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# STARFLEET HEADQUARTERS



## ROB LERMAN COMMANDER, STARFLEET

Greetings from hot and sunny California. The dry heat of California is a big relief from the humidity of Florida where Kim, Timmy and I recently enjoyed a week of vacation and STARFLEET activities. It was great seeing so many old friends and meeting many new ones at the International Conference. Many thanks of the International Conference Com-

mittee and to Deborah Nelson and her staff for making the weekend so enjoyable (and busy!). Congratulations on a job well done by all!

A personal note of thanks goes out to Jennifer de Jesus for baby-sitting Timmy during the Admiralty Board meetings and the main events of the conference. Timmy really enjoyed the new toys and activities Jennifer shared with him, and it also gave Kim a chance to attend some of the events without chasing Timmy!

During the conference, the Admiralty Board met several times for a total of about six to eight hours of meetings. Many issues were discussed and voted on, and a complete transcript of the meetings will also be available to all AB members shortly. The transcript of the meetings will also be available to all members through your Regional Coordinator for the cost of photocopying and postage. Be sure to read Gary Decker's JAG report in this issue for a brief summary of the AB meetings. One item of major importance is the membership vote on the new STARFLEET by-laws. The AB voted to withdraw the by-laws now being voted upon due to several items brought to our attention at the beginning of the conference. A new committee has been formed to revise them.

Our tax situation is nearing closure, with the CPA about to file tax returns. A report will appear in a future *Communiqué*. Much time and effort has been expended trying to get Fleet's financial situation straightened out. Though time and energy consuming, it is an obligation that I felt HAD to be addressed, even if some "campaign promises" had to take a back burner for awhile. Once completed, we will be able to focus on some of the more "fun" issues that Fleet has to offer.

I also want to mention how important the STARFLEET Fundraising contest is. This is an excellent opportunity for us to put STARFLEET's financial troubles behind us. Be sure to read the article by Jennifer and Scott French in this issue titled "S.O.S. - Save our STARFLEET."

As Tim Gillespie will tell you, I twisted his and Amy Sheldon's arms to do just one more issue of the *Communiqué*. Of course, he made me promise to get my report to him by June 30th (well, I almost made it!) Tim and his staff have done an excellent job, and I hate to see them go. The search for a replacement is still on going at this moment. Another change in the Executive Committee is at the Chief of Operations position. Terry Wyatt is unable to continue his duties, so I am also seeking a replacement for Operations. The ideal candidate for Ops will have at least two years as a commanding officer or RC, and have the time and energy to review hundreds of ship reports each month! If you are interested in finding out more, please contact me. Michael JD Knight will be acting as Interim Chief of Operations until we get a replacement. COs and RCs please note: your monthly reports should be sent to STARFLEET HQ until a new Chief of Operations is announced.

Future issues of the *Communiqué* will include membership surveys. These surveys are for all members, not just command types. Our purpose for the survey is to help get new ideas and enhance old ones, thus strengthening our organization. We want and need your feedback so please send in your survey responses. This organization revolves around you, the member, not just a few people but all members of STARFLEET.

## DWAIN GLEASON VICE COMMANDER

As the *Krazny Oktyabr* pulled in low Earth Orbit, an ominous voice rang from the ship's communication station. "Fleet Captain Gleason, report immediately to the Fleet Commander's office."

Fifteen minutes and two rank grades later, here I am, your shiny new Vice Commander of STARFLEET. Not shiny because I'm bald (which I'm not - yet) shiny because I'm new. Thanks for asking.

All kidding aside, it's a pleasure to be able to serve as your new Vice Commander. Already Rob and I have been discussing great ideas to improve the organization, and I've been in contact with all sorts of people from all across the Fleet. This has already been a very rewarding experience, and I'm really looking forward to talking with many of you in the coming months.

Probably the largest program I am responsible for is the Fleet Division Chief (FDC) program that you've seen discussed right here in the *Communiqué*. I will be submitting regular FDC reports to our erstwhile editorial staff so you can keep up to date on developments in this exciting part of the STARFLEET experience.

Another fun aspect of this job is editing the *Fleet Status Update*, "The Bi-Monthly Journal for STARFLEET's Command Personnel." *FSU* is published

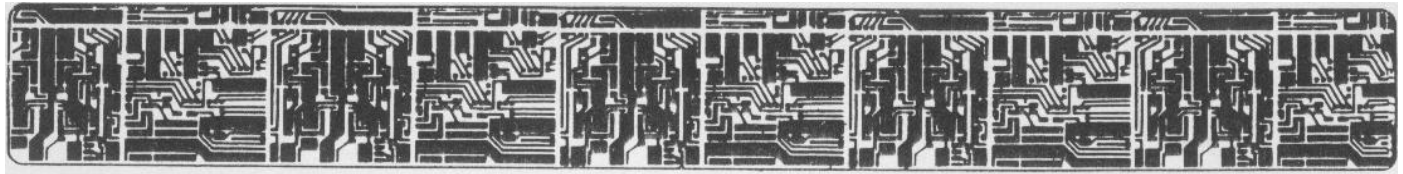


every other month and is sent free of charge to all Commanding Officers and Admiralty Board members. It primarily covers STARFLEET Administrative Policies and issues, and we encourage all COs and AB members to pass the information from *FSU* along to everyone. However, subscriptions are indeed available to everyone: send a check or money order (made out to STARFLEET in US Funds only, please) for \$3 (a one-year subscription) to my address. You'll be added to the mailing list and start receiving *FSU* as soon as your subscription is processed.

Those who do not wish to know any personal details about me can skip to the next paragraph right now. So that you know a little more about me than the mug shot that accompanies this article, here's a short bio: I've been a STARFLEET member since 1988 and have been commanding the *Krazny Oktyabr* since 1991. I am married, have two wonderful cats, and have been a fan since I can remember without the aid of hypnosis. I enjoy baseball (Go Royals!), *Dr. Who*, barbecue (for more information, check out Sue Hampton's "Captain Gleason, You Owe Me" column from the August/September 1992 *Communiqué*) and my Macintosh.

Well, don't let me keep you from the rest of your STARFLEET Magazine. And if my fingers don't give out, there's more coming about the FDC program and more. Stay tuned, true believers.





# COMPUTER OPERATIONS

VADM CLAYTON MELANSON • DIRECTOR  
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Well the 1994 STARFLEET International Conference has come and gone and what a weekend to remember. I keep trying to but nothing comes to mind. There must have been a Conference. If not, then what were all those people doing there at the same time? It is fuzzy but I seem to remember arriving about 9 am on Friday morning and heading to a meeting at 9:30. I seem to recall getting out of a meeting after 11:30 PM and stumbling out the door trying to remember where I had left my hotel. Saturday started with the STARFLEET Opening General Session (Hey! I do remember something) where, among other things, we got to meet somebody from every vessel that was represented. At the conclusion of this meeting, CompOps was open for business. Later in the afternoon, I requested only three more people to be let in so that I could make the next scheduled Admiralty Board meeting. When the eighth of these three had been processed, I left for the meeting. Following the meeting, CompOps was open until dinner time. Sunday was the same. I did not see anything but the inside of the Presidential Suite, the weekend home of CompOps. Many thanks to Deborah Nelson for providing the room for my operation. Boxes of kudos for Naomi Kanallakan and Teresa Creel for their outstanding assistance in processing applications. Major hugs to Lori Anne Brown for picking up and shipping back the computer equipment used at the conference. You made my work so much easier. Again this year, as last year, there

was about 100 applications processed. Additionally this year, there were rosters available. Many of you took advantage of this service.

There were many favorable comments regarding the amount of data tracked in the database and the speed of which it was accessible. Many questions were fielded about how this was done. You are interested, so here it is. The computer at home is a Magitronics 40mHz386DX with four megs of RAM and two 130-mbyte SCSI hard disks displaying on an NEC Multisync 2 monitor. CompOps in Orlando was operating from a DTK 33mHz 486SLC with eight megs RAM and a 250 mbyte hard disk. An external keyboard was used in Orlando to speed the operation. The printer in Orlando was the printer from home base, an Epson LQ 510. To date, the printer has printed over 10,000 membership certificates and cards, 45,000 address labels, four complete printouts of the entire STARFLEET membership roster and over 400 vessel rosters. This has been accomplished without any malfunctions except for ribbons that seem to have a lifespan of anywhere from six hours to three weeks. A *Communiqué* label run of about 5200 labels takes about six hours to run and is always started with a new ribbon. The program that manages the data is written and compiled in Clipper 5.0. The development of the program is not complete and probably will never be completed. "Hey, Clayton. I was wondering if you could get the program to..." Need I say more? If

it is not a suggestion from Rob, it is something that would make processing a bit easier or maintenance of the fleet more efficient. There is still quite a list of enhancements not started but they will have to wait. Shutting down CompOps for a week to attend the conference in Orlando has set operations back about two weeks. Extra help is being brought on board to help, but there are only so many hours in a day. Please be patient as we try to get caught back up.

The data is stored in five databases. There are 18,578 records (7.4 mbytes) in the member database, 414 (290 kbytes) in the vessel database and 56 (378 bytes) in the regions database. One database is used to store the STARFLEET staff positions and region descriptions as found in the Vessel Registry. This is handy since the program creates the Vessel Registry upon command. The last database is to be used in a future enhancement of the program. At the moment, all of the data will fit compressed on a single 1.44 mbyte floppy. The program and its source files will fit on another. That this means, is that when the eventuality of the passing of the CompOps baton from this location to another occurs, it will be accomplished in a matter of minutes. Now, is that state of the art, or what?

Well, that is the end of my lecture today. Your tests are in the mail. Successful completion of the test will give you credit for CompOps 101. Good luck.

## 1995 STARFLEET International Conference by Mike Henigan, Director, Site Selection Committee

The STARFLEET Site Selection Committee is pleased to announce the site of the 1995 STARFLEET International Conference:

### Atlanta '95

In conjunction with Dragon\*Con & NASFIC 95, the largest Fan-Run Science Fiction Convention in all of North America. Dragon\*Con will be held July 13-16, 1995 in Atlanta, Georgia.

STARFLEET's host will be Atlanta '95, chaired by Fleet Captain Kelly Hilliard, *USS Republic*. Atlanta '95 is an organization of STARFLEET ships in the Atlanta, Northern Georgia & North Carolina area.

Registration is \$45 through September 1, 1994, and \$50 thereafter.

For further information, please contact: Atlanta '95, Kelly Hilliard, 2071 Walden Park Place, Snellville, GA 30278-3479 or call 404/985-5720.

## Fleet Promotions

The following officers were promoted by STARFLEET as of June 30, 1994 (as announced at the STARFLEET International Conference).

### To Admiral

Tim Gillespie, *Starfleet CoC*

### To Vice Admiral

Stephen Thomas, *USS Jamestown*

### To Rear Admiral

Jennifer Levine French, *Starfleet ShOC*

Kim Lerman, *Starfleet Chief of Staff*

Peg Pellerin, *Director, OTS*

### To Commodore

Alan Ravitch, *Region 15 RC*

### To Fleet Captain

Felicia Berger, *USS Nighthawk*

Martha Blair, *USS Imladris*

Howard Cronson, *USS Christa McAuliffe*

Gary Decker, *Starfleet J.A.G.*

Mike Henigan, *USS Longfellow*

Michael Knight, *USS Shadowguard*

Norman Langolis, *USS Malaspina*

Deborah Leafey, *Region 01 VRC*

Tom Milinski, *USS Polaris*

Diana Morgan, *USS Oberon*

Richard Pearce, *USS Rainbow Warrior*

Robin Pillow, *USS Pathfinder*

Joan Riley, *USS Polaris*

Sharon Stewart, *USS Triumph*

Robert Westfall, *USS Krazny Oktyabr*

### To Captain

Brenda Bell, *USS Avenger*

Michael Cowart, *USS Triumph*

Stacia Felix, *USS Simonov*

Scott French, *Starfleet ShOC Staff*

Robbie Lewis, *USS Wasp*

Caroline Long, *USS Defiance*

### To Colonel

Paul Ortiz, *SFMC*

Congratulations to all!

## Call For Applications

by Dwain Gleason, Vice Commander STARFLEET

The following positions are currently open at the Fleet level. This could be your chance to serve the Fleet! To apply, please see below.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP REPRESENTATIVE** - This individual will facilitate support of STARFLEET's "Associate Members," those who choose not to be involved in STARFLEET Chapters. This department operates as an information clearinghouse for Associate Members, offering news about STARFLEET programs and involvement opportunities, STARFLEET operational policies (when necessary) and other items of interest. This department may publish a newsletter or other supplemental information, if the desire exists within the Associate Member community. This individual should have 1+ years of STAR FLEET membership, good organizational skills and some newsletter production or desktop publishing skills would be a plus.

**FLEET DIVISION CHIEF OF CADETS** - This individual will initiate a Fleet-wide Cadet Corps for younger STARFLEET members. The specifics of this program have not been established, but we are looking into a support and information exchange organization for both the Cadets and the STARFLEET members who support them. The Cadet Corps will publish informational and activity materials of use to Cadets and Cadet support personnel, as well as providing an informational exchange. A Cadet newsletter is a possibility, as well as an organized cadet activity and incentive program (similar to the Boy/Girl Scouts of America). This individual should have 1+ years of STARFLEET membership, some professional or personal experience with your children and/or primary education, and possibly some newsletter production experience. This individual will also be responsible for assembling a Staff to assist this Fleet Division.

**COLLEGIATE SUPPORT DIRECTOR** - This individual will initiate a Fleet program for Chapters and member currently enrolled in Collegiate or University institutions. With the proliferation of members and chapters based or living on college campuses, there is a need for individuals to advice and support those individuals and chapters. This FDC will serve as a support mechanism for College Chapters COs in such areas as recruit-

ment, crew turnover, commitment balancing, collegiate requirements and responsibilities, as well as support to college-enrolled members of STAR FLEET in areas such as starting a college based chapter, involvement in Correspondence Programs, information on the STARFLEET scholarship Program, and more. This FDC may produce information materials and (potentially) a newsletter for Collegiate Members.

This individual should possess 1+ years of STARFLEET membership and experience as a member (or former member) of a college based STARFLEET chapter or similar campus organization. Publishing experience a plus. This individual will also be responsible for assembling a Staff to assist this Fleet Division.

**FLEET DIVISION CHIEF OF ELECTRONIC INFORMATION EXCHANGE** - This individual will coordinate and facilitate the exchange of official STARFLEET electronic materials through the various computer networks (TrekNet, Internet, etc.) as well as the Commercial Online Services (AOL, Genie, CompuServe, etc) This individual will also facilitate the exchange of electronic materials via diskette mailings to interested parties and other related activities. This program's intent is to centralize STARFLEET information distribution via the computer networks and other means, as well as to increase and standardize communications throughout the Fleet whenever possible. This individual should have 1+ years of STARFLEET membership. Access to the various networks and services mentioned above is a must. Access to a variety of computer platforms (IBM, Macintosh, Amiga, and others) is a plus.

All positions also require OTS and OCC completion through STARFLEET Academy.

To apply, send a STARFLEET "resume," proposals for the various programs and other relevant information to:

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Applications for these positions will be accepted through September 10.

## S.O.S. (Save our STARFLEET)

by Scott and Jennifer French

In case you haven't heard, STARFLEET is running a contest! In issue #61 of the *Communiqué*, there was an article called "STARFLEET Fiscal Complexities, Or, Now What Do We Do?" That article outline a fund-raising plan for STARFLEET. That plan institute a contest to see which region can raise the most money for STARFLEET, per capita. The winning region will gain the adoration of thousands. The ship in each region that raises the most money will also gain public admiration.

Don't delay planning your fund-raisers. Sell M&Ms, have a tag sale, wash cars, sell fanzines, and do whatever else you can. Remember, though, to get your contributions in by October 31, 1994.

