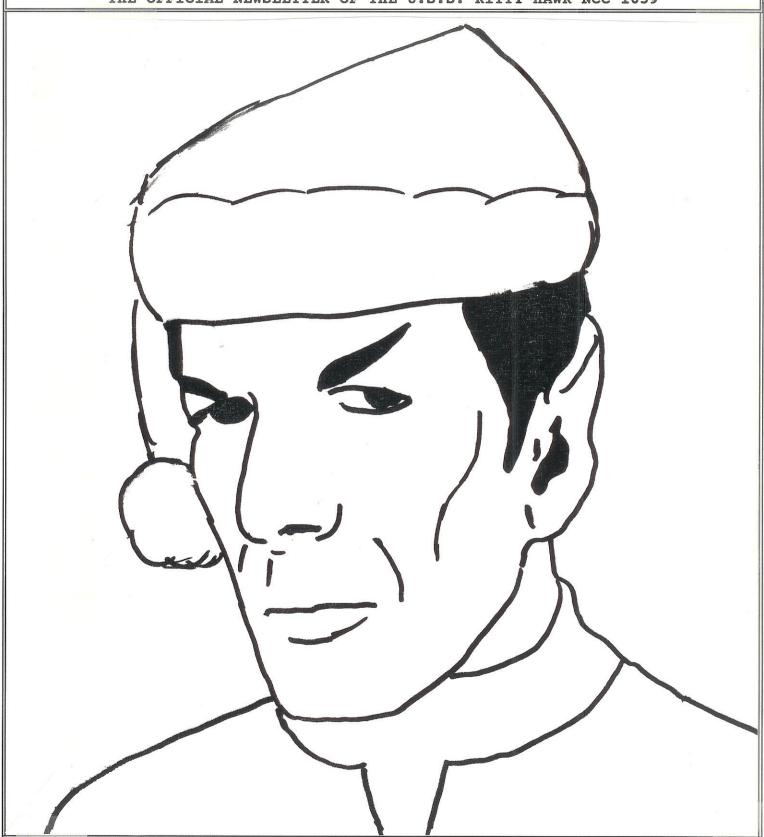
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#### A VIEW FROM THE CATBIRD'S SEAT

By J. R. FISHER

Happy Holidays! Hope each and every one of you had a great holiday season and were able to be with your families or at least communicate with them in some way. With the deployment of our armed forces overseas this year, it is especially important to keep in mind our family and friends with whom we cannot share the holidays. The N.C. Food Bank appreciates your efforts to improve the lives of those much less fortunate than you, and thanks you for the donation of cans of soup the Kitty Hawk collected and delivered to them. I would ask each of you to look to yourselves and think about what we can do next year to help those with greater needs

Speaking of needs, your fearless leader took advantage of the crew being on leave and took the old Kitty Hawk out for a spin around the solar system. Seems the galactic patrol has changed the speed limits since I was in-system last. Those young whipper-snappers in their shiny warp-12 bugs pulled the ole captain over and gave him a ticket for doing warp 7 in a warp 5.5 zone ("But, I'm Capt. J.R. Fisher!", "So what?"). Power, like everything else, is so relative. Anyone knowing someone in that department who can fix a ticket is invited to step forward for their promotion, all others are asked to donate credits to the cause. On to the serious side.

Our merry little band has been together for one year now. We have had our commissioning, our one year launch anniversary, and have done a pile of community activities as well as have a few good parties. Now we must look to the future. It is time to plan what we are going to do in the coming year and what the character of the Kitty Hawk is going to be in the years to come. We have had many changes in department heads recently and schedules have been slid back to accommodate these changes. All the department heads, as well as the

crew in total, enjoy the confidence of the captain in regards of their abilities to get the jobs they are assigned done.

This is the time for every member of the Kitty Hawk to step forward and say what it is they want us to do as a group to promote the Kitty Hawk and STARFLEET; how they wish to participate in their community; and how we can enjoy one another's company to the fullest while adhering to the ideals of Star Trek.

We already have committed ourselves to continue the highway clean-up, two T.V. telethons, and a one day convention here in Raleigh, though that will require a minimum of effort on our part. The most important activity we have planned is the T.V. show. Here is a personal opportunity for each of us to explore a new field of adventure which could expand our horizons as a hobby or as a vocation. This will require a lot of hard work and dedication on the part of those who participate. But it will be fun and very rewarding. There is a great deal to do, not only at the studio, but in planning the shows, possibly sets, costumes, stories, reviews, etc. Surely, there is something for everyone of us to do that we will enjoy doing.

