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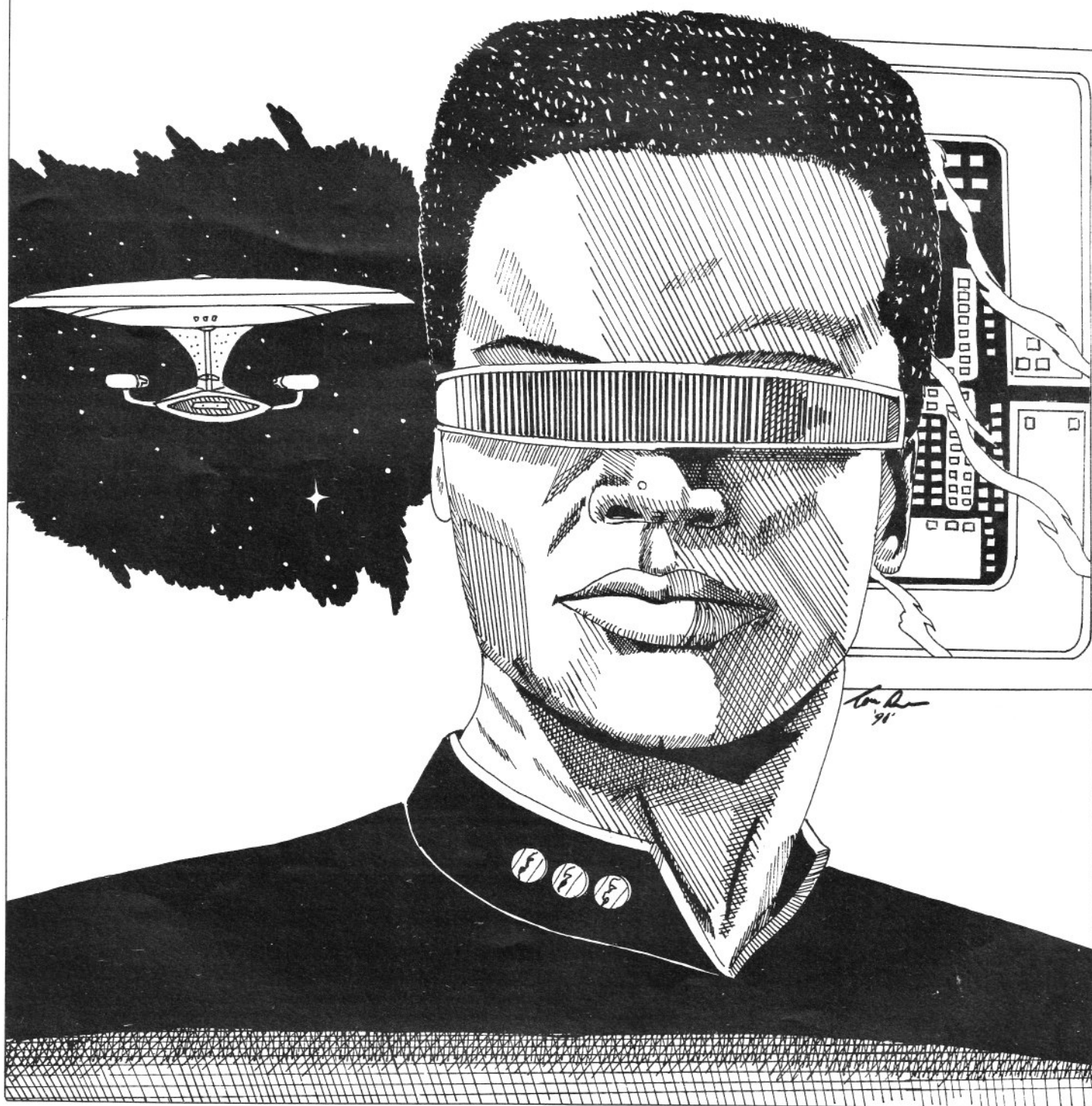


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AN INTERNAL COMMUNICATION FROM STARFLEET HEADQUARTERS

Jeannette Maddox Commander, STARFLEET



I wish everyone in STARFLEET had the same privilege I have of receiving reports from all the Fleet chapters and departments. The activity is just astounding. As usual, there are so many exciting things going on around the Fleet that it's impossible to keep track of all of them . . . but Judith Brandy and her enthusiastic staff come close to it with every issue of the COMMUNIQUE.

There are two major changes within the Fleet that everyone needs to particularly note.

The first item is the terrible news that STARFLEET will be increasing its annual membership dues. We really hate to do this, but inflation has taken its toll on the Fleet just like it has on the rest of the world. You will find the details in the COMMUNIQUE financial section.

The second item concerns the changes in the handling of the finances in STARFLEET Academy. We've had to make some changes to comply with IRS "suggestions" so that we can get our non-profit status. You will find the details about those changes in the Academy news section.

I would like to extend my personal thanks to some folks around the Fleet.

I want to thank Clayton Melanson and his family and the crews of USS Joshua and the USS Lancelot

for "beaming" me out to Dallas for some good food, good fun and the commission of the new vessel, the USS Lancelot. I had a wonderful time and got a chance to make some new acquaintances as well as renew friendships with some special people.

I also want to thank Mike Sawczyn, Robb Jackson, Anita Davis, the USS Columbus, the MarCon Committee, the Columbus, Ohio Hyatt Regency Hotel and many others for taking such good care of me at MarCon 26, the Region One Conference. I felt very cosseted and it was fantastic to be surrounded by so many warm, friendly, happy to help Fleet members. It was quite a weekend . . . course deviations, water fights and all.

I would like to extend my personal apologies to all those in the Fleet, who have written Headquarters and not received a personal reply. All communications we receive are read and filed, but it has become a physical impossibility to answer every piece of mail that comes to HQ. There simply aren't enough hours in the day, even if I didn't have a full time job. Time is especially tight right now because I am having to spend so much time working on financial and legal aspects of the Fleet as we work for our non-profit status. So if there is someone else in the Fleet that could answer your question, it might be wise to write to them so you'll get an answer sometime before the year 2001! Thanks for everyone's patience and understanding. It helps make the hard work easier.

Take care and if at all possible, have fun.

Sue Hampton Vice Cmdr., STARFLEET



Greetings from the Fleet Admiral's Number One. Like Commander Riker, my duties are many and varied, trying to keep the Fleet running as smoothly as possible. It seems that no matter how fast I type and answer letters and stuff membership packages, there are more waiting when I turn around!

MEMBERSHIPS: Complete membership turnaround time is averaging 4-5 weeks. Chapter C.O.'s should keep in mind when writing about a member's package Give me six (6) weeks from the time that they mailed their application (not when they think they might have mailed it.) I can usually give you an answer in a couple of days as to the membership status. Requests for membership packages for conventions continue to come in and seem to be an effective recruiting aid. It is very important that chapters in the same area get organized about this before the convention. Recently, I had two cases of different people or chapters requesting packages for the same convention. This is one of the reasons that requests are to be cleared through the R/C before coming to me.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Activity is increasing as the deadline gets closer. All requests for applications that were postmarked and/or received by May 1 received the information. June 1, 1991 is the postmark deadline for materials to be received for the scholarship so that the winners can be chosen by June 15th. They will be

announced in the next COMMUNIQUE, hopefully with pictures and articles about the winners. Don't forget to look for raffle tickets and information about the scholarship T-shirt raffles. These autographed T-shirts are certainly unique collectors' items. Everyone has a chance to be a winner.

This month will have some breathing time with school out and not too many activities planned for my mini-Marines aboard our ship. Next month, we "gear up to go." I am especially looking forward to returning to Maryland for the STARFLEET National Conference at Shore Leave. This is always a grand chance to meet more members of our club. Those of you who are familiar with Anne McCaffrey's, *Dragonriders of Pern* series can understand that I would love to be able to "time" it and spend more time with everyone, but I would probably meet myself coming or going and that would be disastrous.

I had a member write to me and ask about my closing comment in the last issue of the COMMUNIQUE. I said to always cut up your six-pack holders (soda or beer). Birds and animals can become entangled and trapped in the plastic holders causing great pain and death. Even holders that are deposited in regular trash dumps can still be uncovered or somehow encountered by the animals. I have done this for many years but was reminded again of the potential consequences when our own William Shatner featured the problem on his show, "Rescue 911." So, cut up those six-packs, bundle up the newspapers, plant a tree and kiss your frog . . . And do have safe summer.

MAKE A NOTE: CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP FEES

Many thanks to all of the Fleet members who responded to the problem of the inadequacy of the current STARFLEET annual membership fee. Thanks for your input and thanks for your support. We have found that although no one wants to have to increase the membership fee, 99% of the membership would rather do that than have to scale down the services and material that each member receives for their annual dues. The decreases would have included sending out a much smaller membership package and having fewer issues of a much smaller COMMUNIQUE.

By calculating the escalating printing and first class postage costs, we have found that the total cost for a membership package plus six (6) issues of the COMMUNIQUE now stands at about \$12.40 per member. This means that the Fleet goes into the hole \$2.40 for each new or renewing member that sends in their annual membership dues. We had hoped to cover the difference with merchandise sales, but the Fleet is growing at such a tremendous rate that the membership sales cannot keep up with the

increasing gap. This has remained true even with the added benefit of family memberships.

There are also many other operating costs that have not been figured into the \$12.40 such as the cost of the Fleet phone, the command level newsletter (the Fleet Status Update) and all of the milyuns and milyuns of letters that have to be written and mailed out to keep the Fleet functioning smoothly.

So, with the consent of the STARFLEET membership, as of August 1, 1991, the individual annual STARFLEET membership dues will increase from \$10.00 per year to \$15.00 per year. The annual membership dues for a same-address family of two will be \$22.00. The annual membership dues for a same-address family of three or more is \$25.00.

The membership fee for areas other than the United States is \$20.00 for an individual (U.S. Funds) and \$30.00 (U.S. Funds) for same-address family memberships of two or more. The address remains unchanged: **PO Box 430, Burnsville, NC 28714**

DEADLINES FOR THE NEXT COMMUNIQUE

Display & Classified Ads
July 1, 1991

Submissions (Hardcopy)
July 1, 1991

Submissions (Disk & Hardcopy)
Check with the Communiqué Staff
before submitting like this.
July 8, 1991

Submissions (via modem)
July 8, 1991
(We take X & Y Modem or ASCII)

NEW COMMUNIQUE ADDRESS:
PO Box 457, Rancocas, NJ 08073

FINANCIAL REPORT

ACCOUNT SUMMARY								Year-to-Date Interest Paid
Beginning Balance	+	Total Deposits	+	Interest Paid This Statement	-	Total Amount Paid Out	=	Ending Balance
3,458.10	+	7,624.04	+	20.80	-	3,249.23	=	7,853.71
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STARFLEET NATIONAL CONFERENCE

July 12th, 13th & 14th, 1991. It's almost that time again. The time for all good members (and the not so good, too) to pile into a car, a plane, a train or even a shuttle and get themselves to Shore Leave XIII for STARFLEET's National Conference. The con, held in Hunt Valley, Maryland at the Marriott Hotel, brings together old and new friends from all over the country. It promises to be a blow out weekend for everyone.

STARFLEET has been given nine hours of programming time during the weekend. The Fleet Air Band competition and a rowdy roll call will start the conference on Friday night during the Welcome Assembly. Saturday morning brings a two hour General Assembly followed by three workshops later in the day. Sunday's schedule includes three more workshops, held probably in the morning (after a night at Ten-Forward!). This list of workshops appeared in the last issue of the Communiqué. If you're interested in being involved in any of them, please contact Captain Mark Haynes as soon as possible.

The conference is scheduled so that those interested in attending the events of the convention can do so. Some of the guests include George Takei, Michael Dorn, Michael Okuda, Carmen Carter, Margaret Bonanno, Brad Ferguson, Ann Crispin, and Howard Weinstein. Also confirmed is a guest astronomer from

the Hubble Space Telescope Science Institute. S.T.A.T., the group organizing the con, has planned a Friday Night Pool Party, the infamous Saturday Night in Ten-Forward, the Art Show/Auction, Costume Call and a great dealer's room and many interesting panels to attend.

Those STARFLEET members who volunteer to work the con will earn merit points, with a Certificate of Merit being awarded at the conclusion of the con. Prospective volunteers should write to the address at the end of this article before June 15, 1991.

All STARFLEET members are expected to follow the rules set down by S.T.A.T. One rule that will be observed this year is that there will be no presentations allowed during the con that are not approved beforehand by the Shore Leave Committee. This does not include any presentations given during the Fleet meetings.

Year after year, the Marriott Hunt Valley Inn opens their doors to Trekkers. We overflow the rooms, the pool, the convention halls and are seen roaming the halls at strange hours looking for lost friends. It's not to be missed!

Marriott Hunt Valley Inn - (301) 785-7000 or Shore Leave XIII - (301) 821-5563

Volunteers, please write to: Cmdr. Cynthia Geppi, USS Odin, 1209 Seven Oaks Road, Arbutus, MD 21227

NEWSFLASH ■ NEWSFLASH ATTENTION ROCKETEERS

Forewarned Is Forearmed
(with a fire extinguisher)

This just in from the USS Sacajawea: This month started out with a bang at the ship's second anniversary/model rocket launch party. High winds, dry grass and experimental rocket designs developed into a small brush fire which quickly spread and burned nearly 1/2 acre of land before being put out by the Sacajawea's crew. The gallant and frenzied crew utilized a wide variety of tools to extinguish the flames: shovels, rakes, piles of sand, buckets of water, wet blankets and their feet. [ouch] The Captain wrote an apology to the owners of the field and ship funds were used to purchase a fire extinguisher as a gift to the owners. Needless to say, promotions were also given out at this event as well as foot balm.

STARFLEET's SMALLEST NEWSLETTER

From the USS Yaeger: Measuring only 3.5 x 5.5", this postcard size newsletter gets straight to the point and stays there. Covering a wide variety of events for Yaeger, as well as a little about the Fleet, this NL is certainly one of the more original that's crossed the Communiqué desk. And at four in the morning, it provided a well needed laugh as Deb "Lightening Fingers" Galeone, Tara, "No-No, I'm Not Sleep" James, and the Communiqué editor slogged away on the Communiqué. Nice job guys.

EARTH DAY UPDATES

by Sara Lipsky

The USS Joshua, in conjunction with the Genesis Project, celebrated their first Earth Day event on April 21, 1991. As most of you read in the last Communique our event was sponsoring a Starfleet "forest," and as of this writing we are proud to announce the planting of 26 trees in the forest. We wish to thank all the ships and shuttles who donated trees to this event.

I would also like to thank the many ships and shuttles who sent me information as to what they do on a long term basis and also what they had planned for their Earth Day event. The response to all this was overwhelming!

Our day was a success even though the weather was not in our favor. It started out at 38 degrees (to those that are used to it that is not cold, but bear in mind we Texans are used to baking at 95 to 115 degrees; it was COLD!!). We showed up to Richfield Park at 8:00 a.m. and promptly started dancing around to keep from turning blue. Our planters had their "demonstration planting" at 9:45 a.m. (given by Tim Hightshoe of the Parks and Recreation Department) and by 10:00 a.m. started planting the trees. They were able to plant over 100 trees that day, even before the festivities started at 12:00 p.m. All in all over 200 trees, mostly donated by local merchants, were planted. HOORAY!!!

At exactly 12:00 p.m. our celebration started with two of our members, James Delmont and Tracie Merchant, performing acoustic guitar and singing songs. How she can sing so beautifully while shivering is beyond me, and how he can possibly play the guitar with frozen fingers is really beyond me. Our booths were set up and raring to go; local beautification Committee, Earth Flags, first aid, etc. Around 12:45 the band we hired, Ruby red, started cranking up the volume and getting everyone hopping again. While we (a total of about 52 people) were jumping around, the local Mayor showed up to help us out and what a sight he had. (grin) He made his speech, read his "Proclamation" of the day, and planted a 12 foot tree right in the middle of the park.

