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The View From *STARFLEET* HQ

Fleet Admiral Dan McGinnis, Commander, *STARFLEET*



Photo by John Maestu

Greetings from *STARFLEET* Headquarters! We have been very busy processing your letters, voucher requests, and answering your telephone calls. I did, however, take a short vacation from Fleet for one week. Thanks to Deborah Maestu and her staff for handling the Fleet during that time!

I believe it is human nature to be critical instead of recognizing the hard work that so many people do to keep our association moving forward. There are hundreds of people throughout

STARFLEET who contribute their time, effort and energy towards making our organization the best it can be. There are also a few who find only criticism that the progress is not happening fast enough. Let's not concentrate on those who find only complaints.

Recently, several chapters have seen fit to leave *STARFLEET* and join another organization. We all wish them the very best as they find an organization that better suits their needs. *STARFLEET* continues to grow and we are very positive for our future. Working together, we will continue to fix the problems that have built over the years and move the organization to greater heights.

Keep the adventure alive!



Admiral Deborah Maestu, Vice-Commander, *STARFLEET*

Greetings from the office of Vice-Commander, *STARFLEET*. The past couple of months have been exciting both personally and in Fleet.

First and foremost (to me anyway), by the time you read this, John and I will be married. We aren't having a *STARFLEET* wedding, but the next best thing - getting married at *STARFLEET* HQ!

We will be in St. Louis working on production of a video as part of Project: Challenge of the Heart. The video is aimed at increasing awareness and education on HIV/AIDS. Future issues of the CSR and Communiqué will feature information on how to order this video which may be used either as a teaching tool within your chapter or shown during community service projects.

Project: Challenge of the Heart is really picking up steam. Several chapters are involved in fundraising activities and many chapters are finding ways to reach out to their communities with education and support. For information or ideas and suggestions, please contact Project Director Fleet Captain Betsy Matteis at 13501 SW 178 St., Miami, FL 33177. Betsy's phone number is (305) 235-5259, or call Assistant Director Captain John Maestu at (305) 894-1810.

The response to this project continues to be exciting and the support that John and I have received since the International Conference has been overwhelming. Making the decision to speak publicly about John's HIV status was a difficult step, but John felt it was important for *STARFLEET* members to have a familiar face to associate with this condition. If you have any question concerning HIV/AIDS please feel free to contact either of us.

In other areas, we are in the process of looking for a new director for the Disabled Services Program. If you have a familiarity with ADA rules and regulations and would be interested in getting involved in this program, please send your application to this office. The Director assists chapters with information on making meetings, conventions and events accessible and is involved in other projects, such as recording *Communiqués* and/or handbooks for the blind.

Thanks for all the letters and cards we receive here in South Florida. Every one is read and appreciated. May of you send invitations to your events and parties held in all sorts of exotic locations (like Arkansas and Idaho). We would love to attend everything, but time and finances often hold us back from traveling. However, I like to think I'm there in spirit—you all know how much I love to party!

Anyway, got to go. Hope to see you all soon!



Photo by John Maestu



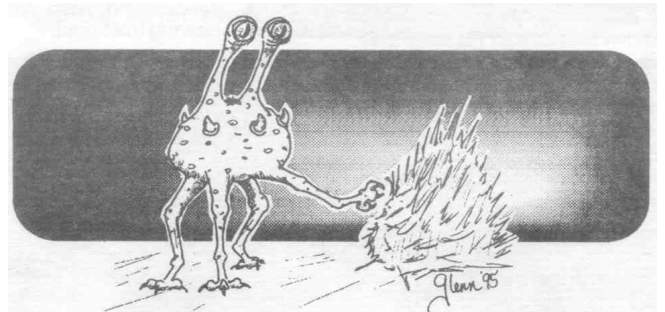
About: the Cover

Deep Space Station K-7 was not the only place Cyrano Jones managed to overrun with Tribbles. It seems that he introduced them to at least one Klingon farming world as well.

In response, the Klingons genetically engineered this tribble predator which they called a glommer. Glommers are very efficient and can consume several times their own weight in tribbles every day.

In the animated episode, "*More Tribbles, More Troubles*," Cyrano Jones managed to steal the Glommer in order to enhance his own tribble control efforts. This was not one of the better days in Federation/Klingon diplomatic relations.

Photo and Glommer Bio-Engineering by Doug Glenn



STARFLEET OPERATIONS

Admiral Cindy Krell
Chief of Operations, STARFLEET

The latest from Operations:

The highlight of a very business-filled International Conference was the many STARFLEET hugs I received and returned. Fleet ICs are always like family reunions; I only wish the EC and AB meetings had allowed me more time to send with my STARFLEET family. The Ops staff and I were warmly greeted and I want to express our heartfelt

thanks. It means a great deal that our efforts and time spent to assist the Fleet are appreciated. I know there were several people who wanted to chat with me, but the opportunity just didn't present itself. The OPS phone number was included in the last CSR Submission, so if you still wish to chat give me a call. My personal thanks to Fleet Captain Raymond Quinones of the USS *Freedom* for being my right arm (keeper) during the IC. He was always there when I needed him, even to the point of making sure I made it safely to my room at 2:00 a.m., following many long hours in AB meetings.

Many thanks to those ship who are reporting to Ops monthly as required. And special thanks to those who are using the correct Monthly Status Report form or similar format in computerized reports. Keep up the good work! There are, however, a number of ships which are NOTE reporting. Decommissioning ships is one of the duties of Operations, but it is certainly the least enjoyable. If you have doubts about the status of your chapter, *please* feel free to contact us.

When a chapter is decommissioned, DTS will now hold its name and registry (NCC#) in reserve for a period of six (6) months. At the end of that time, the name and registry are released for reuse within STARFLEET. If any members of the decommissioned chapter contacts DTS, in writing, and advises Capt. Michael Cowart that the chapter is in the process of being restarted, or that there are plans to restart the chapter in the near future, they may request that the chapter name be held for an additional six (6) month period. Please note that DTS must receive a *written* request that the name be held for the extended six month period. Copies should also be sent to us in Fleet Operations, as well as your Regional Coordinator, so that we will know that an effort is underway to reestablish the chapter.

Several of the Ops Staff members, including myself, will be attending the Region One Conference, Knight Star Con I, in Charlotte, NC, during the last weekend of October. If any of you will be attending that Conference, please be sure to look us up. We look forward to commissioning to a new Starship or two and we'll be available to answer questions, provide forms or just chat with you. The conference and convention are being organized by a consortium of Region One chapters. From what I've heard so far, the conference is sure to provide a good time for everyone. We hope to see you there!

That's all for this issue of the *Communiqué*. As always, the Ops Staff and I remain at your service. We wish you well and look forward to hearing from you!



Commissionings

It was our honor to commission seven (7) ships at the IC, and another shortly thereafter. Please join us in welcoming these fine chapters as chartered starships in STARFLEET:

USS *Aslan* * NCC-8491
Captain Amy Walrath
City of Charter: Watauga, TX

USS *Lewis & Clark* * NCC-658
Captain Bruce Humphries
City of Charter: Independence, MO

USS *Magellan* * NCC-74673
Captain Theresa Farthing
City of Charter: Savanna, GA

USS *Mirage* * NCC-72213
Captain Karen Hinkley
City of Charter: Midwest City, OK

USS *New Horizons* * NCC-71676*
Captain Cheryl Stevens
City of Charter: Dexter, NY

USS *Northern Lights* * NCC-27001*
Captain David Englebeck
City of Charter: San Jose, CA

USS *Transcendence*
Captain William Oberle
City of Charter: Lindenwold, NJ

USS *Wolverine* * NCC-23914
Captain William James
City of Charter: Gainesville, TX

* These chapters entered under the Existing Fan Club (EFC) Program. For more information on this program, please contact us.

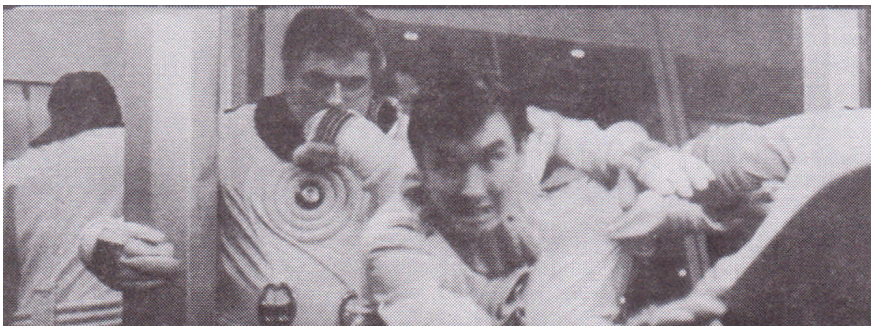
File Maintenance

According to STARFLEET Operations files, the following chapters are no longer active. Anyone with information indicating otherwise is asked to contact Operations. The name a registry for each of these ships (with one exception*) will be held by DTS for a period of six months. Members of these former chapters who wish to reorganize or continue in STARFLEET should contact Operations immediately. Upon written request from members in the process or reorganizing, DTS has agreed to reserve a chapter's name and registry for an additional six months, totaling a maximum of one year. At the end of the reserve period, the chapter's name and registry will be released for reuse by other groups.

USS *America* * NCC-1847
USS *Aquila* * NCC-42297
USS *Argon II* * NCC-1636
USS *Atrides* * NCC-60022
USS *births tlhapwf* * NCC-KL8001
USS *Camelot* * NCC-2307*
USS *Charlemagne* * NCC-71823
USS *Columbia II* * NCC-71831
USS *Defiance* * NCC-1717
USS *Dominion* * NCC-2115
USS *Explorer* * NCC-2009
USS *Federation* * NCC-2100
USS *Genesis II* * NCC-1206
USS *Moon chaser* * NCC-655
USS *Nokib'ral* * NCC-2211
USS *Odin* * NCC-1875
USS *Pullover* * NCC-2021
USS *Pathfinder* * NCC-22121
USS *Polaris* * NCC-1839
USS *Rainbow Warrior* * NCC-71805
USS *Captor* * NCC-92001
USS *Reliant* * NCC-1864
USS *Tesseract* * NCC-8496
USS *Tutaki* * NCC-1797

*Name is already in use by a Shuttle. Name was reissued before current procedure was implemented.

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Channels Open!

STARFLEET Communications

Rear Admiral Douglas Glenn
Chief of Communications, STARFLEET

Where or where is my CQ?

If you had been wondering why you hadn't received this issue of the CQ until now, you have a good reason to do so. The full responsibility for it being delinquent is mine. Much as I try to avoid it, real life has recently interfered with my duties to STARFLEET. A few of months ago I was suddenly faced with inevitability of finding someplace else to live. I made the move, but my entire life was chaos for several weeks.

As if the move alone were not enough. I no longer had access to the Macintosh Performa that I had been doing the CQ on. Fortunately, my father has a Performa (actually a newer model), and he graciously offered to let me make use of it. However, I was silly enough to think that everything was going to transfer from one system to the other without any problem. Hah! A number of my fonts wouldn't work on the computer and much of what I had established for the CQ had to be reworked for this system.

Playing catch-up

Of course, my publishing schedule is a little out of whack at the moment. My intention is to go straight into publication of issue #72 as soon as this one hits the printer. Assuming I can avoid any other major lifestyle changes, #72 should be in your hands by mid-December and #73 will be completely back on track. I appreciate your understanding and patience as I reorganize my life.

Address change

As I just mentioned. I have recently moved. If you are one of those who have using my home address, (Bjo, Hartriono, etc.), please change is to the Communications P.O. Box listed on the Administration page of the CQ. Please make not that my previously listed phone numbers are also invalid.

Staff changes

Due to personal conflicts, Commodore Robbie Lewis has had to step down from his position as vice Chief of Communications - STARFLEET. I want to take this opportunity to thank Robbie for all of his hard work and service to this organization. Good luck, Robbie, with your continued work in Region 1 Communications and al your future endeavors.

Through it is sad to lose a valued staff member, it is equally a pleasure to promote one. With the vacancy created by Robbie's departure, there was one obvious place to go for a replacement. Captain Kristine Harah has

been serving tirelessly as senior CQ editor and as my online representative since we came to office. I am pleased to announce that Kris has accepted the position of Vice Chief of Communications - STARFLEET.

Advertising in the Communiqué

I am extremely pleased to announce that the STARFLEET Department of Communications is ready to accept Display Ads for this publication. Please write for details or e-mail Captain Kristine Harah, Vice Chief of Communications at klharah@aol.com.

Much ado about what?

One of the more amusing aspects of serving this organization as Chief of Communications has been watching the feeding frenzy that occurs in isolated pockets of STARFLEET over the most ridiculous things. Looking at what people choose to devote time complaining about, you start saying to yourself that 'these people have far too much time on their hands.'

But criticism is important, so I always pay attention to any and all comments regarding the *Communiqué* and this department. It is important to me to sift through every opinion that comes my way.. Even the most off-the-wall diatribe may contain hints at how we can improve the product we bring to you every two months. Many of the improvement we've made on the CQ over time come directly from your comments.

We often receive notes telling us that the *Communiqué* is improving in every issue. If that is true, then it is thanks to all of you who have expressed your opinions and suggestions.. even my detractors.

Recently, a few people have been going off a comment I made in last issue's letters column. Sin of al sins, I referred to these as *my Communiqués*. Well I must Admit, I intentionally said that because someone had taken a shot at me six months ago for saying that same thing. I was curious to see if it would generate a reaction if I put in print.

I saw a few grumblings in response, including a long rambling one suggesting I'm obsessed with power not that I hold this post. (You can't do anything but laugh at the idea that there is any significant power for any individuals holding STARFLEET positions. Any *real* power is in the ideals we represent an out status as a unified whole... something every STARFLEET member shares in. But that's another column.) Another complaint was that by calling the CQ *mine*, I was taking personal ownership of it. (I prefer to think of it as responsibility.) they felt I was refusing to recognize that it was actually STARFLEET's members.

These suggestions are absolutely ludicrous. *My Communiqué* is first of all merely a convenient means of identifying those on which I



Photo by Shirley Schaaf

serve as Editor in Chief. Every CQ has reflected the style of the individual in charge of its assembly and I have often heard them referenced by their editors. (Buck Krause's CQ, Judith Brandy's, Tim Gillespie's, etc.)

