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10 Years of Watkins Glen Weekends

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Back before USS Accord was USS Accord, STARFLEET members Mike "Uncle Mikey" Shappe and Captain Jon Lane coordinated a visit by USS Avenger's Delta Shift to the Watkins Glen State Park. A scenic gorge is one of the main attractions of Watkins Glen State Park, and over the intervening years it has become a very large event, with over 70 folks from coast to coast in attendance over each of the past few years.

Saturday morning consists of breakfast (for those who want to get up early) down the hill at Andy's 3rd St Cafe, and then rallying up in the parking lot of Community Corners. From there, the caravan to the Glen begins, followed by lunch at the nearby Burger King. It's always amusing to see the BK employees' eyes go wide when we invade their establishment with 70 or more folks.

After lunch, we meet at "The Rock" at the base of the Gorge Trail. Accord CO Mark Anbinder always has a few words of wisdom for us, and then we all head up the trail. The Gorge itself has been in the New York State Park System since 1924, when it was bought from journalist Morvalden Ellis. The Gorge Trail is 1.5 miles long, and has a few different offshoots from the main trail.

At the trail summit, we rest and recover at the Comfort Station, and do Accord's traditional group round-table introductions. After that, we walk back down the gorge (or take the available shuttle) and return to Ithaca to clean up for dinner.

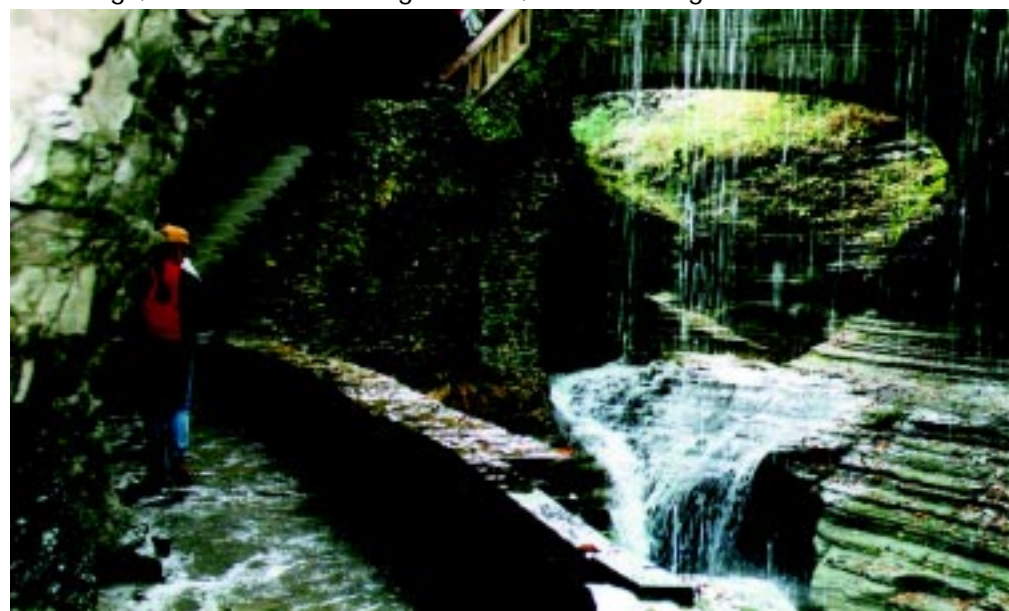
Billy Bob Jack's Steakhouse provides dinner, and up until this year we crowded into BBJ's establishment. This year, however, BBJ rented the main pavilion at Stewart Park, which was a great place to sit down, eat good food, and enjoy the company of our many friends. The elbow room was a welcome change! This year we had the special honor of awarding longtime STARFLEET member Uncle Mikey with his fourth pip, and seeing an entertaining video produced by the Region 15 team that's hosting the 2000 International Conference. After dinner, we invade the Purity Ice Cream store for ice cream, and then break up and go various places for the evening.

Sunday we meet at the Ramada Inn for brunch and goodbyes for those who have long drives or planes to catch.

Watkins Glen is always a fun weekend, and a great chance to catch up with friends you only get to see once a year. Another longtime 'Fleet member, the aforementioned Jon Lane, always manages to make it back from California to the Glen hikes; he's the only out-of-town attendee to have made it to each and every Glen hike so far.

As the word spreads, Watkins Glen Weekend has attracted Fleet folks from more and farther-away chapters, and it's always a treat to see how many chapters and

regions are represented in Central New York on these lovely autumn weekends. The next WGW has already been set for the first weekend of October 2000, and everyone's welcome! Keep an eye on the Accord web site at <http://www.ussaccord.org/> as details develop, and plan your pilgrimage now for the fall foliage, Accord's trademark great food, and a relaxing weekend of fun.



Watkins Glen State Park is an amazing gorge with breath-taking waterfalls and incredible rock formations.

[More Watkins Glen Weekend Photos Inside!](#)

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From the Top...

Greetings, STARFLEET! Here we are again, rapidly approaching the end of another successful year of fun, friendship and fandom, our 25th year. As always, STARFLEET is evolving, growing and changing, and I think we have all been successful in our fandom endeavors.

I'm pleased to welcome Chris Wallace onto the Smith/Freas team; Chris will be taking over the duties of Editor-in-Chief of the Communiqué with issue 96. I'd like to thank Mandi Herrmann for her service to STARFLEET by producing CQ95, but differences of opinion led her to issue her resignation after the issue was put to bed.

That being said, I know we need to send a world of thanks to our outgoing Editor, Wendy Fillmore. Wendy has worked very hard for STARFLEET during her tenure in the Communications department and the product she delivered shows! Wendy, I'm sure I speak of all of STARFLEET when I wish you all the best in the future. I know we'll be seeing Wendy remain active, as she is the coordinator for the "Smith/Freas Dead-Dog/Ring

in the new millennium right!" party and celebration New Years Eve Weekend 2000. You can contact Wendy for more info at nye2000@sfi.org.

As we move into the Year 2000, STARFLEET does have a serious issue to address. The Smith/Freas Administration will be entering into its fourth year of service to STARFLEET, and as mandated by our organization's Constitution, I will be standing down as President of the organization. I have to honestly say that I utter those words with a large part of relief and an honest bit of sadness. Relief in that after 4 years of volunteering almost all of my spare time and energy into STARFLEET, I'll be able to really take a break. Sadness in that I'll honestly miss the job, since while it has had its share of stress and anguish, I've honestly had a great deal of fun doing it. I think what our team has achieved over the course of our tenure at the helm of STARFLEET has been truly remarkable, and I'm proud to have been a part of that effort.

This brings me to the need to address a serious issue. That issue is the hiring of a

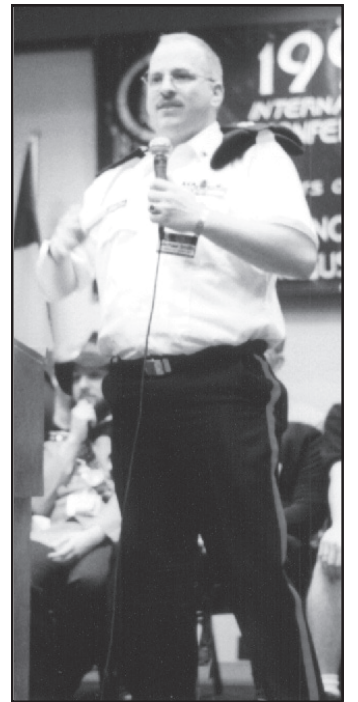
new Commander, STARFLEET. The election of a new Commander, STARFLEET inevitably brings winds of change to the organization. A new CS brings new ideas and different ways of doing things to our organization; and while some change is always good, drastic change is a danger to STARFLEET now that STARFLEET has had a consistent track record with a system that has, for the most part, worked out very well. So, folks start thinking now what you'll want in a new CS and STARFLEET administration. Keep abreast of current events, and make sure that you're informed when it comes to next year's elections. This is your organization, and is the one time that you truly have a voice in administration of the organization.

Finally, as we move forward towards yet another holiday season and time of reflection and introspection, I hope that each of you will take some time to reflect on the successes and failures of the past year. Enjoy the successes that you have had over the course of the year, and

examine the failures in order to learn from them and apply the lessons learned in the New Year.

Take care out there, and we'll see you in sixty!

Fleet Admiral Michael D. Smith, on stage at the 1999 International Conference [picture by Wendy Fillmore]



Second Thoughts... *Admiral Charles Freas, Vice Commander, STARFLEET*

Greetings! I'm hopeful this subspace transmission finds you sentient and sapient (a.k.a. as "alive and well," as the denizens of Sol III say). As some may surmise, I'm just back from a solitary sojourn to Vulcan, where I toured the Vulcan Academy of Sciences with thoughts of enrolling in mind-expanding tutelage. There is most excellent instruction available there, for a mere pittance in STARFLEET credits. I speak, of course, of the 'ologies – Anthropology, Bacteriology, Biochemistry, Cetaceans Cryobiology, Ecology, Embryology, Exobiology, Ichthyology, Mammalogy, Microbiology, Ornithology, Paleontology, and Zoology, and the non-'ologies – Genetics, Botany, Anatomy, Philosophy, Metaphysics, Horticulture, and Lapidary. Ah, 'tis but the barest sampling of the hearty fare found there.

Or, if such pedagogy peaks not your interests, alternate dogma is available in such diverse fare as Klingon customs and culture, weapons, language and history. I

discourse, of course, about the Klingon Warrior Academy (KWA), where you can learn about medicine (about which I was till now unaware that Klingons cared; I would have suggested the alternative STARFLEET College of Medicine), government (such as they have; perhaps the STARFLEET College of History?) and, of course, ship command (now there's a truly worthy Klingon doctrine). Or, for you softer Freddie types, there's the STARFLEET Officer Training School, Officer Command College, and Flag Officer's School. But back to the KWA, peruse it! There you'll have the opportunity to learn about truly famous Klingon warriors, worthy of renown even in the Delta Quadrant. Oh, and have you read Will Shakespeare in the original Klingon? That, you just gotta see!

Still lost in this space? Alas, what else is there to say but ... go straight (do not stop at Go! Seek ye the 200 credits elsewhere) to <http://www.sfi-sfa.com>. Seek out

vibrant new life, and strange new civilizations. Boldly go where many have gone before! Tell 'em Chuck sent ya (that and .50 credits will get you a cup of java – or perhaps, "Earl Grey, extra hot!")!

Turning to another subject, quarterly reports have been coming in from the Fleet Division Chiefs Programs. For those, I thank each of you. Need to get your quarterly report in? Do it the easy way ... go to <http://www.mindspring.com/~tiggerr7/fdcport.html> and just fill in the blanks!

Friends, Romans, Countrypersons! Be aware that Fleet has many programs offering help to your space stations, ships, shuttles, and away teams. At one time or another we had, or still have, programs in Aerospace, for Cadets and Chaplains and Counselors, in Command, Communications, and Computer Operations, relating to the Department of Technical Services and the Advanced Starship Design Bureau, in

Engineering, Medical, Operations, Science, Security, and Shuttle Operations Command, and for Special Services. Due to insufficient demand or for personal reasons, some of these programs have been mothballed. Want to revive one of these? See a need for a new one? Or need help any of these areas? Contact the Director of the FDC Program, Fleet Captain Dustin Williams (FDC@sfi.org), or my hard-working and under-appreciated Chief of Staff, Fleet Captain Donna Friesen (VCS-COS@sfi.org). They have all the skinny on the FDC Program!

Finally, thanks to the MOST excellent work of R5 RC Kurt Roithinger, Team Nexus and many others, look for an announcement in the next few months about a series of new Fleet publications that will blow your socks off! More I dare not say, for others truly deserve all the credit. And with that teasing tidbit, I say Adieu! Live long, and prosper!

Fleet Operations...

Greetings once again from Operations HQ. As usual this will be short and sweet so we can move on to other things in this issue of the Communiqué.

CHANGES IN OPERATIONS STAFF

I recently announced the addition of Chris Wallace as the new DVC International. However, there is a need to adjust the assignments within the District Vice Chiefs. As of the November reporting period (Due by December 5th, 1999) DVC West and DVC International Vice Chief's will be exchanging hats. FCapt Andrea Haag will assume the role of DVC International and Vadm Chris Wallace will take her post as DVC West. Below are the updated DVC assignments and the regions they are responsible for.

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CHANGES IN OPERATIONS PROCEDURE

Within the next few weeks I will be transferring some of the duties I do to the

DVC's. These duties are housekeeping items that they are better equipped to take care as they are the "front Line" as it were with the chapters. What will be taking place is that the DVC's will be sending out all Reminder Letters and Stand By Letters and cc'ing them to Ops HQ. Once we reach the Decommissioning Process that will still be handled in house at Ops HQ. This will allow for a more direct or hands on duty for the DVC's. If there are ever any problems or disputes concerning any correspondence contact the Chief of STARFLEET Operations for further information. What will this mean? Well, where there may have a less than voracious attempt to maintain reporting and membership numbers in the first year of this administration that will change. The DVC's will have a direct handle on who isn't reporting and will be making reports to Ops HQ as well as sending letters to the chapters having the problems. Membership issues will continue to be handled through the CAP program. But assistance from the DVC will be there as well if requested. We are called TEAM Ops and that's what we all are...A TEAM. We are working to make your enjoyment of the STARFLEET and Star Trek experience as easy as possible.

