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- Submissions via disk should be DOS compatible. WordPerfect 5.1 (DOS version) is our software of choice - we can translate many other programs, but include an ASCII text file just to be safe. Indicate clearly on the disk what software you used. Disk size can be either 3½" or 5¼."

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STARFLEET HEADQUARTERS

ROB LERMAN COMMANDER, STARFLEET



Greetings and Happy 1994 to all!

As we enter STARFLEET'S 20th year, I'd like to express my gratitude to my Executive Committee and their staffs for a great year! Although we didn't reach all of our goals, we did make headway on most of them. We now have an up-to-date and efficient membership and ship/shuttle data-base. Several drafts of the proposed by-laws have been distributed to the Admiralty Board, a little late I admit, but some things take more time than anyone could imagine! The CPA is reviewing our past and current financial records and hopefully, some resolution will come soon. Fleet continues to grow in numbers of individuals and ships/shuttles. We are now the largest we've ever been – a fact that we can all be proud of!

Attention STARFLEET members in Canada and Mexico: After reviewing North American postage rates, we have revised the membership rates for members living in these countries. Effective January 1, 1994, the cost of single membership in Canada and Mexico will be \$16 (US); family of two will be \$23 (US); and family of three or more will be \$26 (US).

A new feature that appears in this issue is the monthly financial report, prepared by our treasurer, Patty Hagen. Previously, this information was reported in the *Fleet Status Update*, with the understanding that COs would pass this information, among other things, on to their crewmembers. Apparently this hasn't been happening, so the financial report will be reprinted here. Due to deadlines, though, the information will probably be about two months old by the time the CQ is distributed. Please direct any questions regarding the financial report to me.

For those of you with access to a computer and modem, there are several ways to contact me:

INTERNET: rob.lerman@starfleet.wmeonlin.sacbbx.com

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TREKNET: 87:6004/8000.0

Start saving and planning now for the 1994 STARFLEET International Conference to be held in Orlando, Florida. June 17-19. Kim, Timmy and I are looking forward to our visit to the "Land of the Mouse" and to seeing all of our old and new STARFLEET friends once again.



ANITA DAVIS VICE COMMANDER

Due to a recent death in her family Anita Davis' column does not appear in this issue. Our deepest sympathies go out to Anita and her family and her report will return next issue.



STARFLEET Financial Report Prepared by LT CDR Patty Hagen, Treasurer STARFLEET Main Account - October

	Expense	Deposits	Balance
Beginning Balance			\$26,250.23
Postage, copying & supplies	\$14,502.90		
Phone Bill	213.88		
CPA fees	4,000.00		
Deposit items returned	179.00		
Total Expenses	\$18,895.78		(\$18,895.78)
Total Deposits		\$7,626.25	7,626.50
Void Check		1,000.00	1,000.00
Ending Balance			\$15,980.70

STARFLEET Main Account - November

	Expense	Deposits	Balance
Beginning Balance			\$15,980.70
Postage, copying & supplies	\$2,138.01		
Reimbursements	162.65		
Phone Bill	220.93		
Total Expenses	\$2,521.29		(\$2,521.59)
Total Deposits		\$9,099.73	9,099.73
Ending Balance			\$22,558.84

STARFLEET SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Balance as of December 27, 1993 \$12,754.33



COMMUNICATIONS

VADM TIM GILLESPIE • DIRECTOR

Happy new year Fleet fans, and welcome to our 20th anniversary year. 1994 promises to be a banner year for STARFLEET with many thrills and surprises to come. We look forward to bringing you all the anniversary news that fits right here in the pages of the STARFLEET *Communiqué*.

Please remember that this is your new magazine, written by YOU, by members of STARFLEET. We always look forward to receiving your articles and submissions.

I have received a number of requests for information concerning the 1993 *Communiqué* Newsletter Contest. Now that the year is finally over, I am pleased to announce the official opening of Newsletter Award Bagging Season, so just let me pull the trigger on this furschenlugger gun and, (BANG!) let's get started.

1993 Newsletter Awards will be presented in the following categories:

- Best Overall Newsletter
- Best Graphic Design
- Best Fleet Reporting
- Best Chapter News Reporting
- Best Trek News Reporting
- Best Use of Humor
- Individual Journalism Excellence
(for individual articles)
- Best Region Newsletter

All STARFLEET Chapters and Shuttles newsletters with a 1993 cover date are eligible for these awards (with the exception of Best Regional Newsletter, which will be given to, naturally, Regional publications).

TO ENTER! Send 2 (two) different issues of your chapter newsletter to: STARFLEET *COMMUNIQUE*, NEWSLETTER CONTEST, 656 Lafayette Rd, Medina, OH 44256. All newsletters must have a 1993 cover date. If your chapter has been sending us copies of your newsletter throughout the year (which we appreciate, by the way) you MUST resubmit 2 copies of your newsletter specifically for this contest.

So that the contest will be fair and impartial, the judges will have publishing experience, familiarity with newsletters, and familiarity with Star Trek and STARFLEET, but will not be members of STARFLEET.

Newsletter contest submissions MUST be postmarked NO LATER than March 1st, 1994 to be eligible. Winners will be announced in the May *Communiqué*.



SUBSPACE COMMS

LCDR BILL HERMANN • DIRECTOR
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Season's greetings and New Year's Felicitations to STARFLEET! 1993 has been a very busy year in service to STARFLEET chapters. I invite all STARFLEET chapters to submit articles of any type for the debut issue of the SubSpace Comms newsletter - *The COMM PANEL*!

I hope that your holiday goes well, and that 1994 enables and empowers STARFLEET chapters all across America, and the world, to prosper. I am looking forward to the 1994 International Conference in Florida, and I hope to meet many of you there! It is a distinct honor serving you - the members of STARFLEET.

Thank you for the wonderful response to the upgraded and refitted Fleet Pen Pal Service.

Now let me extend my thanks to a few people

who have personally helped me over the last year: Tim Gillespie, Rob Lerman, Allyson Dyar, Kim Lerman, Robbie Lewis, Jamie Young, Victor Swindell, Dave Johnson, Sal lizard, Amanda Herrmann, Carol Adelman, Bev Hater, and Reid Stanely.

Thanks also to the 68 "Liaison" volunteers and the 25 starship chapters currently active helping this STARFLEET service succeed. All of you, from the Fleet Admiral to the Shuttlecraft Chief of Communications, have helped make this Service what it is today -- a tool to communicate, to serve, and to help.

As 1993 draws to a close, I reflect back and know I could not have done anything without all of you. Thank you...all of you...very much.

Special Communiqué Contest for Overseas Members

Christmas is over and wouldn't you know it - we ended up with three copies of William Shatner's *Star Trek Memories*, a wonderful reminiscence of the early days of Trek by the acclaimed actor who appeared as Captain James T. Kirk. Therefore, we have decided to offer one of these beauties to the person who can identify the rock band on page four of the November *Communiqué* (Issue 59). But because we feel bad that our overseas members receives the *Communiqué* much later than those of us here in North America, this contest is ONLY open to overseas members (in other words, U.S. and Canada, NEIN!)

So, all of you folks in Germany, Australia, Japan, etc., start guessing, and send your entries in right away. Earliest postmark with correct answer gets Bill's Big Book of Memories. Write: STARFLEET *Communiqué* Global Guess Game, 656 Lafayette Rd., Medina, OH 44256, USA.

Wanted: Crews for Starships

The following vessels have recently been constructed or refitted at various shipyards around the Federation. Crews are now needed for them (STARFLEET Shuttle groups, take note!) These ships are:

- USS Archive NCC-2095
Hatfield-class Command Cruiser
- USS Rusk NCC-2094
Hatfield-class Command Cruiser
- USS Tanner NCC-2434
Podestti-class Cruiser
- USS Hunter NCC-1419
Shanks-class Light Cruiser
- USS Arthur NCC-7414
Maguellens-class Escort Cruiser
- USS Fletcher NCC-5154
Dakota-class Heavy Shuttle Carrier
- USS Almeida NCC-6405
Lobo-class Through Deck Carrier
- USS Impervious NCC-2530
Impervious-class Strike Cruiser
- USS Amchitka NCC-1310
Amchitka-class Light Cruiser
- USS Coventry NCC-1230
Coventry-class Frigate

Any group interested in using one of these vessels for their chapter should contact the Office of Technical Information for further information and/or the Department of Technical Services to reserve the name. Remember, reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis. (VADM Alex Rosenzweig)

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

C D R J A Y J O N E S • DIRECTOR

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All right people, listen up. I read on the boards how some think there is seldom anything "new" in the Communiqué. Surprise guys, we are what you make us. If you don't let us know what's happening out there, how can we pass it on? If you're waiting on an invitation, here it is. I can't believe that only two clubs have responded with projects they are proud enough of that they want to let other ships know about their outreach. Could the remaining ships be composed of shy, retiring types? We don't think so. Formal articles as well as short and to-the-point ones are welcome. Be sure to include photos and your phone number so we can interview you about your article. Be sure your Commanding Officer is aware and approves of the story.

Lending a Helping Hand to Our Community

by Laura Reardon, USS Stargazer

For the past ten years, Kansas City has had a community outreach program for the elderly and low income families. It recently underwent a name change to "Christmas in October." This event brings together skilled and non-skilled workers to work hand in hand toward the common goal of safer and more comfortable housing. It has grown from a fairly non-organized affair of people working together, just wanting to make a difference, to an orchestrated phenomenon calling on the talents of those skilled and non-skilled in plumbing, carpentry, roofing, cleaning, electrical, weatherproofing, yard work, glazing, and painting. (Sounds like this might be a job for...The Officers and Crew of STARFLEET!)

Three years ago, I approached the USS Stargazer crew members at one of our meetings (when I was very new to the crew) to see if anyone was interested in joining me in participating in the Christmas in October (CIO) project. The response was tremendous and a sign-up sheet was soon filled. (Organizers note: Always be ready with a sign-up sheet. Those names and phone numbers come in real handy!) Well, since it was my idea, I was given the responsibility of organizing it. (Lesson Number One: If you have an idea, be prepared to be volunteered on the one in charge.) I honed the project head the next day and let him know that he had about 20 people interested in working for him. His idea was to give us a whole house to work on, and kind of adopt it as our house for the project. Here begins my blossoming career as a house captain! I was informed that the house captain was the person who was the group contact and was in over-all charge of the house. They are also responsible for picking up/dropping

off supplies from the warehouse and all of the paperwork that goes along with it.

The first thing that need to get done was to visit our adopted house to see what kind of work was need and to get an idea of the types of supplies that we would need. I would like to point out that all paint, caulk, cement, glass, glazing compound, you name it, was donated by individuals or companies. All we had to do was apply a lot of elbow grease. Our house only needed some weather proofing, a furnace tune up (we had a qualified crew member who was licensed to do this) and a lot of painting and scraping. The official call for help and supplies went out to the crew and we showed up in force to get the job done. Our house owner, along with several members of the family, pitched in. After a lot of hard work, we had finished and the house looked great (amazingly, it was also still standing!) For our first house, we had 16 volunteers working.

The next year, I received a call from the CIO project asking if we were once again interested in adopting a house, and if I would represent the group as house captain again. Well, the crew was hooked after the first year's effort, so the answer was a big yes. This time, we were represented by two ships from the area. The Shuttle *Nomad* had indicated that they were crazy enough to join us (the previous year, their captain had worked with us on our first house). This time, we were given a much tougher house. It required lots of scraping, painting, some ceiling repair work, many window panes were broken, and the yard was a real mess. Once again, lots of bodies were needed, and around 20 crew members swarmed over the house. I had the bright idea to provide a spaghetti lunch for the crew. I never new how fast some people could eat! As a special highlight of the day, we had some crew members providing entertainment! We had guys hanging off of ropes (not the good safe ropes, but bits and pieces tied together to make a rope long enough to reach certain areas) wrapped around a ghetto chimney or over the roof so they could reach areas that needed scraping or painting. I'll have you know that most of the rope swingers were from the *Nomad*, although I did do my fair share of roof scrambling! This house took us longer, since it was at a bad angle for some areas that needed ladder work. We ended up finishing the next day, since we ran out of daylight and energy.

Well, with the response we had last year, we decided that we could try to work on two houses this year, since I had received indications that other ships were interested in joining us. The CIO project leader was ecstatic. The year, we were lucky enough to have four ships participating. The

USS *Stargazer*, USS *Nomad* (Leavenworth, KS), USS *Vixen* (St. Joseph, MO), and the USS *Van-guard* (who came up from Arkansas, since they wanted to swing from ropes this year!) This year, Mike Malotte of the USS *Nomad* took up the reigns of house captaincy for the second house.



Don Coleman (on ladder) and Laura Reardon of USS Stargazer work on renovations

All in all, we had 30 crew members who worked their butts off! This year, we had three acrobatic acts going at once. At one house, we were painting on a ladder with only one leg touching the ground, and a car next to the house which forced us to have ladder standing straight up. We had one on the ladder (wondering why I was up there), one holding the ladder, one standing on the car holding the paint, and one person keeping me from falling off the ladder. At Mike's house, they had an extension ladder fully extended with someone leaning and walking the ladder over to reach a difficult spot (while he was still on it). They also had two people on the roof painting the eaves, one bending over and painting, and the other holding on to the painter!

Once we finished the houses, crew members immediately began planning for next year (like including a group to plan and deliver lunch. This year we kind of forgot to eat!)

As the years pass, more and more ships will join in and help us make a difference in our community. If you are interested in this type of work, your community might offer the same type of project that has worked so well in the Kansas City area. If you have any questions or would like to join us for next year's house, please let me know (the more, the merrier). I will offer floor space (once all of the beds are taken) for any would like to come in and join us!

For info, contact: Laura Reardon, 12740 W 108th, Overland Park, KS 66210, 913/451-8503.



SHUTTLE OPERATIONS

COMMODORE JENNIFER LEVINE • DIRECTOR

28B WALTHAM ST., MAYNARD MA 01754

Greetings, STARFLEET members! The Shuttle Operations Command staff is proud to announce that Commodore Jennifer Levine has been officially appointed to the position of Director of ShOC (yeah!!). The transition of Directorship from Admiral Ryan to Commodore Levine is pretty much complete but for those of you who aren't sure, all ShOC mail should be sent to the address listed above from now on. And now, take it away Jennifer!

Hi! I'm very excited to have been appointed to this position, and I am looking forward to my new job. Now that I've officially been appointed as Director of ShOC, I'm in need of a good Vice Director. If you are interested in this position, please mail me your name, address, STARFLEET resume, and a page or two describing what sorts of responsibilities and activities you envision from the Vice Director position. I am also looking for STARFLEET personnel to assist me in processing ShOC material. If you live in the Eastern Massachusetts area and are interested in becoming a member of the ShOC staff, please send me your name and phone number. (Note that this is an excellent way to get experience for your STARFLEET resume!)

To new shuttle applicants: As you may or may not know, after your application package has been sent to your Support Ship's CO, it is signed off and forwarded to your Regional Coordinator. When the RC receives the package, he or she signs off on it and forwards it to us. Therefore, if you have not received your commissioning papers from me, please check with your Support Ship CO and your RC before checking with me to see if I have received the package. Many times it is (unfortunately) held up in the pipeline.

Errata: I accidentally reported a new shuttle in the last issue as the shuttle *Cathart*. Actually, the shuttle is named Shuttle *Cathark*. My apolo-

gies to the members of the *Cathark*.

Finally, following are the shuttles launched by ShOC from October 1 and December 1, 1993 (Shuttle name, commander, city, and state listed):

Region 01

Intrepid Eric W. Larkin
Kingsport, TN

Region 03

Silent Warrior Byron Flynt
Arlington, TX

Region 04

PeaceKeeper Paul Walker
Visalia, CA

Richard Coeur de Lion Fleona Dysast'ar
Alameda, CA

Trieste Bradford Graves I
Pleasant Hill, CA

Region 05

Destiny Stephen C. Idell
Salem, OR

Sky Dancer Lewis Palmer
Oldtown, ID

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Upper Darby, PA

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Leonardtown, MD

Region 12

Missouri Frank Bono
Arnold, MO

Morning Star Sherry Anne Newell
Lawton, OK

Region 17

Curie Deborah Daniels
Los Lunas, NM

Congratulations, and good luck during your journey through the ShOC program!!

Fleet Promotions

The following officers were promoted by STARFLEET as of December 31, 1993:

To Brigadier General

Loujaue McPherson, SFMC

To Vice Admiral

Clayton Melanson, Starfleet CCO

Lori Anne Brown, Director, SFA

To Rear Admiral

Ed Danley, Region 02 VRC

To Fleet Captain

John Bunton, *USS Joshua*

John Simmons, *USS Vindicator*

Robert Vosseller, *USS Challenger*

To Captain

Sarah Bradford, Region 01 Asst. RDC Eng.

Cindy Glenn, FDC Security

Terri Jones, *USS Courageous*

Rob Klinger, *USS Heimdal*

Amy Sheldon, *USS Lagrange*

Victor Swindell, *USS Charleston*

Congratulations to all!

The next promotion period ends the 15th of May, so CO's, RC's and EC members be sure to get your recommendations to me at Fleet HQ by that time so that the EC can vote on them and hand out promotions by the International Convention in Orlando, FL.

The STARFLEET "Starships of Excellence" Competition for 1993 by RADM Stephen C. Thomas, Director, STARFLEET Awards Committee

First of all, "Happy New Year!" to one and all! I hope that 1994 has gotten off to a great start for you!

Some of you have contacted me concerning the "starships of the year" competitions, wanting to know when to submit presentation and such. As this falls under the purview (been dying to use that word!) of the SFAC, I've been developing new criteria for this important aspect of STARFLEET. For this year only, all starship Commanding Officers and the COs of ships that completed their first year of operation by December 1993, are asked to submit a 1993 year-end summary of their ship's operation for that year. The summary should contain sufficient details about: Administration (how you've set up your chain of command, rank structure, etc.), major projects undertaken, social activities, community services and/or charitable activities, recruiting and promotion (that is, promoting your ship and STARFLEET to the public,) educational activities (promoting science fact to the public, and as a learning experience for your crew), and honors received for your ship, as well as outstanding crewmembers and departments.

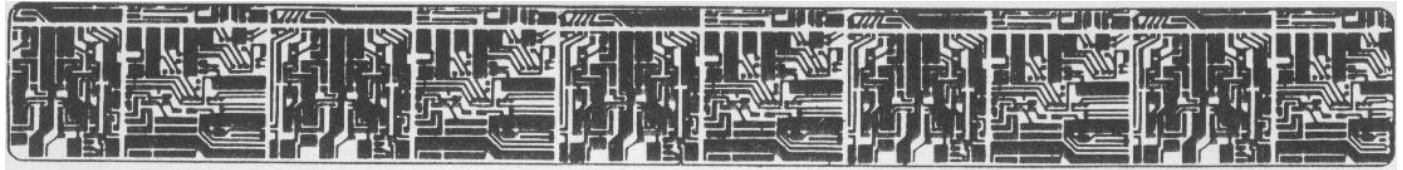
Your summaries can be as long or short as you desire, but should be as comprehensive as possible. You should also include a copy of what you consider to be the best edition of your newsletter for the year (if available) and any other publication you think necessary (handbook, recruiting flyer, etc.) Photos can be included, but please include a SASE if you'd like them returned.

Please send your neatly typed (double-spaced, please!) summary to: STARFLEET Starship of the Year '93, c/o 7301 Rive Rd. #117, Newport News, VA 23607-1764.

Deadline for submission is Thursday, March 31st, 1994. All entries will be judged by STARFLEET Chief of Operations Terry Wyatt, and the SFAC deputy directors VADM Robert Hilton (Region 05 Coordinator) and Captain James Young (CO of the *USS Charleston*). After the judging is done, the results will be submitted to me, whereupon I'll make the results known to the STARFLEET Commander. The award presentations will take place at the STARFLEET International Conference in June.

If you have any questions or concerns about this, please write or call. The 1994 competition will be quite different from this year, as regional competitions will determine the finalists for the Fleet-wide competition. There will also be new categories, including "Commanding Officer of the Year", "Regional Coordinator of the Year" and "Shuttle of the Year", to name a few. This is all tentative as I'm still waiting to hear from VFADM Davis about the proposal. If approved, all Regional Coordinators will be contacted about creating criteria and implementing the program. The major difference between past and upcoming

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COMPUTER OPERATIONS

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Clayton sat at this desk going over the list of things that had been accomplished. Constant improvements have been made in the program but there were more to be considered. The Crew Rosters were underway in a constant outpouring of data to the Commanding Officers and subsequently, a constant return of corrected rosters. The accuracy of the database continued to improve. "It is a major task, but every day, it gets closer to it's goal," Clayton mused out loud. Artificial Intelligence notwithstanding, the computer decided it wise to refrain from making any response to comments made outloud to no one in particular. it was learn-ing.

