

KNIGHTLY NEWS

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Published bimonthly
- Fascinating stories from our very own crew!
- Delightful recipes to tease any taste buds
- Lots more to come—participate in the fun—submit an article!

WORDS FROM ENGINEERING

By FCapt/BDR Ken Oziah

Greetings fellow 'Fleeters!!!

The Knightly News, once again gracing your computer screens and bouncing into your brains. What!!! Nothing in print from you???? Well, you can fix that you know. :-)

By taking a few moments out of our ever busy lives and sitting down, fingers rapping on the keyboard, you too can become encased in history, so to speak.

What to write, what to write. Perhaps you took a vacation on Ceti Alpha V? OR...have you recently replicated the most delicious chocolate dessert pie or cake? What about your dreams and aspirations in Starfleet? Do you one day hope to command a Starship...or a garbage scow? Maybe you didn't sign on to have your atoms scattered across the galaxy...but what about your words, your thoughts? Scatter them across the galaxy....cast your bread upon the waters, or something like that.

Let others know how you feel about important topics, such as the environmental controls for the hydroponics or the matter/antimatter ratio mix differential. Join your thoughts to ours and together, we can make the Knightly News something to rival even the words of Shakespeare...well, ok.....maybe not him. But you get the point?

SO...without further ado, and little to do it with...write my fellow Saint Georgians...WRITE!

MARRIAGE COUNSELING?.....WATCH TREK!

By Ensign Kara Doddema



Last year when my husband was recovering from his back surgeries and with me taking care of six children the only time we could spend some quality time together was to watch an episode of Star Trek. This was one thing that we both loved and now that I'm busy with school it's still hard to find time together. So, every night before bed after I've studied and the kids are asleep we pop some popcorn and watch a good episode of Star Trek.

It may not be marriage counseling for some but it works for us. So think of this as another alternative to get your partner or friend involved in a passion of yours. What's to lose?



XD TOM SCHULTE



WHAT NEFARIOUS PLAN IS OUR XO
UP TO....

DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR THE ST.
GEORGE? WHETHER SOMETHING NEW
OR UPDATE, IT MATTERS NOT.
POST TO THE BBS AND/OR THE
YAHOO GROUP AND LET YOUR
OPINIONS BE KNOWN!

XO'S COLUMN

By Lt. Cmdr. Tom Schulte, XO

Promotion season has come and gone with some interesting complications. As this was the first time we used the promotion points as mentioned on the web site, there were a number of questions. Interestingly, no one commented on them when they were first posted. I guess this shows that a trial run of things are the best way to see what works and what needs tuning.

Ensign Doddema, raised a question regarding *the completion of all of the tests in a particular field and the completion of all the course in a field with honors*



THE RIGHT HAND OF THE CAPTAIN.

He said “Example: OTS has no other areas in that field. Does that mean if I passed the course with honors do I get the 10 points for passing the course, 10 points for completing all tests in particular field and another 10 points for completing all course in a field with honors? Another course would be College of Star Trek Chronology. There is only one course within this college. Do I earn 30 points for this one since I received honors for it?”

T'Plon noted "I checked with Starfleet Academy Web site and Officers Training School is a prerequisite for Officers Command College. OTS and OCC are prerequisites for Flag Officers School. This leads me to think that they are all in the same school regardless of the name of each course. I would think that would hold true for all such cases."

To my thinking, OTS, OCC, and Flag Officers School are all of one group, but the Vulcan Academy of Science has several different tracks (groups) as does Alien History and Culture. So the 10 points extra would only be for schools that had more than 1 course.

Captain Lindenfelser suggested we can bump up OTS & OCC to 50 points.