LEAVING DRYDOCK

Below is a list of Chapters that have been commissioned since the beginning of 1999 and its Command Crew.

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Kodiak Class Battleship
MGN Loujaue McPherson, Commanding Officer
SGM Nathan B. Champine, Executive Officer
Commissioned February 1, 1999

USS LEGEND NCC-75019
Sovereign Class Cruiser
Capt Patrick Maes, Commanding Officer
Cdr David Adams, Executive Officer
Commissioned February 1, 1999

USS BANTING NCC-17220
Banting Class Cruiser
Capt Bernard Guindard, Commanding Officer
Lt Dave Blaser, Executive Officer
Commissioned February 1, 1999

USS INTREPID NCC-74655
Intrepid Class Cruiser
Capt Robert Schneider, Commanding Officer
LCdr Robert Sliney, Executive Officer
Commissioned March 7, 1999

USS LIGHTYEAR NCC-74217
Defiant Class Escort
Capt Pat Teachout, Commanding Officer
LCdr Helen Monath, Executive Officer
Commissioned March 7, 1999

USS PANTHER CITY NCC-63543
Akira Class Battlecruiser
Comm Mark Vincent, Commanding Officer
LCdr Cherie Vinson, Executive Officer
Commissioned March 7, 1999

USS NORMANDY NCC-36000
Normandy Class Supercarrier
MGen Les Rickard, Commanding Officer
VAdm Tom Monaghan, Executive Officer
Commissioned April 17, 1999

USS BELGICA NCC-72301
Peacekeeper Class Large Exploratory Cruiser
Capt Jeroen Vantroyen, Commanding Officer
Cdr Steve Haelterman, Executive Officer
Commissioned May 5, 1999

USS SEQUOYAH NCC-2043
Excelsior Class Heavy Cruiser
FCapt Jeremy Trent, Commanding Officer
Cdr Nathan Head, Executive Officer
Commissioned May 19, 1999

USS PROTECTOR NCC-75023
Sovereign Class Cruiser
Capt Vanessa Taylor, Commanding Officer
Cdr Sarah Craig, Executive Officer
Commissioned May 19, 1999

USS ULTIMATUM NCC-10534
Ambassador Class Heavy Cruiser
Capt John R. Watson, Commanding Officer
Cdr Wayne Killough, Executive Officer
Commissioned June 28, 1999

USS ORBIT JET NCC-75024
Sovereign Class Cruiser
Capt Jeffrey K Salamon, Commanding Officer
Major Robyn Winans, Executive Officer
Commissioned June 29, 1999

USS RAVEN NCC-1162
Akyazi Class Perimeter Action Ship
Capt Trisha Rohal, Commanding Officer
LCdr Chuck Dobbins, Executive Officer
Commissioned July 10, 1999

USS EARHART NCC-26199
Ambassador Class Heavy Cruiser
Capt. Glenda Bruner, Commanding Officer
LCdr Pat Siga, Executive Officer
Commissioned August 8, 1999

USS ASGARD NCC-72402
Capital Class Heavy Space Control Ship
Capt Darlene Harper, Commanding Officer
FCapt Cynthia Walker, Executive Officer
Commissioned August 8, 1999

USS STARLORD NCC-74225
Defiant Class Escort
FCapt Joe Podesta, Commanding Officer
FAdm Michael D. Smith, Executive Officer
Commissioned August 8, 1999

USS ARIES NCC-71806
Sovereign Class Heavy Cruiser
Capt. Michael A Wilson, Commanding Officer
Cdr Brian Griffin, Executive Officer
Commissioned August 31, 1999

USS ARES NCC-26291
Triumph Class Research Cruiser
Capt. Paul Fest, Commanding Officer
Maj. Robert W. Langer Jr., Executive Officer
Commissioned September 8, 1999

USS CENTURION NCC-74801
Yeager Class Scout
Col. Aaron Murphy, Commanding Officer
LCDR Kris Phifer, Executive Officer
Commissioned September 12, 1999

The new kids on the block as of this report are ARES, ARIES and CENTURION. Welcome aboard to all of these new Chapters. May the winds be at your back!

Well that about covers it for this month. See everyone next Communiqué.



(clockwise from top left: Vice Ops Chief Matt Myers, Amy Alexander, Ops Chief Les Rickard, and Dee Smith)



Hailing frequencies...

Vice Admiral Gordon Goldberg, Chief, STARFLEET Communications

Hailing Frequencies Open! I'm going to keep this article brief, but I'd like to start off by announcing the appointment of Mandi Herrmann as my newest Vice-Chief and Editor of the Communiqué. The decision was very difficult, with quite a few very qualified candidates applying, and I'd like to thank all of them for taking the time to apply. Mandi and I have spoken on this, and it is our hope that some of these wonderfully talented and committed people will be taking other positions on the Communiqué staff. Mandi can be reached by email to CQ-Editor@sfi.org or mandih@mindspring.com, or by postal mail to:

Mandi Herrmann
9908 Berrywood Drive
Ladson, SC 29456 USA

Keep in mind that submissions to the Communiqué should be sent to the full Communiqué staff address at CQ@sfi.org.

I'd also like to thank Wendy Fillmore for all her hard work as outgoing Communiqué editor and as Vice-Chief of Communications, and wish her much joy in her role as full-time mommy. We're going to miss you!

If you have any comments or ideas on how the Communications Division can

further serve your chapter or the fleet, please feel free to contact me by email at Comm@sfi.org, or by postal mail at 330 Haven Avenue, Apartment 3C, New York City, NY 10033-5333 USA.

In service to the fleet,

Gordon L. Goldberg
Chief of Communications, STARFLEET

Compops

*Rear Admiral Jesse Smith
Chief, Computer Operations*

Turnover among volunteer positions in fan clubs, particularly Starfleet, is a common thing, and Computer Operations is no exception. Over the last three years, this office has had a number of members pass through its halls as staffers and it's never easy to say good-bye to any of them. So it is with sadness that I say good-bye to another member who has had a profound impact on the way we do business in our department. Roy Sesler, who has worked with Computer Operations for almost two years as our packet mailer, has been facing constraints on his time imposed by his personal life and came to the conclusion that he could not longer continue his position. Roy, we will all miss your dedicated service.

Each time we've faced a member leaving or changing roles in Computer Operations, we've looked for way to improve the processes and duties performed by our staff and turn out loss into a gain for the membership. With Roy's departure, we will be recombining the processing of membership with packet distribution. This will eliminate the small delay between membership processing and packet mailing which will further speed our delivery of membership materials. However, with any re-organization, there is always a small delay while things are moved and set up. Roy completed what packets he could and has boxed up the membership material for transport to the membership processing office. While we wait for this material to arrive, we will be unable to mail out packets, but do not anticipate falling behind. In fact, by the time this Communiqué reaches you, the new system should be in place and working to speed membership along.

As I mentioned, turnover is a common occurrence, so much so, in fact, that Roy is not the only member of the team that is leaving. For just over two years, I have had the pleasure of working with a fantastic team and being part of one of Starfleet's best membership processing groups, unfortunately, as with all good things, it must eventually come to an end. Effective November 13, 1999, I will be leaving my post as Chief of Computer

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Membership Rate Changes

Fleet Admiral Michael D. Smith, Commander, STARFLEET

In accordance with Admiralty Board Resolution 99-04, the Admiralty Board voted to restructure memberships as per the table outlined below. In addition, this resolution also caps the maximum number of members on one Family membership at 6 persons per family membership.

INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS

As of 1 January 2000, STARFLEET: The International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc., has the following membership classes and criteria:

Residents of the United States:

- US-1: Individual Membership; fee of no less than \$15 (US).
- US-2: Membership for a Family of Two; fee of no less than \$22 (US).
- US-3: Membership for a Family of Three; fee of no less than \$25 (US).
- US-4: Membership for a Family of Four; fee of no less than \$28 (US).
- US-5: Membership for a Family of Five; fee of no less than \$31 (US).
- US-6: Membership for a Family of Six; fee of no less than \$34 (US).

Residents of Canada or Mexico:

- AM-1: Individual Membership; fee of no

- less than \$16 (US).
- AM-2: Membership for a Family of Two; fee of no less than \$23 (US).
- AM-3: Membership for a Family of Three; fee of no less than \$26 (US).
- AM-4: Membership for a Family of Four; fee of no less than \$29 (US).
- AM-5: Membership for a Family of Five; fee of no less than \$32 (US).
- AM-6: Membership for a Family of Six ; fee of no less than \$35 (US).

Residents of all countries outside of Canada, Mexico, and the United States:

- IN-1: Individual Membership; fee of no less than \$20 (US).
- IN-2: Membership for a Family of Two; fee of no less than \$27 (US).
- IN-3: Membership for a Family of Three; fee of no less than \$30 (US).
- IN-4: Membership for a Family of Four; fee of no less than \$33 (US).
- IN-5: Membership for a Family of Five; fee of no less than \$36 (US).
- IN-6: Membership for a Family of Six; fee of no less than \$39 (US).

Family Memberships are designed for individuals who share a residence or have some form of close geographic proximity. Family Memberships entitle individuals to all the rights and privileges of Individual Membership, but because of the presump-

tion of close proximity, only one copy of each issue of the Communiqué is issued to such members. It is assumed that people who are covered under Family Memberships are in fact blood relations or sharing in a similar bond. While in some instances it has been known that extended families of seven or more members live together in a shared dwelling space, these cases still remain the exception to the rule. Family Memberships in STARFLEET will be limited to no more that six members per membership. If a family truly does have more than six people living in the same home, we encourage them to buy two or more Family Memberships in STARFLEET and thus share the resources provided more liberally.



ShOC Waves!

Rear Admiral Dennis Gray, Chief, Shuttle Operations

Ya know, you just seem to finish one article, send it off to the CQ staff for publication, and they turn round and tell you your next one is overdue. <G> It seems like only a few days ago I sent my last article to our outgoing CQ Editor Wendy Fillmore (Wonderful job, Wendy! Thanks for being so patient with me). And *yikes!* Here it is they want another one! Doh! (Hiya, Mandi!)

But seriously, there has been little time gone by since my last article, and there really isn't a whole lot new with ShOC seeing as how the summit/conference season is just about over. But for those few things, we'll press on. The biggest news is that the START manual is now available for download from the Starfleet Ftp site for those of you with Internet access. Go to ftp.sfi.org. It should be in the 'Documents' section. The file name should be 'START.PDF', or 'START.ZIP'. It was put together using Adobe Acrobat version 4.0. Due to some minor incompatibility between version 4 and earlier versions, we have found that

you will need to have Adobe Acrobat Exchange or Reader version 4.0 to view the file properly. If you have that, and still can not read the file, let me know, and we'll see what we can do for you. If you'd like a hardcopy, they too are available. Because of the size, we do have to charge a small fee for these to cover copying and postage costs mainly. The fee is \$3.00 US, payable in check, money order, or vouchers.

Also, by the time you see this, the new VRR form should also be up on the ftp site for downloading. It too is in version 4.0 of Acrobat. I would strongly encourage everyone to get this version of the VRR form and use it in the future. It is considerably more user friendly, both for you and for ShOC. Not to mention that it looks sharp as all get out! My staffer, RAdm Jonathan 'Gumby' Simmons, did a first-rate job on it. Oh yeah, he's responsible for the terrific look of the START manual, as well! And, while I am handing out kudos, I must also give my vice chief Denine many, many thanks for all her hard

work as well on the START manual. My thanks to both Gumby, and my Denine for all the hard work they put into it. The end product was WELL worth the effort!

The START companion manual, the Mothership Operations Manual (MOM) is currently being worked on. I foresee its release sometime after the holidays. If you have any thoughts or input you'd like to suggest for it, please feel free to drop a note either to: Gumby at: shocman@hotmail.com, or; Capt. Sandy Berenberg at: R7ShOC@aol.com. Both would welcome any thoughts or suggestions you might have.

Going into our final year, there are two remaining major projects I hope to accomplish. First, is to get the ShOC web page updated and up to par and comparable to the Fleet pages. Second, is to take a good look at, and try to put back together, this time with organized guidelines, the former ASL (Accelerated Shuttle Launch) program. This is something a number of you have asked for. I'd like to see it back

in operation before the end of next year. Again, I'd be happy to accept any input y'all have.

Anyway, that's about all I have time for now. Given more time, I could probably flesh out this article a bit. But, then again, odds are, there are those amongst you who will be quite glad that I did not <GRIN>. So, until next issue, may you all have a wonderful and happy holiday season. With the fact that the majority of people will be celebrating the end of the millennium this year (*shrug* Hey, I know, but the common man doesn't care. *Their* calendar is changing all 4 digits this year, and that's all that matters to them! <G>), it ought to be a truly fantastic holiday. Y'all enjoy it. I know I will or be trying to. See you in 2000....