Afterward, the clouds opened up on us. As disappointed as we were about the rain our spirits still couldn't be dampened. Starfleet had a new forest, the Earth had 200 more trees to help it out, and we were able to open a few more eyes to the danger our environment is in. The Joshua planted 10 trees in a special grove, the Willow Grove, in commemoration of the 10 astronauts who have lost their lives in the space program. To these people we bow our heads and give thanks that we may one day achieve peace as it appears we have from 'a distance'. The Starfleet "forest" will continue to be open to donations of trees. If you, or your ship\shuttle, would like to have one (or more) planted please send a check for \$20.00 out STARFLEET and send it to STARFLEET Headquarters, attention: Genesis Project.

A special thanks goes out to our financial sponsor, Laid Law Waste Systems, Inc., for supplying all our shirts, the band, advertising, and all around great advice. (Especially Jeanne Kaiser, thank you!)

Please remember; stay environmentally aware at all times. Earth Day, EVERYDAY!!!! Again, thanks to everyone!

SHIPS AND SHUTTLES WHO DONATED TREES

Ships

USS Avenger NCC-1860
USS Horizon NCC-1000
USS Joshua NCC-3700
USS Kitty Hawk NCC-1659
USS Lancelot NCC-13982
USS Ranger NCC-2206
USS Starward Fury NCC-2122
USS Thagard NCC-652
USS Triumph NCC-26228

Shuttles

Shuttle Ari
Shuttle Bateleur
Shuttle Intangible
Shuttle Maverick
Shuttle San Jacinto
Shuttle Valcour

The Genesis Project

The Genesis Project is not a new scientific invention to change our dying planet into a thriving one within minutes. It is, however, a collection of people throughout Starfleet who are concerned with our environment and want to make a change.

It all started in 1990 with a few people and a great idea. Being interested in Star Trek is not only going to conventions, saying 'live long and prosper', and watching television all the time. It also means we are very interested in the future, OUR future. Our future depends on us, now, to do something about the mistakes that have been made before they go beyond our capabilities of stopping the cycle. Earth Day was just the launching point of this project. What I had proposed to Starfleet was this:

To have a department that solely concentrates on environmental issues. There seems to be a large number of members who do a lot of that and this department is being put together to help organize it all into a single energy to recognize everyone's effort at helping our Earth. We will provide information on ecological groups, updated information on ozone reports, a news letter with a different topic every other month, pamphlets from large environmental groups, ideas to help shuttles/ships as to what they can do to make a project of their own; the list is endless. All

reports will be sent to Starfleet Headquarters with the "above and beyond" cases recognized and noted by the Genesis Project.

The cost for this department is as follows:

Ship membership: \$15.00 per year. This includes six (6) mailings of the newsletter, special information mailings, cost of mailing multiple pamphlets from other ecological groups in a larger number, and membership packet.

Single memberships: \$7.00 per year. This includes six (6) newsletters, special mailings, membership packet, information on other ecological groups.

I am hooking up with other organizations across the county to help keep up to date information on hand. If you have questions we will research it for you and send the information as soon as it is available.

Every club that contacted me about Earth Day had fantastic ideas and news to tell. This department will assist you in getting the word out as to what you are doing and help other ships\shuttles get a start on what they want. If you are interested please make your checks out to STARFLEET (Genesis Project) and mail them with your inquiry to: STARFLEET Headquarters.

We will respond as quickly as we can. Thank you for your interest!





Department of Communications

Another issue is upon us, and I am writing this article at a respectable hour, and not in the middle of the night like usual. There are a few things I'd like to cover this time around which are of interest and importance to a variety of STARFLEET members.

• **SPACE CAMP:** Look at the Space Camp update to

Chief of Communications

VAdm. Judith Brandy

see how you can still attend this great event, even if you missed the deadline for the initial deposit. There's still time for you to register. I'm going, and at the very least, you can come and watch me get my guts thrown about in various contraptions that NASA has dreamed up. Should be fun! *(smile)*.

• **PUZZLES AND SUCH:** Unfortunately, while I'd like to thank all those people who have submitted puzzles (crossword, word searches, etc.), we have found it impossible to add them to our sterling line-up of material for the Communiqué. One of the reasons for this is that when we shrink it small enough to fit the space requirements, ants are the only thing that can do them

• **WRITER'S & ARTISTS' CONTEST:** There's still time to submit for this contest. We've gotten some great stuff, and would like to get more. So, here's your chance to shine before 5000+ interested readers. I know that there's great Star Trek and science fiction stories lurking out there somewhere. I can feel them.

• **REVIEWS:** We are reviewing material on a first-come, first reviewed basis. This issue is lacking because of the great submissions of materials for Earth Day and Chapter Of The Year. Fear not, though, we will continue to review at as rapid a rate as possible, so that each and every submission will receive our personal (warped) touch.

• **ETC:** I am looking forward to meeting many folks at the upcoming Shore Leave Convention and National Conference. In my position as CoC, I have come to have many "phone", Compuserve and BBS friends. It'll be good to put some faces with those voices/words. Speaking of Compuserve, did you know that they have an excellent Star Trek conference in the sci-fi forum every Monday at 9:30 (EST). There's other things, too. But I just discovered it, and thought I might pass it along. *(Thanks to Shelby for that bit of information)*

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Cmdr. Michael Sawczyn • Director

As I'm sure you've all noticed by now, we've been lucky enough to attract the attention of a few advertisers for this issue of the Communiqué.

Please take a moment and read their ads, both the full pagers and the advertisers who've chosen to use our classified section. We're pretty pleased they've decided that STARFLEET was a good medium for their message, and hope that you, the members, can get some benefit from having their ads placed here.

By opening the Communiqué up to advertising, we're really doing the members a service by both providing a means to see what's out there that might be of interest to our membership, and by getting a few more bucks in the 'Fleet coffers. Here's hoping that our advertisers, both present and future, continue to see STARFLEET as an excellent advertising value.

OPR is moving to expand its horizons a bit, and the chapters can certainly help. Please consider this a call to all chapters to try to cajole, coerce, or otherwise influence one member to volunteer to be a part of the Office of Public Relations.

I see OPR as a conduit for information regarding both STARFLEET and chapter promotions. You are individually all doing great things to promote yourselves and the Fleet, but your neighboring chapters have great ideas too, and shouldn't you know about them? If we can get one member from each ship and shuttle

to join OPR, that member can be the channel for promotion ideas both to this office and from it. That turns me into the secretary and the clearing house for collating ideas and recommendations and passing them out.

The end result of this effort will be the long-awaited Chapter Promotion Manual, chock full of ideas for getting the word out about your chapter and about STARFLEET in general. I've already gotten some excellent ideas from OPR's present staff, but surely those aren't all the creative people in STARFLEET?

It isn't much work, and you get a monthly (or so) newsletter out of it.

So let's hear it, folks. Scrounge around your chapter for that dedicated person who's looking for a niche to fill. He/she can fill it as OPR Liaison Officer.

Catch you next issue. And enjoy the weather.

THE PRESS CORPS

Cmdr. Jacqueline Gilkey • Director

Considering the volume of mail I have received in reference to the STARFLEET Press Corps, it is safe to say this group is alive and well. Keep those articles coming gang! I cannot stress enough, the importance of attaching a #10 SASE with the appropriate postage (US/FOREIGN) with ALL correspondence. This procedure will help to facilitate a timely response on my part. There is no guaranteed response to mail received otherwise.

For those of you still waiting to receive your official STARFLEET Press Corps badge, I beg your patience. The badges themselves are very nice however, as they are not pre-fabricated, it does take some time to individualize them and then have them laminated, etc.

To receive more information concerning the Press Corps, or to join (\$2.00 fee payable to STARFLEET) please write:

THE PRESS CORPS

Jacqueline Gilkey
142 Stony Creek Avenue
Lansdale, PA 19446

UPDATES • UPDATES

WRITERS' & ARTISTS' CONTEST

The deadline for submissions for this contest is postmarked no later than July 1, 1991. All submissions must have a \$5.00 entry fee which covers the cost of xeroxing and distribution to the judges.

There still time for you to submit art, stories and poetry for this contest. Winners will be published in a fully typeset, velobound publication that will be available to the entire Fleet. Have your material seen by over 5000+ bonafide Star Trek and science fiction fans. This is a golden opportunity! Don't pass it up! Send an SASE to: STARFLEET Writers' & Artists' Contest, PO Box 1304, Lansdale, PA 19446.

NEWSLETTER CONTEST

Captain Mark Morrow • Director

As most of you know, the 1991 STARFLEET newsletter contest is underway. Many ships and shuttles have already responded and I expect to get more entries as we continue through the year. I would like to encourage everyone who enters to send as many issues as possible as this will give us a better view of what your newsletter is all about.

Also many new categories have been added to the contest. These are:

- Most Graphically Attractive Newsletter
- Most Informative Newsletter
- Best Cover Logo
- Best Overall Chapter Newsletter
- Best Overall Shuttle/Section Newsletter

There will be a first place and honorable mention in all the above categories. We decided to expand the categories after receiving a nice suggestion from Jon Lane of the USS Avenger, who was aware of how past newsletter contests had been run. As before, send all entries to STARFLEET Newsletter Contest, P.O. Box 1304, Lansdale, PA 19446.

Thanks to Captain Jon Lane and the crew of the AVENGER for their ideas and assistance.

PEN PAL SERVICE



Cmdr. Cathy Addlesee, Director

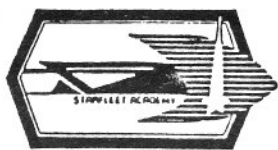
The Pen Pal directories are finally out. It was a big job and took longer than was anticipated. Bi-monthly newsletters are going out on time.

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.



STARFLEET ACADEMY

Admiral Rob Lerman • Director

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

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. All tests must be completed within 6 months. Any that are not completed within the 6 months time limit will become null and void. Once this happens, you must re-apply with the tuition to take the course again. There are too many old versions of tests and this will help keep all tests up-to-date.

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.

Anyone that has a complaint must document any such complaint in writing and send it to the Director of Starfleet Academy. Also, any phone calls to the Academy HQ can only be taken between the hours of 6:30pm and 9pm Pacific Time. I DO work and am not home during the day. If I am not home, please try another night as it is hard to return calls.

Anyone sending an application to anyone in Starfleet Academy must include 2 first class stamps, or if from a foreign country, you must include a International Reply Coupon for the same amount. It is real hard to answer questions or send back any materials without the stamps, so please include them anytime you write to us.

If, for some reason, you don't have an application for an Academy program, you may write to me for the most current version of the Application. It is not required to have an application to apply. Be sure to include your name, complete address, SCC #, rank, the chapter to which you belong, and the tuition cost of \$3.00 in US funds.

• **STARFLEET TUITION CHANGES:** We are having to change the financial format of the Academy to comply with IRS requirements as we work toward our non-profit status. Since the Academy is a function of STARFLEET as a whole, the fees are required to go through the Fleet bank account instead of into the individual directors' accounts.

There were lots of phone calls and discussions among the Executive Committee and we came up with all kinds of intricate schemes trying to find the best way to handle all of the extra paperwork. We finally decided on a method that only required one page of instructions and only required mailing checks and applications back and forth about a dozen times.

On the very day we were going to make that complicated scheme official, HQ got a letter from Fleet member G. Chen in New York. He had a very simple solution that seven Admirals hadn't been able to come up with. He suggested that HQ issue Academy tuition vouchers. So brilliant and so simple! We had already decided that to make the Academy easier for everyone, the tuition fee for all academy schools would be the same.

So the procedure for applying to any Academy school is send \$3.00 to HQ (PO Box 430, Burnsville, NC 28714) for each school you wish to attend. HQ will send you an Academy tuition voucher. Send the voucher and your application to the school of your choice. The director of that school will guide you from there.

Each tuition voucher is \$3.00 or you can purchase a booklet of five (5) vouchers for only \$12.00 (a Fleet Bonus) in case you want to attend more than one Academy school. If the purchaser doesn't use all of the vouchers, he/she can sell them to other Fleet members (only STARFLEET members can attend Starfleet Academy). If the members want to do so, a Fleet chapter can purchase several vouchers and have them on hand to sell to chapter members. That would save the mail

delay of writing for each voucher individually.

At the end of each month, the directors of the Academy schools will send copies of their receipts for school expenses to HQ and will be reimbursed from the Academy funds.

This change in Academy financial policy goes into effect immediately. We hate to throw in this extra step for attending STARFLEET Academy, but believe me, it's much easier than some of the crazy schemes that were proposed by the Admirals! Our grateful thanks go to Mr. Chen for his good advice.

STARFLEET ACADEMY SCHOOLS

OFFICER'S TRAINING SCHOOL

Captain Peg Pellerin

RFD #3, Box 5460, Winslow, ME 04901

RAdm Janis Moore stepped down as OTS director to spend more time with Region 4 and some other projects. I want to thank Janis for a job well done. We hope to have everything to Peg ASAP, so please be patient if there is a delay in getting your materials or getting your scores.

OFFICER'S COMMAND COLLEGE

Cmdr. Kim Lerman

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

Please note the last name change. A copy of your OTS certificate must be included with your OCC application. You may not apply to both OTS and OCC at the same time.

Year to date Graduates: 243!! That is a lot.

POST GRADUATE SCHOOL

Capt. Anita Davis

469 Mistletoe Ave, Youngstown, OH 44511

Anita is adding some new courses and revising some others. Try some of the new PGS courses as they become on-line. Write to Anita for more details.

VULCAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

Capt. Marlene Miller

461 Harmony Ln, Campbell, OH 44405-1212

There are too many students to list in each newsletter who have passed with a 100% score. To those who have passed with that score, congrats on a job well done. This school has many interesting programs offered, looking for something different? Apply to VAS.

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Cmdr. Cheryl Willcox

5532 Stewart Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23464

We are adding an Ophthalmology course to the school. The test was created by Lt. j.g. David Miller of the USS Discovery.

SECURITY SCHOOL

Capt. Beth Lipps

2218 Eastview Dr., SW, Roanoke, VA 24018-2114

The Security School has recently redone its diplomas, and invested in some nicer paper, so the students will at least seem to be getting their money's worth! A minor revision of the Advanced Course is being planned for this summer.

Yes, there is an Advanced Course in Security School! It's available for the minimal charge of US\$2.50 (checks or money orders payable to Starfleet; please don't send cash!). Just indicate on a Generic Application form that you want

Advanced, and I'll get it to you ASAP.

COLLEGE OF COMPUTER SCIENCES

Capt. Sharon Ann Campbell

720 218th Avenue SW, Redmond, WA 98053

All CCS courses are free. The subscription fee for the newsletter "Parallel Interface" has been dropped and we'll be asking for stamps only for each issue. If interested, please write to Sharon.

MARINE COLLEGE

Major Joe Maurantonio

P.O. Box 146, Yonkers, NY 10710-0146

Major Joe Maurantonio has just moved, so make note of his new Starfleet Marine College address. The first four Marine College exams are on hold awaiting the New Marine Manual. All other courses are up and awaiting applicants. All courses are \$2.50 and all communications to the Marine College and its Director must be in writing. This means no phone calls under any circumstances. New courses will be added around summers' end.

COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATIONS

Adm. Jack Fields

1 Surf Way, #117, Monterey, CA 93940

Please note the new address. This course is still rather slow and I hope more of you take this course. Jack has done a great job on this program and hopes that it will pick up more.

CHAPLAIN / COUNSELOR COLLEGE

Capt. M. Price Oswalt

P.O. Box 37538, San Antonio, TX 78237-0538

Congrats to Price on his promotion to Captain. This is another course which is slow. Try this course out and you might learn something rather interesting.

STARFLEET ACADEMY DEPARTMENTS

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Capt. Debra Roberts

7246 Castilian Court, Citrus Heights, CA 95621

Issue #14 of Pip's and Squeeks should have gone out by the end of May. Membership is now approx. 80 members in the Assn and growing.