Joe Deaver walked into the room. "Good morning, Clayton!" Clayton turned toward Joe. "Well good morning, Joe! How was your weekend?" "Just great. How was your trip to the commissioning of the Tejas?" "Terrific!" Clayton responded. "A fine group of people. I really enjoyed the trip and meeting them. I traveled with Gail Rushing and John Bunton. " "Ahh!" suggested Joe. "A business trip?" "Not entirely. John and I mentioned the Vessel Registry but we also talked about stamps. " "Must have been a real wing-ding of a conversation," muse Joe. "I'm sorry that you were not able to make it," offered Clayton. "Thanks, but I had a prior commitment at the Children's Medical Center." "That's right. How did your trip go?" "Quite well," responded Joe. "It's always fun to visit kids in the

hospital and cheer them up a bit. I'm sorry that you weren't able to go with us." "Me too, but there will be other times. By the way, I have something for you, Joe." Joe stepped over to Clayton's desk and took a sheet of paper that Clayton handed to him. It was a certificate of promotion to Captain. "Congratulations, Joe. It's a well deserved promotion!" said Clayton, shaking Joe's hand. Joe hesitated for a second. "Uh, thanks, Clayton. This, uh, wouldn't have anything to do with getting me to work longer hours, would it?" "Of course not! You KNOW I wouldn't do something like that, would I?" "Only if given a chance," grinned Joe. "He knows me well," thought Clayton, returning the grin.

"Well, what is the next major project on your list?" said Joe, trying to get the conversation started again. "It looks like we will extend the Computer Operations services into the Shuttle Operations Command. Commodore Jennifer Levine and I spend a great amount of time on subspace frequencies. This would save her a lot of time in processing the paperwork for launching and commissioning vessels." "Sounds like a major undertaking to me," commented Joe. "Well, there have been easier tasks, but it will be a great benefit when it is in place. Jennifer is setting up the hardware on her end and I will supply the software. Then the testing and acceptance will be completed. STARFLEET will take another step toward computerization." "Sounds good to me.

Anything else before I get started on my work for the day?" "Yes, something that I just got set up. Computer!" <Tweedle> "Who is on the Honor Roll between 9310.01 and 9311.30!" <Tweedle> "Working." "What is this Honor Roll?" asked Joe while the computer was thinking. "It is a list of those who donated to each and every one of the scholarship funds when they paid their dues. I thought that it was time to identify these generous people." <Tweedle> "Honor Roll members are: Michael Smith, Matthew Rasnake, Ann Wray, Betsy Matteis, Peg Taylor, the Laurie Morse family, Kathy Pfoutz, Lynn Pinard, Elizabeth Lipos and Bruce Peterson." "Great! Thanks to those of you who were so generous!" said Joe. "Indeed!" responded Clayton. "I suspect that there will be more scholarships in the future and they will need good support to help get them going." "Well, I would imagine that they will be well supported. I guess that I need to get going if I am going to accomplish anything today. See you later." "Thanks for stopping by, Joe. I will let you know if anything exciting happens around here." "Thanks, Clayton." Joe leaves and Clayton returns to his desk. "Personal log, 9312.12. Attended the ceremony last night were Joe took command of the USS Lancelot. He has been involved in the Lancelot since it launched as a shuttle on 9007.11. Joe will make an excellent Captain." Clayton turns his attention to his desk to continue his work.

Awards continued

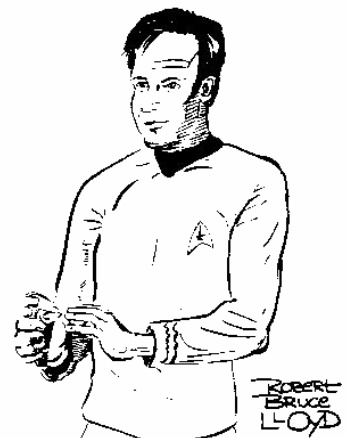
competitions is that ALL chapter will be considered, not just those that submit an entry. This can be accomplished by each chapter submitting a year-end summary of chapter activities, accomplishments, and such. Each region would establish its own award committee for regional competitions, and the winners of the regional competitions would then become finalists in the STARFLEET-wide competition.

As to the STARFLEET awards, I'm finishing the second revision of the final draft. This aside, there's still the aspect of funding the program. Only \$126 has been donated so far (and most of that from Tex-Trek! My thanks to everyone who donated!). So please, if you want to see the award program become reality, please send money! A \$1 a member would be nice, or chapter donations of \$10 or \$15 would work too. about \$2,500 is need to start up the program and (hopefully) it will support itself through the sales of award ribbons and ribbon recognition posters. Good news is SFHQ may allot the money once the situation

concerning money from the previous administration is resolved. All monies donated will be accounted for in regular reports to VFADM Davis.

And about the award ribbons, the 2-to-1 consensus is that the triangular ribbon is preferred over a bar-type. However, I'm still pursuing a possible source for the bar ribbons so that you can have a choice, though I suspect that the triangular ribbon will still be the choice. By the way, my thanks to Major Dyas'star for sending samples of the bar ribbons used in the Fourth Fleet (Region 04). The ribbons are very attractive and functional. Also, Commodore Doug Glenn of the USS Umiak sent me a copy of their award program, with sample award ribbons. Their triangular ribbons are made of plastic and are worn on a badge, similar to the way some policemen do. Thanks to everyone who has taken the time to write with comments and suggestions. I'll be answering your questions via the *Communiqué*, so please look for on-going reports and updates about the STARFLEET Awards Program!

**Department of Missing Members can be found on page 32.
Chapter CO's please take note.**





STARFLEET SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

A D M I R A L S U E H A M P T O N • D I R E C T O R

3 4 0 1 A R G Y L E L A N E, G R E E N S B O R O, N C 2 7 4 0 6

Now that the new year is officially here, it is the time for you college students to be thinking (AGAIN) of finances. If you are currently in school, you probably just paid for Winter, '94 and things are looking pretty slim. If you are a high school senior, you are hearing a lot about scholarships and paperwork and SAT's and all that. If you requested a STARFLEET scholarship application, dig it out from under the empty Ding-Dong boxes and Coke cans. (Take the cans to the recycling center and donate to money to our scholarship programs!) If you requested an application, you should have it, as they are mailed out within 2-3 days of their arrival here. If you didn't get yours, or want one, send a long SASE to Sue Hampton, 3401 Argyle Lane, Greensboro, NC 27406. *Now get busy on the paperwork!*

This has got to be the easiest scholarship to apply for, so no excuses. You fill out the basic application. Then you write up a short essay about what you have been doing with yourself the past few years. Things like school, or work, or hobbies, including your STARFLEET and Star Trek activities. You need a second essay telling why winning a STARFLEET Scholarship would be meaningful to you. That should not be difficult. After all, most of the Fleet looks forward to the future and we are striving to improve the world each by doing our own part.

You need three letters of recommendation from a teacher, STARFLEET leader, and community leader. All these can be done easily and painlessly in the next few months. A recent grade transcript is required as well as some documentation that you will be attending a college in the Fall, 1994. These last two items can be turned in closer to the deadline. Just don't forget them. That's all it takes. There are no financial forms to worry through, and SAT scores are not factored into this. The selection committee is looking for those members of STARFLEET that have been active in their chapter and improved their community like in some ways. These members that want to continue their education for whatever their interests, deserve to have some help from the rest of their Star Trek friends.

Remember that ALL scholarship funding comes from individual donations of members and chapters and fund raisers from the STARFLEET chapters. You are helping each other to reach for your special star. If you are interested, apply for the scholarship. If you know of a STARFLEET cadet in your chapter, be sure they are aware of this opportunity. If you have heard of a member thinking of going back to school to finish a program or try a new career, circle this section of your *Communique* and tap them gently on the side of

the head. (If they don't pay attention, jump up and down and make funny faces -- whatever it takes to get then interested!)

The plans have been finalized for a scholarship honoring Mr. Armin Shimerman. This is the marvelous actor that portrays the Ferengi, Quark, on Deep Space Nine. The idea was to set up a scholarship with the title of "The Armin Shimerman Scholarship for Profitable Business Ventures." This is a tongue-in-cheek reference to the famed Ferengi business ethics we have learned about these past years with the crews of the USS Enterprise and Deep Space Nine. The actual scholarship will be for members studying any of the numerous business fields. As noted in another section, there are plans in the works for a scholarship to honor Marina Sirtis. That scholarship will be related to veterinary science or other fields associated with the care and health of animals.

What Are the STARFLEET Scholarships?

This article is for members who have recently joined STARFLEET. You old-timers and veterans are welcome to reread the information. Good filler time while assigned to Gamma Shift, Astrophysic Lab while in SpaceDock. STARFLEET has a Scholarship program for our members. This program awards money (\$500) to a member to help pay for some level of college education. This is not for the STARFLEET Academy courses offered to members of the club. This is for actual college education. The money is paid directly to the college, for tuition or books, as the members wishes. The scholarships are not renewable, a member must reapply each year. There is no restriction as to what level of education the member is pursuing. It may be undergraduate or graduate levels, university, college, community college, junior college, or technical college. The

important idea is to assist STARFLEET members to continue their education to the level they desire.

To apply for a Scholarship a member needs to send a long SASE and ask for the Scholarship application. Send the request to: Sue Hampton, 3401 Argyle Lane, Greensboro, NC 27406. Requests for applications are accepted year round. Completed applications are accepted year round. Completed applications and other paperwork is accepted from January 1 to June 1 of that year. This means for this year, all paperwork must be postmarked by June 1, 1994 to be considered for awards in July, 1994.

Some scholarships are awarded for members studying in specific fields (see listing below). Others are for those in other majors or minors in college. If you have any questions, please include them in your request for application letter. Only one application is required per member, even though you may wish to be considered for more than scholarship. (You can be considered for more than one scholarship, but can only be awarded one per year.)

Applications are reviewed during June and the winners are announced at the STARFLEET International Conference at the beginning of July. Winners are notified at that time.

Attention Future Veterinarians!

I am not talking about Xeno-biologists who are developing less prolific breeding Tribbles, such as Tripples and Trib-Owls. Nor, am I looking for those trying to develop ways to harness energy from Capellian Power Cats. I need to hear from STARFLEET members that are practicing veterinarians.

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STARFLEET Scholarships

Space Explorers Memorial (4 Year)

Space Explorers Memorial
(technical, 2-year, junior college)

James Doohand/Montgomery Scott Scholarship
(aeronautical engineering)

The DeForest Kelley/Leonard McCoy Scholarship
(medical occupations)

Patrick Stewart Scholarship
(for the performing arts)

George Takei Scholarship
(for international studies)

Gene Roddenberry Memorial Scholarship
(for writers)

LeVar Burton Educational Scholarship
(for teachers)

Armin Shimerman Scholarship
(business)

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The *USS Maddox*, of Wichita, Kansas is currently working with Mirina Sirtis to honor her with a STARFLEET scholarship. Ms. Sirtis has expressed her wish that the scholarship be for members studying Veterinary Science. As with some of our more specialized scholarships, there may not be a qualified STARFLEET member studying Veterinary Science each year. In order to help as many of our members as possible, we are looking into the possibility of making the scholarship money available for Continuing Education for our Veterinarian members. Like my own career of nursing. I know that a certain number of continuing education hours are required each year, and they ain't cheap! Tentatively, the program would work that if the scholarship is not issued in a given year, then the money would be available that year for Continuing Education funding. The plan would be for a qualified member to submit a receipt for the cost of a seminar, for reimbursement. "Qualification" might be a letter of recommendation from a Chapter Officer concerning the member's activity with the chapter and community.

I would appreciate it if *all* STARFLEET members that are Veterinarians, also Assistants and Technicians, would send me their name and address for a file. Even more, I would appreciate any suggestions/ideas/guidelines you might have about this project. Mail to: Sue Hampton, 3401 Argyle Lane, Greensboro, NC 27406.

Disabled Consultant Program

CAPT Peggy Driesel, Asst. Director

Greetings and Salutations from the DCP! I would like to thank all of the ships, shuttles and individuals who wrote to the DCP for information on accessibility and/or copies of the Star Trek sign language.

Attention all hands! The DCP needs *your* help. To help serve the Fleet as a whole and our fleet differently-abled members of the Fleet and the type of disabilities they represent. The purpose for this is to allow the DCP to serve their needs better.

Ship and shuttle COs, would you please send me information on any differently-abled members of your crew? No names, just how many members are represented in the following groups:

Mobility impaired - wheelchairs, canes, etc.
Hearing impaired - deaf or hard of hearing
Visually impaired - Blind or close vision

This will also help us to target the conventions in their area. Along the same lines, I am also trying to form a directory of Fleet members who are interpreters for the deaf and would be willing to volunteer their services at any conventions that might be in their area. So, interpreters, please let me hear from you. The more volunteers we have, the more conventions will be accessible. I, myself, now cover cons in December, Colorado and Salt Lake City.

Contact me at: 208 Ochsner Ave., Gooding, ID, 83330.



STARFLEET ACADEMY

VADM LORI ANNE BROWN • DIRECTOR

426 SOUTH LAKEMONT AVE., WINTER PARK, FL 32792

Hello from STARFLEET Academy. I hope everyone had a happy holiday and is now eager to tackle all the exciting Academy courses!

I have had a request to remind everyone to include your SCC number (STARFLEET membership number) on your Application when sending it to a school. OTS has recently received several applications without this vital information and she must return it to you, thereby delaying the process. Your SCC number is on every Communiqué mailing label as well as your membership card.

I've had a few questions as to why you must send a SASE to me for the Academy Application and Curriculum Guide instead of each school sending one at the completion of a course. Quite simply, it is hard enough for me to keep mine up-to-date...for each school to maintain copies of it would mean a lot of wasted copies and money as they are frequently out-dated by changes in directors, new schools, tuition costs, new addresses, etc. It just isn't practical.

You can obtain a copy of the electronic version on Treknet - feel free to download, print and photocopy them. We are trying to keep these 100% correct.

Remember, Cadet School is currently closed

to new applicants as the course is being revised. All those in the process of taking their exam may send it for grading as normal. The school will reopen to everyone June 1, 1994 with all new material.

Everything is running smoothly at STARFLEET Academy and I want to thank everyone that sent Holiday Greetings. Have a happy new year and I'll see you in Orlando in 1994!



STARFLEET ACADEMY SCHOOLS

Officer Training School

Commodore Peg Pellerin
RFD #3, Box 5460, Winslow, ME 04901

Officer's Command College

Captain Carolyn Cook
4396 Eastwood Drive, #4102, Batavia, OH 45103

SFA Cadet School (*currently closed*)

Captain Diana Morgan
6528 Craighurst Dr., N. Highlands, CA 95660

College of Computer Sciences

Commodore Sharon Ann Campbell
720 218th Ave., NE, Redmond, WA 98043

SFA College of Communications

Lt. Commander Gary Homberg
5457 Southgate Blvd. #2, Cincinnati, OH 45014

SFA School of Engineering

Lt. Commander Cheryl J. Lowe
203 W. Center Avenue, Maple Shade NJ 08052

SFA College of History

Captain Denise Duggan
8025 Red Eagle Dr., Tallahassee, FL 32312

Marine Academy

Colonel Joe Maurantonio
P.O. Box 146, Yonkers, NY 10710-0146

SFA College of Medicine

Captain Cheryl Wilcox
5532 Stewart Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23464

SFA Post Graduate School

Captain Joan Riley
6545 Glenmont Dr., Hamilton, OH 45011

SFA Security School

Captain Robert Westfall
6422 Spring, Kansas City, KS 66104

Vulcan Academy of Science

Commodore Marlene Miller
461 Harmony Lane, Campbell, OH 44405

College of Federation Studies

Captain Sherry Hopper
4613 Brookview Dr., Batavia, OH 45103

School of Linguistics

Captain Spence Hill
1574 S. 240 East, Orem, UT 84058



J. A. G. L I N E S

CAPTAIN GARY SCOTT DECKER • FLEET JAG OFFICER WEST
2729 ADRIATIC WAY, SACRAMENTO, CA 95826

I understand that the first draft of the Revised Bylaws has generated a great deal of strong feelings in all corners of the Fleet, which, in one sense, is great - because that means people are reading the Bylaws and devoting those, careful and critical attention to them. I have gotten serious feedback on the Bylaws from many sources, chiefly (over the telephone) from Dan McGinnis and Janis Moore, and (in writing) from David Pipgras, John Burt [who did a masterful section-by-section analysis] and Michael Smith. To all of you, and in anticipation of many future comments and critiques, thank you for your time and energy in analyzing the Bylaws as presently drafted. These J.A.G. Lines will reflect my preliminary commentary on those criticisms.

First of all, please allow me to clarify how the Bylaws currently circulating for comment (copies of which may be obtained from your R.C. or Fleet H.Q. at cost) came to be written. They are not of my own creation. Instead, of the dozen or so proposals which were sent to me in response to my initial invitation for ideas (four of which were full-text expositions), I amalgamated the various submissions into a single draft, trying, as best as possible, to avoid inconsistencies and contradictions. The result was a set of Bylaws which "speaks with one voice" to use Dan McGinnis' turn of phrase, but a voice which speaks from many different inputs (sort of the reverse of "Loud as a Whisper"). Significantly, to address one part of the Bylaws that has generated a lot of heat, the general framework for and wording of the J.A.G. section comes from Terry Wyatt, our own Chief of Operations.

From all of the comments I have read and heard concerning the Bylaws, I am detecting a major philosophical issue which may be facing the Fleet, one which has a parallel in U.S. history: states' rights (meaning the independence and autonomy of the regions and local chapters) versus a strong federal government (meaning whether "the International," to again use Dan McGinnis' words, should exercise policy, educational, financial or even regulatory control over Fleet activities). The Bylaws as presently drafted reflect more of a strong central governmental position, and thus take a lot of time standardizing R.C. nomination procedures, for example, and detailing officer ranks [yes, "Admiral" was mistakenly omitted from the draft; that was just a typographical oversight] and the scope of authority and the duties of the various national offices.

Using the J.A.G. officers as an example (recall that there are two), if the J.A.G.s are truly to have persuasive influence in rendering decisions,

then the J.A.G.s need to have a measure of political independence. That is why under the draft Bylaws it takes such a "supermajority" of the A.B. to remove a J.A.G. from office. On the other hand, perhaps the members of Fleet really don't want a formal mechanism at the national level for review or reconsideration of local or regional decisions. I have received complaints, for example, that the Bylaws should not mandate a uniform of parliamentary authority like Robert's Rules of Order. If the chapters and regions should be left to govern themselves, and the "real purpose" of STARFLEET is to have fun [this is almost a universal comment], then "imposing" a strong central international authority on the shuttles, ships and regions is not the way to go. The Bylaws could deal with the issue quite simply: "The purpose of STARFLEET is to enhance and facilitate members' celebration and enjoyment of the Star Trek universe. To that end, STARFLEET has formed certain networks and information exchanges to promote this goal. STARFLEET members have either associate or active membership status in the club [elsewhere defined], and are organized into chapters (either shuttles or ships [also elsewhere defined]) which in turn form regions. STARFLEET chapters and regions are self-governing. Regions are headed by Regional Coordinators, who are elected according to procedures adopted by the various regions themselves. STARFLEET is administered at the international level by the Admiralty Board, which consists of the Regional Coordinators, the Commander and Vice-Commander STARFLEET (who are elected as a slate by the membership at large during every even-numbered year), and an Executive Committee appointed by the Commander STARFLEET with the approval of a majority of the Regional Coordinators to discharge the duties of the Executive Committee specified in these Bylaws [described elsewhere]. The Commander STARFLEET, with the approval of the majority of the Admiralty Board, may appoint additional officers or committee of STARFLEET as circumstances require for the smooth operation of STARFLEET." The ships and regions can run themselves, then, and the R.C.s can be truly independent.

The problems start when you have to deal with the business aspects of the Fleet. Dues income and merchandise orders in any one year, especially with a membership in excess of 7,000, means that Fleet handles upwards of \$100,000 or more, a lot of money. If Fleet remains a non-profit corporation (my best information is that we are currently on suspension in North Carolina for

nonpayment of back taxes from the Maddox administration - but we are working out those things too), then there will be corporate income tax returns which will have to be filed, as well as non-profit corporation reports and accountings. Not only does all of this cost money, it must be done legally. Solutions! Dissolve the North Carolina corporation after the tax situation is cleared up, or go forward with full corporate formalities and have a Board of Directors separate from the A.B. or E.C., with separate corporate legal counsel separately retained, keeping the Bylaws for the separate "fun" aspect of the Fleet. Incorporating Fleet will require a strong central International, though, and if that is not to your liking, then, perhaps, a looser confederation of self-governing chapters and regions, and a truly "bare bones" set of Bylaws, may be the simplest choice.

STARFLEET Officer's Code of Conduct

- I. I will always behave in a manner which brings credit to the Fleet, my ship, and myself.
- II. I will always praise in public and critique in private.
- III. I will show courtesy to my subordinates, fellow officers, and superior officers at all times.
- IV. I will never assume, but always verify.
- V. I will be resolute in the performance of my duty, and the execution of Fleet policy and regulations.
- VI. I will always defuse confrontations, not cause.
- VII. I will listen to both sides of a dispute and act upon fact, not innuendo.
- VIII. I will strive for impartiality and fairness in judgement and disqualify myself from decisions where my judgement may be compromised.
- IX. I will be the first to praise, the last to criticize.
- X. I will always strive to part of the of the solution, not part of the problem.