RAdm Dennis 'Onions' Gray
Taking ShOC into the 21st Century.....

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Operations to accept the role as Region Seven's new Coordinator. I assure you, however, that I will not be slipping quietly into the night. I still plan to lend my assistance to Computer Operations and hope to continue many of the projects that I have begun.

My staff and I have talked at length about my departure and everything has been made ready. My Vice-Chiefs and the Commander, Starfleet have known for over a year that my departure would most likely occur this fall and have been working to ensure that there would be no disruption in service when the time came. We all are infinitely aware of the critical nature of the duties of the office of Computer Operations and have ensured that the team is prepared to shine under new leadership.

As I prepare to move from the spotlight of Computer Operations, I want each of you to know that it has been a great pleasure to work with each of you. I wish the new Chief of Computer Operations my condolences and congratulations and plan to be

available for them, just as Sal was for me. Sal, Mike, thanks for the opportunity to serve.

Onward,

Jesse M Smith II, RAdm
Chief, Starfleet Computer Operations



VChief of CompOps Teri Smith & Chief of CompOps Jesse Smith

Int'l Academy Notes...

Starfleet Academy News Services

FROM: Adm. Peg Pellerin
Dean of the Institute of Leadership
OTS Director

As you all know or should know, Starfleet is global. It has taken some time, but we are finding key people to handle some of the Starfleet Academy courses in different parts of the world to accommodate our members.

Region 11 has the Australian campus which handles several academy courses and now I'm proud to announce that the Region 9 has a contact point for OTS.

Hopefully, in time, more Academy courses will be able to handled as well. Our contact in Capt. Jeroen Vantroyen, Commanding the USS Belgica out of Belgium. Capt. Vantroyen has translated OTS into Dutch.

Voor al diegenen die al lang het OTS-examen wilden volgen, maar dit niet konden door een te gebrekkige kennis van het Engels, is er nu ook een Nederlandse

versie beschikbaar. Deze kan per e-mail worden aangevraagd bij
Jeroen.Vantroyen@rug.ac.be

of per post:
Jeroen Vantroyen
Muilaardstraat 120
B-9000 Gent

TRANSLATORS NEEDED

The Academy is presently looking for individuals or groups who will translate Academy courses and Starfleet documents into languages besides English.

Please contact Academy Commandant, Marlene Miller at: 461 Harmony Lane, Campbell, Ohio 44405-1212, USA or via e-mail at: academy@sfi.org or marlene@cboss.com

Academy Profile

Sharon Ann Clark, STARFLEET Academy

For those of you who have expressed an interest, here's a short introduction to Helen Pawlowski as told to Academy Dean Sharon Ann Clark. Including a few words on the two Starfleet Academy schools for which she is the Director: Flag Officer's School and the Counselor's College.

FOS, Flag Officer's School, is designed to instruct the student in the organizational function of the Fleet in Configuration. The structure changes with each administration as new sub-departments are created to fill the existing needs. The second course, Leadership, is designed to explain the qualities that should be incorporated into the development of the person aspiring to command status. The final course, Command, asks that the student present a solution to a problem that might be encountered and to outline the steps taken toward that problem's resolution. Originally, this school was to provide a profile by which the Executive Committee could evaluate prospective candidates for promotion to flag rank.

The other school, SCC or Ship's Counselor's Course, is a general guideline (not to be a license to practice psychiatry!) to which the student may refer when unusual conditions occur. The order in which the courses are recommended are: Listening, an overview of how to listen to someone with a problem and, by doing so, allow the person to solve that problem. In no particular order after that, Anger, and its causes and control;

Diplomacy and how to get along with difficult people; Grief and how to cope with several forms it may take; Jealousy and its effect; and Stress and how to manage it. In the works is a course on Alzheimer's Disease and how to cope with it, either as a care giver or as a victim.

About my bio — I've been a Star Trek fan since it first appeared on our black and white TV in 1966. I've created the unofficial club "POT" (pterodactyls of Trek) and am (along with Sherry Newell) one of the sole members. I have three children, three grandchildren and a 3-year-old great grand-daughter. [In July], I returned from a month long visit to Canada to visit Fleet members in British Columbia. I had intended to extend my trip to Fairbanks, Alaska to visit [fellow Academy Director] Carol Thompson but after driving 2100 miles, I thought that was far enough. I had a chance to hug three different Mounties, visited two pods of whales off the coast of Victoria, and was in on the finish of the International Bath Tub race in Nanaimo, BC. Saw Mt. Rushmore and Devil's Tower as I passed through South Dakota and stopped for coffee and a doughnut at the famous Wall Drug store. I have a degree in education and a master's in Communication. I write poetry, prose, plays and musicals — just finished a Trek musical involving Quark and Guinan in rival bars. I cook, enjoy crafts, movies and people. Other than that, I am, as Marlene Miller says, "Older 'n dirt"!

SFA: Institute of Arts

Sherry Anne Newell, STARFLEET Academy

Greetings, all!

I am RAdm Sherry Anne Newell, Dean of the Institute of Arts and Director of the School of Language Studies and the School of Music, SFA. The Institute of Arts is made up of six Schools, College of Communications (COC), College of Federation Studies (COFS), College of History (COH), School of Language Studies (SOLS), School of Literature (SOL) and the School of Music (SOM).

COC, under the Directorship of Michael Anderson, offers three levels each in two areas: Communications, focusing on newsletter skills from formats to graphics, and Interspecies Interaction, concentrating on various nonverbal communication techniques.

COFS, under the Directorship of Capt. Donna Tucker, offers six courses, Introduction to Federation studies, History of the UFP I and 2, and Voyages of the USS Enterprise I, 2, and 3.

COH, under the Directorship of Cmdr. George K. Clark, Jr., offers courses at two levels exploring the tapestry made up of the Interrelationships of people and the events that shape their lives in the universe created by Gene Roddenberry.

SOLS, which is one of two Schools under my Directorship, offers ten levels focusing

on the ways in which language has helped to shape the various incarnations of Star Trek.

SOL, under the Directorship of BGR Jill Rayburn, offers Basic Literary Terms, with a new course, Review Writing, probably ready by the time you read this. BGR Rayburn's course offers the added advantage of being FREE if taken online.

SOM, the other School under my Directorship, explores the ways in which music, both instrumental and vocal, enhances our Star Trek experience.

Some of the schools in the Institute of Arts are much more heavily Trek-oriented than others (e.g. COH and the Bachelors levels of SOLS and SOM). Some focus on "real-world" concepts (e.g. COC and SOL). Regardless of their focus, all the Schools offer a challenging and rewarding experience for the Starfleet member, whether Active Duty or Associate. And, even though only one of the Schools offers a free course, all are VERY reasonably priced. Where else can you have so much fun for so few credits? And won't your quarters look impressive with all those certificates hanging on the walls?

Starfleet Scholarship Program...

Admiral Sue Hampton, Scholarship Program Director

Like a bad penny that keeps coming back or the dinosaur that rises out of the past, I am still around and again trying to give away money. I know there are lottery programs in some states and now even on the internet but this is better! It may not be millions of dollars and it takes more time than simply picking some numbers on a computer screen but it is worth the time and effort.

So what the heck am I talking about? I am reintroducing the STARFLEET Scholarship Program. This program awards scholarship money to active STARFLEET members to assist them in attending college programs. This is not for STARFLEET Academy programs, this is for real-life, full semester, lots of homework, last minute assignment, expensive textbook

college! True, SOME folks get these wonderful all expenses paid scholarships to Notre Dame and UNC and UCLA. The rest of us are scrimping and piecing together funds to attend local colleges, universities and community college programs.

Here's the official scoop: Any active STARFLEET member is eligible for a STARFLEET Scholarship. The Scholarships are awarded in amounts of \$500. Members can be attending community colleges, most technical schools, junior colleges, four-year colleges and universities or graduate school. Members must fill out an application, write two short essays, have three letters of recommendation, school transcripts and acceptance letter to college. No financial information is requested (Isn't that a nice

concept!).

As the program just reopened there will be a short application period for a few scholarships that will run from now until Dec. 15, 1999. Awards will be made by Jan. 15, 2000. The next application period will be from Jan. 1, 2000 until May 1, 2000. Those scholarships will be awarded in July 2000 for classes in fall of 2000.

How do I apply? Well since you asked...request an application by writing to Sue Hampton, 116 Creston St. Greensboro, NC 27406 or Shampton@gnl.com or scholarship@sfi.org I will send an application by postal system (so be sure and include that kind of address).



Former Commander, Starfleet Jeannette Maddox (left) and Former Vice Commander, Starfleet Sue Hampton (right) at IC 99 are recognized for the years of service they gave leading Starfleet. Sue Hampton is currently the Director of the Starfleet Scholarship Program.

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(Vacademy-Admin@sfi.org) <tomr@fred.net>
FCapt. Joe Podesta, Jr. - Vice Commandant - Electronic Services, 643 Richmond Court, Ramsey, NJ 07446
(Vacademy-Online@sfi.org) <StarlordCO@aol.com>

Send your application directly to the school you wish to attend.

All checks or money orders must be made out to “STARFLEET - ACADEMY FUND” — *DO NOT SEND CASH.*

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TYPE or CLEARLY PRINT all information and send application to the program you selected below:

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INSTITUTE OF LEADERSHIP -
Dean - Adm. Peg Pellerin

- OFFICER’S TRAINING SCHOOL (OTS)
- \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose **33** cent Stamps
(You must pass this course to take OCC.)
Adm. Peg Pellerin, RR #3, Box 5460,
Winslow, ME 04901-9534 - ots@sfi.org <pilgrim@ctel.net>
-or- **AUSTRALIAN CAMPUS ONLY**
Cmdr. Elizabeth Worth, 12 Perrin Ave.,
Plumpton, NSW, Australia 2761
jennifer@ay.com.au
- OFFICER’S COMMAND COLLEGE (OCC)
- \$4.00, SASE, 3 Loose **33** cent Stamps
(COPY of OTS diploma required when applying for this school - Do NOT send original OTS certificate!)
Capt. Jim Cushing, P. O. Box 11584,
Memphis, TN 38111-0584 - occ@sfi.org jcushing@dewey.lib.memphis.edu
-or- **AUSTRALIAN CAMPUS ONLY**
Fleet Captain Alan Yates,
PO Box 103, Harbord NSW, Australia 2096,
- jennifer@ay.com.au
- FLAG OFFICER SCHOOL (FOS)
- \$5.00 for first course
- \$2.00 each for the second and third course
(Copy of OCC diploma required when applying for this school - Do NOT send original OCC certificate!)
Comm Helen Pawlowski, PO Box 22225,
St. Louis, MO 63116-2225 - no email
-or- **AUSTRALIAN CAMPUS ONLY**
Fleet Captain Alan Yates,
PO Box 103, Harbord NSW, Australia 2096,
- jennifer@ay.com.au
- CADET SCHOOL (CS) - Prices TBD
Capt. Ben C. Redding, 2917 Heritage Way
Sevierville, TN 37876
Cadetdirector@bigfoot.com

INSTITUTE OF ARTS -
Dean - RAdm. Sherry Anne Newell

- COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATIONS (COC)
Add 2 Loose **33** cent Stamps
Newsletter Design - \$4.00 + Stamps
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Cmdr Michael Anderson
218 W 8th St. Apt 9
Erie, PA 16501 - 1604
nightowl@velocity.net
- COLLEGE of FEDERATION STUDIES (COFS)
- \$1.00, SASE, 3 Loose **33** cent Stamps per course
Capt. Donna Tucker, 7066 Goodner Mtn Rd.,
Pinson, AL 35126 - cofs@sfi.org <Dtucker937@aol.com or YamatoComm@aol.com>
- COLLEGE of HISTORY (COH)
- \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose **33** cent Stamps per course
Cmdr George K. Clark Jr., 8100 Lichen Dr.,
Citrus Heights, CA 95621- no email
- SCHOOL of LANGUAGE STUDIES (SOLS)
- \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose **33** cent Stamps per course
RAdm. Sherry Anne Newell, 5 NW 40th,
Lawton, OK 73505 - sols@sfi.org <NewellSherryAnne@Juno.com>
- SCHOOL of LITERATURE (SOL)
- \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose **33** cent Stamps per course; free if taken electronically
BGR Jill Rayburn, PO Box 61,
Puryear, TN 38251- sol@sfi.org <jazdan@wk.net>
- SCHOOL of MUSIC (SOM)
- \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose **33** cent Stamps per course
RAdm. Sherry Anne Newell, 5 NW 40th,
Lawton, OK 73505 - som@sfi.org NewellSherryAnne@Juno.com
- SCHOOL of TREKNOLOGY (SOT)
- \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose **33** cent Stamps per course
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INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
Dean - VAdm. Sharon Ann Clark

St. Louis, MO 63109 - acro@sfi.org <jed210@epconline.com>
INSTITUTE OF MILITARY STUDIES
Dean - FCapt Greg Staylor

