taking him to the wildlife rescue center. The first issue of the ship's newsletter was sent out. A survey was taken of the crew asking for a list of activities they would like to see the ship involved in.

USS GALLANT • NCC-1869

Captain Dana Reynolds Lemoore, CA
Donated 20 toys for the Toys for Tots Campaign. Discussed, at the general meeting, some of the things the crew would like to accomplish in the next year. Promotions were announced.

USS STELLAR WIND • NCC-1501

Captain E. C. Kinsly Freedom, CA
Plans made to donate dry goods to an organization serving the poor called Second Harvest. Member Paul Bender has volunteered to enter data on a computer for the project for abused women and children in the San Bernardino, CA area. Membership handbook is being worked on. Newsletter is undergoing changes. Plans being made to Adopt-a-Beach. Members wished fellow crewmember, Josh Rotstein, all the best as he has been called to active duty in the Navy.

REGION FIVE

Regional Coordinator
RAdm. Robert Hilton
Pullman, WA

USS APOLLO • NCC-2546

Captain David Bell Portland, OR
Members presented Patrick Stewart with a basket including a bottle of wine, smoked salmon, cheese and other delicacies. Three new members joined the ship this past month. Plans in the works to make a commercial on public access TV.

USS CALYPSO • NCC-1891

Captain Al Sandham Spokane, WA
Crew is working on the ship's bylaws and the CCA points.

USS PENDRAGON • NCC-2005

Captain Dana Seanev Seattle, WA
The new name for the Pendragon's newsletter is "The Dragons Breath". Pens and note pads carrying the Pendragon logo will be available in the future. The crew recently received a card from the University

District Food Bank thanking them for their donations of food over the past few months. Captain Dana Seanev is first on the list at Purdy Women's Correctional Center to receive a specially trained Service Dog. There will be a fannish wedding ceremony for Commodore Keith Marshall and Captain Dana Seanev at I-Con in Victoria, BC in October, 1991.

USS RAPACIOUS • NCC-2548

Captain Chris Clark Seattle, WA
Recruiting video went very well at Rusty Convention. Establishing public service projects including Adopt-a-Highway and Walk-a-Thon.

REGION SIX

Regional Coordinator
Commodore Eric Anderson
Richfield, MN

USS BEHR'AK • NCC-1797

Captain James Meyer St. Paul, MN

USS CZAR'AK • NCC-1789A

Captain David Kloempken Richfield, MN
About 90 people attended the annual "Who-Trek" where all the Doctor Who clubs and Star Trek clubs (and any others) get together to have a fun afternoon, find out what's happening with everyone and get updates on local cons. Set up time for "Gaming Day". Plans being made to attend MiniCon, the big local Sci-Fi/Fantasy/Writer con in the Twin Cities. Also working on new club flyers for this con. Hoping to attend STARFLEET's National Conference.

REGION SEVEN

Regional Coordinator
RAdm. Alex Rosenzweig
North Brunswick, NJ

USS ALBANY • NCC-587

Captain Frank Faas Guilderland Center, NY
The crew is getting its second wind after a busy winter schedule of public functions, participating in a New Year's Eve Gala. Many of the crew attended Creation's New York Captain's Con. Elections plans are being made for 1991.

USS ARCTURUS • NCC-1807

Commodore Eric Johnson Huntington Sta., NY
The crew helped their local PBS station, WLIW, Channel 21, during the recent pledge drive. The latest issue of the ship's newsletter, "Sensor Scan" is being compiled and is due out soon. The Arcturus was notified, by mail, that they may have already have won \$10 million - thanks to Ed McMahon.

USS ARGON II • NCC-1636

Captain Edward Johnson Edgewood, MD
The ship's patches have arrived. Members attended the Fan-Out convention in Maryland. Members are putting together the ship's newsletter. Next meeting's topics include: Officer's Manual, shirts, and operations at Fan-Out.

USS ASCENSION • NCC-2520

Captain Kevin Miles Bath, PA
Several crew members attended the Creation's New York "Captain's Con". Members also attended Creation's Philadelphia Con and Fan-Out in Maryland. Preparing next issue of newsletter. Plans being made to do security at the Dreamwerks Con in York

and Wilkes-Barre. All departments proofreading their sections of the ship's manual, prior to final typing and printing. Medical section preparing a first aid kit for the ship.

