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FROM THE CENTER SEAT

Well the results are in and I have been re-elected for another term as Captain of the USS DaVinci. I thank-you for your support and I will do all I can to make this club enjoyable. There was some disappointment with the election process however. Of the 20 + ballots I sent out, only three were returned to the election committee! I found that hard to believe since a self-addressed and stamped envelope made the voting process quite simple!

If you did not make it to the 4th of July cookout, you missed a great time. We had over 30 crew personnel and some guests invade my house for food, fun, and friendship. Several members of our Alabama Shuttle, the Shadow Hawk, stopped by for the festivities. ENS Emma Certo made four different kinds of salads: Jewish, Russian, Indian, and American. Also, although ENS Gisela Stevens could not make it at the last minute due to illness, I did drive over to her house and picked up her wonderful deviled eggs! And of course, CRMN Patty Williams brought her famous potatoes! CMDR Connie Heller along with CRMN JoAnne Vazquez did all the cooking and spent almost the entire day outside!

Once the food was consumed the usual players settled down for the rest of the day playing "The Great Dalmuti." Looks as if CMDR Josh Ainsworth, CO of the Shadow Hawk, won his fair share of games and has professed to be the Great Dalmuti. Of course, since I was busy doing other things, I was not available to put him in his rightful place!

In order to raise money for the ship, there was a table full of sale items as well as an auction. Over \$50 was raised to add to the DaVinci coffers. The last of the partygoers finally left around 8 PM. All

in all, it was a lot of fun! A BIG Bajoran thanks to all whom made the cookout a great success.

As a reminder, the following is a list of the remaining sites for the night out for the rest of the year. The October night out is scheduled to be at Area 51, but the status of the restaurant since the fire they experienced is still up in the air. A secondary sight will be the new O'Charlies across the street from the Target.

August: Hunan's (St Francis Plaza)
September: Pizza Hut (Manchester Expressway)
October: Area 51 (or O'Charlie's)
November: Café Amici (Harmony Place)
December: Pizza Pie (Victory Drive)

I am planning on having a highway cleanup on Saturday, August 14th. As always, we will be meeting at 8 AM at the Burger King on Veterans Parkway. I would love to see a large turnout for this event! Remember the more that show up, the faster the work will go. Please come and help us clean up our section of highway.

The July meeting was a discussion on what the ship can do as a whole to generate more interest for planned events. In addition, ideas were generated as to what community activities the DaVinci should participate in. Some of the things mentioned were telethons, habitat for humanity, and trauma buddies. Trauma buddies is a program where stuffed animals are donated to the fire department to use in helping calm down children being transported via ambulance. If you were not at the meeting and have any additional ideas, please call our new Community Services Officer, CRMN Teri Massoud. Thanks.

FCPT Freddy Heller

SECOND THOUGHTS

At the beginning of August, I will be taking the DaVinci web page offline. When it comes back up, there will be a slightly different address, and we will have additional capabilities. I will be putting up a personal page and other pages of interest.

In honor of the summer months (if I wanted heat, I would have stayed in Arizona), the U.S.S. DaVinci is hereby invited to a pool party at my house on 21 Aug. It will start at about 12 noon and finish whenever (there is nobody left or I get too tired of looking at your faces). As usual drinks will be provided. You might want to bring bathing attire and towels. If I can find it, I do have sunscreen.

DIRECTIONS:

Coming North on Veterans Parkway (South Phenix City) : turn left at Freeway Ford North (on your left, Chevron Station across the street from it). Travel 1.9 miles, turn right at Lokey Drive, turn left at next street (Daisy Street), we are the third house on the right (cream colored, remember to count house on corner).

Coming South on Veterans Parkway : turn right at Freeway Ford North then follow directions for Veterans North).

Coming North (South) on I-185 : exit at Airport Thruway (Exit 6) turn left (right) at offramp travel 0.5 miles to Whitesville Road (4-way intersection with barrier on south side) travel up Whitesville 0.4 miles to intersection with Veterans Parkway. Follow directions for Veterans Parkway.

