



Newsletter of the U.S.S. *Wernher von Braun*

ARMADA LOOMS ON THE HORIZON.

This year's International Conference for STARFLEET has been dubbed Armada 96. It will be held August 30, August 31, and September 1, 1996 at the Oklahoma City Marriot Hotel. The host chapter is the USS Oklahoma. The IC is a basically a leadership conference for chapters. Sure, we have guests, dealers' room, and a whole lot of fun, but there is work to be done, which is the main purpose of the IC. In it, you will learn valuable information about how a chapter works, with panels on various topics from producing a newsletter, to the best way to handle burnout. It will be very informative and fun. Everyone is encouraged to attend, especially Department Chiefs.

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“Just the facts, Ma'am.” issue or
“More useless info you could care less about.”

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Any ship or science-fiction related submission is acceptable. This includes reports, interviews, cartoons, artwork, reviews, poetry, short fiction, etc. We will also accept other genres. If you wish your submissions returned, include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Donations are also accepted.

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The following were other suggestions made:

- More newsletters: Well, we're back on track with publication, though we've had to cutback the frequency due to lack of submissions and funds. The newsletter only succeeds if the members support it with submissions.
 - More conventions and guests: We're limited by those that come to Huntsville since hosting one of our own would be financially impossible at this point. Going to those in other cities would be fine too if we know about them early enough.
 - Have more advertising: We're working on it and have posted flyers and brochures. Anything more and we'll need more money.
- CAPT Richard L. Trulson

CALENDAR

July:

27 Sat 12 noon, Rummage Sell- sell buttons, old uniforms, raffles, and junk / cookout at 6 PM and water fight
need at least ¼ of IC cost

August:

need at least ½ of IC cost
4 Sun Meeting- vote on By-Laws/Handbook, have a small Olympic event afterwards
need at least ¾ of IC cost
17 Sat Possibly going to the Northeast Alabama State Fair or Point Mallard?
25 Sun Special last minute check meeting for IC and Trek con
29 Thu leave for IC
30, 31 Fri, Sat International Conference

September:

1 Sun International Conference
2 Mon Return from IC
7 Sat Star Trek convention
8 Sun Star Trek convention, meeting there if possible
20, 21, 22 STARFLEET goes to Space Camp, Third Anniversary party if possible
29 Planning meeting

COMMAND



The man in the center seat reviews, recollects, and rambles.

Hello once again. Well, you've had a few months now to evaluate how your new Commanding Officer is going to work. I hope I've performed as well as expected, and better than you hoped for. I know I've faltered in a few spots and shined brightly in others. However, I have done my best and hope to improve even more.

I want everyone to feel welcomed and encouraged to voice your opinions with me. Do you like what I've done? What are some things you want me and the ship to do? Are you disappointed with something? Are you having problems with anything or anyone? Even if you have something negative to say, I want to hear it and will take it under consideration. Of course, be prepared to offer an alternative or a solution too. Simply complaining doesn't help much; offering a solution will.

These past few months have been a learning experience for me. I'm starting to get a feel for how the ship truly runs: how everyone interacts, where some problems lie, where my own weakness are, who I can turn too for help, what can and can't be accomplished, where our greatest accomplishments are, and so forth. And it will be a continual learning process. I can't accomplish anything over night, but work with me and give me a few months.

Some of you might be wondering what the state of the ship is. Other than membership, we are doing well. Finances are a bit low, but funds continue to trickle in. If we wish to do any major events, improve the membership benefits in any way, or contribute to charitable causes, we need to plan some fund-raisers. Anyone have any idea for some quick, easy, reliable, (legal,) and profitable ones? The more funds we have, the more we can accomplish and do, such as larger and more frequent newsletters, nicer membership certificates and awards, etc.

In the last listing from STARFLEET's Computer Operations, we had 11 STARFLEET members. That does NOT count the members that are now a part of the *Alabama*. I know of at least

three that are in the process of joining or renewing. However, some of your memberships will be expiring in the next few months, so we need to continue getting new members. Recruit your friends and neighbors. Also, renew with Fleet several months in advance of your expiration date, since Fleet response time is lacking again. If you need help, please contact me. On the inside front cover of the *Communiqué* is an application, or you can get one from me, especially if you need help completing it. Make sure you list the *Wernher von Braun*, NCC 72069, on the application, since several of our expired Fleet members weren't on the CompOps listing.

However, I'm a bit concerned with member participation. We've planned and discussed some events. However, very few people actually participate. Why? Do you not like the events? Are they too expensive? Let me know what's wrong and make suggestions. Don't just say, "that idea stinks", tell me why and offer a specific suggestion or alternative.

The Department Chiefs were in a 6 hour planning meeting on June 30 and we ironed some of these things out. I hope to make

these a quarterly occurrence during which we plan for the next three months. Though the DCs NEED to be there, everyone is welcome to attend and give your suggestions and opinions.

The next one will be sometime in late September, though there is a special one on August 25 to finalize the IC and *Trek* 30 plans.

Here's where I see us working on the next few months. A calendar with specifics is on page 34 as well. Please notice that the dates of a few things have changed. First is the rummage sale on July 27. We need items donated from the members, so please bring something to be sold. If you need money back for it, make sure you

Star Trek Birthdays:

6/ 1/40	Rene Auberjonois
7/13/40	Patrick Stewart
7/26	Nana Visitor
7/29/72	Wil Wheaton
8/ 7	Cirroc Lofton
8/19/52	Jonathan Frakes
8/28/49	Gates McFadden

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list the minimum amount that you will sell it for. Bring all items to Dallas Vinson's house on hiway 72 in Athens near hiway 31 next door to the AmSouth bank. We'll begin at 12 noon and go until dark. We're also having a cookout around 6 PM. Bring a side dish and \$1 to cover cost of burgers. Let Dallas know at (205) 232-8162 what food item you can bring, or if you have any questions. Also bring your water guns cause there's gonna be a water gun/balloon that day as well.

We had hoped to do something fun in August with the Olympics and even at Point Mallard with other north Alabama STARFLEET chapters, but there is just too much going on. We will be doing some type of games to observe the Olympics at the August meeting. Otherwise, there is a planning meeting on August 25 to make last minute plans for STARFLEET's International Conference (August 30, 31, and September 1) and for the *Star Trek* 30 Anniversary Celebration at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center (September 7 and 8). Info on the IC is available on page 1. Unfortunately, I don't have much information on the *Trek* celebration right now. Suffice to say, this is a big event that the ship WILL be participating with in some way.