Trek-Bowl '93

By Thomas F. Revor, Jr. and Mark A. Vinson

It was a quiet morning. A morning like any other. Birds were chirping, kids were playing, people were content. But there was little warning when they came into town. Like a swarm of locusts, they converged on the little town of Killeen. And that town would never be the same again after

*The Region Three
Pasisis Square Tournament
A.K.A. Trek Bowl '93*

The shuttle *Kepler* hosted the latest round of Parisis Squares, featuring a Bowl-A-Rama 9-pin "no tap" (where you only needed to know down nine pines for a strike instead of the usual ten). With both 2-Man and 4-Man teams arriving in from across Region Three featuring: the *USS Bexar*, *USS Comanche*, *USS Gagarin*, *USS Infinity*, *USS Intangible*, *USS Lancelot*, *USS Rhyanna*, shuttles *Kepler*, *Kronos*, *Silent Warrior*, *Storm Bird*, and *Texas*, and Space Station *Freedom III*. Even the *IKV Malevolent* (a mysterious Klingon vessel) appeared on the scene to join in the festivities.

From these eight ships and six shuttles, ten teams participated in the 2-Man Scotch Doubles event while twelve teams took part in the 4-Man "No Tap" competition. With bowling balls flying left and right, points were quickly racked up (along with some of the players - many a thumb blister was seen...)

The winners of the 2-Man Competition were:

- 1st place, the *Kepler* "Galley Nuts" - Eric & Nadine Carroll;
- 2nd place, R. Schoonover & Crewman Wilkinson of the *Kepler*;
- 3rd place, *Kepler* Engineers - A. Friedrich & C. Mull.

The winners of the 4-Man Competition were:

- 1st place - *USS Infinity*;
- 2nd place - *Kepler* Operations;
- 3rd place - *IKV Malevolent* (a.k.a. The *Kepler* Klingons)

The near sweep of the top awards by the shuttle *Kepler* led many to believe in a conspiracy. But the Bowl-a-thon was only a precursor to the main events of the day. Everyone adjourned to meet later at the nearby Bonanza to help celebrate both the commissioning of the *USS Kepler* and the retirement of Bill "Mac" Schwab as Region Three's Regional Coordinator.

After having praise heaped upon him (along with many brib...donations) by the various crews of the R3 ships and shuttles, the Regional Staff (also known as Bill's former friends) joined together in a last testimonial (read 'cheap shot') at him. Recollections of whipped cream and other noxious substances flowed like...well...whipped cream and other noxious substances and nary a tear was shed as this latest era in Region Three history came to a close.



STARFLEET STAMPEDE

CAPT GAIL RUSHING • COORDINATOR
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Mailing frequencies open....

Here we are in 1994. I hope all of you enjoyed the holidays. I am not really a cold weather person so I am checking off the days until summer and the 1994 STARFLEET Conference in Orlando.

The reporting period of October and November brought in over 18 pounds of stamps and almost half of them Commemorative. That is good news because most of the funds raised for Stampede come from this category. For those of you reading about Stampede for the first time let me take a minute and explain what all this is about.

STARFLEET Stampede is a community service program sponsored by STARFLEET International. Fleet members save canceled postage stamps, trim and sort them and send them to a central location to be sold to stamp dealers. The funds raised go to two charities, UNICEF and ASAP. Stamps should be rimmed with between ¼ and ½ inch paper left on all sides. They should be sorted in groups of foreign, commemorative, love, definitive and postcards (left whole). We have tried to sell Christmas stamps, but there is just no market for them, so those have been dropped from the list. I will be mailing out new 1994 Stampede packets to all the ships and shuttles list in the January Vessel Registry.

I am always on the lookout for additional ways to raise money for our Stamped charities and in December I was able to boost our funds with the help of a Creation Con. As everyone that attends Creation Cons knows, there is usually a no-minimum bid auction on each day of the con. Before the December Creation Con in Plano, TX I wrote to inquire if I might include several items in their auction with the proceeds going to charity. After determining that the items I had did not conflict with the items Creation would be selling, I got permission. We auctioned several items each day of the con and raised \$115 for Stampede and \$90 for Starship Earth - the project sponsored by the *USS Joshua* to plant a memorial grove of trees for Gene Roddenberry. Why am I telling you this? Well, almost every chapter has one or more charities that they support and most of us attend at least on Creation Con each year and provide hundreds of hours of free labor as security staff, etc. Although there are no guarantees that Creation will allow charity items in every auction, it can't hurt to ask. If you want to try this, please contact Creation well in advance and try to make sure your items are unique. Autographed pictures of the star appearing would

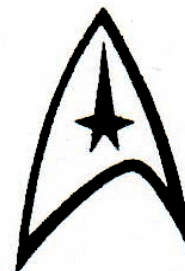
probably not be allowed. If you are turned down don't be upset or angry, just wait until the next one and ask again.

In the next issue of the *Communiqué* I will include a detailed report of how we did for 1993, which will include the total funds raised and amount of stamps sent in. This *Communiqué* deadline was before the end of December and I expect to be making at least one more sale before year end.

A quick note here to the Commander from Victorian, BC that called and left a message on my answering machine....the number you left gave me a recording saying it was not a working number. Please call or write me again. I am on Treknet several times a week if that would help. I'm sorry I couldn't return your call.

Here is the list of stamp contributors for October and November. *USS Carson*, Elenore Claasen, Sherry Hopper and the College of Federation Studies, Dennis Cowad, *Shuttle Endeavor*, *USS Hawkeye*, *Shuttle S.W. Hawking*, *Shuttle Hazard*, *USS Hornet*, *USS IDIC*, *USS Imladris*, *USS Joshua*, *USS Lancelot*, Diane Malkowski, Pacifica Space Station, *Shuttle Garth*, Peg Pellerin and OTS, *USS Potemkin*, *USS Richmond*, *USS Sagittarius*, *USS Shadow Guard*, *USS Simonov*, *USS Sovereign*, *USS Stargazer*, *USS Stellar Wind*, William Vodrey, Chris Wallace. There was also a contribution from Erie, PA but no name was included. The largest stamp contribution came from Cindy Glenn. She sent in 11 pounds of stamps!

Another reminder - I have Stamped t-shirts for sale in sizes large and X-large. They are \$12 plus \$1.50 postage (\$2.50 for 1st class). I was hoping to make enough from the sale of these shirts to help out Stampede in addition to providing a nice thank you to those sending in stamps. So far t-shirt sales have been pretty weak so I may have to drop sending out free ones to the contributor with the most stamps per reporting period. If I have to do this I will have special recognition certificates made to take their place. Real life economics rears its ugly head! Until next time....stay warm and let me hear from you.





DEAR STARFLEET

Steve Smith (FADM ret.)
Newton, IA

Dear *Communiqué*,

Just read the November '93 issue of the *Communiqué*. Very nice Issue! Tim Gillespie and staff always do an excellent job!

What caught my attention was the letter by VADM (ret.) David Allen. He was right on target concerning the problems and burn-out a Fleet Admiral can face when running a club of this magnitude. A big "Thank you, David" for giving credit to the "good" that has made STARFLEET what it is today.

Concerning the problems that have cropped up: We need to remember, "We're all human - we make mistakes," and "To err is human." Judging from the recent issue of the *Communiqué*, the "good" that past presidents have accomplished far outweighs any "bad" problems they may have created.

This is an important point to remember. Problems may not be the sole responsibility of the President. Sometimes problems could result from other committee members, general membership, and personal lives. "Personal life" can be the key - It is a delicate balance to maintain between Fleet and home.

We as members need to keep this in mind. If a problem or concern crops up, what is our first reaction? Do we start pointing fingers and looking to assign blame? Ask yourself, "What would Picard do in a situation like this?" Are we not trying to live the dream Gene Roddenberry had of universal peace and brotherhood? Instead of attacking, let's step back, take a deep breath, calmly get all the facts, and ask "Perhaps this could have happened to me. Is there a way I can offer assistance? *What can I do to help?*" Steve Thomas of the *Jamestown* has "Let Me Help" on the front of his newsletter. If you help instead of trying to find fault, perhaps you can be the extra spoke that keeps the wheel turning.

My best wishes and understanding goes out to Jeannette Maddox, Sue Hampton, and others who worked with them. I what you've gone through and how it's still effecting your lives. I know. I've been there. And please accept from me a big "Thank you" for carrying on the torch; especially from carrying on after seeing the "mess" I left when you took office.

I apologize to you and the other Fleet members who were hurt by my inexperience at running a club such as this. My problem was that I never had a battle plan or set agenda. I had many lofty ideas, but very poor planning. My biggest mistake was the color newsletters. The club simply wasn't financially ready for that. But, due to my obsession and drive. I wanted it all immediately. My intentions were good, but my planning was poor. When calculating the cost of the newsletters I

didn't consider all the extra costs - phone bills, postage, UPS shipping chargers, etc.

Another example of poor planning was how the *Communiqués* were printed. Bill Krause would do the master and send it to me. The issue would be printed here, then sent back to Bill via UPS. Where would be anywhere from seven to ten boxes of *Communiqués* sent back to Bill at \$10 a box - well, you can see the mistake.

While this mess was building, I had the brain-storm to run again. My wife, who is not a fan, couldn't understand my obsession. When she found out about my decision to run again, the roof came down. I had to make a choice. I could run for two more years, or I could stay married. By God's grace, I made the right decision. My family had to come first. Had put them on the back burner for too long.

While transferring everything to the new President (I had conceded the election). I realized too late that I was in debt. So my last big mistake was not talking it over with Jeannette [Maddox, the new President]. I never thought of asking for help, or helping her out. Like a scared dog, I tucked my tail and hid. It was just my stupid, human pride.

What finally threw me over the edge during this mess and confusion was nearly losing our only daughter to spinal meningitis.

But despite everything, look how the club has come along! It has more than doubled in size. The members are a close-knit group - a family. And, like a family, they pull together. Everyone who is an active member is a hero.

Rob Lerman, thank you for your call. Thank you for my new membership. It is nice to be back (But, please, no active duty. My candle of active obsession has been put out by God's guiding hand). Rob, my best wishes to you and your new staff, and to all STARFLEET members everywhere. And, STARFLEETERS, give Rob your full support. You are all in good hands with him manning the helm. Rob will take this club "where no club has gone before."

And for those whose goal is to become president of this fine club, think it through carefully. Have a game plan. It takes lots of planning. Listen to and work with the current president. Between his idea and yours, the wheel will keep turning.

Gary P. Caston
Farmington, CT

Dear STARFLEET,

As the person who suggested establishing a grove of trees in honor of Gene Roddenberry to the Genesis Project, STARFLEET's environmental project, back in December 1991, I was delighted to read earlier this year that the USS Joshua was going ahead with the project.

I was a bit surprised to learn recently that only

about \$200 had been raised for this project so far. As a living memorial, this grove will continue to honor Gene and be enjoyed for generations to come. It is important that it is established properly by all of us today.

The project's goal of raising \$5,000 is certainly realistic if there is 100% participation by each ship and shuttle; a \$15 tree from smaller groups, a \$50 grove of live trees from chapters with larger memberships. Add to this trees donated by STARFLEET members-at-large and other Star Trek organizations and this goal will be reached.

The Central Connecticut Star Trek Support Group, a non-affiliated Star Trek group with which I am also involved, has just donated a group of five trees. I am also donating an individual tree in my own name as a STARFLEET member.

Consider yourself challenged to do likewise fellow STARFLEET members!

Dedication forms and information on Starship Earth, the living memorial to Gene Roddenberry, can be obtained by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Starship Earth Project, Gail Rushing, 14606 Dallas Parkway #1137, Dallas, TX 75240.

Glen C. Davis
San Francisco, CA

Dear STARFLEET

I have had the opportunity to read the complaints expressed about the proposed STARFLEET Constitution/By-Laws and the infamous document it-self. I will try to save space by limiting quoting the text; I apologize to those who do not have a copy in hand.

While there are several areas of concern, that is not unusual for a document of this size and scope. This is, after all, a first draft. It should also be noted that there is no one person that wrote this document. It is a commendable effort by a group of STARFLEET individuals who obviously did care about the association as a whole. Please keep that in mind as you read and just stick to the contents.

One of the complaints about the document was the length of it. It was pointed out that the Jaycees organization has a document of about half the length. That is fine, but we are not the Jaycees. A document of this type should be as long as it needs to be to serve its purpose. There are some areas that can be trimmed to shorten the document, however.

For example, Page 19, paragraph 2 & 3 concerning promotion to Captain by becoming a chapter chairperson are covered in previous

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article on Page 9. That particular item has two flaws in that the "Chief of Operations can, with the advice, consent and approval of the majority of the Executive Committee..." promote the chapter chairperson to Captain. Why even bother with the COO? Either the COO can, or cannot. The other problem I have is with the 13 month requirement for Captain. What about the six to nine month spent building the chapter and bringing new members to STARFLEET. When our chapter recruits, we even refer prospective members to chapters closer to them so we do not even know how many joined for sure. I would agree to perhaps six months, or even twelve, by why thirteen? Of course, that could be just my superstition concerning that particular number.

Another repetitive wording is under "ARTICLE III: STARFLEET STANDING RULES, REGULATIONS, POLICIES, PROCEDURES, OPERATIONS ORDERS, MANUALS AND GUIDELINES." That sentence is repeated somewhere in the paragraphs of the first three sections of the document. Perhaps it could be combined by adding a sentence to the effect of "...hereafter known as the Standing Orders.

There are other repetitive features that could be combined, however, I want to keep this article short so I would like to make one final point. There is a three page section on how we are to elect the Regional Coordinators that contains, in the final paragraphs, "If the Commander STARFLEET does not concur in the region's nomination, he/she shall select a candidate for RC from the region..." and that a 3/4 vote of the Admiralty Board" is required to confirm the appointment of a nominee for the position of RC. If the Commander STARFLEET selected a candidate for RC other than the region's nominee, and that candidate is confirmed by the Admiralty Board, then that candidate becomes the next RC. If the region's nominee is confirmed by the Admiralty Board, then that candidate becomes the next RC." Why go through an expensive process, both for STARFLEET and the candidate, only to have the Admiralty Board select who they want anyways?

There is another article under membership that stipulates that "For the purpose of all Terran life forms desiring membership in STARFLEET, 'sentient being' is defined as 'human,' *home sapiens*." Sorry, Data, that keeps you out {Come on, it's a joke! I had to light the article up somehow!}

There have been complaints about the time frame that this document is supposed to be put up for approval by the general membership. Some have made this issue a sore point of Admiral Lerman's failure to fulfill campaign promises denying the promises he has completed. Keep in mind that this is the first draft and it should be voted on only when all of the bugs have been worked out. We should concern ourselves with doing this right the first time and not how long it takes.

Hey, we want to hear from you. Send your letters on just about anything to: Dear Starfleet, c/o STARFLEET Communiqué, 656 Lafayette Rd., Medina, OH 44258. Letters may be edited for length or clarity. Opinions expressed in this section are those of the correspondents and do not necessarily reflect the views of STARFLEET, its administrators, or its members.

Robert H. Poole
USS Discovery

Dear STARFLEET,

I've held off writing this letter as long as I possibly could. I've tried, for as long as I've been a member of STARFLEET, to remain as politically uninvolved as I could. About once every eighteen or twenty months I've had to make some sort of comment about the political machinery on the local level. After all, this is only a fan club, made up of ordinary (?) people, and nobody's perfect. I've watched and read about everything that is or was wrong with STARFLEET, according to the membership (oh, please, people). I'd say it's time for a reality check. There's always something wrong with the administration of any organization, according to the members of the organization. I think it's time we all, each of us individually, took a look at ourselves as a group, and asked ourselves what we really expect out of this organization. I'm going to refer to a few aspects of my local group, just to give the rest of the "world" an idea of what I'm talking about.

Briefly, I managed to get a STARFLEET Marine Strike Group formed on this ship, a fact I'm quite proud of personally. The majority of my STARFLEET marines are younger members of STARFLEET. By younger, I mean under the age of eighteen or nineteen. I'm not really sure how I managed to end up with so many younger Marines, but I've become quite glad that I did. Without affixing any blame or guilt, I have to say that the majority of my crewmates on this ship have displayed a tendency to view these younger members as somewhat less than equal - as mere "kids."

Since forming this Marine Strike Group, these "kids" have collected funds to contribute to our local U.S. Marine Corps Reserve "Toy for Tots" program, distinguished themselves by helping with the charities and Christmas Food drives, Children's Christmas parties, assisted with the flood efforts, and generally distinguished themselves as vital members of the community. Those who have been helped by these "kids" do not think of them as "kids," but rather as members of STARFLEET, Starfleet Marines, and, most importantly, as members of the 37th Marine Strike Group serving aboard the *USS Discovery* NCC-1308.

While the older "adult" members of the ship have been busy finding things wrong with STARFLEET, candidates for Fleet Admiral, other Star Trek fan organizations, the present administration of STARFLEET, etc., or even with their crewmates aboard this ship, the "kids" have been making things right with STARFLEET, and making people aware of what is right with STARFLEET.

There's a line in the musical *Bye, Bye Birdie* that goes, "Kids, who can tell what's wrong with these kids today." My kids, my STARFLEET Marines, my vicious, blood-thirsty, cruel and heartless Marine Strike Group called "Robert's Raiders," have proved that there is nothing wrong with "these kids today." They have proved that they are the hope of the future (I know, it's a terrible cliché). They've proved that if there is anything wrong. It is with us older folks, us adults who spend too much time worrying about our position

in an organization or society, who's doing what to who and why, and we do that, too.

At the risk of perpetuating another cliché. I'm going to say that these kids are indeed the "Next Generation" of something that began when I was their age or younger. Back then we didn't think about ecology, saving whales, saving baby seals, helping our neighbors who were less fortunate than us. Back then we only thought of *Star Trek* as some entertaining science fiction that made a few profound statements from time to time. Then we had our war in Southeast Asia, and suddenly we were concerned with making the world a better place, initiating and perpetuating peace and brotherhood, helping our fellow man, and saving our environment. And we discovered that that is what Gene Roddenberry had been talking about all along.

Another line from that song in *Bye, Bye, Birdie* goes "why can't they be like we were, perfect in every way?" Know what I think? I think they've surpassed us. They're helping the environment, their fellow man, and each other. They're doing what we should have been doing at their age.

And, to focus for a time on another cliché, let's examine the old saw about Star Trek fans, Trekkies or Trekkers, when they were advised to "Get a Life." I don't agree with that advice. I mean, a great many members of our organization get hung up on the organization. They become STARFLEET-institutionalized. There is no life for them, save their life in STARFLEET. STARFLEET is a goof place to recognize one's accomplishments in life, not the other way around. I would rather advise people, Star Trek fans in particular, to apply themselves actively in a positive way, to get out and make a difference, to do something for the world, to follow the lead of these younger members, to not "Get a Life," but rather to "Make a Life."

Let me close, now, by saying that I am extremely proud of my young Marines and all that they have accomplished in the almost two years of the Strike Group's existence. I will be attending with pride and gratitude, the second annual 37th Marine Strike Group Anniversary Picnic this coming June in St. Louis, and I invite all STARFLEET members, Klingons, Romulans, Ferengi, Cardassians, and all Star Trek fans to join us for "Raider-Thon '94" as we celebrate our second birthday. I would like these young Marines to know how proud I am to serve alongside them in STARFLEET and the STARFLEET Marine Corps, and how proud I am they have allowed me to lead them for two years, and how proud I am that they will be allowing me to lead them for the next year.

Dear STARFLEET,

I am Chief Medical Officer of the newly formed Shuttle *Best Destiny*, I am interested in obtaining information on starting and maintaining a medical department. If anyone would be willing to share their knowledge, it would be greatly appreciated. Please write to me at the address below.

Bill Penn, RN
CMO Shuttle *Best Destiny*
1133 Chince Rd.
Lexington, KY 40503

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Dear STARFLEET continued

T'sinde of Vulcan
Lockport, NY

Dear STARFLEET,

As a Vulcan, I have been reading the "Wanted" section of the STARFLEET Classified with great interest. Particularly intriguing are the ads seeking romantic/personal relationships. Having observed in the *Communiqué* and elsewhere the unusual makeup of such ads, and the spirit of IDIC which advocates rejoicing in our differences, I would like to analyze the Human phenomenon from the Vulcan perspective.

At least, I assume that the "SWM's" are Human. After all, if they were Andorian, for example, "SWM"=Single White Male would have to be corrected to "SBM"= Single Blue Male. Or if they were Vulcan, you might see ages such as 68, 115, or early nineties rather than 30,36, or early twenties. Of course, allowing for logical alternatives, SWM's could simply be albinos of any given species.

Of major importance in ads of this type is to describe oneself as a person who enjoys such things as walking on beaches or candle lit dinners. As far as strolling through sandy terrain is concerned, may I suggest Vulcan as the ideal vacation spot for off-world would-be bondmates? Being a desert world, couples could easily walk the entire planet as if it were a beach. The lack of water should actually not matter too much, since the primary purpose of the beach seems to be for walking.