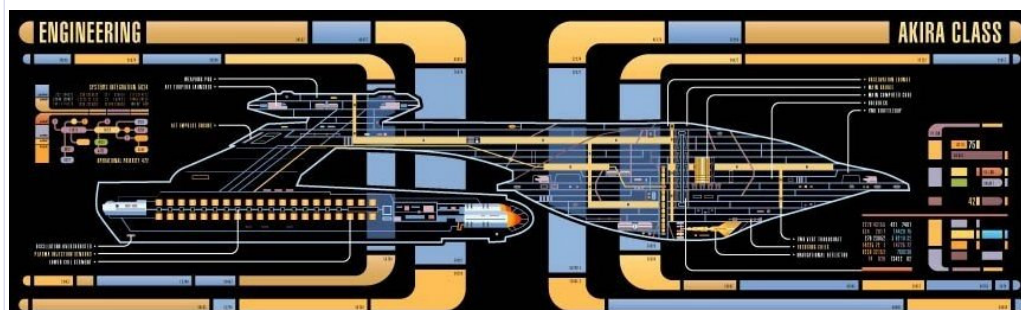
I also noticed the need for command decisions on promotions in areas not covered by the point system, especially for those crew members that actively participate generally.

Bernard also came up with some other suggestions for promotion:

- pass any Real World College course w/ C or better (proof required) 5 points
- one point for every hours of charity or community service or toy for Toys for Tots
- donate blood (per donation) 5 points
- submit MSR's on time 5 points

This has turned into an interesting discussion. I think we'll watch for any more ideas for the month of July and then present a revision for ship vote.

I'm certainly having fun are you?



REVIEW: STAR TREK: VOYAGER SEASON 1 ON DVD

By Ensign JoAnna Wahlund



ENCOUNTERED BY VOYAGER IN THE DELTA QUADRANT IN 2376, THE VAADWAUR WERE A SIGNIFICANT POWER IN THE REGION APPROXIMATELY ONE THOUSAND YEARS AGO.

Star Trek: Voyager was unique in the Star Trek universe for two reasons: 1. Kate Mulgrew as Captain Kathryn Janeway breached "The Boy's Club" by becoming the first female Starfleet captain in a starring role; 2. For the first time, a starship was cut off from Starfleet and all of the familiar aliens and enemies that fans had loved to hate for years, and thrown into a totally new environment with one supreme mission: to get home (preferably before the crew died of old age).

The Star Trek: Voyager Season One DVD set premiered on February 24, 2004. However, the Star Trek: Voyager premiered as a T.V. show in January of 1995. Because of the January premiere as opposed to the standard September/October premiere, season one only has fifteen episodes – but among these fifteen episodes are some of Star Trek's finest.

Some highlights: The two-hour premiere, "Caretaker," introduced the Maquis crewmembers and the holographic Doctor as well as two new additions, Neelix and Kes, and a new enemy, the Kazon. In "Parallax," B'Elanna Torres punched out Joe Carey and, despite that, got promoted to chief engineer (incidentally, she became the first woman chief engineer in the Star Trek universe). "Time and Again" was Voyager's first foray into time travel – but we learn that this episode actually never happened. (In later seasons, Janeway would remark that time travel always gave her a headache – and this episode is no exception!)

"Phage" introduced the organ-stealing Vidlians, and "The Cloud" exposed us to Tom Paris' popular Parisian holodeck program, "Sandrine's" as well as Chakotay's Native American culture. "Eye of the Needle" brought back the Romulans, but with a unique Delta Quadrant twist. "Ex Post Facto" was a murder mystery, starring the Vulcan Lieutenant Tuvok as Voyager's resident gumshoe. "Eminations" was a wonderful episode for Ensign Harry Kim, as Voyager tackled one of life's hardest questions: "What happens after death?"

"Prime Factors" tread a thin line of a perennial Star Trek conundrum: The Prime Directive. However, in this episode Voyager was on the other side of the fence – should they violate another species' Prime Directive in order to get home? "State of Flux" revealed a surprising spy among Voyager's ranks. "Heroes and Demons" brought Beowulf to the holodeck and let the holographic doctor prove his mettle.

"Cathexis" proved to be an out-of-body experience for a majority of the crew. "Faces," one of the best episodes of the entire series, starred Roxann Dawson and Roxann Dawson as B'Elanna Torres and B'Elanna Torres. "Jetrel" was a poignant look at Neelix's past, with some excellent acting by Ethan Phillips. Finally, "Learning Curve" gave us what was destined to become one of the immortal lines in Star Trek history: "Get the cheese to Sickbay!"