Now on to the By-Laws. As far as I can determine after talking to Kit and the other DC's, we have never voted in an official set of By-Laws. They have been talked about and discussed, but never accepted. This has created small problems such as who is responsible for what, and election of officers. The version included in on page 25 was the final result, with a few additions and changes, of everyone collaborating at the planning meeting. It is basically the U.S.S. *Alacrity*'s By-Laws with changes that we felt suited us better. Please read through the By-Laws and discuss them with your DC, Henry, or me. We will be voting on them at the August 4 meeting.

Oh well, I know I've rambled on a long time. However, I felt there were lots of issues that needed to be addressed.

-CAPT Richard L. Trulson

Arkansas about 3 AM, which is not a problem for driving since most people are up past that hour at cons anyway. People need to bring snacks to eat along the way, or we can stop for fast-food around midnight. We will stay at the Ramada that night, sleeping until check out time, and having lunch there. We will then drive to Oklahoma City and arrive around 6 PM. We will leave the IC Sunday afternoon, probably having lunch in OK City. We will drive until we reach the same Ramada, and stop for the night, having dinner there. We will get up Monday, have lunch, and then head home. If we need to, we can stop for dinner around 6, before finishing the journey home. We should be back Monday, September 2, around 7 PM.

- **CAPT Richard L. Trulson**

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chanical look), and yes, new uniforms again. (The new ones are an all-gray *Deep Space 9* look. The normally gray DS9 undergarment is now colored in the traditional gold, blue, or red colors that indicate department assignment.) The VISOR was dropped at the request of LeVar Burton, who had decided he was not going to do the film if he had to continue wearing it. ABC has already bought the rights to air *Star Trek: First Contact* on TV.

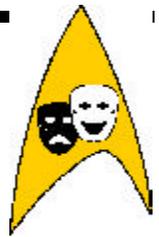
The voyage continues.

Voyager was renewed for another season, but UPN will be moving the show to Wednesdays at 9pm Eastern time (after *The Sentinel* at 8pm). Robert Duncan McNeill will be directing the third season *Voyager* episode "Sacred Ground." Brannon Braga is telling audiences that *Voyager* will leave the Kazon behind conclusively in season three. *Swift Justice*, which formerly had the 9pm slot, was canceled. UPN president Lucie Salhany commented that the network expected *Voyager* to do better in its new slot by picking up more of its core "young adult" audience, and by moving away from competing with Monday night football games.



Another ET scene from
Star Trek: First Contact.

OPERATIONS



Farewell to Operations; hello to Klingons.

Well folks, It's time we got started looking for a new Operations Officer. As most of you know by now, I am leaving STARFLEET to form a new chapter of KLAW (the Klingon Legion of Assault Warriors) over here in Athens. Therefore I need to start looking for, find, and train my replacement before I leave. I will continue taking applications until I find someone to replace me.

The person I'm looking for needs to have a computer (386 or better), good organization skills, E-Mail access, and knowledge of general bookkeeping. The duties will include, but not be limited to, maintaining ship membership information; ship financial records; fielding crew member problems; and maintaining contact with fleet. [*Actually, the official duties are outlined in the By-Laws, and is more oriented with planning ship activities, than the secretarial work listed. Check with me for the details. - Rich*]

If you think you would like to fill this position, please send your resume and a brief statement telling me why you feel you would be best for the job, to:

U.S.S. *Wernher von Braun*
Operations
1105 Hwy 72 E
Athens, Al. 35611

In other news:

I'd like to say, "Welcome", to our two newest members: Donald Daniel and Scott Stevens. Don has not yet decided which department he will be working with, and Scott will be working with Engineering. Welcome to both of you and I hope that you will both have an enjoyable tour of duty.

Memberships:

The following personnel have let their memberships lapse. This needs to be taken care of ASAP. If they no longer wish to be part of the ship, please let me know.

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ENGINEERING

Meeting and Rocket Launch planned.

We need a meeting soon guys! I need anyone who is Engineering to give me up to date info. (phone #'s, etc.)

We have to begin collecting prizes and organizing the rocket launch. So be ready. This is going to be a busy one. God's speed

-CMDR Henry Vaughn

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Nancy Adams	Arlin Anderson	Jan Appling
John Askins	Darryl Baker	Bill Baker Jr.
Tina Benson	Thomas Carpenter	Mary Cole
John Colley	Cliff collier	Dawn Cooper
Kathleen Dimick	Mary Kai Dyer	Shane Ellenburg
Gayle Fairless	Kathy Frame	Linda Freeman
Robert Goodwin	Scotty Guffey	Martha Horn
Jeannie Jett	Karen Lockhart	James Martin
Jonathan Mills	Darryl Osborn	Stephanie Osborn
Harold Parks	Holly Percy	Eric Peterson
Wilda Pointer	Dr. James Pointer	Mark Schaffer
Michael Theodorou	Damian Williams	Spencer Williams

Well, That's about all I can think of for this month.

Channel Closed

-CMDR Dallas Vinson

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At one point, ages 5 and under had free admission, and children ages 6-12 were half price with a paid adult registration. An extra IC Polo shirt with collar is \$25; sweatshirts, \$25; hats, \$15; extra banquet tickets, \$30. On your registration, include your rank, name, address, city, state, zip-code, SCC #, STARFLEET expiration date, the ship or shuttle you belong to, and your T-shirt size if needed. Mail your check and info to Michael Henigan, Starfleet 96 IC, 2221 Peachtree Street NE, Suite D, #531, Atlanta, GA 30309.

The rooms for the hotels have already been reserved. Therefore, you will need to pay Richard your money ahead of time. Individual costs will vary depending on how many go, but it will range from \$50 to \$150, which includes room and transportation costs. You still need to bring food money and pay for your registration separately. Rich will need all of the money BEFORE we leave. He does, however, accept payment through installments. Therefore, \$20 will need to be received by each of the following dates: July 27 rummage sale, August 4 meeting, and August 29 departure. If more money is needed, payment will need to be as soon after the IC as possible for the entire remaining amount. If it is less than the \$60 total paid by that point, you will get a refund before we leave.

For the *Wernher von Braun* crew, one smoking and one nonsmoking room at the Marriott have been reserved. A single room has also been reserved at a Ramada half way between for a stop over going and returning. The Marriott rooms are \$80 per night each and the Ramada room is \$40 per night for a total cost of \$400. The total mileage is about 1500 miles round-trip. Assuming 10-15 mile per gallon, say 12, and \$1.25 per gallon, gas cost will be about \$160, say \$175. Room and transportation cost total to \$575, say \$600 to be on the safe side. If 7 people go, which is what the van will hold comfortably, that's \$85 per person. Even if only four people go and we can drop one of the rooms at the Marriott, we still pay about the same price.