Send checks and money orders payable to STARFLEET to: Alexandra Sashi German, PO BOX 41926, Philadelphia, PA 19101-1926.

Anyone writing a check or money order should include his/her SCC number. If an individual member would like to send a donation directly to the fund, be sure you tell us the chapter and region to which the donation should be credited.

### NOTICE!

**Any contributions you make to the "Save Our STARFLEET fund" are not tax-deductible as a charitable contribution or otherwise, and may not properly be claimed as a tax deduction on your individual (or other) income tax returns!**

## Chief of Operations Position Open

by Dwain Gleason, Vice Commander  
STARFLEET

VADM Terry Wyatt has been relieved of his duties as STARFLEET Chief of Operations effective July 12. I want to thank Terry for his work on behalf of the Fleet, and wish him well in his future endeavors.

The position of Chief of Operations is currently open for applications. Applicant for the position must have 3+ years command experience (Chapter CO, Regional Coordinator, or Executive Committee member) and must be OTS and OCC graduates (or graduate of the old OTS exam). An individual who has held the position of Vice Regional Coordinator or higher for one year or more would be preferred, but is not necessary. Applicants should possess strong organizational and management skills.

In the meantime, FLT CAPT Michael "JD" Knight will be serving as Interim Chief of Operations. "JD" has been Region 04 Vice Regional Commander for some time, and also served as CO of the *USS Shadowguard*. He has an impressive Fleet and Real-World resume, and will serve the Fleet excellently until a permanent placement is made.

Michael's address is: 797 E. Fargo Ave., Hanford, CA 93230-2329

E-mail address: STRFLT@AOL.COM

All Starship reports should be sent directly to JD, as well as to the proper Regional Coordinator. JD will also be handling chapter commissionings until the permanent Chief of Operations is named. Both Jen French (ShOC) and I will be assisting in any other Operations issues as well during this transition period.

## STARFLEET Atlanta Invites You To A Taste of the South

by Kelly Scott Hilliard, *USS Republic*

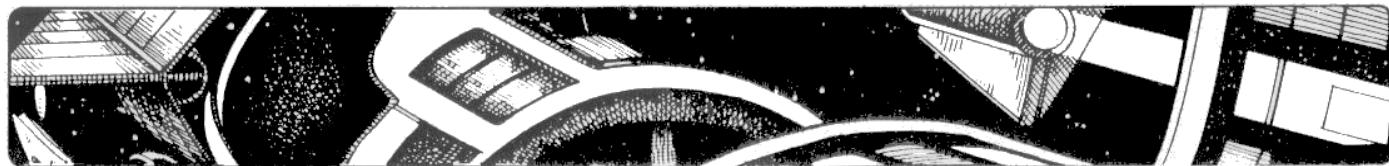
Do you remember that signal day when you turned 21? Do you remember the promise that it held? Well next year we'll turn 21 at the International Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. I would like to invite all of you to join us in celebrating STARFLEET's coming of age!

The International Conference will be held July 13-16, 1995 in Atlanta, Georgia at DragonCon/NASFiC. We are thrilled to be able to host next year's conference at such a prestigious convention. DragonCon is a fantasy and comic convention and draws 7,000 people annually with an expected attendance of 10,000 in 1995. NASFiC is the alternate WorldCon, the literary convention where Hugo's are awarded, when WorldCon is held outside the continental United States. Both are high quality conventions where a member can always find something to do. Bjo Trimble has already been signed to attend the convention as well as many other science fiction guests. Our Trek guest will be announced at a later date.

Besides a cavalcade of guests, we will have a dealers room the size of the ballroom at this past.

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Thanks to Mike Henigan, the Officer's Training School Electronic Connection, for passing on the following information:

## News from the Officer's Training School

Peg Pellerin, Director of the Officer's Training School (OTS), is aware that new members have not been receiving the fleet By-Laws and policies in their membership packets. Because this booklet is necessary to complete the OTS exam, she asks that anyone who has applied to OTS and is waiting for the booklet to write her and let her know. If you do this, Peg will mark your file as having applied for and been granted an extension.

Also, for those Fleet members who are applying to OTS and have not yet received an SCC number, please note on the SCC line on the application "pending" and the date you sent in your STARFLEET application. She will then send the exam for you to take while awaiting your SCC number.

## STARFLEET STAMPEDE

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### Mailing frequencies open....

Greeting from Dallas! I have just gotten back from the 1994 STARFLEET International Conference held in Orlando, Florida this year and I am revitalized and excited by all the positive energy that the members of STARFLEET are generating. The best part of the conference for me was getting to put faces to names and voices. Thank you to everyone that stopped by to say hi and drop off stamps. Speaking of dropping off stamps—**Stamped Roundup II** brought in a whopping 67 pounds of stamps from 29 ships, shuttles and individuals. The interesting part was seeing me try to pack all those stamps in my luggage to bring home. "Dr. Dave do you make house calls? My shoulder feels kinda funny." Top honors in this year's **Round Up** contest went to the *USS Sagittarius*. Finishing a VERY close second was the *USS Khai Tam* and third place went to Luana Collie of Pensacola, FL. The other **Round Up** participants were: Jay Gutzman, *USS Czar'ak*, *USS Tejas*, *USS Superior*, *USS Infinity*, *USS Albany*, *USS Albany*, *USS Storm Bird*, *USS*

*Valkyrie*, *Shuttle Jurassic*, *USS Starquest*, *USS Simonov*, *USS Hawking*, *USS Hexum*, *USS Defiance*, *USS Starchaser*, *USS Europe*, *USS Henri Durant*, *USS Royal Sovereign*, *USS A.M. Valsalva*, *USS Longfellow*, *USS Ranger*, *USS Savannah*, *USS Triumph*, *USS Paegan*, *USS Alliance*.

To all of you new STARFLEET members who are wondering what this fuss is about, let me give you a little information about what we're doing.

STARFLEET Stamped is a community service program sponsored by STARFLEET International. Fleet members (and friends) 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 trimmed with between 1/4 and 1/2 inch paper left on all sides. They should be sorted in groups of foreign, commemorative, love, definitive and postcards (left whole). Christmas stamps have been dropped because there is NO market for them. Informational packets with more detail are available upon request. When you send your stamps in please

use the least expensive way. Stamped is an ongoing project so third class or UPS is fine.

In addition to the stamps sent in for the Round Up contest we collected about 6 1/2 pounds of stamps from other Fleet members and chapters. The contributors for the months of April and May 1994 were: *USS Arizona*, *USS Bonaventure*, *USS Briza*, *USS Challenger*, Elenore Claassen, Sherry Hopper/College of Federation Studies, Dennis Cowell, Chris Wallace/DTS, *USS Equinox*, Jay K. Gilbert, *USS Hawkeye*, *USS Hornet*, *USS IDIC*, *USS Lancelot*, Diane Malkowski, *USS Questar*, *USS Rhyanna*, *USS Sol*, *USS Stellar Wind*, Sue Uram, William Vodrey.

I would like to recognize two individuals that have been great supporters of Stamped ever since I sent out my first frantic call for help with processing over 100 pounds of stamps that had been turned over to me by Vice Admiral Clayton Melanson when he stepped down from Stamped to take over CompOps in 1992. These two have not only volunteered their time then and now but have also been good friends. I want to extend my thanks to Patricia Thraxton and Michelle de La Rosa, the CO and XO of the *USS Sagittarius* in Mesquite, TX. Someday they are going to have to let me know how they keep their apartment so clean while trimming and sorting all those stamps that end up on my doorstep!

Until next time stay cools and keep saving those stamps!



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In 1993, several different departments were opened, titled "Fleet Division Chiefs" of STARFLEET. Each FDC program concentrates on a "special interest" withing STARFLEET by subject: Engineering, Medical, Marines, etc. The FDC program's purpose is to increase the opportunity for membership involvement at the Fleet level, as well as allowing members the opportunity to meet and "network" with others across the Fleet with similar interests. Mandy of the FDC Programs publish informational brochures, and some do indeed publish newsletters. If you have an interest in any of the FDC Programs, please either write directly to the FDC of your choice or to me at the address on the inside front cover of your Communique.

Also, many of STARFLEET's Regions employs a variety of Regional Division Chief programs. I'd like to encourage every RDC to get in contact with the Chief of the Fleet Division you are interested in. Through involvement and personal contact, the Fleet Division Chief program will continue to grow and prosper. Many FDCs have called and written with wonderful reports about members becoming involved with newsletters, information exchanges, and other projects.

Here is your chance to have some fun at the Fleet level, meet others, and maybe learn a little about a subject you're interested in.

## **FDC - Communications**

Your FDC of Communications, Lynne Miller, is anxiously looking for input from the Fleet on two key projects: the *Who's Who in STARFLEET* and a comprehensive guide to the History of Fleet. Members holding the rank of Captain and above are encouraged to write to Lynne for information on submitting biographical material and photos, to be published for sale to the Fleet at large so we can all get to know the "senior members" of the Fleet. Also, members with information or input on the History of STARFLEET, from it's humble beginnings in 1974 all the way to the present day are encouraged to contact Lynne about this exciting project. Lynne is also entertaining suggestions for other Communications projects, including a possible Communications Journal ("How to Build a Better Newsletter") and more. Contact Lynne at 1305 Center Rd., Clinton, OH 44126 for more information.

## **FDC - Engineering**

Pat Lichty, the FDC of Engineering, runs a very open information clearinghouse for interested members on almost every aspect of Engineering, from Starship Design to weaponry and sensor schematics. This office is currently looking producing a newsletter and examining the possibility of a Technical Journal. Your input

would be appreciated! Contact Pat Lichty at 8211 E. Wadora NW, N. Canton, Ohio 44720 or call (216) 494-5593 for more information.

## **FDC - Marines**

LouJaue McPherson and the STARFLEET Marine Corps are looking for a few good lifeforms to participate in the Marine Experience. If you've got "what it takes," or more specifically, a desire to learn more about the Marines and what they are, write to LouJaue at 815 Woodlow St., Pittsburgh, PA 15205. LouJaue and the Marine Corps are always ready to help start new Marine Strike Groups in conjunction with chapters, the formation of Marine chapters, and just about anything else relating to this fascinating facet of the FDC Program. Marines from around the Fleet were recognized in the last issue of the *Communique* for their "can do" attitude and spirit of fun and involvement - be part of the excitement, and join the STARFLEET Marines!

## **FDC - Medical**

One of the most popular FDC programs, the FDC of Medicine, headed up by David Miller, M.D. is ready to provide members with an interest in medicine with a chance to get involved with a terrific FDC program. *Sickbay*, the FDC of Medicine newsletter, regularly updates the Medical Corps on real world Medical concerns and issues, as well as information that you may very well find useful in "real-life". The FDC of Medicine and the Fleet Medical Corps also provide members a chance to meet others involved and interested in the healing arts through regularly published directors of medical personnel, as well as a variety of other projects. The FDC of Medicine was instrumental in coordinating much of STARFLEET's relief effort during last year's devastating floods in the Midwest, proving that while this organization can be fun, we have a heart too. Write to 36 Four Seasons Suite 299, Chesterfield, MO 63017 for more information.

## **FDC - Operations**

Working hard down in Florida, Kaye Downing, your Fleet Division Chief of Operations, is willing to help you with any aspect of running a successful chapter and keeping it going. The FDC of Operations also offers an important asset to the Fleet: a library of reference information usable as source material for the various STARFLEET Academy schools and courses. For a small fee and a SASE, FDC-OPS will provide students with material excerpts to aid and assist members with materials they may not otherwise be able to obtain from a local library. Kaye would like to hear from you, and encourages you to get involved with the Operations FDC program. Write to Kaye at 2445 Stonebridge, Orange Park, FL 32965.

## **FDC - Rangers**

Rumors of the Rangers' death have been greatly exaggerated. Randy Slater and the STARFLEET Rangers are not only ready, but willing and able to provide you with an opportunity to be a part of this growing and enthusiastic part of the FDC program. Concentrating on the Law Enforcement side of the Fleet, much like the famed Texas Ranger, Randy encourages everyone with an interest in Rangers and Special Operations to contact his office for more information on the program and how to form a Ranger Unit in your chapter. The Rangers are working on their own newsletter and Academy courses, and many chapters are already involved in this growing program. For more information, or to get involved with the Rangers, contact Randy at 8505 E. Valley Way, Spokane, WA 99212-2820.

## **FDC - Sciences**

Think you're pretty handy with a tricorder, eh? Bill Johnson, the Sciences Fleet Division Chief, is looking for your involvement. The Sciences FDC is on the move with a FDC newsletter, information brochures, and other projects currently underway and being developed. The Sciences FDC offers members a chance to learn a little more about the world we live in as well as the world of tomorrow. The Science FDC published professional information brochures on a variety of topics, so write to the FDC of Sciences at 515 Murray St., Elizabeth, NJ 07202 for more information on this program.

## **FDC - Security**

Not just for Ensigns Expendable! Cindy Glenn, your FDC of Security, is looking for members interested in Security and related topics to get involved in this program. The FDC of Security is currently running a logo contest, so you artists with a knack for logo creation can get your ideas in to Cindy for potential fame and reward! (Maybe just fame.) To get on the FDC-Security mailing list, write to Cindy Glenn at PO Box 2104, Blowing Rock, NC 28605. Feel free to send your suggestions and ideas for this part of the FDC program!

## **From the OPS Console** **By Kaye Downing, FDC Operations**

Role-playing is a recreational activity enjoyed by many Fleet members whether it be done by either gaming, computer BBSs or "live action" activities during conventions, community service events or other Trek fandom activities. Like other fun activities there must be some simple guidelines in order to avoid misunderstandings by both players and non-players and to preclude damage to prop-

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## STARFLEET Marines

Greetings!

First off in this article I want all of you to join my in congratulating Paul Ortiz, our 4th Regimental commanding officer on his promotion to full bird colonel.

As many of you already know we have officially split from Starfleet Marines International (SMI). There were many reasons that I am not going to go into at this time. This does nothing to your membership in SMI, it just means that at this time there is no 1st Division from STARFLEET. There are a lot of mixed feelings about this move. Some for, some against. If I have upset anybody then I am sorry. But in the interim you must understand several points: 1) I have a responsibility to the Marines in STARFLEET, 2) I have a responsibility for the continued growth of this idea in STARFLEET, and 3) I have the same responsibility to you, the membership.

Right now we all have to look ahead and build an identity for the STARFLEET Marines. The idea of an identity is one of the things that we seem to be lacking. It needs to start with the Strike Groups and rises to the Regimental level and then finally to the Corps level. The best examples that we have at this point are Regiments 4 and 12. They have the kind of *esprit de corps* that we all need to achieve. In the future when we get ourselves to

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the point I would like to see us in, I would then like to form an ALLIANCE with SMI. We have so much to offer each other and in the long run we do need each other. Just remember until then, "We are all Marines and we have a Job to do."

For those of you that did not know, KAG has declared WAR on STARFLEET due to our little capture of the *IKV Dark Justice*. I find it interesting that the Klingons can capture our Admirals and Captains at conventions and ransom them back to us and that is all just peachy, and when one of their biggest class of ship is captured by two squads of Marines a war breaks out. They have also named it the DARK JUSTICE WAR.

They want to challenge us to any and everything to prove their Warrior superiority. FINE! They are going to know at the end of this that they have had one hell of a battle, and the STAR FLEET Marines will be leading it!

What I want to do is publish (with your help) the STARFLEET War Journal (yes a Fanzine) with all of the battles in the war. Both the victories and the defeats, and maybe a few other stories of Marines in action or a personal bio, and offer it for donations at conventions and the money will go to MDA. What I need from you is a complete detailed report of your "battle" with the Klingons., If they beat you I want to know! BE HONEST! We can't win every battle but we will win this war! We will also keep you informed of the "WAR" as best as we can in this newsletter.