- ❑ **VULCAN ACADEMY of SCIENCE (VAS)**
- \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose **33** cent Stamps per course
VAdm. Marlene Miller, 461 Harmony Lane,
Campbell, OH 44405 - vas@sfi.org <Marlene@cboss.com>
- ❑ **COLLEGE of COMPUTER HISTORY (COCH)**
- Free, SASE, 2 Loose **33** cent Stamps per course
VAdm Sharon Ann Clark, P.O. Box 603,
Kirkland , WA 98083-0603 - coch@sfi.org <sac@wolfenet.com>
- ❑ **SCHOOL of ENGINEERING (SOE)**
- \$2.00, SASE, 2 Loose **33** cent Stamps
Capt. Brian Dougherty, 408 Carlyle East
Belleville, IL 62221
- soe@sfi.org <briwdou@postnet.com>
- ❑ **COLLEGE of MEDICINE (SACOM)**
- \$3.00, SASE, 2 Loose **33** cent Stamps per course
Capt. Wayne Lee Killough, Jr, 1538 MC 2061,
Yellville, AR 72687- sacom@sfi.org
<killough@southshore.com>
- ❑ **STARFLEET OFFICERS RADIO SCHOOL (SORS)**
- SASE, 3 Loose **33** cent Stamps per course
Capt. Jeff Salamon, 59 Collin Circle,
Princeton, TX 75407-8975 - sors@sfi.org <n3fht@texoma.net>
- ❑ **COLLEGE OF TRADE & COMMERCE (COTAC)**
- Basic COTAC - \$2.00 + LSASE & 2 loose **33** cent stamps
- COTAC Shuttle Treasury - \$3.00, LSASE, 2 Loose **33** cent stamps
Capt Tammy Willcox, 4121 Stillwood Court
Virginia Beach, VA 23456 - cotac@sfi.org R1Special@aol.com
- ❑ **COUNSELORS COLLEGE (SCC)**
- Six Courses, \$3.00 per course
Comm Helen Pawlowski, PO Box 22225,
St. Louis, MO 63116-2225 - no email
- ❑ **ACROCADEMY (ACRO)**
- \$4.00 per course
c/o Brian Young, 5418 Linderwood Ave,

- ❑ **SECURITY SCHOOL (SFASS)**
- \$2.00, 3 Loose **33** cent Stamps for each course
FCapt. Gregory Staylor, P.O.Box 9796,
Chesapeake, VA 23321-9796 - sass@sfi.org
<Security@Sfi-sfa.com>
- ❑ **COLLEGE of SURVIVAL STUDIES (COSS)**
- \$3.00, 2 Loose **33** cent Stamps per course
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Comm. Carol Thompson, P.O. Box 135,
Ester, AK 99725 - coss@sfi.org <betazoid@mosquitonet.com>
- ❑ **SCHOOL OF STRATEGY AND TACTICS (SOST)**
- \$3.00 Per Course and 3 loose **33** cent stamps for Course Manual w/1st Course.
Capt.Sanford Berenberg, 59 Sunrise Park Road,
New Hampton, NY 10958 - SoST@sfi.org <USSSunTzu@aol.com>
- ❑ **COLLEGE of STARSHIP OPERATIONS (COSO)**
- \$2.00, SASE
Capt. James W. Lee, 214 Jamestown Dr., Spring Lake, NC 28390 - coso@sfi.org
<Jlee569968@aol.com>
- ❑ **KLINGON WARRIOR ACADEMY (KWA)**
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Shuttle Jubilee Attends Opening of Trek Exhibit...

Ralph F. Planthold, Executive Officer, Shuttle Jubilee

The October 1 Galactic Evening preview of the STAR TREK: Federation Science exhibit at the Gulf Coast Exploreum in downtown Mobile opened with greetings (in Klingon, then in English) by Jo Bannister, Captain of the USS Okatoma, as well as by members of several other races (in English). The gala was a rousing success, according to several hundred people who skipped the opening evening of BayFest '99 to attend. Of course, there are those cynics who will say that was due to the free admission, free food, and free soft drinks; but the eats and drinks were gone within an hour of the opening, and the people stayed. I believe it was the exhibit itself that drew the people in, then blew them away! The freebies were merely icing on the cake.

The average attention span of the children there hovered somewhere in the vicinity of 10 seconds, before they would flit off to the next station; but that's to be expected. What impressed me was that their teenage siblings, their parents, and their grandpar-

ents were spending 10 minutes hands on at those same stations, really hooked on the experience and, I contend, on the Star Trek fantasy. For them, this wasn't just something to do to kill a Friday evening. This was a chance to touch *Star Trek*, to imagine that they were aboard the *Enterprise*! Am I allowing my own emotions on this subject to carry me away? So what! You're reading this because you feel exactly that same way. But keep in mind that I'd already seen this exhibit in Denver 4 years ago, so I could afford the luxury of observing the other patrons this time.

My CO and I spent a good stretch of time talking with a couple of local radio DJs, WABB-FM's Morning Guys, Darrin Stone and Jay Hastings. While they were there in part because their station was a sponsor of the exhibit, it also turns out that Darrin is this major sci-fi and Trek trivia buff. So we've been invited to appear on their show one morning the week before the November 13-14 Nichelle Nichols *UhuraCon* at the Exploreum.

Saturday, the official opening day of the exhibit, the crowds were decidedly smaller, no doubt due to the fact that BayFest '99 was busy attracting only 90,000 of them. That didn't dampen the enthusiasm of our crew nor of our guests, officers and crew of no fewer than *five* Region 2 starships, three from Mississippi (all listed alphabetically: USS Haise, USS Odyssey, USS Okatoma) and two from Florida (USS Continuum, USS Khai Tam).

The Mississippi chapters have invited all Shuttle Jubilee and USS Continuum crewmembers to attend Babel '99 on Saturday, October 16 as their guests. Babel is an annual *uniformed* gathering of those chapters for fellowship, food, and fun. They really want to encourage our regular and frequent interaction with them, building on what we've started at the Exploreum. It starts at 6:30 p.m., at the Hattiesburg Garden Center, Palmetto Street at Gordon's Creek, in Hattiesburg, MS.

Without a doubt, though, the most vivid

memory I have of Saturday has to be that of Jo Bannister in her Klingon warrior outfit, talking to a group of kids from a local youth center as they were waiting to enter the exhibit. One boy in particular was just wa-ay too cool to be interested in the exhibit or in the Klingon standing in front of him trying to talk to him. Every time Jo tipped the kid's baseball cap up to see his face, he'd pull it right back down over his eyes. When he finally decided she wasn't going away, he made the mistake of trying to ignore her by just looking away. She definitely got his attention when she told him, "Look a Klingon warrior in the eye when you talk to one!" *She's* impressive.

Last weekend, we all finally had a chance to put faces to the names we'd only seen bandied about in e-mails, to see some wonderful people who were our friends before we'd ever even met, due to the bonds we shared in common.

Operation Eagle 1999 Holiday Campaign...

Bill Herrmann, Director Operation: Eagle

Greeting OPERATION:EAGLE Volunteers! The 1999 Yuletide Campaign is threefold in objective. We will be seeking to attain volunteer mail-cards, letters, and care-packages for the upcoming Yuletide holiday season for the following:

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Please help make the 1999 Yuletide Campaign a successful endeavor as we reach out to the Troops overseas during the upcoming holiday season. As everyone knows by now, OPERATION:EAGLE has been supporting troops overseas and their families over 16 years now seeking to bring the USA closer to the American citizens who serve in the uniform of their nation. OPERATION:EAGLE is a year-round project and reaches out to every branch of the Department of Defense, as well as to members of Allied and NATO nations Armed Forces including the British Ministry of Defense Royal Navy and Royal Marines and

French Force D' Action Rapide Des Forces Francaises.

Holiday cards and letters and care packages are a welcome addition at mail call whether it is onboard ship, on land in a base camp, or at an Air Force base in a foreign country. Many of our GI's are away from home for the first time. Anyone who has served in the military will attest that mail call while overseas is a very important time. OPERATION:EAGLE exists to reach that GI who gets no mail. Your thoughtfulness and care and concern can help "make a difference" to a lonely GI overseas.

Some new volunteers have asked about care packages and what goes in them? Well, they like to receive sports pages, audio and video cassettes, hard candy, books, comic books, toiletries, etc. Cookies especially are popular. In fact, during the 1st OPERATION:EAGLE Project, "Letters to Lebanon," so many cookies arrived to the Marines and Navy in Beirut that the Marines handed out boxes of cookies to the children and orphans in and around Beirut during Christmas week. My best rule of thumb about what goes in a care package is to ask what I would like to receive in a care package from the States if I were the GI opening the box. It need not be a mega-box. A simple shoebox or

cigar box would do just fine for the Troops stationed in Kosovo or Macedonia.

Some of my OPERATION:EAGLE volunteers record local radio broadcasts and send them to a ship overseas in their care packages. Imagine getting a taste of America while sailing in the Persian Gulf or in the Mediterranean Sea!

Trust your instincts and use good judgement and help OPERATION:EAGLE during the 1999 Yuletide Campaign reach out overseas to the troops! Who knows? Your card or letter or care package may be the turning point in helping to lift the morale and spirit of a lonely service member !!! You might just gain a new friend and pen pal!

For more information, please email opeagle@bellsouth.net or write:

Operation:Eagle
9908 Berrywood Drive
Ladson, SC 29456

Please include a SASE for a quick response.

Thanks for being a volunteer with OPERATION:EAGLE. Thanks for caring! Happy holidays!

Watkins Glen Weekend 1999



1991: The second annual Watkins Glen weekend was attended by 14 members of the U.S.S Avenger. How times have changed!

Watkins Glen Weekend 99



Chris Smith of the Shuttle Tarmanglion attempts the infamous 49er Challenge—49 ounces (three pounds!) of steak from Billy Bob Jack's restaurant in Ithaca, N.Y. Hearty souls are given one hour to complete the meal (which includes two side dishes). Although Chris didn't defeat the meat this time, two other Starfleet members have, in the last decade, triumphed...and each has his name on a plaque at Billy Bob Jack's to prove it.

1999: The tenth annual Watkins Glen weekend saw 84 humans and 3 canines take the awe-inspiring trek up the gorge on a beautiful autumn day.



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STARFLEET Academy...

Vice Admiral Marlene J. Miller, Commandant, STARFLEET Academy

COLLEGE OF TRADE AND COMMERCE (COTAC) NEWS

COTAC Director, Tammy Willcox and the Academy faculty and staff are pleased to welcome..... <<<<drum roll>>>>

CMDR Edith Padgett to Starfleet Academy as COTAC’s Assistant Director!

Edith has been an avid Academy student and supporter throughout her Starfleet career and I’m sure the Academy will benefit from her valuable input.

Her email address is:

epadgett@hotmail.com

Postal Address is:

Edith Padgett
1625 Alexander Circle,
Summerville, SC 29483

As Tammy says.....

Edith will be responsible for grading all of the tests, as well as assisting in the creation of new tests.

In addition, the College of Trade and Commerce now has a new test, Intermediate COTAC. Intermediate COTAC is a Trek and real life oriented trivia test. Cost of the course will be \$2.00, LSASE, and three loose 33 cent stamps. The class is available on-line.

Please join us in welcoming Edith to Starfleet Academy ! WELCOME ABOARD!

ACADEMY DEANS LIST

From April - September, 1999
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Some schools issue “pass/fail” rather than numerical scores. I apologize in advance, for any typos.

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before. It will also be of great help to anyone that has never managed a checking account.

Shuttle Treasury Course Tuition: \$3.00, plus five loose 33-cent stamps. Unfortunately, this course is not available via e-mail at this time due to the extensive forms required to complete it. Preparations are underway to make it on-line capable. For more information contact:

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Or COTAC@sfi.org

Director of the College of Trade and Commerce - Captain Tammy Willcox

Tammy has been a member of Starfleet and the USS MAAT for six years. Shortly after joining the MAAT, she was appointed Chief of Operations. She held that position for approximately six months before being appointed Chief of Special Services, a position that she still holds. In addition, Tammy is Editor-in-Chief of the USS MAAT's award winning newsletter, The Short Circuit.

Tammy has held several regional and fleet positions in the past including Regional Relief Fund Coordinator, RDC of Special Services/Quartermaster, Acting RDC of Communications, ARDC of Communications, and FDC of Special Services/Quartermaster. Currently Tammy is one of the new Treasurers for Region One in addition to her duties as Director of COTAC.

Tammy is married to Fleet Captain Blair Willcox, Jr., CO of the USS MAAT. She has three children, Jessica Poole (15), Robert Lambert (12) and Elizabeth Lambert (10), all of who are active on the MAAT. In 'real' life she works as a DBA/Technology Support Specialist for a local consulting firm.

The Vulcan Academy of Science is designed to answer questions you may have about a particular science that has piqued your interest enough to learn more about it. VAS offers degrees in 14 major sciences and 37 electives from many of the sciences that exist in our world today. To add that bit of thrilling science fiction, I've thrown in Star Trek trivia that relates to the sciences VAS offers. The "Trek" trivia is based on The Original Series and the first five movies. A course in Logic gives

Starfleet Academy - College of Federation Studies

FCapt. Donna L. Tucker
Director, CoFS

When I first began working with the CoFS, I had no idea it would be at first so much work (all that had to be quickly done) and so much fun. Right after I took over the College, I had to completely rewrite everything. I did not want the College to have to close, so over the next week, the areas of study were changed and so were the courses.