Coming West on I-80 : Take I-80 West to Exit 4 (Veterans Parkway) travel straight through the intersection at the offramp (this is Double Churches Road). Travel about 1 mile, right before you see a liquor/ice store on the right, take a left onto Daisy Street. Travel south on Daisy Street 3 houses before a 4-way stop sign intersection. It will be my house on the right.

Coming East on I-80 (North Phenix City) : Take I-80 East to Exit 4, turn right and travel to the intersection with Double Churches Road follow directions for I-80 West.

Some of you will recognize the offramps for I-80, this is our highway cleanup area.

Please note, those of you using I-80, when you return use the reverse of the directions opposite from how you came. Example: I-80 West travels thru intersection coming to my house, when leaving

they turn right and travel to the other set of ramps, I-80 East turns right to get to Double Churches Road, when returning they travel through the intersection.

Anybody needs further directions, contact me or we can talk at the meeting.

CPT Joe Perry

TREK BUZZ

Andrew Robinson (Garak) has just finished his first novel for Pocket Books, tentatively called "Garak's Diaries." He is very proud of it, and has put a lot of work into it. He said that over the years he had always thrown in the towel on his writing efforts because he finds it very difficult work, and he probably would have given up on this one too if the publisher hadn't already given him half of the money. It is expected in stores for October 2000.

Robert J. Doherty, who has contributed to Star Trek: Voyager with teleplays such as season four's "Vis a Vis" as well as last season's "Infinite Regress" and "Bliss," has been brought on-board the show as a staff writer.

The New York Post is reporting that the rumors about a new show called "Star Trek Flight Academy" rumors are not true. For more information go to:

www.newyorkpost.com/entertainment/10308.htm

Only weeks after joining the writing staff on "Star Trek: Voyager," which came shortly after the end of his stint as Co-Executive Producer on "Star Trek: Deep Space Nine," Ronald D. Moore has reportedly quit. This came as Moore's first script, "Survival Instinct," currently scheduled as the second episode to air in Voyager's sixth season, wrapped up shooting. No public announcement has been made as to the reasons for his resignation.

The final episode of DS9 was the number one SF syndicated show of the week. It earned a 5.4 rating.

LeVar Burton (Geordi) is developing a new series for Paramount. He would produce and star in John Smith, "a character trying to recover his memory after acquiring amnesia."

Patrick Stewart has been cast as Professor X in an upcoming X-Men motion picture.

Rene Auberjonois and Brent Spiner are among the stars of Gepetto, a musical being filmed for later airing on The Wonderful World of Disney. It should air during the 1999-2000 TV season.

Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko) is currently starring in the new Showtime series Hoop Life.

American History X is out on video. The movie costars Avery Brooks (Sisko) and Jennifer Lien (Kes).

Thanks to Dateline: Starfleet and TrekWeb for the information.

CONVENTIONAL WISDOM

Connie and I will be going to Fantasticon in Los Angeles at the end of July. We will file a report for the September Pilot.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to the following DaVinci personnel and Star Trek celebrities and events who are celebrating birthdays in August!

Michael Okuda (Art Supervisor)	6 th
Cirroc Lofton (Jake Sisko)	7 th
Matt Jeffries (Set Designer)	12 th
CRMN Teri Massoud	10 th
ENS Chantel Billingsley	13 th
Harve Bennett (Producer)	17 th
Gene Roddenberry (Great Bird of the Galaxy)	19 th
Jonathan Frakes (CMDR William Riker)	19 th
Diana Muldaur (Dr. Kathrine Pulaski)	19 th
CADET Hannah Walker	21 st
CRMN Emma Certo	22 nd
Jennifer Lien (Kes)	24 th
Gates McFadden (Dr Beverly Crusher)	28 th

WELCOME ABOARD!