In reality this is a good chance to get out with the Klingons and have a good time. We all take our roles too seriously and this should not be. Yes, role playing at cons is a lot of fun and I at times get into it to, but there are some people that just will not quit. "They are Klingon and we are Federation and the two can never work peacefully." I never liked this idea and it comes from both

sides. Perhaps this is just what KAG and STARFLEET needed to become friendlier and work together for the greater good of fandom. Remember, when the make-up and the uniforms come off we are all still regular people. And by the way, where people are saying things like "I will apologize to every Klingon I see for this disgraceful action." "You need to look at the Commander of the *Dark Justice*. When the shock wore off he was one of the first to laugh. Do not take the war too seriously and enjoy yourselves.

### Battle Report

*USS Integrity* received word (a leak in Klingon Intelligence) that they were going to be attacked at their next meeting. *LGEM William Stemmler* and his group prepared to repel boarders. As the Klingons rushed into the meeting area they were greeted by the 100th Marine Strike Group. As they turned to run they were greeted by the 102nd Marine Strike Group. Nuff said!

*USS Columbus* was badly damaged by Klingon gravidic mines that were laid in their path by a cloaked bird of prey. She was towed (what was left of her [the Klingons were quite thorough]) back to space dock for repairs and should be fully operational by now.

*COL Paul Ortiz* was attacked by six Klingons including their Western Fleet Admiral, Qeldos. *COL Ortiz* successfully defeated all of the Klingons single handedly and also racked up FADM Qeldos as a casualty of the war. Also when he ran out of ammunition (super soakers) he took the weapon off Qeldos and continued the battle.

At a convention in Rochester NY, members of the *IKV Ice Dagger* arrested *CAPT Willard H. Speck* (Res Marine Lt. Colonel). *CAPT Speck* was thrown into a cell and tortured (they showed

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### Ops Report continued

erty or injury to others. FDC-OPS has developed these guidelines for use during these types of activities.

1. Only agreed participants will engage in sanctioned role-play activities. Non-participants will NOT be the object of role-play activities.
2. A listing will be clearly posted identifying organizations/chapters and or individual participants at each event where role-playing activities will take place.
3. Neutral Zones/off-limits areas will be respected by all participants.
4. All business meetings, special ceremonies, and functions are OFF LIMITS to role-playing activities unless previously agree upon by the hosting organization/presiding officer of the event and the designated leader of the roleplaying activity.
5. Convention/Special Event recruiting tables are OFF-LIMITS as an object of role-playing activities.
6. No items displayed upon organizational tables

shall be taken for role-playing activities unless so designated as a "role-play" item.

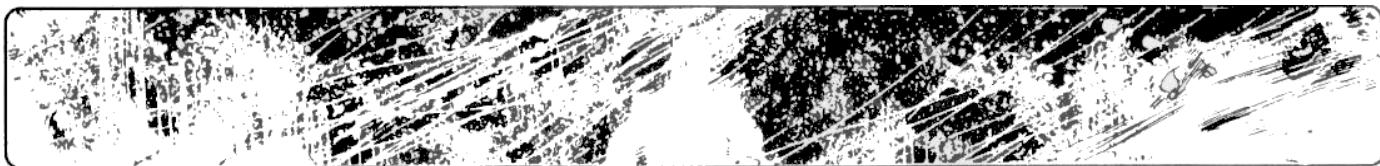
7. There will be no ACTUAL physical confrontation. Simulated combat/physical confrontations will be pre-briefed among potential participants.
8. If role play involves the use of squirt guns, they will be employed only in designated areas and players' (hoses, water bottles, nozzles, etc.) will not be touched by other players during play.
9. All written/voice communications (to include messages, mail, BBS posts, etc.) will carry a disclaimer either at the beginning or end of the communication showing that the communication is for role-play only. An example would be: "The following message is for role-play only and is NOT intended as a flame against \_\_\_\_\_ fandom:
10. All property and costumes of both players and non-players will be respected at all times.
11. In the event of either an emergency or non-players becoming accidentally involved in a cccc

role-playing activity, role-play will cease and persona dropped and either the emergency will be dealt with or it will politely be explained to the non-players that a role-play activity is in progress and what's happening.

12. All players will become familiar with these rules before they are permitted to engage in role-play activities.
13. Have FUN - The Most Important Guideline of All!

These guidelines have been sent to the presidents of the following national organizations: The Federation, Klingon Assault Group (KAG), Klingon Legion of Assault Warriors (KLA), Star Fleet Command (SFC), and Starfleet Marines International (SMI) with a cover letter explaining how STARFLEET International would like to conduct role-play activities. This office encourages each chapter to retain a Copy of these guidelines and to periodically review them. Any suggested revisions to these guidelines are welcome. Put on that uniform and liberate that Fleet persona that has been lurking within you for all these years!





# J. A. G. L I N E S

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First of all, let me take this opportunity to thank Vadm. Deborah Nelson and her superb staff for the wonderful time we all had at the International Convention recently concluded in Orlando. These thanks are duplicative of those set forth in my own personal convention report, which, if it also gets printed in the *Communiqué*, will illustrate the legal maxim, "Superfluity does not vitiate." Or, to put a finer point on the matter, "Saying it twice doesn't make it wrong."

Also, those of you with Internet connections already know that this Decker-Unit, with the help of the Creator, newly-minted Commodore Alan Ravitch (congratulations, Alan!), RC/R15, has already made a significant (at least in terms of bulk) posting summarizing the actions taken by the A.B. at the Orlando InterNatCon. This summary will not be reprinted here; instead, selected highlights will be emphasized on a purely idiosyncratic basis.

## The Constitution and By-laws

That draft of the Constitution and By-laws (which terms are used interchangeably here) which was circulated to the general membership for approval has been WITHDRAWN. The vote has been suspended. The reasons are twofold:

(1) The office of the Secretary of State of North Carolina told us literally the Friday of the InterNatCon that the By-laws as drafted, if approved, would torpedo STARFLEET's classification as a non-profit (or not-for-profit) corporation due to the financial intermeshing of the chapters and regions with STARFLEET: The Corporation,

(2) The By-laws were sent out bulk rate instead of first class (a snafu of the mailing house, apparently), as otherwise required by the By-laws themselves, thus invalidating the election on inadequate notice and due process grounds.

For now, that portion of the June 1990 Revised Constitution dealing with elections only is proposed to be amended, which will be the subject of a separate mailing in the near future. The old time guidelines will apply, but, if passed, the amendment would require 10 C.O.'s to nominate a candidate for Commander, STARFLEET, instead of the present 5, a C.P.A. would be in charge of administering the election process, and the term of office for the Commander, STARFLEET would be increased from two to three years, amongst other changes. Watch your mailboxes for the latest proposed amendment.

## Taxes/Finances

While not all of the records from North Carolina have found their way to Fleet H.Q. yet [we know there are still some more out there], Fleet's accountant has enough information 'to at least get close,' and it is on that basis that Fleet will

meet the current tax filing deadline of July 15th [extended because, of all things, the Federal Government had yet to print the necessary forms for 1993].

As you have all seen from your last *Communiqué*, there is already afield a STARFLEET fund raising campaign. If each Fleet member contributed \$5.00 a head (this includes each family member, too), we would probably have enough to meet our income tax contingencies, barring a disastrous result before the I.R.S.

The current tax strategy will be to file only on behalf of STARFLEET: The Corporation, not to include any of the financial activities of the chapters or regions. STAR FLEET, then, would report only that "income" pertaining to the operation of Fleet nationally and internationally, such as STARFLEET dues and scholarship income, proceeds from sales through the STAR FLEET Quartermaster, Academy monies, and the like.

This latter point raises some interesting issues, however. What about those Academy directors who receive enrollment fees and funds for course materials, and then "cycle" such funds through their own personal bank accounts? Technically speaking, of course, they are mixing Fleet money with their own personal funds, which, generally, gives accountants fits. If the I.R.S. decides to audit Fleet, then, arguably, Academy directors' personal accounts, to the extent that they have been holding Fleet monies, would likewise come under audit scrutiny.

The short-term solution is to have every Academy director keep detailed books of account and records of all financial transactions involving Fleet monies and Academy income and outgo, and then make monthly reports of such financial activities to Fleet. Ultimately, when Fleet is in a position to set up uniform bookkeeping procedures, this concern will be more specifically dealt with. Academy directors particularly troubled by this situation now might consider setting up separate checking accounts for the academies they direct, but they should also watch out for bank charges that might make this decision not a cost-effective one. Raising Academy fees to cover these increased costs is always a consideration, but probably one better viewed as a last resort, and only after consultation with and approval of at least the E.C.

## Corporation

Considerable debate was conducted before the A.B. at Orlando about whether or not to continue with the North Carolina corporation once the tax situation is addressed. This issue will be explored further once the I.R.S. has been dealt with. Constitutional Committee

Given the withdrawal of the McGinnis/Nelson draft constitution, the A.B. voted to convene a new Constitution Committee, to report back to the A.B. within 60 days. The members of the Committee are FADM Rob Lerman, VADM Janis Moore, VADM Dan McGinnis, VADM Linda Neighbors, VADM Deborah Nelson, CAPT Gail Rushing and CAPT Michael D. Smith, with yours truly as advisor to and coordinator of the Committee. The members of the Committee are requested to contact me with their addresses, telephone numbers and fax numbers, along with a calendar of their availability for "telephone meetings," as soon as possible.

## Communiqué

Tim Gillespie - In a promotion richly deserved - was made a full Admiral in STARFLEET at the InterNatCon. He is, as you all know, stepping down as Chief of Communications. That the Cleveland Indians are in first place of course has nothing to do with this decision. Something about LagrangeCon? What was that?

Anyhow, the A.B. decided that the Constitution Special Edition of the *Communiqué* would not count against any member's subscription entitlement. Adjustments will be made as soon as Clayton Melanson finishes pulling the last two strands of hair left on his head. (Hey! I can say that. I'm a chrome domer, too.)

## Interregional Ship/Shuttle Transfers

In a handful of instances there have been situations where ships or shuttles wanted to transfer from one region to another. The A.B. made policy that a ship or shuttle has to declare a city of charter, with obligations to report to the RC in that city's geographical area.

Correspondence ships are a different matter, and a committee has been formed to look into their needs. Allyson Dyar is chair of that committee.

## J.A.G. To Serve as Directed By A.B., Not Just E.C.

In the last *Communiqué*, the J.A.G. Lines reported that yours truly renders investigative services and gives advised only at the request of the Commander, STARFLEET or as directed by the E.C. At Orlando, this "job description," if you will, was modified to provide that the Fleet J.A.G. Officer serves at the direction of the A.B., as communicated by the Commander, STARFLEET, not just the E.C. The A.B. also confirmed my appointment as Fleet JAG Officer, so I am looking forward to being of service to STARFLEET to the greatest extent I am able. An early project might very well be looking into who, exactly, holds the trademark or copyright on "Starfleet" and "Starfleet

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## J.A.G. Report continued

Academy" both of which terms have been appearing in print of late with "TM" superscripts. Mayhap we will need to contact Paramount and ViaCom about formalizing our use of these terms in the purely "fan club" and "charitable good works" context that we have been using them for the past 20 years. If this becomes an issue, I'll let y'all know.

### Region 04 Conference To Host Candidates' Debate

As of the A.B. meeting in Orlando, three candidates declared for the Fleet Admiralty: (1) the Incumbent, FADM Rob Lerman, (2) VADM Dan McGinnis, RC/R12, and (3) VADM Janis Moore, RC/R4. The Region 4 Conference this year will be held in the Visalia Convention Center, Just south of Fresno, on Saturday, August 27th. VADM Moore Issued a challenge to the candidates for a formal debate of the Issues, which challenge FADM Lerman accepted, and VADM McGinnis tentatively accepted pending business arrangements. The debate will follow the format established by the League of American Women Voters, and (with three candidates) will take the form of 12 prepared questions and 12 questions from the noor. Of the 12 prepared questions (which the candidates will not know in advance), each of the candidates will be asked 4 directly (with two minutes to answer the question), and the remaining two candidates will each have 1 minute to respond to the Initial answer. Questions from the floor will be handled similarly, so that the total debate, with Introductions, will last on the order of one hour forty-five minutes.

The debate will be videotaped, and will be made available to any STARFLEET member or chapter requesting a copy and providing the necessary videotape and postage, or paying the cost of a duplicate tape (and postage). Further questions about the R04 Conference and debate should be sent either to me or to, -Michael . JD" Knight, 797 E. Fargo Ave., Hanford, CA 93230-2329. New candidates declaring are also invited.

In this Fleet election year, please urge your fellow ST ARFLEET members to vote; otherwise, the franchise is useless.

## Marine Report continued

him reruns of Donna Reed and they sang "Tomorrow" to him). When they found out that they could not make him talk they let him go.

On the same note a Klingon came on board the *USS Potemkin* (our monthly meeting) as an Ambassador from the *IKV Dark Justice*. Later in the meeting he tried to assassinate our XO, CDR Brenda Shaffer (the Captain was at a class and did not make it for this meeting). COR Shaffer fell with a disrupter wound and the Klingon known only as "Jesse" was wrestled to the ground by FLT SGT MAJ Nathan Champine and CHIEF WARRENT OFFICER Hellen Winegarden and killed. COR Shaffer was almost killed in this action. If she hadn't been part Vulcan (yes, the Katra deal people) she would have been lost.

One more, the Battle of Olympic 629 where the *USS Potemkin* and the *Dark Justice* squared off head-to-head (all night bowling). The *Potemkin* came out on top In every frame of the battle.



# SHUTTLE OPERATIONS

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We at ShOC have an announcement to make. Our director, Rear Admiral Jennifer Levine, has married Captain Scott French, and has changed her name to Jennifer French. We would like to congratulate the happy couple and wish them many years of happiness.

For those who haven't heard, the new STARFLEET Shuttle Manuals are ready and can be bought for \$3 each (\$4 overseas). Please note that this fee is necessary to cover the costs of printing and mailing the manuals. Send your name, address and a check or money order made out to STARFLEET to the ShOC address above.

I wanted to remind everyone about the "Save Our Starfleet" Fundraiser mentioned in the last *Communiqué*. Remember, the region that raises the most money per capita will gain the admiration of thousands of STARFLEET members! And, the ship in each region that raises the most money per capita will gain bragging rights over all other ships in that region!

And last, but certainly not least, it has been a while since we published a list of new shuttles, so we have quite a few of them. We welcome each of them to the Shuttle program and wish them all the best of luck:

(Shuttle name, commander, city, and state listed):

### Region 01

*Atlantian* - Scott Niels Jensen/Greenville, NC  
*Cu'Chulainn* - Valerie RoselTerre Haute, IN  
*Quadrottricale* - Robert Hansen/Evansville, IN  
*Sekhmet* - Karen Peaks/Millington, TN

### Region 02

*Dark Silence* - Carol Burhans/Florence, AL  
*Durendal-USS Exeter* - Matthew Nessl/Troy, AL

### Region 03

*Andromeda* - William James/Gainesville, TX

### Region 04

*Nemesis* - Unda Thuringer/Bakersville, CA  
*Palavra* - Mary Encinas/Escondido, CA

### Region 06

*Farragut* - Jan Lembecki/Sartell, MN

### Region 07

*Condor* - Donald Adams/Pasadena, MD  
*Highlander* - Jeannette Moore/Frederick, MD  
*Justice* - Edward Tunis III/Florham Park, NJ  
*Orion* - Jesse Smith/Watertown, NY  
*Trinity* - John W. Smith Jr./Showell, MD

### Region 12

*Benden* - Michael Dugas/Kansas City, MO  
*Centurion* - Jim Landelius/Fayetteville, AR  
*Lewis & Clark* - Bruce Humphries/Oak Grove, MO  
*Matrix* - Roger Stearns/Fayetteville, AR  
*Mirage* - Karen Hinckley/Midwest City, OK  
*Nyx* - Betty Brewer/Sullivan, Me

### Region 15

*Intrepid II* - Frank Parker/Chicopee, MA  
*Paradise Lost* - Matthew DeBarbieri/Derby, CT

### Region 16

*Lynx* - Paul Dyl/Korea

### Region 17

*K'Ehleyr* - Richard Benker/Las Vegas, NV

## 1995 Conference continued

year's conference, film rooms, gaming, a con suite open 24 hours a day. The Masquerade is an event to behold when many professional costumers show off their work. This year's masquerade will be held at the Civic Center two blocks away, which holds 5,000 people in comfort. The Art Show will be of a caliber not seen in many years, with works by many professional artists including Michael Whelan. We will also be presenting another episode of Jeopardy and STARFLEET Squares, which was very popular at the conference, as well as other light-hearted activities. The traditional Region Two Hangover Breakfast will again be held at this year's conference, and will be free of charge as usual.