More importantly, we will be putting ourselves on display to the general public, not just a selected few. Our community and perhaps others, will see what the STAR TREK philosophy really is; that it is not just a form of entertainment for kids. It is the chance to show the public that there is a new civic organization coming on the scene which call to those who are not called to be a Moose, or a Lion, or an Elk, or any of the other civic organizations. STARFLEET is already international. Our membership is almost 5,000 now. Can we double it in 2 years?

Then, there is the personal side of all of this. Are you willing to spend your time and resources in this endeavor? Obviously, I am speaking more than just

about the T.V. program but that may be our crucible of fire. Are you really in agreement with the philosophies and ideals we have spoken of over the months or have you just been giving lip service to them with your own agenda foremost on your mind when it comes to the Kitty Hawk, STARFLEET, and STAR TREK? Here is the moment of truth; are you a child ready to have fun at a fantasy fest or are you an adult ready to step forward in the real world and take a leadership role in your own life as well as your community? After one year, do you prefer "To Be, Rather Than To Seem"? Do you have THE WRIGHT STUFF?

Esse Quam Videri

### THIS

IS

DEAD

SPACE!!!

(I could have asked the captain to write a few more paragrahs, but I decided he had said enough.)

#### FIRST OFFICER'S LOG

By Teresa Tuel

I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday and is ready for an exciting new year with the Kitty Hawk. I would like to thank Steve Cox and Suzanne Roberts (soon to be Mrs. Cox) for hosting our first Christmas party. It was enjoyed by all in attendance.

#### **COMMANDER MUSE'S LOG**

By Carey Muse

Not so much news to report this time, but here are some items of interest. Books available now:

HOME IS THE HUNTER (original) EXILES (Next Gen.)

There are two books slated for December release and they are:

CONTAMINATION (Next Gen.)
A FLAG FULL OF STARS (Original Part II of LOST YEARS)

Video available now: Original TV series and movies are still available for as low as \$12.95 except for ST V which still sells for \$89.95 although you can get a used copy for \$15.00 if you can find it.

Next Gen are finally available on video, mail order only from Columbia

House Video Club. No address but they do have a toll free telephone number: 1-800-544-4431. First tape is the two-hour pilot which is \$4.95. Each additional tape has two hour long episodes for \$19.95.

There are also plenty of other gift giving ideas which I have already talked about in previous columns.

WISHING YOU A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!

#### **UPCOMING STAR TREK NOVELS**

By Alan Nuss

AUTHOR	RELEASE	DAIDA ACARES
	DATE	PUBLISHER
Michael Friedman	1/91	Pocket
Brad Fersusen	2/91	Pocket
John Vornholt	3/91	Pocket
Barbara Hambly	4/91	Pocket
Michael Friedman	5/91	Pocket
Gene DeWeese	6/91	Pocket
William Shatner	5/91	Ace
James Van Hise	***	
Margaret Wander Bonanno	???	
T.L. Mancur	???	
Irene Kress	???	
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#### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

#### COMMUNICATIONS Kristen Schlicht

Preparations are underway to start training for the video workshop. Have been collecting video material from other shipmates concerning Kitty Hawk activities (i.e. the telethon and highway cleanup). If any members have any material, please give me a call. Also if any crew members have any ideas for topics on the show or if you have a costume you would like to showcase, please write it down or call me. My address is 200 Seven Oaks Road #5D, Durham, N.C. 27704. Phone (919) 477-0575.

#### COMPUTER SCIENCE John M. Troan

Coming home the day before the December meeting, I find a note from J.R. saying department reports are due the next day. This gave me a few hours to make the report. As for the department, I have some reasonably good news (for me anyway) - I'm the new department head. Other news includes a just-about, if not already, finished department manual and I'm working on putting together the ship's roster on the ship's computer.

#### ENGINEERING John Miller

The USS Kitty Hawk, NCC-1659. It's taken some time to get used to all of the differences between our new Enterprise Class ship and the shuttle. There seems to be almost unlimited space in our new Warp Engineering room. That's a feeling that I am all too sure that some extended time in space will correct. It's only been a few weeks since our launch, yet I already feel at home on our new starship. All maintenance procedures have been completed. A list of PM work done follows this report.