The plan is to leave out on Friday, August 29, after everyone has gotten off school or work and has eaten dinner. We will load people in Huntsville between 6 and 7 PM and people in Decatur between 7 and 7:30 PM. That will put us near Little Rock,

Section 2. Assistant Department Chiefs

A Department Chief is encouraged to appoint an Assistant Department Chief. The ADC will perform the duties of the DC in the DC's absence and will serve as the DC's executive officer and aide.

Section 3. Command

Consisting of the CO and XO, they are responsible for the day to day running of the ship. People serving in this department will act as their aides.

Section 4. Communications

Responsible for publication of the ship's newsletter and other materials.

Section 5. Engineering

Arrange for physical materials needed and the building of props. Arrange transportation for members to ship events.

Section 6. Medical

Ideally, the DC should have real medical training. This department will help coordinate community service and recruiting projects with Operations. They must also keep accurate and up to date medical information on members.

Section 7. Science

The Science Department exists to promote interest in science among the membership and public.

Section 8. Security

Provides security at ship activities, which includes set up and clean up, and makes sure people have signed release forms for away missions.

Section 9. Operations

Perhaps the most important department, they are responsible for coordinating all events undertaken by the ship, which includes social and fun events, fund-raisers, and community service projects. They also keep an updated crew roster and maintain files on the membership.

Article VI.

Amendments

Section 1. Changes or amendments to the By-Laws must be voted on at a regularly scheduled meeting at which a quorum is present, and such changes shall require a 2/3 approval vote of appropriate membership.



COMMUNICATIONS



What's with the lack of submissions?

Not much is new in Communications. The same stuff over and over again. This time I'm going to rant a little bit, so bare with me.

I have to beg, bribe, or beat some of you to make submissions for the newsletter. That's really sad. I KNOW you people are talented and have a good imagination. So why aren't you submitting anything voluntarily? Are you just lazy or do you not truly have the time? It only takes fifteen to thirty minutes to write a departmental report. And a more in depth article can be written in an hour or so. An hour or two every three months is NOT a lot of time. So lack of time isn't that good of an excuse. I even told department heads how to write a departmental report in the Nov/Dec issue. So what's the excuse?

You DON'T have to be a literary genius either. I only edit for grammar, spelling and other technical errors. I rarely edit out content. Some of you have pointed out that even I'm not very good at it. I accept everything from computer disk submissions and E-mail, to typed or hand written reports. Heck, if it comes write down to it and you just CAN'T write, I'll schedule a meeting with you to transcribe what you say. So that's not an excuse either.

One of the quickest, easiest things to do is a review. Did you go to a movie, a convention, or other event? Write a review of it. Did you like it? Did you hate it? Was it worth the time, effort, and expense? Give us the details; tell what happened. One of these days I'll expand this out further into a feature article.

Anyway, enough of that. I still need someone to be a full-time assistant-editor. The duties would be to proof the first draft of the newsletter to see if you can spot any glaring errors before I make the distribution copies. Dallas has usually been kind enough to do some of it for me. Thanks! Maybe if I had others in my department, that would help. Also, we have our first advertisement in this issue. Try to give Laura your support, or at least mention that you saw her ad here.

-CAPT Richard Trulson

SURVEY RESULTS

Results of the survey revealed...

Back in January, a survey was sent out to anyone who has ever been on our mailing list. Thanks to everyone who participated and returned their survey. While we can't guarantee everything you suggested will be done, we appreciate your opinions and will try to do as many of them as we can.

The purpose of the survey was try to see what the attitudes and feeling for the *von Braun* are. We also wanted to see why there seemed to be a steady decline in participation in events and meetings, and what could be done to stop it. Furthermore, it was hoped to get an idea of what the members wanted to do.

Of the 45 surveys that were sent out, 4 were returned undeliverable and 7 were completed. That means approximately 34 (83%) of the surveys were NOT returned. That's really disappointing considering return postage was provided, and it was completely anonymous. What was a pleasant surprise though is that 5 of the 7 survey participants included their names so we could contact them about their answers. A special thank-you to them.

Amount of business at meetings

4 wanted about the same and 3 wanted less business. I have tried to cut back some at meetings so I think we've managed this request.

Amount of fun activities:

Everyone wanted more, and this is the one area that we haven't been as successful with. I've tried to always have discussion on the latest *Star Trek* and science-fiction happenings. Other than that, I'm not sure what type of activities we could do at a meeting. Any suggestions? Perhaps card or role playing games? Show videos?

Amount of informational activities:

5 wanted more, and 2 were about the same. This area could possibly fit under the fun activities as well. Maybe some of the departments could do a presentation or workshop.

Formality at meetings:

4 wanted less, and 2 wanted about the same. The less formality in the meeting, the more we tend to ramble or get sidetracked, which makes the business portion of the meetings stretch on even longer.

B. The CO may remove the XO with a majority vote of the Department Chiefs.

C. A DC may be removed by the CO with a majority vote of the membership in that department. If there are less than 3 other members in the department, the DC may be removed by majority vote of the other Command Officers.

Alternate: We wanted to make sure there were checks and balances on all people in power and this seemed to be the fairest solution available.

Article IV.

Meetings

Section 1. Regularly Scheduled Meetings

The USS *Wernher von Braun* shall meet regularly as determined by the membership. The date and/or time of the meeting may be changed by a vote of the membership at any previous regularly scheduled meeting. If the meeting time is changed, an attempt shall be made to contact the members not present and will be mentioned in the newsletter.

Section 2. Quorum

A quorum shall consist of at least 1/4 of all dues paid members.

Section 3. Rules of Order

In all areas not covered in the By-Laws, Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall serve as a general guide for conduct of all meetings. The CO may chose to conduct business in a different manner.

Article V.

Departments

Section 1. Department Names

The Departments shall be: Command, Communications, Engineering, Medical, Science, Security, and Operations. Other departments may be formed or removed by the CO with majority vote of the membership. Furthermore, the responsibilities of a department may be changed by the CO with approval of the DC.

Alternate: We felt these were the most vital departments that should be listed by name in the By-Laws.