Welcome aboard to the following crew personnel who have recently joined or renewed their membership in the DaVinci (D) or Starfleet (S)!

LTJG Mike Walker (D)
ENS Jean Walker (D)
Cadet Hanna Walker (D)
Cadet Maxwell Walker (D)
Cadet Gracie Walker (D)

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD
ON THURSDAY AUGUST 19th AT
7 P.M. AT THE CAPTAIN'S HOUSE.
COME ONE COME ALL!**

THE DREAM GOES ON

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by DeForest Kelley

[DeForest said this poem is "Dedicated to all whose hearts follow Star Trek."]

Twenty years ago, in a galaxy far, far away,
The Big Bird had written a brand new play.
He had created Star Trek, as all of us know
Destined to become a classic show.

Filled with hope, joy and sorrow,
But always a promise of a bright tomorrow.
So many good things were part of the plan -
Like peace on earth, goodwill toward man.

We've been through prime-time, syndication too,
With millions of fans wanting something new.
Finally they got it - with Star Trek I
The show we thought would really be fun.

But, when we sat down to read the script,
That's when we all began to flip.
"It's not a Star Trek" each one of us said
"When this picture's released, we'll all be dead!"

The Studio wanted special effects,
space crafts, lasers, spectacular sets.
We wanted a story involving *us*,
No big deal, no big fuss.

Just an old-fashioned Star Trek like we used to make,
No big thing - just a piece of cake.
But the Studio said: "We want more -
Let's go all-out - let's make it roar!"

So they made it their way - and it was a great big flop
And the whole damned thing came to a stop.
Then one day, the Studio said:
"Maybe this thing isn't quite dead."

The people in the cast said we were wrong from the start,
The story should have been straight from the heart...
The way the old series used to be,
Something for you - something for me."

Some suggested they get Harve Bennett,
"Rich Man, Poor Man" - fix it in a minute!
But it didn't turn out quite that way.
Mr. Bennett would have his day.

He screened the shows and talked with the cast,
Tried to find out what made it last.
He attended conventions and answered fan-mail.
In other words, he busted his tail.

He finally brought in Nicholas Meyer -
Writer, director, satisfier.
Meyer, through Bennett, grabbed hold of the show.
Between them both, they made it go.

During this movie Spock wanted to die
Until he saw it was going to fly.
Who would have thought this early defector
Would eventually return to be our director?

But that's the way it turned out to be -
My old nemesis directed number III.
I knew that he knew how it should be done,
We'd talked about this on Star Trek I.

So when we started Star Trek III
His expertise was a joy to see.
It was obvious to everyone he knew his stuff,
He made it look easy when it was rough.

He took a firm hand with all the crew,
Making it clear what *he* wanted to do.
He made no exception, even with Shatner
Who sometimes questioned just what he was after.

But when it was all said and done
They each respected the other one.
Star Trek III was a big success,
Despite a few knocks from the press.

We no longer care about a critic's review -
We're making movies for me and you.
Now, here we come with Star Trek IV
Because you said you wanted more.

So, here we go...once again...
It could be the beginning - or the end.
We feel it's the best of all we've done...
Of course we don't count Star Trek I.

Now that it's over and we've gone our way,
What each will be doing...who's to say?
I have an idea where we'll all be,
I'll tell you - and see if you agree.

Walter will get rich selling toys,
Painting little models of girls and boys.
Each and every one are little antiques
Precious little things found in boutiques.

All of them, of course, many years old,
Worth lots of money when they're sold.
He could make it in pictures if he wouldn't resent
Having to lose that damned accent.

Jimmy, don't you know, bought a new car,
An uppity little thing called a Jaguar.
But it was something he had to do...
How nice to see a dream come true

But the old RV he bought on a whim
Meant much more to Wendy and him.
He'll probably replace that ol' Jaguar
With a new RV - with a built-in bar.

Nichelle, of course, will have her day,
For she is blessed in every way.
Acting, singing, personality plus -
We just feel lucky she's a part of us.

