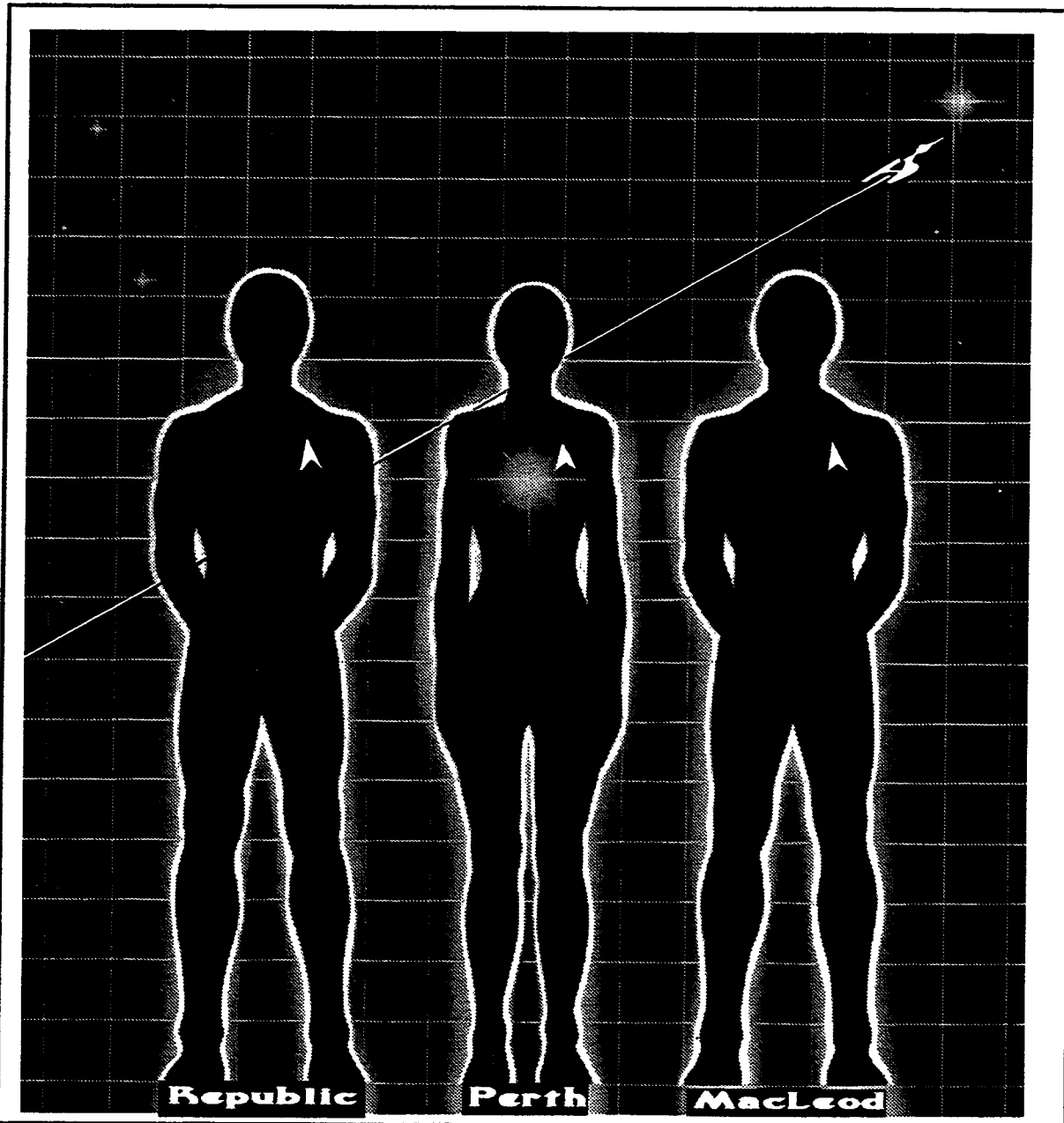


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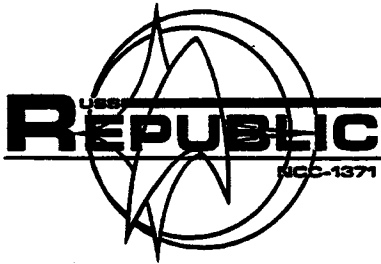
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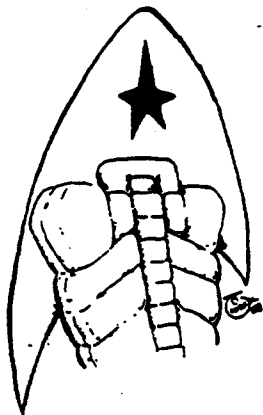
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## FROM THE CENTER SEAT