B. The XO shall:

1. Perform the duties of the CO as set forth above in the case of the CO's absence.
2. Be the contact person for the membership to the CO.
3. Report in each newsletter and at meetings.
4. Designate a consenting member to perform some of these duties if needed.
5. Perform the duties of other Command Officers in their absence.
6. Shall appoint and serve as an ex-officio member of all committees and departments.
7. Make sure the CO and the ship meet all requirements established by STARFLEET.
This is the single most important duty of the XO.



C. The DC shall:

1. Establish activities and projects for the department as outlined in Article IV. This is the single most important duty of the DC.
2. Be the contact person between the department's members and the CO and XO.
3. Report departmental status in each newsletter and at meetings.
4. Designate a consenting member to perform some of these duties if needed.

D. The Command Officers are responsible for the day to day running of the ship. They may make emergency decisions for the ship by 2/3 vote among themselves.

Section 3. Removal

A. A written petition must be signed and dated by at least 1/5 of the appropriate membership to instigate CO removal. After the membership has been informed of such a vote, at the next meeting a 2/3 vote of the appropriate membership will remove the CO.

I've added agendas in hopes that will cut back on the amount of time needed since it will help focus people, and require less time to write things down.

Best time for activities:

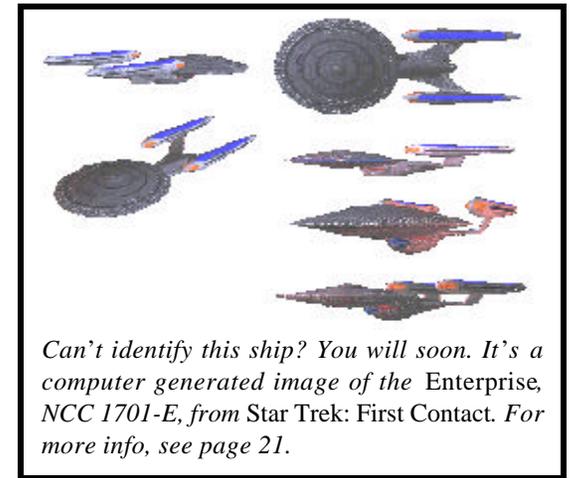
Except for 1 person, Sunday afternoon was the time most people could get together for activities, followed by Saturday afternoon. The evenings on most days, especially on weekends, was also available. Therefore, we will continue to hold most of our activities on the weekend afternoons. I'll try to alternate Saturday and Sunday to give variety in case someone is unavailable.

Frequency of meetings:

Most people indicated monthly, 1 bimonthly, 2 for both, and 1 request for weekly. As far as business meetings go, one a month is certainly sufficient. We may have some occasional planning/committee/departmental meetings as well that will be open to anyone who wants to participate.

Length of Meetings:

An hour was the most common, followed by 1 to 2 hours, which is what I think they shall remain. The shorter the business portion, the better. I'll try to keep that to under an hour, if not 30 minutes or less. Then if people what to hang around and socialize or do anything fun, they can.



Can't identify this ship? You will soon. It's a computer generated image of the Enterprise, NCC 1701-E, from Star Trek: First Contact. For more info, see page 21.

Other meeting comments:

- Some of the people commented that they have had problems in real life that have prevented them from coming to meetings. That is perfectly understandable and excusable.
- If you need a ride to a meeting or any other event, you need to call me, the XO or your department head to let them know a few days BEFORE the meeting. I'm sure among those three people, we can get you to a meeting, or find someone who can give you a ride.

- Some suggested doing some fun activities such as trivia, watching videos, or even simply discussing the current episodes. I think we've improved on this somewhat, and will continue to work to make the meetings more enjoyable.

Fun activities:

Most said we need more fun activities. Ironically, we have scheduled more fun activities, but no one is showing up to these events. Why? Do you guys not like the particular events? Is the cost prohibitive? Are you busy? What? We've delivered on more social, fun events; now you need to participate in them.

How often to do a fun event:

The most common answer was bimonthly, followed by monthly, and 1 weekly. I've tried scheduling at least one social event a month in addition to the meeting itself.

Other fun activity comments:

- Conventions are fun to go to, but we are limited by them coming to Huntsville, or nearby city, and hearing about them soon enough.
- Movies were mentioned, and we will continue to go to them as a group. As much fun as it may be to go on opening night, hold off on seeing a sci-fi movie until after our next meeting. That way we can make plans to go as a group.
- Some mentioned having a fun event at a meeting, which was discussed earlier and will be developed fully.
- Again, some mentioned not attending activities due to lack of ride, illness, or other problems. If you need a ride, call EACH time. And no one expects you to be there if you're sick.

Amount of community service:

Votes were tied between doing more, and about the same.

Suggested charities we should help:

All of the following would be worthy charities to help: Homeless, abused people, Mach of Dimes and Panoply (Which we will continue to do.), AIDS (Which was the first focus for STARFLEET's Challenge of the Heart), crippled children, humane society, and the Epilepsy Foundation. Now, if we only had funds to help support them, as well as man hours.

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and OCC from STARFLEET Academy within 3 months of assuming their position.

C. The CO and XO must be at least 18 and meet any other requirements as established by STARFLEET. The CO shall be elected by a vote of the membership at the next-to-last regularly scheduled meeting of each calendar year. The CO-Elect shall assume their duties on January 1 following the election.

D. The CO shall appoint an XO with approval of majority vote of the appropriate membership.

E. Nominations shall be submitted by department members on who they want as their DC. The nominee from that list that receives the most votes by the other Command Officers shall become the DC.

F. In the absence of the CO and XO, the DC with the highest rank and longest service record shall be Acting CO until an election can be held at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Alternate: We decided the only elected position would be the CO. However, the XO or other DC's can be elected as well. Also, emergency command was established in the event an CO or XO was lost.

Section 2. Duties

A. The CO shall:

1. Generally oversee all activities of the ship.
2. Preside at meetings.
3. Report ship status, including financial information, in each newsletter and at meetings.
4. Designate a consenting member to perform some of these duties if needed.
5. Perform the duties of other Command Officers in their absence.
6. Shall appoint and serve as an ex-officio member of all committees and departments.
7. Shall not vote in any matters, but shall reserve his/her vote to be used as a tie breaker.
8. Uphold relations with STARFLEET and shall meet all requirements established by STARFLEET, including filing of Monthly Status Reports. This is the single most important duty of the CO.

members start off on equal ground and will be subject to the same rules as the rest of the crew.

Section 2. Dues

Dues, which shall be determined by the Command Officers, may be charged for membership in order to cover expenses. Any member whose dues have not been paid within three months of expiration shall be dropped from the membership.