On another level it does reflect my personal concern. If I say, "my girlfriend," it is not a statement of ownership, it is a statement of care and commitment. The same applies to the *Communiqué*. To those who would suggest otherwise ... get a life.

The rewarding thing is that of those who choose to communicate directly with us. The good *far* outweighs the bad. For every negative comment received by the Communications Department, we get 20 or 30 positive letters. Keep letting us know what you think. If you would like to see your ship or crewmates spotlighted in the CQ, submit the articles. If there is a type of article you feel is lacking in the *Communiqué*, write it instead of whining about it! My staff and I look forward to hearing from you.



From the "It's about time!" department...

It was our attention to announce the STARFLEET Communications Newsletter Awards at this year's International Conference in Atlanta. Well, due to some missed connections, they weren't delivered until it was too late to do so. As that is the case, it is my pleasure to announce those awards in this issue of the CQ.

My thanks to Robbie Lewis for heading up the contest this year. I know that this is a painstakingly difficult task. Choosing the winners from so many quality publications is almost impossible.

Congratulations to all the winners. Your achievement in being selected over your peers is a significant one. You and your crewmates can be proud of your work.

Next issue we will outline plans for the next STARFLEET Newsletter Contest. Stay tuned.

**Listing of Newsletter
Contest winners in on
page 15**

STARFLEET Academy

**Fleet Captain Bjo Trimble,
Commandant, STARFLEET Academy**

OFFICER'S COMMAND COLLEGE - Online!

By Commodore Carolyn, Donner, Director

Many STARFLEET members have expressed an interest in taking the Officer's Command College course through an online method. Taking the OCC course online will allow you to complete the course quicker and will actually be cheaper, too. And all you need is a computer and a modem. (Of course, I still accept the usual U.S. mail courses also. They will continue unchanged.)

The INTERGALACTIC INFORMATION BBS will be the official BBS of the OCC School. You can call this BBS anytime, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The number is (513) 379-2832.

Baud rates from 300 to 14,400 are accepted.

Now that you know where to call, so here's what to do ...

1) Mail (yes, we still need to use the U.S. Mail for a couple of things) your application to me as you normally would. BUT write at the top of the applications "ONLINE COURSE". Then enclose only 2 vouchers (instead of the 4 you would enclose for the mail course,) with your application. We can offer the online version cheaper because I won't have to spend the postage to mail you the manual and



PHOTO BY RON TAYLOR

test nor will I have the expense of copying them for you.)

2) Log into the INTERGALACTIC INFORMATION BBS. The first time you log in you will only have 15 minutes online. This is enough time for to leave a "Comment to the sysop" telling him you are an OCC student (be sure to give your SCC number) and have applied to take the OCC course online and what date you mailed your application to me. You don't have to wait until I receive the application for this log in. This will tell me it is on it's way. You can also look around the BBS until your time is up, if you want.

3) Wait at least 24 hours before logging in again. During this time, the sysop will raise your security level so you can see the whole BBS, and I will leave you a private message telling you how to download the OCC manual and test. You will be able to download them during this second log in.

4) Read the instructions and manual, and complete the test.

5) After completing the test, log into the BBS again and upload the test as either a private message to me, or a text file, or attach a text file to a message to me. Your completed test must be in text or ascii format. Although my word processor will convert many other formats, it will not convert all, so stick with the text or ascii format.

6) When I have graded the test, I will post a private message to you on the BBS, telling you whether you have passed or not. Then the diploma will be mailed by U.S. Mail (Note: Although I will go ahead and give you the passwords for downloading the manual and test immediately. I will not grade your completed test until I actually have your mailed application and vouchers in hand. If you upload the completed test before I receive the application and vouchers, I will hold the test and send you a note telling you I have not received the application. When I do receive the application, I will post a message to you telling you the results of your test.)

With this online method of taking OCC, it will be possible for you to apply and graduate

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A Word from the Academy

Dear Students:

In an effort to satisfy your needs and desires, STARFLEET Academy has been going through many revisions: we have introduced new schools, have revised existing schools and are working on upgrading everything we can lay our hands on. This will be an ongoing process, but we need your help. Would you take the time to fill in this questionnaire so that we may better serve your expectations?

1. What has been your favorite course? Why?
2. What course did you like the least? Why?
3. What course/courses would you like to take that aren't being offered?
4. Did you find the material from which you got your answers:
[] to hard [] too easy [] too expensive
5. Were the questions clear [] yes [] no
6. Did you need more time [] yes [] no
7. Would you recommend any of the courses to someone else?
[] yes [] no, if you answered no, why?
8. Did you receive your tests/certificates in a timely manner (4 to 6 weeks)?
[] yes [] no
9. Have you had a problem with vouchers? [] yes [] no
10. Is there enough Trek in the courses? [] yes [] no
11. Are you having fun? [] yes [] no

Please send your answers to:

Capt. Helen Pawlowski
PO Box 22225
St. Louis, MO 63116-2225

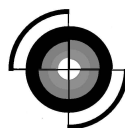
Capt. Sherry Newell
5 NW 40th
Lawton, OK 73505

Please feel free to write out your answers to this questionnaire or photocopy this page if you wish to avoid damaging your *Communique*.

"Being interested in anything less than everything in the universe is a betrayal of the intellect." - Rayna Kapec

SHUTTLE OPERATIONS COMMAND

**Fleet Captain Linda Reynolds,
Chief of Shuttle Operations**



Hello, everybody! Here we are, another issue of the Communiqué. Seems like I just did this last week. Maybe I'm confusing it with my report to headquarters. Reality sometimes messes with my mind.

It's been a busy couple of months here at ShOC. Seems like every Region in the Fleet is growing. The shuttle bay is bursting at the seams. If this keeps up, we'll need Engineering to knock out the bulkheads so we can expand! Way to go, everybody.

I did something really terrible and have to take a minute to apologize publicly. The Shuttle *Regiment* under Capt. D.K. Brinegar, was launched in March of this year. Their city of charter is Thomasville, North Carolina, in Region 1. Unfortunately, when shuttle launchings from that period were announced, I missed listing the *Regiment*. So Capt. Brinegar, I hope you and your crew will forgive my oversight. We congratulate you (belatedly!) on your launch and look forward to your commissioning. Smooth sailing!

The oversight with the *Regiment* was discovered when I was pulling together some statistics for my monthly report to headquarters.

Between January 1 and August 20 we have launched a total of 43 shuttles and more requests for information come in daily. Here's the breakdown on how many have launched in each region.

Region/Shuttles		Region/Shuttles	
1	6	10	1
2	7	11	0
3	6	12	8
4	1	13	0
5	2	14	1
6	2	15	2
7	6	16	0
9	0	17	1

New Shuttles Listed on page 99.



I thought I'd share them with the rest of you:

For those of you who love statistics, I've even done the math:

- * Each month we have averaged 5.38 shuttle launches.
- * The average launching per region is 2.69.
- * Region 12 has launched the most shuttles.
- * Regions 4, 10, 14 and 17 are tied for last.
- * Regions 9, 11, 12 and 16 haven't launched any. BUT we've heard that may be changing.

The ShOC voice mail has answered 154 calls between January 21 and July 31. That's an average of 22 calls per month. And we have answered every one of them either by return call, e-mail, or snail depending on what the caller needed. Whenever possible we return the call with 24 hours. Sometimes it's the same night! Occasionally it has to be a day or two. But we return them all! If you don't believe me, I'll send you the phone bills—US West really likes me.

Hmmm, this is getting a tad long so I'll be signing off now. The staff, the ShOC cat, and I send our best. May all your voyages be ... interesting!



OCC Online -continued

graduate from OCC in less than a week ... and possibly in as little as 3 days if you have the time to take the test immediately.

Please note that the INTERGALACTIC INFORMATION BBS is now the official OCC BBS. If you have questions, comments constructive criticisms, etc., I can be reached there anytime. Unless I am out of town for a weekend or a vacation week (which is rare), I will answer all questions left on the BBS within 24 hours.

Keep in mind this is a new method of taking the OCC course and we may find small "bugs" to be worked out, but if you're willing to work with me on this, I'm sure we can make it work to everyone's advantage.



Photo by Joyce Schowengerdt

Comp-Ops

**Captain Wayne Cavalier,
Chief of
Computer Operations**

Membership processing continues ... a never ending battle. As time goes on, changes occur to help speed things up. By the time this issue of the Communiqué is delivered we will have experimented with shipping membership packets (both certificates and membership materials together) via Bulk Mail in hopes of reducing the rising costs of shipping.

A new look for chapter rosters is being developed to provide chapters with more information on membership. A membership statistical report is also in the works to help provide information about the membership.

I would also like to apologize to any of the membership that I have offended by addressing them as Mr., Mrs. or Ms. during correspondence.



NATIONAL PARKS NEED OUR HELP

**By Commander Jeffrey Higdon,
Shuttlecraft Shiloh**

With the establishment of the Shuttlecraft *Shiloh*, the membership contacted Shiloh National Military Park off Pittsburg Landing, Tennessee, to see of what assistance we can bring to the park. It came to our attention that the park, along with many of the national parks and historical sites will be closed due to budget cut proposed by the U.S. Congress. This does not only threaten Shiloh but other sites such as the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C.

According to an article in the *Jackson (Tennessee) Sun*, parks and monuments under 1.3 million in yearly budgets might be closed if the proposals that have been made are passed by the congress. Woody Harrell, superintendent at Shiloh, reported that the annual yearly budget of the park is \$780,000.

The park was established in 1894 to commemorate what at the time of the civil war was the largest battle fought on the North American Continent. More Americans died at that battle than in previous engagements fought by the U.S. up until that time. The Battle of Shiloh, or Pittsburg Landing, was fought April 6 & 7, 1862, on the banks of the Tennessee River, within 35 miles of Dayton Station, to the future Henderson, Tennessee, home of the Shuttlecraft *Shiloh*.

According to U.S. Park Ranger Brian McCutcheon, *Shiloh's* contact with the park, the threat is being taken more serious as the days go by. Harrell suggested that an increase of fees, which are \$2 per person and \$4 per family, might be increased. Other groups, such as the Sons of Confederate Veterans and Sons of Union Veterans are coming to their aid but much more is needed, not only for Shiloh but nationwide. Other monuments and parks are in danger of being closed.

It has been suggested that a letter writing campaign be started to help. Write your member of Congress, saying we would like them to explore other avenues of saving, or even getting moneys for these national parks and monuments.

Shiloh's motto is "To Learn from the Past in Order to Seek the Future..." All national parks and monuments are here for our understand in learning so we may learn from them and honor those who participated in these events. The member of the Shuttlecraft *Shiloh* asks for the help of all members of STARFLEET in this project.



So! Thinking of Starting a Fan Club?

**By Commander G. Palmer,
USS Sky Dancer**

A Rural Club, at the farthest distance from a large-sized city, about 50 or so miles? This can prove to be a BIG job, but if one is determined, they can DO IT! I am speaking from experience. It took two years of a lot of paper work and recruiting to bring us where we are today, a starship in the Star Trek World.

One of the first things a person needs to do is get acquainted with the town. What is the lifestyle of the folks who live there? Are they shop owners, loggers, fishermen, etc? Then put a small ad in the local paper and find out if the town has a radio station and if they will make public service announcements. This should start the winds of curiosity stirring.

When you have a small crew, those forming the club, and some information on a flyer (also a small membership packet for new members briefly explaining the format of the International Organization) set up an Open House in the setting of a meeting or informal panel and invite the public to come and ask questions and see how the clubs work. It would be a fine thing if you had a name for your chapter and a letter from DTS registering your name with STARFLEET.

One of the first items to have ready, besides the flyer, is an application with some form of dues and a choice of just being a club member

or the option of also joining STARFLEET and becoming an officer. This will interest some real "Trekker" fans. We set up a small display of some posters that we had and had the good fortune to have one of the townspeople donate his meeting room for our first meeting/open house.

Remember. It takes a lot of time and patience, but the Star Trek fans slowly come out and become one of the many. We started with two members, besides the four of us starting the club. It was only a short time before the word got around, and slowly, a few at a time they came. It has been a little over two years and we have a nice crew of eighteen, a beautiful members packet - complete with Certificate of Membership, an ID card and special badge to use at conventions and other social outing, a booklet of Policies and Procedures, Personnel and Medical forms and a lot of other items for new members to study.

It takes a lot of time, commitment and tons of paper work to get the team from Shuttle to Starship in a rural setting, since the situation is a great deal different than that of a big city with lots of people and resources available. But remember, the rewards are fantastic and well worth the time and effort.

This is one way to keep Star Trek alive!



1994 STARFLEET MEMBER OF THE YEAR ELIZABETH WEBER

For those who don't know me. I'm the one who you will most likely see at regional events if given enough forewarning, and if I have the time or the money to attend.

I have this bad habit of making my personal calendar out a year in advance, so if something falls on a regular date, such as the Region 3 Spring or Fall conference, of the Regional Olympics. I will always go out of my way to attend.

Well, I guess I would like to start off by thanking Amy Walrath, Captain of the USS *Aslan*, who took the time to send in the letter to nominate me for member of the year. I would also like to thank the members of the awards committee who voted for me as well as the person responsible for choosing such a beautiful plaque.

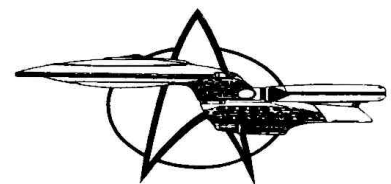
I would like to thank all the Region 3 ships who provided a multitude of events for me to attend and enjoy myself. And I would like to thank STARFLEET itself for having such a variety of schools to take. I still haven't taken them all. I would like to thank all the people who have made STARFLEET run efficiently in the past, present and hopefully the future.

And I would also like to thank not only STARFLEET, but the Intergalactic Klingon Empire (Club President: Emperor Victor Manuell) and The Grand Alliance (Club President: Grand Admiral Byron Flynt) for allowing me to explore my many and varied interests of the Science Fiction genre.

I would also like to thank the USS *Joshua*, Captained under Elaine Fisher for allowing me to be part of their ship when I first joined STARFLEET. And thank them during Bill Schwab's tenure as Regional Coordinator for allowing me and my group to shuttle the USS *Gagarin* and allow it to become a starship in her own right.