STARFLEET MARINES

Brig. Gen. Robb Jackson

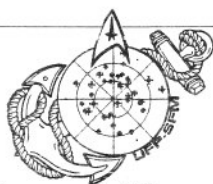
P.O. Box 23560, Columbus, OH 43223-0560

The Starfleet Marine Manual is in the pre-final proofing and addition stages. It should hopefully be out before the National Convention.

Several Marines have been appointed as Officer-in-charge of some new programs within the Starfleet Marines (see article on page 8 for details)

***An extra note: If you took the old OTS, given back before the Jeannette Maddox administration, please send copy of grade sheet, name and SCC No. I am attempting to compile a current database from scratch, and any help in this area would be greatly appreciated. Thanks.

Adm. Rob Lerman, Director



Starfleet Marines

Brig. General Robb Jackson
Marine Commandant

P.O. Box 23560, Columbus, OH 43223-0560

WHY MARINES? Part 2

The Marines are an integral part of the Federation forces. Acting under STARFLEET Command, we work with starships and other vessels in exploration, defense, and security. But we are also quite autonomous, as Marine exercises are often undertaken far from the nearest starbase or command center. In fact, most of our duties are those which are simply too small, on a galaxy-wide scale, to be of primary importance to STARFLEET. But the Marines' operations are no less important for all that, as allowing small disputes and emergencies to get out of hand could quickly cause the collapse of the entire Federation from within.

What, then are the duties and responsibilities of the STARFLEET Marines? It is an open question, as the force is somewhat loosely organized, enabling them to meet any contingency with a maximum amount of flexibility. Our primary functions, or 'main missions' however, are:

1. Operations alongside conventional planetary forces.
2. The protection of UFP interests galaxy-wide.
3. To count a UFP 'Show of Force' throughout the Treaty Zone when necessary

"PASSING THE WORD!"

We are all very excited about the course that the Corps is taking. We are getting more organized (if that is possible - more on that later), and our work is in the process of being copyrighted. That's right, we are really heading for the big time. More and more naval types are seeking the true light and becoming Marine Reserves. More units are being activated nearly everyday. You guys are doing really well with your recruiting. But keep it up, there can never be enough Marines!

As mentioned above, we are in the process of a reorganization to make better use of people and skills, and some of the excitement being generated is because of the new organizational status. I actually have a staff now. As it stands:

COL Jim Harris	Chief of Staff	- ADMINISTRATION
Commander Bob Bell	OIC	- Marine Reserves Program
COL Scott Akers	Vice Chief of Staff	- OPERATIONS
MAJ Rick Harvey	Commander	- SurTacCom
LTC A. Carey Sperling	Commander	- TacAirCom
LTC Mike Houtz,	OIC	- OMEGA Program
1LT Brian Jackman.	OIC	- SFMC Special Forces Program
ENS Ken Waid	OIC	- Security Special Forces Program
MAJ Joe Maurantonio	Commandant	- STARFLEET MARINE COLLEGE
MAJ Terry Burtlow	Commander	- INTELLIGENCE
CPT David Maddox Jr.	Commander	- RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT
CPT Steven Addelsse XII	Commander	- VISUAL/GRAPHICS

CURRENT PROJECTS

The manual is in the pre-final proofing and addition stages. Hopefully, it will be ready for print before the National Convention.

STARFLEET MARINE SPECIAL FORCES - "Free Commandos"

1LT Brian Jackman, OIC of the 16th Marine Strike Group attached to the USS BEHR'AK, has been appointed as the "Officer-In-Charge" of this program and is working with this office in the creation of the materials, requirements, etc.

STARFLEET SECURITY SPECIAL FORCES

ENS Ken Waid, OIC of Special Operations aboard the USS APOLLO, has been appointed as the "Officer-In-Charge" of this program and is working with this office in the creation of the materials, requirements, etc.

STARFLEET ANTI-TERRORIST UNITS - "OMEGA"

LTC Mike Houtz, Commander - 12th Marine Division, has been appointed as the

"Officer-In Charge" of this program and is working with this office in the creation of the materials, requirements, etc.

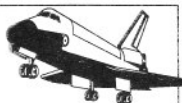
We like to think that people join the Marines, NOT because we're different, but because THEY are.

I would like to apologize to anyone that was offended by the statement in the last issue when it referred to the Marines as a group of "men and arms". Although the words "men", "he", "him" and "his" are used throughout various texts to enhance communication, they are in no way intended to affront and/or discriminate against any other gender. After all, we're still looking for a few good **lifeforms!**

For more information on being a part of the Marine Adventure, contact your local Marine recruiter, this office, or:

COL Scott Akers
Vice Chief of Staff - Operations
2204 Webster St.
League City, TX 77573

SPACE CAMP UPDATE



Greetings! By the time you read this, the deadline for Space Camp deposits will have passed. However, if you would still like to go, you have one week from the time you read this to get your \$250.00 deposit in. After June 15, 1991, you must send in the entire amount. Remember, make your checks payable to STARFLEET.

If you do miss the dead line or would like to make the payment in full, the total cost is \$405.00. If you would like to buy a flight suit

there is an extra cost of \$70.00. For those of you who have already sent in your deposit, the money for the flight suit is due with your second payment.

We have the Doctor's form (yes, you must get an examination to prove you are healthy), and all of the forms and paperwork you'll need to go.

This is going to be a fun trip, and we would like to see as many STARFLEET members as possible attend. Send monies (made payable to STARFLEET) to: Captain Mark Morrow, PO Box 1304, Lansdale, PA 19446.

TREK BITS & PIECES FYI: STAR TREK VI

Information abounds about *Star Trek VI, The Undiscovered Country*. (Working title). Here's the latest: The filming has officially begun. As you know, (or if you didn't, now you know) this is definitely the last movie. *Honest!* But, assures William Shatner, no one will be killed off.

Slated to appear are the entire cast, including Majel Barret, Grace Lee Whitney, and Mark Lenard as Sarek. Michael Dorn will appear as Worf's father or grandfather, depending on who you here it from. Whoopi Goldberg as appears as Guinan. Other impressive co-stars include Christopher Plummer and Jack Palance. According to *Enterprise America*, the movie will somehow involve the daughter of Spock and Saavik, advanced by Genesis. However, Robin Curtis has not been cast as Saavik. Keep frequencies open for more info!

STARFLEET STAMP STAMPEDE

Clayton Melanson • Coordinator

Howdy from the Stampede Corral. Another two months have disappeared. My how time flies when you are having fun. We are having fun, aren't we? Stampede has finished another two months of excellent participation and the Shuttle Lancelot is now the USS Lancelot. Now it is time to get down to the nitty-gritty of the Stampede. Well, first things first. Is the Communique printed in color? No? Good. You cannot see the color of my red face.

In the last issue, I corrected the spelling of my street name and then included an incorrect zip code. Well, what can I say? <stammer, shuffle>

Thanks to all of you who participated this month. It was about a 45-pound month. That is a lot of stamps. But not as much as rumored to be in Jeannette's front room. (It is just hard to get stamps away from a stamp collector.) The vast majority of the stamps are in excellent shape. Thanks for the assistance.

Something that I have noticed is that some of the stamps have the cancellation mark left complete. This makes the paper 2 to 3 times wider than necessary. This will cause the purchase rate to decline since it is based on weight. Also, I have gotten requests about shipping the stamps already soaked off of the envelopes. The dealers are still suggesting that they would prefer

to soak them off themselves. I will be doing some testing to see if it is to our advantage to sell them off of the envelope.

Please also remember that if the back of the envelope is still attached, the value goes down because of the extra weight. Please send only the front of the envelope.

Some of you have come up with a nifty idea. I have received several ship newsletters packaged with the stamps. This makes for some great reading. Thanks. PS - the newsletter is removed before the stamps are weighed.

Special thanks go to John Grundin, II of the Starward Fury. John has personally made

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MERCHANDISE FUND RAISING

John T. Hopkins • Quartermaster

The merchandise fund raising program is designed to help the ships of the fleet raise money by permitting a local chapter to buy STARFLEET merchandise at reduced prices which they can resell at conventions and other events.

This program is available only to chapters as a ship project and is not available to individual members (unless the member is a dealer on a regular basis, at which point he/she would fall under our Dealer Participation Program).

Very simply, the plan works like this. The Quartermaster's office will give your ship a 25%

discount on orders of \$100 or more. If you resell at regular prices, this will give you a 33% profit. Keep in mind that you may not sell at prices above those set by STARFLEET. Your ship may choose what items or combination of items it wishes to sell. The rest is up to you.

Not only is the use of merchandise a good fund raiser, but it also works very well as a recruiting tool. I don't know how many times I have been at a Con and a person would walk up to look at the merchandise and I would ask: "Are you a member of STARFLEET?". The answer generally is: "No. What is STARFLEET?". Now

is that an opening for recruitment or what!

There are a few restrictions regarding participation in this program, and the Captain and First Officer will be required to sign an agreement regarding this program and the ordering of merchandise. Here is an outline of the major conditions of our program.

-The Quartermaster will only process orders of \$100 or more after discount.

-All sales will be cash up front. (Remember the Quartermaster's motto: "In God we trust, everyone else pays cash.")

-All shipments will be mailed parcel post and will be insured for the amount of the purchase (after discount).

-Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for delivery.

-Because we are a simple Fan Association and not a major corporation (which can keep large inventories), we can not guarantee that we will be able to fill your order completely. This is not to say that we will not try, but that we can not guarantee it. If there is a problem you will be contacted. If you have questions about availability before ordering, do not hesitate to contact me.

-Your ship can not sell at prices ABOVE levels set by STARFLEET. This is to protect against price gauging.

-There will be NO returns for unsold merchandise, so when you order please keep this in mind. (It should be noted at this point that unlike fresh fruit, this stuff will be good for a while. So if you don't sell it all at this Con, you can sell it at the next Con or other event, or even to another ship.)

-Your ship can not sell in bulk to any person or organization other than a ship of STARFLEET. Note: The Regional Coordinator in your area will be advised of ships that have made bulk purchases, so you may want to contact him/her to see if any other ships in the region have any surplus they would be willing to part with.

-To insure that only ships will be participating in this program, both the Commanding Officer and First Officer will be required to sign the Order and Participation Agreement.

Again if you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me or STARFLEET Headquarters.

John T. Hopkins, 115-b Farmwood Dr., Kernersville, N.C. 27284, (919) 993-0177



SHUTTLE OPERATIONS COMMAND

VAdm Kenny Proehl • Director

P. O. Box 11982

Lynchburg, VA 24501-1982

Greetings and salutations! Allow me to introduce myself and tell you a little about me. My name is Kenny Proehl and I am the new Director of Shuttle Operations Command. I also hold the Executive Officer's Position on the USS Heimdal, the Flagship for Region One. Before taking the position with ShOC, I was the Shuttle Coordinator for Region One. I have been a member of STARFLEET since 1984. My plans for ShOC include being able to devote the time and attention that the shuttles of the Fleet deserve. I want to make each and every shuttle feel like they are the vital part of the Fleet that they really are. Without these new chapters, STARFLEET as an organization would become stagnant. It

would not remain the thriving force that it has become. I hope that I can streamline the shuttle program and make it an excellent source for shuttle information and a good place for Shuttle Commanders to turn when there is a problem. As for procedures, all current rules remain in effect until further notice. This will at least keep ShOC rolling until I can get my feet wet and really start digging. One thing that I will stress is the monthly reports. These are very important and will be treated as such. DON'T MISS A REPORT! If you can't do the report delegate it to someone else; just make sure that I get your report for that month.

COMMUNITY SERVICES CORNER

Robert Fryman • Coordinator

The newly formed office of STARFLEET Community Services is getting under way and wanting to hear from you, particularly about the numerous community service activities undertaken by our ships and shuttles.

The primary responsibility of this office is to document and disseminate information on STARFLEET's community service record. Compiling this information is important for a variety of reasons. One example of its use is convincing the IRS (those wonderful people who brought us April 15, Part 1991) that STARFLEET qualifies for non-profit, 501C3 status.

A quick glance through each issue of the *Communique* illustrates the diversity of community projects that our chapters are involved in, ranging from adopting whales, walls, roads and beaches to distributing tribbles at local children's hospitals and collecting canned goods for food banks.

To start the ongoing process of collecting this data, I am sending survey questionnaires to all ship and shuttle COs. I know we all love paper work (I have a stack 63 ungraded tests looking at me as I write this), but please fill it out and return it to me. The returned forms will be used not only for documenting our charitable activities for the IRS but also to develop a community services handbook that will help give new ideas to our chapters for projects. I will also use this information to highlight projects from around the Fleet in future issues of the *Communique*.

I look forward to hearing from you. If you need information or was to report on your chapter activities drop me a line at:

352 Windsor Drive,
East Liverpool, Ohio 43920.

See you planetside.

STARFLEET NATIONAL CONFERENCE SELECTION COMMITTEE by W. Michael Henigan

We are looking for the few, the young, and the brave, to undertake a mission of utmost importance — to join the Committee helping to select the site of the STARFLEET National Conference. We have set up a committee of STARFLEET members who have had previous experience in attending a STARFLEET National Conference to weed through the process of selecting the best bid possible for our own National Conference. We would like to get some earnest volunteers to help in the task. We ask that you apply to: W. Michael Henigan, STARFLEET National Conference Selection Committee, PO Box 15308, Portland, ME 04101.

There are only two qualifications that we ask: (1) you have attended a National Conference in the past and (2) you have been involved in running a conference or convention for Trek-related or non-Trek related activities. PLEASE APPLY TODAY!

STARFLEET STAMPEDE (Conclusion)

a great effort in collecting stamps for the Stampede. It is dedicated effort like John's that make this project the success that it is. Thanks, John.

This report's participants:

USS Avenger / Brenda Bell
James Casselbury
Tanya Chang
USS Chesapeake / Lynn Evans
Elenore Claassen Nancy Couch/USS Joshua
Daniel Boone Travel Pod / Cindy Glenn
J & L Doctors
M Gaines
Joy Gilbert
Shuttle Hawkeye / Karen Parker
USS Horizon
Melissa Nelson
USS Pendragon
Vicky Phillips
USS Polaris / John Cook, Sherry Hopper
Michael Schreiber
Shuttle Starchaser
USS Starward Fury
Shuttle Superior
Shuttle Tutakai / Carol Pfeifle
Jeanette Moere / USS Wasp

The Honor Roll:

Individual: Nancy Couch / USS Joshua
Vessel: USS Chesapeake
Organization: Shuttle Starchaser

Thanks to all of you! Keep up the good work!

STARFLEET STAMPEDE

Captain Clayton Melanson,
Stampede Coordinator
USS Lancelot, NCC-13982

2205 Sharpshire Lane, Arlington, TX 76014

PS: Please make a note of the corrected zip code.

The Post Office has done a wonderful job of delivering in spite of the incorrect zip code.

DISABLED CONSULTANT PROGRAM

Cmdr. Greg Phillip • Director

Not too much to report this time, I'm afraid. I've been so busy with my new job that this month (April) has flown by.

The DCP was responsible for providing a closed captioning decoder for VULKON in March, which went over very well. Even people who aren't hearing impaired got a kick out of seeing the captioning. The volunteer sign language interpreters also worked out very well. It was interesting watching Marina Sirtis and Wil Wheaton being translated into sign. Ever wonder what the sign for Ferengi is?? (guess ya just had to be there).

The willingness of the con organizers to make sure things were accessible definitely paid off this time, though. I spoke with several people in wheelchairs who had only stopped by on Saturday to check out the con, and were so impressed they ended up staying all day Saturday AND coming back for all day Sunday. Not only were the organizers happy, but so were the dealers — you would not believe how much stuff a wheelchair can carry!!