by *Captain Kelly Hilliard*

"Attention all crew members, message from the Captain." The elections are done and the votes are in. I would like to thank everyone who took the time to either come down to Shoney's and vote in person or who voted by absentee ballot for me. It was a difficult decision for me to run, but I felt that the best interests of the Republic were at stake. Now that I am Captain of the Republic, I hope to make some changes. First of all a new set of By-Laws are being drafted as we speak. I hope to have them ready for your approval in the next issue of ATTR. I feel this is important before any major change is made to the Republic. This way you, the member, will have a say in your club. I also plan to revise the promotion system and incorporate it into the By-Laws. Overall, the current system is fine, but I feel it makes is to difficult for anyone to move up in rank. About rank, rank indicates what you have put into the club, it also is for fun. No matter what your rank, your position is the club is the deciding factor (i.e. Dept. Head, First Officer, etc.). The Atlanta area is changing and changing fast. Currently, there is the shuttle McLeod in Riverdale and the Perth, another shuttle forming in Lawrenceville. Starfleet is making itself known in Atlanta. As such, I hope to lead a unified Starfleet, with all the chapters under one banner. In this vein I plan on publishing flyers for Starfleet with each chapter listed at the bottom with information on how to contact them, plan joint activities such as picnics at Stone Mountain and away teams to conventions around the south. The opportunity to interact with other chapters is now becoming available in Atlanta. Far too long have the chapters in Florida been the lucky ones. Now its our turn!

I have selected Dawn Williams as XO. Though she hasn't been with the Republic all that long, she has shown me more energy and enthusiasm than I've seen in a long time. She will be my right hand and will help plan the activities which we will present to you for your enjoyment. If you have any ideas, whether its some improvement in the way we do things or some activity, let us know. That's what we're here for. Remember this is YOUR club.

Before I finish, I'd like to thank Captain Vosper for all the work he's done and for

handling the transition so well. This is the smoothest one I've seen yet. Hats off to Captain Vosper!

"Captain Out."

## Notes From Number One

"NuqneH!"

Greetings from your Klingon shipmate. I am Capt. Hilliard's new XO and I look forward to serving the Republic with him. I believe that there are going to be many good changes for the ship and Capt. Hilliard is the man to get the job done, even if he is just a Terran. We have many parties, outings and activities planned. We plan to interact with other Starfleet groups and *Star Trek*-related groups, such as Klingon and Romulan clubs. Please come and talk with us at the meetings and tell us what you want. We know the Republic has had its share of problems and we want to change that history. On April 25, Saturday night at 7:30 pm, we are having a spaghetti dinner with videos. Everyone is invited. Please give me a call so we know how much food we need. I have directions included below:

I-285 to Peachtree Industrial Blvd. Go north (outside I-285). Take the Winter's Chapel exit and go under the bridge, north on Winter's Chapel. After the white church on the right, take the second right onto Sumac Dr. Go straight through the first 4-way stop. At the second 4-way stop, turn left onto Womac Ct. Turn right onto Ridgemoor Dr. It is the third home on the left, #6745.

My number is 396-4742. Please come!!

Long live the Empire,  
Dawn Williams



### From the Communications-Officer/Editor

by Lt. (j.g.) Dan Carson

Hello and greetings from your friendly, galaxy-hood newsletter editor. This is what will be my first column as both Communications Officer and newsletter editor. As the head of communications, I will be relaying to you the happenings of the department and of the ship. But, as the editor, I will be expounding upon various areas or Trek-dom. Are you ready? Great! Let's get started!