USS AVENGER • NCC-1860

RAdm. Alex Rosenzweig N. Brunswick, NJ
Things picked up in 9102. Local advertising brought more membership inquiries. All five shifts (local groups similar to shuttles) met in January, with varying turnouts from 4 to 24 members each. Sciences sent out a new Planetary Survey. Medical newsletter, "This Won't Hurt a Bit", is almost ready for release. Operations is reviewing possible changes in how the section works, in order to increase section activity. Security released its newsletter. Approved new membership certificate, new recruiting flyer, upgraded chapter shield, and trouble shooting protocols. The revisions to the Officers Manual still need work. Activities calendar was mailed out, "Tricorder Readings" # 27 was released in March and "Avenger News" # 23 is being written. The Avenger renewed their adoption of the whale, "Orion" for the third year. Members are gearing up for the March of Dimes Walk-America at the end of April.

USS CHALLENGER • NCC-1676

Captain Robert Vosseller Ortley Beach, NJ
The ship's engineering section is planning a Vulcan Conference event, while Operations is spearheading a recruiting drive. The crew contributed to the Mile of Pennies project. A new episode of "Spaced Out" was completed and features footage from an interview with Mark Goddard (Lost in Space). The next episode will include footage of Catherine Hicks. The security department delivered a second package of material to a local drop-off point for Desert Storm personnel, including books, comics, gum. Crew celebrated their fourth anniversary.

USS CHRISTA MCAULIFFE • NCC-860

Captain Howard Cronson Canton, MA
Crew received a phone call from fellow-member Fred King all the way from Saudi Arabia. Fred is fine and in good spirits. Members held its holiday party, with rain but not snow for the first time in three years. The potluck dinner worked out very well. Crewmembers handled security at a Creation Con.

USS INTREPID II • NCC-1730

Captain Jeffrey Hunt Garfield, NJ
Each section is working on a manual. Section chiefs are picking assistants. A volunteer is being sought for Public Relations Officer. Next issue of "Captain's Log" is ready for release. Ship T-shirts were purchased. Ship members adopted a motto - "A history of excellence, a tradition of honor."

USS KONKORDIUM • NCC-2106

Captain Dave Cichon Northford, CT
"Konk" crew provided security for Boston and New Haven Creation Cons in February. Held St. Patrick's shipwide party, with special guest Wendy Erisman, XO of the USS Andromeda. Plans made for trip to the Dinosaur Exhibit at the Norwalk Maritime Center.

USS ODIN • NCC-1875

Cmdr. Jesse Smith Mt. Airy, MD
Several members adopted whales. Stamps being collected for Stampede, with a box of 15,000 being prepared to be sent to HO. Many members are planning on attending Fan-Out and Shore Leave.

USS POTEMKIN • NCC-1711

Captain Willard Speck Pittsburgh, PA

The crew is sharing a computer class and an art class. Plans were made for the Potemkin's annual Awards Banquet in April. A few members went caving before the last meeting, having an interesting time counting bats. The crew donated a computer to the East Liberty Library. Members sent in a large package full of stamps for the STARFLEET Stampede. Plans made for the next writers workshop and also the all night bowling. Attended the 3rd Annual TREK*A*THON on WPTT where Jay McPherson took part in the taping of the intro segment.

USS SALADIN • NCC-500

Capt. Doug Van Newenhovend Agawan, MA
Crew members looking for a meeting hall for the regular site of their meetings. Planning to attend several upcoming cons.

USS SOVEREIGN • NCC-2505

Captain Michael Marinelli Philadelphia, PA
Plans continue for the June convention. Friendship Con '91 which the Sovereign crew is running. A contract has been signed with Ticketmaster to sell tickets nationwide for the con. The Medical department has put together a CPR training day, where a large number of members attended and successfully completed the course. Communications department continues to produce a monthly newsletter. Operations in continuing to produce the locations of each monthly meeting place as well as the agenda for the meetings. The crew is rotating the agendas at each of the meetings between each of the department chiefs, giving each an idea how the meetings are run. Initiated a meeting of all chapter heads from the Philadelphia area, where the Sovereign's convention was discussed.

USS TAI SHAN • NCC-2524

Captain Matt Ross Riverdale, NY
Topics at the last meeting included the Chapter of the Year Contest and redesigning the ship's insignia. Newsletter, "Operations Enquirer" #12 is in development. The members will be celebrating the ship's 3rd anniversary with a buffet luncheon. The security division is sponsoring a trip to the Museum of Science in Queens. Future plans include a trip to the Museum of the American Indian and the Walk-a-Thon.