Section 3. Voting

A. Only paid STARFLEET

members assigned to the ship may vote on Command Officers and By-Law changes. Otherwise, all members are eligible to vote for which a vote is called. It shall be approved if it receives a simple majority vote, except as specified elsewhere in the By-Laws.

B. Votes may be cast in absentee if received one week prior to the vote. They must be in written, signed and dated by the member.

C. A proxy may cast an absent member's vote provided that proxy does not vote as well. The proxy must have a written statement from the member that is signed and dated stating that he or she is the duly appointed proxy.

Alternate: STARFLEET regulations prohibit non-STARFLEET members from holding a position of power on the ship and influencing what it does. However, we felt it would be prohibitive to require all our members to be STARFLEET, though that is an option and would make things much simpler.

Article III.

Officers

Section 1. Eligibility and Election

A. The Command Officers of the ship shall be Commanding Officer, (CO, President), Executive Officer (XO, Vice-President) and the Department Chiefs (DC, Committee Chairs, See Article IV).

B. All Command Officers shall be members of STARFLEET in good standing and must complete and pass OTS

MEETING MINUTES

March 3, 1996

Commanding Officer: CAPT Richard Trulson

- OCC exam has been passed. Thanks to Kit for all her hard work. If you have any questions or comments, please talk to Richard.
- Chapter fees have been mailed.
- Region 2 Summit is March 15-17 in Pensacola, FL. If you want to go, let Richard know.
- *Communiqués* are in.

Operations: CMDR Dallas Vinson

I'm starting a cookbook as a ship fund-raiser. Please submit at least 3 recipes

Security: CMDR Dustin Williams

- Panoply is coming up at the end of April. It's four days this time. We're getting use of the radios for free.
- Security members need to meet after the meeting.

Communications: CAPT Richard L. Trulson

This month's issue of the *Mission Briefing* was included in the Subspace Static to save on postage. Parts of MB that were repeated elsewhere in the SS were clipped to save space. Active members got the SS; associate got the MB.

Business:

- Participation in the St. Patrick's Day parade was discussed.
- Game night on March 24 at 7 PM will be held at Dustin's apartment. Bring your own snacks and drinks.
- A possible spaghetti dinner fund-raiser to be held on April 12 was discussed. Richard would work on getting a place and announce the details in the MB.
- Other possible fund-raisers were discussed including a baking contest and another rocket launch from engineering.
- Security, medical, and the drill team will meet after the meeting.

Next meeting is on April 14.



April 14, 1996

Commanding Officer:

CAPT Richard Trulson

- An agenda will be used to try and speed the meeting up and give everyone a record of what's going on so they don't have to write everything down.

- Do to individual costs

rising when people were unable to go to the Region 2 Summit, Richard was able to go as well. However, a report of Summit events was passed around for everyone to read.

- Command transfer and shuttle *Alabama* paperwork as been filed.

- Starting next month, the Shining Star award will be given to the crew member who does the most for the ship in the past month. Nominations will be accepted at the end of the meeting and a vote will be taken.

- The latest Region 2 Monthly memo was passed around. The big news is that Cindy Krell and Deb Leafy have resigned from their positions at STARFLEET Operations siting personal burnout. Cindy will be performing in another fashion though. Jim Herring has been appointed as the new Ops. Also, Bjo Trimble has resigned as Commandant of STARFLEET Academy due to health reasons. Helen Palowski is the interim Commandant.

Operations: CMDR Dallas Vinson

- Dallas will resign once his current Fleet membership expires.

- The bank statements are now being sent to Richard.

Security: CMDR Dustin Williams

- Panoply is April 26-28 at Big Spring Park. Those helping need to meet with Dustin after the meeting. A sign-up sheet was passed.

- Trying to work security for Big Spring Jam.

Engineering: CMDR Henry Vaughn

They have a new member.

Communications: CAPT Richard L. Trulson

- You need to have info to Richard by the 20 of each month if you want it to go in the *Mission Briefing*.

- Submissions for the next *Subspace Static* are due by end of April.



BY-LAWS

Here are the By-Laws that were drafted at the June planning meeting. In some places, I've indicated a possible change that may be needed or wanted with **Alternate:**

By-Laws of the U.S.S. *Wernher Von Braun*

Article I. Purpose

Section 1. The U.S.S. *Wernher von Braun* is chartered as a meeting chapter of STARFLEET, the International *Star Trek* Fan Association, in Huntsville, AL. The terms "ship" and "chapter" in these By-Laws refer to the *Wernher von Braun* unless stated otherwise.

Section 2. The purpose of the ship shall be to:

A. Serve as social organization for the fans of *Star Trek* and other Science-Fiction.

B. Further Gene Roddenberry's dream of a future where society has learned to work through its problems and lives in universal friendship and harmony.

C. Provide community and educational services to help the local, regional, and world community in which we live.

D. Have fun.

Alternate: This Article was added after the meeting by me. I felt it was need to identify who we are and what our purpose was.

Section 2 can probably be left out entirely if wanted.

Article II. Membership

Section 1. Eligibility

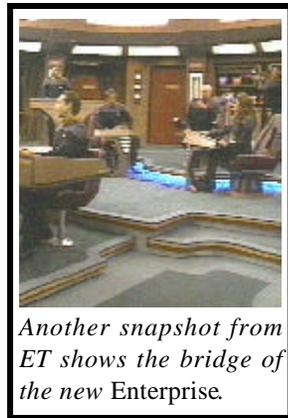
Membership is open to anyone who is a fan of *Star Trek* and supports our purpose. We do not discriminate for any reason, including race, religion, sex, age, sexual orientation, nationality, politics, or personal feelings of any member of the crew.

Honorary membership may be extended to any person by a vote of the Command Officers. The terms "member" and "membership" herein shall not include honorary members. All new

printed one day in the future. *Babylon 5*, the last best hope for good science-fiction, on PTEN is always walking the fine line between success and cancellation, but it has survived for another season. UPN: *Homeboys From Outer Space*: The name says it all; *The Burning Zone*: A takeoff on *The Hot Zone* and the movies it spawned; *Nowhere Man*: Canceled. Nickelodeon: Writer Peter David (author of several *Star Trek* books) reported that *Space Cases*, the science fiction comedy series he co-created with actor/writer Bill Mumy (or *Babylon 5* and *Lost and Space* fame), has been picked up by for another 13 episodes.

First Contact with the new Trek movie.