This conference will be different from those of the past. Attending members will get to enjoy the convention almost two days before the International Conference begins. The convention will begin Thursday morning and will continue until

late Sunday afternoon. This way you can attend the conference and still see the convention, a real problem for those who want to attend or have to attend many of the STARFLEET panels and meetings.

The STARFLEET International Conference will be held in the Ramada Hotel-Downtown. Rates are a flat \$84.00. Parking is free, the only downtown hotel who's is. To reserve a room, call the hotel at 404/659-2727. The convention will be using hotels all within a three-block radius. Ours is one block from the main convention hotel, with only a parking deck between us.

Prices are at a reasonable level for this kind of convention. Be forewarned! Prices will go up periodically. Memberships are \$45 until 9/15/94, then \$50 to 3/15/95. For more information, please send an SASE to FCAPT Kelly Hilliard, 2071 Walden Park Pl., Snellville, GA 30278-3479, or e-mail me at oprksh@gsusgl2.gsu.edu. See you in Atlanta in 1995. Ya'll come on down now, ya hear?



# DEAR STARFLEET

Comando William Shalner  
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Dear STARFLEET

Hello! My name is Fatima Botelho de Brito and for a long time I have been considering myself one of the greatest fans of William Shatner. In my country Brazil, and it was because of this great admiration for his work as actor, director and now writer that I decided to start the first Brazilian Friendship Club devoted to his life and career - *Comando William Shatner*, which is a letter-writing based club. We are looking for new friends all the time. Specifically, we are looking to expand further afield. *Comando William Shatner* would be ideally suited to people seeking pen pals with similar interests.

It is a great pleasure for us, Bill fans in Brazil, to count on the support and collaboration from fans in other countries. We would like to emphasize that it is not easy to be a William Shatner fan in Brazil. We suffer from a total lack of information. To obtain news about one's idol normally demands a frenetic marathon from the fan. *Comando William Shatner* originated with the intent to try to fill the gap. We created the group with the objective of divulging the work of William Shatner to his Brazilian fans, and putting such fans in contact with one another, in Brazil and abroad, creating an authentic network of Bill fans. We want to help bring fans together, to help fans communicate with others around the world. We started publishing a newsletter containing news and general information about the life and work of Bill.

We are looking for people to clip or xerox articles from their local papers and magazines on William Shatner related topics. If you can help us, please write! Get to know us. We are a friendly group. Write us at the above address. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Jason M. Evans  
*USS Stellar Wind*

Dear STARFLEET,

I have just read the letter in the May 1994 issue submitted by Robbie Tubbs of the *USS Rainbow Warrior* concerning his experiences with the College of Computer Sciences, and I agree sincerely.

Commodore Sharon Ann Campbell runs a very well organized Academy course. I am currently finishing the first part of the Masters and I am pleased with the well organized procedures, the adequacy of answerable questions, and the promptness that Commodore Campbell displays.

Another course director that I feel needs some recognition is Commodore Marlene Miller of

the Vulcan Academy of Science. Her courses offer a vast variety of science fields of the real world and from the Star Trek universe. The test is adequately challenging and have given me the opportunity to open my mind to new information as well as a review of information I had learned before the course.

All I can say to the directors is, "Nice job, and THANK YOU!"

Mark Gassman  
*USS Alaric*

Dear STARFLEET,

The *USS Alaric*, Asheville, North Carolina's chapter of STARFLEET, is participating in Campbell's Labels for Education Project by collecting labels from certain brands of Campbell's Food Product Company items. The recipient of the *Alaric*'s collection effort is "The Eliada Home" a long established, and highly respected, home for orphaned children and family help center; who, in turn, redeem these labels for educational materials and recreational supplies for children in their care.

Generally, the entire label of the product is kept, with the accompanying UPC bar code attached. Mostly, labels from any Campbell's soups are saved, but labels from other products qualify as well. These include: The quality pledge panel from MRS. PAUL'S products plus UPC code, labels from PREGO Spaghetti Sauces, FRANCO-AMERICAN products, V-8 juices and V-8 products, SWANSON canned or frozen food products, any PEPPERIDGE FARM products, and the safety seal from MARIE'S Salad Dressings.

So far, the *USS Sacajawea* in Inverness, Florida and the *USS Infinity* in Waco, Texas have shown interest in this program. Now I don't know how many other ships in STARFLEET are actively taking part in this program, but I do know that this program is on a national level, so I urge every ship in the Fleet to seek out an institution near to them that redeems these labels and begin your own collection efforts. However, if your ship cannot find a participating organization, the *Alaric* will gladly accept your assistance in this project.

For more information, call Mark Gassman, Chief Engineer, *USS Alaric*, at 704/254-6244, or write to *USS Alaric*, Engineering Dept., P.O. Box 2072, Asheville, NC 28802 (Include SASE).

Joe Christiano  
*USS Konkordium*

Dear STARFLEET,

It was with great interest that I read the letter from Michael Ward regarding the 30-mile rule governing shuttles. Mr. Ward made some very valid points in his article, most of which I agree

with wholeheartedly.

I live in Connecticut, where for the longest time there was one STAR FLEET chapter. Presently, there are four ships, and one shuttle. All of the various ships get along just great, coordinating security at conventions, planning picnics and get-togethers, and so forth. The shuttle crew is made up of the former command staff of one of the ships, who split off from the ship after the last election failed to keep them in power.

They are well within the 30-mile radius (just about everything in CT would be). There has been some friction between the shuttle and its mother ship, and some of the instances mentioned by Mr. Ward have taken place in a relatively short time.

Connecticut is not a large state, but there should be room for plenty of chapters. It seems to me that it is the type of people in a given chapter that dictates any problems that arise. If people are mature enough, there shouldn't be any problems. Maybe if people stopped being petty and started acting like adults, there wouldn't be a need for me (or Mr. Ward) to write in the first place.

Paul Reid,  
*Shuttle Majestic*  
William Denegar,  
*Shuttle Majestic*

Dear STAR FLEET,

Interesting perspective [from Michael Ward on the "30-Mile Rule"]. I must point out however that in this day and age flexibility should be the rule. Fleet CO's are already over-burdened with rules and regulations as it is. Most cities even cities with populations of only 100,000 to 200,000 people can support more than one STARFLEET chapter. Instead of worrying about someone "stealing" members, we as CO's and XO's should be looking at a new shuttle or chapter as an opportunity for new events and activities as well as allowing our members to see some different ways of running a ship.

As to the claim of raiding members, I must point out that this is a cop-out on the part of the leadership of the ships. Members who are happy with the way their Captains and First Officers are running the ship do not for the most part "jump ship." If we as leaders take a new shuttle as a time for us to re-examine how we are running our ships and to what extent we are really listening to the desires of our membership we would all serve our ships much more effectively. To attest to this fact my own shuttle, the *Majestic*, would not exist right now if the leadership of a former STARFLEET chapter based out of Victoria had been doing their jobs.

One final point, drop the limit. It is one more means by which a CO or XO can rationalize their own failure to respond to the desires of their members.

# CONVENTIONS

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**MALLWORLD**, August 13-14, 1994, New Location: Florin Mall (Florin Road East off-ramp from Highway 99), Sacramento, CA. Presented by USS *Defiance*. Special Guest Star: Robin Curtis. FREE admission. Benefits Big Brothers & Big Sisters. Programming includes autograph session with Robin Curtis each day, gala costume contest, video room, trivia contests, drawings, static displays, costume & make-up demonstrations, collectibles and dealers. Star Trek auction on Sunday afternoon. For Info, contact VADM Janis Moore, MallWorld Coordinator, P.O. Box 188993, Sacramento, CA 95818-8993; phone 916/440-6608 (days), 916/447-0856 (evenings).

**CREATION CONVENTION**, August 13-14, 1994. Union Plaza, Las Vegas NV. Guest: John de Lancie Write: Creation, 530 Riverdale Drive, Glendale CA, 91204 (include SASE) Call: (818) 409-0960 (9-3 Pacific Time)

**CINEVUE FILM FESTIVAL**, August 17-20, 1994, Days Inn Downtown/Convention Center, Washington, D.C. Science fiction, fantasy, horror and Sci-Fi-comedy film and video awards competition and convention. Guests: Douglas E. Winter, J.R. Bookwalter, David Martin, David Knapp, others TBA. Dealers room, charity auction, all-day screenings, gala Awards Banquet - \$50 per person. Memberships: \$15 for one day, \$25 for four days. Deadlines for entries: June 30 1994. Hotel rooms available for \$60 per night, mention Cinevue Festival for special rate. For more info, write: CINEVUE, P.O. Box 428: Bostwick, FI 32007-0428 or call 904/325-5254.

**GEN CON GAME FAIR**, August 18-21, 1994 Mecca Convention Center, Milwaukee WI. Guests: John de Lancie, Majel Barrett Roddenberry, Gene DeWeese (Saturday August 20th only), Peter David (Saturday August 20th and Sunday August 21st only) Write: Gen Con Game Fair, P.O. Box 756, Lake Geneva WI 53147.

**ONIZUKA TREK '94**, August 27-28, 1994, Chico Mall, Chico, CA. Sponsored by USS Onizuka. Guests: Author Kevin J. Anderson, other guests TBA. Information: SASE to USS Onizuka, P.O. Box 1235, Chico, CA 95927 Call Shirley Rone 916/342-1253 or Patrick Graham 916/899-8280.

**VULKON**, August 27-28, 1994. N. Marriott, Ft. Lauderdale, FL Guests: Armin Shimerman, David McDonnell. For more Information, write: Vulkan Conventions, 12237 SW 50 St., Cooper City, FI 33330-5406 or call 305/434-6060.

**BALLAD TREK III**, August 26-28, 1994. Radlsson Hotel, Asheville, NC. Guests: Movie Director James Cummings, 3 ILcasFilms FX techs, modeler Gino Dykstra, costumer David Manwearing, plus authors, artists, 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.

**LONE STAR FEST '94**, September 3, 1994. Westgate Mall, Austin TX. FREE admission. Hours: 10 AM to 6 PM. Guests: Walter Irwin, Jamie Murray, others TBA. Costume Contest, Model Displays, dealers, games, videos, banquet. Auction proceeds will go to a "Star" for Gene Roddenberry on the Texas Walk of Stars on Austin's 6th St. Information: Send SASE to Doreen Allshouse, P.O. Box 141445, Austin, TX 78714-1445. Tel. 512/873-7587.

**STAR DREAM I CON**, September 8-11, 1994, Mannheim, Germany. Visit beautiful Germany and celebrate the 28th anniversary of Star Trek! Supported by USS Europe. Information: STAR TREK FANCLUB "Enterprise", c/o S. Strybuc, Hans Sachs Ring 17, 68199 Mannheim-Niederfeld, GERMANY.

**STARBASE HOUSTON TREK FEST 1994**, September 10, 1994. Holiday Inn/Medical Center, Houston, TX. Guests: Bjo Trimble. Information: Trek Fest 1994, c/o Starbase Houston, P.O. Box 981701, Houston, TX 77098-1701.

**SHORECON '94**, September 9-11, 1994, Sheraton Eatontown Conference Center, Eatontown, NJ. Proposed site for Region 7 Conference. Guests: Jim Hlavaty, Jeff Menges, Louis Small. Star Trek, gaming, LARPs, comics, auction, dealers, anime, Costume Dance. Registration: \$15 for weekend in advance; \$20 at the door. Contact Shorecon, 142 South St. Unit 9C, Red Bank, NJ 07701-2216.

**CARECON**, September 16-18, 1994, Columbus Convention Center, Columbus, OH. Guests: James Doohan, Marina Sirtis, Mark Lenard, John DeLancie, Jonathan Del Arco, Robert O'Reilly, Richard Arnold, Bjo Trimble. Celebrity auction, Trek Museum, Dealers room, celebrity interviews, technology showcase. Proceeds to benefit Kids 'n kamp, a non-profit organization that assists children with cancer and their families. Tickets: \$75 for three days. Charge-by-phone at 614/ 431-3600. For information contact Care+Con Foundation, 5541 Westerville Rd., suite G., Westerville, OH 43081.

**FESTIVAL SCIENCE FICTION II**, September 24-25, 1994. Ramada Inn Downtown, Montreal, Quebec. Guests: Majel Barrett, Arne Starr. For Information: Call 514/931-1815.

**VULKON**, September 30 - October 2, 1994, Castlegate Hotel, Atlanta, GA. Guest Rene Auberjonois. Registration: At the door: \$40 for weekend, \$20 per day. Mail orders postmarked by Sept 2 - \$30 for weekend membership. Must enclose SASE, make check payable to "Devlin

Associates" and write "ODO - GA" on the check. Mail to: Vulkan, c/o Joe Motes, 12237 SW 50th St., Cooper City, FL 33330.

**FARPOINT '94**, October 14-16, 1994. Marriott's Hunt Valley Inn, Baltimore, MD. Guests: George Takei, Nana Visitor, Jonathan Brandis (seaQuest DSV), Marc Okrand, Howard Weinstein, Bob Greenberger, Lisa White. Registration: Adults- \$37.50 for 3 day, \$22 for Sat only, \$18 for Sun. only. Child (age 6-12) - \$15. Send check or money order to: Farpoint Inc., 7859 Marloak Dr., Elkridge, MD 21227. Include SASE. For Information, call 410/799-2869.

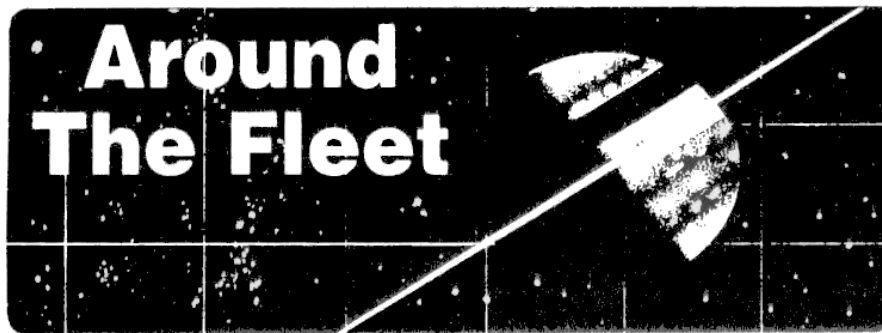
**LAGRANGECON '94**, October 28-30, 1994 (Halloween weekend), Independence Holiday Inn, Cleveland, OH. Guests: Rene Auberjonois, Michael Jan Friedman, David McConell (*Starlog* magazine). Costume contest, panels, video rooms, dealers room, Halloween dance. Information: LAGRANGECON '94, P.O. Box 1193, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223.