Candle lit dinners, however, I find most illogical as a courtship ritual, unless perhaps they are used as a test to measure the patience of the other person. Since Vulcan is so highly technologically advanced, we generally haven't seen any need to eat by candle light for the last 5,412.76 years. Besides, cooking over such a small flame is highly inefficient considering the availability of food replicators.

I have in the past and will continue in the future to advertise for pen pals in the *Communiqué*, considering it is a fascinating place to meet new friends from every corner of the Star Trek universe, as well as to gain unique philosophical insight which is simply unavailable elsewhere. This business of using ads as an intergalactic dating service, however, is something I'm afraid I simply will never understand. So please pardon me when I say that my only interest in candlelit dinners or walking on beaches is purely Vulcan curiosity.

Ray D. Secy,
Shuttle Ronald E. McNair

Dear STARFLEET,

Welcome to 1994. Trekkers have much to look forward to. The Next Generation is warping into moviedom, *Deep Space Nine* is better than ever, and Voyager promises to continue the greatest human adventure. It wasn't long ago that we Trek fans heard The Next Generation was coming. Now Trek dominates the tape and fiction library.

STARFLEET has more opportunity than ever to grow. Bringing Star Trek's laudable visions to our neighbors should be better than ever. These are some thoughts that can aid us.

At conventions, or high profile events, I wear my red TNG uniform with the pride of a soldier. When someone asks, "So you're a Trekkie?" I say, "Yes, I'm a Trekkie since 1965." Of course, I too prefer 'Trekker.' However, the greater good is to sell (even if it's politically incorrect selling is recruiting) STARFLEET. Give each person a reason to join us. Any other approach is foolish. Correcting to Trekker can wait.

Here's an idea. The STARFLEET Code of Conduct is excellent. Similar to the structure to the Jaycee creed. Print the thing on page two next to Rob and Anita's column. The code better defines positive attributes for success in life than anything else STARFLEET has to say.

Also, the Recommendations Committee is a great idea, particularly to improve the way members and STARFLEET work. [Regarding the possibility of bulk mailing the *Communiqué* to save money)... forget what the post office tells you. Bulk mail is bulk mail because it is the lowest priority. First class, though much more expensive, is delivered within 48 hours upon mailing. The reason why magazines use bulk is that they have built-in lead time, and their information does not need to be up-to-date.

Now, myself and Ronald McNair XO Cookie Williams and Comm Chief Anna Clower offer a suggestion to those captains wondering why their ship has minimal impulse power. Answer your mail! Each of us is busy, but that's not a reason to ignore your team mates. And late is better than never.

We are Columbia, South Carolina's STARFLEET chapter and had to rebuild after another chapter's implosion. By making sure we quickly contacted each interested person, we achieved shuttle qualification in five months, starting from scratch in June '93. So come on, Captain, let us hear from you. Communication will continue your growth...second star to the right...then...sail straight on until morning.

Security and Communications by Pat Spillers, USS Bexar

Over a year ago we talked about the advantage of having radio communications at various functions. We still want to get Ham Radio Licenses but due to cost (\$300 plus & classes), we haven't taken this step. But for now, we found a high frequency CB Walkie-Talkie on the 49Mhz for just \$25 at BEST.

Most of the command staff purchased one and we tried them out at the Austin Creation Convention 9311.20 with Maria Sirtis. They worked even better than we had hoped. When we had a lost child, we simply let it be known on the radio to get everyone's attention and then gave a description. We needed this three times during the afternoon and it took us less than five minutes to find the child in each case. Also, when we needed to have a parent escorted to find a child, all we had to do is ask for an escort at Security Door over the radio and someone from our team was there. I did this once and got four of our team members within one minute.

We again tried these out at the Plano Con with Brent Spiner Dec 4th and only found one dead spot by the video games in the building. Since our group was assigned on the inside and at the Creation table, we did not use our radios as much as in Austin. I do think they kept the shoplifting down. I was not sure if one person had walked away with a shirt after trying it on or not while my back was turned. When I used my radio, the gentleman came back to the table to be sure I knew he had put the shirt back. So the *Bexar* feels that even in the dealers room, radios are a deterrent.

We will be setting up guide lines before the next function as to how you assign the stations, e.g. the fan table is the Bridge, main security door is the Transporter, etc. and proper way of using the radios, such as Captain to the Bridge or Security to Transporter, etc.. Also, with earphones people will not hear the calls but we can still use "Intruder Alert" for suspected shop lifter, and so on. We are asking at this point that everyone go through this training on the use of the radios before they go on the air for the Bexar. Any ship that would like a copy of these guidelines for the radios, send me a SASE to the Ship Address: U.S.S. Bexar NCC-71718; c/o Captain Pat Spillers; 103 Jackson Keller, Apt 104; San Antonio, TX 78216. The item # is 287083 for the GE 49Mhz Walkie-Talkies. If you do not have a BEST in your town, the mail order phone # is 1-800-950-BEST.

A New Years Resolution

May your shields aw

May your communications be always operational...

May your wishes for tomorrow be as attainable as the stars...

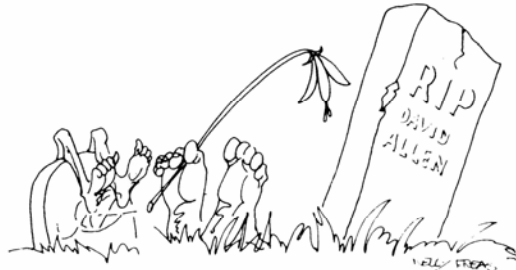
May you leave your disappointments be in some far off galaxy...

May your life support system be your God and yourselves...

May all of your future voyages bring you light years of fulfillment and prosperity..

-Mike Stevens

Meanwhile, below decks . . .



by David N. Allen

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Never one to shy away from controversial topics, this month I have decided to offer advice for those of you considering buying a computer or upgrading your existing one.

Now I realize that if you have expressed any interest in computers you will have been deluged with advice from various and sundry experts and Techno-weenies. The last thing you need is one more person adding to the confusion. But, take heart. What recommends my advice to you above the rest of the rabble, is that in the real world of suits and ties, people pay me big bucks to tell them what to buy. The advice that follows would normally set you back about a grand if you came in the front door, so consider yourself lucky, me bucko!(And you thought your STARFLEET membership would never get you anything.)

Some caveats before we start. First, all technicians and consultants are highly (and arrogantly) opinionated, myself included. They will tell you that their way is the ONLY way to go, and if you don't follow their advice, you're a turniphead. I will endeavor not to be quite so uppity and give you my recommendations based on my experience. I have been lucky, in that I have worked with companies that had lots of money to spend, thus I got to play with lots of different toys.

Second, salesmen of all stripes are never to be believed. For the most part, they don't know what they are talking about, don't understand what they sell, and some don't even own a computer. Any advice a salesman gives you that contradicts what you read here should be especially suspect. While standing around in computer stores eavesdropping on salesmen, I have heard some outrageous statements that would make even Harry Mudd blanch. Most computer salesmen ARE turnipheads.

Third, everything will be cheaper next year, but you have got to buy the computer today. So, make the best deal possible and don't agonize over what comes out next year.

For the purposes of this article, I will only consider two types of users. Those who need a computer for word processing or telecommunications, and those who want it for desktop publishing. This is the typical use for computers in the fandom.

When discussing computers, it should be noted that they all fall into two distinct categories. Macs & PCs, meaning, Apple and IBM. While there are other computers out there (Ataris, Amigas, Next, and the like), you can comfortably (and maliciously) ignore them. If it isn't a Mac or a PC, it has a negligible market share, thus a questionable future. This settled, we lead to the obvious

next question:

Apple or IBM? - The answer is IBM. By IBM, I do not refer to the company, but to the IBM PC standard (DOS/Windows based machine using an Intel 80X86 processor). This will annoy a small (but very vocal) minority of you out there who will raise all sorts of hell with me about Apple being a better computer and easier to use, but I am discussing realities here. While the Apple is a better machine in some ways, and a bit easier to use than a DOS/Windows based machine, it has a number of significant minuses. These minuses all bail down to one major minus: Apples cost more. They are a proprietary machine since Apple has been very careful to sue the pants of anybody who has tried to clone them. A few clones do exist, but they are hardly up to the task. If there is only one major source for something, the price will remain high. PCs on the other hand have hundreds of vendors. The IBM PC has been cloned quite successfully, giving IBM a run for its money. Competition has benefited the consumer greatly by exerting tremendous downward pressure on prices. While Apples have gotten cheaper, they still average about \$500 more than a comparable PC. Fewer companies write Apple-based software, thus the average price for software is higher, unless that package has a PC counterpart. There are fewer Apple dealers around, thus servicing the equipment is more expensive. If you have any doubts about where this is all going, consider these two facts; 1) Apple entered into a licensing agreement with IBM to make machines that will run DOS and Windows. 2) The biggest software vendor in the Apple market is Microsoft, the creator of DOS and Windows.

"What kind of PC Should I Buy?" Complex question masquerading as a simple one. The problem with what computer to buy is that people do things backwards. They buy the computer, then they buy the software. You need to do it the other way around. First decide what you want to do with the computer, then find the software that will do it, then and only then, find the computer with the power to run the software. Since we have narrowed down the scope of what you want to do with your computer or this article, I will endeavor to tell you what to buy in these circumstances.

If you are only going to use your computer to answer mail then you don't need a lot of frills. You can get away spending \$250-\$400 for a used computer and printer (we'll talk about the software later). New equipment will cost about twice this figure if you shop wisely. A basic word processing system requires the following minimum configuration:

- IBM XT (Intel 8088)
- 640 K Memory
- 20 MB Hard Drive
- 360K Floppy Drive
- Printer Port
- Serial Port
- Monochrome Monitor (VGA)
- DOS (No version prior to 5.0)
- Dot Matrix printer (9 Pin)
- Word Processing Software

I priced this system in my newspaper's Sunday classifieds and came in around \$500 used. Remember, this is the minimum, if you want more frills, they cost proportionately more. This system is suited for word processing, light BBS work and NOTHING ELSE. A color monitor and a 24 pin dot matrix printer (better resolution than 9 pin) will about double this price. A LASER printer will more than triple it. If you want these frills, then you'll probably want a more powerful system (see below). Now, I will warn you ahead of time, that your PC power-user types will ridicule this as a "wimpy" system. Don't let them goad you into spending more money. If all you do is write letters, this system will do you this fine. If you want the capability of calling up a BBS (Bulletin Board System), then you need to add a modem. If you want just to send messages and browse, buy a 2400 baud mode with error-correction. If you download files a lot, you should buy a faster 14.4K modem. In either case, you should get an external modem. Though more expensive, they are easier to install and trouble-shoot. Prices for modems are dropping all the time and I have seen 2400 baud modems for under \$75 (external). If you have any intention of using a commercial on-line service (Prodigy, Compuserve, America On-Line) skip this machine and buy at least a 386 system. Most commercial services have very complex front end software, and as such they crawl on 8088 and 286 machines.

Ok, what about desktop publishing?

Well, now we have to spring for some horsepower. If you are going to tinker in the realm of DTP (and do it right) you must venture into the domain of the Windows operating system. Windows is a graphic user interface, or GUI for short. Since the processor chip is now juggling complex graphics as well as its regular chores, it has a bazillion more things to do. Do not look at anything slower than a 386-25. Don't let them confuse you with DX or SX designations. For what we are doing, these distinctions are unimportant. (A quick aside: Computers are generally referred to by the processor type, e.g. a 486 computer. There is a number that follows the processor type, this is the processor speed, e.g. 386-33, 486-25. The higher the second number, the faster the computer within it's class, e.g. a 386-20 is slower than a 386-35. Machines of different classes are generally faster than machines of a previous class, e.g. a 486-25 is faster than a 386-33.) Memory should be at least 4MB, preferably 8MB. Hard disks should be not less than 120MB capacity. Monitors should be color and have a dot pitch not greater than .28MM (if the salesman doesn't know what dot pitch is, leave the store, the man's an idiot).

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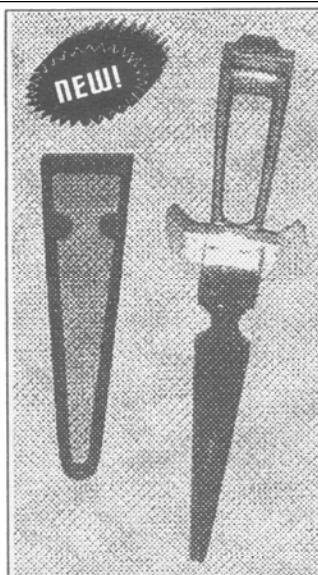
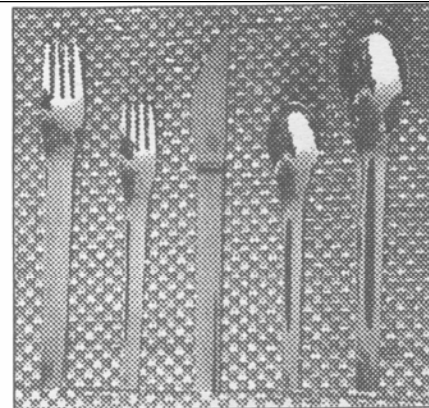
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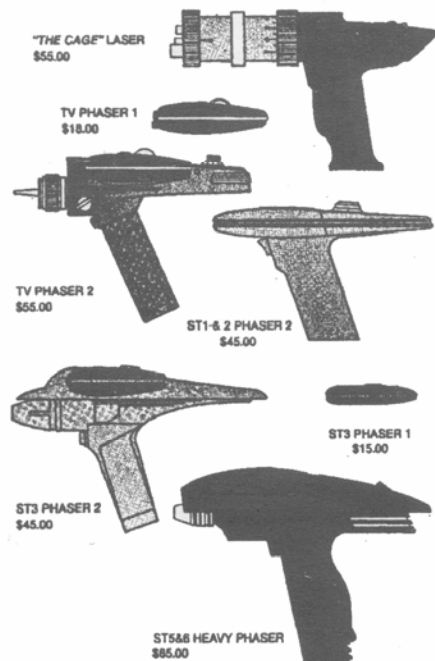
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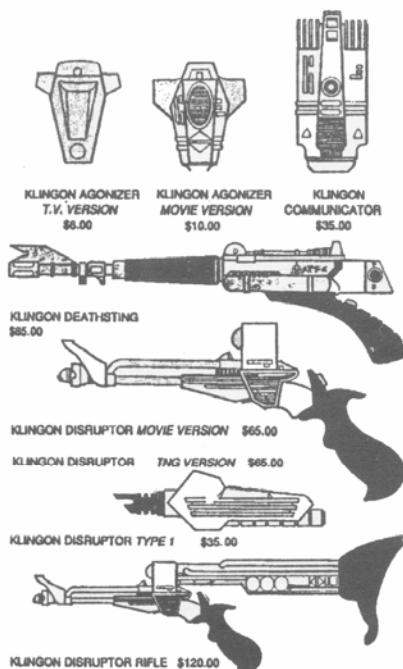
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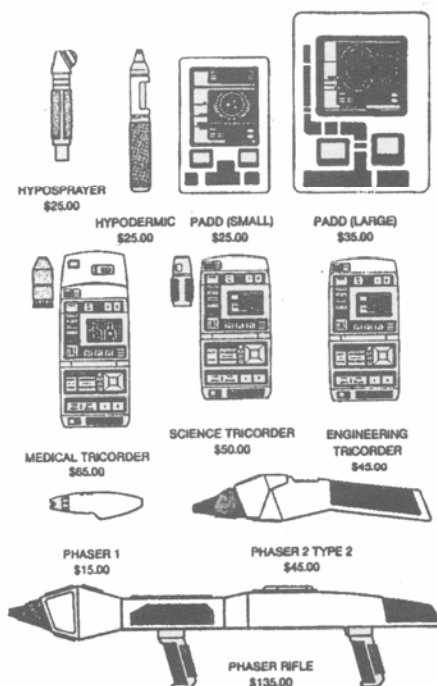
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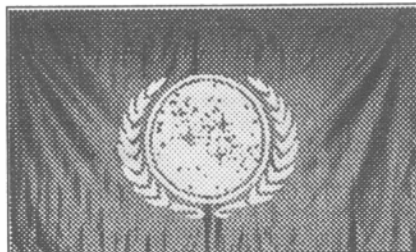
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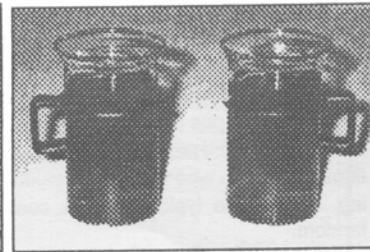

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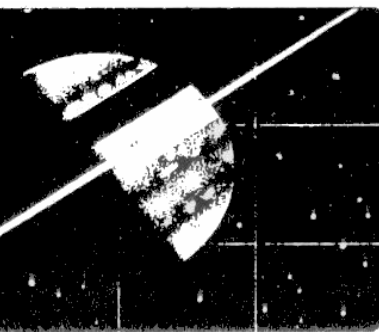
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BALLAD TREK III, August 26-28, 1994. Radisson Hotel, Asheville, NC. Guests: Movie Director James Cummings, 3 LucasFilms FX techs, modeler Gino Dykstra, costumer David Manwearing, plus authors, artists and movie makers, costume contest, video contest, gaming, computers, and filking. Registration: \$14.95 before 7/15/94, \$19.95 thereafter. For information, write Ballad Trek III, 39 Hanover St. Asheville, NC 28806.

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Around The Fleet



USS Accord Commissioning Celebration

by Richard "Doc" Kinne, *USS Accord*
Photographs by Monica Waldron,
Shuttle Valiant

The day was warm and full of promise on October 16th as, slowly, at 11:00AM, several cars carrying people coming from as widely far-flung places as New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, and California gathered in the parking lot of the Cayuga Heights Fire Department in Central New York. The Seventh Fleet was gathering to celebrate the commissioning of Shuttle *Accord*, the



The Big Brass! On the rock, VADM Alex Rosenzweig holding out his hand to Shuttle Operations Chief COMO Jennifer Levine.

Looking on below, CAPT Mark Anbinder, CO USS ACCORD on the left and CDR Jon Lawrence, CO Shuttlecraft Valiant.

seventh shuttle to be launched from its mother ship, the *USS Avenger*. Delegations from STARFLEET Shuttle Operations Command, *USS Avenger*, *USS Challenger*, and it's newest shuttle craft *Valiant* were expected. "Admiral on the grass!" someone called as Regional Coordinator Vice Admiral Alex Rosenzweig and Acting Shuttle Operations Command's Commodore Jennifer Levine stepped out of the car driven by *Accord's* Chief Operations Officer Ian Smith. Immediately both the Admiral and the Commodore were engulfed in hugs and greetings from the people who were more than shipmates, but friends from several years back. News and jokes were shared between people who hadn't seen each other in months as the new people were introduced to the

"Big Brass."

The scene then shifted to Watkins Glen, about 70km away here, before anything else took place, the 27 person multi-ship away team took over the local Burger King for a small lunch. The delegation from *Accord* was impressive in their red t-shirt uniforms with logos from it's whole history emblazoned on them. People knew a special group had walked in! After lunch and a quick head count by LT CDR Smith, the whole group then gathered around the rocks of the entrance to Watkins Glen for the Official Commissioning Ceremonies

Over four years of dreaming, planning, and preparation by many, many people was concentrated on this one moment! Admiral Rosenzweig climbed onto a rock with Commodore Levine as the rest of the group gathered around them. Alex then presented the new Captain Anbinder with a Certificate of Promotion and *USS Accord's* Certificate of Commissioning. Looking for all the world like a father letting his children out into the world, Admiral Rosenzweig, the Commanding Officer of *USS Avenger*, the ship Shuttle *Accord* was launching out of, told the new *USS Accord* to "make *Avenger* and STARFLEET proud!" Amid the applause, from her spot on the rock beside the Admiral, Commodore Levine told the crew that she had maintained close ties with to "reach for the stars."

The newly promoted Captain Mark Anbinder then mounted the rock and, using his newly granted powers, officially promoted his Command Crew and other officers who had gained promotions during the last cycle. The only person on the Command Staff, interestingly enough, who was not promoted was the person who five years ago could take credit for starting what became the *USS Accord*, CDR Mike Shappe, our Executive Officer. With the official ceremonies concluded we were told to enter the Gorge and "climb a rock."

Watkins Glen has been termed a Natural Wonder of the World and the people of the Seventh Region who have made the hike through Watkins Glen an annual trek would not argue with you. The area can hardly be described. The day was beautiful; warm and partly sunny. The colors of the trees were in their peak. Easy conversation, amid the background noise of gurgling water, accompanied the Away Team to the top of the Gorge and then back down. The crews strung themselves out along the whole Gorge: those who took the exercise as a marathon taking the lead over those who looked and savored each natural moment of the experience. After a couple

of hours we all reconverged at the top of Watkins Glen for refreshments that were much needed by everyone at that point. The Admiral was one of the people in the "savor each moment" camp and after waiting for him and several others for an hour a search team was formed to go and find them. Happily, Admiral Rosenzweig was, of course, fine! After a bit of rest for all involved, it was back down, enjoying the feeling of the air currents that blew their way up and down the Gorge.