Along with the episodes, there's an extra DVD comprised primarily of special features. (The following list is from

<http://www.startrek.com/startrek/view/store/news/article/3638.html>):

"Braving The Unknown: Season One": Includes new interviews with Executive Producers [Rick Berman](#), [Michael Piller](#) and [Jeri Taylor](#) discussing how they created the series. The trio reveals the challenges of creating fresh, new characters, a new premise and the risks of sending the crew into unfamiliar *Trek* territory.

"Voyager Time Capsule: Kathryn Janeway": A new, exclusive interview with [Kate Mulgrew](#) talking about how she landed the role of Janeway, the challenges of playing a female captain and her Broadway play on Katharine Hepburn, "Tea At Five." Also includes archival interviews with the actress and rare behind-the-scenes footage.

"The First Captain: Genevieve Bujold": Reveals rare footage and outtakes of Ms. Bujold

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as Captain Janeway, with commentary by Executive Producer Rick Berman.

"Cast Reflections: Season One": *Voyager's* principal cast members discuss their reactions to joining the *Trek* franchise, getting fan mail, and auditioning. Also featured: [Armin Shimerman](#) discussing his role as [Quark](#) in the pilot episode.

"On Location With the Kazon": Supervising Producer David Livingston guides viewers on an exclusive tour of the desert locale used for the [Kazon](#) Village in the pilot episode. Includes interviews with Director Rick Kolbe and behind-the-scenes footage of the cast.

"Red Alert: Visual Effects Season One": [Dan Curry](#) and the Visual Effects crew give a blow-by-blow of some spectacular visual effects created for Season One. Highlights include: behind-the-scenes footage of exploding space station, utilizing fire elements in crashing [Chakotay's](#) ship and secrets of shooting the *Voyager* ship model.

"Launching Voyager On The Web": Veteran Web site designer and producer Marc Wade explains how, in the early days of the internet, an interactive *Voyager* Web site was created to help launch the series. Included is rare footage of Kate Mulgrew and [Robert Picardo](#) playing their roles for the Web-based trivia game, plus an overview of *Star Trek's* history on the Web.

"Real Science With Andre Bormanis": Science Consultant and writer Bormanis explores how the writers strive for authenticity by incorporating real space phenomena and scientific theories. For Season One, Andre discusses how Hubble photos helped create "the Badlands," voyaging through wormholes, and the possibilities of time travel.

"Lost Transmissions From The Delta Quadrant": Hidden in the *Voyager* menu, viewers who search and click with their DVD remote can find special interview clips with Kate Mulgrew, Michael Piller, [Brannon Braga](#) and guest star [Vaughn Armstrong](#) (from "Eye of the Needle").

Some comments about the special features:

After watching Genevieve Bujold in action Kathryn Janeway, you'll forever thank your lucky stars that Kate Mulgrew got the part. The emotionless Bujold would have been terrific as a Vulcan admiral, but she just couldn't hack it as a feisty Starfleet captain.

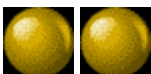
The "Cast Reflections on Season One" are wonderful. Roxann Dawson and Robert Beltran engage in a delightful repartee about receiving fan mail weeks before they'd started shooting "Caretaker." The fan mail, which consisted primarily of missives from fans welcoming them into the Star Trek family, made them realize just what they were getting themselves into.

"Launching Voyager on the Web" is a history lesson regarding the first days of the World Wide Web, and how a show actually having its own website was, at that time, unique – a stunning realization for today's Web-savvy fans.

"Real Science with Andre Bormanis" is a fascinating look into the science of Star Trek – for example, I learned that Einstein (among other scientist) has theorized about the existence of wormholes, even though their existence has not yet been proven.

The "Lost Transmissions" are definitely worth finding! Among them is an amusing tidbit from Rick Berman: "Voyager was the first show where the captain's hairstyle cost more than the special effects." (Gee, why didn't that ever happen in "The Next Generation"??)

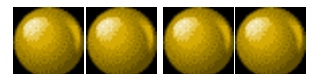
All in all, *Star Trek: Voyager* is worth every overpriced penny (I'm not made of money, Rick Berman!). Be on the lookout for Season 2, due in May of 2004!