First off, let me congratulate both Kelly Hilliard and Dawn Williams, who have been chosen as our new Captain and Executive Officer, respectively. Their enthusiasm, I'm sure, will rub off onto the membership-at-large and we shall soon be taking off to further galaxies and new frontiers! Secondly, our Press Officer, Edmund Trafford has just sent in his completed College of Communications assignment to Starfleet Academy. Part of his work was to create a "mock" newsletter, an article of which appears in this newsletter. If that piece is any indication of how well he'll do in the College, I surely will be looking over my shoulder!

#### TREK-COMMENT: What is Normal?

A recent episode of *ST:TNG* that gave me food for thought was "The Outcast". For those who did not see it, the Enterprise was sent to help scientists from the planet J'nai investigate something called "null space". During the investigation, William ("Stud-of-the-Universe") Riker falls for one of them. What makes these beings unique in the Star Trek universe is that they are all androgynous. If any of them are determined to have a "gender", he/she is looked down upon as being less evolved and is thusly ridiculed and scorned. He/she may even undergo what they call "psychtechnic" treatments in order to become "normal".

What exactly is "normal"? To heterosexuals, normal is being sexually attracted to the opposite sex. On the other hand, to homosexuals, normal may include being sexually attracted to the same sex. No one person fully understands another person's sexual preferences. On J'nai, for example, society as a whole may neither fully understand

Soren's preferences or her idea of "gender". Alternately, she probably does not grasp society's idea of a non-gender race. If our society was like that portrayed on ST:TNG, we would probably banish all of our "abnormal" fellow beings to mental institutions, like our ancestors did centuries ago. But we know better...*don't we?*

If you agree or disagree with what was written here, do not hesitate to send in your comments. I hope to print the best one or two in a future issue. NOTE: The opinions expressed in this column are my own, and they do not necessarily reflect those the Republic staff or the membership at large.

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TREASURER'S NOTE: The bank balance of the USS Republic as of March 28 is a sound \$368.73.

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## Meeting Schedule Update

We will continue to hold the first Saturday meetings at Fernbank. These will still be held at noon. However, we are dropping the Tuesday meetings at Shoney's due to lack of interest. In its place we will be holding our third-Saturday meetings at Dawn Williams' home at 7 pm. Directions follow.

\*NOTE\* This month only, we will hold our second meeting on the fourth Saturday (4/25) instead due to the Easter holidays. This meeting will be a Pot Luck Dinner of Spaghetti. Inquire of Dawn Williams on what to bring.



## UPCOMING CONS

\*DIXIE TREK, May 29-31; 3-day \$27.00, \$30.00 at door; Sheraton Century Center Hotel, Atlanta; Mail: Dixie Trek '92 PO BOX 464351 Lawrenceville, GA 30244.

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\*LANDING PARTY 1992, May 29-31; see ad for further information.



Please Recycle

## RECYCLE NOW!!

Once again the Republic is kicking off a recycling drive. Currently, we are recycling aluminum cans and plastic bottles (i.e. 2-liter bottles and milk jugs). All proceeds will go to a local charity to be selected by the membership at the next meeting. So please save those cans and bottles! You'll be helping the environment and someone in need.

\*NOTE\* Please try to rinse out your cans and bottles, some recycling sites require this.



# The Trek Chef

by Ens. Edmund Trafford

Over the years, we've been exposed to a great deal of culinary variety in the ST universe. We've seen Vulcan "plomeek soup" from Classic Trek ("Amok Time") and the noxious Klingon "gagh" from STTNG. We've seen a formal diplomatic buffet ("Journey to Babel") and the interior of a well-appointed ship's galley (STVI—even though starships are supposed to be routinely equipped with food synthesizers). We've encountered the ubiquitous "Saurian brandy" in its funny bottle and the contraband "Romulan ale." This is but the tip of the tip of the culinary iceberg, so to speak, but let's look at these things a little more closely.

First, the "plomeek soup" is simple enough to identify. Since Vulcans are known to be vegetarians, we can only conclude that this is some kind of vegetarian broth, with or without some kind of carbohydrate filler (noodles, etc.). The carnivorous Klingons, on the other hand, obviously take great delight in their "gagh"; they seem to like food that fights back. I suspect that eating gagh is a lot like swallowing goldfish; at least raw oysters don't move!