I would also like to thank the other ships in the Region I've had associate membership with in the past, present and future. I hope they keep me well informed on their upcoming activities where I can be sure to set aside time to attend them.

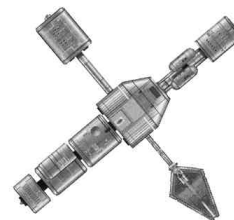
Let me close by saying, always follow the fun, even if you have to go half-way across the state to do it.



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INCOMING HAIL

Mail and messages to STARFLEET



Dear CQ,

In the Aug/Sep issue of the *Communiqué* you printed a letter from Dorothy Bucher who wants to discuss ideas from the ST Stories.

I'm a member of the USS *Discovery*, NCC-1308 in St. Louis, Missouri, and I would like to write her. She sounds as frustrated as I sometimes feel. Maybe we can work on some "idea" articles together for the *Communiqué*.

You didn't print a ship or address where I can contact her. Can you send me her address or ask her to contact me? Thanks.

Bonnie Alford
124 East Jackson Road
Webster Groves, MO 63119-3820

Bonnie,

I've included your address so that Dorothy can contact you. I look forward to seeing your articles. - ed

Dear CQ,

Dorothy Bucher's letter in the August/September *Communiqué* was quite a breath of fresh air! And your recommendation to write something was quite reasonable. But I have to ask: Would space be made available for it on a regular basis?

I love to write about the kinds of things that Dorothy likes to hear about. (Yes, there is intelligence on Earth, Dorothy.) One doesn't have to be an English major to comment on plot line, theme, conflict, and other story devices. But like Dorothy, I have often asked myself while reading BBS's, newsletters, and in the middle of Cons, what's with this seemingly overwhelming passion for THINGS! I could gag on the rampant amount of TOP TEN REASONS FOR lists, the competition to get the greatest trivia question ever asked (sounds like a socially acceptable excuse for turning a gossip board about characters of a ghastly Times-and-Places history test!), and putting up with cheaply made items sold at expensive prices. Not to mention that some fans embarrass the hell out of Star Trek fandom in general with 'groupie' behavior. Jeez! No dignity of the human there. "Q" would definitely be justified in his sentence on the human race: clueless dorks.

And the common sense that on finds in books in Science Fiction is lacking often in Star Trek science fiction. Not to put down Klingons, Romulans, or Cardassians or any other bad dude, but wouldn't it make sense NOT to have lamé or armor as a warrior race, if the common weapons were energy blasts! I would imagine that bodily protection would center around deflection of energy. All that armor does is get one hot and uncomfortable and its probably the reason why armor-wearers HAVE nasty attitudes! And lamé attire for people who cloak their ships? Do our soldiers go into battle wearing bright orange, for example? Their fatigues are designed to blend in with the

environment. That's what I mean by lack of common sense in Star Trek science fiction. Wouldn't you think that energy weapons can cut through armor like butter on a hot knife! C'moooooon But fans like it, and sweat in it at cons and it looks all impressive physically, but for an old SF fan, it doesn't impress me rationally at all. It makes me believe media SF writers don't know their rears from a hole in the ground. And could care less if they did.

Pam Fernster
USS *Sovereign*

Dear CQ,

I really enjoyed getting a chance to meet [the Chief of Communications] at the International Conference. I just wanted to say that the CQ is the best it has been in this organization for almost 11 years. Your "Cracker Jack" staff has kicked major butt!

I have a comment to make to Dorothy H. Bucher (boy, I wish that the staff would close their eyes to this one, but I'll keep it clean.) If you don't enjoy stepping into the 24th Century that's fine. Just don't ruin it for the rest of us that do. I feel that the CQ was NOT the place for this kind of GARBAGAE to be aired in.. I've been in this type of club for nearly twelve years. In fact I belong to another club similar to STARFLEET in which I am the Commanding Officer of my chapter. We are very active in the community. We have helped out at the local homeless shelter. We have done the Jerry Lewis Telethon. My whole chew is Community First Aid and Safety Certified. We helped with the First Aid Station at the Labor Day Road Race. But I enjoy playing games. I am Lt. Cmdr. AndiKarr C Royanes. Former Chief of Security, USS *Caliant II*, Region 11. My father is the Federation Council President. I am from the planet Efross. My current status is "On Standby." I hope to be transferring to STARFLEET Security where I will work with Captain Amanda Herrmann running Fleet Security. If you don't like it, I really don't think STARFLEET is for you and, we are not changing for the one. (I am quoting Spock to Kirk, Star Trek II: TWOK. "The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few ... or the one.") Thank you.

Oh yes, Power Rangers! I DON'T think so!

Lt.Cmdr. AndiKarr C. Royanes
(Lt.Cmdr. Carl F. Gosline)

Carl,

I appreciate your comments—especially in recognizing my incredible staff.

As for Dorothy's letter ... It was worded a little strongly, but she is representing a viewpoint held by a portion of the membership. My personal opinion is that there is room for all sides of the issue in Fleet.

I was hoping her letter and my response might spawn an article or two on concepts and

ideas expressed in Star Trek. So far I have received none. -ed

Dear CQ,

Although I have no problem with STARFLEET sending the CQ by bulk rate to save money. I want to know where the savings are going. The IRS waves STARFLEET's debt of \$7,000 or whatever. STARFLEET Academy is self-sufficient. The scholarships are taken care of by specific fund-raising and donations. I paid my membership fee of \$15.00 a year to receive some fannish materials and six issues of CQ mailed to me via FIRST CLASS. If the \$15.00 no longer covers the package sufficiently, then tell me! If the savings are going into a special refrigerator fund, then tell me! If the recent and current legal and professional fees are being paid with the savings, then tell me! Otherwise, please return to sending my CQ's first class.

Rhonda Green
USS *Thagard*
Philadelphia, PA

Rhonda,

Sending the CQ by bulk rate has been largely successful and does help Fleet operate more efficiently. And even though International and military addresses and still send by First Class or Air Mail, this doesn't mean that delivery is any better. Recently, the Postal Service lost the bag of CQs going to Canada..

I couldn't tell you the exact breakdown of how your \$15 is spent. There are, of course expenses involved in running this sort of organization. Perhaps we can have the chairperson of the Finance Committee discuss it in an upcoming issue. - ed

Dear CQ,

Well, I received my *Communiqué* last night ...

I was pleasantly surprised, I might add.

I have been reading some opinions about the current CQ on the listserve, and had the opinion that it contained "no" mention of problems in 'Fleet...

However...

Page 03: Admiral Cindy Krell speaks to the ships leaving 'Fleet, and how we should not be attacking them for doing so...

Page 06: Virginia "Ginger" Reid talks about 'Fleet and the USS *Batron* falling apart....

Page 11: Paula Cox, AXO writes in a letter about not renewing her membership and infighting...

[This] suggests to me that if you write a constructive, non-threatening letter to the *Communiqué* about a subject you want to

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The JASON PROJECT

By B.J. "Titanic" Wynn, USS Oklahoma

During the year 1989, a research team took the first steps toward a new type of science after the proof of its practicality was discovered exploring the sunken wreck of the ocean liner, *Titanic*. It was a science that involve new technologies in underwater exploration, satellite communications, and educational wonders. It was called the JASON Project.

The JASON Project is part of the JASON Foundation for Education and it is now celebrating a sixth year in operation. It is a project that has been designed to excite and engage students in science and technology and to motivate and provide professional development opportunities for teachers. It does this by developing annual programs of science and technology curricula, classroom broadcasts, and teacher training, including a two-week interactive electronic field trip during which students are true participants in scientific expeditions. Since 1989, the *Jason Foundation* has taken students and teachers on five research expeditions via satellite. A sixth JASON expedition was carried out this past spring.

With the help of NASA and other organizations, JASON Project Voyager VI, journeyed into outer space to look back at our island Earth and observing the health and state of change on our planet. The scientists and students involved traveled to the observatories on the summit of Mauna Kea, Hawaii, to view the other stony planets in our solar system to discover why they evolved in a different way which is not conducive to life.

To better understand the nature of exploration that awaits future scientists, the JASON team explored landscapes similar to those of Mars through the use of remotely operated vehicles (ROVs) to look for signs of life, to analyze air, soil and molten lava samples. This JASON expedition used these and other technological advances to promote stewardship and to learn more about our "Island Earth" as it alone sustains life.

The JASON Project's founder is a man by the name of Dr. Robert Ballard. He is a man who has taken oceanography to new heights through his explorations of hydrothermal vents (volcanic cracks on the ocean floor) to detailed discoveries and analysis on numerous shipwrecks such as the *Titanic* and the battleship, *Bismark*.

His dream of creating the JASON Foundation became possible shortly after his discovery of the *Titanic* in 1985. Ballard received thousands of letters from children wanting to know how he did it and in response he created the idea of establishing a "link" to educational institutions during scientific expeditions and show the children how he did it by taking them along with him as the same time. This led to an overwhelming eagerness for more and so the *JASON Foundation for Education* was born.

Each year, the JASON Foundation takes over

750,000 young minds around the world as teams of scientists explore the unknown. The children in turn, partake in many programs in order to be included, a contest if you will. These programs range from science fair projects to classroom programs about related JASON topics.

In May of 1990, students took part in these projects were able to watch an expedition that involved the exploration of two lost schooners from the War of 1812 on the bottom of Lake Ontario and were able to 'drive' Jason a Remotely Operated Vehicle from multiple Primary Interactive Network Sites through a two-way satellite link.

Now the JASON program is advanced enough to allow the students to take part in the expedition one step further. A select few are actually able to travel with the scientific team during the actual expedition.

I believe that things such as the JASON Foundation for Education and the JASON Project are the reasons that STARFLEET was founded. They are ways of getting one step closer to

making the dreams of tomorrow the reality of today. The crew of the *Oklahoma* wishes the JASON team the best of luck and we will be looking forward to the possibilities that technology like JASON can lead to in the future.



STARFLEET MARINES

Major General Loujaue McPherson,
Commandant



Greetings once again. First off the International Conference was a special time for the Marines. Through the many personal and planned meetings we accomplished a great deal of work on the Corps future. We have some more awards and uniform ideas nailed down. We passed out information to all the RCs on the Marines of our set up, mission, chain of command, and our command listings. We provided a color squad for the opening of the I.C. Many new contacts were made and new Training Units assigned. We even had two STARFLEET Rangers join the Marines (Sorry Colonel Slater).

One of the big happenings at the I.C. was that we have developed the Marine Expeditionary Unit (MXU). Marine Expeditionary Units have played a great part of the Marine Corps history and I am proud to be able to use this nomenclature once again. The MXU is for units that have been in existence for some time but for one reason or another have lost their chapter. More on that as all of the bugs are hammered out of it.

I would like to thank the members of the 14th MSG and 64th MSG on the U.S.S. *Indestructible* for a fun time. They have some great members. And also a special

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STARFLEET: *Challenge of the Heart*

Lt. Joe Dobson

Project Assistant - Challenge Of The Heart

Greetings fellow STARFLEET members. Just a quick remind or notice to you about STARFLEET's Project: "Challenge Of The Heart." In case you are not aware of the project, here is a quick overview.

COH was a project started by the Administration at the 1995 International Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. COH is a continuing project that will work in six month cycles. A charity or other organization or need will be chosen from a list submitted by you and your chapters. The project will encourage chapters to participate, however it is not required. Fund raising is a part of the project, however it is not the whole. We would like to educate those people who may not know the facts. We will this by giving you, the members and chapters the information and literature to pass on to those you meet at your chapter's outings. We will do our best to provide you with this information or a source where you can get said information. All is available just for the asking.

The first six month projects was chosen as HIV/AIDS awareness, education and research with the majority of the project based on education and awareness. The general public is ignorant to HIV/AIDS facts and information. We strive to get the CORRECT information out to the public. And we will do this by passing out

literature and information. An abundance is available to you and your chapters on this subject from many organizations. The Center for Disease Control in Atlanta has supplied us with a lot of information as well as many other groups. If you would like information on HIV/AIDS please let us know. As I mentioned before fund raising is a part of the project. Any funds received from this project will go to the Ryan White Foundation. Donations can be sent to the project director on a monthly basis, and a special account has been established for this purpose. Checks need to be made out to STARFLEET Challenge of the Heart.

We are very interested in your chapters fund raising activities for this project. Please let us know how and what you are doing. If you have any suggestions for the next Challenge please submit this also. More information will be available in upcoming *Communiqués* and in future mailings. CO's need to check with their RC's as info has been mailed to them already.

If there are any questions, comments, suggestions, or remarks please forward them to me. I will pass them on the FCapt. Betsy Matteis, who is the project Director.

Get involved and look towards the Stars. ♠

Challenge of the Heart Donors



Gail Fuller	USS <i>Macleod</i>
Barbara Paul	USS <i>Paegan</i>
Marcia Schoonover	USS <i>Kepler</i>
David Currier	USS <i>Macleod</i>
Carl Gosline	USS <i>Georgia- IFT</i>
Tonya	USS <i>Republic</i>
Bethany Theilmas	Shuttle <i>Haise</i>
Tom Silver	USS <i>Macleod</i>
Cheryl Harter	USS <i>Georgia- IFT</i>
Amy Walrath	USS <i>Aslan</i>
Laurie Long	USS <i>Khai Tam</i>
Janine Martinez	USS <i>Bonaventure</i>
Stephanie Roanz	USS <i>Bonaventure</i>
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Cindy Hager	USS <i>Macleod</i>
Linda Lizard	USS <i>Charleston</i>
Joe Mamarail	Shuttle <i>Haise</i>
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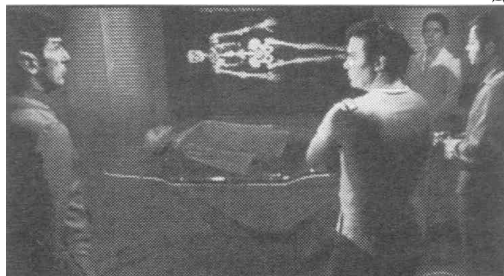
Challenge of the Heart - The Video

In cooperation with the Ryan White Foundation, STARFLEET International's Project: Challenge of the Heart has produced a video to be used for education in the fight against HIV/AIDS. HIV/AIDS is a deadly disease that can be prevented through education and behavior change. This video is an avenue of reaching children and adults with facts and answers about the disease. It is also a means of raising money for the Ryan white Foundation. Each chapter is encouraged to purchase a copy which can be shown at chapter meetings, functions and conventions. The video also presents a challenge to STARFLEET members: STARFLEET, open your heart, your minds and Make A Difference. Cost of the video is \$14.95. Make checks payable to STARFLEET: Challenge of the Heart and mail to headquarters. This is an extremely important effort on the part of STARFLEET members and it's and opportunity to "make a difference."