The festivities were not yet over, however. The best, and most amazing, was yet to come: Dinner! At 7:00 PM, we took over Billy Bob Jack's restaurant just north of Ithaca, an establishment famous the world over for their barbecue. Here STARFLEET passed into Ithaca history as Captain Jon Pajon, attached to the *USS Avenger*, devoured a 49 ounce steak in just under one hour. The final seconds of the feast were accompanied by the cheers of his fellow officers! For this, amazing feat Captain Pajon received a t-shirt, his name engraved on a plaque for posterity - and relief from the need to eat for the rest of the weekend! Rumor has it that he was afraid he'd "moo" in his sleep that night! After dealing with what was over a \$600 bill the crews broke up, some going to catch up on the latest *Star Trek* and *Deep Space Nine*, and some going back to rest up for the final event of the weekend on the morrow.

Representatives from the Seventh Fleet met one last time for the celebrated brunch at the Ramada the next morning. Amid several cups of the best coffee in Ithaca conversation flowed from subjects as diverse as the latest Fleet gossip to exactly how Captain Anbinder's new Newton MessagePad worked. Predictably the only person who didn't eat anything was Capt. Pajon who was still digesting that 49 ounce steak from the night before. You could see the man turn a slight



The new ship's command staff: First Row, l. to r.: CDR Mike Shappe, XO; LT CDR Ian Smith, Chief Operations Officer; LT CDR Gerry Valentine, CEO; LT CDR Jennifer Getty, Chief Communications Officer; Back row, l. to r.: LT CDR Richard Kinne; Chief Science Officer, Mark Anbinder, USS ACCORD CO.

tinge of green from watching everyone around him happily eating!

We adjourned to one of the hotel rooms in the Ramada to hang out, no one wanted the events

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Accord Commissioning continued

of the last weekend to end and to a large extent we were trying to drag then out as long as possible. Even though Admiral Rosenzweig had a several hour journey to get home the suggestion was made that he stay for that night's broadcast of *Deep Space Nine*. He declined with good reason. The highlight of the last portion of the Commissioning Festivities was unexpectedly provided by Captain Anbinder's Newton MessagePad. Everybody took turns writing stuff on the MessagePad and having it try to interpret their writing. Our resident ship's poet and Chief Operations Officer LT CDR Ian Smith favored us with a comparison of one of his pieces before and after its interpretation by the Newton. Amid general raucous laughter it was decided that, unknown to the general populace, both C.S. Lewis and "Weird Al" Yankovic had used Newtons in their respective work!

Finally, the "goodbyes" were among us. Friends and shipmates exchanged hugs and handshakes looking forward to the next time when they'd see their friends. More suddenly then it has begun *Accord* was a starship, read, willing, and now very able, to take its place among the Fleet. What is next for *USS Accord*? Several ideas are in the works but in all of them we intend to take Admiral Rozenzweig and Commodore Levine's words to hear "to make *Avenger* and

Challenger Makes the Jump to the 24th Century By Marlaina Sastrowardoyo, USS Stellar Wind

In a not-so surprising defeat, the crew of the *USS Challenger* voted to change from a movie-era (c. 2293) Enterprise-class heavy cruiser to a TNG-era (c. 2370) Galaxy-class explorer. The losing proposals included remaining the same, changing to a Challenger-class pocket battleship (a ship consisting of an Avenger-class primary hull mated to an Enterprise-class secondary hull, designed by Chief Engineering Officer David Gettle), or changing to a Daedalus-class cruiser of the type mentioned in "Power Play" with the USS Essex NCC-173 as an example.

Most of the newer members of the Challenger are more familiar with Next Gen than with Classic Trek, and voted accordingly. Commanding Officer Robert Vosseller, affectionately known as "Captain Bob", was one of the holdouts for remaining an Enterprise-class ship. Challenger was commissioned five year ago, when Next Gen was just beginning, and he like the idea of Klingons being the Federation adversary. In the end, he warmed up to the idea of changing to a Galaxy-class ship, although he had voted otherwise.

Others were not so accommodating. Chief of Operations Hartriono Sastrowardoyo lead a last minute drive for his Daedalus-class proposal, and failed, despite some late votes from people like Santa Claus, outgoing New Jersey governor Jim Florio, and James T. Kirk. His proposal did receive four votes from *Challenger* members, though, and in the end he was heard to proclaim, "We will continue the fight." (Those members



STARFLEET Meets Mexican Fleet

Representatives of the *USS Simonov*, *USS Defiance*, and the *USS Reliant* joined to participate in the Port Fest '93 parade at the Port of Sacramento on October 16, placing second. They were preceded by a STARFLEET Marine color guard bearing flags of the United States of America and United Federation of Planets.

Following the parade, they had the honor of meeting members of the Mexican Navy who were visiting the port and participating in the parade.

JAG Officer Gary Scott Decker made an excellent interpreter for FADM Rob Lerman and other members of Region 04 during introductions and acceptance of an invitation to tour their ship.

Through the spectators appeared fewer than the participants, everyone had a great time. (Stacia Felix)

interested in supporting his proposal can do so by sending in a card with 'I vote for the Daedalus-class *USS Challenger* NCC-167' written on it to: *USS Challenger*, 554 Hollywood Ave., Toms River, NJ 08753-6708. Anybody is welcome to vote, even if you're not a *Challenger* member. CDR Sastrowardoyo needs the ego-boo.)

Change will come slowly on *Challenger*, as old supplies like the handbooks with the movie-era ship on the cover will be used up before new ones are made. Membership certificate still bear the registration number of 'NCC-1676' and T-shirts and jackets still bear the old ship symbol. The change also means that *Challenger's* timeline, whose 'present' is in the year 2293, must experience an 80-year gap to be current with TNG. A recent attempt to explore the TNG universe in their fictional adventures failed when the galactic threat knows as Lazazar sent *Challenger* 84 years into the future from their present time, landing them in the 2377. Such an account is now considered to have taken place in an alternate universe. (Historically, the standoff with the Borg will/has occurred in 2367, while the event in *Challenger*

Chronicles is Described As happening "3 years ago," or in 2374).

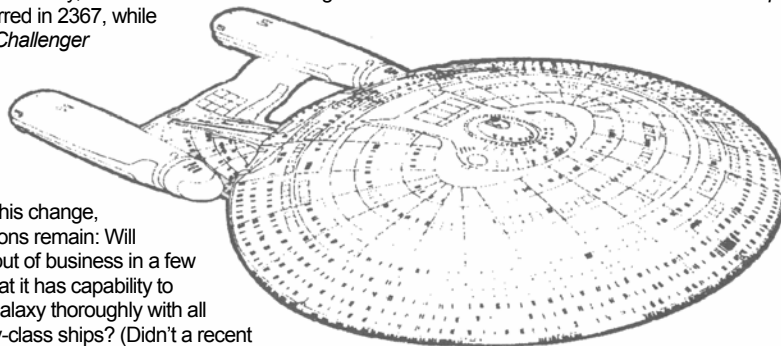
And with this change, Some questions remain: Will Starfleet be out of business in a few years now that it has capability to explore the galaxy thoroughly with all these Galaxy-class ships? (Didn't a recent *Communiqué* say that there are now some 20-30

Galaxy-class ships in STARFLEET?) Or will CDR Sastrowardoyo finally succeed, now that warp speed in certain parts of the galaxy is limited to warp 5, making vessels whose top speed is warp 4 (like the Daedalus-class cruisers) a tempting alternative? Only time will tell...I guess the adventure is truly beginning.

Engineers Just Love to Change Things by Bob Vosseller, Communications Chief, Region 7

Region 07 recently took note of two hard-working engineers who designed proposed classes of starships. The first class of ship was proposed by my own ship Engineering Chief David Gettle about a year ago. He took a lot of research, model work, and personal expense, and created the Challenger Class mentioned in the *Star Trek: The Next Generation* comic book.

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Engineers continued

Challenger's crew voted on whether to adopt this new "Challenger Class" design. It received the second highest vote count (See "Challenger Makes the Jump to the 24th Century").

David commented on his design, saying, "The design of the Challenger Class Starship was rather easy to do. I started with the design of the Enterprise Class starship and modified it using a Reliant Class starship as the saucer section in place of the original saucer section. This was done to increase weaponry, eliminate some weak points in the ship's defenses, and increase internal room within the ship."

"The design of this ship is the result of several hours of studying deck plans, external blueprints, and some basic mechanical engineering skills compounded with a little shipboard engineering experience from having been in the US Navy. I also used information provided within the STRPG Starship Construction Manual from FASA."

"The Challenger Class ship has the same basic structure as the Enterprise Class starships with the exception of the saucer section. I've been working on finding ways to improve the design of the Enterprise Class since the fall of 1985, even before I joined the Challenger in 1990. The Challenger Class starship is the result of this effort."

The second talented engineer is *USS Sovereign's* Assistant Chief Engineer Jay Ansky, know best on his ship as "Shadow" who drafted the new Sovereign Class ship which STARFLEET's Department of Technical Services has deemed as a modified Belknap Class and not a true new class of vessel. Nevertheless, his design was adopted aboard his vessel.

Jay explained his design, saying, "the *USS Sovereign* was originally a Belknap Class ship. I made it a lot sleeker. The ship would be built between the time period of the Enterprise-B and -C, I created the engines from the LN-70 type and I introduced the Bussard Ramscoop. Our speed was increased to a standard of warp 10, emergency speed to 12.8, and a maximum of warp 15."

"Our mission duration is seven weeks with a maximum of 22 years. We replaced the phasers with ECHO phaser turrets and added extra torpedo bays."

Both Jay and Dave received command commendations from their respective ships for their work.

"A Christmas Tale"

By John Ewell, *USS Vanguard*

You're at a desk in a small room of an office complex. Only the hum of the computer and the endless talk of the late, late night TV as company. You glance out the window onto a cold rainy night and feel very alone.

It's the night before Christmas and you wish you were with family instead of sitting alone at the crisis center. The phone rings, the light tells you it's from way out in the boondocks. You answer. You talk to this person who is feeling even worse than you.

The caller is at home without spouse, pet or roommate for company. No family at all for the holidays. Bills are pressing in, job shaky without enough pay to meet even meager accommoda-

tions. Drinking to forget, drinking not to feel.

Not feeling is many times better than pain. A handful of pills, who cares what they were. The 'not feeling' state gets stronger.

As you listen to the caller in your lonely office room, your stomach tightens. Your mouth dries and your head pounds...suicide in progress! The caller is getting too sluggish and forgetful to even tell you the name or address. But the caller does ask for help.

With a sinking feeling that it's already too late, you start a phone trace. Damn, it takes forever the longest three minutes in history. You get the caller talking to fill in the silence, for the silence is what you fear.

No, the caller can't remember the name of the drug or what it was for, but there's one left on the table among the empty bottles. They describe it to you. You reach for a large blue heavy book. Almost too much to lift in one hand. You glance at the computer - one minute more for the trace.

You ask the caller for color, shape, shiny or dull...ID! You have it! The trace beeps complete, you signal the hospital and EMS. The ambulance races. The caller's speech is very slurred and not understandable. The silence and hang-up!

You put your head into your arms and cry, not knowing if the caller is alive or dead. The not knowing is the worst.

Ring, you answer. Oh god, not another one please! But it's the hospital. EMS took the drug ID and confirmed it. They had the countermeasure antidote with them. The patient will survive!

You cry again to clear the tension, fear, anxiety and pain. After the paperwork, you glance at the big heavy blue book. PDR...Physicians' Desk Reference, a listing of all prescription drugs. Before putting it back on the shelf, you see written on the inside front cover, "a gift from Shuttle *Gemini*, Starfleet International."

This story is true. Identifying remarks are omitted for confidentiality. I am SCPO John Ewell of the *USS Vanguard*, and in the mundane world below, staff clinical assistant at the NWA Crisis Intervention Center. As the Shuttle *Gemini*, we of the *Vanguard* donated the PDR to the Center. Seldom do you see such direct and startling results of your service projects. But always remember, we do make a difference.

Region 05 Holds Command Training Seminar

By Doug Staudt, *USS Rubicon*

On Stardate 9309.25 the shuttle *Rubicon* hosted the Region 05 Command Training Seminar in Richland, Washington. Fourteen members of the *Rubicon*, primarily the Executive Board and department heads, joined the Region 05 staff in workshops dealing with several topics.

Duties and responsibilities of the department heads, persona creation, and dealing with inter-departmental disputes were the main topics of Saturday's session.

A misprint in the local newspaper stated that the seminar was open to the public. As a result, the Chief Security Officer missed two-thirds of the meeting due to greeting curious lifeforms. All in all, approximately thirty potential members showed up. Fortunately, Mary Keams video-

taped the seminar.

Saturday evening's lasagna dinner was followed by a commissioning ceremony to christen the *USS Rubicon*, NCC-71816, Galaxy Class. Bob Keams skillfully mastered the bosun's whistle to pipe in the admirals. Special envoys from the Romulan Empire and the Borg were present for the awards. Afterwards, the Not Ready for Prime-Time Trekkers presented "All Our Everydays."

Sunday morning dawned about 1000 hours with a continuation of personal creation. The group took a break for lunch while Region 05 Coordinator Robert Hilton's luggage was transported from the cargo bay to the shuttle. A transporter malfunction turned the luggage into confetti.

Differences and similarities between cadet and adult members, as well as how to coordinate the two, made for a lengthy and interesting discussion. Recruiting and retention of members concluded the seminar.

A Challenger Halloween

By Bob Vosseller, Communications Chief, Region 07

What do you get when you mix six Captains, two XO's, a watch commander, and 43 STARFLEET officers from five area ships? The *USS Challenger's* 5th Annual Halloween Party, that's what. This year the party took on Regional connotations.

Among those present were: Captain Sashi German, *USS Thagard*; Captain John Baldwin, former CO *USS Thagard*; Captain Mike Smith, *USS Lexington*; Captain Barbara Sall, *USS Sovereign*; Captain Pam Fernster, XO *USS Sovereign*; and *USS Avenger* Gamma Shift Watch Commander Patrick Commune. I'm not about to list the remainder of our 43 guests.

"This isn't a Halloween party, it's an experiment to see how many STARFLEET officers we can squeeze into my small bungalow, "I said while dressed as the Phantom of the Opera.

After five years, this marked the first time the *Challenger* party ended up at my home. My #1, Louise Smith, was dressed in a sexy maid's costume. Even my cat was forced to endure a costume with a silver mask that everyone thought was cute. I'm not sure how he felt about it.

My Ops Chief Hartriono Sastrowardoyo wore a pirate/gypsy outfit that made him look like a cross between Captain Hook and Prince.

A *Sovereign* member dressed as the "Glad Man" won' the most original award, and a Scarecrow from the *Thagard* ended up being selected as the funniest.

CAPT Sashi was the 5th Doctor Who with a 4th Doctor scarf. She and Jedi Knight Patrick Commune enjoyed dancing to "Unforgettable." Everyone had a great time. Will we do it again next year? Probably, but if it becomes another Regional event we'll definitely find a larger setting!

Correction

Maureen Smith's byline was inadvertently left off of her article "Leaders or Followers?" on page 21 in the November Communiqué. We apologize for the oversight.

IDIC AND THE STAR TREK UNIVERSE

BY BILL DOWNS USS AURORA VULCANUS

No one I know would dispute the statement that Star Trek is a phenomenon probably unparalleled in television history.

This creation of Gene Roddenberry started as a series that had to fight to stay on the air for three years. It grew into what it is today. There was an animated series. There are two new series now on television. There have been six movies with more to come. There are many books and magazines, both professional and fan, fiction and non-fiction. There are comic books, toys, games, trading cards, computer software, and much, much more.

IDIC, or Infinite Diversity in Infinite Combinations, is the basis for the Prime Directive and the cornerstone of the Star Trek universe. It is the idea that an infinite number of elements, animate and inanimate, combine in an infinite number of ways to form the fabric of the universe. The significance of IDIC is there is no wrong or evil, only differences. I can try to understand the meaning of differences. I am stronger when diversity increases and more elements become part of my universe. I should not try to impose my meanings on others. Diversity decreases and I am weaker.

The Star Trek Universe is populated primarily by humanoid, warm-blooded, oxygen breathers. This is understandable. Whatever the special effects' masters could do and what it would cost defined the limits of the original series. The humanoid shape is familiar. The physiology is known or can be extrapolated. Adaptations of the humanoid shape were the characters most easily done with the technology and techniques of the day. Aliens could exist in an oxygen environment. Aliens could change their natural surroundings to accommodate the oxygen breathers.

As technologies and techniques have improved, the envelope has expanded somewhat. We see more and varied facial features. Sometimes we see differently shaped body parts. God-like characters appear and disappear at will. A new character is a shape-shifter. Yet, really alien shapes are reserved for guests, enemies, and other people the main characters interact with during an episode. But these are one-shots, not recurring characters. Why couldn't a Horta be a member of the Enterprise crew?

There are beings within the humanoid envelope that might be interesting to develop. How would a being from a world where the gravity is twice Earth normal cope on the Enterprise? How would a being from a world where the gravity is three-quarters Earth normal cope on the Enterprise? How about a being from a world where the atmospheric pressure is higher than the Earth's?

How does the Star Trek universe measure up against IDIC? Not as well as it might, I think, James White developed a Federation for his Sector General stories. It contains sixty-five Intelligent species with more being contacted all the time. If we take a brief look at White's Federation, we might find the following.

The Hudlians resemble a six-limbed armored armadillo. Their world has a gravity of four times Earth normal and a seven atmosphere atmospheric pressure. They absorb nutrition directly through

their skin.

The Telfi are a telepathic group mind that eats radiation. The Chalderescol resemble a forty-foot long crocodile. The Illensians breathe chlorine. A Nidia looks like a small, red furred teddy bear. The Melfans resemble a large crab.

Gogleskans avoid physical contact whenever possible. The Sommaradvan are tall, with 12 limbs: four ambulatory, four heavy, and four fine manipulators. The Nallajims come from a dense atmosphere, low gravity world. They are winged, fragile, with three legs and no hands. The Kelgians are caterpillar-like and furry. Their speech organs lack inflection or modulation. They cannot lie because their fur mirrors their emotions and gives them away.

The Cinrusskians come from a low gravity world. They are exoskeletal, insect-like, and empathic. In an emergency, they can spin their own temporary space suit. Prilicia the Cinrusskian wears two anti-grav belts because she is so fragile. She works hard to improve the emotional atmosphere around her. Yet, she is as brave as any of the other doctors.

What is the difference between White's Federation and Star Trek's? I believe it is the difference in the medium employed. White's Federation is a creation of the written word. Star Trek is a creation of the visual media. White can use all the nuances of the language. He can take pages to describe, in infinite detail, the actions and thoughts of a character. Star Trek has to tell a story in 48 minutes, sell advertising, and worry about ratings. Star Trek has to stay within the boundaries of what the actors and special effects wizards can do.

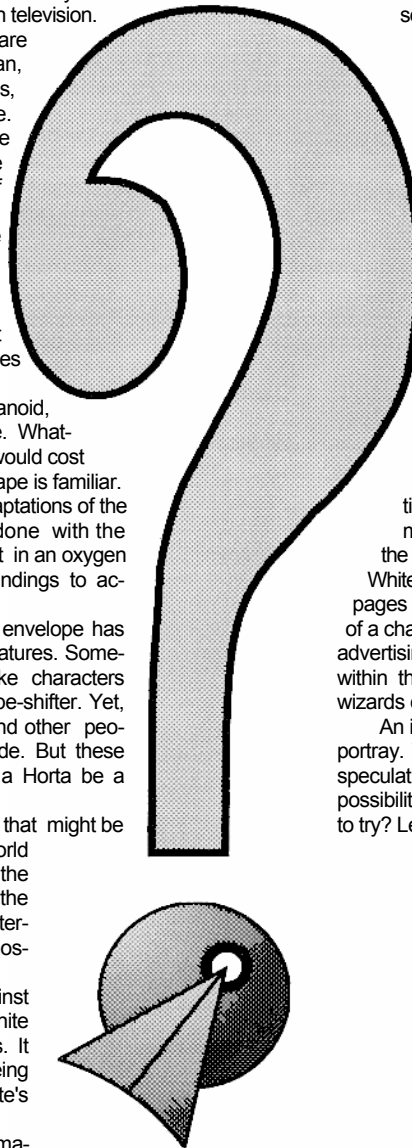
An intelligent plan or methane breather would be hard to portray. Their responses and characteristics would be more speculative, more risky. Risk carries with it the greater possibility of failure as well as success. Who says we have to try? Let these characters get developed in the books.