She's a beautiful lady and very dear,
Even with that thing stuck in her ear!
Just remember we love you, Nichelle,
And you will always ring our bell.

George still has that crazy laugh
That cost him his job on the Mayor's staff.
But he doesn't care, he has more time to run,
Go to conventions and have lots of fun.

We don't have to worry about his fate -
He's got it made in real-estate.
I'm just glad he's still around,
I'd miss his laugh with its crazy sound.

What about Kelley - *now* what's with his life?
Well, he's *still* in the Valley - with the very same wife!
Nothing seems to bother him,
Not even that line: "He's dead, Jim!"

Bill may direct Star Trek V...
That is, of course, if we're all still alive.
He seems to think we need a new cast,
One that's young and one that will last.

He doesn't think we can jump or run,
Ride a horse - or handle a gun.
He loves adventure, don't you know,
So guess the plot of his next show.

Bill knows I'm kidding - I admire him very much,
He gives Star Trek a very special touch.
He's made Captain Kirk an international name,
He's one of the reasons for Star Trek's fame.

Leonard will have a whole new career
Beginning with this, our 20th year.
For he's a wonderful director - and actor, too,
As Star Trek IV will prove to you.

Working with him has been a joy
We've each had fun with Spock and McCoy.
And though they've argued from beginning to end,
I feel we've each gained a friend.

Don't forget my devoted nurse -
Now she's a doctor - for better or worse.
I hate to think she's there as a threat,
But her husband's the Big Bird, don't forget!

She knows, of course, I say this in jest,
I really think she's one of the best.
It's important I say that, don't you see,
If I know what's good for me.

What can I say about my old friend, Gene?
The man responsible for the Star Trek scene.
Roddenberry's done what few men do,
He's created history for me and you.

He's fought through the years to keep Star Trek alive
And with help from the fans, watched it survive.
A standing ovation is in order for him...
For he wrote my line: "He's dead, Jim!"

You, the fans, are the reason we're here
To celebrate this, our 20th year.
"Star Trek Lives!" - it will not die.
You are the "someone" who made it fly.

We will miss you De

NEWS FROM THE FLEET

For those Starfleet members wishing to attend the International Conference (IC) in Charlotte, NC, please let me know. It will take place on 6-8 August 1999 at the Charlotte Marriott. Both CPT Joe Perry and myself plan on attending. There is plenty of sleeping space in the room and the more in the room, the cheaper for everyone! The IC is a chance to meet other Fleet members from all over the country and learn what the Fleet Admiral has in store for Starfleet in the new millennium. NOTE: You do not have to be a member of Starfleet to go! All non-Fleet members are welcomed to attend all the activities.

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Opening Balance	181.19
Deposit	70.00
Postage	50.73
Deposit	109.08
Closing Balance	309.54

CMDR Connie Heller

SPACE: THE GAME

The pieces for this month's newsletter are
PERSONNEL Jadzia Dax and EQUIPMENT Class
1 sensor probe.



FINALLY...

Cancelled, Not Picked Up, or Not Returning:
Brats of the Lost Nebula
Brimstone
Cupid
Fantasy Island
Hercules (8 episodes, ending in December)
Highlander: The Raven
Mercy Point
Millennium (Season 4)
MST3K (Season 10)
Nightman (Season 2)
Poltergeist (Season 5)
The Sentinel (Season 5)
Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (Season 7)
Strange World (Still talk of other network pickup or mid-season)
Viper (Season 4)
Young Hercules (Season 2)

**NEXT DaVINCI NIGHT OUT WILL BE
AT HUNAN'S (ACROSS FROM ST
FRANCIS HOSPITAL) ON AUGUST 2nd
AT 7:00 PM Y'ALL COME!**

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CARGO BAY 1 - THE CREW

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FOR SALE: Cards, action figures, and a whole lot more! Both Star Trek and Star Wars! Call Freddy at 562-TREK.