"Saurian brandy" is certainly some form of ethanol-based liquor. With no other reference to its origin (is "Saurian" an ethnic group—like Russian vodka—or is it perhaps a flavor—like apricot brandy?) we can only speculate, and your guess is as good as mine. "Romulan ale" is easier; of course, it is some potent form of fermented grain or hops, like beer or stout, though it does retain (or acquire) its distinctive crystal blue color in the brewing process.

I had trouble accepting the presence of a full galley on a starship in STVI. Not only is it a waste of valuable space, but with the availability of food synthesizers, it seems a waste of trained personnel time to prepare food by hand ("I went to the Academy for four years for this?"). On the other hand, perhaps there are special formal occasions, like the reception in "Journey to Babel" and the dinner in STVI which require the preparation of individual dishes not available through the synthesizers.

However, even in the 23rd century when food and drink are routinely dispensed from a handy wall synthesizer, I hope some things—like Scotty's favorite single-malt whisky—will continue to be lovingly produced by hand!

## K.L.A.W. WANTS YOU!!!

K.L.A.W. (Klingon Legion of Assault Warriors) has started a new chapter here in Atlanta. We are Klingon in heart and action and prefer a more challenging and adventurous life than your average Terran. Many of our warriors are Starfleet members, but are Klingon in heart and action. We are in the process of becoming a ship in the Empire. Those who feel they would like to serve with their fellow Klingon warriors on various missions in the Imperial Navy, Marines, or in the Diplomatic Corp, contact the following:

Capt. K'elth Ral (Neil Fuller) 994-1833  
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(Ed.'s note: The following articles are excerpts from "Star Trek: TNG List of Lists [2/2]" by Mark A. Holtz, downloaded from CompuServe on 03/21/92)

## DID YOU KNOW...

...That Geordi LaForge is named for a real Star Trek fan name Gordon LaForge? The real LaForge died in 1975 from Muscular Dystrophy.

...That Gene Roddenberry's full name was Wesley Eugene Roddenberry? Gene based the character of Wesley Crusher on what he wanted to be like when he was young.

...Industrial Light and Magic did the special effects shots only for "Encounter at Farpoint". However, they get credit in every episode for the extra stock footage of Enterprise fly-bys and such.

...That William Riker and Deanna Troi are based upon Decker and Ilia from "Star Trek: The Motion Picture"?

...That while "Skin of Evil" aired after "Symbiosis", they were produced in reverse order? Near the end of "Symbiosis" when the Onnarans and the Brekkans beam off, Tasha is seen in the background, waving good bye as the doors close.

...If you look closely at the Enterprise during the fly-by in the opening credits, you can see someone walking past the windows?

..."A Matter of Time" was written partially because Robin Williams, a fan of the show, wanted to appear? However, when the script was ready for shooting, Robin was unavailable, so Matt Frewer ["Max Headroom", "Doctor, Doctor"] was cast instead.

...The shuttle Onizuka, which Data used in "Ensigns of Command", was named in Tribute to one of the Space Shuttle "Challenger" astronauts?

## Operation: SNAFU

"Code of Honor" - While on the planet, watch Deanna's arms. In the group shots, Deanna's arms are at her sides, while in the close-ups, her arms are behind her back.

"Datalore" - Upon beaming down to the planet's surface, Commander Riker gives the stardate as 4124.5. A little later, Capt. Picard gives it as 41242.45.

"Skin of Evil" - When Riker is being pulled into Armus, the away team runs toward Armus. However, Geordi drops his phaser into Armus. In the next scene, the away team is standing around calmly, and Geordi's phaser is back in his pocket.

"The Enemy" - Picard says to Tomaluk he will be escorting the Romulan ship to the Neutral Zone. Yet, in the closing shot, the Enterprise and the Romulan ship take off in two different directions.

"Loud as a Whisper" - Data has learned sign language and is now interpreting what the mediator [Reeva] is saying. Data quotes the mediator as saying "My friends have died" or something like that, before it is even signed.

"Yesterday's Enterprise" - At the end of the episode, Geordi talks with Guinan. However, he is wearing an open neck uniform.

"The Drumhead" - After the first hearing with J'Ddan, Worf and J'Ddan leave the briefing room. The doors open as they are walking through the doorway, the doors start to close, but hesitate, then open back up, and then close after they leave the doorway. Looks like someone pulled on the ropes too soon.