USS THAGARD • NCC-652

Captain Mark Morrow Lansdale, PA
Worked security and manned STARFLEET table at Creation convention in Philadelphia. Planned the second Video Marathon weekend. Held practice for Thagard band and lazer tag. Members attended CPR and First Aid classes. Held classes in Russian and sign language. Planned dinner with Kim Pendzinski (recipient of Trek Lifeline). Began classes on Introduction to Computers. Plans semi-finalized for STARFLEET trip to US Space Camp. Two members attended the UFP con in Chicago. Had monthly writer's meetings. Worked on COMMUNIQUE and ship's newsletter, "The Warp Ten Times".

REGION TEN

Regional Coordinator
Commodore April Gorman
NW Calgary, Alb, Canada

USS BONAVENTURE • NCC-1645

Capt. Howard Gibbins Edmonton, Alb., Canada
Preparing for ST Con 91. Crew taking part in Red Cross blood drive. Members plan to attend Vulcanonocon in Vulcan, Alberta. The work on the ship's model continues.

USS EQUULUS • NCC-1603

Comm. April Gorman NW Calgary, Alb., Canada

The full scale Shuttlecraft mode, now being called the Chiron, is almost finished and will be unveiled at ST Con 91 in March. ST Con 91 will also be the host of the STARFLEET Northwest Conference. The crew will be helping out the town of Vulcan, with their first Star Trek convention.

USS MALASPINA • NCC-3271

Captain Mark Balding Nanaimo, BC, Canada
Plans are underway for the third annual general meeting later this month. Crew plans to adopt a beach in Nanaimo.

USS RESOLUTION • NCC-1877

Capt. Veronica Hipsey Victoria, BC, Canada
The crew's First Officer, Colin Scheidl, might be taking a leave from the Resolution, as his ship is being sent off to the Persian Gulf. It is unsure now whether or not Colin will be one of the crew sent. Blood donor clinics and writer's workshops are starting back up again.

USS SOL • NCC-1733

Captain Donna Namet North Pole, AK
Planning a couple of booths at the winter carnival in March. Three members may appear on talk show to let more Fairbanks people know about chapter.

REGION ELEVEN

Regional Coordinator
Commodore Jennifer Yates
Harbord, NSW, Australia

USS ALTAIR

Captain Raymond Raspa Perth, WA, Australia

USS N'DELE • NCC-1758

RAdm. Leanne Jackson Rostrevor, SA, Australia

USS SOUTHERN CROSS • NCC-1886

Commodore Jennifer Yates Harbord, NSW, Aust.

REGION TWELVE

Regional Coordinator
RAdm. Dan McGinnis
Belleville, IL

USS CONCORD • NCC-1989

Captain Mike Ferguson Oklahoma City, OK
Crew attended Psurreal Con in Norman, OK. Working with local con schedule for May. Planning a March 23rd minicon to raise money for ARK homeless families. Larry Nemecek will be the guest speaker.

USS DISCOVERY • NCC-1309

Captain Margie Amberboy St. Louis, MO

USS EXCELSIOR • NCC-2000

Captain Tim Frayser Broken Arrow, OK
Crew celebrated its second anniversary with a bowling party in Tulsa. Future bowling nights are planned. Member sattended KMOD Rainbow Expo. Continuing to collect aluminum, newspaper and glass. A 'drydock' for raft has been located.

USS HEXUM • NCC-2199

RAdm. Dari McGinnis Belleville, IL
Crew held recruiting table at local mall. Several new members added to the ship. Capt. Nettle attending gaming marathon in St. Louis with other area chapters to raise money for Children's Miracle Network. Planning a candy sale with all St. Louis area chapter. Work on the ship's handbook continues. Several activities planned for summer months. Current emphasis is on recruiting and fund raising.

USS HORIZON • NCC-1000A

Captain James Herring Columbia, MO
Crew holding regular meetings with increased membership in attendance. Many members applying for academy courses. New ship's handbook completed and distributed to crew (absolutely outstanding work!). RAdm McGinnis and VAdm Denise Peterson attended February meeting. New name tags completed for crew. Ship's morale is running high.