The DCP has gotten a couple of nominations for the REVA and CHRISTOPHER PIKE awards, but I KNOW there are more

possible award-getters out there! C'mon, people!! Send them to:

DCP AWARDS NOMINATIONS

4566 Z2 Avenue North
St. Petersburg, FL 33713

DCP people are working on a couple of cons, offering signing, etc. Also, the DCP soon expects to be able to offer to any ship doing a con a small "grant" that they can use to rent a wheelchair or two. This way, they will be able to provide for people who might need one for some reason and who don't have their own. It will only be a small amount of money — probably no more than 20-30 bucks, but it could help stretch con budgets while at the same time providing a service that really hasn't been available before. For more information, please write to me at the above address.

Like I said, there really isn't much more to report this time. Work proceeds on Tachy3Con to be held in DeLand in August. Again, if any ship or con would like some help in making their con more accessible, remember, that's what the Disabled Consultant Program is here for.

STARFLEET Scholarship Program



The Fleet is still supporting one of their favorite projects, the scholarship program, with enthusiasm.

At the Region One Conference at MarCon in Columbus, Ohio, a total of \$268.00 was raised for the program with an auction and several raffles.

The USS Lagrange auctioned their last available Patrick Stewart autographed T-Shirt from 1990's LagrangeCon. The bidding was determined, to say the least. Andrea Haag, the XO of the new shuttle Valkyrie in Michigan finally captured the prize with a bid of \$150.00. Tim Gillespie, CO of the USS Lagrange, then presented the cash to the Fleet Admiral for the Patrick Stewart Scholarship for the Performing Arts. Congratulations to Andrea and many thanks to the USS Lagrange.

The raffle for the Patrick Stewart autographed T-shirt from Vulkan in Orlando in 1989 was won by Kathleen Toth of Columbus, Ohio. The raffle for a choice of autographed pictures of DeForest Kelley was won by Cheryl Lewis of Concord, Virginia. The raffle for a choice of autographed items from James Doohan was won by Kim Abbott of Beckley, WV. Each winner was also presented with a certificate of authenticity stating that the items had been autographed and donated by each star specifically for their STARFLEET Scholarship Program. Congratulations to these three winners! We hope they enjoy their gifts from the Star Trek stars.

At the STARFLEET National Conference at Shore Leave in Hunt Valley, Maryland this year (July 12-14), the Scholarship program will hold the raffle for the autographed items for each of the Star Trek star's scholarship program. The tickets are being sold by mail prior to the convention and 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. These raffles are open to everyone via the mails. The tickets are only \$1.00 each and the designated scholarship (Patrick Stewart, James Doohan, or DeForest Kelley) should be put on the check or money order so that 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. In an order for tickets arrives too late to take to Shore Leave, their 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've always wanted. Send raffle ticket orders to: STARFLEET, PO Box 430, Burnsville, NC 28714.

STARFLEET RAFFLE TICKETS

Only \$1.00

**Help A Worthy Cause
Need Not Be Present To Win!
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STARFLEET MILITARY MEMBERSHIP

Received from SPC Hank Kuhlman 5/3/91: Please post in the newsletter that the Shuttle Armstrong of the USS Horizon will be returning to Saudi and back to Hawaii on May 27, after a successful tour in the Gulf region. Hank Kuhlman will restart fleet operations in Germany on June 1, 1991. Thanks for the great fleet support. SPS Hank Kuhlman, BOX 243, APO NY 09165.

Five of the twenty members of the Shuttle Armstrong have volunteered to stay in Saudi Arabia for an extra four months for the mop up operations. Hank would like to see these five members receive the same outstanding support from Fleet members back home as they all received during Operation Desert Storm. Let's not forget them!

Tom Feustel, Jerry Mead, John Starkes, Joe Kumlien can be reached at: C-Btry 4/82SA, APO NY, NY 09681-5340. Cory Neil can be reached at: A Co. 23rd Eng. BN, APO NY, NY 09165

Hank Kuhlman has also made a request: The members of the Shuttle Sandstorm have returned from Operation Desert Storm and re-joined the USS Hexum. Hank's proposes the Shuttle Sandstorm be reactivated as the USS Sandstorm NCC- as a memorial for lives lost in connection with the Gulf War and Operation Desert Storm. FAdm. Maddox would like to have input from the Fleet as to their feelings on this proposal.

Received from Dwayne K. Benway: This is my renewal membership dues. My address change is due to some new military postal regulations. Although I do receive mail from both address' the new one is supposed to be faster. Now I would like to give thanks to all the members of the Executive Committee and the heads of Starfleet Academy schools. Being in the military overseas raises obstacles not seen in the states. Yet all of you have shown great patience and support, especially in the last few months. Please know that we appreciate what you have done. Keep up the good work. Thanks Again,

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THE NEW OTI: GATEWAY TO THE UNIVERSE OF STAR TREK

by Alex Rosenzweig

With the reorganization of Starfleet's technical hierarchy, the Office of Technical Information (OTI) has returned to its roots, both enhancing its primary mission and bringing forward several new ideas for the members of STARFLEET. With its new profile as a part of the Department of Technical Services, OTI will be making the wondrous universe of Star Trek easier than ever to enjoy and interact with.

Most STARFLEET members know the basic mission of the OTI: to serve as a reference and research service specializing in the technical aspects of Star Trek. The ships, uniforms, equipment, planets, cultures, and life-forms of the worlds of Star Trek are the specialty of the OTI. Most of you also know the basic operation of the OTI: If you've

got a question, contact OTI, and if there's an answer, I'll find it for you. If no one else has an answer, some reasonable speculation is in order, and OTI is the most comprehensively-equipped part of the Fleet to engage in realistic speculation. With an information-base of virtually every technical manual and blueprint set every produced, OTI is the ultimate reference source for STARFLEET members!

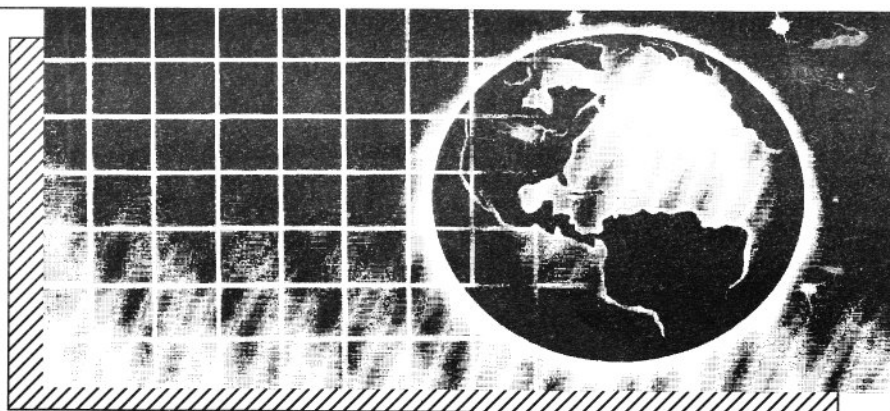
OTI also maintains several specialized information products for members' use. First, there is the most accurate Star Trek timeline available, including events from "Star Trek: The Original Series", the "Star Trek" films, AND "Star Trek: The Next Generation", not to mention a wide range of novels, background-manuals, etc. It's the most comprehensive and accurate timeline you can get. Second, for those

seeking starship visuals, OTI maintains a library of drawings of over 80 starships, from the Federation, Klingon Empire, Romulan Star Empire, Gorn Alliance, etc. Third is the Star Fleet Starship Reference List, a comprehensive listing of over 1,500 known Star Fleet from "Star Trek" The Original Series through "The Next Generation". If you're looking for a starship, you're likely to find it in the Starship Reference List. (It's a perfect source for STARFLEET chapters-in-training looking for starships!)

And now, two new ideas are here for STARFLEET's members to enjoy. First are the Starship Files, describing various starship types. It's a perfect reference source for anyone interested in starships. Including abbreviated specs and a description of each starship class, the Starship Files is

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Around The Fleet



IRISH STAR TREKKERS ARE SMILING

Members of the U.S.S. Ranger in Oklahoma City displayed their talents, humor, and Star Trek uniforms when they participated in the local St. Patrick's Day Parade. This was their first time participating and they joined 90 other groups of varying interests one-and-a-half-mile parade route. Most of the other groups, such as, the Shriners, Scottish Clan, and several hospitals and businesses, were parade veterans. It therefore came as a complete surprise to the members of the Ranger to learn that they had won one of the six trophies that were awarded.

The trophy, usually captured by one of the local Shriners groups, is a 2 foot tall green and gold trophy dedicated to the memory of one of Oklahoma's best-loved humanitarians, HO HO the Clown. To capture this trophy crewmembers accented their uniforms with green sashes and green antennae in honor of St. Patrick's Day. They formed a marching unit complete with their own Vulcan, Leprechaun, and Kilt-clad Scottish Hunk. They were followed by a float representing a chunk of space that included the Starship Enterprise in 3D, and the Ranger's parade motto: "Where No Leprechaun Has Gone Before".

Despite the pouring rain and near-freezing wind chill more than 3000 spectators lined the streets to watch and cheer the 1 1/2 mile long procession of very courageous (and crazy) people willing to brave the cold and wet to bring fun and laughter to the people of Oklahoma City. After the parade Ranger crewmembers were heard to say: "I need a towel.", "I need some Irish Coffee.", "My antennae's drooping.", "Where's the car?", "You mean we have to walk BACK to the car?" "Where's a taxi?"

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR!

Reported by Roseann Caputo

Members of the USS Konkordium have always wanted to put on a convention and it now appears that their wish will come true.

WishCon I. will be held at the Sheraton Springfield Monarch Place, in Springfield, Massachusetts, November 8-12, 1991. This convention sports an impressive string of guests, all in the name of charity. To date confirmed stars include Mark Lenard and John de Lancie, as well as a tentative appearance by Ronald D. Moore, Star Trek: The Next Generation, Season Five co-producer. When I spoke to Mr. Moore, he stated that he would be happy to attend, schedule permitting, and that if he does attend, he would like to conduct a scriptwriting workshop. Mr. Moore will confirm his appearance closer to the convention date.

WishCon I also has confirmed the following authors: Margaret Bonanno, Carmen Carter, Ann C. Crispin, Peter David, Michael Jan Friedman and Robert Greenberger. Carmen Carter and an as yet unannounced author will be conducting a writer's workshop. Arnie Starr from DC Comics is also coming and has agreed to do an artist's workshop.

There will be two full-size dealer's rooms, one or two fanzine dealer rooms, a video room and rooms for panel discussions. Programming includes a charity auction which will have a print of Sonia Hillios "Two Captains", autographed by both Stewart and Shatner! Kate Maynary (IAAPS) has also

APPLICATION NOTICE:

Be sure and check the inside front mailing cover to see the new STARFLEET renewal and membership applications. Please take a moment and check your mailing label (top line) to see if your membership expires or will be expiring shortly. If it is, please use the renewal application to keep your membership current. Recommend STARFLEET to a friend and use the NEW membership application to register them with STARFLEET.

promised to donate an original print signed by Patrick Stewart.

We have received offers of assistance from our friends on the USS Christa McAuliffe, clubs BSTA and BASH and look forward to working with all of them. The more the merrier.

All proceeds from this convention will be going to a children's charity. For more information, send an SASE to WishCon I, PO Box 478, Northford, CT 06472-0478. Memberships are \$25.00 each before July 31, 1991 and \$30.00 thereafter plus two SASEs. Single day tickets are available for only \$15.00 per day. No Friday only memberships. Children age 5 and under are free; 6-12 years are half price (must be accompanied by an adult); 13 years and up are adult memberships. For hotel reservations call 413-781-1010 and mention WishCon to get the special convention room rate (\$80.00 single/double; \$90.00 triple/quadruple).

NEW! VISUAL ARTS DEPT.

The Starfleet Department of Visual Arts, headed by Captain Bob Vossellor of the USS Challenger II, is clearinghouse for Starfleet videos and visual presentations. Part of the Department of Technical Information under Scott Spadero, this department has been set up to perform the following duties:

1. Serve as an archive of Starfleet chapter video projects.
2. Serve as an aid to those wanting help to produce video projects.
3. Serve as an organizing point in allowing as many Fleet members to view this creative projects whether they be promotional projects, stage productions or simply silly bits at meetings.
4. We also plan to hold an annual Video Contest to showcase various Fleet members work from throughout our national organization.

Captain Vossellor is currently arranging a video contest to conclude at Shore Leave, site of the 1991 Starfleet National Conference. For more information about the department and the contest contact: Captain Bob Vossellor, 202 8th Avenue, Ortleigh Beach, NJ 08572

LAZER TAG AT LANDING PARTY '91

The USS Powhatan NCC-1967 will once again have members of our Lazer Tag team at Landing Party for fleet play. But unlike the past two years Powhatan team members will not be able to loan any lazer tag equipment to other people. This is due

to the age of the equipment, the supply and demand on our end and the fact that some of our stuff just doesn't work anymore. If you plan on playing lazer tag at Landing Party, you must bring your own gear. Only lazer tag brand equipment will work. If you don't have Lazer tag, try borrowing it from friends, check yard sales, flea markets, or thrift stores. Another idea is putting up info cards on boards in places like grocery stores where parents of children who want to get rid of there stuff will probably look and read. Hope to see a lot of you there this year. The Powhatan lazer tag team will be there in full force so get ready, we need the practice. Trek-on, Claudia Fravel, Team Captain

BAD NEWS FROM THE YORKTOWN

The onboard overnight stay on the USS Yorktown has been cancelled due to a conflict with the Patriots Point Authorities. They were still commissioned May 18, aboard the Yorktown, but instead had a campout nearby instead of onboard the vessel.

THE EQUULUS PROJECT

The new shuttlecraft Chiron was commissioned March 3 at S.T. Con '91. It was a group project under the supervision of Cmdr. Brian Pain. It is a two-crew craft, 3.8 meters long and 1.6 meters in height. Congrats on a job well done!

VOL. I: STAR TREK CLASSIC 25 YRS LATER HITS THE BOOKSHELVES

Having successfully established contact with an alien civilization, Captain Jean Luc Picard orders the starship Enterprise on to its next 24th century mission.

Dr. Sam Beckett Quantum Leaps into the body other lost soul, doing what he can to right what once went wrong before beginning the journey.

Sound interesting? *Trek Classic: 25 Years Later* is a retrospective look at what has gone on before in the world of Star Trek, and how it's evolved into its present day, smash hit, high tech form. In this the 25th Anniversary Year of our favorite show, this is a priceless piece of history, compiled with loving care, by a publishing house that's brought you in-depth looks at such genres as *Alien Nation* and *Beauty and the Beast*. Volume I of a six volume series has been released. It deals with the history of Trek these 25 years as well as a look at Gene Roddenberry and his other works. Volume II, coming in July, examines the making of the films and goes behind the scenes of the movies with feature interviews with cast members as well as Gene Roddenberry, writers and directors. For more information contact: **Image Publishing at 2083 Hemstead Turnpike, Suite 150, East Meadow, NY 11554.** There will also be a special deal for STARFLEET members.

GAMING FOR MIRACLES

The USS Discovery held a gaming marathon in cooperation with K.A.G. and the USS Invicta, and raised over \$750.00 for the Children's Miracle Network. They also held a raffle and gave away a blown crystal Klingon Bird of Prey, and a 3-D chess set.

CAPTAINS UNITE

by Judy Fabina

When is a con not **just** a con?
When it's the first of it's kind ever.
The con?

The two Captain's Con in New York in February.

Why was it a first, you ask? Because on Saturday night the two captains of the Enterprise were on stage — together. The idea was perfect as we get ready to celebrate 25 years of Star Trek. It was Classic meeting Next Gen and there was excitement in the air.

What would it be like having Kirk and Picard face each other? After all, fandom has discussed the possibilities ever since the Next Generation became a reality. What could we expect to see? Well, after the roar of the crowd died down both men sat facing each other and right before our eyes they began to chat. There was an awkwardness at first. It's difficult to hold a conversation in front of a large room of people, who are hanging on every word. I'm sure none of us envied them. The awkwardness soon gave way to familiarity, however, as the floor was opened to questions. They both seemed to have equal time in the spotlight. I'm sure there are some of you who might disagree because when you like one more than the other you're not interested in equality, but with two stars on stage together, time has to be shared. Shatner and Stewart were bright, entertaining, and above all gentlemen — to each other and to their audience. I would have been surprised to find anything else.