All warp systems performed within expected performance parameters with a

minor breakdown of warp field stability above Warp 8. Recommended maximum velocity is Warp 9.75 until the engines have had more run in time and can be recalibrated after break-in.

#### WARP DRIVE SYSTEMS CHECKS

Matter Injectors

- -Injectors cleaned and calibrated.
- -Bypass valves checked for correct operation.
- -Integrator timing calibrated to 3.2E-09 tolerance.

Anti-Matter Injectors

- -Injectors cleaned and calibrated.
- -Bypass valves checked for correct operation.
- -Integrator timing calibrated to 3.2E-09 tolerance.
- -Magnetic containment fields checked.
- -Emergency shutdown trips cleaned and calibrated.

Dilithium Crystal Chamber

- -Crystal status checked.
- -Recrystalization process checked and calibrated.
- -Crystal thermal sensitivity within tolerance.

Warp System Controls

- -All switches and relays checked and operative.
- -Meter levels calibrated to 7.5E-06 degree accuracy.

Warp Drive Performance Check

99c to Warp 1 Engage
-Warp 1.0
-Warp 2.0
-Warp 3.0
-Warp 4.0
-Warp 5.0
-Warp 6.0
-Warp 7.0
-Warp 8.0 (MAX CRUISE VELOCITY) 98.75% Nominal
-Warp 9.0
-Warp 9.75
-Warn 10-12 -TEST POSTPONED-

-Warp 10-12 -TEST POSTPONED-

**OVERALL WARP DRIVE EFFICIENCY: 98.32%** 

#### MEDICAL Teresa Tuel

Sick bay is ready for the holidays. The diagnostic read-outs have been programmed with red and green lights and play Christmas songs during examinations. I've noticed several crew members have potential as a singing group. The holodeck's "winter forest" should not be missed! Just beware of the frozen pond. We have had several ankle injuries of would be skaters. If you need me, I'll be on the holodeck. I've found the perfect hill for sledding! See ya at the bottom.

#### SCIENCE Allen Wiles

With Commander Vosper's recall to Starbase Columbia and Captain Fisher's swift approval, I find myself, Ensign Allen Wiles, the Science Department Head. If anyone had told me when I joined STARFLEET in May that I would be a department head before the end of the year, I would have laughed at them out loud!

Looking back then, I recall my carefree days as a PO/3 hanging out around the shuttle's navigational computer and sending off my application to STARFLEET Academy. I had decided then that I wanted to become a prominent player in my soon-to-be starship's operations. I waited for my application to be processed and it came back in mid-October making me the second Ensign commissioned aboard the Kitty Hawk. (Larry beat me by four days!) I immediately set my sights to become the Computer Science Officer and was awarded the position. Just as I was developing a computer science manual, the unexpected opportunity for Science Department Head arose and I requested that position. Now, pending my departmental outline due 1 Jan 91, I will be the Science Department Head.

As my personal position history proves, there is a great deal of growth potential aboard the Kitty Hawk - and there still is! To benefit from this, all you need is your O.T.S. certificate. This boils down to simply two dollars, a stamp, and 30 minutes of your time.

It is because of the utter simplicity of the test that O.T.S. has been criticized for being nothing more than a worthless piece of STARFLEET propaganda. After all, why on earth should something as mundane as this overly-simple quiz prove to be the difference between who gets a department head and who does not? What does O.T.S. prove to make such a profound difference?

My answer is simply thus: Yes, O.T.S. is just a stamp, two dollars, and thirty minutes of your time. It is also the beginning of a commitment to leadership! O.T.S. is only a small commitment, much smaller than the commitment I will need to display as the Science Department Head, but we must start somewhere. It is with this tiny step that I began to make myself a responsible Kitty Hawk leader.

In a very narrow sense, all I did to become the Science Department Head was to get my O.T.S. and be at the right place at the right time. Assuming this is true, I can at least say that I have \*already started\* to be a leader. It is not as if the position suddenly came open and I was suddenly interested. Even with just O.T.S. I can claim that I was interested in a leadership role long before any surprise announcement. An

alternative way to see the importance of O.T.S. is to examine how you would feel if I (or anyone of any leadership role for that matter) did not make even the simple commitment required of O.T.S.? To be frank, if I cannot simply mail off my two dollars and answer ten simple questions, how can I possibly expect you to believe that I can make the somewhat larger commitment required of a department head or any leadership obligation? With my O.T.S., I have taken the first step in what I hope will be a long and very promising adventure with STARFLEET.