At this time, CoFS has three areas of study: History of the U.S.S. Enterprise (6 courses), History of Federation Law (6 courses), and Special Federation Studies (8 courses). Each student receives a certificate for completing each course. When all courses in any one area of study are completed, the student receives a doctorate in that area. Any student that completes all courses in all three areas of study is given a special certificate, granting them a doctorate in Federation Studies. I give commendations to any student that scores perfect on any of the courses.

The courses cost \$1.00 per course + 3 loose 32 cent stamps. You can take the courses through the mail or via E-mail. Send your request to: Donna Tucker, 7066 Goodner Mtn. Rd., Pinson, Alabama 35126. State in your request that you would like to take the courses over the Internet and I will send your test(s) that way or I will send them in the mail to you. You may take more than one test at a time. Some students have taken all the tests at one time. You have ten weeks to complete the work but extensions

are given when requested. Extensions may be requested by mail, the phone, or via E-mail at DTucker937@Aol.com. Just a note: anyone who takes all 20 tests at one time is automatically granted extensions.

Just so you will know a little about each area of study, the following paragraphs tell you about each area and the courses contained in that area. I hope this answers any questions that you may have, but if you would like to ask any questions contact me at the above address.

"History of the U.S.S. Enterprise" has 6 courses that cover each Enterprise used by Starfleet. A special note on this course is that the test covers only the Enterprise Stated.

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Course#4 - covers the Enterprise NCC-1701C
Course #5 - covers the Enterprise NCC-1701D
Course #6 - covers the Enterprise NCC-1701E

"The History of Federation Law" is a different area. It covers laws in the United Federation of Planets and Starfleet Law. This area contains some thesis questions. The episode to use is stated on the test and the an-

swer should be a minimum of a page long.

Course #1 - Covers history & law of the UFP and Starfleet
Course #2 - Covers history & law of the UFP and Starfleet
Course #3 - Thesis question concerning original series episode.
Course #4 - Thesis question concerning Star trek: The Next Gen. episode.
Course #5 - Thesis question concerning Star Trek: Deep Space Nine episode.
Course #6 - Thesis question concerning Star Trek: Voyager episode.

"Special Federation Studies" covers Star Trek animated episodes, DS9, and Voyager questions. It also has thesis questions. The subject to base your thesis on is stated on the test and the answer should be at least a page long.

Course #1 - questions on the animated Star Trek episodes.
Course #2 - questions on Star Trek: Deep Space Nine
Course #3 - questions on Star Trek: Voyager
Course #4 - Thesis question about Original series
Course #5 - Thesis question about ST: TNG
Course #6 - Thesis question about ST:DS9
Course #7 - Thesis question about ST:Voyager
Course #8 - Thesis question about the United Federation of Planets.

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Tuition: \$2 per course, SASE and 2 loose 33-cent stamps.

VAdm Marlene Miller, who has been director of the Vulcan Academy of Science since 1989, has been a Starfleet member since mid 1977 and has spent most of her Starfleet career with the Academy as director of SACOM (1985-89), SFA-AA (1986-1991) and now as commandant. Marlene is a member of the USS Renegade, Region 1.

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You may take up to two exams at one time through SACOM. There are, however, certain stipulations to this. First, you may not take another SACOM exam while taking the Basic Doctorate. Next, you may not take any Specialty Section exam until you have

passed the Basic Doctorate. Finally, you must show proof of actual CPR, First Aid, First Responder, etc. training when applying to the Field Medic Section.

Tuition: \$3, SASE, 2 loose 33-cent stamps.

SACOM works closely with Helen Pawlowski, Director of the STARFLEET Counselor's College. You may apply to that college via Helen or myself.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at killough@southshore.com.

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Just to introduce myself, my name is Cmdr. Wayne Lee Killough, Jr. As far as Fleet is concerned, I am the Director of SACOM, the Region 12 Awards Director, the Missouri Sector REACTS officer, and the Executive Officer of the USS Ultimatum, NCC-10534. I am a 22-year-old computer programmer currently living in Harrison, Arkansas. I am also a professional female impersonator (going by the name of Robyn Hunter), performing for over 7 years in numerous states (specializing in impersonating Stevie Nicks of Fleetwood Mac fame). I have been in Fleet since March 1996 starting my career as the CO of the newly launched Shuttle Anasazi in Region 3 (currently the USS Babylon out of Monroe, LA). When not working or on stage (in whatever state I am having to travel to that weekend), I enjoy spending time with my friends, going out and partying, and spending quality time with my lover, Sasha.

School of Engineering (SOE)
Captain Brian Dougherty, Director
408 Carlyle East
Belleville, IL 62221

Course Tuition: \$2.00, SASE, 2 loose 33-cent stamps

Four courses available, Basic Engineering (must be taken first), Advanced Engineering, Basic Support Services Technology and Advanced Support Services Technology.

Captain Dougherty is a member of Station Troubadour in Region 12.

Starfleet Officers Radio School (SORS)
Commander Jeff Salamon, Director
59 Collin Circle
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Tuition: SASE, 3 loose 33-cent stamps per course.

Starfleet Officers Radio School consists of 2 courses of study. The First course is a 13-question test based on radio communications or forms of radio communications. The student has 10 weeks to complete the course with the standard extensions available.

The Second course is that for becoming an Amateur Radio Operator or Ham Operator. There is a preliminary course to get started. If the student does not have and Amateur Radio License then this will be the course to start with. If the student already has a License, then I will assist the student in obtaining his / her next level of accomplishment. The outside costs for this will be dependent on where the student is in their training. This is a 26-week course and is renewable.

Cmdr. Salamon is a member of the USS Orbit Jet in Region 3

Counselors College
RAdm Helen Pawlowski, Director
PO Box 22225
St. Louis MO 63116-2225

Tuition is \$3.00 per course

Six courses are offered: Listening, Jealousy, Stress, Anger, Grief and Diplomacy. Alzheimers and others are planned for the future.

RAdm. Pawlowski is a Station Troubadour member, Region 12, and is newly promoted.

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Mr. Young is a member of the USS Atlas in Region 12.

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Vice Admiral Sharon Ann Clark, Director
PO Box 603

Kirkland WA 98083-0603

Course Tuition: Free, SASE, 2 loose 33-cent stamps

Topics cover computers from their Terran beginnings to Star Trek: Voyager. There are three degrees: Bachelor (History - mundane), Masters (Modern - Star Trek), and Doctoral (Artificial Vs. Organic Intelligence – mundane and Star Trek). Reference materials used are encyclopedias, Star Trek episodes and movies, certain Star Trek Books, and computer textbooks. There are also a few questions for you to think about. The cost is a SASE per degree.

Each degree is in 2 (two) parts: exam and project. The exam must be passed to continue on to the project. 10 weeks allowed for each part.

Member of Starfleet since 1985, Academy Director since 1987, currently on the USS Pendragon. Iinterests include dancing, things British and Scottish, and mystery.

CQ Articles Needed

The Communique' Staff wants your articles for future issues of this award-worthy newsletter! Has your chapter taken part in an interesting and unique activity? Been to any good conventions lately? Read any good books lately? Played any really cool computer games?

If you have, how about send in a review or an article or pictures of puzzles of whatever you might want to see printed in the Communique'. Letters to the Editor are welcome as well. This newsletters is YOUR newsletter. It's for the membership of Starfleet, and we're willing to print just about anything you send us.

If you want to see your name in print, send us an article. We're interested in profiling different chapters and members in Starfleet. Please remember, however, that this is a family publication, so let's try to keep our submissions appropriate for all age groups!

Submissions are accepted via email at cq@sfi.org or postal mail to the address listed on page 3. Be sure to include a SASE if you need information or pictures returned to you.

USS Challenger Needs Your Teeth...

Captain Brian P. Smith, CEO, USS Challenger

Good Afternoon Friends, Family, and Members of Region 7 & STARFLEET,

I apologize in advance for the bandwidth that this post will take up. However, this is a very important message that concerns a project that the USS Challenger will be starting in partnership with actor Alec Baldwin (*The Hunt for Red October*, *The Juror*)

On this past Tuesday evening, I was assigned to cover a news story at Ocean County College for *The Coastal Leader-Review*. This is an Ocean County, NJ based newspaper that Bob Vosseller and I do freelance reporting for. The guest speaker and moderator for the evening was actor Alec Baldwin.

Mr. Baldwin was not there to talk about a new movie or anything like that. He was there however, to portray the part of concerned parent. As some of you may, or may not know, Alec lives on Long Island with his actress wife, Kim Bassinger and his four-year old daughter.

Baldwin is a spokesman for the Long Island based "Standing for Truth About Radiation" (STAR) and for the NY based Radiation and

Public Health Program (RPHP), and both are non-profit independent research organizations. Baldwin served as the moderator for a panel of scientists and doctors from STAR and RPHP, who discussed the concerns of a link between nuclear radiation contamination and cancer clusters currently found in the Long Island, NY and Ocean County, NJ areas.

According to the scientists, these cancer clusters are caused by nuclear radiation emitted from the five nuclear power plants in the area. Brookhaven National Laboratories, Shorum Nuclear Power Plant, and Millstone Nuclear Power Plant are located on Long Island, Oyster Creek is located in Lacey Township, New Jersey, and there is one in Salem, Delaware.

The radiation that is emitted from these nuclear power plants is in the form of a man made radioactive isotope called Strontium-90. This isotope is suspected to be responsible for a very rare form of childhood cancer known as Rhabdomyosarcoma, as well as several other forms of cancer.

The way that the children contract this can-

cer is simple yet very sad. Once the Strontium-90 is in the blood stream of a human, it is in the bloodstream for life. It can be contracted through anything that you eat, drink or breathe since it is all around us. About 8-9 weeks after the parents

conceive, the fetus starts to form tooth ducts and the bones that it will need for later life. In the process of forming the teeth and bones, the fetus takes calcium from the mother. The Strontium-90 is so similar in chemical composition to calcium, that the fetus' body confuses the Strontium-90 for it and includes it and the calcium in the chemical makeup of the bones and teeth. Once the baby is born, the Strontium-90 immediately goes to work on creating cancer deposits causing the children to die by roughly the age of 10.

The RPHP has started a program called "The Tooth Fairy Project." This program serves to collect baby teeth that have already been removed from children by natural loss and analyze them for levels of Strontium-90. They seek these teeth from residents of areas that are close to these nuclear power facilities. If the teeth are found to have significant levels of Strontium-90, the

parents of the child will be notified. If the program collects enough teeth, and their findings are correct, they will have enough evidence to approach the federal government on shutting down these nuclear plants.

In 1963, President John F. Kennedy signed a resolution to ban above ground testing of nuclear weapons, because of a similar study done that found very high levels of Strontium-90 in children's teeth. Scientists from the RPHP are currently finding levels of Strontium-90 that almost match the levels that were present in 1963 that prompted President Kennedy to sign this resolution.

Through the USS Challenger, I have decided to spearhead a drive to collect baby teeth from all over Region 7, since our region is the area that is most severely affected by this very serious problem. If you have any concern about your family and those of your friends and future families, I urge you to send me your teeth!

If you are interested in sending your teeth and would like more information about what the program is all about and what information we need with the teeth for the study, I have set up a special Email address to field all inquiries. Please send your inquiries to: ToothFairy1676@Hotmail.com.

In advance, I would like to thank you all for taking the time to read this very serious message that currently affects our generation and will continue to plague future generations if something is not done to stop it.

Thank you all and please send me your teeth! :)

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian P. Smith

Freelance Reporter, The Coastal Leader-Review
Freelance Reporter, The New Egypt Press

Captain Brian P. Smith
CEO, USS CHALLENGER, NCC-1676-D
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Member, STARFLEET Academy Electronic Services, ODDU Unit

Spock vs. Q

submitted by Chuck Freas, Vice Commander, Starfleet

NEWYORK—(ENTERTAINMENT WIRE)—Nov. 16, 1999—Simon & Schuster Audio today announced an unprecedented meeting of the minds between two of Star Trek(R)'s most beloved stars, Leonard Nimoy and John de Lancie.

On Friday, November 19th, at 6pm PST live from Star Trek: The Experience(R) at the Las Vegas Hilton, Leonard Nimoy and John de Lancie as Spock and Q will re-create an excerpt from the stars' new audiobook STAR TREK: SPOCK VS. Q (an inter-galactic debate) along with a question and answer session in front of a live audience. The discussion will also be simulcast on TV Guide Online.

This Debate of the Millennium will be hosted in Quark's Bar and Restaurant at 6PM (PST). An autograph session and fan reception with Leonard Nimoy and John de Lancie will immediately follow their performance of SPOCK VS. Q. Fans that cannot make it to Vegas can log on to the live Earthcam powered webcast on TV Guide Online at www.tvguide.com to participate.