To receive your copy of the Challenge of the Heart video send a check or money order for \$14.95to:

STARFLEET
P.O. BOX 24052
Belleville, IL 62223-4052



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MARINES

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commendation goes out to Lieutenant Colonel Ingrid Bryan and the 78th MSG off the U.S.S. *Khai Tam* for their help in the Opening Ceremonies on Friday night and on Saturday morning. We are still looking for a Color Sergeant of the Marine Corps if there are any NCOs out there that are interested.

Saturday morning the membership of STARFLEET were greeted for the first time with the STARFLEET Marine Banner being hung in the main ball room. ALL 15 FEET OF IT! There were a few jaws that hit the deck as they walked in and saw it.

On a different note Command Sergeant Major Scott "Man-o-War" Grant is still working on getting the STARFLEET Marine Corps Recognized by the U.S. Marine Corps. Toys for tots is starting up soon so get into it ASAP! We want the children of the U.S. to have a Merry Christmas on both the STARFLEET and the U.S. Marine Corps.

Lastly there will be an International STARFLEET Marine Summit on March 29th, 30th, and 31st at BABELCOM 1 in Pittsburgh PA. For more information write to BABELCOM 1440 Lois Drive, Pittsburgh PA 15236 or E-Mail BABELCOM 1 @ AOL.COM or NCC1901@AOL.COM. Here we will hopefully be pulling out some of the Marine Corps Musical units, have lots of panel discussions with many of the officers and enlisted of the Corps, have a boot camp graduating class officiated by the Commandant and hopefully Deputy Commandant of the SFMC, and have as much fun hunting Klingons as we can.

Semper Fit! ♠

Regions to Select New Coordinators

John T. (Jack) Hopkins
Inspector General - STARFLEET

As you may be aware, for a variety of reasons there have been recent vacancies in the position of Region Coordinator. Our Inspector General has been working diligently to determine the will of the Regions in question before making his recommendations to the Fleet Admiral on who will fill these positions.

As results of these and future pollings are available, they will be reported in upcoming issues of the Communiqué. —ed

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Here are the results of the Region 2 Polling, Phase 1. We started out with 40 chapters to be polled. Three chapters were disqualified to participate. The Shuttle *Berlin* of Warner Robbins, Georgia had not submitted their VRR to Shuttle Operations. The USS *Dragonfire* of Fort Myers, Florida and the USS *Nebula* of Jacksonville, Florida have both left STARFLEET. We wish the *Berlin* well as it starts to build a new chapter, and we are saddened by the loss of the *Dragonfire* and the *Nebula*. They will be missed.

With the 37 remaining chapters, the 50% + 1 mark became 19 nominations to forego a run off-off polling. Here are the results.

Kelly Hilliard	17
David Brumbelow	5
Isaac Turner	1
Abstaining	1
Abstaining in Protest	1
<u>No response to poll</u>	<u>12</u>
Total	37

A few notes: Isaac Turner has decline nomination for him and informs me that he will "get" the person who nominated him. <grin> (Be afraid, be very afraid!) Both David Brumbelow and Kelly Hilliard have accepted the nominations on their behalf. One nomination was an abstention to protest the fact that the Region Coordinators are not elected but appointed by the Fleet Admiral.

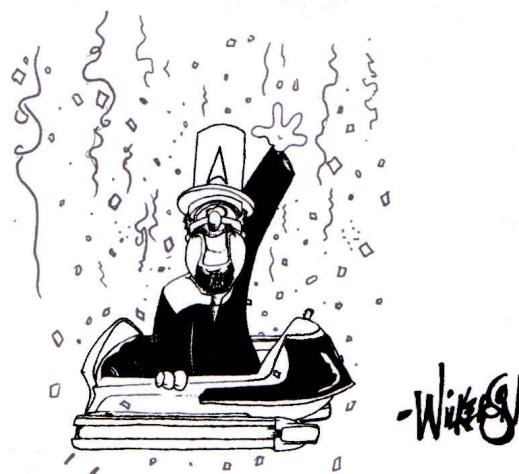
But the biggest factor in this polling is that 32% of chapters in Region 2 did not return their polling card. While this fact is disappointing, it is not unexpected. Participation in regional pollings ten to be light when there is no great controversy involved. So because of the lack of participation, no one person received a majority of the nominations and thus we will be holding a run-off polling.

Revised Polling Schedules

Per the Inspector General - STARFLEET
John T. (Jack) Hopkins

After several conversations with Scott Stone, Paul Walker and now Allison Dyer the following revised polling schedule is now in effect.

Region	Phase I		Phase II	
	Start	End	Start	End
02	8/1/95	9/15/95	9/15/95	10/31/95
Open	8/15/95	9/30/95	10/01/95	11/15/95
Open	9/1/95	10/15/95	10/15/95	11/30/95
04	9/15/95	10/31/95	11/1/95	12/15/95
15	10/1/95	11/15/95	11/15/95	12/31/95
05	10/15/95	11/30/95	12/1/95	1/15/96



DRC, Cadet Services

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Things are moving along very well at Cadet Services. A whole lot of people have expressed interest in this program and we're looking forward to hearing from more. I'd like to thank everyone who applied for the position of Assistant DRC Director. There were lots of good ideas and some obviously very talented people. And now

It's my pleasure to announce that David Jones is the new Assistant DRC Director, Cadet Services. David is the Cadet Corps Coordinator aboard the USS *Jurassic*. He also works with the Cub Scouts and Little League Baseball and has developed a reading program for times when school is not in session. David's primary responsibility will be to develop and implement the Cadet Merit Awards Program I told you a little about in the last Communiqué. Welcome, David!

We recently published the first edition of "The Cadet Review". Contributions were made by the USS *Briza*, USS *Continuum*, USS *Destiny*, USS *Kepler*, USS *LeConte*, USS *Sky Dancer*, and the USS *Texas*. The next newsletter will be out in November. Submission deadline is October 31.

Contributions are always being accepted for the "STARFLEET Cadets Activity Book". The basic book is currently available and chock full of activities and ideas for your Cadets. We'll let you know as updated packets become available.

Work continues on the "How to Get Started Guide" which will contain information about how some chapters have begun Cadet Corps. Hopefully this guide has become available in the next couple of months.

Thanks again to all of you who are participating in this program. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions for Cadet Services, please let us know.

The following items are available to all you consumers out there. Please make checks or money orders payable to Cheryl McGraw and send them to the address above.

"The Cadet Review", Quarterly Newsletter, Annual Subscription \$3.50

"Starfleet Cadets Activity Book", 84 pages, \$9.25

STARFLEET's 1995 International Conference at Atlanta

STARFLEET's Chairman of the International Conference Committee, Kelly Hilliard solicited a few officers for their thoughts on this year's IC. Our thanks to Kelly, Mike and their staffs on all the hard work that made this year's conference one of the most successful in STARFLEET's history. - ed

Happy 21st Birthday STARFLEET?

Hello STARFLEET! My name is Victor C. Swindell. I am the Commanding Officer of the USS Charleston in Region 01. I am considered by some to be one of the "old timers" in STARFLEET - having been a member for almost 15 years. I was asked by Kelly Hilliard to do a write up of the 95 IC for the *Communique*. So here it is.

At first I was wondering what to write as I had so many mixed feelings about the event. I could talk about the politics and the little power struggles that some of us are aware of, but that is NOT what STARFLEET is all about. I went to the IC to celebrate STARFLEET's 21st Anniversary. Just think about it STARFLEET is twenty-one years old!

The theme of the IC was *look our world now we're legal*. Yep, we sure are STARFLEET is no longer the little fan club it was many, many years ago. We are now an International Non-Profit Corporation. At least that is what we are on paper. However, we are much, much more than that. We are a very BIG family - (the words of FAdm Jeannette Maddox (retired)). According to FAdm. McGinnis we have about 8,000 members. So try to think of the IC as a family reunion. Now I don't know how many of you have ever gone to the International Conference, or even a Regional Conference. If you haven't, you don't know what you are missing. It can best be described as food, folks and fun. (All credits to the McDonalds Corp. for that one).

The IC was a chance to see the past, present and future of STARFLEET. It was a chance to see the people that you haven't seen since the last IC, or Regional meeting. It was a chance to meet the personality that goes with the Internet Address or that person who was so rude (or kind) to you on TrekNet. It was a chance to make new acquaintances. It was a chance to share ideas that will make you a better asset to STARFLEET, or to make your



USS *Triumph* arrives at the IC in style in the Shuttle Roddenberry.

Photos by Joyce Schowengerdt



department or chapter better. It was a chance to meet the HQ Staff and get an answer to an inquiry. Some questions are still unanswered... It was a long and grueling AB meetings (for the AB). It was sitting at the bar with the CMO of another chapter telling how you single handily saved your crew from a bout of Rigelian Fever. It was sitting in a room eating nature's perfect food, the pizza, with your crew or other STAR FLEET members. Yes, the IC was that and more (MUCH MORE) Kelly, Mike, Mandi and the rest of the IC Staff did a fantastic job at putting this event together. Yes, there were a few

prob- as Ad- Board - ran a bit- some of the canceled be- Some complained that there were not enough social events. There were not as many people as last year's IC. Some members opted to go over to MOC X instead of the IC, because they had more stars. This IC was held with other events.

There was of course DragonCon. Yes, two blocks away in another hotel, was DragonCon. If you wanted something really interesting to do, because sitting in on a panel about "How to put together an effective newsletter" or "Public Relations" just was not your cup of tea (or glass of ale, you could hop over to Dragon Con and shop in the Bargain Basement (the Dealer's Room) or attend one of their panels such as "Generations: where it went wrong", or "Which is better Babylon 5 or Star Trek?", or hear Harlan Ellison, or Peter David, or meet Anthony Daniels or David Prowse, or listen to the can't sing tavern wenches (many people noticed that this was where the Klingons were hanging out), or Yes, there was just Sooooo much to do during those few days.

Well that takes care of the folks and the fun, what about the food. Now I will have to admit when I first heard about the IC banquet, I thought about the standard banquet meal. You know the one - A piece of

boneless chicken breast, a roll, some rice or potato, three or four string beans, and a glass of unsweetened ice tea. This is what is known as the standard Diplomatic Officer's meal, (as Andorian Spaghetti is no longer acceptable). This year's banquet was a buffet. There was Roast Beast (Beef), deep fried yard buzzard (Chicken), assorted prepared plants (Vegetables), bread, and peach cobbler (but no ice cream to go on top - which I am sure was just an oversight). And they had sweetened ice tea !! It was nice to sit at a round dinner table with friends and strangers as one family. At my table was my good friend Janet, and her sister Nita (portraying her daughter J.C. for the weekend). the Captain of the USS *Idic*, whose name I cannot remember, Valerie (whose last name or ship I cannot remember) and three other people I cannot remember. Well as I said it was food, folks and fun...and a little bit more.

There was an incident that I should mention. On Saturday evening I was asked by two fellow members of STARFLEET, to accompany them to get some barbecue beef ribs for Capt. Kurn (Tony Todd) of the Klingon High Council. After some rather adventurous navigation (we got lost), we found the place that made these ribs and went back to the Conference. We however

Photo by Leon Lord



Kelly Hilliard addresses the IC

could not find Capt. Kurn (Mr. Todd), and we tried for almost 1.5 house. We left the ribs with his personal guards (Con Security). He never got the ribs. Well, if relations between the Klingon Empire and STARFLEET weren't strained before, they are even more so now.

For those of you who want to know about what happened at the AB meetings, and the plans

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SUBSPACE COMMS

The STARFLEET Correspondence Activities Service

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**Incoming Transmission from
STARFLEET SubSpace Comms HQ's:
Hailing All STARFLEET Chapters: Urgent
Announcement
Captain Bill Herrmann, Director.
Subspace Communications**

The 1995 STARFLEET Operation: Eagle Holiday Season Effort begins as of Stardate 9510.01 (October 1, 1995). All of STARFLEET is invited to participate in sending cards, letters, large posters and "care packages" to the following U.S. Armed Forces Units -- they have been selected because of their remote and distant locations from the USA.

1. USAF - Attn: Any Airman
Thule Airbase Base—Thuse, Greenland APO
N.Y., N.Y.09023
2. US Army- Attn: Any Sailor
2nd Infantry Division, Korea DMX APO
San Francisco, CA 96224
3. USN - NAXSUPPACT Diego Garcia
B.I.O.T. FPO San Francisco, CA 96685
4. USMC Detachment US Embassy
Moscow, Russia APO, N.Y., N.Y. 09862

US Armed forces stationed overseas certainly deserve and have faithfully earned the support of STARFLEET. I hope that a virtual avalanche of Christmas Holiday season mail arrives at "Mail Call" at the above addresses by New Years Day 1996 from the hundreds of STARFLEET Chapters who participate in this noble endeavor to lift the morale and spirits of our U.S. Armed Forces. To our STARFLEET fellows in Canada, Australia and Europe, I would urge them to participate in their own "Operation:Eagle" effort, selecting a unit from their respective country serving overseas. I attempted to include a Bosnian regional UN Unit for the 1995 effort, but was told that "security reasons" precluded such an effort, as Bosnian developments may erode and possible result in an evacuation of UN Troops.

In any event, the thousands of STARFLEET members who can reach out overseas to the above U.S. Armed Forces Units & Installations can help to brighten the morale of lonely Service personnel who are unable to get home for the Holidays! Please help to make a difference in the life of our military by showing them they are not forgotten and that their service is honored and appreciated.

If your chapter chooses to send a large poster, it will be displayed in the areas where the military congregate and can be an excellent

means to "promote" yourselves as a Chapter and STARFLEET as the parent organization, if you so choose.

I have heard that Star Trek Videos are VERY WELCOMED at the above locations. Yes here are Trekkers all the way up the Chain-of-Command!