The Motion Picture Association of America cleared *First Contact* as the official title of the new *Star Trek* movie, which is tentatively due in theaters on November 27. The movie, which is being directed by Jonathan Frakes, is said to be unrelated to the *Star Trek: The Next Generation* episode of the same name. Recent announcements have actor Dwight Schultz making a cameo appearance in *First Contact* as Lt. Reginald Barclay, a role he played to great fan acclaim in *The Next Generation*. Robert Picardo from *Voyager* will pop up as the *Enterprise's* emergency holographic doctor. Alice Krige is also slated to join the cast in the role of the Borg Queen. All seven TNG regulars were signed to do the movie. Although many plot details remain sketchy, *First Contact* will feature the enigmatic Borg race as the main foes. In fact, the first trailer for *First Contact* appeared in theaters in late May. It simply featured a Borg ship and the caption "The Borg is back November 22nd".



Another snapshot from ET shows the bridge of the new Enterprise.

Entertainment Tonight also ran a brief *First Contact* piece. [See the pictures scattered throughout this issue. - Rich] Besides glimpses of the new Bridge set, viewers learned that Dr. Crusher has gone blond, Geordi no longer has a VISOR (he apparently has some sort of new implant, as his eyes have a distinct silver-me-

Continued: See SF News on page 32...

Business:

- Two cards were passed around for people to sign. One was a sympathy card for a ship in Florida who had lost some members in a car wreck. The other congratulated Chrystal and Ken Kimbro of the shuttle *Alabama* on the birth of their 10+ pound baby boy.
- The rate for the STARFLEET International Conference increases on April 15. Also, a Vulkon in Atlanta on May 18 will have Roxanna Biggs-Dawson who plays B'lenna Torres on *Voyager*.
- Madison Square Mall Community Days are on April 27 and 28. A sign up sheet was passed around.
- Books-A-Million on Airport Road is having a *Star Trek* day on May 4 from 11 AM - 6 PM. They're wanting us to do a *Trek* memorabilia display, so bring your collection. A sign up sheet was passed around. The one on University may hold a *Trek* day as well.
- Bowling night at the Claymore lanes on April 21.
- The events for May have been changed since a lot of people were busy on the scheduled days. A trip to Southern Adventures is scheduled for Saturday, May 25.

Next meeting is on May 5.

May 5, 1996

Commanding Officer: CAPT Richard Trulson

- June 1 is the recruiting contest deadline.
- Commendations for activities will be given out at next meeting.

Executive Officer:

• Jim Martin has stepped down due to not having enough time to devote to the ship as needed. Applications for the position need to be mailed to Richard by May 25 so he can announce the new XO at the June meeting.

Operations: CMDR Dallas Vinson

- All STARFLEET SpaceCamp spots have been filled.
- Carol Burhans is selling the hallmark shuttlecraft Christmas ornament for \$10 to our crew.
- Mail your Fleet memberships in as early as possible.
- Dallas' new number is 232-8162.

• Susan-Rene Isbell is leaving. It was suggested the ship have a going away party for her.

Security: CMDR Dustin Williams

- Thanks for help with Panoply, especially John Colley who worked with the rookies.
- Lost the security bid for Big Spring Jam. Still working the Airport Run.
- Dustin is the acting director of STARFLEET's DRC Security.
- Security is attending the Space Shot at the Space and Rocket Center on memorial Day weekend. Contact Dustin if you want to participate.

Engineering: CMDR Henry Vaughn

- Working on a new rocket launch.
- Engineering meeting the last Sunday of the month.

Communications: CAPT Richard L. Trulson
Submissions for the *Subspace Static* should be in NOW.

Medical: Ralph Brigham

Checking on getting reflective tape for the vests.

Alabama:

- Confirmed from STARFLEET Shuttle Operations Command that the *Alabama* has been launched.
- Holding a Mother's Day picnic on May 11 at Deleno Park in Decatur.

Business:

- Southern Adventures is scheduled for Saturday, May 25 at 12 noon. Cost is \$4.50 for miniature golf, \$4 for golf carts. A sign-up sheet was passed around.
- Dustin Williams was nominated for the Shining Star for May and won by acclimation.

Next meeting
is on June 2.

Insert Laura's Add Here.

***Babylon 5* gets carded**

According to unofficial reports from Flee/Skybox, a new set of *Babylon 5* trading cards is under development for release in mid August. The new set will reportedly contain 80 cards with three chase sets of three, five and 12 cards apiece. The episodic cards will pick up where the previous set left off, beginning with the episode "Divided Loyalties". Images of Bester, Morden and the new *Babylon 5* uniforms will reportedly be included, as will the popular CGI of Londo in the window of a Centauri warship during the bombing of the Narn homeworld.



***Forever Knight* lives again**

Forever Knight is back on the air again thanks to a new deal with the Sci-Fi Channel. Like its protagonist—a vampire cop named Nick Knight—this show seems to have a penchant for coming back from the dead and network jumping. The Sci-Fi Channel will initially carry the remaining season-three episodes on Monday nights at 8 p.m. EST with a rebroadcast at 12 a.m. EST. At some point after the end of the third season, the Sci-Fi Channel will rerun seasons one and two.

Sci-Fi Show News

The networks have made their picks for next season, and not all of your favorite shows have survived. Fox: *Millennium*: A new show from *X-Files* creator Chris Carter; *Sliders*: After near cancellation last season, FOX has ordered a full run for the fall; *Doctor Who*: This may make it as a mid-season replacement...but it's doubtful; *Kindred*: *The Embraced*: canceled, but it could pull a *Sliders*; *Strange Luck*: Another canceled show that could make a comeback; *Space: Above & Beyond*: Finally canceled. NBC: *Dark Skies*: A new series about two idealistic college students who stumble across Air Force secrets relating to UFOs and *The Pretender*: A new series about a human chameleon. CBS has *Early Edition*: A new series about a man who receives a newspaper that's

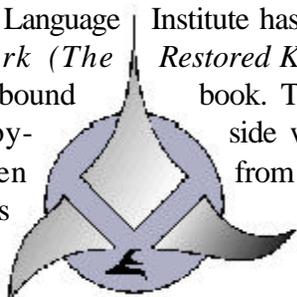
many of the elements of its precursors, but develop others—and I hope more important ones—in much greater detail,” Clarke said. “I’ve never had so much fun writing, and the ideas are pouring out.” Ironically, Clarke’s progress on the novel was slowed by the 1986 Challenger space shuttle disaster. The Challenger was to have launched the Jupiter-bound space probe Galileo. Without the data transmissions about Jupiter from Galileo, Clarke could not continue his work. He had to wait for the successful launch of the probe some years later.