**BIG E CON**, October 28-30, 1994, Omni Waterside Hotel, Norfolk, VA. Guests: Majel Barrett-Roddenberry, Jimmy Doohan, Armin Shimerman, Bill Campbell, Robert O'Reilly, Michael O'Hare, Sonia Hillios, Ann C. Crispin, Howard Weinstein, Arne Starr, Capt Richard Naughton, US Navy Atlantic Fleet Band. Optional tours of the USS Enterprise (CVN-65) aircraft carrier. Reservations must be made BEFORE September 26. All guests will sign autographs. Activities: Art show and auction, art workshops, charities, children's programming, panels, filking, masquerade, writers' workshop, actor/director workshop. Registration: \$40 prereg, \$50 at the door. Write to: Trek Rec Dec, PO Box 10658, Towson, MD 21285-0658 Call 410/825-3017 or 301/735-3957, or e-mail hayer@stsci.edu

**QUEST TREK**, November 11-13, 1994. Holiday Inn West, Minneapolis MN. Guests: Will Wheaton, Todd Bryant Write: Quest Trek - Minneapolis, 3543 West Main Street, Belleville IL, 62223-6222 Call: (618) 277-2397 .

**WISHCON IV**, November 18-20, 1994, Springfield Sheraton Monarch Hotel, Springfield, MA. Starfleet Region 15 Conference. Guests: Nana Visitor, Mark Goddard, Nicola Bryant, Howard Weinstein, Bob Greenberger, Arne Starr. Registration: \$35 to October 18; \$38 at the door. Reserved seating \$10 extra. Information: Wishcon IV, 500 Monroe Tnpke., Monroe, CT 06468.

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## Vulkon '94: The STARFLEET International Conference — Making Lasting Friendships

by Gary Scott Decker, J.A.G. Officer, STARFLEET

It must have been the STARFLEET summer uniform (borrowed from Region 7), or maybe just the gleaming smile brightening my countenance with relief upon having finally arrived in Orlando. Regardless, the young man had no hesitation or embarrassment in walking right up to me on the airplane, airsick bag extended forward in both hands, and enthusiastically informing me, "I barfed twice!"

"Good for you!" I complimented him. I refrained, however, from examining in any detail the contents of his offering. I turned to my traveling companions, VAdm. Janis Moore, Regional Coordinator of Region 4, and Cmdr. (soon to be Capt.) Caroline Long, Sector Chief Two [North], Region 4, and commented, "That's got to be the most unique welcome to a city I've ever received."

Thus began 5 1/2 days and 5 nights of the type of fannish insanity from which legends are born. Janis, Carol and I had planned to arrive a day "early" in order to take advantage of at least some of the tourist attractions which Orlando has to offer, and we did manage to see... a bit of Universal Studios (as in "Back to the Future" [awesome!], "E.T." The Adventure [I'm the one holding a Vulcan salute behind E.T.'s head in the picture], 17 quarts each of soft drinks [California is hotter than Florida, but with only one-tenth the humidity], and the "Hollywood Costume and Make-Up Shop" [whence came the "This Island Earth" mutate full-head latex mask that made its appearance at the Roll Call of Ships on Saturday morning during the convention] before shifting into "can mode" to the exclusion of minor life functions like food and sleep.

But the intensity of an international convention - as I first learned at Tex-Trek '93 - cannot be denied, and by Thursday evening, when VAdm. Lori Anne Brown (yes, she is, true to her title, "The Sexiest Vice-Admiral in STARFLEET") convened a Dutch treat get-acquainted dinner at the Bombay Bicycle Club, the spark of making connections and renewing friendships was already arcing, and the voltage never lessened in intensity throughout the entire weekend.

Deborah Nelson, Sharon Stewart and Betsy Matteis all deserve full Fleet Honors for their magnificent work at, and in preparing for, the convention, as do Kelly Hilliard, C.O. of the Republic, and Ed Danley. Deborah's keynote address during the Friday night Opening Ceremo-

nies richly deserved the standing ovation which it bespoke (I am so glad to know there is a "Queen Empress of Pomposity" on the East Coast - I can now point to Deborah when my speeches start to get criticized). The truth be told, though, Deborah's speech was simple, elegant and evocative, and not at all pompous. Someone, please, get her to publish a text of it in the Communiqué.

Of course, the Fleet H.Q. staff, E.C. (Executive Committee) and A.B. (Admiralty Board [i.e., the RC's or their proxies]) didn't spend a whole lot of time at the convention doing convention-like things other than convening in meetings and getting together in other informal "business" gatherings such as "working" lunches, but there were moments. Friday night, for example, saw "STAR-

(I use the term advisedly because -due to space restrictions - attendance was by invitation only) was a Team Building Workshop conducted by Scott J. Simmerman, Ph.D., "an internationally known speaker and consultant," to quote the convention program, "specializing in service quality, empowerment [sorry, the word still makes me gag], team building and organizational development."

The panel lasted three hours, and was nothing short of fabulous in terms of helping the assembled STARFLEET "brass" identify problem areas of concern in Fleet governance, defects or shortcomings in Fleet's "mission statement," areas where the needs of the membership are not being fully met, techniques for putting matters of politics and personalities aside in order to accomplish the good deeds and charitable works of STAR FLEET, and numerous such similar issues. Including Dr. Simmerman in the convention program - especially to start the convention program - was inspired, and helped to set a tone of friendly, open communication amongst Fleet members which lasted throughout the convention. 1994 being an election year, Vulkon '94 had the potential of devolving into a morass of politicking and campaigning, and I am happy to say that the convention did not do so. I have to believe that Dr. Simmerman's insights, perspectives and counsel in large part shaped the success of the convention in this regard.

Many different Star Trek clubs were represented at Vulkon, including Starfleet Command, The Federation, (the I.D.I.C. Alliance? I'm not sure), and The Klingon Legion of Assault Warriors (K.L.A.W.) There might have been some



Bjo Trimble speaks at the opening ceremonies of the International Conference

FLEET Squares," with the Fleet Admiral and other A.B. types sitting in the squares. To quote our Canadian friends, the session was a hoot, and showed just how thoroughly the members of the A.B. have committed to memory the STARFLEET Membership Handbook and ace Manual (not!).

For my money, probably the best single "panel"

Romulans present, but, if so, K.L.A.W. drowned them out, both in prune juice and in sheer volume. In case you've not noticed, Klingons are not bashful individuals, and in groups there are downright loud. Several of the Ascension Ceremonies conducted during the convention registered on the seismographs at U.C. Berkeley, I am sure.

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## Conference continued

And K.L.A.W.'s ... serenading ... the costume contest entrants, especially the scantily-clad female humanoid contestants, was a spectacle not to be missed. If only prune juice did not have such unfortunate, um, side-effects on the Klingon anatomy....

Joe Motes and Vulkan were exceptional hosts for STARFLEET's 20th Anniversary, and the convention T-shirt (already a very popular item here in California) will surely (I know, don't call me Shirley) become a collector's item.

Leonard Nimoy was the Special Guest of Honor at the convention, and Vulkan went out of its way to reserve the first row of seats for the STARFLEET brass. Thank you! This enabled me to sell my reserved seat to one of Pat Spillers' dedicated crew ("So my C.O. can see," she said), and the proceeds went to the STARFLEET General Scholarship Fund. On Sunday, the first row was reserved for the Irish National Football (soccer) Team, but, unfortunately, they didn't show. (The convention hotel, you see, was headquarters for the Irish National Team. On Saturday night, after the Irish defeated Italy 1-0 in World Cup play, the place was in pandemonium, matched only by the fervor of the fans when the Irish came "home" about 0200 hours Sunday. Sleep? What's that?) Janis Moore and Carol Long inform me that the Irish soccer players provided much - what was the term they used? - eye candy, whatever that means.

Naturally, being Fleet J.A.G. Officer (in which position the A.B. unanimously confirmed me at the convention -thank you to all!), I spent a great deal of my time at the convention in conference with the E.C. and A.B., and doing a late night posting on the Internet about the A.B. meetings courtesy of the Creator, Comm. Alan Ravitch, RC/R15. You know, STARFLEET really is an exceptional assemblage of extraordinarily talented people.

One of the enduring truths about Star Trek fandom I learned several years ago from Mark Hagen, former Second Officer and Chief of Operations aboard the Fleet Flagship, U.S.S. Simonov. Mark told me, "You know, Gary, what's important about all this that we do is not the ranks or the role playing or even, for that matter, 'Star Trek' the television show. It's the people. That's what's important: The people. We're almost — hell, we are — a family here." Nowhere was that more evident than for five days in Orlando in the middle of June. The level of excellence in the STARFLEET officers gathered together in Florida was breathtaking, reminding me of Cmdr. Riker's comment to Lt. Barclay in "The Nth Degree":

"This is the Enterprise, Mister. We expect excellence here." I know that both Caroline Long and Capt. Chris "White Whiskers" Senft (C.O. Reliant and Sector Chief One [West] Region 4) came away from the convention "Fleet converts," having seen for the first time in person the workings of STARFLEET at the International level. I think we all came away from the convention both inspired and educated. That is what synergy — and effective networking [Ugh! Another buzzword!] is all about.

There were ... other ... moments, though. On

the last day of the convention, a certain Fleet J.A.G. Officer and Vice RC who shall remain nameless made friends with a pair of Tennessee belles from a certain "party barge" that likewise will remain nameless, and in the course of conversation it turned out that the raven-haired smoky Mediterranean half of the pair had purchased some Japanimation VHS cassettes in the "Rei Rei" series from one of the vendors, since her husband was going to be away for the next six months on sea duty in the U.S. Navy and she needed "a substitute" for therapeutic purposes. These cassettes are rather ... explicit, you see, so viewing them (quality control purposes only, I can assure you) was a bit problematic. "No problem!" said the VRC. "The Learning Center has a VCR!" True enough, so off we went, the four of us. And, yes, the videos were quite ... explicit. About 20 minutes into the first video, at a very ... vocal and energetic ... portion of the story, the door to the Center opened. My three companions fell into a dumbstruck and embarrassed state (I had never seen the VRC in this position ever before), as did the figure in the doorway, who stood slack-jawed and glassy-eyed staring at the TV screens for several seconds. The Roman collar and frock were dead giveaways, of course, so I had no choice but to be direct under the circumstances. "I'm sorry, Father, does the Church have the Learning Center reserved for this time? We'll vacate immediately."

We actually managed to hold our laughter until we got into the Presidential Suite, with the other STARFLEET members. I can just imagine the stories told in the priory that night!

## Greetings From Region 09 by Beate Gellings, Region 09 Coordinator

*(Beate Gellings, Region 09 Coordinator and commander of the USS Europe in Dettenhausen, Germany, helped to make this year's conference truly international. Also joining the festivities was a representative from the USS Southern Cross in Region 11 - Australia!)*

**Thanks!** To everybody!!

This has been the first International Conference I have been able to attend - and it was worth it - thanks to you! So many of you made me feel very, very welcome. It was exciting, interesting, and resourceful to finally meet the people that go with the names on the Executive Committee/Admiralty Board. It was great to talk with people that I had only written to for the past year(s) - like Dennis and Lori (my wonderful hosts), Denise, Andrea, Cindy, Debra....

It was great to meet new people. I only regret that there never was enough time. And my apologies, that I had not the chance to say good-bye to everybody. I left in a slight panic, earlier than intended, as I heard the drive to the airport would be at least twice as long as I had figured!

This International Conference has been a wonderful experience for me. Once again, THANK YOU!

## Return to Space Center Houston

by Max Khaytsus, USS Texas

Sometime in October of 1993 Scott Akers gave me a bit of good news - the Region 03 Space Center Houston trip some nine months prior was such a big hit, the region was planning it again for 1994. That wasn't just good news. That was great news. A prime opportunity for shuttle Texas to leave a footprint on the region. And come the Region 03 Fall Conference in November, I was busy cutting deals and making arrangements. A Ferengi would be proud of me.

And so it came to be, the Second Annual Region 3 Space Center Houston Trip, officially sponsored by shuttle Texas. What followed were a difficult six months of getting things organized and planned out - making contacts, sending requests, begging for assistance...and growing a shuttle. By the end of the year Scott Akers stepped down, feeling I had a good grip on the shuttle (or at least a good enough grip for him to let go) and suddenly I had two major projects to worry about.

The year before, the Space Center trip was an impromptu regional gathering in Houston and, considering the amount of planing, the whole thing went of rather well. This year we were going to be ready. In fact, it would be the post-commissioning party for the hometown crew, but to do that, we would need to get a lot of help. I received that in the form of Michelle Fanelli, CO of USS *Aurora Vulcanus*, and Judy Fromherz, Chief of Science aboard USS *Kepler*. Michelle agreed to handle registration and the after-party party and Judy took on the task of procuring us an astronaut. I handled coordination, publicity and the [First Annual] Region 03 Top Gun Tournament.

A few more months passed and somehow it all came together. On the morning of Saturday April 16th, I pulled into the parking lot to a crowd of 60+ uniformed people clamoring for their tickets, which could not be released until I appeared to claim them (having signed the voucher for them in the first place). By 9 AM I was frazzled, but the line was moving. Bill Schwab, enjoying his retirement, gleefully told me, "You're doing great" and shuffled on past to the uniformed ticket taker. (I was warned about his sadistic streak.)

At 10 AM we ran the Top Gun Tournament on the Space Center shuttle simulators, the contestants achieving an uncharacteristically high landing ratio, then at 2 PM had a two hour briefing by Lieutenant Commander — a REAL Lieutenant Commander — Mario Runco, a veteran astronaut of two shuttle missions. He told us about life in space and what it takes to be an astronaut and about his work. Mario Runco. It should be noted, has a vague resemblance to a certain Trek Vulcan and is a great Star Trek fan. He showed us a model of the starship Enterprise — the only one — that has seen orbit and come back, having been smuggled on the shuttle by him. Although he was in a hurry, Astronaut Runco agreed to a half hour photo-op with the crews of Region 03 and barely escaped a little short of 5 PM, with most of his clothes still in tact.

At this point my elves and I could take a break

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## Space Center continued

as everyone once again dispersed to catch the remaining Space Center attractions before the scheduled evening Burger Munch.

We gathered at a local watering hole after 7, ready to make this a party worth remembering. As always, the restaurant folk refused to take us seriously when we told them it would be a BIG crowd and before the hour was up, we managed to fill up the smaller of their two rooms to capacity. After dinner the *Rhyanna* crew - who brought more people than any three ships put together - decided to head to a pool hall to emphasize that this indeed was a party. The details of this mission shall remain classified until such time as Paula Hudson, CO of the *Rhyanna* (and "mom" to shuttle-now USS- *Texas*) deems it to be safe.

The event, needless to say, was bigger and better than last year's and uniformed folk drew a lot of attention to the Fleet. Our astronaut was a great success. USS *Kepler's* Quentin "Q" Finck took home the honor of being Region 03's Top Gun pilot and USS *Gagarin* returned to Dallas as the region's best piloted ship. For those who could still walk, the festivities ended Sunday afternoon at a gathering at Battleship Texas, the last surviving World War I - World War II era dreadnought, moored in the Houston shipping channel.

With this much success three weeks out of the shuttle bay, we intend to make next year's event even bigger and better and maybe we will be lucky enough to have, some inter-regional participation in 1995. It will be USS *Texas'* first anniversary and a TRUE reason to party into the night. We are presently negotiating with the Space Center to let us come back on March 4, 1995.

A special note to the Captains whose crew members have gone missing after the event: We will mail the missing individuals back to you after the trials are over and they serve their time.

## Bordercon '95

by Donna Dixon, Convention Coordinator

We are working diligently on a new fan run Trek convention called Bordercon. This convention is being done to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The idea started out as a one-day mini con, but we have had so much support and excitement from our members and Region 03, it has become a full-blown major event. Region 03 is looking for a place to have the 1995 Fall Conference and have expressed an interest in having it at Bordercon. We have sent our proposal to Region 03 Coordinator John Bunton, and hope we will be successful in the merger.