A CREWMAN OF THE 'FLEET

Ensign, Lieutenant junior grade,
Lieutenant, Lieutenant Commander,
Commander, Captain, Admiral
Whatever rank may be
A crewman I will always be
A crewman who serves his Captain
Devoted to his ship
A crewman for his 'fleet
His Starfleet

By Lt(jg) Bernard Doddema, Jr.



SCIENCE DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS FOR JUNE 2004

By Lt(jg) T'Polon

Mars

The Mars Exploration Rovers, Spirit and Opportunity continued their study of the red planet this month. Studies done by both rovers show evidence of water at both locations, Gusev Crater and Meridiani Planum. Rover Spirit has traveled to the Columbia Hills. Opportunity is making its way down into Endurance Crater. For more details got to Astronomy.com

<http://www.astronomy.com/Content/Dynamic/Articles/000/000/001/7561hrzt.asp>

Venus

On June 8 Venus crossed the face of the sun, this is called a transit of the sun. The 6 hour transit was visible from Europe, Africa, and Asia. The next transit will occur on June 6, 2012. Transits of Venus always happen in pairs 8 years apart. The next transit will happen on December 11, 2117.

Cassini-Huygens Satellite

The Cassini satellite had a close flyby of Saturn's moon Phoebe on June 11, 2004. This was the first look at any of Saturn's 31 moons over Cassini's 4 year long mission. Cassini came with 1,285 miles of Phoebe. On June 30 Cassini will fire its main engine for 96 minutes to slow it down to enter Saturn's orbit.

Hubble Space Telescope

NASA is calling for proposals for robotic missions to maintain and fix Hubble to extend its life. The deadline for proposals is July 16. Hubble has been in limbo since January when NASA announced they were not going to send any more shuttle missions to repair or upgrade Hubble.

SpaceShipOne

On June 21 the world's first privately owned craft flew into outer space. Burt Rutan and Paul G. Allen were behind the project. Mike Melville was the pilot and first commercial astronaut. He flew 62.2 miles above the Mohave Desert. NASA is considering offering millions of dollars in prize money for innovations that lead to a civilian landing on the moon or retrieving a piece of asteroid.

CALENDAR

06.01 RENE AUBERJONIS (000)
 06.02 ANTHONY MONTGOMERY (TRAVIS MAYWEATHER)
 06.13 MALCOLM MCDOWELL (DR. SORAN)
 06.22 TIM RUSS (TUVOK)
 06.30 JERI TAYLOR (CO-CREATOR, EXECUTIVE PRODUCER, WRITER, CREATIVE CONSULTANT, STAR TREK: VOYAGER; EXECUTIVE PRODUCER, WRITER, STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION; WRITER, STAR TREK: DEEP SPACE NINE)
 07.01 DOMINIC KEATING (MALCOLM REED)
 07.07 VAUGHN ARMSTRONG (ADMIRAL FORREST)
 07.09 LINDA PARK (HOSHI SATO)
 07.13 PATRICK STEWART (JEAN-LUC PICARD)
 07.26 NANA VISITOR (KIRA NERYS)
 07.29 WIL WHEATON (WESLEY CRUSHER)

GOURMET KLINGON FOODS

By Ensign Kara Doddema

Have you ever wondered how certain foods are made on Star Trek or what is used as props to make the food look so...appealing?! If the answer is a resounding YES, then purchase the book "Star Trek Cookbook". Neelix has put together a richly superb book that will make any Terran, Klingon or even the finicky Bolians mouths water.

Gagh with yamok sauce —using both hot and cold white udon noodles along with baby or oyster crabs. This gives a distinctive Klingon look. For those truly daring and/or Klingon have a dish of melted butter alongside your plate of gagh with oyster crabs and eat them live! Yes, live! To truly accentuate this meal, yamok sauce is added. Mix together some dark Karo syrup and Worcestershire sauce to get a deep brown color and pour over the gagh.

No meal is complete without a flagon of bloodwine. This is a composition of cranberries in a fruit-drink base like cherry punch.

Bon Appetit



A CHAPTER CLOSING.....



ANIME BERNARD.....EVEN MY CARTOON SELF LOOKS BETTER THAN THE REAL ME!