If your Chapter decides to send a "care package" and you include cookies, fudges, etc., be sure to put two pieces of white bread in the wrapped boxes to aid in preserving the contents. Comic books and old Starlogs, Sports Illustrated, even your local home town sports pages are WELCOMED. So, reach out to Korea, Russia, the British Indian Ocean Territories, and to Greenland. Of course, if you know the address of a certain Ship or Unit, include them as well. Feel free to write me with a SASE, and I'll gladly send you any ship address of the US Navy Fleet. I have them all! I have been directing these efforts internationally for over a decade!

Allow me to commend and extend my support for one of STARFLEET's most important programs—the STARFLEET Armed Services Program. Please support the Administrator Barbara Cotton in her efforts by participating in that volunteer project for our U.S. Armed Forces and their dependents. The STARFLEET ASP is a practical means to further support those who wear the uniform of their country!

I wish everyone in STARFLEET the best life has to offer! Thanks for helping the "Operation:Eagle" 1995 Holiday Season effort be a tremendous success! I knew I could count on friends in STARFLEET!

Well I have to beam out to attend the commissioning of the USS *Rutledge*, NCC-57295-A, Intrepid-class starship chapter, the brand-new "Flagship" of STARFLEET SubSpaceCommunications!

I am honored to serve as the Commanding Officer! I am very honored to serve all of you in STARFLEET!



SCIENCE AND TREKNOLOGY

Compiled By Lt. Norm Ennis, R-2 Science Officer
Chief Science Officer, USS Paegan

It has been a very busy month so I have only 2 items for this issue but I think that you will enjoy them. I also have a request. If you enjoy this article or have suggestions, please let me know. E-mail is preferable but postcards are fine. The address is at the end of the article. Thanks.

Office Work: These days many of us have to type letters or other documents for work or home use. Some may use a typewriter while others have the advantage (??) of using a word processor with a spell checker to correct spelling errors. However, over the years I have watch with envy as Commander Adama (Battlestar Galactica) would voice his thoughts and they would appear on the screen (perfectly typed and spelled of course). Later I, along with many of you, would watch Captain Kirk and then Captain Picard dictate his log entries into thin air where the computer would effortlessly record his entries. All the while, I am still pounding relentlessly on my poor computer keyboard.

But now there is a solution (at least for those of us with a top of the line computer and 5,000 dollars to spend)! This voice recognition software works quite well according to the article.. The author injured his hand and

resorted to the software to complete his assignments. According to the article, after some practice, the program was able to keep up with him quite well (40-50 words per minute). Also most of the computer functions (such as opening, closing, and saving of files, paragraph selection, cutting and pasting of words) were also able to be voice activated and controlled. (The software requires 20 to 32 megabytes of memory and a very fast machine.) Commander Adama may not have reason to be concerned yes, but just give us a few ore years! (MacWorld, Aug 9, Norm Ennis, USS Paegan)

Engineering: If you have ever been lost, you might have watched with envy as the *Enterprise* crew use a Tricorder to help determine their location. Well, Tricorders may still be a bit in the future, but there is a 20th century counterpart. A system of 24 satellites were placed in earth orbit by the Air Force and are called the Global Positioning System or GPS for short. A military receiver unit can decipher the signals which are sent to earth by GPS and determine position and velocity of the receiver very accurately.

However, these GPS receivers have been very expensive, until recently that is. A recent issue of a discount electronics magazine offered

for sale the following item "GPS 2000 Satellite Navigator with Graphic Display." The as continues, "The plotter screen actually draws. The picture of your course, the route you've been following, the location of nearby landmarks, distance to go, direction, time speed and needed course correction. It also features an illuminated display for nighttime use, weather resistant housing." This GPS receiver runs for 17 hours on 4 AA batteries and is 6.6 inches by 2.3 inches by 1.3 inches, the size of a small cellular phone. The unit being sold for 200 dollars (General information and a Damark catalog, Norm Ennis, USS Paegan).

Well that's it for this month. To have your contributions posted here be sure to include the magazine or book reference as well as your name and ship name. (This will allow you and your ship to get credit and let others who may be interested to get more info. (exp. Aerospace Daily, Jan 95.,page 34, Lt. Norm Ennis, USS Paegan).

Send your information to me in one of the following ways:

Internet e-mail "cordtsrak@aol.com" or on AOL at "Cord TsRak"

Snail Mail to me at "Norm Ennis, PO Box 951827, Lake Mary, FL.32795

I can't wait to hear from you and remember, your input is appreciated!



STARFLEET FOCUS

"Incoming report on subspace, Admiral! It's from the USS The Sullivans in sector 15 sir!"

"We haven't heard much from them since they launched, what was it, a year ago? Route the message to my office Lieutenant."

"Aye Sir!"

Stardate 9411.09 Chief of Operations Log, Lieutenant Bob McCann reporting. Our first tour of duty in Sector 15 has been a busy one. I am filing a brief report of our duties and accomplishments in the last year to be followed by a more detailed report of our successful recruiting effort, to be filed by our CMO.

We have been very busy this past year with regular crew duties, meetings, and various away missions. We have been lucky enough to get to meet several important Federation personages, including Scott, Chekov, Lwaxanna Troi, Dr. Crusher and Q. and were honored to provide security, along with the USS *Hood*, for a conference in Boston attended by Commander Riker and Counselor Troi of the *Enterprise*. We have held several social events, including a Christmas Party, a Wake for the last episode of the Next Generation, a day trip to Water Country (a local water park) and a Halloween party. Many of these events have been attended by members of our mother ship (the USS *Hood*), as well as ambassadors affiliated with the Alliance Galactic.

We have also been busy offering Federation assistance to the population of Sector 15. We have offered our help to the Salvation Army, the Muscular Dystrophy Association and the Portsmouth High Hockey Boosters. Our donation to MDA was large enough that we got to make the presentation on statewide television, which allowed us to get in a brief "plug" for STARFLEET. Through our efforts we have raised or donated over \$3,000.00 (Terran) to charity in the last year. Our most recent ship event was a week long recruiting drive, which our CMO will report on.

Chief Medical Officer's Log—Lieutenant Julie Z. Stickler reporting. My demands as ship's physician keep growing as our crew keeps expanding. With over sixty crew members, we recently have "birthed" a shuttle, but the ten crewman that we lost have more than been replaced by our recruitment drive at the Fox Run Mall in Newington, NH this past October. Our membership is now up over seventy, with more applications coming in the mail daily, and the Shuttle *Madison* roster currently stands at twenty-five members. I manned the recruiting table for most of the week, offering assistance to shoppers who were looking for Star Trek uniforms, communicators and other Paramount and Playmate issue items, answering questions about the TV shows and the new movie, and promoting two New England fan-run conventions, as well as informing the local populations of the benefits of STARFLEET membership.

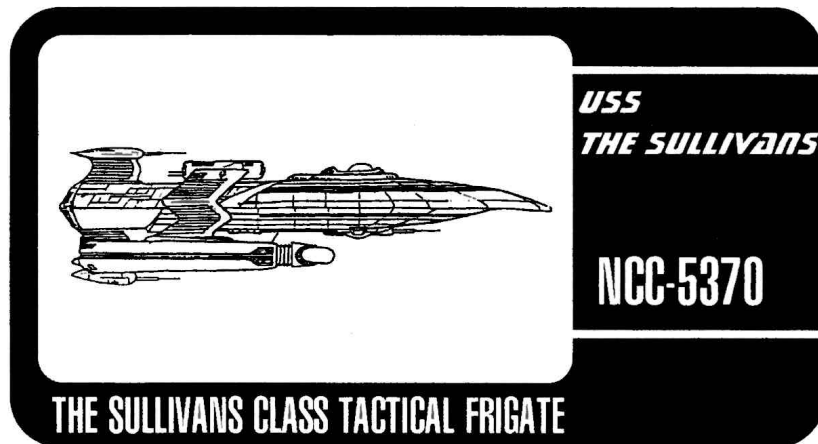
Our eye-catching recruitment display consisted of an impressive bridge mock-up of the USS *Goddard*, built by the Boston Star Trek Association, that they graciously allowed us to use. We had a large STARFLEET banner above the recruiting table, and a map of the region showing the other ships in this sector. We handed out dozens of STARFLEET fliers over the week long event, gave out the addresses of several other ships in the region to people in their areas, and sent fliers home with

visitors from England and Sweden that we met during the week. Our XO, Terry Pratt, had provided an up-to-date copy of the Vessel Registry that came in handy when I met people from outside the region who were interested in Fleet activity in their areas. Admiral, please send my greeting along to the USS *Paegan*, one of their members stopped by the table to say hello.

During the eight days of the event, seventeen of our officers and crew volunteered to man the "bridge", do recruiting, answer questions, and

Paramount Landing Party on Saturday and Sunday. The Paramount had sent three officers, Commander Lieutenant Kor-Toch a Bajoran female, Lieutenant Mahl-Hch, a Klingon male, and Ensign Tabbar, a Vulcan male. This trio spent their time studying the inhabitants of this region, and asking questions to help fill in the details of their 24th century history and anthropology books. They seemed fascinated by the culture of the region, especially when the officers of *The Sullivans* took them out for lobsters at the end of the weekend. Again, the children of this region, who rarely get to see non-humans, were fascinated by this trio of aliens.

This recruiting event was a long time in the making. Our captain and first officer have spent nearly a year negotiating with Mall management for permission to hold a recruiting event in their center court. Finally the good reputation of STARFLEET and the Federation convinced them to let us try a Star Trek event. This year's



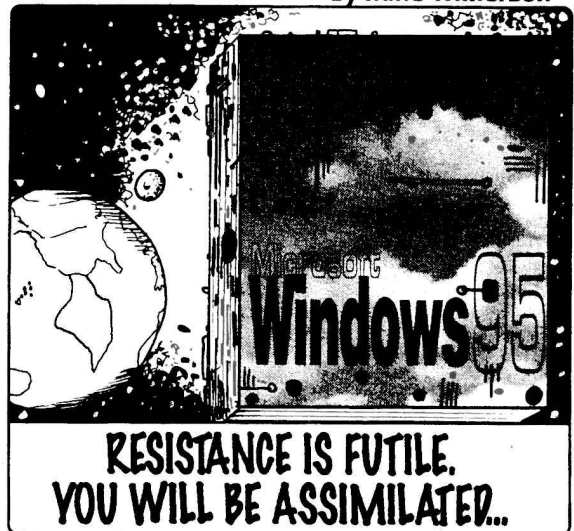
pose for pictures. We had a camera set up for photo opportunities with the proceeds benefiting the PHS Hockey boosters. The event raised over \$500 dollars (Terran) for the team. The evenings were filled with activities centered around the Alliance Galactic, a federation of alien thespians who performed skits, took the audience of a slide show tour of the galaxy, gave a Klingon language lesson, held a Klingon "skeet shoot" with tribbles, and had a trivia contest where the object was to "stump the Borg." The most popular event was probably the Klingon culture night. The Alliance consists of members from the Federation, Vulcan, the Klingon homeworld, Trill, Bajor, Romulus, a family of I-Borg, Ferengi and a Benzite. Since the event was right before the Terran holiday of Halloween, it was a big success, especially with the little ones.

In this same Halloween spirit several of our crew attempted to imitate other life forms. The mall manager was decked out in full Klingon regalia for a Halloween fashion show on the Saturday before the event. Our crew suddenly included a Trill, a pair of Vulcans, and our XO alternated between his Klingon alter-ego Gil Gan and his Scotty impersonation.

The weekend culminated with a visit from the

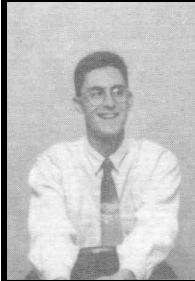
event was SO successful that we have already been asked back by the Mall management to hold an event in October of next year! And we are already making plans for a bigger, better event, hopefully with a visit from a member of the *Enterprise* crew, and the return of the Paramount landing party.

CAPTAIN MIKE by Mike Wilkerson



1995 STARFLEET SCHOLARSHIPS

Admiral Sue Hampton Scholarship Coordinator



Chris Moudling



Kit Weymouth



Susan Olexa

On behalf of STARFLEET in general and specifically from all those members that work so diligently throughout the year to make this program possible, I would like to announce the winners of the 1995 STARFLEET Scholarships.

These nine STARFLEET members represent a wide cross section of membership. There are men and women, new high school graduates, experienced college students and those returning to the college program. Each one brings a special desire to get the next step in their future, a future that will be better for their efforts and results. A future that each of you has had a part in providing. For this, the officers of STARFLEET thank YOU, the members of our organization, for your continued efforts to fund these scholarships.

Each winner will receive \$500 in scholarship money to assist them in their college education for the '95-'96 school year. The scholarships are awarded for members attending community college, 4-year college and universities, graduate course, continuing education and certification programs and vocational school. Some of our scholarships are dedicated to a specific Star Trek actor or actress for educational studies in a specific field (usually related to that actor or actress' Star Trek character.) This year, now all the scholarships will be awarded, as there were not qualified applicants in some areas of study. However, all qualified applicants this year have been awarded scholarship funds towards their future education. These winners will be announced in no specific order...

Gene Roddenberry Memorial Scholarship

This STARFLEET member describes her Fleet activities as "Since becoming a STARFLEET member... I have hit the floor running in any direction that might be helpful." Her Commanding Officer describes her, "has been a member for approximately five months. In that time, she jumped in with both feet." Either this outstanding STARFLEET member is very active and outgoing, or she has felt the size of Bozo the Clown. She will be attending the University of Oklahoma to finish a degree in Liberal Arts. This follows numerous years and programs in several other colleges building a solid background in writing, social sciences, arts and humanities. Our winner is not only facing the challenges of college but also handles these around a full-time job (and occasionally a few part-time ones) to finance her education and her daughter's who is also attending the University of Oklahoma. Congratulations to the winner of the 1995 Gene Roddenberry Memorial Scholarship. It goes to PO3 Catherine Chitty of the USS *Ranger*, Region 12.

James Doohan/Montgomery Scott A/E Scholarship

The panel of judges did not need much time to decide which scholarship to award this young man. Before completing high school he already had his private pilot's license. He has been very well versed in the science (or art?) of working with computers. Now that he has an associate degree in Computer Information Systems, he is ready to start at Bridgewater State College for a degree in Aerospace. While I can't see Scotty running cross-country as this young man does, "good gawd, mon! Why spend all th' inergy to run all tha ta' way on foot? Ah celda' beamed ya over that in a minute. It 'all be no tribble at all." Maybe this STARFLEET member will find and unlock some mystery to move us a step closer to the Star Trek marvels that we love. Congratulations to Ensign Christopher Moulding, USS *Starseeker*, Region 15, this year's winner of the James Doohan, Montgomery Scott Aerospace Engineering Scholarship.