This convention will consist of personal appearances, dealers' room, costume contest, art show, memorabilia auction, gaming tournaments and so much more. We are even working on a few surprises everyone is sure to enjoy. We're in the setting up stage and working on our guests. We're negotiating with one of the Trek stars and hope to close soon. 100% of the profits made from Bordercon will be presented to the MDA. Bordercon is set for August 11-13, 1995 at the Sheraton Hotel in Texarkana.

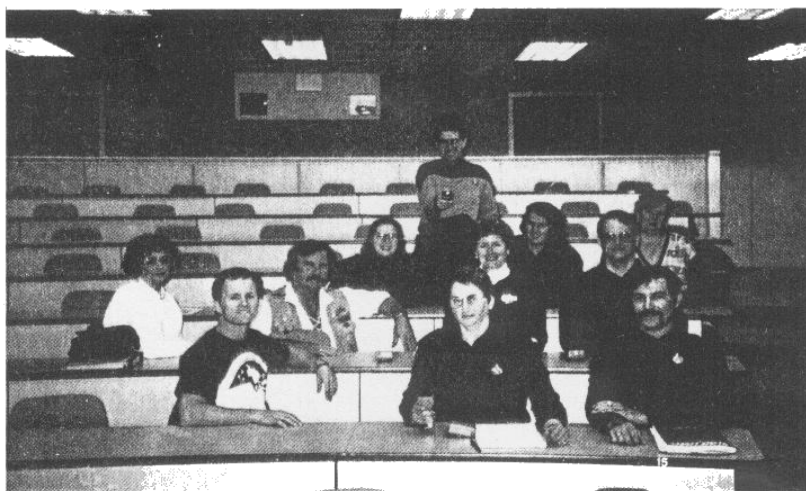
## STAR TREK 101

by Gall Rushing, USS *Joshua*

In the spring of this year an unusual academic offering appeared in the Continuing Education catalogue of Southern Methodist University in Dallas, TX. SMU has a nationwide reputation for excellence in many areas other than that university department that usually attracts the most publicity (and in many cases funding). I refer, of course, to football. Yes, somewhere the powers that decide such things thought it would be interesting to see what kind of response an actual class on Star Trek would generate. They expected 10 to 12 to sign up. They got 62. When USS *Joshua* Second Officer John Coward called the registrar to say he wanted to sign up for the class, he was met with a tired voice that said, "Yeah. You and everybody else."

facet of the Trek universe at each class using videos debate and other Trek books as reference guides. Some of these topics such as "Warp Field Theory and Propulsion," "Transporters, Food, Replication, & Problems of Identity: and "The Holodeck. drew an enthusiastic response from the physicists and engineers in the class. My personal favorites were "The Structure of the Star Trek Universe" and "Alien Cultures, Races and Everything" The last class was clearly a philosophical favorite for our instructor, "The Ethics of the Prime Directive.. That class sparked a lively debate which is still going on among those of us in attendance

STARFLEET was well represented with seven members from the USS *Joshua* and USS *Lancelot*



The class, titled THE WORLD OF STAR TREK, met once a week for six weeks for a hour and a half per class. It was taught by SMU philosophy professor, Dr. David Ring. Our main text was the *Star Trek, the Next Generation Technical Manual* by Rick Sternbach and Michael Okuda. The university bookstore ordered six. They could have sold fifty. The course outline promised that we would investigate some of the technological, sociological, and philosophical issues surrounding the three Trek TV shows, with special attention given to their devices and the theories behind them. We explored a different

sitting front and center. We added to the normal class handouts by bringing The Ferengi Rules of Acquisition, Bjo Trimble's newsletter, flyers on upcoming conventions and, of course, STARFLEET applications. For the final class we came in uniform with phasers and tricorders. Our professor showed up in a Next Gen lieutenant's uniform only to find himself outranked on all sides.

This class only scratched the surface of topics that inspire intense debate, criticisms and discussion. We are continuing some of these discussions at our monthly club meetings and are anxiously awaiting The World of Star Trek: Part II.

With this convention, we will make a difference to so many lives. The MDA is a charity we feel strongly about. Our children are our most valuable assets and we will not have a future without them. Muscular Dystrophy does not discriminate. Join us in the fight. This con has amazingly low overhead and we're working on sponsors now, but this still may not be enough. We need support from our STARFLEET family and individual donations. All donations are tax

deductible and will be put into an interest-bearing account for Bordercon and the MDA. As our thanks, our donors will receive a receipt, a Certificate of Gratitude and their name and ship will appear in our program. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to make a donation, please make out your check or money order to: Destroyer One, 3714 Forestwood, Texarkana, AR 75502.

## 1996 STARFLEET Conference Bids Wanted!

by Mike Henigan, Director, Site Selection Committee

The STARFLEET Site Selection Committee will be accepting bids for the 1996 STARFLEET International Conference. The bid deadline is January 15, 1995.

At this year's Conference, Bid Guidelines were distributed to all Executive Committee and Admiralty Board members as well as Ship Commanding Officers. If there were any Ships or EC/AB members that wish to receive them, please contact the Committee and send them a Self-Addressed, Stamped Legal Sized Envelope, and the Guidelines will be sent right out.

Over these last few months, several Fleet members have asked what is involved in the Bidding Process for the STAR FLEET International Conference and how the Site Selection Committee works to pick the Bid for the following years conference. Well, here is a simplified description of what will happen with a group that Bids for the '96 Conference.

The Bid/Host Committee prepares their bid and submits one copy to the STAR FLEET Site Selection Committee and wait to receive preliminary acceptance from the International Director. The Director will contact the Bid Committee once the Bid is received and provide them with the address of the other Committee members so their copies of the Bid can be mailed out.

Once the Committee has your Bid, It will be reviewed and examined to see if it meets the standards necessary for a Certified Bid. If so, it moves on to the next process. If not, the SSSC members will contact your committee to ascertain what is still needed to make the Bid certifiable and see if they can help or offer suggestions to make it acceptable.

The next process is where the SSSC compares all the Bids and weighs the Pro's and Con's

of each Bid. There is discussion amongst members with questions and answers flowing between all of the Committee. Once this has been accomplished a vote is taken to see which is the Best Certifiable Bid to host the 1996 Conference. That finished, the Director then notifies the Committee members of their choice and contacts the Vice Fleet Admiral of the Bid that has been awarded the 1996 Conference.

The Vice Fleet Admiral will discuss the bidding process with the Director and then approve the decision of the SSSC. The International Director, will contact the Host Committee of their acceptance and selection for the 1996 STARFLEET International Conference.

The Bid/Host Committee will then need to make arrangements to appear at the 1995 Conference and prepare a booth advertising the next year's Conference. The Hosts will stay in contact with the international Director and file reports monthly on the progress of the Conference. Any help can and will be provided by the Director and the SSSC.

As the Conference comes along, the Director and any other SSSC members in attendance will make every effort to offer their services to the hosts for help and assistance.

After the Conference is over, the SSSC starts the process all over again for the 1997 Conference!

Well, we hope you now have a very basic understanding of what the STAR FLEET Site Selection Committee is all about and how we select the Bids each year.

Now that is all in your mind....WE, NEED BIDS! The Deadline for Bids for the 1996 STARFLEET International Conference is January 15, 1995.

## New Qapla' Class Starship Technical Manual Hits the Shelves

by Jon Reddick, USS *Khai Tam*

TALLAHASSEE, FL - The USS *Khai Tam*, NCC-81000, is proud to announce the publication of its very own technical manual. The *USS Khai Tam Technical Orientation Manual* is a 100-page reference to the first STARFLEET vessel jointly designed by the Federation and Klingon engineers! This experimental hybrid combines the best aspects of Federation and Empire starship design, and the *Manual* is your complete guide.

Over 60 detailed illustrations and in-depth writing explain everything from the unique saucer-wing design to where to get a good meal aboard. Take a behind-the-scenes tour of this unique vessel through her 18 decks: Start with a detailed floor plan of her Main Bridge, then move on to the Main Cargo Complex, Combat Information Center, Sickbay, Science Labs, Main Engineering and all the way down to the Main Shuttlebay which houses everything from remotely piloted vehicles to two Federation Runabouts!

The manual was conceived, written and illustrated by members of the USS *Khai Tam*, Tallahassee, Florida's STARFLEET chapter. The book was picked up by Intergalactic Trading Company in Orlando, Florida who, through Intergalactic Press, is publishing and distributing the book nation-wide and in Great Britain! Look for it at your local Trek dealer starting in June.

For more information, contact the USS *Khai Tam* at USS *Khai Tam Technical Manual* c/o Captain Jon Reddick, 1817 West Call Street, Apartment #B6, Tallahassee, FL 32304.

## Fleet President Candidates to Debate at Region 04 Conference

by Michael JD Knight, USS *Shadowguard*

I am writing this article to bring you up to date on the plans for the 1994 Region 04 Conference. There are a number of exciting events planned, including the first ever debate between all of the announced candidates for Fleet Admiral!

The 1994 Region 04 Conference will be taking place on August 27, 1994 at the Visalla Convention Center and Radisson Hotel Visalia in Visalia, California. Approximate starting time will be 12 noon and we will run until between 5 and 6 P.M. If you have anything that needs to be brought up at the Conference, you need to inform me no later than July 27, 1994 to insure that it will be included. This includes special promotions, awards, Ship Commissioning, Shuttle Launching or items that you would like discussed, if you have anything major going on, this is the place to get it done, announce it, discuss it and spread the word.

Immediately following the Regional Conference this year is the Commissioning and/or Anniversary party for the following Vessels:

<i>Shuttle Peacekeeper</i>	Commissioning
<i>USS Shadowguard</i>	Anniversary
<i>USS Reliant</i>	Anniversary

### USS *S'L'Heya* Anniversary

The party will consist of a Formal Dining-In, a scrumptious buffet, and dancing into the wee hours. This looks to be the BIG party for Region 04 for the year, so don't miss out. For those people who would like to, or need to, spend the night at the hotel, the Radisson is giving us the special rate of only \$70.00 per night for up to four people per room - a great deal.

Reservations may be made by calling the Radisson at 1-800-333-3333 (anywhere in California) or 209-636-1111 and asking for the special "Starbase Radisson" rates.

Cost of the Conference ONLY is \$10. Cost to attend both the conference and party is \$40. Your check or Money Order should be made out to: "Max Mejias" and sent to: Captain Dana D. Reynolds, 19591 Park Lane, Lemoore, CA 93245-3344. For more information, call 209/925-1948.

Included in the Region 04 Conference this year will be the first ever debate between candidates for Fleet Admiral of STARFLEET. Currently scheduled to be present are VADM Dan McGinnis (Region 12 Regional Coordinator), VADM Janis

Moore (Region 04 Regional Coordinator), and FADM Rob Lerman (Fleet Admiral- STARFLEET). The debate will be videotaped and made available to any STAR FLEET member who wants a copy (for a small fee covering tape and postage).

Candidates will be available after the Debate to answer questions and discuss matters in more detail on a case by case basis. Prices to order the Video Tape of the Candidates for Fleet Admiral Debate (Postage and tape included) are: Book Rate Mailing - \$5.00 (50 cents from each tape sold goes to the Regional Fund); or Priority Mailing - \$7.00 (50 cents from each tape sold goes to the Regional Fund).

The Check or Money Order should be made out to "TaskForce ShadowGuard" and sent to: TaskForce ShadowGuard, 797 E. Fargo Ave, Hanford, CA 93230-2329. For more information, call 209/584-2577

Hummm, I think that about covers everything for now. If you, or your crew, have any questions please contact me (Conference and Debate) or Dana Reynolds (Party). I hope to see you all there!

## What is Our Role? by Tim Carlon, USS Charleston

I want to talk for a few minutes on the importance of role models in today's society. How many of you can remember who your favorite ball player or dancer or public figure was, as you grew up? Of course, Star Trek left a tremendous impact on us all. We're "proactive" in many respects. But what does that mean? Really, It means nothing more than good, old-fashioned caring for something or someone. It springs from your inner nature and provides not only an outlet for service or commitment, but is also an unseen guiding light for others. Of this we must be aware, as I was reminded on a recent visit to a children's ward in the Medical University of South Carolina.

On the particular morning in question, our away team converged on the hospital, and though it was a small group, they didn't like for enthusiasm. The nursing staff on the children's floor, knowing we were coming, had told all the kids that "Star Trek was beaming in to spend the morning with them." A few didn't know what that meant, but it must something good, or the nurses wouldn't have made a point of it. Those who knew what Star Trek was spent the morning telling the others what we are all about.

One small black boy in a wheelchair was overly excited at the prospect of meeting someone who was actually in Starfleet. On the away team's arrival, he and several others were waiting to greet them. But his eyes really lit up when our XO, a tall and handsome black man, stepped off the elevator. He spent his morning rolling behind our XO yelling, "it's GEORDI! It's Geordi LaForge, I knew it, it's GEORDI!"

Now Victim - I mean, Victor, doesn't wear a visor even in character. Yet this small child looked upon him with the faith of a hero. In Victor this child saw Geordi. His small spirit grew tenfold in that hour. Everywhere Victor went, that boy wasn't far behind. He would even stop by friends' rooms and ask if they had seen "Geordi." He was one of the first greeters, and he was one of the (when the away team packed into the elevator) in the hallway to say good bye. This entire trip would have been worth it for just this one child, but in all 30 or 40 children were beaming when the crew of the *Charleston* left. In their wake were stickers designating each child an honorary captaincy of the Enterprise. It was amazing to see how many of them know what the Enterprise itself was. More amazing was the change to the ward. No longer a place where pain and sadness were in charge -- STARFLEET had come and beaten those adversaries. Now this was a place where healing was starting.

But reflecting back on the Impact of just one recognizable, affable character - Geordi LaForge - I realize that one by one, we do make a difference. In a world which promotes indecency as an icon...where a basketball player who gets AIDs through illicit sex is worshipped as a hero and the homeless are publicly humiliated as 'thieves' and 'criminals,' it is hard to know where to start. Where to make a stand for what is right and just. Perhaps in a one-hour TV show there is already a start. And a parallel in the real world...someone to be looked up to and followed as an example of

leadership. Someone who does things because they need doing, not just because they feel good; but because they are things of importance. Someone who will challenge the odds and win. Because of this, and our visiting away team, one small child I know will reach for goals that were out of reach only ten minutes before. I expect to walk in the door at a future meeting and see his neighborhood friends wanting to join with him. Why? Because he told them of his visit by 'Geordi,' who was there - even if his wasn't.

Are we good role models? Are we people who do something because it feels good, or because it needs doing? It is extremely difficult to go into a hospital and hold an infant who is dying from a birth defect. I know, I've been there myself. Yet in the few minutes of contact, that baby knows

someone loves him.

These are the kind of people who make up my crew. I have seen them throughout the Fleet, and wherever I have met people who watch Star Trek. There are those whom I've read about in the Communiqués articles describing the projects they engineer and run. Those people who look a little hollow or worn at times, but keep on going, driven by something the rest of us can't understand at times. If you look in their eyes deeply you will see the pain that brought them to a point where they give of their very souls. These are the people I am proud to say are my friends. No matter where you are in the entire Fleet - thank you, my friends.

And, behind it all, little eyes are watching us unseen.