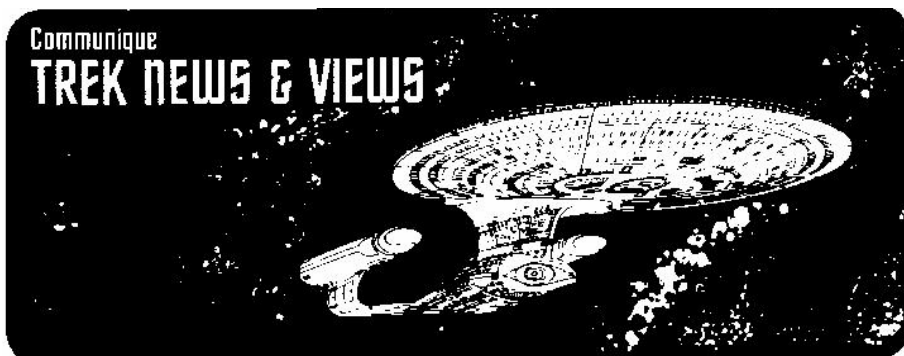
Fandom will tell you if a new character needs to be kept and expanded, or let go. If it becomes possible to put the character on the screen, then the hard work is already done. Let the writer's imaginations really go to work.

Until those that control Star Trek allow the visual and written word to become a unified whole, Star Trek cannot embody IDIC as it should.

(Editor's note: James White published his first story in 1953. He is best known for his Sector General series of short stories and novels, which deal with the difficulties involved in running a hospital that caters to many radically different life-forms.

Many of his books are available through Ballantine/Del Ray books, and we heartily recommend them.)





Star Trek: in the News

by Bill Mason, *USS Thagard*

GEARING UP TO VOYAGE: Currently planned as characters in the upcoming "Star Trek: Voyager" spinoff are: a middle-aged Vulcan, a half Human/half Klingon female, a holographic character, a Native America, an Asian (rumored to be Nurse Ogawa from TNG, (though this is not confirmed), two new aliens (of two different species), and formerly dishonorably-discharged Starfleet officer now back in the service. The Bajoran Cadet Sito ("The First Duty") is also rumored to be part of the ensemble, but this too is unconfirmed. None of these characters is apparently the captain of the USS Voyager; that character remains undefined for the moment.

TNG MOVIE UPDATE: David Carson (director of, among other episodes, "Yesterday's Enterprise," "Redemption II", and "Emissary") has been named the director for the TNG film. The movie's projected release date has been moved up to Thanksgiving 1994.

THE PARAMOUNT SCENE: Shortly before this writing, Delaware courts ruled in favor of QVC in

their ongoing struggle to buy out Paramount. The courts essentially have put QVC and rival bidder Viacom on a level playing field; Paramount must now equally consider both bids instead of favoring Viacom.

GUEST APPEARANCES: Colm Meaney has a role in the "Gone With the Wind" sequel "Scarlett", the CBS miniseries running in 1994. And Trekkers Walter Koenig and Robin Curtis will be guest-starring in episodes of "Babylon 5"; Walter's episode reportedly was filmed in November.

KEEPING THE QUALITY UP: TNG again received a "fully endorsed" rating from the group Viewers for Quality Television. TNG has held that rank (the highest the group bestows) continuously since January 1991. NextGen is also one of only eleven shows that currently hold that rating, and it is the only syndicated show in the group.

WHAT? ANOTHER 'GET A LIFE' SKETCH: Get those VCR's ready. Patrick Stewart is scheduled to appear on NBC's Saturday Night Live on February 5th.

Roddenberry Station

by Carol Burhans, *Shuttle Dark Silence*

Due to the recent news release about the possibility of changing the name of space station Freedom, we of the Dark Silence, a chapter of the Star Trek fan organization known as STAR-FLEET, are starting to circulate a petition to rename it Roddenberry Station. We feel that it would be a permanent tribute to the man who was so instrumental in bringing the ideals of peaceful space exploration to world attention.

Mr. Roddenberry's conceptualization of the peaceful space-faring United Federation of Planets, which allowed every member regardless of race, species, or sex, an equal chance at life was as far reaching a concept as the United Nations on which it was based.

This visualization actually changed the overtly militaristic and nationalistic orientation of space exploration. That change was best exemplified by the first words ever spoken from the moon's surface:

"One small step for man, one giant leap for MANKIND!"

That statement, which had not been rehearsed or planned, came straight from the heart. It typified the ideals of the Star Trek concept.

Gene Roddenberry's contribution to the general knowledge and concepts of what space exploration can and should be continues to this day. The ideals of Star Trek have called to the mind and hearts of an international public.

The belief in a peaceful future for our world, our solar system, and even some day our galaxy, has changed the world's egotistical outlook. Instead of the question, 'will our country survive?' the question has become, 'can our world survive?'

Mr. Roddenberry's idealization of the future became the ideal of an entire generation. We became aware not only of the social, but he ecological factors that were affecting life and the quality of life on our planet. That awareness continues and is still growing to this day.

It is only fitting and proper that we commemorate these contributions to the world and space exploration in a way that typifies his concepts. By naming the first permanent international space station "Roddenberry Station" we not only give the deserved recognition to his memory but to the ideals and hopes of the future he gave to us.

If you agree with us, you can send for a copy of the petition to circulate in your area. Please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Roddenberry Station Petition, c/o The Dark Silence, Rt. 6, Box 60, Florence, AL 35633.

Creation Con's 23rd New York Thanksgiving Weekend Gathering

by Page Lewis

I traveled to New York for Creation Convention's 23rd Anniversary show in the Big Apple. I arrived in New York City on Friday at noon, via Amtrak, which, amazingly, was on time. I then met a dealer friend who I ended up helping out most of the weekend. I wasn't really 'cause I wanted to, but because the dealers' room was on the 18th floor and the auditorium where the speakers were was in another section of the hotel. It took a while for some of the people to get to the dealers' room because it was so far away, but they all managed to find us somehow.

This was Creation's last con in this hotel, and that was only because the hotel has sold the normal convention area to a mall. Of course, the construction has to start that particular weekend. It seems like every time there has been a con at the Penta, it was under construction anyway, so we were used to the fact.

The auditorium and the dealers' rooms were packed to the rafters. The convention was completely sold out on Saturday, and Creation was selling tickets for the dealers' rooms only at \$10 a throw. A few of the fans were upset they could not hear the speakers.

The guest stars were Gates McFadden, Brent Spiner, and Majel Barrett-Roddenberry. I attended the guests panels on Saturday. Majel was the first to speak. She had written a speech about Gene Roddenberry and his ideals on Trek, and then she did a question and answer session. Majel was the only one to sign autographs, both at her table in the dealers' room and in a separate autograph session following her talk.

Gates McFadden was the next guest on. I had seen her at Valley Forge, PA, a few months earlier. She seemed much more at ease with this crowd and looked like she was rather enjoying herself this time around. Gates mentioned that everyone should be entitled to health care if they wanted it. When her talk was almost over, Brent Spiner snuck up on stage. Several of us saw him doing this, and when the rest of the crowd saw him they went wild, cheering, clapping and yelling. The two actors did a few dance steps between them, and then talked (pretending in general and fooling around). Brent asked Gates, "what they (the audience) were asking her?" The two kissed each other good-bye and again the crowd went wild. Gates left the stage and Mr. Spiner was left to fend for himself. I asked if he was affected by the LA fires. He said that though they were a terrible thing, his house was not hurt, nor were the homes on anyone on ST:TNG.

Someone else will have to fill in the blanks as to what happened on Sunday, because I was in the dealers' room until I left for home via Amtrak. It was on time again!

All in all, I enjoyed the speakers and I will miss being in the Penta Hotel. See you at the Roosevelt for the next convention!

BY GEORGE PADOVAN, USS AVENGER

When I had finished reading *Dark Mirror*, a *Star Trek: The Next Generation* novel, it left me wondering about other universes, other dimensions. How many universes are there? What does each one hold? I had a lot of questions regarding this topic, but I did know that I'm not the only individual thinking about this.

The stories of other universes co-existing with ours has been around for a long time. It just happens that these stories have been coming out more during the past 25 years than previous years, and it has come out not just in novels, but in television and movies as well. The concept of other universes is in the minds of most science fiction fans, and with the growth of the science fiction community, this concept will grow, too, with more stories.

Star Trek is no stranger to this concept of other universes. During the original series, the episode "Mirror, Mirror" gave Star Trek fans a look at a universe where the Empire exists instead of the Federation. This altered universe was the dark side of the Federation's universe. Another original series episode that aired before "Mirror, Mirror" was "The Alternative Factor." This episode also deals with another universe similar to the universe of the Federation, however that universe is the anti-matter version. The sane Lazarus, for the Federation (mat-

ter) universe is trying to prevent his insane counterpart from uniting the two universes, or else the two universes will cancel each other out of existence with a big bang.

The animated series had an episode called "The Counter-Clock Incident" that dealt with a universe that is a almost reversal of the universe of the Federation. Space is white while stars burn with black light, and time goes backward. Thus, anyone or anything (even stars) will have been born old and die young and even the Enterprise, which accidentally entered this backward universe, was moving backwards.

In *The Next Generation*, the seventh season episode 'Parallels' is another fine example about other universes. Worf went through a quantum fissure and kept shifting from one quantum reality, or universe into another. In some universes, the internal design of the Enterprise is a different from the one he knows. In others, Worf finds that he and Deanna Troi are married. The final universe he was in before returning to his proper universe he found that Picard was killed during the battle with the Borg 7 years ago and Riker is in command. He and Deanna are married with two children.

The stories about other universes have continued into the Star Trek and ST:TNG novels. *The Wounded Sky* had Kirk and company somehow help create a universe. As mentioned before *Dark Mirror* once again shows the evil Empire from "Mirror, Mirror" doing its evil ways to the tune of TNG.

After thinking about it for awhile then turning MAY be considered another form of universe forming. For every moment in time, the universe is slightly different from a previous point, thus each point in time has its own universe. For example: if you travel back 100 years from your present, is everything the same? Of course not! The planet, civilizations people and the many other physical aspects of the universe are different than those of the universe of your present. The drawback to this theory, to some, is that to consider an universe to be separated from another universe, that other universe SHOULD have its own time line. In other words, everything on each point of time in a time line is frozen, and it can't move. Therefore, it can't really be a separate universe.

The universe may have been different 100 years ago, but it is part of the same time-line as the present universe, thus it is the same universe.

Altered time-lines, on the other hand could be considered separated universes. The history of an altered time-line is the same up to a certain point. At that point, the outcome of some event is different for each of the universes. The time-lines diverge, and the altered time-line will run its own course separated from the others. It's considered a total separate universe.

Time traveling, especially time correcting or altering has been used more in science fiction than universe hopping. Star Trek, whether it is the original series, the movies, or Next Generation has seen plenty of time traveling. However, few episodes have been seen where time traveling occurs in an altered time-line leading to a totally separated universe.

"The City on the Edge of Forever" was the only original series episode that resulted in an altered time-line. McCoy went back to the 1930's and somehow changed history in a way that resulted in the Nazis winning World War II, thus creating a universe where the history that Jim Kirk knew did not exist. Kirk and Spock prevented McCoy from interfering, which brought history back to normal (to Jim Kirk's point of view).

In TNG, there have been several episodes where time travel results in an altered time-line or alternate universe. 'Yesterdays Enterprise' is the best example of this. The Enterprise C inadvertently went forward into the future and instantly changed the time-line resulting in an altered universe where the Federation and the Klingon Empire have been at war for more than 20 years. In 'Time Squared', Picard meets his future self and it turns out that the

Enterprise will be destroyed. This information with a clue

or two from the future Picard provides Picard the means to

change the time-line

thus the universe.

into one where

the Enter-

prise-D is not

destroyed.

Some of

the most

popular recent science-fiction mov-

ies that talk about time travel resulting

in altered time lines are the *Back to the*

Future Trilogy and the *Terminator* movies.

The *Back to the Future* trilogy had not

one, not two but at least five altered time-

lines and the altered universes. The first

altered time-line occurred when Marty went

back to 1955 and changed his parents from dweebs

to successes. The second altered time-line occurred when

marty went forward to 2015 and prevented his son from being arrested. The

third one had the Biff Tanon at 2015 going back to 1955 and giving his young

self the Sports Almanac resulting in great wealth and power to Biff by 1985.

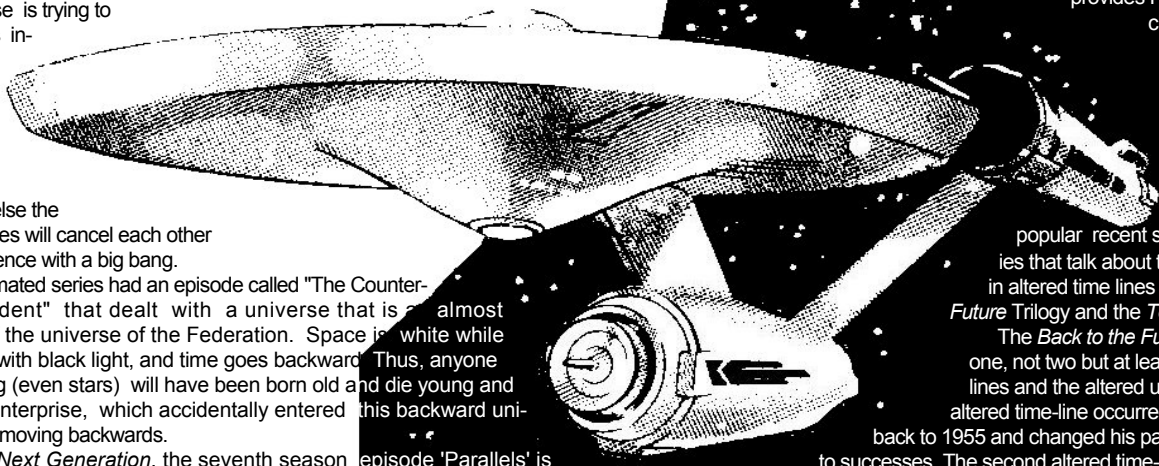
The fourth altered time line occurred when Doc and Marty went back to 1955

from the third altered time-line, and prevented young Biff from using the

Almanac by destroying it. The fourth time-line is different from the second

because Doc was transported to 1885 by accident, which resulted in his being shot in the back by Bufford Tanor. I presume this never happened in the

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LucasArts

Rebel Assault

Reviewed by C.J. Palmer



Requirements: *Sega Genesis system with CD-ROM or IBM-compatible 386sx (25Mhz or better recommended), 1 Mb RAM, VGA, hard drive with 17 MB free. PC CD-ROM version requires Windows 3.1, 4 Mb RAM.*

Recommended: 386 33Mhz or better, 8 Mb RAM, Soundblaster compatible audio board.

Price: *Sega Genesis: \$59.95 retail; PC (floppy disk): approx. \$70; PC CD-ROM: \$79.95 retail.*

For owners of the Sega Genesis with CD-ROM player, there is a new game by LucasArts - *Rebel Assault*. The game is visually stunning, with the best graphics I have ever seen on a 16-bit system. The controls take a little getting used to, but once mastered, the game is a joy to play. It is, however, a long and complicated game due to the very high memory capacity of the CD-ROM disc technology.

Despite this, the Genesis version of the game has two drawbacks. The first is the memory buffer in the console. It is not large enough to properly play the game, thus it progresses a bit more slowly than you would expect from a home video game. This is due to the inordinately long access time of the CD-ROM system, and therefore it is not readily correctable. The second drawback is the game graphics and sound. While quite good, it is no where near as visually and aurally stunning as the IBM-PC version.

Despite these drawbacks, it is a very good video game and I highly recommend it to everyone who likes Star Wars or good space-based action games.

A version of *Rebel Assault* is available for those who own an IBM-PC or compatible. The 24-bit true color graphics are quite impressive, but I recommend that those who have multimedia CD-ROM units wait for a while and get the multimedia version due out later this year. I had the good fortune to obtain a prototype and found it to be the best CD-ROM video game I have ever seen..

The game will also be available for the Super Nintendo CD system due out early next year. From what I have seen, this version is more like the PC CD-ROM version than the Genesis version. It will probably be the best version of the lot.

Don't hold me to it, but I have heard through the grapevine that a Turbo-Grafx 16 Super CD-ROM version is under development. I can not verify this information at this time, but I'll let you know when and if it becomes available.

GAMES

Origin

Wing Commander Academy

Reviewed by David Nurenberg

Requirements: *IBM AT & 100% compatibles (20Mhz 386 or better recommended). 2 Mb RAM, VGA monitor, hard drive with 7 Mb free.*

Recommended: *Joystick, sound card (supports Ad Lib, Soundblaster, Roland LAPC-1/MT-32, or compatible).*

Price: *\$39.95, less through some mail order companies. No copy protection.*

For the flight-simulator fans who have grown tired of unrealistic polygon opponents, *Wing Commander Academy* may be the answer to your problems.

Although set in the universe of the popular *Wing Commander* series, *Wing Commander Academy* is a stand-alone game. For those unfamiliar with that universe, it takes place a few hundred years in the future where the Terran Confederation is at war with the cat-like Kilrathi Empire. Hotshot fighter pilots and their wingmen duke it out at speeds of 1200kps with particle cannons, heat-seeking missiles, and torpedoes, to try and make a difference in the outcome of the war. Sound like fun yet?

Wing Commander Academy is fun, although it may take some getting used to for non-*Wing Commander* buffs. The manual is very well detailed, and it's a good thing, too - there are nine different fighters you can fly, each with its own strengths, weaknesses, and unique weapons and features. There are also a wide variety of enemies with their own little ships and tricks, and four different allies who can fly as your wingman, each with their own personality. If you've played *Wing Commander II* and both Special Operations packs, you'll already have flown and seen most of these fighters (although there are two new ones), but a newcomer may be dazzled and a bit intimidated by all this variety. Fortunately, this makes for excellent replay value.

Another thing that *Wing Commander* fans may notice is that this game is strictly a flight simulator - no cinematic plot, no campaigns to fly, no real beginning or end. You don't even actually

fight anyone, in a sense - the entire game takes place in a holodeck in the Terran Confederation Academy. You can design your own custom-made missions to fly where you control every detail from the number and intelligence of enemy ships to the placement of asteroid fields and starbases. This is entertaining, but wears thin after a while, as you get no reward for completing your mission - the holodeck merely reverts back to its original mode after you've beaten the bad guys, a far cry for the ticker-tape parade reward at the end of *Wing Commander III*!

This game has a "gauntlet" mode that pits you against fifteen waves of fighters that increase in difficulty per wave, but other than this there are no campaigns to fly - I would have appreciated some "recorded" missions on the holodeck computer that gave you certain scenarios to complete, but the designers could argue that the self-designed missions make up for this. They do, in a way, but the lack of rewards at the end still bothers me. There's just something...missing...from this game.

The bitmapped graphics and animation are top-notch, owing to Chris Roberts' brilliant design, but the "2 Mb" RAM requirement is deceiving. You really need 4 Mb or more to have this game run smoothly without jerky delays at certain points, although I still get enjoyment out of it on my 2 Mb system (NOTE to 2 Mb users: Disable SMARTDRV.SYS from your CONFIG.SYS file if you want this game to work). The sound is terrific on my Sound Blaster, although the "limited speech" that the box says the game offers is confined to the occasional cry of "DIE!" from an enemy pilot. I do not know whether this owes to lack of RAM on my part, or lack of game on Origin's part, but I often get clipped of piecemeal messages from enemy pilots. Yells of "I WILL -" or "YOU -" are very confusing, as is the occasional garbled, unintelligible noises that filter over your comlink. Someone in R&D should have done better testing on the digitized speech - perhaps I have a defective copy.

All in all, this is a solid game, as long as you don't expect anything more than a flight simulator. If this is your introduction to the *Wing Commander* series, it will certainly turn you on to that universe and make you want to buy the adventure games, which is Origin's strategy. Die-hard *Wing Commander* jockeys won't want to be without it, but may find the lack of a plot or direction a bit of a disappointment. I give this game a 7.8 out of 10 - its not nearly as expensive as most Origin games, and this, in part, helps compensate for its faults.



Elden Simons

TROI'S SECRET HOLODECK PROGRAM IS DISCOVERED

Meanwhile Below Decks continued

Okay, what about printers? If you can afford it, laser printers are the way to go. If you are going to buy a laser, then you want a Hewlett-Packard. Don't waste your time or money on anything else. Yes, you can find printers cheaper than HP, but they, to put it delicately, suck lemons. The \$100 you save buying an Okidata or, God help you, a Panasonic, will be lost the first time the sucker breaks down. Older HPs such as the series II and the series III print at 300 dots-per-inch (DPI) resolution, good enough for most jobs. The new HP 4 series print at 600 DPI, except for the 4L (300 DPI). 600 DPI is markedly superior in all respects, especially graphics. The new HP series 4L and 4P are excellent choices for any publishing project. The 4L is available for less than \$700, the 4P for about \$1000. The series 4 is overkill unless you have money to burn (\$1400-\$1500).

If lasers are still out of your price range, then consider HPs DeskJet series. The DeskJet 500 is a very nice inkjet printer which matches the resolution of a laser (300 DPI), but is much slower. A brand new 500 can be found for around \$400 at places like Office Depot or CompUSA.