Bypass Surgery for Sci-Fi Author

Acclaimed writer Harlan Ellison underwent a successful quadruple-bypass operation on Sunday, April 14, after reportedly suffering a heart attack two days earlier. Ellison’s wife, Susan, reports that Ellison is recovering well after the emergency surgery and may be released from the hospital as early as Saturday. No further details were available.

Shakespeare in the “original” Klingon

The Klingon Language Institute has released *Hamlet, Prince of Denmark (The Restored Klingon Version)* as a limited-edition, hardbound book. The “original” Klingon is presented side-by-side with an English “translation” taken from the Riverside folios. One thousand copies of the book have been printed and are available individually for \$20 in the United States or for \$23 in all other countries. For more information, contact lawrence@kli.org.



More Metal

Heavy Metal, the cult science fiction-fantasy animated movie, has been released to video by Columbia TriStar Home Video. It is remastered using THX Digital Remastering and features three minutes of a never-before-seen segment that was cut from the original theatrical release. The added segment, “Neverwhere Land” from animator Cornelius Cole III, will be made an epilogue to the film. Originally it was a bridge between the segments “Captain Sternn” and “Gremlins”, but it was cut because the 90-minute animation was considered too long already.

SHIP FINANCES

Where the money has come and gone.

Greetings folks, it is I, your reluctant Financial Officer. The Captain has asked me to report all the way back to March. So.....Here I go:

March

Starting Balance:				26.78
Deposits:				49.00
Checks:				32.80
	1/14/96	1108	STARFLEET	12.00
	3/3/96	1111	Postmaster	20.80
Ending Balance:				42.98

April

Starting Balance:				42.98
Deposits:				20.00
Checks:				40.59
	4/26/96	1112	Kinkos	40.59
Ending Balance:				22.39

May

Starting Balance:				22.39
Deposits:				20.00
Checks:				00.00
Ending Balance:				42.39

So as you can all see, we are in need of some inbound cash flow desperately. Come on folks, I can’t honestly believe that you expect us all to operate this chapter out of our own pockets. We have scheduled fund raisers but nobody ever shows up to work them. So we don’t ever make any money. Then everyone wonders why we don’t ever do any FUN activities. It is very simple, because we don’t have the money.

So come on folks. What are we going to do? The plasma injectors are locked and we are looking at a warp core breach here because people are leaving the ship, we no longer have the man-

power to really run the chapter efficiently. People join the ship expecting to be able to have fun, but we can't do any of the fun things because we don't have the money. Nobody seems to be willing to work for the fun. If things don't start looking better and this crew get a new attitude soon, I'm afraid that we will lose the ship. A lot of people have work very hard for several years now trying to make this one of the best chapters in the Fleet. We are finally recognized and respected by members of the community. Let's not lose that respect. If it comes down to it, I'm half tempted to start passing a collection plate at each meeting (for all the good that would do as our meeting attendance has dropped to almost nothing but the few remaining officers).

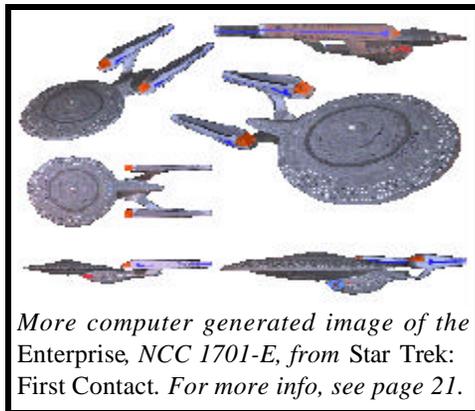
Here's an idea: Take a mason jar and mark it for the ship. When you come home at night and empty your pockets, drop your loose change into the jar. Then when you come to meeting each month, bring that change in. This way we will always have at least SOMETHING going into the bank each month, rather than it all going out.

I will get off my soap box now and shut up for now. ::grin::

-CMDR Dallas Vinson

To explain what those checks are written for: The check to STARFLEET was to pay our chapter fees that were established by STARFLEET to help cover their costs. The Postmaster check was for stamps for the next few months to pay for mailings of the *Mission Briefing* and any *Sub-space Statics* that weren't hand delivered. The Kinko's bill is for copying the Bi-Fold flyers that were made for our recruitment activities and for a few extra copies of the newsletter. It was \$10.59 over the \$30 allocated at the April meeting. The chapter will be reimbursed for that amount.

-CAPT Richard L. Trulson



More computer generated image of the Enterprise, NCC 1701-E, from Star Trek: First Contact. For more info, see page 21.

SCI-FI NEWS

The latest Sci-Fi news.

The following info was condensed from internet sources, mainly *Science-Fiction Weekly* world wide web site at <http://www.scifi.com/sfw/>. Some information was also taken from *Dateline: Starfleet*, another electronic fanzine.

The Doctor's Final Regeneration

Jon Pertwee, known to millions of fans worldwide as the actor who played in *Doctor Who* as the Doctor, died May 20 while on holiday in America. The 76-year-old actor was in good health and his death came unexpectedly. Pertwee became the third actor to portray the Doctor after he took over the role during the show's seventh season in 1970, replacing Patrick Troughton. He played



the Doctor for five years before passing the legacy on in turn to Tom Baker. The *Times of London* reported that the interpretations Pertwee and Baker lent the role are considered by fans to be the finest out of the eight actors to play the Doctor in the television series. Pertwee was born John Devon Roland Pertwee on July 7, 1919, and began his prolific television, film, radio and stage career in the late 1930s. The BBC reported that he had ironically been thrown out of

drama school as a young man and told he had no future in acting. At the time of his death he had appeared in more than 120 films and had recently performed in a one-man show. Pertwee is survived by his second wife, Ingeborg, and two children.

Another Space Odyssey

Arthur C. Clarke has finally begun work on the concluding volume to his four-part series that began with the classic, *2001: A Space Odyssey*. Clarke and Del Rey books announced a deal that gives Del Rey the hardcover and paperback rights to the novel, entitled *3001: The Final Odyssey*. "This new work will discard

Amendments

In the Dec/Jan issue of the CQ, ballots were included to vote on five Constitutional Amendments. The results are listed below. Only 830 out of 7700 (11%) ballots issued were returned.