LeVar Burton Education Scholarship

This young lady is starting her third year in college this fall. The most outstanding view about this STARFLEET member is her persistence to take a challenge and deal with it. Kit has severe learning disabilities making the challenge of college an even greater one for her. Remembering her own education struggles, she is challenged with earning her degree as a teacher so that she can give back to the next generation the help, love and education those special children need to make it in our world. Katherine still takes time from her studies to help with her chapter activities as well as church youth activities. We know that "this is just what the engineer ordered" when STARFLEET established the LeVar Burton Educational Scholarship. Congratulations to Katherine "Kit" Weymouth of the USS *Stargazer*, Region 12. As she continues her studies at Northwest Missouri State.

Space Explorers Memorial Scholarship

I believe this winner is the first one from Region 6, although she is a long distance member of a Region 12 ship and is working on a shuttle for her hometown. Her community activities center around her church and the deaf community in her area. For this reason, she is planning college courses working towards a major as an Educational interpreter. We are very pleased to congratulate Lieutenant Susan Olexa, off the USS *Jeannette Maddox*, as a winner of a Space Explorer's Memorial Scholarship. Susan lives in Marion, Iowa and will be attending Kirkwood Community College.

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INTERNATIONAL FLEET

STARFLEET Around The World

Australia's USS Southern Cross



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TOP ROW: Ross,
FLAG, Alan Sr.
CENTER: Mavis,
Elizabeth, Forbes
FRONT: Mick
Vicki, Kathie

USS *Southern Cross* recently celebrated their chapter's at a local Chinese Restaurant. We are pleased that they chose to share the event with us by sending a few pictures.

The CQ staff extends congratulations on your anniversary and our warm wishes for many more to come.

P.S. We love the cake with the starship on top!



1995 STARFLEET Communications Awards

Best of Fleet

INTRASTELLAR WIND

USS *Stellar Wind*, Region 5, FCapt. Allyson Dyar, editor

runner up

HAILING FREQUENCY

USS *Khai Tam*, Region 4, Lt. Cmdr. George Sumter, editor

Best Monthly Newsletter

THE STARCHASER

USS *Intrepid*, Region 1, Capt. Eric Larkin, editor

runner up

CRITICAL NEWS OF THE USS ATREIDES

USS *Atreides*, Region 4, Capt. J. Unicorn Escobedo, editor

Best Bi-Monthly Newsletter

THE TRIBBLE TIMES

USS *Peacekeeper*, Region 4, Lt. Col. Dana Reynolds, editor

runner up

THOUGHTWAVES

USS *IDIC*, Region 1 and Region 7,
Cmdr. Lisa Paradis-Berkenbilt and PO2 Jay Berkenbilt, editors

Best Quarterly Newsletter

THE SHORT CIRCUIT

USS *Maat*, Region 1, Capt. Blair Wilcox, Jr., editor

runner up

INFINITE WISDOM

USS *Infinity*, Region 3, Capt. Becky Thane, editor

Best Cover

THE OKEY

USS *Oklahoma*, Region 12, Capt. Robert Tompkins, III, editor
cover by W.M. Varner

runner up

CHESAPEAKE CHIT-CHAT

USS *Chesapeake*, Region 1, Jan Chalkey, editor
Cover by Clinton Harris

Best Departmental/Regional Newsletter

ALERT FIVE

USS *Challenger*, Region 7 Operations, Region 7,
Cmdr Hartriono Sastrowardoyo, editor

runner up

SCIENCES MATTERS

Region One Sciences, Region 1, FCapt Willy Smith, editor

Best Graphic Design

THE QTC Quarterly

Shuttle *Quadrottricale* (USS *Khitomer*), Region 1, Lt. Vince Stone, editor

runner up

ATTENTION ALL HANDS

USS *Lagrange*, Region 1, Admiral Tim Gillespie, editor

Best Informative Newsletter

CAROLINA COMMUNICATOR

USS *Alaric*, Region 1, Capt. Richard Heim, Jr., editor

runner up

THE SHUNT SQUIRT

USS *Thagard*, Region 7, FCapt. Sashi German, editor

Best Special Achievement in Publishing

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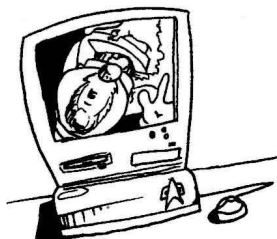
1994 STARFLEET International Conference Bonus Issue

USS *Lagrange*, Region 1, Admiral Tim Gillespie, editor

runner up

ENGAGE!

USS *Alacrity*, Region 1, Cmdr. Blalock, editor



An Informational STARFLEET DATABASE Terminal at Home...

STAR TREK: THE OMNIPEDIA

By CPO Mike Wilkerson

If you thought you might not be around to see the day that you could sit at a computer terminal, and with voice commands, access information in regard to the 24th century, fear no more.

Simon & Schuster, publishers of the *STAR TREK: The Next Generation Technical Manual*, have now introduced the *STAR TREK: OMNIPEDIA*. In a nutshell, this interactive, voice activated archive is ALL of the

STAR TREK reference books that line your personal Ready Room and then some.

This is by FAR the most fascinating TREK computer program to date. To find out more about the program itself, I contacted the producers at Simon & Schuster Interactive. The first person I spoke to was the head of Technical Support, Rick Bolan. To my surprise, he stated that there were far less problems with the software than were first expected.

The biggest expected problem was the Voice-Activation that is one of the biggest selling points of the program. "We're surprised by how few calls we've had. I hired twice as many people to deal with Technical Support on this program than with the Next Gen Technical Manual. It's just a real solid product." In fact, Rick was surprised by how many people were calling to give accolades to the new software. "Most are calling in to tell us how good it is. People are having a great time with the depth of this product. Who wouldn't want a program like this? I mean, even if you're NOT a Star Trek fan, "techies" will love a program like this. It just really shines.

And shine it does. "Voice-Activated" you say? That's right. With the appropriate hardware configuration you are able to access the information contained in the Omnipedia with voice commands. The 60+ voice commands include "next entry," "play video," "begin word search," "show photo one," and the one that truly makes me feel like a Captain in my own Ready Room, "deactivate Omnipedia."

If you own a PC, you use the commands as given above. Macintosh user commands allow users to address the computer, and then say the commands. For example, while PC users would say "Chronology Mode," Mac users would say; "Computer, Chronology Mode." During development, the PC would not take

the word "computer" before the specific command, so it was simply written out. A small price to pay in my opinion.

When in the store, I noticed there were two versions of the Omnipedia.

The first is "Star Trek Omnipedia." This program includes the Omnipedia CD and all warranty materials including a form for a free update with registration of your software. The update will chronicle 3,000 new entries, 1st season *Voyager* details, 3rd season *Deep Space Nine* details, the final season of *Next Generation*, and the most recent movie, *Star Trek: Generations*. Also on the CD will be a patch for FULL Windows '95 compatibility, another for FULL PRINTING CAPABILITIES,

and a tool to MAKE YOUR OWN STAR TREK ARTICLES to share with your friends and crewmates. It ran about \$40. For a mere \$15 extra, there was a Starfleet Hardware Evolution poster, and Omnipedia Hat, a four CD collection of Star Trek Audio Epics and a certificate of authenticity. According to the box, it is a \$55 value. Something to take advantage of.

There are six different modes with which to explore the Omnipedia. They are:

"Encyclopedia Mode"

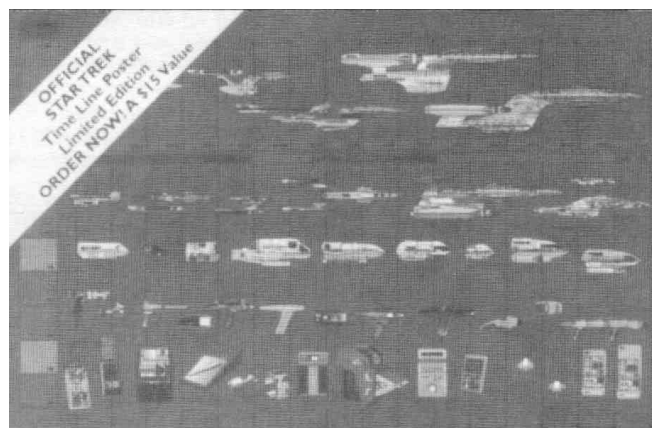
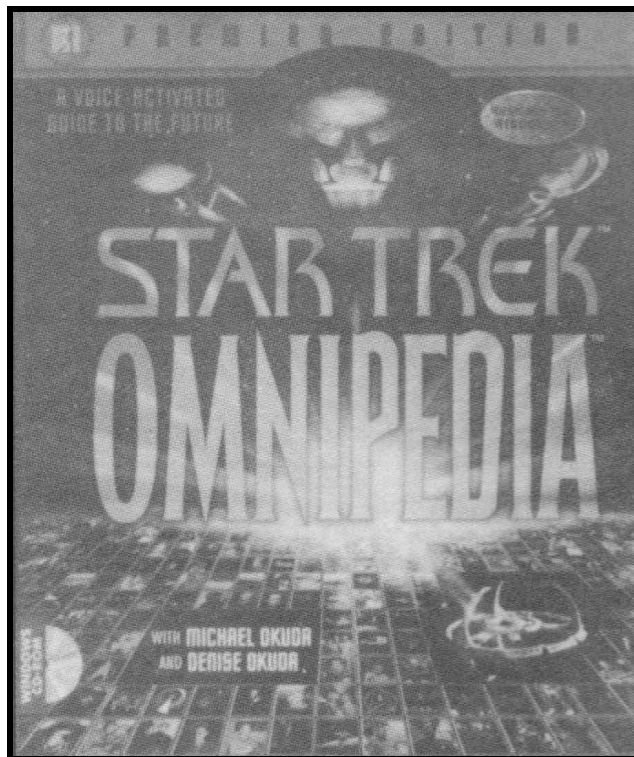
These entries are sorted alphabetically and can be cross referenced at any time. Alien planets, weapons, characters and scientific terms fill this mode which can be accessed either by shifting through each entry, or with assistance of the "Find" function.

"Topic Mode"

The user is able to view a number of presentations that discuss a variety of different topics. Full biographies of Kirk and Picard, and the history of the *Enterprise* are just a sampling of what is available.

"Chronology Mode"

The Star Trek universe is detailed from the past to the future. You are able to



Top: The cover art of the STAR TREK: OMNIPEDIA. LEFT: A sample screen from the new Omnipedia. BOTTOM: A limited time offer is available for a poster tracing the evolution of Star Trek technology.

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ENGINEERING CORNER

The Galaxy (II) Class Large Exploratory Cruiser *Starfleet's Best Just Got Better*

Rear Admiral Chris Wallace, Engineering Editor

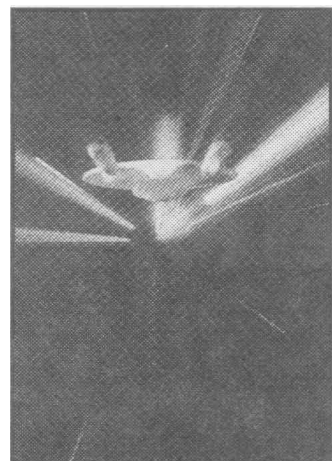
By: Rear Admiral Chris Wallace
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Commanding Officer - Starship U.S.S. *Bright Star* · NCC-71890

Captain Madoku Ayukawa
Chief of Staff- U.S.S. *Bright Star* · NCC-71890
Galaxy Class Starship Development Project

Author's Note - Having commented on whether or not the Galaxy class was a failure in my last article. I thought I would use this one to showcase a design I developed when I was the Director of the Department of Technical Services to correct some of these deficiencies. The *Bright Star* served as the "testbed ship" when I was DTS Director, and is now assigned to the Advanced Starship Design Bureau, performing the same function. It should not be noted that all but the FSS shield system (due to its experimental nature and the better value of the FSQ-4 system) was considered available for upgrading for Galaxy class ships, though check with DTS to insure this is still the case.

With a half-dozen vessels in service and more on the way, the Galaxy class is rapidly taking the position in the modern fleet that the Constitution class did over a century ago. And as the Constitution spawned various updates and designs, so has the Galaxy. The first was the Olympus class dreadnaught, of which the newly commissioned *Vindicator* (23911) is the fourth member. The dreadnaught was the obvious first choice for upgrading as the procedure is a tried-and-true one having been done on the Constitution and Enterprise hulls to produce the Federation classes.

As had happened with the Federation class before it, the cost of conversion was astronomical, amounting to almost 35% of a new vessel. The largest part of the conversion cost is the third warp nacelle and the necessary structural reinforcement and power-transfer equipment. Proponents of the dreadnaught program have always sited the enhanced weaponry and performance to justify the cost of the conversion. And opponents have always said that the money saved could be used to buy a smaller starship (in this case, a Nebula class light cruiser) that would offer greater flexibility to STARFLEET at a much lower maintenance cost.



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Recent events between the U.S.S. *Enterprise* (1701-D) and various Romulan, Klingon, and Ferengi vessels have shown a definite, and some say serious, weakness in the offensive and defensive systems of the Galaxy class. Proponents of the dreadnaught program have used this to attempt to justify their construction. The Advanced Starship Design Board was commissioned by the Military Staff Committee to prepare a proposal to improve the Galaxy class at a much lower cost than the Olympus series. The Advanced Starship Design Bureau decided to concentrate on three major areas: propulsion, weapons, and shields.

PROPULSION AND POWER SYSTEMS UPGRADES

Due to size and structural considerations, the initial plan to use the Leader LN-82 engine from the Griffin class battleship was dropped. Instead the existing LN-81 drive system was modified to provide an additional the Lead LN-81 drive system was modified to provide an additional 20% in peak power. This raises the cruising speed to Warp 7 and the top speed to Warp 9.9. Most importantly, it also provides additional power to the ship's systems. The impulse drive units were left unchanged, being deemed quite adequate. A secondary reactor was installed and tied to the weapons system to enhance performance.