What about dot matrix printers? Forget them, they are totally unsuited for desktop publishing.

All right, we've got our hardware. What about software? Well as I said earlier, you buy the software first, then buy the hardware needed to run it. If all you need is word processing, then I suggest LetterPerfect. LP is WordPerfect's baby brother, yet a very capable program in its own right. LP is not the easiest program on the market, but it is the market leader. If you are going to use a program at home, then you might as well use the one you are most likely to run into in the business world. If your tastes run towards a Windows product, then it is a toss up between WordPerfect for Windows and Microsoft Word. Either program will serve you well, and they cost about the same. Speaking of Windows, most new computers come with it bundled, so you shouldn't have to buy it. LetterPerfect runs about \$100, WordPerfect and Word for Windows run about \$300, though you can usually buy a competitive upgrade for half that.

In the realm of page layout software, there are only two choices: PageMaker and Page Plus. PageMaker is the Mercedes of DTP. It has every feature and function you need to produce a newsletter. Its \$400+ price, however, makes you want to take a look at Page Plus by Serif. Page Plus does about 80% of what PageMaker can do, but does it for \$69. The only disadvantage to Page Plus is that it is only available by mail order. Pick up a current copy of *PC Magazine* or *PC World* and you'll find an ad for the program.

The last bit of software we want to cover is communications. This kind of software allows you to dial up a BBS or on-line service. Most commercial providers bundle their own software with the sign-up kit, so you don't need it if you are going to use Prodigy or America On-Line. Your local BBS though will require generic terminal emulation software. The easiest to use and most ubiquitous package is ProComm. ProComm is bundled with quite a few modems, and there is a

shareware version and a commercial version. ProComm can be obtained from practically anybody who tinkers on-line. Slightly more sophisticated, but just as easy to use is a program called Telix. Telix is also available as shareware, but its major advantage over ProComm is that it includes the Z Modem protocol. I would explain all that that implies, but I'll save it for another day. Suffice it to say that Z Modem allows you to download files faster.

Now, where should you buy computers and whose should you buy? No name clones are very cheap, but it has been my experience that most people, especially novice users, are very dissatisfied with the purchase, so I now recommend something that I didn't five years ago: Buy a name brand.

Compaq and IBM now have inexpensively priced models which are well made and well warranted. Most have three year warranties, backed by companies you know will be in business ten years from now.

Compaq's new Presario line is targeted at computer neophytes and is very easy to set up, though not very expandable. It does, however, meet the minimum criteria I have set down for DTP. If you want something a little more expandable, then look at the Prolinea line.

IBM's PS/1 ValuePoint line also enjoys decent pricing and superior warranties. IBM also has a new mail order division selling computers under the Ambra label. The machines are made at IBM's PS/2 plant in Raleigh, NC. The Ambras are the machines of choice for expansion-minded users.

Which one should I buy? I lean toward Compaq, because it has slightly better customer service.

What if you can't afford a new computer? Well, buy a used one, but stick to name brands. Used no-name clones are of dubious reliability. I would suggest the Compaq DeskPro N series or the IBM PS/2 Model 55 or 70.

Well, that about wraps it up for this month. I hope you find this helpful. It's not a complete computer education, but it should help you make informed buying decisions. If you would like me to write more on computer basics, drop me a card and let me know.

¹ A latin word meaning, "watch your ass".

² Pronounced "goeey". Computer jargon is chock full "cute" acronyms. My favorite is Object Oriented Programming Systems, or OOPS, Programmers are such a stitch.

³ A "bazillion" is not quite as much as a "jillion", but is twelve orders of magnitude more than "skads".

Comments and questions are welcome and can be sent to: David Allen, P.O. Box 1143, Jamestown, NC 27260-1143. On-line he can be reached at HMBX06A (Prodigy), DN Allen (AOL) or dallen@cybernetics.com (InterNet).

Other Dimensions continued

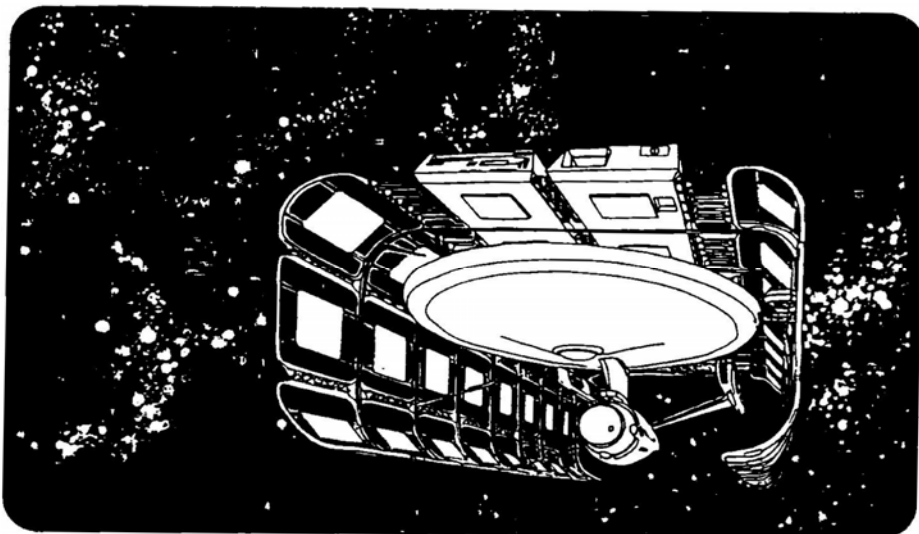
first and second time-lines. The fifth alteration occurred when Marty went back to 1885 and saved Doc from being shot. He also saved Clara Clayton from going over the ravine, thus changing the name of the ravine as well. Each of these time-lines is different from the others, and each has its own universe.

There is an infinite number of universes. For every imagining by each individual, for every movie, TV show, novel, and story that exists, there are universes where each of them is reality. Also, according to "Parallels" from TNG, there are universes that closely parallel our own, but details of history and individual lives are different. Meaning, as Data explained, that for every event that occurs, there are many possible outcomes. Our decisions determine the outcome. The possibility that does not happen in one universe, has happened in other realities. For example, Worf does not have a romantic relationship with Deanna Troi in "his" universe, but does in the other universes.

The episode "Parallels" and the novel *Dark Mirror* made me think about other universes and inspired me to write this article. This reflects the opinions of the author, and doesn't necessarily reflect yours. If you have opinions of your own on this subject, I would enjoy seeing other articles. There are many ways this topic can be explained or viewed, and this article showed some of them.

I truly enjoyed writing this, and I hope you enjoyed reading it. However, thinking or writing about this topic can give a bit of a headache.

My head hurts. Where's the aspirin?





COMPILED BY VADM TERRY WYATT

STAR FLEET CHIEF OF OPERATIONS

REGION ONE

Regional Coordinator VADM Linda Neighbors

USS ALACRITY - NCC-1881

Captain Deborah Leafy Memphis, TN
Held benefit brunch for Mid-South Con. Christmas caroling at nursing home & presented toys to YMCA women's shelter. Worked TV pledge drive.

USS ALARIC - NCC-503

Captain Richard Heim Asheville, NC
Collecting canned food for Manna Food Bank, stamps for Stampede, soup labels for Eliada Home. Presentation on astronomy, space exploration & fandom. Sponsoring Ballad Trek III. Ran security at local mini-con. Continuing door prize drawings at meetings - is popular activity.

USS APPALACIAN - NCC-3181

Captain Steven Hall Gray, TN
Planning 2 meals for 2 needy families during holidays. Christmas party planned.

USS AQUILA - NCC-2030

Captain Cynthia Pugh Cincinnati, OH
Plan display for library's main display case. Working on preliminary blueprints for ship.

USS ARIES - NCC-71806

Captain Michael Wilson Kingsport, TN
Planning recruitment drive.

USS ARISTARCHUS - NCC-61801

Captain D.K. Brinegar Liberty, NC
Began selection of whale for adoption. Began revision of crew handbook. Planning Christmas party.

USS ARIZONA - NCC-71839

Captain Roger Scritchfield N. Canton, OH
Hectic holiday schedule. Already scheduling events for 8/94. Designed book mark for club.

USS BONAVENTURE - NCC-102-A

Captain Scott Gibson High Point, NC
Murder mystery/Halloween party a success. Volunteer to host StellarCon.

USS CAMELOT - NCC-2307

Captain Russel Grubb Dayton, OH
Bowl For Future successful - \$300 pledged for Children's Medical Center. Planning sequel. Helping Trek-o-rama. Xmas party will benefit Project Xmas Smiles.

USS CELESTIAL DRAGON - NCC-71810

Captain John Richmond Boone, NC
Leneolr Away Team assisting Caldwell Women's Shelter. Ordered team patches for Paintball.

USS CHARLESTON - NCC-71813

Captain James A. Young Lanson, SC
Revising policies. Completed hiway obligations. Engineering making license plates for fundraiser. Raised \$200 for flood relief. Started photo album. Food & clothing drive for orphanage.

USS CHESAPEAKE - NCC-1887

Captain Kris Paavola Mechanicsville, VA
Carolling at Ronald McDonald House. Operated cider stand at Maymont Foundation holiday party.

USS CHRONOS - NCC-26296

Captain Kim Abbott Beckley, WV
Designing t-shirts. Selling candy bars as fund raiser. Recruiting. Recycling aluminum.

USS COLUMBIA - NCC621

Captain Wayne Bertsch Wooster, OH
Provided security at Mid-Ohio Comic Book Con.

USS COLUMBUS - NCC-2006

Captain Steve Stewart Columbus, OH
Planned Toys for Tots program. CPR classes in Jan. Voted on By-law changes. Planning Billiards interstate tourney.

USS CONSTELLATION II - NCC-1728

Captain Deborah Spinks Paducah, KY
Hayride big success. Working on food basket for needy family. Went to Nashville to see Gates McFadden.

USS DILEMMA - NCC-1541

Captain Bruce Gray Harrisburg, VA
Approved adoption of hiway for pick up. Planning for Shevacon. First aid instruction in Nov.

USS FIREFOX - NCC-2041

Captain Chris Dunning N. Myrtle Beach, SC
Looking into community service projects. Working on handbook revision.

USS FREEDOM - NCC-71817

Captain Paul Dyl Lillington, NC
Held change of command ceremony. Presented awards and promotions. Working on Dec. activities.

USS HAWKEYE - NCC-4950

Captain Jane Terry Winston-Salem, NC
Educational booth at Dixie Classic Fair. Plan Christmas visit in uniform to Brenner Children's Hospital.

USS HEIMDAL - NCC-1793

VADM Linda Neighbors Amherst, VA
Building float for holiday parade. Donated \$100 to support welfare child, supported 2 Angel Tree children. Donated \$100 worth of pet food to local animal shelters, donating year's collection to food bank.

USS HORNET - NCC-1714

Captain Ron Byram Charlotte, NC
Adopting family for Christmas. Doing Secret Santa in group. Selling entertainment book coupons. Donating eyeglasses to Lion's Club, books to library, \$80 to Habitat for Humanity. Collecting for Toys for Tots & food bank.

USS IDIC - NCC-71811

Captain Jack McClaman Alexandria, VA
First anniversary celebrated. Members will speak about Trek fandom at regional MENSA meeting in Jan. Received letter from Salvation Army for contribution to Midwest Flood Relief.

USS IMLADRIS - NCC-3791

Captain Michael Ward Lexington, KY
Raised \$380 for God's Pantry. Plan Feb. charity dinner. Working on Xmas tree to be auctioned off to aid Kidney Foundation.

USS JAMESTOWN - NCC-1843

RADM Steve Thomas Newport News, VA
Took part in several local parades. Challenged local RUF chapter in canned goods contest. Plan annual Xmas/party auction and drive for Toys for Tots.

USS JOHN B. MCKAY - NCC-653

Captain Cathy Williams Christianburg, VA
Helping local Xmas store for the needy. Plan to walk in parade. Working on Batron Conf. Joint meeting with USS Yeager.

USS KITTY HAWK - NCC-1659

Captain J.R. Fisher, Jr. Raleigh, NC
Selling buttons for Raleigh's First Night. Certificate of Appreciation from Hiway Dept. for clean-up efforts.

USS LAGRANGE - NCC-3916

VADM Tim Gillespie Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Annual theme party planned for Feb. Receiving accolades for LagrangeCon. Members participated in race relations dialog sponsored by Akron newspaper. Shuttle Tycho nearing launch.

USS LEIF ERIKSON - NCC-71818

Captain Dee Okalatowicz Greenville, SC
Held commissioning party. Plan activities with planetarium. Planning Fanfair. Annual zine may be shipwide project.

USS MAAT - NCC-1794-A

Captain Blair Wilcox, Jr. Virginia Beach, VA
Raised \$249 for SPCA. Marched in uniform at football game with H.S. band that has adopted Trek/SF as theme. Collected \$2000 worth of coupons for Fleet Coupon Exchange. Continued bowling nights. Planning audio tape of crew stories. Released newsletters & fanzines.

USS NIGHTHAWK - NCC-2301

Captain Felicia Berger Richmond, VA
Will participate in 3 parades. Adopting child at Xmas.

USS OLYMPUS - NCC-23100

Captain Brad Pense Sumter, SC
3rd annual Turkey Drive to give turkey dinners to needy families. Away mission to Riverbanks Zoo. Christmas party with proposed shuttle.

USS PATHFINDER - NCC-2121

Captain Robin Pillow Salem, VA
Newsletter back on-line after facelift. Building ShuttleRAFT to enter in local river rat race.

USS PATRIOT - NCC-1900

Captain Randy Glover Collinsville, VA
Placed recruiting bulletin on local BBS. Supporting 2 Christmas Angels this year. Voted on ship hats & t-shirts.

USS POLARIS - NCC-1839

Captain Dave Abbott Lebanon, OH
Annual Thanksgiving food drive to provide dinner for 4 families. Starbase Indy annual Away team excursion.

USS POWHATAN - NCC-1967

Captain Cliff Cherry Chesapeake, VA
New display to Sci-Con to promote Starfleet. Took part in Norfolk Christmas parade.

USS QUESTAR - NCC-435

Captain Karen Goldbach Louisville, KY
\$50 given to nature Conservatory. Needy family accepted ship's offer to buy toys & clothes for children. Recycling.

USS REBEL - NCC-1600

Commodore Bonita Voigt Lincolnton, NC
Collecting for Stampede & Veteran's Hospital. Crew restoring old cemetery. Involved with planetarium & Natural History Museum.

USS RENEGADE - NCC-2547

VADM Anita Davis Youngstown, OH
Did kidprinting at Business Expo. Elbacon in the works. Native American rep will speak at meeting. Plan a film fest.

USS RICHMOND - NCC-2003

Captain Kevin Hanna Covington, VA
Collecting for food bank, recycling & coupons. Will carol.

USS STAR LEAGUE - NCC-2101

VADM Cindy Krell N. Augusta, SC
Member will be in Macy's parade with H.S. band.

USS STARWARD FURY - NCC-2122

Captain Tony Vickers Fayetteville, NC
Held no-Trek Halloween party. Planning Fury Fest.

USS STONEWALL JACKSON - NCC-71814

Captain Gerald Cronk, Jr. Monroe, NC
Transfer of command went well. Will be in parade.

USS TEMPEST - NCC-1566

Captain Douglas Heimark Charlottesville, VA
Participating Salvation Army Angel Tree project, donated \$80 worth of clothing. Held successful pool party. Continuing to collect aluminum cans.

USS WASP - NCC-1721

Captain Bud T. Shinall Bristol, VA
Held election for new CO. Will set up joint Starfleet display at ComixTrek. Celebrated 4th anniversary.

USS WEST VIRGINIA - NCC-2006

Captain Barbara Myers Charleston, WV
Held turkey raffle, raised \$46. Baking cookies for children's party at library. Discussed merit system for rank.

USS WHITE EAGLE - NCC-2302

Captain Zac R. Home Midway Park, NC
Raised \$141.52 for charity. St. Jude's radio-thon rescheduled. Donated gifts from Santo to in-patient children at Oaslow Memorial Hospital.

USS YEAGER - NCC-1893

Captain Michael O'Brien Bluefield, WV
Members thanked for helping at Rising Star II. Involved in food drive. Recruiting continues.

USS YORKTOWN - NCC-1704

Captain Marlon Ragsdale Rock Hill, SC

REGION TWO

Regional Coordinator VADM Deborah Nelson

USS DEFIANT - NCC-1660

Captain Donna Horn Lipscomb, AL

USS DRAGONFIRE - NCC-2007

Captain James Maloney Fort Myers, FL
Crew participated in TV & radio talk show in Nov.

USS EXCALIBUR - NCC-1705

Captain Richard Kovatch Jacksonville, FL
Fundraising for Int. Conf. Held recruiting drive at Creation Con. Volunteered at City Rescue Mission for Thanksgiving.

USS EXPLORER - NCC-2009

Captain Rose Thomas Brunswick, GA
Parade a great success. Several fundraisers being planned.

USS FEDERATION - NCC-2100

Captain Chris Short St. Petersburg, FL

USS GUARDIAN - NCC-26244

Captain Les Herdt Cocoa, FL
Contacted by Broward Co. group about starting shuttle.

USS HEPAESTUS - NCC-2004

Captain Pete Mohny Birmingham, AL

USS INDESTRUCTABLE - NCC-2071

Captain Tami M. Emma Bonaire, GA

USS KHAI-TAM - NCC-81000

Captain John Reddick Tallahassee, FL
Participated in TV interview promoting ship & Starfleet. Holding by-laws meetings. Planning Xmas collection drive for items needed by Refuge House & Toys for Tots.

USS MACLEOD - NCC-10524

Captain Gail Fuller Lovejoy, GA
Working on R2 con. Planning 2nd anniversary party.

USS MILLENIUM - NCC-2081

Captain Danny Underwood Clearwater, FL
Chapter working on recruiting.

USS ODYSSEY - NCC-454

Captain Brenda Bullock Hattiesburg, MS
Collected items for local services & humane society. Purchased brick with club name from local zoo. Successful booth at mall, raised \$63 & recruited new members.

USS PAEGAN - NCC-1755

VADM Lori Anne Brown Winter Park, FL
Planning dance for Int. Conf. Participated in toy collection for local children's hospital along with local Klingons.

USS PHOENIX - NCC-

Captain Arthur Blanchette Kissimmee, FL

USS REPUBLIC - NCC-1371

Captain Kelly Scott Hilliard Snellville, GA

USS ROYAL SOVEREIGN - NCC-1674

Captain Kaye Downing Orange Park, FL
Participated in hiway beautification project. Recruiting.

USS SACAJAWEA - NCC-598

Captain Mary Greten Inverness, FL
Prepared for holiday parade participation.

USS SAVANNAH - NCC-1894

Captain Alan Farthing Savannah, GA

USS STARQUEST - NCC-71804

Captain Jeff Handshaw Naples, FL
Collecting stamps for Stampede. Attended first Int. Conf. organization Captain's Call in Orlando.

USS STAR UNION - NCC-2112

Captain Diane Griffin Montgomery, AL

USS TRIUMPH - NCC-26228

Captain Betsy Mattels Miami, FL
Signed 200 Xmas cards for distribution to local nursing home. Collected food & clothing for Camillus Homeless Shelter. Fundraising for Int. Conf.

USS WERNHER VON BRAUN - NCC-72069

Captain Catherine Ramsey Huntsville, AL

USS YAMATO - NCC-71807

Captain Isaac Turner Pinson, AL
Members attended Trek-o-rama.

REGION THREE

Regional Coordinator RADM Bill Schwab

USS AURORA VULCANIS - NCC-1888

Captain Michelle Fanelli Houston, TX
Correspondance chapter. Celebrated 10th anniversary.

USS BEXAR - NCC-71718

Captain Patricia Ann Spillers San Antonio, TX
Attended Trek Bowl and R3 conference.

USS COMANCHE - NCC-71809

Captain Dan Hislop Fort Worth, TX
New CO. Gathered toys for Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation.

USS GAGARIN - NCC-630

Captain Elizabeth Weber Dallas, TX
New CO. Attended USS Comanche birthday party. Attended change of command ceremonies at *Sagittarius*.

USS INFINITY - NCC-651

Captain Bill Latham Waco, TX

USS INTANGIBLE - NCC-65421

Captain Danial Coburn Bryan, TX
Attended Trek Bowl in Killeen. Planning 2nd anniversary party. Donated over \$250 in toys to Radio M*A*S*H.

USS JOSHUA - NCC-3700

Captain Gail Rushing Fort Worth, TX
New CO. Submitted bid for '94 R3 Olympics.

USS KEPLER - NCC-153924

Captain Jere Spencer Killeen, TX
Commissioning party featured roast of RC Bill Schwab. Answered phones for public broadcast station winter fund drive. Plan to attend cons in Jan. & Feb. Fundraisers planned to help defray costs of attending Int. Conf.

USS Lancelot - NCC-13962

Captain Joseph Deaver Arlington, TX
New CO. Visited Dallas Children's Hospital.