By the end of the hour, we all knew what we had suspected all along. The men who play our captains are as different in personality as their characters. One is demonstrative and energetic and funny. One is witty, more quiet and has a wonderful voice. Now before anyone jumps to anyone's defense (and I know you're ready), let me say, that does not make either Captain better than the other. It only makes them different, and I for one am glad they are. Wouldn't Star Trek be dull if the characters of the two shows were alike? And isn't that what IDIC is all about? Differences and diversity? We in fandom should ascribe more to the values we preach. After all, we're not in competition with each other, but all part of the same Trek universe. As usual, our Captains are leading the way. Now the question is...do we care enough about them to follow their example?

DEATH OF A STARFLEETER

From the U.S.S. Columbus comes word that one of their newer members, Phil Green, was killed in a car accident. He was posthumously promoted to Lieutenant in the Columbus' Engineering section. Phil had made up his own Chronology of Space Flight, covering 200 years of flight; it is hoped that this item will be made into a more permanent form along with drawings. We are always sorry to lose a member in such a tragic way.

PBS DRIVE IN PENNSYLVANIA

From "Trekville USA", an independent Star Trek Association in Scranton Pa. comes word that in August '91, they will be participating in the on-air pledge drive for WVIA-TV, Channel 44, Scranton. Anyone in that area wishing to volunteer, contact Trekville USA at 1021 S. 9th Avenue, Scranton, PA 18504.

A LAGRANGE BREAK!

From the Newsletter of U.S.S. Lagrange, "Attention All Hands" (or "AAH!") comes info on the Patrick Stewart Scholarship:

—The USS Lagrange has raised \$167 dollars "with more to come"
—\$193 has been raised at the National Conference at DeleCon

—the USS Bonaventure has raised \$140
—the first \$500 Scholarship should be awarded by STARFLEET sometime in Spring 1991.

—Tim Gillespie, who started the fund, was recently shown in Starlog Magazine (along with former STARFLEET Chief of Communications David Allen) presenting Patrick Stewart with a plaque on the occasion of the formation of the scholarship at LagrangeCon.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE: Also from the Lagrange comes word that member Cathy Prendergast has been chosen by the Golden Key National Honor Society for membership; this

honor is offered only to the top 15% of junior and senior college students. Cathy maintains a 3.55 average at the U. of Akron. Congratulations, Cathy!

A KLINGON IN THE MALL

From "Maine Viewscreen", Shuttle Casco Bay, comes word of a visit by Klingon Admiral Kamar zantai-Urussig to the Maine Mall, South Portland, Maine for local March of Dimes activities. He showed up dressed in full battle gear. Some younger children were afraid of him (I can't for the life of me imagine why!), but older children recognized him for the Klingon warrior he was.

STARFLEET WEDDING

Word comes from Shuttle Maverick in Youngwood, PA, of the wedding of Lt. Kelly M. Atkins and Cmdr. Joseph S. Bartlow. Officiating were Capt. Willard Speck of USS Potemkin and the Rev. Cmdr. Kathleen Speck. Music was provided by the Potemkin Templetones, and included such classics as "She's Always A Klingon To Me" (wow, what a compliment) and "The Trekker Wedding Song".

Also, the Maverick is planning an auction to raise money, and are accepting donations of any Trek related item. Send donations to: Cmdr. Joseph Bartlow, 406 Burton Ave., Youngwood, PA 15967.

AVENGER ADOPTS A WHALE

USS Avenger in North Jersey has adopted a whale, Orion, and has been raising money for the International Wildlife Coalition through their Whale Adoption Project. Their donations have helped to build the R/V NAVAHO, a research ship which has been studying and helping marine life for the last few months. This project has helped to enforce the message of Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home. If you'd like to donate directly to International Wildlife Coalition, their address is: IWC, 634 North Falmouth Hwy., P.O. Box 388, North Falmouth, Mass. 02556. Keep the dream alive.

HAIL SHATNER?

From the USS Guardian in Cocoa, Florida comes word of a recent appearance by Marina Sirtis at VULKON in Orlando, Florida. One interesting comment from Marina was that she HAD to go to William Shatner's horse show this year, as the producer of ST:TNG said the cast should do anything to keep Shatner happy because they plan an episode next year with Shatner and Nimoy!! The horse show invitations started out with "From Your Captain". (Editor's note: I don't know whether this is tongue-in-cheek or not—I just report it!) Presumably, Marina also held a straight face when Shatner's horse staggered under his weight.



COMMANDING THE ENTERPRISE

by Dawn Smith-Webber

Have you ever dreamed of being on the bridge of the ENTERPRISE with Uhura, Scotty, Chekov, Sulu and McCoy? Have you ever wondered what it would be like to sit in the Captain's chair and command the ship - battling the enemies or the Federation, foiling their evil schemes and saving the universe once again? If so, have I got an attraction for you - the STAR TREK Adventure screen test at Universal Studios in Florida.

You and up to three other people are placed in the middle of an action-packed 10-minute adventure aboard the Enterprise, and the best part is that it is recorded on videotape for you to keep!

The members of your party are new "recruits" and act as the commanding officer, Vulcan science officer, assistant helmsman, and assistant navigation officer. (Future plans call for the addition of up to four other "actors" as Klingon.) You are placed in a blue room with only chairs as the sets. Your director instructs you

THE ROAD-KILL TRIBBLE

Some incredibly sick humans of the Shuttle Ra off the USS Lagrange have come up with an ingenious marketing scheme—selling "Road-Kill Tribbles". These "things" consist of a flattened tribble with a tire-track down the middle. Dawn Harpster of the Ra is the creator of these interesting **things**, which would make a delightful gift to any Klingon, to whom the only good tribble is a dead one! We at the Communique received a sample, which we have named "Pancake". Now, if only someone would come up with a "Road-Kill Klingon"...Well, anyway, to order Pancake or his squished relative write to: **Shuttle RA, Dawn Harpster, 3808 Valley St., Omaha, NE 68105.**

ps: Speaking of tribbles, flat, ferocious or otherwise, the picture I took of "Fritz" didn't come out, so I must unfortunately postpone his debut into the world of the Communique for another issue. jb.

ADVERTISING LISTS

STARFLEET is planning to sell its membership list to advertisers. On the new membership/renewal form, STARFLEET will include a place to check "yes" or "no" for any renewing or new member who does/does not want his/her name on an advertising list. Also, any current member who does NOT want his/her name on a list should write STARFLEET and let them know!

A SPECIAL "HELLO"

Michael Ney of the USS Sovereign, Philadelphia, suffered a tragic accident recently which resulted in the loss of one of his limbs. Extensive physical therapy was and is required. If you've ever experienced anything along these lines, you know it is a grueling and at times painful time when any and all support is appreciated. I met and talked with Michael in the hospital, and was struck by his sense of humor and easy manner in spite of his recent tragedy. Share some of that STARFLEET cheer! Letters, cards and/or flowers would be appreciated as he continues in his journey towards recovery. You can write to him at: Michael Ney, 530 Ruscomb Street, Philadelphia, PA 19120.

GUARDIANS OF THE EARTH

Over 20 members of the USS Guardian began Earth month by ridding the local beach of trash. They also sold STAR SACKS (the club's answer to Earth Bag shopping bags) to raise \$55.00 for the Save The Manatee club. The STAR SACKS will continue to be sold at conventions and through the COMMUNIQUE to raise money for the Guardian and the Save The Manatee club. The crew wrapped up the month with Earth Day displays at three Waldenbrook stores. In addition, they held a write-a-thon and a "Bad Sci-Fi Film Festival" at their meetings.

STARFLEET OPERATIONS Fleet Reports

REGION ONE

Reg. Coordinator: RAdm. Linda Neighbors

USS ALARIC • NCC-503

Captain Richard Heim Asheville, NC

Members attended Trek-o-Rama where Marina Sirtis was the guest. Planning orientation package update. City-wide Trek Day for Asheville being planned. Mailed press release to local media. Members continued to donate food to the Manna Food Bank. Donated books to the Pack Library. May set up tape sharing library. Updating handbook. Had meeting guest, Ron Hedley, who did some computer graphics work for TNG episode, give an interesting presentation to the crew.

USS BONAVENTURE • NCC-102

Captain Scott Gibson Highpoint, NC

Members went to a deli after the ship's meeting and had fun outwitting the other people there and succeeded in changing the TV channel from football playoffs to ST:TNG. Members took part in American Lung Assoc. Monopoly Tourney. North Carolina added "STARFLEET" to the sign on the highway section the crew adopted. Finalizing plans for Landing Party '91.

USS CHESAPEAKE • NCC-1887

Captain Kris Paavola Richmond, VA

Crewmember, Bill Rose, came back after serving four months with the Naval Reserve in support of Desert Storm. Plans finalized for a sci-fi film festival. Purchased a TV and donated it to the Ronald McDonald House to replace their broken one and crew is now looking for a VCR to go with it. March of Dimes packages were distributed. Plans made to attend Shore Leave. Approximately 30 members showed up for the St. Patrick's Day Parade with banners, uniforms and a 4 person color guard.

USS CHRONOS • NCC-26298

Captain Kimberly Abbott Beckley, WV

Newly commissioned ship. Planning book drive for local library and a car wash. Also planning commissioning party. Working on promotion point system.

USS COLUMBUS • NCC-2006

Captain Patrick Keeney Columbus, OH

Crew discussing new chapter zine. Newsletter being reorganized. Planning car wash, PBS telethons & Christmas tree auction with the tree being decorated with Trek items to raise money for children's hospital. Also planning 24 hour Sci-fi movie marathon, a Trek con in Cleveland and attendance at Shore Leave. Promotion board announced.

USS CONSTELLATION II • NCC-1728

Captain Debra Spinks Paducah, KY

Members had 5th anniversary party with a large turnout. Set up time for meeting to get together to make recruiting posters. Plans in the works for Continuum with Majel Barrett and Richard Arnold confirmed. CMO heading 1st Marine MASH unit.

USS HEIMDAL • NCC-1793

RAdm. Linda Neighbors Amherst, VA

NASA representative Pam Early spoke at ship's meeting on the space program. Donated \$100 of pet food to two humane societies. Supported welfare child for \$100. Crew continues to work at Genesis House, bringing the kids gifts and helping them make Easter baskets. Members still recycling. Meeting guest, from the local nuclear facility, gave a slide presentation and spoke on nuclear power in the future and in space travel. Having monthly socials. Sent get well cards to Angelique Pettyjohn.

USS HORNET • NCC-1714

Captain Ron Byram Charlotte, NC

The Captain and his wife had a baby boy, Kyle Steven on 9103.4. Donation of \$25 will be made to Fleet Scholarship Fund. Continuing to collect glasses for Lion's Club and have sent 41 pairs so far. Planning highway pickup. Handbook finalized. Promo point systems revised and approved. Members taking Academy courses. Looking into advertising for newsletter. Recycling continues. Planning anniversary party.

USS JAMESTOWN • NCC-1843

RAdm. Steve Thomas Newport News, VA

Crew concentrated on the by-laws and constitution. Crew saved cash register receipts and cashed them in with 2% going to Kings Daughters Children's Hospital. Members planning to attend Shore Leave. Attended Sci-fi Film Fest in Richmond, sponsored by Chesapeake.

USS JOHN B. MCKAY • NCC-653

Captain Cathy Williams Christiansburg, VA

The members will begin meeting twice a month. Forming new committees with department heads as chairpersons. Working on TechniCon.

USS KITTY HAWK • NCC-1659

Captain Joffre R. Fisher Raleigh, NC

Had highway cleanup. Manned phones for PBS telethon. Members decided to buy a tree for the STARFLEET forest. Members will shoot second TV show.

USS LAGRANGE • NCC-3916

RAdm. Tim Gillespie Akron, OH

RAdm Tim Gillespie announced his engagement to Katherine Vann of Medina, Ohio. The USS LAGRANGE (remember, a small 'g') was named the STARFLEET "Chapter of the Year" for the second time. The crew acted as security at a Cleveland Dreamwerks Con where they tormented guest Michael Dorn with hundreds of T-shirts bearing Patrick Stewart's stern visage. So far, the crew has raised over \$600 for the Patrick Stewart Scholarship. Members helped with the PBS telethon. The ship launched its ninth shuttle, the Valkyrie in Michigan. Planning LagrangeCon '91 with Gate McFadden in November (see convention listing), the 100th issue of chapter newsletter and a 25th Anniversary celebration.

USS MAAT • NCC-1794

Captain Blair Willcox, Jr. Virginia Beach, VA

Crew plans on attending Chesapeake's Film Fest and Shore Leave. Security members planning welcome home party for member who was part of Desert Storm. Involved in Stampede, canned food drive and recycling. Working on newsletter and zine.

USS PATHFINDER • NCC-2121

Captain Janice Rhodes Roanoke, VA

Awaiting 2 shuttles to go to starship status. Crew continues to recycle and collect stamps. Donated eyeglasses to the Lion's club.

USS POLARIS • NCC-1839

Captain Joan Riley Hamilton, OH

The ship's zine committee, a joint effort between the ship and the shuttle Aquila, accepting submissions. With the Camelot crew, members took a trip to AFB museum. Raffle of Patrick Stewart raised \$22.

USS POWHATAN • NCC-1967

Captain Clifford Cherry Chesapeake, VA

SFM unit helped with local Easter egg hunt. Plans made to help with Naval Child Care Center's "Kids Day" for the third year. Plans made to attend Landing Party. Long distance member is conducting 1 day con in Italy.

USS QUESTAR • NCC-435

Captain Karen Goldbach Louisville, KY

Ship adopted another whale, since original whale, Pegasus, died. Crew members picked the ship's logo, and are now ordering ship T-shirts. Planning yard sale and fall membership drive.

USS REBEL • NCC-1600

Captain Bonita H. Voight Lincoln, NC

Planning highway pickup. Manned rest stop for MS bike-a-thon. Due to large amount of work with MS Society, the Society will be putting chapter logo on T-shirts for the bike-a-thon. Crew continues to recycle and to work with the Humane Society. Sent 15,000 stamps for the Stampede. Members plan to attend Shore Leave. Gathering

magazines and paperbacks for VA Hospital.

USS RENEGADE • NCC-2547

Captain Anita Davis Youngstown, OH

CPR training for crewmembers and ended up recruiting the instructor. (The Communicator editor knew, without even looking, which ship this report was from!) Bi-weekly bowling and movie nights. Sci-fi Film Fest was a success and university has asked the crew to plan another. Held a Trek auction - "Virgin Auction" with virgin viewers to the Rocky Horror Picture Show and raised \$120 for the Leukemia Foundation. Working on episode, "Renegades at Risk", for local cable station and hoping to do it monthly. Members putting together a tape for visually and hearing impaired on STARFLEET. Planning a camp-out open to all Fleet members on June 14-16.

USS RICHMOND • NCC-2003

Captain Paul Kevin Hanna Covington, VA

Preparing newsletter for publication. Developing ship uniform. Cleaned highway section and worked on crew handbook. Continued to role play. Crew continues to recycle aluminum.

USS SARPEIDON • NCC-1874

Captain Tracy Few Huntington, WV

Crew celebrated ship's 4th anniversary in May. Ship undergoing reorganization. Members attended MarCon.

USS STAR LEAGUE • NCC-2101

Captain Lucinda Krell N. Augusta, SC

Crew conducted training exercises in rank insignia recognition at meeting. Members will donate for Landing Party auction. Adopt-a-Highway cleanup day held with a cookout afterwards. Crew now has a uniform T-shirt. Held Chapter of the Year judges meeting with the majority of submissions in.