TACTICAL SYSTEMS UPGRADES

A plan to install Type X+ megaphasers was shelved when suitable mounting points could not be engineered. Instead, the standard Type X collimator phaser arrays were greatly improved. The energy-release capabilities of the fushigi-no-umi crystals have been increased, delivering 25% more power than the standard Type X phasers installed on the Galaxy class. The Mk 90 photon torpedo system has replaced the standard Mk 80. More powerful and with a faster loading system, the Mk 90 is an excellent long-range weapon.

A Combat Information Center has been fitted, along with the Aegis Fleet Fire-Control system. This allows the *Bright Star* to command ships at the Task Force level via a Link 35 Communications Core. CETIS MK III with Type 225 TACAR II (Target Acquisition Center Accelerated Response) remain standard equipment, though the 42.ADA Countermeasures Support System has been added.

Two flights of fightercraft were added to help provide a multi-role capability. A flight of SWACS (Spaceborne Warning and Control System) shuttles provide extended-range sensor capability and command and control functions. Provisions were made for the ship to carry up to four companies of Marines, though they are normally not carried as they are not part of the ship's general mission.

The uprated power system allowed the installation of the FSS experimental shield system. Designed specially for the Griffin class SCS-X, the FSS incorporates three shield layers to allow the ship to withstand more punishment. As the outer layer is breached, the inner layers take up the slack while the breached layer is replenished underneath. All total, shield strength is improved 100%. Though a marvel of technological innovation, the incredible complexity of the system and shield grid required extensive modification to be fitted to the Galaxy class spaceframe and prevent it from being retrofitted to other vessels. As the FSS system costs twice as much as the FSQ-4, and due to the complexity, only the Griffin class the U.S.S. *Bright Star* are being considered platforms at this time. Any additional vessels of the Galaxy (II) class would use the FSQ-4 system.

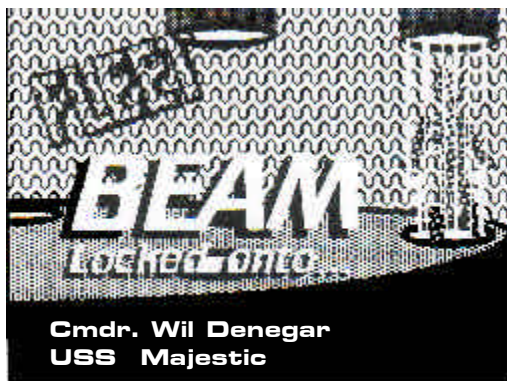
In addition, the FCE-2 cloaking device is fitted. Part of the FSS system, it will effectively cloak the vessel from sensors.

Unfortunately, shield effectiveness is reduced by 60%, weapons cannot be fired without disrupting the field, and the energy costs, even with the second reactor, are excessive and a serious drain on the ship's power grid. The main hanger bay has undergone the necessary modifications needed to launch and retrieve the fighters. Shuttlebays Two and Three remain unchanged.



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"A Right-Hand Man"

By Captain Paul Reid
and
Lt. Brenda Tataryn

One of the most valuable assets any CO can have is a good right-hand man. What such an individual does varies from person to person, but the effect is the same. For me, as CO of the USS *Majestic*, such a person is Cmdr. Will Denegar, *Majestic's* Second Officer. The things he has done for me range from ensuring that all members are reminded of when the next meeting is a couple of days before the meeting, to editing the zine for spelling, grammar and graphical layout, to editing my own stories.

It is this kind of behind the scenes work that is essential for the effective running of any club. One might ask, "why isn't he the First Officer?" Well, he won't turn 18 until near the end of August. From the point of view of a Captain, this is the kind of member that makes command a lot easier and my advice to the CO's out there don't be afraid to make use of one or more such members, and be very sure to give credit where credit is due. For those of you who are "right-handed men", just remember, whether or not you are noticed, you are important. Both your CO and your club needs your services.



ATTENTION ALL DECKS!

Would anyone knowing the whereabouts of Bryan Ackermann, please contact the Project Thanks Coordinator. We still have his plaque and would like to send it to him! Thanks in advance for your assistance.

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STARFLEET MEMBER GET PUBLISHED!

By FCapt. Paula D'Etcheverrye
writing as Paula Ingrahm
Commanding Officer, USS *Rhyanna*, NCC-1892

I have just realized that a long and hard earned goal— I'm a published author! "Cowboy Homecoming" Silhouette Desire "964 will be released in October of this year. (Yes, it's a romance. Please save any rolling eyes until the end of the article!)

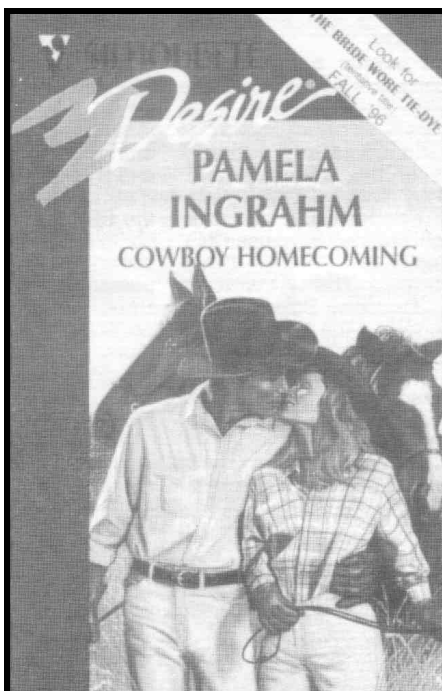
So many of my STARFLEET friends have asked me about my writing I thought I'd share a little of my philosophy about the relationship between romance and Star Trek. Although romantic fiction is still considered something of the "illegitimate" child of the publishing world, people know that romance by itself holds a 48.6% share of the fiction market. That's no small potatoes, folks! I don't know science fiction's share, but it is combined with mysteries, westerns, horror and any other "genre" fiction in the remaining 51.4%. So why is romance so popular? One reason is that women make up something like 80% of the buyers of all published material. The other reason is that we yearn for confirmation of our fondest dreams, even if that confirmation is by a fictitious product. Now, most of you should have no problem understanding that, after all, you're Star Trek fans-- aren't you? If there was ever a show that is romantic, if there was ever a show that is committed to the enduring nature of the human spirit, if there was ever a show dedicated to the belief in the goodness of the human soul, it is undoubtedly Star Trek. Star Trek is a wonderful study about being in relations with other people. It is about loyalty and caring and talent and humor and many of the other qualities that makes us what we are. And Star Trek is unquestionably a continuing romantic tale.



Paula "Romance is my life" D'Etcheverrye

I began writing romances because I love them and knew that I had stories inside of me

that had to be told. I want to write a fantasy as well someday for the same reasons. But writing is also a business, and so I have concentrated on one genre until the day comes that I can cross over into the science fiction/fantasy market. It will be a great day for me when I am putting out books in both genres. I hope I've convinced you of the incredibly romantic nature of Star Trek. I hope I may have even piqued your curiosity to try a romance if you've never read one! Folks may not be pairing off and getting married in the Star Trek world, but there is no doubt that an indelible bond existed between Kirk and Spock and McCoy, Picard and Riker, Riker and T'Pol, and yes - Geordi and Data. Love does not have to be sexual. Some of the most enduring love isn't! The love that men and women will die for is much deeper than mere passion. It is the love that comes from the depths of the soul! So yes, I write love stories, and I'm proud to admit it. For today, I write about love between everyday men and women here on planet Earth, but tomorrow? Well, who knows what planet I'll be arriving on next if you have any questions or want to debate this point with me, please feel free to write me at PO Box 3375, Austin, Texas 78764-0375. See you at the bookstore!



Look for Paula's new book at your bookstore.
(I hear you might be able to talk her into autographing them if you run across her at a con.)

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COMPUTER SYSTEM UPDATES

The new M-16 Duotronic V class computer has been installed to test its performance. A partially cybernetic system, it is both faster and more powerful than the current M-15 used in the Griffin, Galaxy, and Olympus classes. In addition, a highly advanced artificial-personality program called E.V.E. (Enhanced Visual interfaceE) has been installed on top of the standard LCARS software, providing enhanced computer-human interactions.

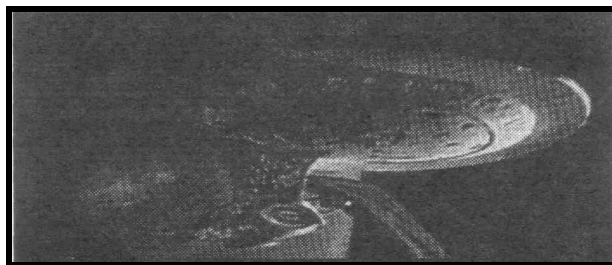
DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION HISTORY

These changes were submitted to the Military Staff Committee on Stardate 3/6508. It was reviewed and approved within the month. Of the Galaxy class ships under construction, the U.S.S. *Bright Star* (CKE 71800) was little more than a bare spaceframe and had yet to have her propulsion, weapons, and shields systems installed. It was decided that this ship would receive the updates and the necessary changes were made in the construction plans. The ship was completed on Stardate 3/6703. PSA, shakedown and trials were all completed and passed.

OPERATIONAL DISPOSITION

The *Bright Star* has been in general service for not quite two months. She encountered and fought off a Ferengi D'Lora class Marauder attempting to purchase stolen cultural artifacts. Captain Nausica Miyazaki has taken over temporary control of the vessel as part of a one-month training program while Rear Admiral Wallace and the other

USS
*Bright
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during
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Galaxy class C.O.'s attend a symposium at Starfleet Headquarters on the Galaxy class.

CONCLUSION

At this time, the Military Staff Committee is considering additional conversions of the current Galaxy class vessels under construction. The const-control attempts were partially successful, the *Bright Star* running some 20% more than a standard Galaxy class. It is expected that both the *Bright Star* and the Olympus classes will be heavily scrutinized to see which is the more better and more cost-effective way for Starfleet to spend its budget. The tactical upgrades to the class have helped shift the balance of power in the Galaxy (II)'s favor, and may be incorporated into other Starfleet vessels. However, the FSS shield system has been returned to "experimental development" status, and the FSQ-4 system would be used in its place on any future Starfleet vessels, as it is a logical and cost-effective upgrade to those vessels already using the FSQ system.



Barclay Beams Back to Baltimore (Dwight Schultz: Delighting Shore Leave I7)

By Harriono Sastrowardoyo,
Shadowstar Cathedral Flight Team

Dwight Shultz made his first venture into Star Trek as Lt. Reginald Endicott Barclay III in the episode "Hollow Pursuits" and continued to make appearance in four more episodes ("The Nth Degree," "Realm of Fear," "Ship in a Bottle" and "Genesis.") He recently did an episode of Voyager entitled "Projections," where it is revealed that Barclay was one of the programmers of the holographic doctor, played by Robert Picardo. Dwight couldn't say much of the episode, since at the time of the con it hadn't aired, but did note that Barclay had programmed the doctor's interpersonal skills, and that the shows up to assist the doctor in "personal matters."

Dwight also noted that he hadn't worked

with any of the Voyager cast beforehand, although many of the behind-the-scenes crew were familiar from his days on TNG. Unfortunately, for the episode, he interacted only with Picardo, although he did get to meet Kate Mulgrew and Jennifer Lien. He also didn't know if Barclay was going to be a recurring character on Voyager, saying that he had no control over the matter.

Dwight was born in Baltimore, and graduated from Towson State University with a BA degree in Theater Arts. A long time Star Trek fan, he appeared with fellow TNG actress Whoopie Goldberg in "Long Walk Home." A few months later, he got a call from his manager asking him how he would like to appear on an episode of Star Trek. A script was sent, and Dwight eagerly thumbed through it, finding the character of Barclay, whom he described as a "nerd." When Dwight called his manager, his manager commented that the part of Barclay was written just for him.

Joking aside, Dwight said he was very much like his Barclay character. He confessed to having a hard time auditioning, to the point where he becomes hysterical and loses his voice. But how does it feel to have an action figure made of him? Dwight joked that he looked at its butt to see if they got it right. He admitted that he doesn't play with it, and thought it strange having an image of oneself in plastic.

For his debut in "Hollow Pursuits," Barclay deleted all of his holographic programs, except for number nine. Did they know he would be a recurring character at that time? Dwight did concede that it

would seem to indicate that his character would be coming back, but he didn't know for sure at the time, saying they didn't tell him.

His favorite episode was "The Nth Degree." Not only did he get to wear a makeup appliance by Michael Westmore, but he considered Barclay's journey as the ultimate experience. Barclay started out as weak, not able to act, to being incredibly intelligent and part of the *Enterprise's* computer back to being human. Dwight thought that in itself was a wonderful progression, and he also liked how Barclay was able to become aware of his intelligence. Dwight said it was an incredible feeling to be positive about oneself, to actually think one is worthy, and the best part was that Barclay remembered the journey.

For his last TNG appearance in "Genesis," Dwight remembered the extreme makeup, where he felt he was in the dark, quite literally and had to be led around the set. He speculated that Barclay had devolved into a spider because O'Brien had placed a spider on Barclay's shoulder in his previous appearance on "Realm of Fear." Now that he's done TNG and Voyager, would Dwight like to do DS9? He replied yes, and remarked how he'd like to be a Ferengi, to wear the heavy makeup and be unrecognizable for once. He also said how he'd like to direct or write an episode of Voyager. Outside of ST, he wants to do a serious role, perhaps a Harold Painter play or to co-star with Judy Davis. Pointing out that many of the scientific concepts pioneered on ST are being realized today, he also told of his interests in physics and UFO's. Weekly, Dwight can be heard on the radio show "UFO's Today."

In closing, Dwight said that he just finished playing a villain in "Deadly Games," (with fellow ST alumnus Christopher Lloyd) and how he never waits for something to end, how he tries to find something new. With Dwight's character of Barclay one of the more popular on TNG, it is hoped that he finds just as long a stay on Voyager.