The event is based on the one-of-a-kind audio-only program STAR TREK: SPOCK VS. Q (Simon & Schuster Audio, November 1999), produced by Alien Voices (www.alienvoices.com), in which the characters go head-to-head over whether the Earth-and humanity-is worth saving from an asteroid. The confrontation is spellbinding and often hilarious, Nimoy and de Lancie formed Alien Voices in 1996, along with writer-producer Nat Segaloff. Each Alien Voices program has an all-star cast, riveting new performances, original music, and stereophonic soundscapes.

"Working on the Alien Voices audiobooks has been a refreshing and challenging experience, we're looking forward to presenting SPOCK VS. Q to a live audience," commented Leonard Nimoy.

John de Lancie said, "Traditionally, Alien Voices has focused on re-creating the classics- from HG Wells to Jules Verne to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle-so we are particularly excited about SPOCK VS. Q. Debating the future of the Earth in character helps put the current millennium craze into perspective!"

SPOCK VS. Q is a truly electrifying audiobook, and the live event with Leonard Nimoy and John de Lancie at Star Trek: The Experience is bound to be the most dynamic and intriguing debate since Nixon vs. Kennedy.

SPOCK VS. Q is now available from booksellers everywhere!

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Holiday Poem to Remember Our Troops

Major Gary “Tiny” Hollifield,
SFMC

Hello fellow Fleeters! I know the following snippet has been posted to the many listservers over the past few months, and I realize the holidays are upon us. However, we do owe our lives to the United States Military, both past, present, and future. So take a few moments and read this. When you do, think of our military men and women and all they have sacrificed so that we may be allowed to live as we live today.

TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS,
HE LIVED ALL ALONE,
IN A ONE BEDROOM HOUSE
MADE OF PLASTER AND STONE.

I HAD COME DOWN THE CHIMNEY
WITH PRESENTS TO GIVE,
AND TO SEE JUST WHO
IN THIS HOME DID LIVE.

I LOOKED ALL ABOUT,
A STRANGE SIGHT I DID SEE,
NO TINSEL, NO PRESENTS,
NOT EVEN A TREE.

NO STOCKING BY MANTLE,
JUST BOOTS FILLED WITH SAND,
ON THE WALL HUNG PICTURES
OF FAR DISTANT LANDS.

WITH MEDALS AND BADGES,
AWARDS OF ALL KINDS,
A SOBER THOUGHT
CAME THROUGH MY MIND.

FOR THIS HOUSE WAS DIFFERENT,
IT WAS DARK AND DREARY,
I FOUND THE HOME OF A SOLDIER,
ONCE I COULD SEE CLEARLY.

THE SOLDIER LAY SLEEPING,
SILENT, ALONE,
CURLED UP ON THE FLOOR
IN THIS ONE BEDROOM HOME.

THE FACE WAS SO GENTLE,
THE ROOM IN SUCH DISORDER,
NOT HOW I PICTURED
A UNITED STATES SOLDIER.

WAS THIS THE HERO
OF WHOM I'D JUST READ?
CURLED UP ON A PONCHO,
THE FLOOR FOR A BED?

I REALIZED THE FAMILIES THAT I SAW
THIS NIGHT,
OWED THEIR LIVES TO THESE SOLDIERS
WHO WERE WILLING TO FIGHT.

SOON ROUND THE WORLD,
THE CHILDREN WOULD PLAY,
AND GROWNUPS WOULD CELEBRATE
A BRIGHT CHRISTMAS DAY.

THEY ALL ENJOYED FREEDOM
EACH MONTH OF THE YEAR,
BECAUSE OF THE SOLDIERS,
LIKE THE ONE LYING HERE.

I COULDN'T HELP WONDER
HOW MANY LAY ALONE,
ON A COLD CHRISTMAS EVE
IN A LAND FAR FROM HOME.

THE VERY THOUGHT
BROUGHT A TEAR TO MY EYE,
I DROPPED TO MY KNEES
AND STARTED TO CRY.

THE SOLDIER AWAKENED
AND I HEARD A ROUGH VOICE,
”SANTA DON'T CRY,
THIS LIFE IS MY CHOICE;

I FIGHT FOR FREEDOM,
I DON'T ASK FOR MORE,
MY LIFE IS FOR MY GOD,
MY COUNTRY, MY CORPS.”

THE SOLDIER ROLLED OVER
AND DRIFTED TO SLEEP,
I COULDN'T CONTROL IT,
I CONTINUED TO WEEP.

I KEPT WATCH FOR HOURS,
SO SILENT AND STILL
AND WE BOTH SHIVERED
FROM THE COLD NIGHT'S CHILL.

I DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE
ON THAT COLD, DARK, NIGHT,
THIS GUARDIAN OF HONOR
SO WILLING TO FIGHT.

THEN THE SOLDIER ROLLED OVER,
WITH A VOICE SOFT AND PURE,
WHISPERED, “CARRY ON SANTA,
IT'S CHRISTMAS DAY, ALL IS SECURE.”

ONE LOOK AT MY WATCH,
AND I KNEW HE WAS RIGHT.
”MERRY CHRISTMAS MY FRIEND,
AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT.”

Now to those people who took the few minutes to read this, I thank you. I didn't write this and I am unsure of the author. This little poem says so much that I was touched when I read it. I know many W.W.II veterans, and my grandfather was in the service. All I have to say is God Bless All Service Men and Women throughout the United States. I thank you for my freedom!

Deepest sincerity,
Major Gary “Tiny” Hollifield, SFMC
OIC 161st MEU, SpecOps, The War Eagles
5th BN/ 1st BDE

SCIENCE TIDBITS

David E. Klingman, DMD, R1 Sci-
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NASA Space Science News for November 15, 1999
SpaceScience.com — With the Leonids meteor shower just around the corner, Science@NASA is launching a sister site to handle some of the heavy web traffic, <http://SpaceScience.com>. SpaceScience.com will carry all the usual Science@NASA headline stories plus some new features: a Space Weather Corner, daily sunspot numbers, the Space Calendar, and a section devoted to hands-on science related to breaking news. VISIT <http://www.SpaceScience.com>

Glossary of Weather and Climate by Ira Geer and published by the AMS. See: <http://www.ametsoc.org/AMS/pubs/books/books.html> For an excellent, comprehensive weather glossary, go to: <http://weather.utande.co.zw/Glossary/a.htm>

China has launched an un-manned space capsule in a test of what Chinese officials say will be a Manned spaceflight early in the next century. Read the full story on the Spaceer.com web site: <http://www.spacer.com/spacecast/news/china-99o.html>

Talaxian Trade Show

Members Wanted

Members wanted: Any STARFLEET member that would like to help to start a Marine/Ranger unit in Region Three. It will be a correspondence only unit but can be an internet/correspondence unit in time. It will be a dues-free unit. Must be fully trained STARFLEET Marine or Ranger Officer and a paid/active duty STARFLEET member. This will be role playing via fictional mission reports. For a copy of fictional mission reports send a S.A.S.E. to Captain Ronald J. Ryder, 2325 Thomas Wayne St., Vidor. TX 77662

Adrift? The *USS Tanagra* is waiting with Arms wide for new members! Members in and around Montgomery county or those interested in being correspondence members should contact Jesse Smith 5126 Niagara Place, College Park, MD 20740.

ATTN Green Blooded Star Trek fans! The RSE (Romulan Star Empire) International is looking for you! Cross over to the other side of the Neutral Zone by beaming to our web site at <http://www.rsempire.org>, or send a SASE to RSE International, PO Box 207, Pluckemin, NJ 07978.

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The Daedalus is a unique correspondence shuttle forming to explore the Star Trek universe during the era of the Federation's creation, with emphasis on creative writing and membership activities. Contact: Wayne Snyder 27 Penn Street Farmingdale NY 11735 or TITAN-ONE@prodigy.net

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FEDERATION FRONTIERS - your new source for Star Trek Technical documents - We feature Miranda AND Avenger class starship plans, movie-era carrier and shuttlecraft packets, and much more... For more information contact Mike Rupprecht at MRupprecht@aol.com or send a SASE to: FEDERATION FRONTIERS - 3711 Bloomingdale Dr., Somerville, NJ 08876-5531 <http://members.aol.com/FdFrontier/>

Hello I am the artist Robert Clyde Allen. The great masters that influenced me are Charles Lederer, Andrew Loomis, and Norman Rockwell. You can contact me at: PO Box 488 Spencer N.C 28159 voice 704 637-0186 I do airbrush cartoon portraits. [hppt://www.geocities.com/Area51/Meteor/8654/index.html](http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Meteor/8654/index.html)

Virtual adventures of *USS McNair* with other STARFLEET ships (White Eagle, Vindicator, Star League, Rogue Phoenix) in a TNG universe. Bound volumes 1-3 \$5 each, 70-90 pages, signed and numbered; money to Space Camp scholarships. Box 212863, Columbia SC 29221.

For Sale: 54 "Star Trek - Next Generation" video tapes (2 episodes each), and 2 books. Cost (* negotiable): Videos \$800* for entire lot, or \$15* each. Books \$25 for both, or \$15* each Condition: Videos, most are "Good", and a few are in "Excellent" condition. Books are in "Fair" condition. Contact me at tairnka@zipcon.net

For Sale

UFP needlepoint wall hangings, hand-stitched, original pattern. Hang as is or frame. \$25 includes UPS delivery (include street address). Part of proceeds donated to ship's charities. Check or M.O. to CMDR Larry Jones, 23 NW 57th Street, Lawton, OK 73505-5809. Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery. Seven RCQ Selecta Vision Video discs. Five of them have two full classic Star Trek episodes on each side of the disc. The other two have the Star Trek: The Motion Picture on them. I am asking \$8 each for them plus the cost of mailing them. Contact Captain Ronald J. Ryder XO/303/M.S.G/S.F.M.C., 2325 Thomas Wayne St., Vidor, Texas, 77662-8595 or call me at 409-769-2231 after 7:00 p.m.

Personals

S/W/fleet member looking for Asian, Native American, or Irish descent female fleet member, who lives in Oklahoma. my e-mail address: Lt_Rhamy@hotmail.com

Wanted: a sweet lady Star Fleet marine or naval officer. Pen Pal living in Region 3 that enjoys writing stories about missions in space and also enjoys going to Astroworld. Also enjoy going to the State Fairs and making up mission stories about them. Someone who would like to walk along the beach and use that in a SciFi story line. Short wave radio enthusiast as well. I enjoy taking Bible Study courses and courses from both the Star Fleet Academy and the Star Fleet Marine Academy. Fan of Xfiles, Battle Star Galactica, Lost In Space and the new show Crusade. So if you enjoy all or part of these things then we may just have something in common so please send a picture of yourself with your first letter to me: Captain Ronald J. Ryder, XO/303 MSG 2/3 SFMC, 2325 Thomas Wayne St., Vidor, Texas, 77662-8595.

Notices

We're celebrating the end of an era: the second millennium and the Smith/Freas administration. Show your support by buying a line in the "official" program book of the New Year's Eve 2000 party. Boosters are \$5.00 each for 2 lines (15 words max). Make checks payable to STARFLEET; send the check and your words of sentiment to New Years Eve 2000; c/o Leslie Ryan; 37-11 Harley Drive; Worcester, MA 01606.

Also available: Support buttons which read: "Are You Ready for nYe2K?" \$1 each. Please send check or money order made out to STARFLEET to: Wendy Fillmore, 72 Dickens Road, North Brunswick, NJ 08902

Free ads to STARFLEET members. 80 word maximum on any classified ad. First 40 words are free to STARFLEET members. There is a 25 cent per word charge for each additional word. Phone numbers, e-mail addresses, chapter names, and Region names count as one word each.

Please include your SCC number and expiration date as proof of STARFLEET membership, and your telephone number for verification, when submitting an ad. Maximum of two ads per member per issue.

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If you would like your ad to appear in the next issue, whether or not it appears here, please submit it immediately.

Are you ready for NYE2000?!?

Greetings!

Whereas, as I'm sure you're all aware (especially since Gordon Goldberg did such a great job of explaining it in an earlier issue of the CQ), there was no year 0; the counting started with the Year 1, so each seet of 10 or 100 or 1000 year ENDS with the year 0 on the end. The beginning of the new decade/

century/millenium begins with the year that ends with the 1, just as the the counting began... well, in the beginning. Hence, the new millenium actually starts on 1/1/2001; and,

Whereas, this particular date also marks the first day of a new administration, heralding the finish of four years of the Smith/Freas

administration at the helm of STARFLEET: The International Star Trek Fan Association;

Therefore, let it be known that the organization known as STARFLEET is hereby invited to party hearty on both Saturday night, 12/30/2000, in celebration of the completion of the Smith/Freas years, as well as New Year's Eve,

Wendy Fillmore, Party Chair

12/31/2000 in order to bring in the new millenium right!

Who: All of you!
What: Smith/Freas Dead Dog Party
Where: Somewhere in NJ/Philly area
When: 12/30/2000 & 12/31/2000
Why? Since when do we need a reason to party?