USS STARWARD FURY • NCC-2122

Captain Milo J. Postel Fayetteville, NC

The Captain and the CMO were married April 6th, with the groom and wedding party with the exception of the bride, wearing Fleet uniforms. All members attended. Donated over 100 trees to several children's classrooms for planting on Earth Day. PSA's sent to city and county media. Chapter evolution model set completed and will display at cons. Made monthly donation of pet foods to SPCA. Recycling continues with over 100 lbs./week sent by chapter. Sent in 1300 stamps to the Stampede. Updating of handbooks almost completed.

USS TEMPEST • NCC-1566

Captain Jennifer Epstein Charlottesville, VA

Members attended the Chesapeake's Film Fest. Planning bake sale. Crew now holding monthly socials. Recycling continues. April Fools issue of newsletter released. By-laws and promotion point system worked out.

USS WASP • NCC-1721

Captain Thurman R. Wilson Bristol, VA

Developing departments. Members attended TechniCon. Creating membership package and ship's calendar of events. Planning 1st anniversary party. Will have uniforms in time for May cons.

USS WEST VIRGINIA • NCC-2008

Captain Kevin Miller Charleston, WV

Planning 25th Trek Anniversary party. Audio adventure currently on sale and working on compendium of best stuff from zine/newsletter. Planning pool party and helping at local rehab center of hospital. Membership drive in progress. Planning media blitz for all WV chapters. Picnic in planning stages. Started club movie rental to help treasury.

USS XANTHII • NCC-1743

Captain Shelley Kelsheimer Clinton, IN

Crew began editing stories for the ship's multi-media zine. Plans made to rotate meetings to give other members a chance to run them.

USS YEAGER • NCC-1893

Captain Jerry M. Conner Bluefield, WV

Working on Yeager 3 for August. Investigating fundraising. Raised \$120 for Michael O'Brien's medical bills.

REGION TWO

Reg. Coordinator: Captain Deborah Nelson

USS DEFIANT • NCC-1660

Captain Donna Horn Libscomb, AL

Members sponsored 2 ducks in the local Rubber Duck race, benefiting Cerebral Palsy. Members helped staff STARFLEET table at Vulkan.

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1990 CHAPTER OF THE YEAR WINNERS!

by Charles Quick, Coordinator • shuttle STAR LEAGUE

The 1990 chapter of the Year Committee Judges' Panel selected U.S.S. LaGrange, NCC-3916 and U.S.S. Joshua, NCC-3700 as Chapter of the Year and Rookie Chapter of the Year, respectively. The Panel named U.S.S. Sally Ride, NCC-643 and U.S.S. Triumph, NCC-26228 the Runner-up and Rookie Runner-up, respectively, and awarded U.S.S. Alioth, NCC-1828 and U.S.S. Ranger, NCC-2206 the Honorable Mention and Rookie Honorable Mention, respectively. The judges applauded the work of all the starships that participated.

In their final meeting Earthdate 9104.07, the judges took a last look at the submissions, which they had viewed individually over the course of about six weeks, each confirming his impression of the comparative merits of the entries.

Having satisfied himself of his own ranking order, each judge was ready for the voting.

The judges had already agreed not to discuss their opinions among themselves until after the first ballot, and the only if serious differences came to light. As it was, no argument was necessary: the winner of each first-place award was either first or tied for first on the list of each of the judges. It was not a runaway victory, however; the numerical scores of most of the ships (which the judges have asked not be revealed here) were quite close to the top.

As one judge remarked, "not only was it difficult to choose because they were all so different, they seemed to be working so hard, you hated to have to choose at all."

No matter how good you are, there is

always room to improve. The judges, some of whom made copious notes, agreed to send their summarized comment to each chapter for future reference.

They also agreed to help with a handbook for the shuttles who get to organize the competition in years to come. (It has been quite an education. I strongly recommend that shuttles bid to get the assignment next year.- CQ)

After the decision was made, two of the judges immediately joined starfleet, a tribute to the example set by the U.S.S. Star League's commissioning party (Part II) where they were entertained by the happy crew and presented with a small token of our thanks.

1990 CHAPTER OF THE YEAR JUDGES!

by Charles Quick, Coordinator • shuttle STAR LEAGUE

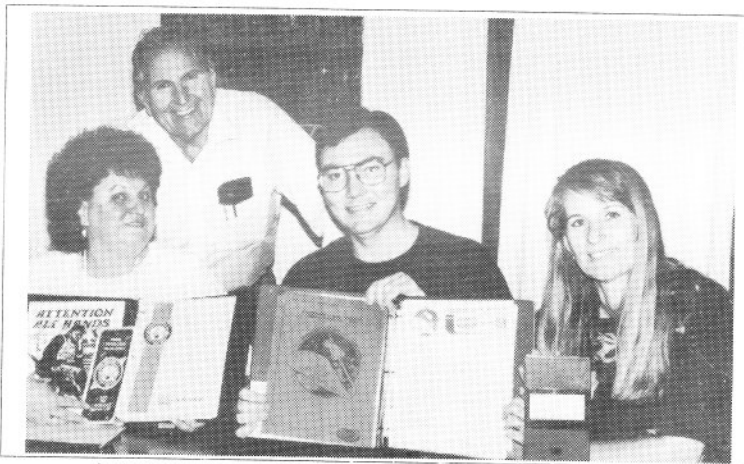
Carlos Egan works in the Augusta-Richmond County (GA) Public Library reference section. He is the library's resident expert on science fiction/fantasy, and regularly gives talks on the subject to teachers and librarians all over the Central Savannah River Area. He is a man of many talents, not the least of which is costuming, competing regularly at conventions. Last year he was a Dragonrider of Pern; this year, Corwin of Amber. (That costume got an approving nod from Roger Zelazny at Magnum Opus Con 6.) He is an aspiring author, and in his spare time he builds models, especially railroads.

Carlos' interest in STAR TREK began with the original episodes, which premiered when he was seven years old. He says he was excited by "the idea of exploring the universe and using the equipment Kirk and Spock used." Now he sees the theme of the show as the important part: "It has served as a counterbalance to the idea of a nuclear war as a possible future for mankind. With STAR TREK there is hope for the future." Carlos views the entire STAR TREK saga, old and new, as "part of a chronology. Each (TV series and movies) has its bit to offer and show a natural progression."

Since he has finished his work as a 1990 Chapter of the Year Judge, Carlos signed on with STARFLEET. He serves as Chief Petty Officer aboard the USS Star League, NCC-2101.

Jana Sandarg, Ph.D. is Professor of Spanish at Augusta College (GA), a Girl Scout leader, and incredibly busy mother of two active kids. Her husband is a professor at a college in another state, and while he's away at work, she is "both Mom and Dad, in a way." Still, she has the energy and drive to sponsor the Spanish Club at school, and travels frequently with them and with the Girl Scouts. Jana is looking forward to a long-term study program in Mexico later this year.

Dr. Sandarg first saw STAR TREK in the original run of episodes, and was "absolutely" taken with the show. She enjoys watching all of the STAR TREK offerings, saying "the original and new series show such intriguing differences in our society—we've changed dramatically in just twenty years." She says that STAR TREK "heightens my sense of cultural



l-r: Beverly Underwood, K.C. Underwood (standing), Carlos Egan, Jana Sandarg

diversity and awareness. It makes me realize the importance of technology and science, and how inadequate most of us are in these areas."

Now that the 1990 Chapter of the Year judging is over, Jana has joined STARFLEET as a Chief Petty Officer aboard the USS Star League, NCC-2101.

David Sisler is a freelance writer and columnist whose writing on religious issues appears in three Georgia newspapers and a national monthly paper. His family, which includes his wife and four children, are all Trekkers; visitors will usually find a STAR TREK episode or movie from their video library playing on a VCR somewhere in the house.

David was there for the premier of STAR TREK - 8 September 1966. He was always in the TV room of his college dormitory for every episode. In spite of his intense dedication to the show, he says, "I enjoy STAR TREK for itself. I've never looked for meaning—hidden or otherwise. I just enjoy the adventure and the friendship between the characters."

David is a member of S.P.O.C.K. - the Society to Prevent the Obscuring of Captain Kirk. Of the Next Generation, his favorite is Riker, William T. "Does the 'T'

stand for 'Tiberius'?" He is an avid collector of TREK memorabilia: "tribbles, communicator, phaser, tricorder, models, plates, t-shirts, all the books, etc."

K.C. Underwood, an instrument tech at Nutrasweet, and Beverly Underwood, a teacher of history and head of her department, are an older couple, but hardly old. They keep up a hectic schedule with careful planning: who's in, who's out, who's on first? Between work and keeping up a good home, enjoying their dogs and each other's company, they are always on the move. When they can slow down, they enjoy reading, pursuing their individual hobbies, and watching STAR TREK.

K.C. saw the premier of STAR TREK and took to it immediately. Beverly, on the other hand, did not catch the show until late in the original broadcasts, and even the "it was not until STAR TREK

was in reruns that I really became interested. I saw the underlying themes as a reflection of the time in which it was made." She really prefers the new series to "TREK Classic". K.C. says he likes them all.

Both of them took their responsibility as judges seriously, so much that they refused to discuss their opinions with each other for fear of tainting their objectivity. They imparted a mature vision to the judging that we were fortunate to have had. Beverly particularly was a great help in developing the methodology of the contest, having drawn on extensive experience in the school system.

Some mention and a word of thanks should be made to Valerie Hawkins, manager of B. Dalton Bookseller in Augusta Mall (GA), who managed to get through about half of the submissions before a concatenation of crisis at work forced her to give it up. Although her scores were not tallied with the rest, her comments are being included in the summaries given to the individual ships that entered.

Without the help of Trekkers in and out of STARFLEET, we would forever travel at impulse power. But as a friend Opus says, it's "all ahead, Warp Zillion!"



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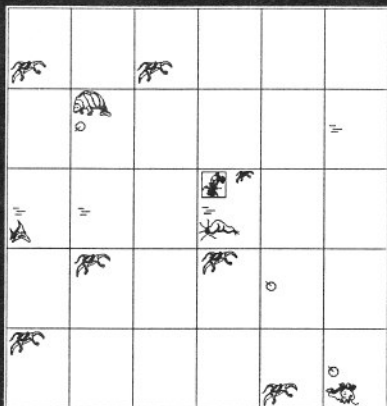
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TREK-O-RAMA, June 29 (Columbia, SC) at the Carolina Plaza Hotel (formerly the Raddison). & June 30, 1991 (Augusta, GA) at the Sheraton Augusta Hotel. Guest of Honor: James Doohan. Dealers room, movies, Classic Trek episodes and various fun activities. For more information and ticket prices call: 1-800-243-8328.

CONTINUUM 91 - June 21-23, 1991. A Star Trek 25th anniversary celebration. The Holiday Inn, Cape Girardeau, MO. Guests are John De Lancie, Majel Barrett Roddenberry, Richard Arnold and artist Jean Kluge. 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, Formal Gaming, Trivia Contest, Con T-Shirts, Autograph Session 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.

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

DEEP SOUTH CON/CONCATENATION — 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, Milpitas, CA 95036.

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TORONTO TREK V...BEYOND THE FINAL FRONTIER - July 26, 27, 28, 1991. Regal Constellation Hotel, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Attending, \$32.00 Canadian or \$30.00 American by June 30, 1991. Higher at the door. Tentative guests: Walter Koenig (Chekov), Michael Dorn (Worf), J.M. Dillard (author). For further information write to Toronto Trek V, Suite 0116, Box 187, 65 Front Street, Toronto, Ontario M5J 1E6.

TREKFEST KANSAS CITY July 27-28, 1991 to be held at the Park Place Hotel, 1601 N. Universal Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, (816) 483-9900. Guest: Jonathan Frakes. For information contact: Trekfest, PO Box 17825, Plantation, FL, 33318 or call (308) 474-7300.

POLARISCON II — The Sequel. August 9th - 11th, 1991. For information write: PolarisCon II, PO Box 8908, Lake Street Station, Minneapolis, MN, 55408.

THE 25 YEARS OF STAR TREK IN SPACE AND TIME CONVENTION — August 23-25, 1991, Confirmed guests: Mark Lenard, Colm Meaney. Brunch with Stars. For information write: 25 Years Convention, c/o Inter Stellar Productions Corp., PO Box 1345, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, T5J 2N2.

CREATION CONVENTIONS — August 24-25, 1991 at the Bangor Civic Center, Bangor, Maine. Hosted by the USS Kasimar, Flagship, Region 14. Come sit in the Captain's Chair on the "Bridge Replica". Guest: Nichelle Nichols. For more information send a SASE to: Cmdr. Susan Libby, USS Kasimar, PO Box 1607, Bangor, ME, 04402-1607.

KLIN-KON — September 6-8, 1991 at the Sheraton Premiere Hotel (15 mins. west of Washington, D.C.). Events include: Intergalactic Bodybuilding Competition, Klingon Model-Making Contest, Klingon/English Workshop, Klingon Dinner, slideshows and exhibitions by the crew of the Mortas-Te-Kaase. For information write: Klin-Kon, Inc., PO Box 656, Ridge, NY, 11961.

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 — November 16 & 17, 1991, Cleveland, Ohio. - "Gates Comes Home" - Featured guest is Gates McFadden. For more information send an SASE to LagrangeCon, PO Box 1153, Cuyahoga Falls, OH, 44223.

GENERICON 91 - November 1, 2, 3, 1991. University of Minnesota, Coffman Memorial Union. 300 Washington Ave S.E., Minneapolis, MN.

WISHCON I - November 8-10, 1991. Confirmed guests include: Mark Lenard, John De Lancie and Fan guest of honor, Larry Stewart. Confirmed authors include: Margaret Bonnano, Carmen Carter, Ann C. Crispin, Peter David, Michael Jan Friedman and Robert Greenberger. Tentative guest is Ronald D. Moore. Mr. De Lancie will be holding a drama workshop. For more information, send a SASE to: WishCon I, PO Box 478, Northford, CT, 06472-0478.

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.

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THE NEXT GENERATION

A VISIT TO VULCAN

by Bob Vosseller, USS CHALLENGER

The USS CHALLENGER hosted a special Vulcan Forum on April 6, 1991 at the Manchester Township Library NJ. The project was a joint venture with the Ocean County Library system and area STARFLEET chapters. A large library meeting room was the setting for the three hour event, which featured displays of Vulcan maps, planetary models, posters, various Vulcan literature, and carefully gleaned footage of Vulcan. The goal, in addition to having a lot of fun, was to bring Star Trek's favorite red planet alive, present the planet's philosophy, Infinite Diversity in Infinite Combinations, and the promotion of the STARFLEET organization.

Challenger Chief Engineer, William Stemmler, served as the main coordinator for the event, and joined other panelists from our ship as well as two special guests from the USS Intrepid II.

Many topics were covered, from a detailed discussion of the planetology of Mr. Spock's homeworld, Vulcan history and mental disciplines, to the Vulcan political system and Vulcan sociology.

The forum concluded with Challenger's Chief Communication Officer Lt. Cmdr. Christine "Andromeda" Hantzopoulos's presentation on the "Romulan Connection" with the Vulcan race.

Natalie Braun served creative Vulcan concoctions which enhanced the event and were devoured by the audience. She was quite inventive in the use of food colorings and jellatine molds. Despite the appearance of bright blue, purple and orange snack foods, everyone delighted in sampling each of the items. There was only one problem — we didn't know what to call them.

Attendance was outstanding with the panelists fielding a number of questions from area visitors.

We accomplished our goal and promoted STARFLEET in the process. We discussed what STARFLEET is and does, giving a description of our scholarship programs and upcoming Earth Day plans throughout the country.

Everyone went away with a complimentary 23 page Vulcan program guide which was created through compilation of many Trek sources and several original writings from Officers Laurie Paisley and Bob Comellas and produced by Challenger's Assistant Communications Chief, Rob Usdin. It proved to be a very creative project which can be shared with STARFLEET members as it was videotaped for the Fleet video archives department.

As master of ceremonies for this event, I tried to provide a combination of Kirk/McCoy type jabbing periodically in defense of my fellow Terrans.