"Sins of the Father" - The sound-affects people must have fallen asleep everytime someone got slapped.

"Half A Life" - Near the end of the episode, when Lwaxana Troi is standing next to the mirror and then begins to walk away from it, for a brief instant the boom from the mic is visible in the reflection.

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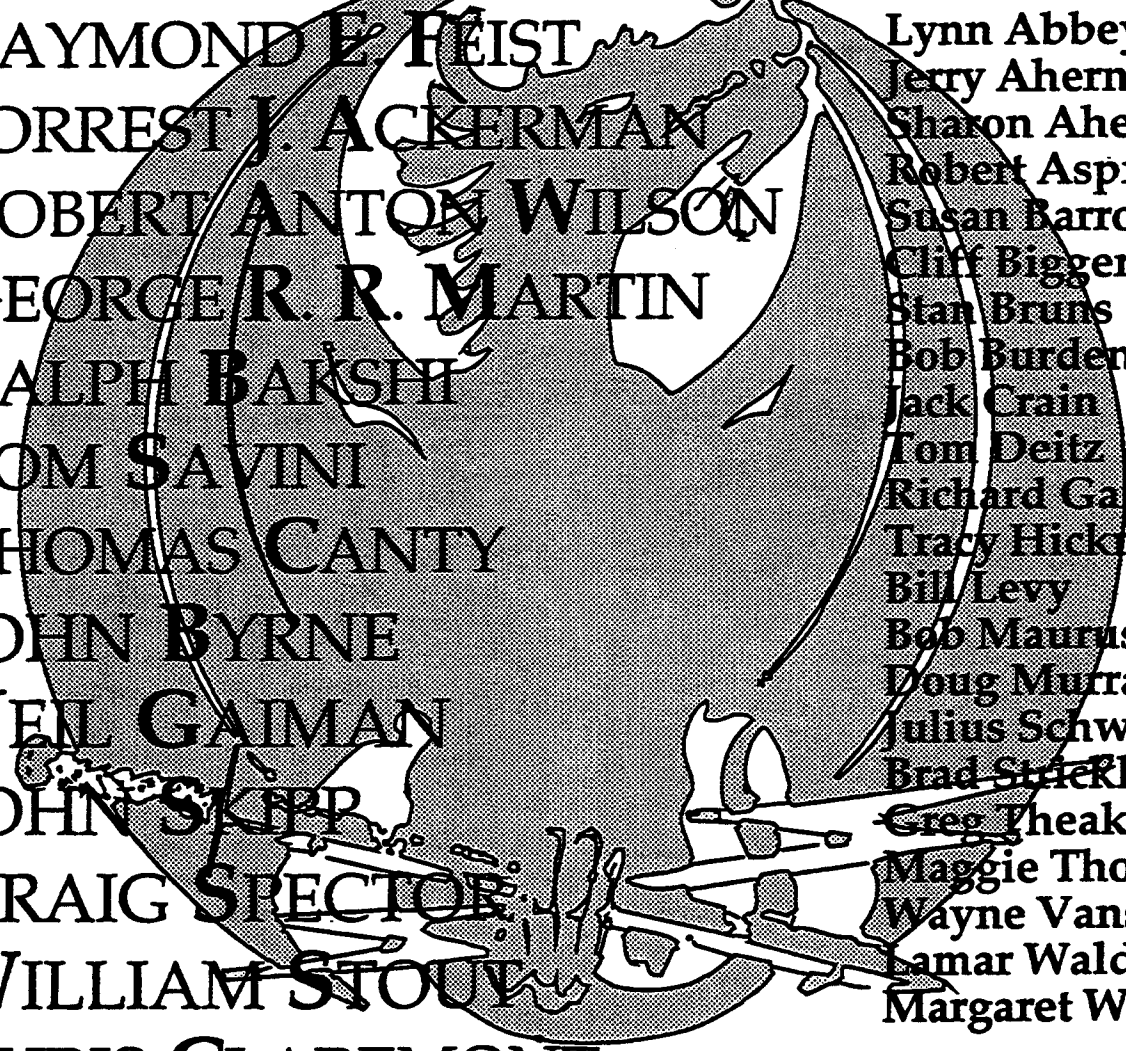
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