LEGO BERNARD.....LOOKS MORE LIKE ME.

Another chapter is coming to an end and a new one beginning. As you're reading this, I voluntarily give up my post as Chief of Communications and am preparing myself for something new and exciting. Ever since joining Starfleet a year ago, I wanted to start my own chapter and now, more than ever, I believe is a good time for me to do that.

As most of you know, I recently acquired a disability that prevents me from working for the rest of my life. Since I do live my life mostly in pain, I cannot do a lot of the things that I loved. Gone are the days of walking through the leaves on a fall evening. No longer will I have the joy of raking leaves in my yard or caring for my roses. Does this sadden me? You bet it does. Will I let it ruin my young life? A resounding NO.

For months after my back surgeries, I wanted to die because the pain was just too much. What prevented me, you may ask? My beautiful wife and my six children (yes, I did say six!). They have stood by me the entire time. My wife has supported, cared and nurtured me just as she would one of our children when sick with the flu. My children would bring me water or whatever I needed to bring some small sort of comfort to me. Although I couldn't do much for those months, my family still made me feel like I was an integral part of their lives. How fortunate for me!!! Because of them, I received an answer to the prayer I had been sending my Heavenly Father's way. What was my purpose, if I could no longer work, play with my children or so many of the other things that I used to enjoy doing? The answer was so simple and yet so powerful: **ENDURE!** There was no promise of pain being relieved, of my being able to do the things that I missed doing. Just to endure, to handle it, to suck it up. Is that unjust? I don't believe so. If I can just learn to endure, maybe it will make me more humble, more malleable to do the things my Father has planned for me.

So I live my life now for my family, both here at home and my Star Trek family as well as my Father. So back to my comment above about starting my own chapter. I have the time and I have lots of ideas to make what I hope is one heckuva chapter. A chapter that will not only express its love of Star Trek but give back to the world community the best we know how. This can be done in so many ways besides charity and that's my goal. It will be hard but it's not like I don't have the time, energy, dedication or ideas for this to take place. While I may be giving up my post, I'll still remain a member of the Saint George, at least until my new chapter gets on their feet. After that, who knows. But know this, the George will always be part of my Star Trek family and every once in a while, you might hear one of those crazy ideas of mine!

It has been an honor to serve beside all of you.

Trek On,

Lt(jg) Bernard Doddema, Jr.

LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT-
STARFLEET STYLE!



ATTENTION TO ORDERS!



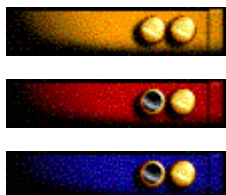
Ten hut!

By the authority granted unto me by Starfleet Command, I hereby promote the following individuals to the ranks they so rightly deserve:

- ▲ Lt (jg) John Schulte has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant
- ▲ Ensign Bernard Doddema, Jr. has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant junior grade
- ▲ Ensign Debbbie "T'Plon" Fee has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant junior grade

In StarFleet, promotions are a recognition of contributions to, and active participation in the well-being of the ship. The above officers are quite worth of this honor.

CO Jessica Lindenfeser



AND A NEW BEGINNING.....!

Greetings and Good Day to my fellow St. George Crew members!

My name is LTC Michelle Lampson and I have been asked to take over as Chief of Communications here on the St. George. Seems my first duty is to write a little article introducing me to everyone. Well, here goes...

I was born in Walpole, Massachusetts and now live very close to the shores of Lake Superior in Ashland, Wisconsin. Besides Massachusetts, I lived in Rhode Island and Florida before moving to Wisconsin to attend college in 1991. In 1995, I graduated from Northland College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Information Sciences and Meteorology. I have lived full time in Wisconsin ever since then. I have 2 sisters and 3

brothers, none of which seem to be as interested in Star Trek and Trek fandom as I am. Oh well, I don't think SFI allows a single family to become its own chapter anyway, even if there are enough people.... ♫LOLA