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Congratulations to Jenn Bradley of shuttle Paladin. Jenn wins a \$5.00 gift certificate good for use towards STARFLEET merchandise.



HERE WE GO AGAIN...Back to Classic Trek! Now let's have some real caption action on this picture!

And, a couple of runners-ups for the last caption:

"The ticks on this planet are outrageous!"

Submitted by Stacia Felix

Okay, I give up. What did you do to this tribble?

Submitted by Jeff Sharman

USS DRAGONFIRE • NCC-2007

Captain James Maloney Ft. Myers, FL

Members staffed table at Vulcon. Sold raffle tickets for a Spock collector plate during the convention. Ship's banner provided for display at the table. Planning local park cleanup.

USS EXCALIBUR • NCC-1705

Captain Ed Danley Jacksonville, FL

Members worked staff at Vulcon. Decided not to hold yearly elections. Held ship's 1st anniversary party in April. Working with 2 potential shuttles. Participated in MS Superwalk.

USS FEDERATION • NCC-2100

Captain Lorri King-Aldridge St. Petersburg, FL

Crew assisted at STARFLEET table at Vulcon. Members debuted a video.

USS GUARDIAN • NCC-26244

Captain Dawn Smith-Webber Cocoa, FL

In the process of confirming ship's roster. Involved in Earth Day projects including sale of "Star Sacks" with the money going towards an Earth Day type activity - The Save the Manatee Club.

USS MAGELLAN • NCC-2594

Captain Joseph Yost Sarasota, FL

Acquiring new club banner and T-shirts.

USS MENAHA • NCC-3100

Lt. Cmdr. Turner S. Baker Haines City, FL

Members looking at the possibility of a ship name change.

USS NIGHTWING • NCC-4025

Captain Cherryl Marlan Tampa, FL

The crew has established a regular social meeting on Sunday evening after Star Trek. Had a "Mock Wedding" where everyone came in costume, concluding with a swim in the spring. Crew visited with the USS Federation and the USS Magellan at the historic DeSoto Park for an afternoon of beach activities. Crew members went bowling, visited MGM Studios, held a happy birthday party to celebrate everyone's birthday at once, helped a member move new furniture, had a computer sysop meeting and participated in the Centennial Anniversary of Plant Hotel at the University of Tampa.

USS ODYSSEY • NCC-454

Captain Esther McCord Hattiesburg, MS

The crew is working on a comprehensive Cadet Program for STARFLEET. Established a crew person of the year program. Made food donations to local animal shelter. Members celebrated their commissioning in March. Making picture ID cards. Held a mini-auction to build up treasury to plan Shore Leave picnic without charge to members or guests.

USS PAEGAN • NCC-1755

FltCaptain Lori Anne Brown Mt. Dora, FL

Plans continue for Tachy3Con. Crew working with Klaw (Klingon Legion of Assault Warriors) on proposed joint activities. Prepared for regional competitions. Zine completed. Planning laser tag competition.

USS PARAMOUNT • NCC-2004

Capt. Jeffrey M. Jones Birmingham, AL

Several members visited the Children's Hospital in costume to bring a smile to these kids' faces for a while. The crew donated a bag of comic books for the kids. Crewmember Donna Tucker was awarded a unit citation for organizing the visit. Appointed new section chiefs in some areas.

USS PHOENIX • NCC-625

Captain Richard Allen Orlando, FL

USS REPUBLIC • NCC-1317

Cmdr. David Duncan Rosewell, GA

USS SACAJAWEA • NCC-598

Captain Elizabeth Osbourne Inverness, FL

Held 2nd Anniversary and model rocket launch party. A yard sale was held, raising over \$50. Plans made for upcoming annual camp-out in September and the Christmas Parade Float. Other items discussed were a new meeting room, a bowling team and support for some new local charities. Members assisted at the STARFLEET table at Vulcon and displayed their banner at the table.

USS SCORPION • NCC-4017

Captain Christopher Cancilla Eglin AFB, FL
Shuttle Starquest launched. Fundraising cookbook selling well. The

Captain and his wife had a baby girl.

USS STAR UNION • NCC-2112

Capt. Diane Griffin Montgomery, AL

Newly commissioned. Welcome to the Fleet.

USS TAJARHI • NCC-1783

Captain Robert George Tyndall AFB, FL

Meeting with members to discuss future plans as well as any new ideas for membership.

USS TRIUMPH • NCC-26228

Commodore Deborah Nelson Hialeah, FL

Ship named runner up in the Rookie Chapter of the Year. The ship celebrated becoming the Flagship of Region 02 by sending 21 members to Vulcon Orlando and worked the STARFLEET table. The crew has adopted a local school, a part of the Saturn Project which encourages science and math education and will be helping with their building fundraising. Recruiting was done at two local cons. \$50 was raised in the Easter fundraiser. A record 1633 stamps were turned in at the March meeting for the Stampede effort. Medical department continues to work on handbook.

REGION THREE

Reg. Coordinator: RAdm. Bob Corbett

USS ANDROMEDA • NCC-1657

Captain Elizabeth Patton Houston, TX

Participated in Earth Day celebration. Crew held their first picnic in the Challenger Park. Held a very successful recruiting drive at a local convention, adding 80 new names to the mailing list.

USS JOSHUA • NCC-3700

Captain Bill A. Schwab Mesquite, TX

The ship was named Rookie Ship of the Year (ed. Congrats!). For Earth Day '91, members planted over 100 trees in the park, including ten trees representing our fallen astronauts in a special grove. Many members attended the launching of the Joshua's first shuttle, the USS Lancelot. Providing security for the May Creation Con while also manning a recruiting table. Upcoming events include a 4th of July parade, helping at the Soviet Space Exhibit and a special event commemorating the 25th anniversary of Star Trek.

USS LANCELOT • NCC-13982

Captain Clayton Melanson Arlington, TX

The Shuttle Lancelot was commissioned on 9104.13. A ceremony was held with the MC being Captain Bill Schwab of the mother ship the USS Joshua. The Special Guest was Fleet Admiral Jeannette Maddox, who had the honor of bestowing the Lancelot's highest honor, Knighthood, on Captain Clayton Melanson. This inaugurated the custom of recognition for members who show exemplary service in the traditions of STARFLEET and Star Trek. Also included in the ceremony was the presentation of the colors and ceremonial sword by the STARFLEET Marines/Rangers Omega Team, the introduction of the Bridge Crew members and the presentation of the rank/awards sashes to the members of the crew. The day's festivities concluded with a commissioning dinner and 36-hours of sleep for the commissioning committee. Plans are in place to provide security and other assistance at a convention featuring Leonard Nimoy in Dallas the first weekend in May.

REGION FOUR

Reg. Coordinator RAdm. Janis Moore

USS ALLIANCE • NCC-2113

Captain Jennifer L. Cole W. Los Angeles, CA

Captain Cole participated in the MS Super Cities Walk-A-Thon, completing the 15 KM walk in under three and a half hours and raised a little under \$100. Plans made for the Serious Art Workshop hosted by Therri Moore. While the Captain celebrated her 23rd birthday, the crew had fun miniature golfing. Members attended the Los Angeles Filking. Crew attended the Rambo Connection (Paintball SIG). The club's Vampire zine will be going to print in the next month.

USS CONSTITUTION • NCC-1700

Captain Truman Temple Los Angeles, CA

Promotion guidelines and ship operations manual to be included in the next newsletter. Several members passed Academy courses. Sent over 2,000 stamps to the Stampede. CO and XO writing a series of stories based on the adventures of the USS Constitution. Looking into a Adopt-a-Wall and Adopt-a-Freeway.

USS DEFIANCE • NCC-1717

RAdm. Janis Moore Sacramento, CA

Ship has undergone re-organization of by-laws and officers, with the new CO being RAdm. Janis Moore. Crew decided to make a strong effort to liven up ship meetings and functions.

USS EAGLE • NCC-1719

FltCaptain Dail Koehler Menlo Park, CA

Members continued to collect canned food.

USS GALLANT • NCC-1869

Captain Dana Reynolds Lemoore, CA

Crew will be sponsoring FreeCon 12, raising money for the Valley Medical Center Burn Unit and Trauma Center. Looking into getting involved in the Naval Air Station Lemoore Air Show on the 4th of July.

USS STELLAR WIND • NCC-1501

Captain E. C. Kinsly Freedom, CA

The ship's newsletter will now be mailed out more often. Raised \$40 for the Red Cross.

REGION FIVE

Reg. Coordinator: RAdm. Robert Hilton

USS APOLLO • NCC-2546

Captain David Bell Portland, OR

The ship roster was increased by one with the addition of a person stationed aboard the nuclear attack sub the U.S.S. Los Angeles SNN-688. Plans are being made to make a commercial for public access television. Currently involved with Oregon Museum of Science and Industry and its construction of a Star Trek science exhibit. The project will introduce science to students using Star Trek as a motivation by displaying the "science of Star Trek".

USS CALYPSO • NCC-1891

Captain Al Sandham Spokane, WA

The ship elections were held in May, with the Exec board taking office in June. The crew will celebrate the ship's fifth anniversary on Stardate 9103.17. Several members have passed OTS.

USS PENDRAGON • NCC-2005

Captain Dana Seaneey Seattle, WA

USS RAPACIOUS • NCC-2548

Captain Chris Clark Seattle, WA

USS STARCHASER • NCC-71801

Captain James Walker Seattle, WA

Newly commissioned starship. The crew raised \$100 for the Montgomery Scott Scholarship Fund. Crew members will be attending the Bowl-a-thon to raise money for Sisters of Puget Sound and will also be helping with the Columbia Tower Stair Climb. The first Trek-A-Thon was a success with some fifty attendees, thanks to the efforts of the crew and coordinator Paul Salo.

REGION SIX

Reg. Coordinator: RAdm. Eric Anderson

USS CZAR'AK • NCC-1798-A

Captain David Kloempken Richfield, MN

At Minicon 26 received 4-6 requests for information on starting a shuttle. Members hoping to attend PolarisCon II. Crew members getting ready for a walk-a-thon. Members purchased a wedding card for Kim Davis and Rob Lerman and got the majority of Region 6 personnel to sign the card. Many members taking OTS and OCC. Planning to help with PBS telethons and walk-a-thons. Also planning new member handbook, certificate of membership, membership card, yearly certificates, citation of merit, commendations, promotions.

REGION SEVEN

Reg. Coordinator: RAdm. Alex Rosenzweig

USS ALBANY • NCC-587

Captain Frank Faas Guilderland Center, NY

Nominations and annual elections held. Local terrain basted clean-up effort at Corning Preserve along the Hudson River, with the largest crew turnout to date for this type of activity, with several civilians also recruited. More park cleanups scheduled throughout the summer as part of the ship's ongoing Earth Day project. Volunteers assisted at local PBS Station fundraising auction. Almost donated Captain Frank Faas to be auctioned off, but feared no one would bid on him.

USS ARCTURUS • NCC-1807

Commodore Eric Johnson Huntington Station, NY

Recruited 36 new members for STARFLEET at convention. Produced calendar of events. Getting ready for I-Con 10 with a recruiting table with the lighted STARFLEET Junior sign.

USS ARGON II • NCC-1636

Captain Edward C. Johnson Edgewood, MD
Many graduates from STARFLEET Academy. New ship's patches are ready and will be worn for the first time at Shore Leave.

USS ASCENSION • NCC-2520

Captain Kevin J. Miles Bath, PA
The crew had a recruiting table at both cons where many applications for STARFLEET were handed out. Members also helped surprise George Takei with a birthday cake and the Wilkes-Barre convention. The Medical department is preparing an individual/personal first aid kit. Members planning on attending Shore Leave. Hosting picnic for the entire Fleet.

USS AVENGER • NCC-1860

RAdm. Alex Rosenzweig N. Brunswick, NJ
All 5 shifts met in 9104, with turnouts ranging from 8 to 22 members. Epsilon Shift is no more, upgrading to the shuttlecraft Blackheart. Sciences is working on the new Planetary Survey. In Medical, several sub-sections were renamed, and two Doctors transferred to Sciences. Operations released its retooled section NL. Communications and Engineering were quiet. Security Chief Romano left the ship, so a new section chief is being sought. 10 members attended the Medieval Times Trip early in the month, while 5 members participated in WalkAmerica, raising slightly over \$500.00. Avenger News #23 was released in mid-9104, and response has been good, especially with our mail-back survey on the "Star Trek - A Religion?" article. Finally, a proposal will soon be going out to the Command Staff on an upgraded ID Card, now that we've almost used up the original batch. Made a trip to the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia.

USS CHALLENGER II • NCC-1676

Captain Robert Vosseller Ortley Beach, NJ
The science department released "Scientific Method". Members attended Seaside Heights, and St. Patrick's Day Parade. The Fun and Games event on March 9th was held at the Times River branch of the Ocean County Library. Turnout was very good. Completed ship's Engineering manual. Natalie Braun, medical officer, received an award for promoting the chapter. Members attended New York's Captain's Con. Security had a bowling event. Participated in video production called "A Dixon Hill Mystery".

USS CHRISTA McAULIFFE • NCC-860

Captain Howard Cronson Canton, MA
Many members planning on attending the STARFLEET National Conference, I-Con, MOC, SeaTrek, LandTrek and TorontoTrek. Several friends of the crew returned home from the Gulf, including member Fred King (after over seven months in Saudi Arabia). The crew was challenged by a local Dr. Who club to a softball game. Planning on videotaping recruiting spots for cable access TV and possibly setting up the ship with a cable station as the subject of a documentary. Eight crewmembers were promoted. Members attended a laserlight show at the Boston Museum of Science planetarium. Some of the crew went to the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY while others went to a showing of The Rocky Horror Picture Show. Members went to John Bulushi's grave out on Martha's Vineyard.

USS INTREPID II • NCC-1730

Captain Jeffrey Hunt Garfield, NJ
Members went to the Planetarium Lazer Show. Crew continuing to revise the officer's manual. Ship's newsletter, "Heavy Cruisin'" remains on schedule. Sections continue to work on their section manuals. Members traveled to Connecticut for LunaCon and assisted at the STARFLEET recruiting table. Surprise party was held to celebrate CO's birthday as well as his medical recovery.

USS KONKORDIUM • NCC-2106

Captain Dave Cichon Northford, CT
April and May were busy months for the "Konk". Functions included spending Earth Day at the Norwalk Maritime Center/Aquarium/IMAX, recruiting and security detail at Mattatuck Community College's Astronomy Day, as well as the New Haven Creation Con. Had a get-together with some of the McAuliffe's crew. Planning a "Konk" contingent to SeaTrek plus the ship's annual Memorial Day weekend festivities. The guest were announced for the ship's charity con, WishCon I, to be held November 8-10 (for more information see the Convention Calendar).

USS ODIN • NCC-1875

Cmdr. Cindi Geppi Arbutus, MD
Going through change of command. Activities starting to pick up on department head level and in the crew. Cindi Geppi continuing to publish newsletter, "First Officer Log".

USS POTEMKIN • NCC-1711

Captain Willard Speck Pittsburgh, PA
Members attended the shuttle Tutakai meeting in early March. Crew saving can tabs to donate to a dialysis machine. Raising money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Shuttle Maverick is putting together a Shuttlecraft Float for the "Anything That Floats" race. Member Gary Homborg participated in the WKED charity auction. Plans made for laser tag games in May. Participated in the Joshua's STARFLEET forest. Crew celebrated the ship's 8th anniversary. Recycling glass and aluminum cans.

USS SOVEREIGN • NCC-2505

Philadelphia, PA
Reorganizing. Elections being held for the positions of CO, XO and Second Officer. Membership activities are high at this time. Members helped out at the local PBS membership drive. Working on blueprints of a new style ship. Plans made to plant trees in Fairmount Park in May.

USS TAI SHAN • NCC-2524

Captain Matt Ross Riverdale, NY
Crew visited the Museum of the American Indian. Also went to see the "Blue Planet" on the IMAX screen. Raised \$2240 targeted for MS research.