In conclusion, I have summarized my dramatic rise aboard the Kitty Hawk and have hopefully demonstrated that O.T.S. is more of a commitment to leadership than a test of your intellect. I have also proven that while this is only a small beginning, it is much more desirable than nothing in that it shows your willingness to take the important first step and demonstrate to others your desire and your initiative. I have taken this step with very powerful results and I will close by encouraging everyone (especially in my department - hint hint!) who wants to be more than a PO/3 in environmental control to boldly take the first beautifully simple step by getting your O.T.S. certificate.

# **SECURITY Carey Muse**

After inspection of USS Kitty Hawk by security team headed by Commander Muse, there was no infractions and everything has passed the Department's high standards for security. I congratulate the shipyards on building such a fine ship. STARFLEET is also to be commended for their expediency in getting a ship with plenty of bathrooms.

I would like to request a series of security drills to maintain the ship's efficiency.

# TREK, LIES AND VIDEOTAPE'

By Kristen Schlicht

Oktobertrek was held just outside of Baltimore, Md. on October 12-14 in the ever hospitable Marriot. Our trip started off uneventfully enough, that is until about 3 AM on I-95. As Libby drove, Teresa chatted, and I slept, a piece of concrete threw itself in front of our car and blew out our back tire. And after the kindness of a stranger and an encounter with an even stranger stranger. we arrived at our hotel none the worse for wear. And then four or five hours later the craziness started on Friday. The dealers' room opened at noon and Teresa and I soon found ourselves lost among all of the nifty stuff for sale.

Aside from the dealers' room, there were only the Charity Auction and The Kroykah Show to really attend, besides of course the non-stop movies. The Kroykah Show was a talent show that turned out to be okay. The Bonny V/Hawkeye entourage arrived at our doorstep Friday night and made themselves at home for an hour or so.

Saturday began with the Temple of Trek, which for me was very interesting since it was my first time being blessed by the Rev. Trekwell. I was told by those who had seen the Reverend before that this was not one of his better services - pity. After services, Teresa and I got in line for Gates McFadden's autograph. Our place in line proved to be quite a rumor mill. It seemed that everybody we talked to brought up the Jonathan Frakes fiasco on Arsenio Hall. We had personally not seen the episode but were quite appalled, to say the least. In the meantime, the honorable Dr. Crusher was ruffling a few feathers of her own. It was announced that she would only sign for 1/2 hour instead of an hour. She also would not allow any video cameras in her presence, which was inconvenient because I brought mine to shoot some stuff for the possible TV show. Needless to say I did sneak some while she was signing. Immediately (Continued on page 7)

#### DOING THE CON THING AGAIN

By Pat Heinske

STARDATE: 9010.14 - We are on our way home from one of the most poorly organized conventions we have ever been to - Oktobertrek in Hunt Valley, Maryland. The guests were Gates McFadden and DeForest Kelley.

We left home about 2 AM Saturday and drove 6 hours to arrive at the hotel at 8:00 AM. We looked around for a few minutes, then got in line for registration at 9:00 AM. We got our badges (\$20 for one day! De sure takes his toll on our pockets!) and went straight to the dealers' room. There was not a bad selection, and there were more big ticket items here than at most cons. I met up with Jack Hopkins and company almost immediately. He said they were in the hotel across the street. We caught up with each other often during the day.

Later in the day, we (my friend Jim Dillard and I) caught up with Teresa and Kristen waiting in the autograph line. We said hi, etc. They were among the lucky few that got autographs that day. We waited in line for over an hour when security cut off the line about 20 people ahead of us. He came my direction and I asked him about it. He said I could come back tomorrow. I told him I had a one-day pass and wouldn't be attending tomorrow. He said, "Sorry." I said, "You mean to tell me that I got up at 2:00 this morning and drove straight through for 6 hours to hear 'Sorry'?" I was not impressed. If I had not gotten Gates autograph at Vulkon, I would have really been mad.

So we rejoined my mother and went to find seats for Gates' presentation. It was still about 2 1/2 hours before her time to appear, so we sat through 45 minutes of a Klingon Language Forum, but we figured, hey, at least we got seats, even if they are in the back of the room. At the end of the forum, however, they cleared the auditorium to allow people to set the stage for a play. Thus, there went our seats! I was ready to hang it

up right there, but neither Mom nor Jim had seen Gates before, so we figured we'd stick it out. Well, we went back to see the start of the play and got stuck standing behind the last row of seats in the auditorium. We didn't stay long.