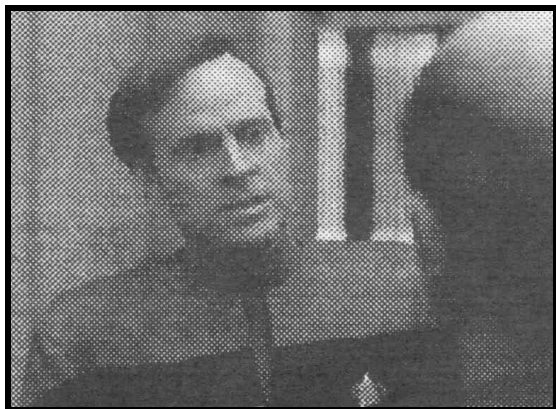


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choose an era or a milestone in Trek history and probe to your heart's content.

"Episode Mode"

Probably my favorite. This allows you to read synopsis, character credits and inside information in regard to any Trek episode or movie. The ones not yet available will be presented on "Update Discs" available in years to come.

There are over 100 full-motion videos included with this program.. They chronicle everything from the "Mandolin-crushing antics of Worf" to the heartfelt "thanks" of a certain positronic-brained daughter to her father. It is truly astounding.

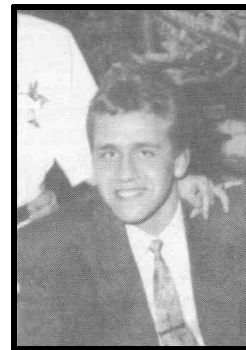
Being an avid Trek fan myself, I can easily say that the Omnipedia was worth the \$60 that I paid for it. It is a piece of software that will continue to feed Trekkers' imaginations everywhere for many years to come. This would make a solid addition to anyone's Trek collection.

Should you have any questions about the functions or details in regard the Omnipedia or Trek in general, please feel free to contact me at CPTMIKE@ix.netcom.com. As always ... peace and a realllly long (and laughter filled) life.

Scholarships - Cont. from pg. 14

George Takei Scholarship for International Studies

When the Scholarship Panel approved this STARFLEET Member as a winner, there was no question as to which scholarship to award him. This young man spent a year here in America as an exchange student. During that time he learned about this country and fell in love with Star Trek and became an active member of STARFLEET. In a short period of time helped do the "paper-work shuffle" at HQ and helped with the Communiqué and fondly remembers his friends around Region 12. Roland has returned to Hungary to start his college training at the University of Hungary in Budapest. He will be studying International Law and working to start a STARFLEET shuttle in Hungary, a first for Region 9! Congratulations to Roland Rozsa of the USS *Umiak*, Region 12. This year's winner of the George Takei Scholarship for International Studies.



Roland Rozsa

DeForest Kelley/Leonard McCoy Medical Scholarship

This winner comes from Region 3 and has been a long time member of STARFLEET. Believing in Star Trek and the importance of personal diversity has helped this wife and mother to conquer a handicap, face a challenge and turn things to her advantage. She leads a small Away Team of members in the area of Victoria, Texas. A lot of her time is devoted to the PTO and the Cub Scouts for her son. Now she is working towards an Associate Degree in Medical Office Technology. The award of the DeForrest Kelley/Leonard McCoy Medical Scholarship will enable Cmdr. Shirley Autry to continue her courses at the Victoria College. This is a fine way to show the public what our club is all about, helping our members reach their highest potential.

Patrick Stewart Scholarship for Performing Arts

One of the required documents for the STARFLEET Scholarship application is a high school or college transcript. This STARFLEET member contacted the committee concerned because "My high school doesn't exist any more!" It didn't disappear in a Kansas tornado though this member has lived in R12. She was on a military base in Spain that has since closed. After working around that minor detail, everything else was smooth sailing. Elizabeth was very active at all levels of STARFLEET work in Region 12 with the USS *Hexum* and then USS *Valsalva*. When not doing that she was busy with community activities teaching CPR. Don't forget a trip to the big sandy land, courtesy of the President, when she served in a Medical Unit during Desert Shield and Desert Storm. As he CO describes her work in Fleet, "Always willing to lend a hand or assist in any project imaginable (and many more unimaginable - but do-able!)" This young woman certainly deserves to receive some benefit back from STARFLEET. She will be continuing her studies at Christopher Newport University, Newport News, VA towards a degree in Music and Education. This year, Captain Lisa Wolf-Schafer of the USS *Valsalva* receives the Patrick Stewart Scholarship for Performing Arts for her outstanding and continued devotion to STARFLEET and now personal devotion to music.



Lisa Wolf-Schafer

Space Explorers Scholarship

As with several of our winners, this lady is balancing her college education of weekend and night classes with a full-time job. She has just graduated from junior college with high honors and an Associate Degree of Arts. After a few more courses, now possible with this scholarship, she will be ready to fulfill her dream of a BA in Television Production. Of course, that will hopefully lead to a production position, preferably with Paramount doing what else but her love Star Trek! Janice has already had a taste of her dream doing some other type of work at Paramount during the fourth season of ST:TNG. She incorporates Star Trek into much of her school work, such as a speech on the tolerance and diversity message that Star Trek presents, a logic paper on Star Trek's inspirational messages, a video on cultural impact of Star Trek and even wrote a holodeck adventure on French Chivalry for a history class! This exciting member of the USS *Alliance*, Region 4, is CPO Janice Willcocks. We congratulate her as a winner of a 1995 Space Explorer's Memorial Scholarship.

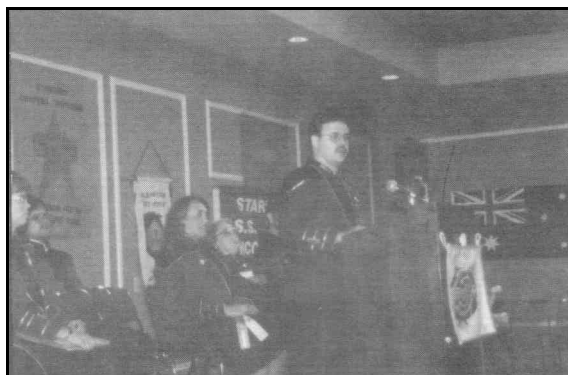
This young man is currently enrolled at Tarrant County Junior College where he is working towards an Associate Degree in Horticulture. (That's the study of plants here on Earth, not the study of alien life on Janus VI.... That would be Horta-culture!) His plans are to study and encourage more use of organic horticulture practices. This is a very important issue in our world today as we become more aware of the need to protect the ecology and environment. Bill combines a great interest in photography and finds it easier to raise his own flowers to photograph than to rely on finding them. We're not surprised that his position aboard the USS *Comanche* is Botany Officer, so we would recommend that ship for a dimmed walk with a special friend in a magnificent garden setting. Congratulations to CPO Bill Harris. As a winner of the Space Explorer's Memorial Scholarship he will continue his studies at Tarrant County Junior college. Best wishes and a wave of the green thumb!

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Of the Administration, we were told that the minutes would be available to the membership, and that information would be presented here in the CQ. Well, that is about it. I hope that many of you will take the opportunity to meet more of your fellow Fleet members, and share in the food, folks and fun.

Victor C. Swindell
Commanding Officer, USS *Charleston*



Wednesday to the dead dog party (under a full moon). I saw a conference that may not have always gone totally as planned, but turned out with good panels, good events and the meeting of good people from every corner of the Fleet.

Kathy Webster
Chief of Engineering
USS *Macleod*

IC Volunteers Final Update

by Lt Cmdr Edmund Trafford,

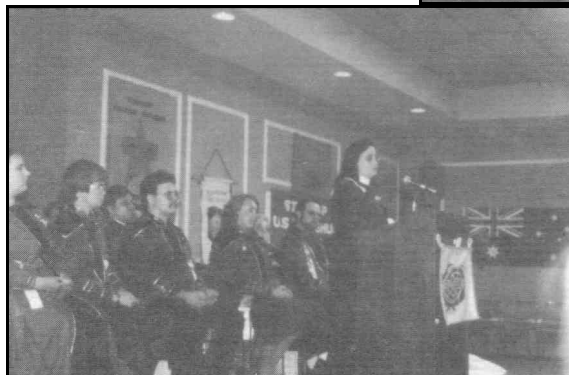


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ABOVE: Fleet Admiral Dan McGinnis speaks to the fleet.

LEFT: FAdm. Jeannette Maddox received a warm welcome at this year's IC

RIGHT: Many ships had banners on display in the Main Hall

BELOW: The entire Executive Committee was represented at the Conferences.

Photo by Leon Lord



The 21st International Conference was planned to be panels on STARFLEET at the Ramada: science fiction and fantasy events at the Hilton 1 1/2 blocks away and it was this and more (1 1/2 blocks? really?). Tony Todd and Bjo Trimble were able to attend events at both hotels and Nasfic was the usual 3 ring circus which included science fiction, star trek, star wars and fantasy of all kinds. Back at the Ramada, we learned about various departments (I didn't know there was a newsletter for engineers before now), met members of the EC and took OTS.

This was my first IC and I feel I met a lot of great people and learned more about STARFLEET International than I could have any other way. A large number of people had fun working, planning and putting together this conference, individuals from both Atlanta ships, the *Macleod* and the *Republic* and other special people from around the fleet had a lot of fun along with the work. I certainly will never regret getting involved in the conference. It has been quite an experience.

This was my first time doing a refit -- on the hanging *Enterprise* in the lobby. A Caitian agent masquerading as Kelly Hilliard's nieces cat attack the *Enterprise* causing major structural damage. A group of STARFLEET engineers with other volunteers did the repair work on the ship with packing tape, of all things. I was amazed it made it through the conference.

Fleet Quartermaster kept me busy but as the satisfying since it allowed me to meet and talk to so many members of STARFLEET while making a fair amount of money for STARFLEET.

I seemed to be the person from staff who could break away in the evening to do the running around. From picking up people at the airport to getting lost in one of the areas of town that are not on the tours of Atlanta to pickup beef ribs for Tony Todd (we usually eat pork ribs here in the south)

From the trip to Stone Mountain and the Varsity with the early birds on



USS *Republic*
IC Volunteer Coordinator

It was my very great privilege (and one heck of a lot of hard work and even more fun) to have been in charge of coordinating the volunteer staff for the recently completed Tenth Annual STARFLEET International Conference here in Atlanta as part of DragonCon in July. There is no greater way to feel a part of things than to actually be a part of things.

Photo by Leon Lord

This was the best experience ever for me because even though I have been a part of panels and demos at other cons which helped make the cons happen, I have never actually helped plan and coordinate one before. It was an exciting and sobering

RIGHT: One of the many informative panels held over the weekend:

BELOW: Deb Maestu (left) and Cindy Krell (right) speak on issue important to



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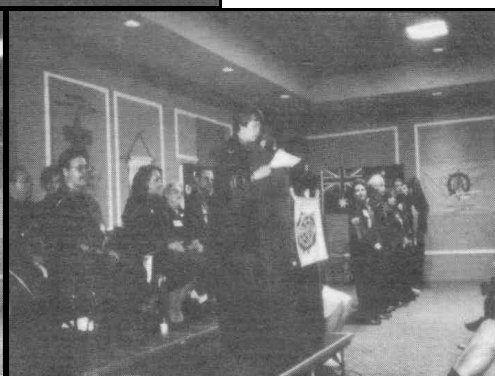


Photo by Joyce Schowengerdt

Experience. There was never a dull moment from negotiating with the DragonCon staff over the placement of our STARFLEET recruiting display at the Hilton to relaying to the IC staff at the Ramada the status of the latest guest star crisis. Those volunteers from both coasts and from in between who helped me at the Hilton site and those who assisted Volunteer Vice Coordinator Tonya Spanks at the Ramada location are truly some of the best STARFLEET has to offer, and it was a pleasure to work with them and you all know who you are. I wish I

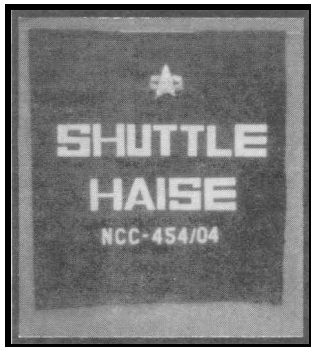


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could thank each one of you individually here in print but I know I made an effort to say thank you loudly and frequently in person to those who took time out from the busy DragonCon and IC schedules (and the dealers room!) to devote a few hours to helping make the conference a success. It was an experience I'll never forget.

RAdm Kelly Hilliard Chair for the 1995 IC

In this issue you have read several articles about the IC. I won't go into telling you my impression of this year's IC as I am not a good judge being so involved. I will tell you how honored I am to have had the opportunity to have hosted this, the biggest STARFLEET event of the year. Many people, myself among them, put in many hours of work to make it what it was. Post conference surveys rated Conference staff Very Good to Excellent. On behalf of the entire Staff I would like to thank everyone for their kind words. On a more personal note, I would like to say how much I enjoyed seeing old friends from last year's IC and making new ones. That, for me was the highlight of the IC. Oklahoma City will host next years IC, I for one am looking forward to attending. Putting on an IC is a huge task and one way we can show our support is to register early. So send in those Memberships today!! See you in Oklahoma City!!



Upcoming Events

Pro and Fan Cons, Regional & Chapter Functions

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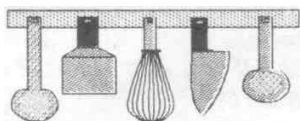
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Overall, I feel the Communiqué was a good balance this time. It had the standard stuff in it... a good mix of fan fiction, letters, 'Fleet information... and to be honest, the IC issues and votes... which you have to admit is a BIG step forward for the 'Fleet.

I enjoyed it, and I look forward to more like it.

Lt. Danny Potts, XO
USS *Hephaestus*, NCC-2004

Danny,

Thanks for the kind words and for allowing me to pull this off the nets. I appreciate your willingness to look at us objectively in the face of the usual circle of negativity.

Our critics harp on us and accuse me of avoiding the problems STARFLEET is facing. Two important items of fact to point out here: One - STARFLEET has always had serious issues to deal and the membership receives more information about those issues from this administration than probably any in the past. You certainly get more of the "inside" knowledge from us than any other fan club is going to give you. Two - STARFLEET is not having that many real problems apart from growing pains as this organization continues to hit record numbers in growth. There is always some fallout with such growth. Much of the perceived "problems" stem from harassment and nuisance situations involving people who still hold a grudge over the decisive outcome of the last election. We even have one very vocal member in the eastern U.S. who exclaims with every step we take (or anything someone accuses us of) that it will be "the death of STARFLEET." This individual has been wailing the same tune for the past three administrations.

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