I am married to Chad Lampson and we have two kids - a 5 yr old son named Anakin and an 18 month old daughter named Marinna. We also have two cats - Smokey and B'Lanna and a ferret named Popeye. My husband and I work part-time as computer consultants, with our most recent project being the setup and management of a small Internet Cafe in Bayfield, Wisconsin (about 25 miles from Ashland). My husband is also attending school to become a licensed massage therapist. My main interests are reading, scifi - especially Star Trek, Star Wars and Stargate, fantasy - especially Anne McCaffrey's PERN series, Mercedes Lackey's Heralds of Valdemar series and Robert Jordan's Wheel of Time series, golf, storm chasing (yes, I said storm chasing... even had an article published in the CQ about what my husband and I do), singing and sewing/embroidery. :)

My history with SFI is somewhat complicated. I first joined SFI while still attending college. Along with a few of my college Star Trek friends, I started a shuttle named Betelgeuse that died almost a year later due to a sufficient lack of committed members. At that point I left SFI and joined UFPI (United Federation of Planets, International). I served as XO on the USS Patton for a year and then served as Sector Chief for Sector 21 (UFPI's region for correy chapters) for a year. By then, my son was born and the pressures of first-time motherhood led me to stop my active participation in Star Trek fandom.

Fast forward about two years and you'll enter my current history in SFI. In 2002, I received a surprise call from the CO of the UFPI chapter I was in. He asked me to be his XO again - but this time, for an SFI correy chapter based in R4. I agreed and together we formed what became Camp Wendell Fertig. It was during this time that I joined the SFMC and changed my rank designation from Commander to Lt. Colonel, aka LTC. My daughter was born in November, 2002 and by a fluke of timing between when I needed to renew my family membership and her due date, she has been a member of SFI since BEFORE

she was actually born. :) Sadly, Camp Fertig only lasted until January, 2004 when the membership decided to dissolve the chapter. Our CO was no longer interested in starting another chapter and I was looking for a well-established chapter where my skills as a communicator and a leader would be useful. When I was asked to join the St. George, I was happy to finally be in an established correy chapter that was also based in my geographical region - R6.

As Chief of Communications, I hope to continue the fine work already done by Bernard. I also hope to get to know my fellow crew members better and become as active as I can. My email box is open, and so is my phone line. Questions, comments and even constructive criticism are welcome. My goal is to serve you and our chapter to the best of my ability.

In service,

LTC Michelle Lampson

SENIOR STAFF

CO: JESSICA LINDENFELSER

XO: TOM SCHULTE

CMD: WENDY URVAND

SCI: JAY PECHMAN

ENG: KEN OZIAH

TAC: WADE WANTOCH

OPS: TOM WEBSTER

COM: MICHELLE LAMPSON

SERVICES: KARA DODEMA

IF YOU'RE MISSING FROM THIS LIST, PLEASE NOTIFY ME AS WELL AS CAPT. LINDENFELSER.

ENGINEERING REPORT FOR JUNE 2004

By Fleet Capt Ken Oziah

Diagnostics:

Every division within the Engineering Department must run standard diagnostics. Many times we don't think about the awesome energy use and dispersment of a starship, any starship. The energy drain can be enormous. Systems must be checked weekly, sometimes daily depending on the energy allocation and usage.

There are the following to consider:

Warp Drive System
Impulse Drive System
Auxiliary Fusion Generators
Power Transfer Taps
Turbolift System
Power Distribution Points
Computer Core
Atmospheric System
Waste System

and the list goes on and on.....like the energizer bunny. It takes many personnel to conduct these tests and also takes a fantastic schedule.. That's where the Chief Engineer's Mate comes into play. The Chief Engineer's Mate takes care of the various duty rosters, maintenance scheduling and the like. Without this senior enlisted person, who sometimes may hold a warrant officer rank, much or most of the Engineering Department could not function. My thanks to my Chief Engineer's Mate, Chief Warrant Officer 1 James Thomas, who keeps the schedules posted and the diagnostics flowing. So, the next time you request a cup of tea from the computer or complain because your new duty pants aren't fitted just right, remember all the hard work that goes in to the Engineering Department; take a deep breath, and give me a call.