## Rendezvous in Kansas City by Doug Glenn, USS Umiak

*DATELINE: Lenexa Planetoid, Kansas City Binary System, Missouri Sector*

*Looking out the portal of my guest accommodations at the Holidome orbital facility, I am witness to an event of extraordinary magnitude. Seldom will you ever see so many starships in one place, at one time. And, particularly not in a non-battle situation.*

The reason for all these vessels to converge? Why, it is the annual Region Twelve Summit Meetings, of course! This is the time for the Twelfth Fleet to rendezvous and compare notes and experiences with fellow officers. For the past five years, the Summit has been one of the most eagerly anticipated of STARFLEET activities for a this region. It has grown from modest beginnings to a truly major event. This year attracted representatives from 36 of our 44 chapters plus representatives from other regions as well.

The purpose of the summit is to provide a forum for the exchange of information. Chapter representatives arrive early to discuss the activities of their respective ships, share what actions worked well and not so well. It is for the sharing and development of ideas that will help further develop and strengthen our chapters. But perhaps most of all, it is a chance for camaraderie. We catch up with old friends and make new ones.

This year's summit began on Friday evening with an informal reception hosted by the USS *Krazny Oktyabr*. A cake was presented bearing the Region 12 logo. After that was quickly consumed, another cake was brought out, this time with the UFP Today logo in celebration of the newsletter's one year anniversary.

After the reception came the talent show. Who would have thought that the "talent" of the region was so diverse? Judges Dan McGinnis, Mike Smith, and Dave Kloempkin had their work cut out for them deciding amongst the contestants.

Bright and early Saturday morning the festivities resumed with the morning session in the main hall. The room was circled with tables for ships to set up displays and/or show off their wares. Regional Officers, ships and visiting dignitaries were introduced. Various items of business were discussed and the annual Region 12 awards were presented.

After a break for lunch, the Regional Depart-

ments conducted breakaway meetings concerning their assorted areas. Topics included such things as Membership support, Fund-raising, Recruiting, Marines, Communications, Chapter Dynamics, and more. Meetings were also conducted for the Commanding Officers and Executive Officers respectively. In all, over 30 different meetings were held on Saturday afternoon with something for everyone.

Upon the conclusion of the breakaway meetings, an auction was held in the main hall with a sizable amount of money raised to keep the Twelfth Fleet operational.

Dinner Saturday was exceptional. It was topped off by a group from the USS *Nomad* in a exhibition of Polynesian dance. The intensity and emotion in that art has really got to be seen to be appreciated. The evening ended in music, dancing, and general merriment until, eventually, everyone drifted off to their quarters.

Sunday morning is always low-key. This is mainly due to everyone trying to recover from Saturday night. The Morning Session fires up at the obscene hour of 9:00 a.m. Any outstanding business is cleaned up and a discussion ensues of people's opinions on this event and how it might be improved for next year.

The weekend's official activities wind up at noon. Everyone eventually shuffles off back to their point of origin. It seems they've all enjoyed themselves, many are sad to have to leave and all start making plans, at least in the back of their minds, about returning next year.

This event is a wonder forum for STARFLEET members. Many enjoy the opportunity to meet their counterparts on other ships. We get to see how other chapters are organized and how they interact and gain insights into our own groups. Everyone benefits from being able to share problems and solutions.

By promoting this kind of interaction and the friendships that develop, we strengthen our organization. All our ships are more stable for it. The Region 12 summit has created a cohesion and unity that binds us as an extended family across our six states.

*The main viewer shows a rearward view as*

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## Region 12 continued

we watch the Kansas City system shrink to a pinpoint of light. The mood is an odd combination of the excitement of new possibilities and somber reflection on those friends we must part from. We know we have left something of ourselves behind, but we've also taken with us something of those we encountered on our short stay.

### Challenger Visits Sesame Street and Beyond by Hartlono Sastrowardoyo, USS Challenger

Challenger has prided itself on being more than just a Star Trek club. With the different people that join the group, different interests are also encountered. Some are into role-playing or paintball, while others are into *Beverly Hills 90210* or *Dr. Who*. On March 11th, members of the *Challenger* attended an appearance by Alison Bartlett at the Ocean County Mall in Toms River, NJ. Alison is best known for her role as Gina, the girl who worked in Mr. Hooper's store in *Sesame Street*.

Now, there are the inevitable jokes on how *Sesame Street* is at the appropriate mental level for most of the *Challenger's* crew (particularly those on the Command staff), but we won't because Alison is a successful television actress, and her live performance of interaction with the children present by singing and playing games with them gave the us some ideas on how to make meetings and activities more successful, particularly with the great number of younger (age fourteen and under) members. Do we run a role-playing scenario or do we play the VCR interactive game, or is there another activity we should do? Seeing Alison's performance and combining it with our past experiences, such as our presentations with Cub Scouts, made it a productive night for the *Challenger*.

While not a mainstream actress, Chantilly Lace's appearance at an adult bookstore on February 3rd also gave the *Challenger* a new way of thinking. When initially investigating where Chantilly's appearance was going to be, we found the store to be more a "Victoria's Secret" or "Fredrick's of Hollywood"-type store than the stereotypical dark and dingy adult bookstore. Chantilly's presentation of posing for pictures and signing autographs was a decent one, although she wore a bikini to it.

Now, how many times have we run across the stereotype of Star Trek fans that says they live, eat, and breathe Star Trek all the time, and that they need to get a life? On the *Challenger*, more often than not, Real Life has kept one member or another from attending a meeting, activity, or convention that they would have dearly loved to be at. And when it comes time to make a decision, *Challenger* members understand that Real Life has to come first. Like Chantilly Lace and her line of work, the *Challenger* is not trying to prove that what they do is the only way to live...but that they are people, too, if one would take the time to stop and look a little closer at what they do.



### Star Trek: In the News by Cheryl McGraw, USS Lagrange

**Movie News:** Principal filming is was completed in early June on *ST: Generations*. All of the TNG cast will be in the movie. Kirk, Scott, and Chekov will be the only ones from TOS. Kirk is supposed to appear at the beginning and end of the film. Scott and Chekov appear only at the beginning and only in their time period. We will be introduced to the Enterprise-B commanded by John Harriman and at the helm...Ensign Denora Sulu, Captain Sulu's daughter. Data installs the emotion chip built by his daddy. The Enterprise-D is destroyed and Kirk dies in Picard's arms.

**Voyager Gossip:** Sources say that Berman is pushing hard for Lindsay Wagner to be Captain. The description of "Captain Elizabeth Janeway" that has been announced at conventions and posted on the networks sounds remarkably like a female James T. Kirk....

**DS9 Third Season:** Production on the third season of *Deep Space Nine* began July 11. The two part season premiere will be titled "The Search," and is scheduled to air the week of September 26. It will mark the introduction of a new Starfleet ship, the *Defiant*, which will be stationed at DS9. Jonathan Frakes will direct Part 2 of "The Search." (Part 1 will be directed by Kim Friedman).

The *Defiant* was originally built to combat the Borg. It is a powerful, fully weaponed ship that is approximately three times the size of the existing runabouts on DS9 now. The addition of the *Defiant* will allow the senior staff to travel as a team into the Gamma Quadrant. The crew will be utilizing the ship throughout the third season.

All cast members are returning for the third season. Future episodes will include a visit to the Trill homeworld, an encounter with Klingons who believe Quark is their leader (!?), and a special episode that is described as "reminiscent of the classic 'Star Trek'"

**TNG Final Episode Ratings:** Among syndicated shows, the TNG finale "All Good Things" placed number one for 1993/94 syndicated television season. According to *Electronic Media* magazine, the finale "wound up as the syndication season's top-rated program to date, averaging a 19.5 Nielsen Television Index national rating...that's the highest-rated syndicated program since Paramount's premiere of *Deep Space Nine* had at 21 NTI rating in January, 1993. The finale also topped network programming for the week ended June 5, beating ABC's NO.1 ranked *Home Improvement*, which had a 18.5 Nielsen rating that week."

However, what the article fails to note is that the 19.5 figure is a combined rating. TNG episodes air twice each week, so all of us fanatics who watched both airings got counted twice. Overall, "All Good Things" had the highest numbers, but *Home Improvement* probably had more viewers during its single airing than either single AGT airing.

**Stewart Wins Award:** From the June, 1994 issue of *Computer Gaming World* magazine: The winner of the first-ever Premier Award for Best Voice-Over Acting (Male) in a Multimedia Game is Patrick Stewart. According to the awards committee, "From the initial stentorian tones heard in *Lands of Lore*, the role-playing magnum opus from Westwood, we never had a doubt that the Shakespearean actor and television star was perfectly cast as the royal monarch. His vocal range give a sense of urgency and reality to the game as the story unfolds." So who needs an Emmy?

**More Roadkill on the Information Superhighway:** A new group was recently formed on the Internet: alt.sex.fetish.startrek is now open for business. For those unfamiliar with the wacky world of network newsgroups, if enough interest is expressed in a topic, a forum can be created expressly for the purpose of discussing it. Apparently there are quite a few people out there who get *really* interactive with their Trek memorabilia.

**I Know Where I'm Going For Vacation:** On March 25, 1985, the Riverside, Iowa City Council voted unanimously to declare a spot behind what used to be the town's barbershop as the "future birthplace" of Star Trek's Captain James T. Kirk. Riverside is located south of Iowa City. For more information on festivities and the like, call (319) 648-KIRK or write to Riverside Area Community Club, PO Box 55, Riverside, IA 52327.

**Trek News:** Franz Joseph, author and illustrator of the TOS *Star Trek Blueprints* and *Starfleet Technical Manual* died June 2.

Talks between Paramount and Warner about a possible merger have broken off. One source said that the talks had never reached a meaningful stage and that there were no ongoing discussions.

Mae Jemison, the first black woman in space, recently said that of all things she has accomplished in her life, it seems the thing that really impresses people most is her 30 seconds on TNG.

## Earth and Space Travel: In the Fusion Power Era

by Brent Shacklett, *USS Khal Tam*

Shortly after humankind began to understand the true nature of the sun and its atomic structure, during the 1930s, scientists fantasized about a time in the distant future when Earth would be able to harness great energy. Fusion energy. Its power would be virtually limitless. Its power would be clean and efficient. Realization would be a long time; probably several human lifetimes before mere Earthlings understood enough and were able to control the primeval and most basic atomic forces of the universe -- "fusion power" was science fiction.

As with the many topics we have discussed in these science and technology articles, with the advent of the transistor, electronics, and computers, our age has multiplied the power of investigation exponentially - just in the last 40 years.

So it has been with research in fusion technology. Past generations were unable to imagine the metals needed to contain the enormous heat of a fusion generation, or the control systems to make the minute second-by-second adjustment of fuel inflow. Fusion power no doubt seemed like a science fiction pipedream to a generation just learning how to use aluminum, plastics, and relying on vacuum tubes to heat up their primitive non-transistorized radios.

### Fission vs. Fusion

What exactly is fission power? What is fusion power? What's the difference and why all the fuss?

First, let's look at fission power - the power source most Americans and those in the more developed countries are familiar with. Fission power reactions, simply, break apart the atomic structure of fuel elements, releasing energy in the process. Unfortunately, the energy is the cleanest thing a fission reactor releases; from the "rubble," or what's left after the reaction, "dirt" remains. This dirt is called "plutonium," and a few nearly as lethal compounds. Let's do word association: When we say plutonium, most people think of 3 Mile Island, Karen Silkwood, Chernobyl. Plutonium is nasty stuff; presently it is the most lethal concentrated compound known to man. A thimble-full in a water supply would kill millions. Hence, fission reactors are called "dirty reactors." Cleaning up the U.S. and Russian plutonium mess will take hundreds of years and generations of careful stewardship (and luck) due to the centuries of "half-life" or rate of atomic decay to safety margin of these highly radioactive materials. All worldwide land-based nuclear power plants and many submarine fleets at sea both here and in Russia are powered by dirty fission reactors.

Fusion Power is linked with the famous equation from the 1930's and Albert Einstein,  $E=MC^2$ . The relationship of converting matter to energy (and energy to matter) started scientists tinkering around with the idea of recreating here on Earth the newly understood process of stellar ignition and matter to energy conversion of hydrogen to helium that occurs many times a second in our sun.

Fusion is a "joining" of elements in an energy release, just like the sun. The fusion process is a

constructive rather than a destructive process. The energy release is massive, clean, and only a small amount of radioactivity is formed as a result of the process, most of which is localized on the internal parts of the reactor core itself which will be safe enough to enter within 12 months of shutting down the reaction process. In fission, reactor cores will remain untouchable for centuries due, again, to the longer half-life of the decaying radioactive plutonium found in the process. Fusion reactions also create no carbon dioxide or other greenhouse gases; another problem we have inherited from the industrial revolution that is yet to be dealt with. Therefore, fusion reactors are referred to as "clean reactors."

On December 9, 1993 at Princeton University the Fusion Era began. On that day, researchers were able to build a containment unit strong enough, build powerful magnets, and state-of-the-art electronic control technologies to heat, induce the fuel components made of deuterium and tritium and start a controlled fusion reaction. The temperature required was 400 million degrees Celsius.

Princeton wasn't the only group working on the fusion power plant; In 1991 the French, who have a very sophisticated nuclear power industry, made fundamental breakthroughs but were unable to maintain temperature or control. The Princeton process is termed "hot" fusion; so-called "cold" fusion is an entirely different process and generally thought not to be viable in the future.

Following the success of Princeton's Tokamak Fusion Test Reactor (TFTR) -- which has so far produced a world-record six million watts of power in brief pulses and is expected to reach ten million watts in 1994 -- scientists hope to build two more experimental reactors. Those would be followed with the completion of a working power station around 2025. If all goes as planned, it would crank out one billion watts of sustained power and crown what is already one of the most difficult technological efforts ever undertaken.

"Between now and then, we don't see any technical problems that look like show-stoppers," says Robert W. Conn, a fusion power engineer at the University of California at Los Angeles and chairman of the Energy Department's Fusion Advisory Committee.

Energy Secretary Hazel R. O'Leary called TFTR's success "the most significant achievement in fusion energy in the past two decades."

If Princeton gets funding for a planned new "super reactor" in the area of 600 million dollars, it could be built and operational by the year 2000 and greet the new century with an on-line working power-producing reactor.

A far bigger experimental reactor is being designed with the goal of starting operation in 2010. Called the ITER or International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (pronounced "eater") It's goal would be to achieve the long-sought ignition -- the moment when the fusing plasma creates enough energy of its own to keep the fusion reaction going without the need to keep adding additional energy from outside sources. Once ignition starts, ITER would theoretically be able to put one billion watts of sustained power indefinitely.

The present reactor requires three watts of electricity induced to obtain one watt of electricity from the reaction process -- the ability to induce an on-going reaction is determined in part by the size of the reactor. In astronomy, a protostar must reach critical mass before thermonuclear ignition begins; so must the reactor, on a smaller scale.

### A New Use for Fusion Power

As reported here in 1993, engineers at TRW Corporation in California have developed a new spacecraft engine; called the "Pulsed Inductive Thruster System" most will recognize it as the "impulse drive" from Star Trek - yes, that's right - Star Trek. In telephone conversations with TRW over these last months, they indicate that although the engine works better than expected and is a major new power system for the 21st century space industry, one problem remains: the power requirements are greater than existing fission power systems can produce.

Yet another step into the Final Frontier - fusion power is what they were looking for.

Anyone got a discount ticket to Mars I can buy cheap????

## Living In Space - Part II

by Fran Terry, *USS Lagrange*

### PRESSURE

The earth lives under one standard atmosphere (1ATM) of air pressure. It is conceivable that we could encounter a planet with a very dense/heavy atmosphere where dwellers would be adapted to 2 or more ATM pressure. This presents several challenges.

Divers are well aware of the complications of operating under increased pressure and of the dangers involved in rapidly moving between areas of high and low pressure. Atmospheric pressure of 1 ATM is present almost everywhere on the earth's land surface, and increases by 1 ATM with every 33 feet of sea water depth. It decreases with increasing altitude. Commercial aircraft are "pressurized" (equivalent to 8000' altitude) for crew safety and passenger comfort.