USS INVICTA • NCC-26246

VAdm. Denise Peterson St. Peters, MO
Lt. Chris Moody was voted Region 12 Member of the Year and was promoted to Lt. Commander. Planning several events including a Trek movie marathon to be held prior to the release of Star Trek VI. Shuttles Bacchus and Shaun Christopher doing well. Bacchus to go to ship's status soon. Invicta represented at a local gaming marathon in February. Enjoyed the afternoon spent with members of the Discovery, Hexum, and Sally Ride.

USS JUPITER • NCC-1734A

Captain Kevin Brower Springfield, MO
Captain Brower was re-elected. New XO is Cmdr. Charles Parks. Working out details for the Region 12 Summer Blow-Out Bash. Working on flyers for the Fleet wide figurine raffle. The USS Jupiter did a "Rising with Ron" TV spot on local ABC Affiliate, Channel 33 on Thursday, February 28th. Many activities planned.

USS PEGASUS II • NCC-1612

Cmdr. Michael Hoyt Laddonia, MO
Continued to collect stamps for the Stampede and also pennies, nickels, dimes, quartets for the Scholarship fund. Discussed Region 12 summit and the gaming marathon in St. Louis.

USS RANGER • NCC-2206

Captain Peggy Ingram Midwest, OK
Many members worked at Psurreal Con where Ribbons supporting our troops were made and passed out. The crew stuffed and labeled 3000 packets of information for the Challenger Center at the University of Oklahoma. Members helped load tens of thousands of books from the Greater Oklahoma City Metropolitan Library and then worked the book sale. Plans made to participate in the MS Walk-A-Thon in April. Also preparing an entry for the SL Patrick's Day Parade.

USS SALLY RIDE • NCC-643

FltCapt. Robin Lynch Cape Girardeau, MO
Several members manned the table at West Park Mall for the St. Jude's Radiothon in February. Members participated in the Red Cross class "Service to Military-Families". Five members made the trek to St. Louis for the gaming marathon for Children's Miracle Network. The canned food drive for FISH continues. Scheduled highway pick-up. Individuals continue to support the Gulf troops in many ways. Committee plans to meet to plan for upcoming year. FCapt. Lynch has returned from "shore leave".

USS SCRIBE • NCC-3941

Captain Mary D. Pinto Murphysboro, IL
Crew preparing Galactic Cookbook. Will attend summit, CONTinuum. Aluminum can collection continues for use in ship's treasury. Planning joint candy sale with St. Louis metro chapters. Designing new T-shirts. Club flag designed by member.

USS STAR EMPIRE • NCC-2166

RAAdm. Eric Gay Shawnee, OK
Crew meeting regularly. Planning to launch shuttle in area. Several members hoping to attend summit.

USS STARGAZER • NCC-2893

Captain Coyote Kansas City, MO
Crew held regular meeting at Cabin Fever '91. Vistors from Shaun Christopher, Roadrunner, Vixen and America attended as well. Several new members recruited. Capt. Clarence Kamper spoke to the crew about 1991 Regional Summit. Several promotions issued and academy graduates announced. Attended Czarkon in St. Louis and met with potential shuttle group. Attended gaming marathon in St. Louis. Newsletter changed to bi-monthly to reduce expenses. Planning to attend summit and area walk-a-thons.

REGION FOURTEEN

Regional Coordinator
Adm. John Supranovich
Bangor, ME

USS EQUINOX • NCC-584

Captain Peg Pellerin Winslow, ME
The crew is in the process of collecting books for the Veterans Hospital in Maine. The first delivery is scheduled for March. Plans made for another bake/raffle sale in April for Winslow Project Graduation. The Oakland Public Library has offered the ship the use of a display case for promoting STARFLEET and Star Trek.

USS KASIMAR • NCC-1784

Adm. John Supranovich Bangor, ME
Will participate in United Cerebral Palsy Telethon. Planning to help Salvation Army with projects on their building. Will help with CreationCon in Bangor, Maine in August.

USS OMEGA • NCC-1687

Captain Joe Hatfield St. John, NB, Canada
Many of the events for the coming year are still in the planning stages, with the ship getting a lot of input from the crew. The crew was able to make a donation to the local Wheelchair Sports Organization.