Amendment	1	2	3	4	5
Yes	432 (52%)	493 (59%)	548 (66%)	431 (52%)	509 (61%)
No	397 (48%)	336 (41%)	279 (34%)	396 (48%)	320 (39%)
Abstention	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (0%)	2 (0%)	0 (0%)
Disqualified	1 (0%)	1 (0%)	1 (0%)	1 (0%)	1 (0%)
Totals	830	830	830	830	830

And of course, controversy surrounded this vote. First of all, we didn't receive the ballots until AFTER the deadline had passed. They did, at least, extend the deadline until May 31, 1996. However, NO ONE is going to know this unless they were on the E-mail listserve, which is unofficial. The CSR they mention this in wasn't received until early June. So I get the feeling fewer people voted as a result. ALSO, if Fleet is supposedly well beyond 8000 members now, why were only 7700 ballots issued? This can be attributed to the way membership fluctuates and expires. Some on the nets have cried for this vote to be declared null and void, and perform a re-vote.

Other tidbits:

People are still bemoaning the lack of membership materials, or the poor quality of those that are received. McGinnis claims that they have had a two or three week turn around since October 1995, with a minor exception around Christmas. And if you believe that.... Also, FCAPT Bill Herrmann, CO of the USS *Rutledge* in Region 1 is the current person on the receiving end of Dan and Dr. Dave's legal rough housing. It seems he went to the state of North Carolina to try and get some answers. Now, they're contemplating removing him as CO. And the cycle of ships leaving Fleet and other dissatisfaction continues to grow.

Remember, again, that this information comes from the internet, which is a fertile breeding ground for alarmists and other vocal and discontent people to make a lot of noise. Allegations may or may not be true. However, that doesn't prevent us on a local level from enjoying *Star Trek* fandom and our accomplishments to their fullest.

-CAPT Richard L. Trulson

STARFLEET NEWS

News from Region 2 and STARFLEET

This information was compiled from various E-mail messages received from Region 2's Coordinator, Kelly Hilliard, in his monthly memos, and later confirmed in the March/June 96 *Command Status Report*. Feel free to ask to read the entire CSR.

New STARFLEET Chief of Operations.

ADM Cindy Krell and Deb Leafy have stepped down as Chief and Vice of Operations. COMM James (Jim) Herring will be the new Chief of Operations pending his approval by the Admiralty Board. His address is P.O. Box 46, Glasgow, MO 65250-0046. His email address is HQOpsSF@AOL.COM. Cindy and Deb stepped down due to burnout; However, Cindy will continue working with the EC as Special Advisor to the Executive Committee. I'm not sure what the use or purpose of that position is though.

New STARFLEET Academy Commandant

FCAPT Bjo Trimble has also stepped down due to health and business issues. However, she has been given the position of Commandant Emeritus and Special Advisor to the Executive Committee. Again, I'm not sure what the use or purpose of that position is though. FCAPT Paul Dyl has been selected as the new STARFLEET Academy Commandant. You may contact him at 16-G West Luzon Dr., Ft. Bragg, NC 28307. However, do NOT include rank when corresponding with him since it may cause trouble with him in the REAL military. FCAPT Helen Pawlowski and FCAPT Sherry Newell will continue in there positions as Vice-Commandant and Dean of the Academy, respectively.

New Addresses

Vice-Commander, STARFLEET, Deborah Maestu, has moved. Her new address is 612 16th Street, #6, South Beach, FL 33139. Also, the E-mail address for STARFLEET Headquarters has been changed to HQFleet@aol.com. Please remember, however, to follow the chain of command when asking questions. Your

Department Chief is the first person to contact, followed immediately by the XO or CO. Then you can go up from there if those three people can't answer your question.



Region 2 News

Regional 2 positions available are Medical, Engineering, and Cadet Corp. Medical formulates and improves training materials used in the R2 Medical handbook. This person oversees regional medical activities (i.e. blood drives, disaster relief, CPR certification) and maintains a master list of regional health and community aid societies and foundations. Engineering assist chapters in

establishing their own engineering departments and any construction efforts. Cadet Corp assists chapters in the formation of cadet corp on their ships and sets up regional programs for cadets on chapters to participate in. All departments are to report to the RDC Coordinator on a monthly basis and send reports on the activities/plans for their department to the *Region 2 Update* on a quarterly basis. Jennifer DeJesus is the new Zone 1 Coordinator. Capt. Chris Avilla had to step down due to time constraints. Her email address is trekland@icanect.net and BBS is 954-370-0374.

Other Rumors:

Most of the following info was taken from the STARFLEET E-mail listserve. Since Fleet HQ refuses to acknowledge E-mail and other internet mediums as official sources of info, you should take this information as unverifiable rumors. However, sometimes that's the ONLY source of info about HQ.

Communiqués

As you are sadly aware, the publication of a timely *Communiqué* seems impossible. However, you should have received the February/March issue by now. Rumor has it that Doug Glenn has completed every 1996 *Communiqué* on time. However,

they have been collecting dust at HQ waiting to be labeled and mailed. HQ claims that the postal service sent back the last issue twice because they were incorrectly sorted. Also, the CQ is now being mailed Second Class, so they will be forwarded. This is good, if it wasn't for the fact that one Fleet membership rate increase was to pay for First class mailings. However, that brings up another issue.

Fleet Finances

In the March/June issue of the CSR, Fleet Treasurer, Molly Baxter, reported about a problem that caused a 3 Fleet checks to bounce. This was her fault and she promptly corrected the problem, using her own money even. She offered to resign, but Dan McGinnis declined, feeling that this was a small issue that did not warrant such action. The problem involved not having sufficient funds in one of the Fleet accounts.



This is a still snapshot from a segment Entertainment Tonight did on Star Trek: First Contact. They have new uniforms again. The style is the same as the jumpsuits on Deep Space Nine, but the department color is where the grey turtleneck use to be, and vice-versa. Can anyone figure out WHY? . For more info, see page 21.

Therefore, this brings to question how much money DOES Fleet have? Originally, the CQ's were mailed bulk rate instead of first class to save some money. This was because of legal expenses necessary to resolve our back tax and nonprofit status with the state of North Carolina. Have we not recovered fully from that? Did anyone ever get financial information on exactly how much that cost and hurt Fleet? Supposedly, several financial records are available from HQ for copying fees. However,

getting them has been difficult. Some people on the listserve have been bold enough to even suggest that Fleet is broke again, and that Dan and HQ have mismanaged Fleet funds. I'm sure the real answer is much less severe, but still damaging.