OUR HEARTS CAN
BRING THE UNI-
VERSE CLOSER
THAN ANY SPACE-
SHIP EVER CAN.
-ANONYMOUS

TECH NOTES

The Bussard collector is a device which is designed to collect interstellar gases - usually hydrogen - for use as fuel. They are not really intended for general use, but are rather an emergency system which can let a Starship limp to a nearby base if the standard fuel supply has been exhausted. On Federation vessels the Bussard collectors are usually situated at the front of the nacelles, and are typically visible as a large red-glowing dome. As well as being used to collect gas, the collectors are capable of being back-flushed to expel gas into space.



Photos taken from the Daysstrom Technical Institute Library at <http://www.dtitl.org/>

CHARITY REPORT FOR JUNE 2004

We have had an extremely busy month with a new organization that has been asking for help over the years. It is called "SETI, or the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence". To explain the program a bit, I copied the below from their web page.

"SETI, or the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence, is a scientific effort seeking to determine if there is intelligent life outside Earth. SETI researchers use many methods. One method and the most popular, radio SETI, listens for artificial radio signals coming from other stars. SETI@home is a radio SETI project that lets anyone with a computer and an Internet connection participate.

How SETI@home works
 Story by Ron Hipschman
 The Problem - Mountains of Data

Most of the SETI programs in existence today, including those at UC Berkeley build large computers that analyze that data from the telescope in real time. None of these computers look very deeply at the data for weak signals nor do they look for a large class of signal types (which we'll discuss further on...) The reason for this is because they are limited by the amount of computer power available for data analysis. To tease out the weakest signals, a great amount of computer power is necessary. It would take a monstrous supercomputer to get the job done. SETI programs could never afford to build or buy that computing power.

There is a trade-off that they can make. Rather than a huge computer to do the job, they could use a smaller computer but just take longer to do it. But then there would be lots of data piling up. What if they used LOTS of small computers, all working simultaneously on different parts of the analysis? Where can the SETI team possibly find thousands of computers they'd need to analyze the data continuously streaming from Arecibo?

The UC Berkeley SETI team has discovered that there are already thousands of computers that might be available for use. Most of these computers sit around most of the time with toasters flying across their screens accomplishing absolutely nothing and wasting electricity to boot. This is where SETI@home (and you!) come into the picture. The SETI@home project hopes to convince you to allow us to borrow your computer when you aren't using it and to help us "... search out new life and new civilizations." We'll do this with a screen saver that can go get a chunk of data from us over the Internet, analyze that data, and then report the results back to us. When you need your computer back, our screen saver instantly gets out of the way and only continues it's analysis when you are finished with your work. It's an interesting and difficult task. There's so much data to analyze that it seems impossible! Fortunately, the data analysis task can be easily broken up into little pieces that can all be worked on separately and in parallel. None of the pieces depends on the other pieces. Also, there is only a finite amount of sky that can be seen from Arecibo. In the next two years the entire sky as seen from the telescope will be scanned three times. We feel that this will be enough for this project. By the time we've looked at the sky three times, there will be new telescopes, new experiments, and new approaches to SETI. We hope that you will be able to participate in them too!"

The SETI program tracks units of time what can be converted to advancement points and still help an organization. It has been authorized to give 5 points/unit for participating in the SETI program. The Charity web page has been set up for your information at: <http://www.geocities.com/starfleetofficer2/seti.html> ⚙ In a recent announcement from Lieutenant Commander Tom Schulte, the XO will now begin tracking SETI points for promotion purposes. ⚙

The following crewmembers have submitted the following charitable activities for June 2004:

Ens T'Plon completed 37 SETI units to date.

BDR Tom Webster, SFMC completed 316 SETI work units to date.

LTJg John Schulte spent about 6 hours so far on Boy Scout treasurer duties as well as a Steak Fry at the local American Legion. Next week will be a long-term Boy Scout camp with 12 boys in South Dakota, but I am not counting that for advancement since my son goes as well and I need the fresh air!

No OCP totals were reported this month, however RAF Lakenheath did report in and thank the crew for donating coupons in the past and would like more, in smaller quantities, as time permits. Our new bases have been getting shipments, but have not acknowledged receipts as of yet, so I must wonder if they are getting them or even need them.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Lt John Schulte

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