Upcoming Conventions

Compiled by Corporal Captain Blair Learn

December 31 – January 2 Intercon Millennium, Columbia, Maryland; Info: Intercon, PO Box 196, Merrifield, VA 22116-0196 Ph: 703-912-9877 <http://www.ilfinfo.org/intercon/imille/index.html>

January 7-9 Gafilk 2000, College Park, Georgia; Info: 2175 Lenox Rd., #B-5, Atlanta, GA 30324 Ph: 404-321-2112 <http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Station/1192/gafilk.htm> Guests:Margaret Middleton, Walt Baric

January 21-23 ConFusion 19100, Warren, Michigan; Info: P.O. Box 8284, Ann Arbor, MI 48107 Ph: 313-487-8743 <http://www.stilyagi.org/cons/confusion.html> Guests:Maureen F. McHugh, Frank Hayes, Eric Raymond, Dennis Tabaczewski, Erik Kauppi

January 21-23 Celebrity Autograph Collector's show, Hollywood, California; Info: Post Office Box 5040, Spring Hill, Florida 34611 Ph: 352-683-5110 <http://www.hollywoodcollectorshow.com/> Guests:Gabe Kaplan, Kathleen Nolan, Rex Reason, Don Durant, Robert Clary, Richard Kiel, Diane McBain

January 27-30 Capricon XX, Arlington Park, Illinois; Info: PO Box 60085, Chicago, IL 60660 <http://www.capricon.org/> Guests:Larry Niven, Chris Luchini, Joseph Stockman

January 28-30 Supercon VII, Rochester, Minnesota; Info: PO Box 14355, Dinkytown Station, Minneapolis, MN 55414-0355 <http://come.to/supercon/>

February 4-6 SheVaCon VIII, Roanoke, Virginia; Info: PO Box 416, Verona, VA 24482-0416 Ph: 540-886-2154 <http://www.shevacon.com/> Guests:Tad Williams, Tina "Nene" Thomas, Steve Miller, Sharon Lee, Dave Arneson, Rikk Jacobs

February 4-6 Pacificon 2000, Portland, Oregon; Info: 8152 SW Hall Blvd. #413, Beaverton, OR 97008

February 5-6 Celebrity Autograph Collector's show, Houston, Texas; Info: Post Office Box 5040, Spring Hill, Florida 34611 Ph: 352-683-5110 <http://www.hollywoodcollectorshow.com/> Guests:Astronaut Walt Cunningham, Astronaut Alan Bean, Astronaut Ed Mitchell, Debra Paget, Herb Jefferson, Jr., Deanna Lund,

June Wilkinson, Dick Durock, Ben Chapman, David Prowse, Hank Garrett

February 11-13 Katsucon, Arlington, Virginia; Info: 4140 Eby Drive, Dumfries, VA 22026 Guests: Ryo Ramiya, Tomoko Saito, Roseri Rikki, Tavisha Wolfgarth, Mark Rogers, Newton Ewell, Scott Fraizer, Steve Bennett, Colleen Doran, Lea Hernandez, Kuni Kimura, Steve Pearl, Jeff Thompson, Fred Perry

February 12-13 Slanted Fedora - Champaign, Champaign, Illinois; Info: Slanted Fedora Entertainment, 11916 W. 109th Street Suite #125, Overland Park, KS 66210 Ph: 913-327-TREK(8735) <http://www.sfedora.com/newpage1.htm>

February 18-20 Gallifrey 2000, Van Nuys, California; Info: PO Box 3021, N. Hollywood, CA 91609 Ph: 818-752-3756 <http://www.gallifreyone.com/> Guests:Peter Davison, Peter Woodward, Carrie Dobro, Fiona Avery, Terrance Dicks, Philip Segal, Stephen Cole, Justin Richards, Gary Russell, Jason Haigh-Ellery, Kate Orman, Paul Magrs, Dave Stone, Jonathan Blum, Paul Cornell, Keith Topping, Mike Tucker, Jon de Burgh Miller, David McIntee, J. Michael Straczynski, John DeChancie, Frank Kelly Freas, Bjo Trimble, Jonathan West, Adam Mojo Lebowitz, Glenn Campbell

February 18-20 Boskone 37, Framingham, Massachusetts; Info: PO Box 809, Framingham, MA 01701-0809 Ph: 617-625-2311 <http://www.nesfa.org/boskone/> Guests:Michael Swanwick, Rick Berry, Peter Weston, Jordin Kare

February 18-20 Ad Astra 20, Toronto, Ontario; Info: PO Box 7276, Station A, Toronto, ON Canada M5W 1X9 <http://terra.phys.yorku.ca/~white/adastra/> Guests:Nancy Kress, Charles Sheffield

February 18-20 Stellarcon 24, High Point, North Carolina; Info: Box 4, Elliott University Center, UNCG, Greensboro, NC 27412 Ph: 336-334-3159 <http://www.uncg.edu/student.groups/sf3/stellarcon.htm> Guests:Timothy Zahn, Aaron Allston, Cheralyn Lambeth, Michael A. Stackpole, Bill Fawcett, Jen McCollom, William R. Forstchen, James Roberts, John Grigni, Simon Hawke, Charles Keegan, Ann Melrose, Scott Nicholson, Jody Lynn Nye, Julie Anne Parks, Mark Rainey, Joel Rosenberg, Allen Wold

February 18-20 Radcon 3, Pasco, Washington; Info: 2527 W. Kennewick Ave. #162, Kennewick, WA 99336 Ph: 509-967-3248 <http://www.owt.com/radcon/> Guests:Elissa Mitchell, James Ernest, Steve Barnes, Steve Perry, Don DeBrandt

February 25-27 Potlatch 9, Seattle, Washington; Info: PO Box 31848, Seattle, WA, 98103-1848 <http://www.galaxy-7.net/squib/corflatch/potltch9.html>

February 25-27 Confluence 1900, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Info: P.O. Box 3681, Pittsburgh, PA 15230-3681 Ph: 412-344-0456 <http://trfn.clpgh.org/parsec/conflu/> Guests:James Morrow, Tim Esaias, Alexis A. Gilliland, Lee Gilliland, Pete Grubbs, Michael Kandel, William H. Keith, Jr, Mary Soon Lee, Barton Paul Levinson, Joe Mayhew, Charles Oberndorf, Tamora Pierce

March 3-5 Corflu 2000, Seattle, Washington; Info: P.O. Box 31848 Seattle, WA 98103-1848 <http://www.galaxy-7.net/squib/corflatch/corflu2k.html>

March 4-5 Celebrity Autograph Collector's show, San Francisco, California; Info: Post Office Box 5040, Spring Hill, Florida 34611 Ph: 352-683-5110 <http://www.hollywoodcollectorshow.com/> Guests:Cammie King, Patrick Curtis, John Clark Gable, Tony Anselmo, Traci Lords

March 17-19 Lepracon 2000, Wenatchee, Washington; Info: PMB #353, 2527 W. Kennewick Ave., Kennewick Wa 99336 Ph: 509-943-6873 <http://users.owt.com/kevins/lepracon.htm> Guests:Elizabeth Ann Scarborough, Betty Bigelow, Norma & Edgar Barrett-Lincoln

March 24-26 Lunacon 2000, Rye Brook, New York; Info: Lunacon 2000, PO Box 3566, New York, NY 10008-3566 <http://www.lunacon.org/> Guests:George Alec Effinger, Stu Shiffman, Lisa Snellings, Barbara Hambly

March 24-26 Willycon 2000, Wayne, Nebraska; Info: Wayne State College SF & Fantasy Club, c/o Conn Library, Wayne, NE 68787

March 24-26 Millennicon - 1, Kings Island, Ohio; Info: 143 Schloss Ln., Dayton, OH 45418 Ph: 513-933-0452 <http://www.millennicon.org/> Guests:Connie Willis

March 31-April 2 Sakura Con 2000, Tukwila, Washington; Info: PO Box 44976, Tacoma, WA 98444 Ph: 253-535-2395 <http://sakuracon.org/> Guests:Doug Smith, Tristan MacAvery, Tiffany Grant

March 31-April 2 ReConnaissance, Bergen, Norway; Info: ReConnaissance, PO Box 1195, N-5001 Bergen, Norway; UK: Fiona Anderson, 129 Colgrave Road, Stratford, London E15 1EA, UK

April 7-9 I-Con 19, Long Island, New York; Info: PO Box 550, Stony Brook, NY 11790-0550 Ph: (516) 632-6045 <http://www.iconsf.org/> Guests:Richard Chevolleau, Leni Parker, Dr. Demento, Dr. Seti

April 8-9 Celebrity Autograph Collector's show, Hollywood, California; Info: Post Office Box 5040, Spring Hill, Florida 34611 Ph: 352-683-5110 <http://www.hollywoodcollectorsshow.com/>

April 20-23 Norwescon 23, Seatac, Washington; Info: PO Box 68547, Seattle WA 98168-0547 Ph: 206-270-7850 <http://www.norwescon.org/> Guests:David Brin, Gregory Benford, Barclay Shaw, John and Bjo Trimble

April 20-24 SwanCon 25, Ascot, Australia (WA); Info: GPO Box G429, Perth, 6892 <http://www.swancon.iinet.net.au/> Guests:Connie Willis, Robin Hobb, Ian Nichols

April 20-23 Imagine Con 2000, Virginia Beach, Virginia; Info: 1118 Willow Avenue, Chesapeake, VA 23325 <http://www.imaginecon.com/> Guests:Ray Park, Larry Elmore, Ed Kramer, Terrence Masson, David Wilson, Punkie Larsen, Bill Fawcett, Jody Lynn Nye, K'Rahja DevnoH, Julie Ann Parks, Michael Fox, Countess Vladimira, Candy Clark, Herb Jefferson Jr, Manon Kelley, Lilith Stabs, Anne Lockhart, Tom Savini, Ric Frane, Brinke Stevens, R Wayt Smith, Sandy Lynne, Bernie Wrightson, H.R. Jacobs, Roxanne Michaels, James Hong, Richard Hatch, Dawn Marie, Todd Fischer, Paul Cashman

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Simon & Schuster Interactive Announces Its Second Star Trek: Deep Space Nine Game “Dominion Wars”

*Submitted by Chuck Freas,
Vice Commander, Starfleet*

NEW YORK—(ENTERTAINMENT WIRE)—
Nov. 17, 1999—

Coming in Fall 2000 for the PC, Dominion Wars will be a Real Time

Strategy, Space Combat Game

Simon & Schuster Interactive today announced its plans for its second Star Trek: Deep Space Nine(TM) game. Due to ship in Fall 2000 for the PC, “Dominion Wars” will be a real-time strategy game, focusing on tactical space combat. Dominion Wars will be developed by Los Angeles-based Gizmo Games, headed by veteran game developer Gary Wagner.

Star Trek: Deep Space Nine - Dominion Wars will allow gamers simultaneous control of up to six different ships from any of four different races - Federation, Klingon, Cardassian and Jem ‘Hadar in real time combat. Players will be able to recruit a range of different ships and captains through the use of a point system and engage in both single and multi-player battles.

Dominion Wars is being built using the QUANTUM(TM) engine, developed by technology partner Mass Media, Inc., based in Moorpark, Calif. The QUANTUM(TM) engine represents the state-of-the-art in real-time graphics for PC gaming, incorporating sophisticated artificial intelligence (AI) functionality.

”As long-time gamers and Star Trek fans, we here at Gizmo are very excited to have the opportunity to contribute another great game to Simon & Schuster’s ongoing line-up of Star Trek products,” said Gary Wagner, president of Gizmo Games.

Dominion Wars takes its title and story line from the last few seasons of the Deep

Space Nine television series, in which the Federation and its Klingon allies battled for control of the Alpha Quadrant against the Cardassians and the invading Dominion Alliance. The game is designed so that players will experience every photon blast and phaser strike as they campaign through this epic struggle.

The player assumes control of a fleet of up to six starships while providing an unprecedented level of control over each ship for a space combat game. Each mission is designed with multiple objectives, thus challenging the player to come up with unique strategies for victory. Game interface and player controls are designed for maximum ease-of-use and flexibility so as to facilitate creative tactical thinking in an action setting.

Ken Gordon of Simon & Schuster Interactive will serve as Executive Producer for DOMINION WARS. He is also the Executive Producer for S&SI’s other DS9 game “THE FALLEN.” Ken is delighted to be working with Gizmo Games and with the direction the game is taking. “In approaching the DS9 license, we realized that the Dominion Wars story had the potential to be a great tactical space combat game. With Gizmo, we feel we have the perfect team to make Dominion Wars an engaging game for both fans and gamers alike. Dominion Wars is going to be a huge title for us next Christmas.”

Star Trek: Deep Space Nine - Dominion Wars is scheduled to release in Fall of 2000 for the PC (Windows 98/95).

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Gizmo Games is a division of Gizmo Industries, a Los Angeles-based games developer. Established in 1997, the company and its team have previously worked on titles such as Dark Reign(TM) and Mech Warrior(TM). Wagner and his team come with numerous years of experience in the gaming industry. For more information on the Company, visit www.gizmogames.com.