REGION SEVENTEEN

Regional Coordinator
Commodore Lynette Knox
Provo, UT

USS ALIOTH • NCC-1828

Commodore Lynette Knox Provo, UT
Commodore Knox is now the new Region 17 Regional Coordinator. New Chief of Security, Lt. Cmdr. Janet Sheperd. Contributed to local food bank and recycled aluminum cans. Held symposium on "Life in Zero Gravity" led by Science Chief Mark Worthen. Next month a big role-playing evening, "Murder on the Alioth Express". Plans made for a cartooning class. Also plan to work for the March of Dimes Walk-America.

USS AURORA VULCANUS • NCC-1888

Captain Charlotte Howey Center, CO
Updated ship's handbooks and sent out to members. First issue of ship's newsletter, the "Aurora Follies" was finished. Shuttle Star League extremely active and won Region 1 Distinguished Service Award for their public service activities. Looking into adopting an Orca, as already adopted a Humpback Whale named Aurora.

USS CARSON • NCC-592

RAAdm. Karen Emerson Sun Valley, NV
Crew collecting stamps for the STARFLEET Stampede. The issue of the ship's newsletter, "Internal Communique" was finished. Plans made to collect books for donation to one of the Veterans Hospitals. Started a SEALS program. New ship's handbook finished.

USS DOMINION • NCC-2115

Captain Debra L. Jackson Ogden, UT
Sent off a batch of letters to troops in Operation Desert Storm. Science section made a large donation of potatoes to the local relief mission. Debra L. Jackson named the new Region 17 Vice Regional Coordinator. Held gaming day. Plans made for bowling tournament/pizza party. Members plan to attend Denver StarCon convention and Conduct convention.

USS FAHRION • NCC-2510

Captain Douglas Porray Orem, UT
Sold coupon booklets for Muscular Dystrophy. Biggest turnout for January meeting. Finished ship's handbook. Plans started for PBS Telethon. Entering a float in the local parade. Teen walk for Walk-America.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE KLINGON ASSAULT GROUP

Nuqneh or Greetings!

I apologize for not submitting a report to the COMMUNIQUE last issue but I will correct that now. Again, I would like to thank all of those who have inquired about KAG and welcome those members of STARFLEET who have joined.

Well, the "Blood Feud" is in full swing and those of you who have written to me for packets should receive them before the end of March. If not, please let me know. The design with this report is the official "Blood Feud" button emblem. In the packets are six COLORED BUTTON BLANKS to be used as a button or for copying to make others. If you request a packet, please enclose two (2) stamps for postage.

As for the KLINGON ASSAULT GROUP, our numbers are now in the 500 range and I have seventeen ship chapters within Imperial Guard. As our numbers grow we can appreciate the size - of STARFLEET and expect many friendly challenges in the months to come. There will be many conventions that KAG members will be attending and we will always enjoy having Federation personnel to aggravate... ER, associate with during con functions throughout the weekend. After

all, we all are STAR TREK fans and can enjoy each others' company without hostility or petty squables. We each enjoy our fandom in our own ways and compliment one another at conventions. As the KAG/STARFLEET Liasion, if any chapter has any problems with a member of the KLINGON ASSAULT GROUP please feel free to contact me and inform me of the incident. I will warn you however, that there are other Klingon groups out there that don't get along with STARFLEET personnel. I am not condemning any other Klingon group because at heart we are all Klingons. I just ask that you are sure that if you report an incident that it was a KAG member. (TO-THIS-DATE: There have been no incidents, beat a Ferengi for luck.)

Well, I will close with the following Klingon proverb:

"THE BEST SELF-DEFENSE IS A KLINGON DISRUPTER AND THE BEST WEAPON IS THE KLINGON WARRIOR BEHIND IT!"

BATHL JE QAPLA'
(Honor and Success)
Imperial Admiral Kragtowl

From: Shuttle Maverick To: Operations Desert Storm Troops

Decide to be peaceful
Render others peaceful
Be a model of peace
Irradiate your peace
Love passionately the peace
 of our beautiful planet
Do not listen to the warmongers,
 hateseeders and powerseekers
Dream always of a peaceful world
Switch on and keep on, in yourself,
 the peaceful buttons,
 those marked love, security,
 happiness, truth, kindness,
 friendliness, understanding and tolerance

Pray and thank God every day for peace
Pray for the United Nations
 and all the peacemakers
Pray for the leaders of nations
 who hold the peace of the world
 in their hands
Pray God to let our planet at long last
 become the planet of peace
And sing in unison with all humanity:
 "Let there be peace on Earth
 And let it begin with me!"

Robert Muller

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