Rapid, uncontrolled movement from 2+ atmospheres back to 1ATM causes "the bends" -- nitrogen which has been dissolved in the blood comes out of solution and forms bubbles in the bloodstream. These cause a crackling sensation in the skin, severe muscle pain, heart and respiratory failure and, eventually, death. Controlled decompression (controlled ascent or treatment in a hyperbaric "dive" chamber) allows the nitrogen to come out of solution slowly and be exhaled through the lungs. Excess dissolved nitrogen in the blood while at depth causes nitrogen narcosis, with decreased level of consciousness and loss of judgement, which can be fatal. Deep submergence sea vessels are structurally engineered to withstand high external pressure while maintaining 1ATM internally. Helium is added in high-pressure vessels to limit pulmonary (lung) oxygen toxicity - high pressure means that each component, including oxygen, is under increased pressure (Dalton's Law of partial pressures). High-oxygen-pressure/content atmospheres are extremely flammable and pulmonary-toxic. The

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## Star Trek: Federation Science and The Academy of Sciences

By Helene Donohue, USS Atreides

If someone were to ask you about the STAR TREK: FEDERATION SCIENCE exhibit, you could probably tell them where it's located and how long it's in town. Chances are you know more about Trek trivia than the people involved with the exhibit, but, how much do you actually know about the California Academy of Sciences, the current home of the exhibit?

Did you know, that there is a place in San Francisco where you can take a deep sea dive without getting wet and explore the stars in the middle of the day; track wild African animals, explore Wild California, ride an earthquake and travel back three billion years in time? It's all under one roof at the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park.

Each year one and a half million visitors enjoy the many exhibits at the Academy, a natural history museum, aquarium and planetarium rolled into one. The Academy is the oldest scientific institution in the West and one of the ten largest natural history museums in the world. Founded in 1853 following the Gold Rush, the Academy has natural history collections utilized by scientists from around the world. The Academy's scientists travel the globe to discover and research animals, plants, and artifacts. As the museum's valuable collection of natural history specimens have grown, so have its public exhibits. These exhibits and special programs - bring the Academy's research to the public.

One of the many areas of interest to museum visitors is SPECIAL EXHIBITS. The Academy hosts spectacular, temporary exhibits which change every six months. Art, culture, and the natural world are common themes. It is into this

category that STAR TREK: FEDERATION SCIENCE falls.

Here is an opportunity to experience the exhibit through the eyes of the people most closely involved with exhibit. It takes more than a love of Star Trek to bring an exhibit of this magnitude to the public. Let me introduce you to a few of the people directly involved with the exhibit. I sent them each a questionnaire to fill out in lieu of being able to find time to interview them personally. It is my hope that you will enjoy their comments throughout this piece.

**DIANE BUTLER** is Chairman, Department of Volunteer Services. Diane manages the Volunteer program and supervises two full-time Coordinators. She boasts 25 years at the Academy, having started as a docent in 1969 and becoming a paid staff member in 1972. Diane has a varied and interesting background. In her words, "I'm a people-person and a listener." She has been active in P. T. A. and other organizations and as a chaperon for her kids' fieldtrips. A life-long interest in natural history and astronomy coupled with a desire to share that interest with kids is what brought Diane to the Academy. Her favorite experience in volunteering is seeing kids light up as they "get it." Diane says, "I'm still pinching myself that my accidental career turned out the way it has!"

**SUSAN DOUGLAS** is the Education Department Chair. Susan directs the Academy's education programs, including adult and family education teacher training, Junior Academy, special lectures, exhibits design and programming. She has been with the Academy for 15 years. Prior to the Academy, Susan was a teacher of sciences

for 12 years, mostly high school, but other levels, too.

**ROSALIND HENNING** is a Volunteer Coordinator. Rosalind coordinates, interviews and supervises volunteers of "all shapes and sizes." Rosalind has been on staff at the Academy for 6 years. She has a Museology M.A. (studies in museum sciences). Formerly the Director of Education at the Historical House Museum, Rosalind trained their docents and volunteers. As a volunteer for the STAR TREK: FEDERATION SCIENCES myself, I've had a lot of contact with Rosalind and, in my humble opinion, she is a masterful organizer.

**DAVID SHAW** is Public Information Officer. He directs promotions, marketing, advertising and public relations for the Natural History Museum, Planetarium and Aquarium. David studied biology and art at Reed College in Portland, OR, and Philadelphia College of Art and Design. Also a 6-year veteran, he worked as reporter and events editor at San Francisco Bay Guardian for three years before coming to the Academy. He started out as Assistant Public Information Officer in 1988 and volunteered as an editor at "Photo Metro Magazine" from 1989 to 1990.

### ABOUT THE STAR TREK: FEDERATION SCIENCE EXHIBIT

Just in case there are still a few folks out there who haven't heard, STAR TREK: FEDERATION SCIENCE is an exciting new exhibit designed and built by the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI). It opened to an enthusiastic Portland audience in January of 1992, and remained there for a record-setting 6-month engagement. In September of 1992 it began a three year tour throughout the country.

This 6,000 sq. foot exhibit utilizes the popular and fascinating phenomenon of STAR TREK in all its forms to promote science and technology

### Living In Space continued

addition of helium makes everyone on board sound like Donald Duck, but maintains a respirable atmosphere.

Hyperbaric oxygen chambers are used for treatment of the bends, for treatment of some toxic exposures, and to improve healing of complex wounds. Treatment of diving injuries is usually done with "room air" (21% oxygen) under 2+ atmospheres of pressure. Other conditions are treated with supplemental oxygen - up to 100% under pressure. At 3ATM and 100% oxygen, there is enough oxygen dissolved in the blood to support normal physiologic processes even if there is no functioning hemoglobin. Hemoglobin is the protein inside red blood cells that carries oxygen from the lungs out to other tissues.

Rapid acceleration causes an increase in the G-forces felt by the body. Military pilots experience this during high speed flight, steep ascents and sharp turns; astronauts feel it during booster firing to reach orbit/escape velocity. On a starship, jumps to warp speed would literally flatten everyone against the aft bulkhead and generate forces sufficient to crush the fragile human chest and abdominal organs. Inertial dampening systems are necessary to smooth out the change in force and gravitational field, to make it more

consistent and maintain it within a tolerable range.

Structural integrity fields are required to maintain spaceframe integrity during impulse and warp flight. [For a full discussion of structural integrity and inertial dampening fields, refer to *ST:TNG Technical Manual*, sections 2.4 - 2.6].

### GRAVITY

Humans require gravity and electromagnetic fields to insure proper cellular growth and function. Prolonged exposure to zero-G (as on long-term 20th century space missions) leads to muscle atrophy (wasting) and demineralization of the bones. Extensive research on these and other physiologic effects of zero-G living has been conducted on recent space shuttle missions. It has been speculated that gradual adaptation to constant low-gravity environments will take place, as would happen with long term residents of a moon base (1/6 earth's gravity) or a space station with less than 1 earth-G gravity. Children reared on the moon may be taller, their muscles weaker and bones somewhat more brittle. Lifelong residents of low-G planets may not be able to visit Earth without the use of assist devices.

Terrans may expect similar difficulties when we land on high-G planets. Each time we breathe or move, our muscles move our weight against gravity. Blood moves through the arteries (vessels going away from the heart) because of

pressure generated when the heart pumps. It returns via the veins against gravity; flow is maintained by extremity muscles contracting around the veins, and by a series of valves that prevent backflow. Military pilots wear masks which provide supplemental oxygen and "G suits" which provide external pressure to legs and abdomen, to prevent blood pooling, rather than returning to the brain, during high speed ascents and dives.

The "Melora" episode of *DS9* dealt with a native of Alatia, a low-gravity world, who upon assignment to *DS9* had to get around in a wheelchair, wear pneumatic wraps on her extremities and abdomen to return blood to her heart, and limit her exertion because she was not able to provide sufficient oxygen to her muscles. That is, to pump enough blood to provide increased oxygen during times of increased exertion. Her movements became much more efficient when she returned to her low-G quarters. Terrans are initially very clumsy in zero-G, and have problems with disorientation and nausea because the part of our inner ear that tells us what position we're in and which way is up depends upon gravitational fluid movement against sensor cells.

Acclimation to zero-G usually occurs in 48-72 hours. This is why spacewalks are delayed until after the third day of the mission. Getting sick inside a spacesuit can be catastrophic!



literacy among people of all ages. "I think it is excellent because it teaches science in a way that is very active and fun. I like the computer programs on the bridge because they are so challenging," comments David Shaw. Don Morgan, Manager, Visitor Services, continues in the same vein, "...a very good exhibit to relate science to students. It has been a great exhibit to attract new visitors to the Academy. I enjoy finding out how visitors like the exhibit." What Susan Douglas likes best is the "interface between science education and the Star Trek phenomenon."

The response to this exhibit has been overwhelming and has surpassed most expectations. Volunteers know how Interactive STAR TREK: FEDERATION SCIENCE is. It offers a hands-on experience in the realms of physical science and astronomy. With as much as 3,000 visitors a day, that's a lot of hands. Morgan will be the first to admit, "It is a lot of work logistically to keep the exhibit going." Volunteers can be seen every morning, running around with rags and glass cleaner keeping the consoles shining bright for the onslaught. Morgan concludes, "The volunteers must be enjoying the exhibit. The Academy couldn't have hosted this exhibit without the dedicated volunteers." Douglas echoes, "From my experience, they love it and have enjoyed being a part of such a great success. We couldn't have done it without the volunteers!" Diane Butler describes the volunteers in a single word, "Enthusiastic!" The public audience has demonstrated high interest in the exhibit. Shaw describes their response as "terrific, very positive and popular." The boarding passes on the weekends generally sell out by about 2:30pm.

Another Important audience is the educational community. I'm an educator and really love the fact that visitors need to learn something about the science involved to run the missions on the bridge. "Teachers think it is a very good tool for teaching science to students," says Morgan, "Our school slots were sold out weeks ago." There have been diverse groups of children visiting the exhibit. Douglas mentions that "There has been great interest from educators of all grades. Thank goodness there is a support booklet for teachers."

#### STAR TREK AND THE ACADEMY

Permission was granted by Paramount Pictures to develop the exhibit in connection with the 25th anniversary of the first network release of STAR TREK. Since it opened, the exhibit met with such success that Paramount Pictures gave OMSI approval to construct a second copy of the exhibit. The second tour began in February 1994. It's first stop was, you guessed it, the California Academy of Sciences.

It's not hard to imagine what brings people to see the exhibit. Butler credits the "name recognition factor" as do quite a number of people. Morgan agrees, "Star Trek is recognized by all ages and by people of all cultures. It has a universal following." According to Henning, the "fact that it's never been here" is an important point.

The presence of the exhibit has been good for the Academy. One way has been financially. As always, Saturday is the busiest day of the week throughout the year and has been even more so

during the exhibit's run, so admission revenue is up. "This exhibit has been very well received by the staff, volunteers, members and donors," claims Morgan, "Memberships have grown, store sales have been impressive." I'll vouch that the cafeteria certainly been more crowded.

The Academy has enjoyed increased membership. Morgan remarks, "in one three day holiday weekend we sold over 300 memberships." Butler gives a more revealing statistic, "By mid-point of the run, the Membership Department had tallied 1,080 new members." Since STAR TREK: FEDERATION SCIENCE's opening on February 5, 1994, over 100,000 people have been to the Academy to see it. One benefit of the public interest in Star Trek is that more people are getting to see the rest of the museum as well.

STAR TREK: FEDERATION SCIENCE is definitely high tech and assuredly interactive.

OMSI has extensive experience in building and circulating nationally traveling exhibitions. Shaw brings up a valid point, "More exhibits like this would be great, but they are hard to find and expensive to create." What would he like to see? How about "an exhibit about Indiana Jones?" OMSI's philosophy of hands-on exhibits requires competent educators to research the best method of teaching science in an informal and exciting environment. All displays are proto typed and tested with the public before final design.

At the moment there is not another collaboration planned with OMSI, but there is enthusiasm for more interactive exhibits of this nature. Douglas states, "In fact we are looking at a very interesting one now titled 'Mission to Mars,' but it would be a couple of years from now." As for future projects with OMSI, Douglas is optimistic, "If they come up with a great idea, then we are willing. We are eager to have the best stuff for our visitors."

Determining whether or not an exhibit appears at the Academy is not as simple as it might seem. There is a selection process that must be gone through. "Daphne Derven, Director of Public Programs is responsible for getting the exhibit for the Academy," explains Douglas, "She contacted several staff members for input, then she battled the red tape and got it! She is a miracle worker!" Morgan couldn't agree more, "I know it took negotiating and hard work to enable the Academy to obtain this exhibit."

The Academy imparts an understanding of the natural world around us and our place in it. Some people might refer to STAR TREK: FEDERATION SCIENCE as edu-tainment. Shaw points out that, "The natural world includes space as seen in Earth and Space Hall and the Planetarium. This exhibit fits perfectly with the Academy's educational mission. "The interactive nature of the exhibit has an intrinsic value in science education. It "stimulates curiosity, a commitment to conservation, and the motivation for exploration," remarks Butler, "Mainly it makes viewers think!"

People who might not otherwise visit the Academy get the added bonus of experiencing other areas of the Academy. "The exhibit fits our mission because of the high quality science presented through a mixed media experience. It has allowed us to reach many thousands through the planetarium show, too...thus fulfilling an astronomy education goal,"

Douglas says, "In addition, as people visit to see Star Trek, we know they also visit other academy areas to learn more about California, the oceans, African habitats and so on."

With the Academy's emphasis on education, the next natural point to explore was current trends in science education as compared to when the Academy was originally founded. "When the Academy was founded, it was important to recognize and catalog the wonderful natural history of the state. Through the years the Academy holdings have provided base line studies for scientists all over the world in their understanding of the world and its biodiversity. Now the Academy is an important player in environmental issues. The Academy's other mission is to share the information, and we do this through one of the largest education programs in the U.S., Douglas explains. Shaw agrees and adds, "The Academy was originally a research institution and museum and education grew out of that...biggest change now is the way informational technology will increase the numbers of people we reach." Morgan administers a dose of reality, "I am not an educator but I believe that the Academy is playing a greater role in teaching science to students. Schools are strapped for dollars which hurts their programs in science."

The Academy has been an important part of San Francisco's history since the Gold Rush. It has adapted to an ever-changing world and is moving in some interesting directions with it's programs. Shaw reminds us that, "The Academy will continue to have some traditional displays and new innovative displays such as Star Trek. Renovation of the Aquarium is planned for the late 1990's." The Academy is known for its traditional approach to science and it is expanding on this base. "The Academy is pursuing information sharing through a wide variety of projects...such as internet and other super information highway techniques," Douglas goes on to say, "We are establishing ourselves as leaders in teacher education and hope to grow more in that area. In exhibitions we are involving the visitor more and more through interaction in an education and entertainment mode." It would definitely be interesting to see an Internet link for the Academy."

Just for the sake of comparison, I solicited comments regarding the Exploratorium and its similarities to and differences from the Academy as relates to STAR TREK: FEDERATION SCIENCE. Shaw is reminded of the Exploratorium in that the exhibit is so interactive, "but the Exploratorium's exhibits are more like experiments and less high tech." Morgan has a slightly difference take, "To me the Exploratorium is a science museum which deals in Physical science. Star Trek would fit in with the Exploratorium." Douglas maintains that the Exploratorium "really has advanced public understanding of science. The Academy and Exploratorium complement one another." Without a doubt, both museums have something valuable to contribute towards knowledge.

*Part two of this article, with more about the Academy and the Star Trek exhibit, will appear in the next issue of the Communiqué. This article is an authorized reprint from the Critical Mass, Fanzine of the USS Atreides.*



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