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More Science News

From the Region One Sciences Report

GALILEO PROBE RESULTS SUGGEST JUPITER HAD AN ANCIENT, CHILLY PAST

Jupiter’s history may be much older and colder than previously believed, according to newly released findings from the descent probe of NASA’s Galileo spacecraft published in the Nov. 18 edition of the journal Nature. ”This new information might shake up our view of how the solar system formed,” said Dr. Tobias Owen, astronomy professor at the Institute for Astronomy of the University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI, and a scientist on the Galileo probe neutral mass spectrometer instrument team. When Galileo arrived at Jupiter on Dec. 7, 1995, and dropped a probe into the atmosphere of the huge, gaseous planet, the mass spectrometer measured the chemical composition of Jupiter’s atmosphere. The spectrometer detected in Jupiter’s atmosphere higher than expected concentrations of argon, krypton and xenon, three chemical elements called noble gases because they are very independent and don’t combine with other chemicals. Tiny traces of these gases are found in Earth’s atmosphere, and argon is sometimes used like neon in advertising signs.

The discovery of these gases in such high quantities at Jupiter raises questions about how they got there. “In order to catch these gases, Jupiter had to trap them physically by condensation or freezing,” Owen said. This process, he said, requires extremely cold temperatures of about -240 degrees Celsius (-400 degrees Fahrenheit), colder than the surface of Pluto, the planet farthest from the Sun. Planetesimals (small objects orbiting the Sun) in the Kuiper Belt beyond Pluto would be this cold, but Jupiter is more than six times closer to the Sun and thus is much warmer. For this reason, Jupiter could not have been the site where the three noble gases were originally trapped.

”This raises some intriguing possibilities,” Owen said. “One explanation suggests that Jupiter was formed out in the area around the Kuiper Belt and dragged inward to its present location. Another possibility is that the solar nebula, a huge cloud of gas and dust from which our solar system formed, was much colder than scientists believe,” he said. ”A third hypothesis proposes that the solid materials that brought these noble gases to Jupiter began forming in the original huge, interstellar cloud of gas and dust even before it collapsed to form the solar nebula. That would make these icy materials older and more primitive than we had expected,” he said. ”If either of the last two hypotheses proves to be correct, it would suggest that giant planets can form closer to their stars than current theories predict,” Owen said. “This could help

explain the new observations of planetary systems around other stars, in which such close-in giant planets are relatively common.” ”These new Galileo probe results provide new insights into how planets form in the solar system and around other stars,” said Galileo project scientist Dr. Torrence Johnson of NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, CA.

”Measuring the composition of Jupiter’s atmosphere was a primary scientific objective of the probe, because we knew it could change our understanding of Jupiter’s formation and evolution,” said Galileo probe project scientist Dr. Richard Young of NASA Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, CA. “These latest probe results have done exactly that, and the measurements are the sort that could only have been obtained by in-situ measurements from an entry probe.”

Owen’s co-authors on the Nature article are: Drs. Paul Mahaffy and Hasso Niemann of NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD; Drs. Sushil Atreya and Thomas Donahue of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI; Dr. Akiva Bar-Nun of the University of Tel Aviv, Israel; and Dr. Imke de Pater of the University of California, Berkeley, CA. Although the data were collected by the Galileo probe in December 1995, careful and thorough analysis was necessary in Earth laboratories to verify the findings.

When it dropped 156 kilometers (97 miles) through Jupiter’s atmosphere, the Galileo probe relayed data back to the main Galileo spacecraft more than 209,215 kilometers (130,000 miles) overhead for storage and transmission to Earth. The probe descended deeper into the atmosphere than expected, but was finally overcome by Jupiter’s high temperatures and pressures.

The Galileo spacecraft, meanwhile, has been orbiting Jupiter and its moons for nearly four years, beaming back to Earth thousands of pictures and a wealth of scientific data. Its two-year, primary mission ended in December 1997, but it was followed by the current, two-year extended mission. The Galileo Project is managed by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, CA; the Galileo atmospheric probe is managed by NASA Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, CA. Further information and images about the Galileo mission to Jupiter are available on the Internet at:

<http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/galileo>

INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE TEAM TO EXAMINE ARCTIC OZONE
NASA scientists are joining researchers from Europe, Russia, Canada and Japan to mount the largest field-measurement campaign ever to assess ozone amounts and changes in the Arctic upper atmosphere this winter. This

collaborative campaign will measure ozone and other atmospheric gases using satellites, airplanes, heavy-lift and small balloons, and ground-based instruments. From November 1999 through March 2000, researchers will examine the processes that control ozone amounts during the Arctic winter at mid to high latitudes. ”The combined campaign will provide an immense new body of information about the Arctic stratosphere,” said program scientist Dr. Michael Kurylo, NASA Headquarters, Washington, DC. “Our understanding of the Earth’s ozone will be greatly enhanced by this research.”

The Earth’s ozone layer protects life below from the harmful ultraviolet radiation coming from the Sun. This radiation can damage DNA molecules, thereby leading to the formation of skin cancers. Very low levels of ozone were observed over the Arctic in several winters during the 1990s, raising concerns that an Arctic ozone hole might be forming. Recent modeling work has suggested that greenhouse gas warming might lead to larger-than-expected Arctic ozone losses in the future and also may delay the expected recovery of the ozone layer globally. For the first time, measurements of stratospheric composition over the Arctic will be made using a large suite of instruments aboard several European aircraft, as well as on NASA’s DC-8 and ER-2, based at NASA’s Dryden Flight Research Center, Edwards, CA. Balloons, carrying payloads ranging from several pounds to several thousand pounds and ground-based instruments will also take atmospheric readings.

”Handling all the hardware and coordinating the personnel, aircraft, balloons, and ground observations involved in the campaign is an immense challenge,” said project manager Michael Craig of NASA’s Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, CA. More than 350 scientists, technicians and support workers are involved in the experiment. More than 15 years ago, scientists detected an “Ozone Hole” over the South Pole that has reappeared each year during the Southern Hemisphere winter and spring. Researchers from around the world recognized more than a decade ago that the ozone depletion is caused primarily by man-made chlorine and bromine compounds. The chlorine compounds have been produced for use as refrigerants, aerosol sprays, solvents and foam blowing agents, while bromine-containing halons have been used in fire extinguishing. Man-made production of chlorofluorocarbons ceased in 1996 in developed countries under the terms of the Montreal Protocol and its Amendments. Scientists also will take measurements that will be useful in validating data from an instrument called SAGE III aboard the Russian Meteor-3 satellite. Once the spacecraft is launched, SAGE III will measure the vertical structure of aerosols,

ozone, water vapor and other trace gases in the Arctic upper troposphere and stratosphere. NASA’s Langley Research Center, Hampton, VA, manages the SAGE III project. Project scientists will be based above the Arctic Circle at the airport in Kiruna, Sweden. “Arena Arctica,” a large hangar especially built for research, will house the aircraft and many of the scientific instruments. Balloons will be launched from Esrange, a balloon and rocket launch facility near Kiruna. Wintertime conditions can be very severe, with temperatures falling below 50 degrees below zero Fahrenheit.

The NASA-sponsored SAGE III Ozone Loss and Validation Experiment (SOLVE) is being conducted jointly with the European Commission-sponsored Third European Stratospheric Experiment on Ozone (THESEO 2000). More information (including a list of participating institutions) can be found at: (SOLVE) — <http://cloud1.arc.nasa.gov/solve/index.html> and (THESEO 2000) — <http://www.ozone-sec.ch.cam.ac.uk>

Journalists will be invited to the main field staging area in Kiruna, Sweden, for a “media day” in late January 2000, when most of the science teams will be on hand. A newsroom will be established near the airport during this peak period, and journalists will be escorted into the research area to meet with operational and scientific personnel.

Hale-Bopp may have a satellite
http://explorezone.com/archives/99_11/23_hale_bopp.htm
11/23: The suggestion that comet Hale-Bopp might have a satellite orbiting its nucleus, based on Hubble Space Telescope images, has resurfaced amid doubts. Reporting in the current issue of Earth, Moon, and Planets, Zdenek Sekanina of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory writes about a satellite detected by applying theoretical modeling to Hubble telescope images. But the scientist who supplied the images, and who has also studied them, disagrees with the new findings.

GYRO FAILURE STOPS HUBBLE’S SCIENCE WORK
The Hubble Space Telescope lost one of its three remaining gyroscope pointing devices on Saturday, bringing the observatory scientific work to a sudden halt until astronauts can make repairs on a shuttle mission next month. The telescope is not in any immediate danger, but is unable to point itself for scientific observations. A full report will appear on our Breaking News page shortly.
FULL STORY: <http://www.astronomynow.com/breaking.html>

The Final Word...

RAdm. Mandi Herrmann, Vice Chief of Communications/Communique'

Greetings! Well, this is my first issue of the STARFLEET Communique. Yes, I am entirely insane for taking on this task. I'd like to thank Gordon for having the faith and confidence in me to select me for this position. Let me give you a little background on myself just in case you've forgotten who I am during my brief absence from action. I've been in 'Fleet for 9.5 years. I'm currently Commanding Officer of the USS Rutledge in Region One. I've been part of the Smith/Freas administration since the beginning. I started out as Vice Chief of CompOps for Membership Processing. Then, I served as Academy Commandant through March of this year. However, the software company I work for promoted me, and I took a position traveling the US as a software trainer. During that time I did get to meet many of you in various locations around the United States. Well, my life is ever changing so it seems, and I then got transferred to another department at work, so I'm no longer traveling on a regular basis. I'm now able to get a "piece of the action" so

to speak when it comes to Fleet service. Yes, that does make me certifiably crazy!

During this time of the year, I can't help but reflect on all the things for which I can give thanks. Americans generally celebrate Thanksgiving in November, and our Canadian neighbors to the North celebrate it in October. I was just recently in a car accident (a lady in an SUV plowed into the back of my red Mustang). Nobody was hurt, however, but my car did receive quite a bit of damage. Too many people tend to look on the negative side of things and would just focus on the damage. However, I try to maintain a positive outlook and thank God that my fiancé and I in my car and the lady and her daughter in the SUV were not injured. Sure it'll be a hassle tangling with insurance companies and body shops, but in the end, I still have my health.

I'm also thankful for my family and loved ones in my life. Some of you may have heard by now, but I just recently became engaged to a really great guy and will be getting married July of 2000. I

have wonderful parents and relatives who love me. I have friends I've known most of my life who genuinely care for me, who make me laugh, who let me cry, and who will offer advice or admonition if needed. Oh, and I have two wonderful dogs who provide amusement and comfort anytime I need it. And of course, I have a great group of friends in a wild and crazy, but caring group called STARFLEET.

And then, I have my health (this time last year I was recovering from knee surgery, so I'm thankful to be walking this time this year), faith in God, food to eat, a climate-controlled house to live in, a warm bed at night, running water, and working phone service. I have full-time employment at a great company and actually enjoy my work. I have a working automobile (albeit a banged-up one). And, I even have a fairly reliable Internet service provider. And I'm sure that's just the tip of all the things I have to be thankful for.

Now, why did I just babble on to you about all the things I have to be thankful for? I'm not trying to rub it in how good

my life is. I'm not trying to make anyone jealous. I just want you to sit back and think of five things for which you can give thanks. Most of us are very blessed. There are too many things we take for granted in this life. Now, I know there are those in this organization who are hurting, who are struggling, and who aren't as fortunate as others of us may be. And for that, as we head into the holiday season, we need to remember three very important words that so many of us learned from watching a classic Trek episode: "Let Me Help." Take care and see you in sixty!



USS Rutledge Four Year Anniversary Party

RAdm. Mandi Herrmann, Commanding Officer, USS Rutledge

The *USS Rutledge* celebrated her fourth birthday in October, and as any good Starfleet chapter would do, they threw a party. Other than the *Rutledge* members in attendance, the *SS Lewis B. Puller* showed up in force, as well as Region One Senior Captain (NC/SC) Marlon Ragsdale. On hand was a special guest who we all know loves to travel to attend any fleet party: FAdm Mike Smith. The party started out in traditional fashion... eating! We grilled out hamburgers, hotdogs, and served up a variety of desserts (mmm.... cheesecake) and plenty of side dishes. The evening's biggest surprise was when FAdm Mike Smith presented Bill Herrmann with a promotion to Commodore. Bill was the first CO of the *Rutledge* and currently serves as her Ops Officer as well as Director of Operation:Eagle. Everyone there knew about the promotion except for Bill. It was probably one of the best-kept secrets in this part of Region One! After eating, we all watched game one of the World Series (go Yankees) and played Sci-fi charades.

Everyone had a great time and we're looking forward to the next four years!



Mike Smith practices his "service" to the members of Starfleet by taking charge of the grill and making sure everyone's food was properly prepared.



Bill Herrmann and Mike Smith look at the certificate for Bill's promotion to Commodore. Meanwhile, Billy Powell, Security Chief of the Puller (far left) and David Horner, XO of the Rutledge (far right) enjoy the party.

Just in case you forgot who he was...
He's Mike Smith.