USS RHYANNA - NCC-1892

Captain Paula D. Hudson Austin, TX
Coordinated security at Creation Con in Nov.

USS SAGITTARIUS - NCC-9755

Captain Todd Gulick Mesquite, TX
Recruited at Lone Star Comics in Dec.

USS TEJAS - NCC-9756

Captain Chrylon Stroud Vernon, TX
Adopted families for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

USS VINDICATOR - NCC-23911

Captain John Simmons Denton, TX

REGION FOUR

Regional Coordinator VADM Janis Moore

USS ALLIANCE - NCC-2113

Captain Jennifer Cole W. Los Angeles, CA
Final plans for LosCon 20. Will have 2 dealers tables.

USS ATREDIES - NCC-60022

Captain Cynthia Gaedy San Francisco, CA
CMO, Counselor added to newsletter & zine staff.

USS CONSTITUTION - NCC-1700

Captain Don Haven Visalia, CA
Cadet program in progress. Marched in Visalia Xmas parade with Shadowguard, Peacekeeper & Shuttle Con-Star Ranger 1.

USS DEFIANCE - NCC-1717

Captain Debra Roberts Sacramento, CA
Taekwondo demoed at Oct. meeting. Attended Creation Con. Attended "thank-you" party held by dealer at MallWorld for services provided. 2nd place in W. Sacramento Fleet parade. Commissioned Shuttle Trieste. Raised \$1,195 for

MS Bowl-a-thon, \$170 to provide gifts to 2 children at Sacramento Receiving Home. Project "Can-Do" raised another \$15. Participated in Fair Oaks Xmas parade.

USS EAGLE – NCC-1719

Captain Bonnie Doran Fremont, CA
Artwork on new logo complete. Beach cleanup/holiday party in Dec. Have huge boxes of food & clothes for homeless & food/supplies for wildlife rescue.

USS GALLANT – NCC-1869

Captain Lee Tidwell Fresno, CA
Plan to attend S'L 'Heya Christmas fundraiser.

USS HARRIER – NCC-2295

Captain Loring Drouillard San Pablo, CA
Carolling at Hilltop mall. Collected canned food. Helping Starfleet Marines with Toys for Tots.

USS MIRAMAR – NCC-23911

Captain Troy Walker El Cajon, CA
Members worked at Palavia Tree Chaney Allen Women's Center, will march in parade. "Mission Trek" auction/entertainment night at local church to raise funds for missions. "Crusade Against Crime" at Sea World.

USS MOONCHASER – NCC-

Captain Shawn Litton Hayward, CA
Planning joint missions with S'L'heya & other vessels.

USS NORTHERN LIGHTS – NCC-

Captain Tracy Newby San Jose, CA

USS ONIZUKA – NCC-71815

Captain Elaine Weathers Chico, CA
Annual toy drive for Esplanade House. Deliver cookies to the police & sheriff dept.

USS RELIANT – NCC-1854

Captain Chris Sentt Livermore, CA

USS SHADOW GUARD – NCC-23105

Captain Michael J.D. Knight Hanford, CA
Participated in United Cerebral Palsy Assoc. cont., park clean up, canned food for Mayflower, taking orders for entertainment books, marched in several parades.

USS SIMONOV – NCC-2002

Commodore Kim Lerman Fairfield, CA
Shuttle Richard Coeuer De Lion at Marina Ball, Shuttle Moonchaser commissioned, Xmas caroling at Fairfield Christmas Tree Lighting, revision of crew handbook. Election committee to hold annual vote of confidence instead of elections, working on Simonov blood drive for February, plans for participation in Starfleet/Wooz, tournament, Shuttles Oberon and T'Paul preparing for commissioning.

USS S'L 'HEYA – NCC-1601

Captain Robert Rasmussen Fresno, CA
Food donated to Radio KTHT to help with Thanksgiving meals.

USS STELLAR WIND – NCC-1501

Captain John Burt Turlock, CA
Correspondence chapter. 116 pages of small print fiction in 1993. Annual story evded in Nov. issue, written collaboratively by many members working together. New story to start in January, beginning with commissioning ceremony for new fictional ship.

USS TIKOPAI – NCC-1800

Captain Scott Sommers Campbell, CA
Collected canned food for 2nd Harvest Food Bank.

REGION FIVE

Regional Coordinator VADM Robert Hilton

USS APPOLO – NCC-2546

Captain David Bell Vancouver, WA

USS BISMARCK – NCC-3141

Captain Al Sandham Spokane, WA

USS BORTAS TLHAPWL – NCC-1846

Captain Thomas Rutledge Kirkland, WA
Changed ship name and class. Preparing for RustyCon.

USS BUCKAROO BANZAI – NCC-71889

Captain Greg Hader

USS CALYPSO – NCC-1891

Captain Joseph Nachanicky Spokane, WA

USS COURAGEOUS – NCC-1861-C

VADM Terry Wyatt Seattle, WA
Help annual caroling session. Bought toys for 15 needy children. Planning anniversary party at RustyCon. First view of Courageous-class blueprints completed.

USS DANIEL SOULE – NCC-1810

Commodore Keith Marshall Kent, WA

USS INGRAM – NCC-2001

Captain David Pipgras Vancouver, WA
Working on Omnicon. Attended RustyCon. XO will write column for regional newsletter.

USS LIBERATOR – NCC-2564

Captain Karen Ledbetter Idaho Falls, ID

USS PENDRAGON – NCC-2005

Captain Terri Haisey Kirkland, WA
Held Christmas party and non-chocolate fest.

USS RUBICON – NCC-71816

Captain Cher Couch Richland, WA
Collected \$471 in receipts for Humane Society. Decorated 31 trees for Chamber of Commerce. Participated in walk for the needy.

USS STARCHASER – NCC-71801

Captain Pat Pugnetti Auburn, WA
New constitution opens club to non-Boeing members. Planing next year's trek-a-thon.

USS TRAUMER – NCC-16522

Captain Wes Butcher Tacoma, WA

REGION SIX

Regional Coordinator RADM David Kloempken

USS ALAM'AK – NCC-1796

Captain Judy Isaacson Cottonwood, MN
Collecting for Toys for Tots. Will be putting together winter survival kits after Jan. meeting.

USS BEHR'AK – NCC-1797

Captain Lois Olson Roseville, MN

USS CZAR-AK – NCC-1796-A

RADM David Koempken Richfield, MN
Manned a table at reopening of Minneapolis planetarium. Attended Visions '93 in Chicago, members volunteered at the con.

USS IMPERIUM – NCC-2125

Captain Michael Urvand Fargo, ND

USS THUNDERCHILD – NCC-3122

Captain Susan Commeford Rapid City, SD
Made a donation to Toys for Tots, and still have funds left for another charity.

REGION SEVEN

Regional Coordinator VADM Alex Rosenzweig

USS ACCORD – NCC-1842

Captain Mark Anbinder Ithaca, NY
Trip to Watkins Glen. Draft charter approved after modifications. Insignia was approved.

USS ALBANY – NCC-587

Captain Donna Burke Gloucester, MA
Paperwork underway for new shuttle. Assisted at Creation Con & worked a recruitment table at Tri Con III, Donations to MDA and Alzheimer's Memory Walk.

USS ALPHA CENTAURI – NCC-71812

Captain Shirley Weaver Camp Spring, MD
Attended R7 conference. Pool party and rendezvous with IDIC was successful. Discussions regarding the possible shuttle launch have begun.

USS ARGON II – NCC-1836

Captain Ed Johnson Edgewood, MD
Released newsletter.

USS ARI – NCC-1723

Captain Michelle Rock Williamsville, NY
Working to find new meeting place. Hosted Hazard members at the Federation Science Exhibit in Buffalo.

USS ASCENSION – NCC-2520

Captain Kevin Miles Bath, PA
Busy preparing for conventions, including AscensionCon II. Held 2nd annual Dream Com True Bowlathon following general meeting.

USS ASIMOV – NCC-650

Captain Mary Lou Hopper Wurtsboro, NY
Attended R7 conference. Recruiting. Christmas party held. Making many new plans.

USS AVENGER – NCC-1850

VADM Alex Rosenzweig N. Brunswick, NJ
Gathered over \$1500 worth of coupons for "Caring Coupons" project in Nov/Dec. Members attended WishCon III & Starfleet Northeast conf. Newsletter released. Engineering & Science working on divisional projects. Medical & Security working on newsletters.

USS BLACKHEART – NCC-2327

Captain Ann Francesconi Jamison, PA

USS CHALLENGER – NCC-1676

Captain Bob Vosseller Ortleigh Beach, NJ
Co-hosted Sci-Fi Day at Ocean City Library. Hosted R7 conference. Work continues on newsletter.

USS DAWN TREADER – NCC-2555

Captain Joanne Olson Staten Island, NY
Launch barbeque was postponed. Membership info distributed locally. Recruiting.

USS ENDURANCE – NCC-1862

Captain Saul Abraham Lansdale, PA
Released newsletter. Assisting Ascension in the sales of cookbooks supporting "Dream Come True." Recruitment at several cons. Gaming days run once or twice monthly.

USS HAZARD – NCC-

Captain Carrol Pfeifle Erie, PA

USS LEXINGTON – NCC-1703-B

Captain Michael Smith Florham Park, NJ
Constitution distributed to crew for ratification. Attended R7 conference. Hosting regional holiday party. Newsletter released.

USS MERLIN – NCC-61802

Captain Sharon Grieten Newark, DE
Promo at Hallmark to promote Enterprise ornament, received two newspaper write-ups. Bigger event planned for next year. Worked security at con. Newsletter released.

USS ODIN – NCC-1875

Westminster, MD

USS POTEKIN – NCC-1711

Captain Willard Speck Pittsburgh, PA
Attended Shore Leave 15.

USS SOVEREIGN – NCC-2505

Captain Pam Farnsler Philadelphia, PA
Regional Conference went well. Preparing for Christmas party.

USS THAGARD – NCC-652

Captain Sashi German Lansdale, PA
Working on fund raising. Will perform a puppet show at Philly's Children's Hospital.

USS THOR – NCC-2549

Captain Michael Sharpe Lusby, MD
Working on aluminum recycling. Stampede, Task Force Maryland, Fun Fest '93, Sunday in the park, Project ATOZ, a contribution to the Gene Roddenberry Memorial Grove, and R7 conference. Making patches.

USS TRITON – NCC-71819

Captain Don Schneider Glen Burnie, MD
Held second annual hayride and bonfire at the Naval Academy Dairy.

USS TUTAKAI – NCC-1799

Captain Barbara Oberlander Erie, PA
Released "Tutakai News."

USS VALIANT – NCC-

Captain John Lawrence Holly, NY

USS WOLF – NCC-3921

Captain Paul Worley Transfer, PA
Donated a video of Pinocchio to the local library. Plans were made for "volunteer day."

REGION NINE

Regional Coordinator RADM Beate Gellings

USS EUROPE – NCC-1792

RADM Beate Gellings Dattenhausen, Germany
Crew continues to establish themselves a first non-English speaking chapter of the Fleet. Did several press interviews & developed flyer to introduce STARFLEET & our ship. Drove to München to attend a talk show guest starring Jimmy Doohan. Supported the "Fordenerverein Krebskranker Kinder" both in preparation and at their booth for the Christmas Market in Tübingen.

REGION TEN

Regional Coordinator RADM April Gorman

USS ASTRA – NCC-77210

Captain Pam Bowyer Calgary, Alberta
Christmas party planned.

USS BONAVENTURE (CDN) – NCC-1645

Captain Shelley Ann Jensen Edmonton, Alberta
Good attendance at Nov. party/meeting. Contacted by local art gallery to promote the Star Trek prints they have for sale.

USS EQUULUS – NCC-1603

Commander Jeff Campbell N.W. Calgary, Alberta
New meeting place found. Plans underway for ST Con '94. Membership drive in organization process.

USS MALASPINA – NCC-3271

Captain Normal Langlois Parksville, BC
Ship class changed to Ambassador-class. Two crewmembers married in October in Starfleet ceremony. CO continues to produce regional newsletter.

USS SOL – NCC-1733

Commodore Trina Anderson Fairbanks, AK
New promotion system implemented. Calendar being drawn up for 1994.

REGION ELEVEN

Regional Coordinator RADM Jennifer Yates

USS ALTAIR – NCC-1803

Commander Malcolm Evans Perth, WA, Australia

USS N'DELE – NCC-1758

RADM Leanne Jackson Hectorville, SA, Australia

USS SOUTHERN CROSS – NCC-1888

RADM Jennifer Yates Harbord, NSW, Australia
Plans for the next year's activities started. Service medals to be presented at Dec. meeting. Hiked to see ancient Koori (aboriginal) rock carvings.

REGION TWELVE

Regional Coordinator VADM Dan McGinnis

USS ANTONIO M. VALSALVA – NCC-4101

Captain David Miller Chesterfield, MO

USS CHARLEMAGNE – NCC-71823

Captain Karen Sullivan Moore, OK

USS CONCORD – NCC-1989-D

Fleet Captain Mike Ferguson Oklahoma City, OK
Members have already pre-registered for Int. Conf. in FL. Working on Next Gen station set for a future con. Collecting food for donations. Adding to ship library.

USS DISCOVERY – NCC-1306

Captain Kathy Krieger St. Louis, MO
Attended the 5th anniversary of Hexum & celebrated wedding of 2 crewmembers. Planning to attend Creation Con and movie opening.

USS EMPRESS – NCC-15825

Captain Richard Smith Avoca, MI

USS EXCELSIOR – NCC-2000

Captain Tim Frayser Broken Arrow, OK
Attended SoonerCon, Oklahoma ships may cooperate in joint effort to commemorate final Next Gen episode. Crew involved in "Operation Dear Abby" – sending cards to overseas servicemen.

USS GALAXY – NCC-70637

Fleet Captain Jeff Haffner Mission, KS

USS GENESIS II – NCC-1206

Admiral Sharon Smith Shawnee, OK
New meeting location at Children's Museum – even adults had fun. Holiday dinner hosted by CO.

USS HEXUM – NCC-2199

Captain Rick Gale Belleville, IL

Several chapters joined forces to greet a member's return from Honduras. 5-year Mission anniversary party held. Attended Horizon's 6th anniversary party Attended St. Louis area ships' Holiday Dinner.

USS HORIZON – NCC-1000-A

Fleet Captain James Herring Columbia, MO
Many members effected by flooding.

USS JEANETTE MADDOX – NCC-14514

Captain Christine Leddon Wichita, KS
Raised \$500 for Armin Shimerman scholarship. Permission received to start Marina Sirtis scholarship. Stamps for Stampede. Several fundraisers: Women's Crisis Center, Salvation Army Angel Tree, Humane Society.

USS KRAZNY OKTYABR – NCC-23102

Captain Dwain Gleason Maryville, MO

USS Locksley – NCC-3192

Captain Adam Nettles Carbondale, IL
Marched in parade. CO interviewed on local radio station. Members attended R12 conference at Epsilon Alpha '93.

USS MARKO RAMIUS – NCC-23104

Captain Russell Godwin Fayetteville, AR

USS NOMAD – NCC-1805

Captain Michael Malotte Leavenworth, KS
Worked Leavenworth recycling center. Attended Stargazer 5th anniversary party. Purchased t-shirt transfer machine for use at cons & fundraisers. Attended joint brunch with members of 8 other R12 chapters.

USS PROMETHEUS – NCC-3030

Captain Joshua Fisher Warrensburg, MO
Planning 1st anniversary in March.

USS RAINBOW WARRIOR – NCC-71805

Captain Richard Pearce Raymore, MO
Attended R12 chapters, KC Captain's Council. Cleaned up hiway section. Selling Gold D books for fundraiser. Planning for '94 Summit.

USS RANGER – NCC-2206

Captain David Baughn Oklahoma City, OK
Crew involved in many projects. Worked Haunt the Zoo with local chapters. Recruiting drive continues. Attended R12 conference.

USS SALLY RIDE – NCC-643

Captain Jani McGaugh Cape Girardeau, MO
Members attended Epsilon Alpha '93 & R12 conference. 2 members married. Selling pizza as fundraiser. Worked at local Fox station & manned booths where participants could be taped beaming off the Enterprise.

USS SHAUN CHRISTOPHER – NCC-1620

Captain Dale Manchion Overland Park, KS
Updating ship ID badges. Working on revision of crew handbook. Held holiday party.

USS STAR EMPIRE – NCC-2116

Captain George Heichelheim Shawnee, OK
In process of Chapter President elections.

USS STARGAZER – NCC-2693

Fleet Captain Coyote Kansas City, MO
Participated in Dicken's Holiday Fair. Participated in & provided a place for KC Command Council Xmas party. Held food drive, Toys for Tots, & gift exchange.

USS SUPERIOR – NCC-2020

Captain Kenneth Darden Marquette, MI
Annual elections held. New XO for ship.

USS TANAHAMEHO – NCC-2225

Captain Del Wallington Lawton, OK

USS UMIK – NCC-3142

Fleet Captain Douglas Glenn St. Charles, MO
CO attended Stargazer anniversary. Attended Hexum anniversary. Work continues on own anniversary party and Gamefest.

USS VALKYRIE – NCC-2597

Captain Sally Moag Livonia, IL
Went to Toy Fair in costume, received official thank-you from management. Revising logo. Recruited at local SF store while Jon el Arco (Hugh the Borg) was signing autographs.

USS VANGUARD – NCC-2548

Captain Roger Steams Fayetteville, AR
Working on getting shuttles in Scotland & Switzerland approved. Ship handbook finished. Members starting a correspondence group on Internet.

USS VIXEN – NCC-13994

Captain Robert Cooperider Trimble, MO

REGION FIFTEEN

Regional Coordinator FLT CAPT Alan Ravitch

USS ATLANTIS – NCC-71803

Captain Richard Nacaula, Jr. Assonet, MA
New chapter t-shirts. Preparing for elections.

USS CARSON – NCC-592

RADM Karen Emerson Bridgeport, CT
Correspondence chapter, transferred from Region 17, Working on Stampede.

USS CASCO BAY – NCC-1889

Captain Scott Thurlow S. Portland, ME
Made donation to Tree People. Plan to visit planetarium.

USS CHRISTA MCAULIFFE – NCC-860

Captain Howard Cronson Canton, MA
Held semi-formal dance. Attended WishCon III. Recruiting. Attended Indiana Jones movie marathon.

USS ENDEAVOR – NCC-1716

Captain Joseph Ruttar Ledward, CT
Commissioned at WishCon III. Christmas party at Dec. meeting, also constitution will be issued.

USS EQUINOX – NCC-584

Commodore Peg Pellerin Winslow, ME
Had a guest speaker from the Red Cross. Will be assisting in future blood drives. Holding a raffle. Looking for new fundraising ideas.

USS HOOD – NCC-1707

Captain Leslie Ryan Lowell, MA

USS KONKORDIUM – NCC-2196

Commander Kate Clark Northford, CT
Election results announced. New logo approved. Members worked at WishCon III.

USS LONGFELLOW – NCC-2358

Captain Michael Henigan Portland, ME
Contacted Bruce Roberts Santa Fund to help them stuff toy packages & pass them out to needy. Attended WishCon III. Continued working with Ronald McDonald House.

USS NAUTILUS – NCC-1778

Captain Mark Vereb Rocky Hill, CT

USS SALADIN – NCC-509

Captain Doug Van Newenham Agawam, MA
Planning 9th annual convention. Designed club banner. Working on promotions.

USS SPARROW HAWK – NCC-581

Captain Raymond Toolan Montpelier, VT
Attended WishCon 3. Raised \$50 for "Warm the Children."

USS THE SULLIVANS – NCC-5370

Captain Mark Trent York, ME
Held Xmas party/commissioning dinner. Attended WishCon III. Hockey booster club. Ship t-shirts ready.

USS TERRANOVA – NCC-71808

Captain Michael J. Stratton Hudson, NH

REGION SIXTEEN

Regional Coordinator position vacant

USS HENRI DUNANT – NCC-

Captain Ann Dysinger Japan

REGION SEVENTEEN

Regional Coordinator Fleet Captain Douglas Porray

USS ALIOTH – NCC-1828

Captain Lyn Worthen Provo, UT

Yard sale for "Sub for Santa." Contributed sack lunches to food bank. Food drive, recycling.

USS COLUMBIA II – NCC-9755

Captain Brian Murphy Schreur Las Vegas, NV
Blood drive. CO & staff interviewed on radio. Monthly hospital visits. Had 2 groves of trees planted in honor of Gene Roddenberry.

USS DOMINION – NCC-2115

Commander Kevin Hancock Farr West, UT

USS FAHRION – NCC-2510

Fleet Captain Douglas Porray Orem, UT
New CO. Camp out. Food drive. Toys for Tots.

USS HIGHROLLER – NCC-23103

Captain Susan Severt Sun Valley, NV
Potential shuttle is forming. Crew treated to free show for volunteer work at Planetarium.

USS NOKIB'RAL – NCC-2211

Captain Donna Lakner Cedar City, UT
Published chapter handbook and tech manual. Fundraiser quilt raffle. Collecting stamps for Stampede.



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