USS THAGARD • NCC-652

Captain Mark Morrow Lansdale, PA
Had monthly movie night. Had laser tag match with the Klingons and lost by a narrow margin. Did security at a Creation Con in Delaware and also had a table. Some members attended the Trenton State Computer Show. Had writers meeting and midnight bowling. Members participated in Walk America. Science section members began to meet on a monthly basis.

REGION TEN

Reg. Coordinator: Commodore April Gorman

USS BONAVENTURE (Canada) • NCC-1645

Captain Howard Gibbins Edmonton, Alb., Canada
Members attended S.T. Con '91 in Calgary. Elected two new chiefs in Ship's Services and Security. The ship will be moving the location of the General Meetings to the Campus of the Northern Alberta Institute. Two members passed OTS. Organizing STARFLEET Battles gaming tournament. General survey of members was distributed.

USS EQUULUS • NCC-1603

Commodore April GormanNW Calgary, Alb., Canada
Members went to Vulcan (in Alberta, Canada) with members in full costume and it was a large success. Just finished putting on ST Con '01 where things went very well.

USS MALASPINA • NCC-3271

Cmdr. Patti Hamaluk Nanaimo, BC, Canada
Working on membership manual.

USS RESOLUTION • NCC-1877

Captain Veronica Hipsey Victoria, BC, Canada

USS SOL • NCC-1733

Captain Donna Nameit North Pole, AK
Crew recruiting in malls and putting up advertising displays. Members will sponsor a tree for the STARFLEET forest. Finalized plans for the North Pole Winter Carnival. Raised over \$400 at the 2-day event. Handed out new handbooks.

REGION ELEVEN

Reg. Coordinator: Commodore Jennifer Yates

USS ALTAIR • NCC-1803

Captain Raymond Raspa Perth, WA, Australia

USS N'DELE • NCC-1758

RAdm. Leanne Jackson Rostrevor, SA, Australia
Members taking OTS. Had Beach Trek and Christmas party. VulTrek Game re-scheduled. Planning Star Trek Video Evening and observatory visit, and Aerodynamics Field Trip.

USS SOUTHERN CROSS • NCC-1886

Commodore Jennifer Yates Harbord, NSW, Australia

REGION TWELVE

Reg. Coordinator: RAdm. Dan McGinnis

USS AMERICA • NCC-1847

Captain Clarence Kamper Columbia, MO
Newly commissioned ship. Welcome to the Fleet. Final preparations for the summit underway.

USS CONCORD • NCC-1989

Captain Mike Ferguson Oklahoma City, OK
Crew planning on attending RockCon 15. Worked with Star Empire on March of Dimes Walk-a-Thon. Working heavily with ThunderCon preparations. Crew purchased 36 colorful bags along with toys and candy to fill them for the Children's Hospital and the ARK children this past Easter. Several possible shuttles forming.

USS DISCOVERY • NCC-1308

Captain Margie Amberboy St. Louis, MO
Ship's T-Shirts are selling like hot cakes. Planning on having a garage sale near the end of May. Members cleaned their section of highway. Plans made for walking in the Starlight Stroll for the March of Dimes. In cooperation with K.A.G., the USS Invicta and the shuttle Umiak, held a gaming marathon which raised over \$750 for the Children's Miracle Network. Also had a recruiting table at the event. Member Mike Clayton won a hand-blown, crystal Klingon bird-of-prey and Margie Amberboy won a 3-D chess set in two of the raffles. Members selling candy to raise funds for the ship. The member selling the most candy will receive a silver Star Trek IV balloon.

USS EXCELSIOR • NCC-2000

Captain Tim Frayser Broken Arrow, OK
Crew held cookout/landing party and passed out the Excelsior scrapbook for review. Former CO Dennis Thomas (welcome home from Desert Storm!) visited the crew. Command staff working on ship's finances. Newsletter going bi-monthly. Planted a tree to commemorate Earth Day.

USS HEXUM • NCC-2199

Captain Adam Nettles Belleville, IL
Elections held. Held several socials. Two members of the crew returned from Desert Storm safely and several of the crew met them at the Scott AFB on arrival. Participating in candy sale with other St. Louis area chapters. LCDR Lisa Horonetz was married to PO3 Shane Wolf on 9103.26. Aluminum can recycling continues.

USS HORIZON • NCC-1000A

Captain James Herring Columbia, MO
New name tags distributed to the crew along with awards. Moral is high and meeting attendance better than ever. New recruits continue to join. Members excited about launching shuttle in Maryville.

USS INDOMITABLE • NCC-2010

Captain Jeff Haffner Mission, KS
Newly commissioned ship. Welcome to the Fleet.

USS INVICTA • NCC-26246

VAdm. Denise Peterson St. Peters, MO
Several promotions. Crew adopted NEAC as official community project. Will be holding BBQ in June. Enjoyed presentation by Barbra Barklund of the shuttle Shaun Christopher on makeup appliances at last meeting.

USS JUPITER • NCC-1734

Captain Charles T. Parks Springfield, MO
Crew planning to attend summit. Crew adopting a whale and will be participating in Project Genesis by planting a tree in honor of ship. Figurine raffle progressing well with profits being donated to the Patrick Stewart Scholarship. Planning ship's 11th Anniversary party.

USS PEGASUS II • NCC-1612

Cmdr. Michael S. Hoyt Laddonia, MO
Beginning new programs. Will work on Adopt-a-Highway. Discussed Project Genesis and Earth Day.

USS RANGER • NCC-2206

Captain Peggy Ingram Midwest City, OK
Due to the member's hard work, participation and contributions to ship activities many members were promoted. The crew stuffed and labeled over 2500 packets of information to be sent out to regional educators from the Challenger Center Space Camp. Members participated in the local St. Patrick's Day Parade and won one of six trophies. Held the ship's first anniversary dinner at Civic Center. Several members attended the USS Lancelot's commissioning in Texas. Members cleaned the entire length of their adopted highway.

had a gaming party and helped a fellow member move into a new home - lock, stock and kitchen sink. Working with local theatre.

USS SALLY RIDE • NCC-643

Commodore Robin Lynch Cape Girardeau, MO

Preparing 3rd Anniversary party. Newsletter committee formed. Members attended Constellation II's 5th Anniversary party. Many activities planned for the upcoming months. Continuum planning continues.

USS SCRIBE • NCC-3941

Captain Mary D. Pinto Murphysboro, IL

Several members participated in judging the Murphysboro St. Patrick's Day Parade. Other members involved with Festival 1991. Entire crew working on joint candy sale with other St. Louis area chapters. Planning to work on book drive for newly established village library.

USS STAR EMPIRE • NCC-2116

RAAdm. Eric Gay Shawnee, OK

Crew discussing membership drive and upcoming charity events. Several cons planned over the next few months.

USS STARGAZER • NCC-2893

Captain Coyote Kansas City, MO

Several citations issued to the crew. Preparing for highway cleanup. Participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Crew proud of Shuttle Umiak for raising over \$700 for Children's Miracle Network. Newsletter changed to bi-monthly.

USS SUPERIOR • NCC-2020

Captain Gregory Rose Negaunee, MI

Newly commissioned ship. Welcome to the Fleet. Crew preparing video tape for the summit since they are unable to attend. Crew continues to work with local cancer patient and fraternity on community service project. Beginning cadet program.

REGION FOURTEEN

Reg. Coordinator: Adm John Supranovich

USS CASCO BAY • NCC-1889

Captain Scott A. Thurlow South Portland, ME

The USS Casco Bay left the shuttle hanger of the USS Kasimar on April 20, 1991. The Commissioning party we held that evening had a crew attendance of 33 with the attendance of 4 local KAG members and the first officer of the USS Kasimar, his wife and two other crewmembers.

USS EQUINOX • NCC-584

Captain Peg Pellerin Winslow, ME

Delivered 247 books to the VA Hospital and collecting more. Will hold commissioning and recognition day for ship in June. Gave out certificates of promotion to most of the members.

USS KASIMAR • NCC-1784

Adm. John Supranovich Bangor, ME

Work weekend at the Bradford Zoo. Was very successful and plans are being made to have another.

USS OMEGA • NCC-1687

Captain Joseph W. Hatfield St. John, NB, Canada

Name new assistant editor, Will Wesson, for the newsletter.

REGION SEVENTEEN

Reg. Coordinator : Commodore Lynette Knox

USS ALIOTH • NCC-1828

Commodore Lynette Knox Provo, UT

The March meeting featured a cartooning lesson by Astrostation Chief Keira Russell with members being encouraged to draw for the newsletter. The ship's Cadet Corps visited a recycling center and will be helping with fundraising for Christmas charities. Members continue to donate groceries to the local food bank. Recruited at Brigham Young Univ. Science Fiction Symposium. Making progress with planned Alioth shuttle in Georgia. Helped out a family that lost everything in a fire. Newsletter finished.

USS AURORA VULCANUS • NCC-1888

Captain Charlotte Howey Center, CO

Members attended Star Fest con in Denver. Ship's shuttle, the Star League to be commissioned in April. Barbara Brown is the ship's new Chief of Communications. Several members passed Academy

courses. Marine division going well.

USS CARSON • NCC-592

RAAdm. Karen Emerson Sun Valley, NV

Members attended MOC-6 in Greenville, SC. The ship's newsletter, Internal Communique, was published in March. Several members have completed Academy courses and several more are in the process of taking some. Two promotions were given out. Members donating books to book drive for the Veterans Hospital.

USS DOMINION • NCC-2115

Captain Debra L. Jackson Ogden, UT

Members ran registration for WalkAmerica and also had a team walking. Club party featured lively game of "Pin the Ears on the Vulcan". Contacted fellow STARFLEET member Beate Wurm in Germany. The USS Dominion to be mothership of the first shuttle in Germany. Security section sponsored ship bowling tournament. Contributed food and personal items to Ogden Mission Relief. Had a baby shower for Sabine Miller and XO Lee Miller. Attended a play starring two ship members, Maureen and Dayne Lake.

USS FAHRION • NCC-2510

Captain Douglas Porray Orem, UT

Decided on ship's logo. Members answered phones for local PBS pledge drive. Captain Porray was interviewed on-air. Preparing for the ship's first highway clean-up. Met with the USS Alioth for a "Murder Mystery". Discussed future fund raisers.

POSER #2: Friendships...

Would the three captains be friends if they lived in the same time period? What would make you decide yes or no to the question, and what episodes have demonstrated similarities and dissimilarities to support your theories. Believe it or not, you have 250 words or less! Send it to: PO Box 457, Rancocas, NJ 08073.

A LOOK AT LEONARD NIMOY

by Robert Peugh • USS Joshua

A feeling of anticipation builds in the silent auditorium and then suddenly a distinguished looking gentleman walks through the door. The crowd goes wild!! He calmly walks up to the podium and waits for a break in the applause. When his chance comes, he utters two monotone words: "Emotional humans!" and the crowd once again surges to their feet with joy as the visitor makes a somehow familiar symbol with his hands. That's right, the visitor is Leonard Nimoy, and this is a look at his visit to the Dallas Creation Con.

Mr. Nimoy started his talk, telling about all the flack he took over his book I AM NOT SPOCK and how this was not an anti-Trek book but a personal look at Leonard Nimoy the man, not Spock a character he portrays.

He spent a majority of his time showing a video and talking about Star Trek IV. The video showed, close-up, details on the making and swimming of the miniature whales used to make the movie. The "whales" were so lifelike that a real seal in the tank with them nipped at their fins as they swam around. Mr. Nimoy said one of the reasons for THE VOYAGE HOME'S success was that it focused on a humorous interplay between the characters while they tried to prevent a disaster brought about by man destroying his own environment. Also, the characters were able to "lighten up" a little and get a little more of their "personalities" out without having to beat someone up.

The rumors have finally turned into fact, Leonard Nimoy announced that Star Trek VI is now in production with the full crew! In fact, he had left the Paramount lot to be able to join us this weekend stating to the Creation Crew that he was "coming no matter what - I don't want



EMISSARIES ENJOINED

by Jennifer Watson

The Captain and his Lady are one,
One vibrant, one momentarily still—

Yet he guides her through the starts
Like a man who pays court to his beloved—

As a master honors the song
Does he play his chosen instrument...

Where does the warrior find grace?
Rarely in battle, but in those he serves.

Not in the eyes of the many who seek him,
But in the promise he upholds—

In the hope of peace, he endures
His Lady doth protect and strengthen his resolve...

There is vast emptiness in space—
Between suns, between hearts.

They pierce the darkness together
Bringing news from distant neighbors.

When the Captain smiles, all is good will,
And his Lady also smiles, bestowing her favor...

to let the people who want to see me down". ST VI will be directed by the same director who did Wrath of Khan, Nicholas Meyer. The special effects crew who helped do 'Khan', Industrial Light and Magic (a Lucas Film crew), will be returning to do STVI. Star Trek VI is going to be the last movie in the series (right, like when Spock died?), but the silver lining is that they are going to go out with a bang and are trying to make it the best yet. Mark Lenard will be joining the crew for Star Trek VI along with Whoopi Goldberg and Michael Dorn (who's appearance is supposed to establish a link between the movie series and the Next Generation).

When asked how he felt about ST:TNG, Mr. Nimoy said he was VERY impressed and thought they had done a terrific job of creating their own identity and could get along without "them" (original crew) very well. He also compared Patrick Stewart to William Shatner and commented how odd, but wonderful, it was to replace the outgoing physical Kirk character with a calm bald man but that it had worked!

Mrs. Nimoy also attended the convention. She was a delightful person and really enjoys traveling to the conventions with her husband; she said that the next convention they went to would be with their whole family. Talking to Mrs. Nimoy was like opening a new aspect into the private world of one of our favorite actors.

Star Trek keeps rolling right along through 25 years of television, books, movies and conventions. The dream will never die as long as there is someone like Leonard Nimoy who embodies our finest hopes and dreams and, for just a moment in time, brings them to life for us all.

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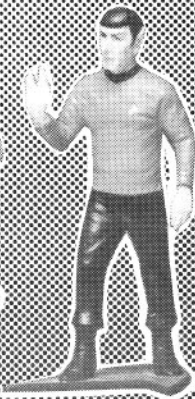
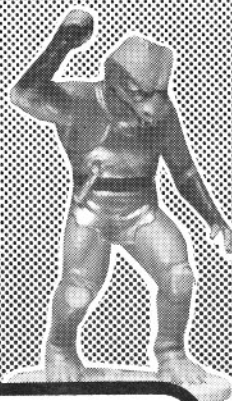
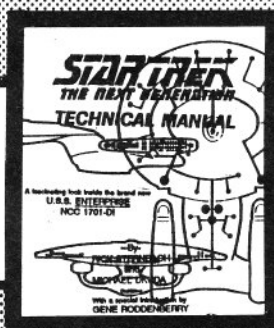
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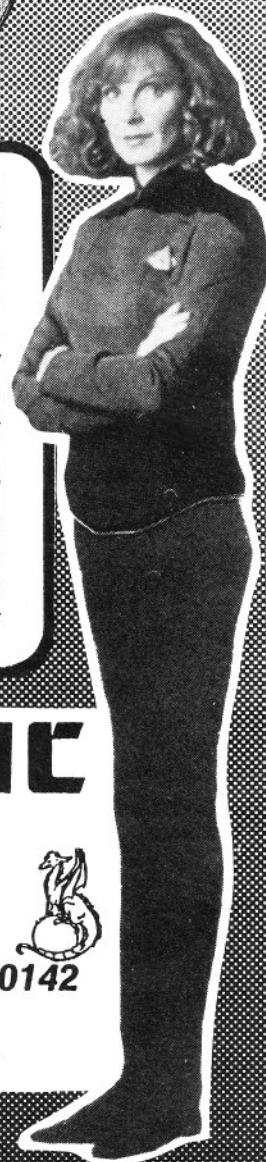
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