So, when we came back for Gates' presentation, we were still stuck in the back since, of course, no one moved. We stayed for about 10 minutes. Then my Mom, who is slightly arthritic, said she wanted to stay, but her legs couldn't take it anymore, so she went back to the room to rest, and Jim and I sat in the hall and listened.

Later, we went in for the costume contest. I entered for the workmanship part of the contest. I was very pleased to note the judges pointed out to each other all the details I had wanted them to notice and one of them wrote "excellent" on his pad. YEAH!! They said the prizes would be awarded in about 3 1/2 hours, so Jim and I hit the pool and came back a couple of hours later. Teresa came up to me and asked what happened to me. I stared at her blankly. She said, "They called your name to go up on stage a bunch of times, but you didn't show." I explained to her that I assumed, according to instructions I was given, that the workmanship part was separate from the presentation part, when actually, the workmanship was above and beyond the presentation; that is, you could be in the presentation part without being judged for workmanship, but not vice-versa. So, when I didn't show up on stage, I was disqualified from any judging at all. I was not happy. But, to quote Riker to Picard in the episode "Shades of Gray": "When you drop a hammer on your foot, it's hardly useful to get mad at the hammer."

Anyway, later in the evening, about 10:00 PM, they set up a ten-forward. Jim and I had a few drinks and joined Kristen and her group. Kristen, Teresa, Jim and I alternated between the dance

floor, the bar, and our seats until about 2:00 AM. Then, when they were kicking everyone out, about 3:30 AM, the four of us decided to go to IHOP (that's Intergalactic House of Pancakes). We had breakfast and conversation (most of which I won't repeat, even if my mind is melded or sifted) and got back to the hotel about 5:00 AM. We walked the ladies to their room and said goodnight.

Sunday morning, my eyes opened about 11:00 AM. I couldn't believe that I slept that late at a con! We decided to take one more quick (and expensive) trip through the dealers' room, find everyone and say goodbye before we left, so we did just that.

In conclusion, the only saving grace for this convention in my mind (besides the leather and handcuffs) was the fact that some of my fellow crewmates were there to spend time with because if I had been alone, I would have left at 2:00 PM Saturday. I was that unimpressed (to be polite) with the planning and organization of the event. But, I got by with a little help from my friends. Thanks, people! (And you know who you are!)

#### CHI CON V/WORLDCON '91 By Alan Nuss

When: 8/29-9/2/91
Membership: \$95 until 12/31/90
Supporting: \$20
Where: . Hyatt Regency, Chicago, Il.
GoH: Hal Clement
AGoH: Richard Powers
Editor GoH: Martin H. Greenberg
Fan GoH's: Jon & Joni Stopa
Toastmaster: Marta Randall
Send registration to:

ChiCon V

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Many authors attend World Cons so I expect some of the Star Trek and Star Trek TNG (novel) authors to be there.

#### **ENGINEER'S FORUM: STARDATE 9012.15**

By John P. Miller

"All I ask is a tall ship and a star to steer by..."

Captain James Kirk once likened space travel to the old style ships used when man was first exploring our own planet's many seas. He said, "In those days you could feel the wind at your back. Take away the wind... take away the sea, and it's still the same. The ship is yours. And the stars are still there." Many people must have thought that he was simply remarking how wonderful it was to have command of his own starship. I feel it was partly that, but not only that. There was much more. Our ship, this fine new ENTERPRISE Class vessel, is surely a tall ship, and each and every one of us should be proud to be a part of her. STARFLEET is still growing, and we have a part in its growth.

What is an Enterprise Class ship? Many people seem to have it confused with that mainstay of STARFLEET, the old Constitution Class ship. While the basic layout of the ship is the same, they are very different ships. I hope to have

a complete technical outline covering the entire process of refitting a Constitution Class vessel to Enterprise Class specs in the next newsletter. For right now, I'll just concentrate on what makes the ship run, rather than the ship itself. A ship runs not on its engines, or its weapons, or even its most sophisticated computer systems. A starship truly runs on its crew. We may not have the legendary officers that have staffed the NCC-1701. Everyone can see that Jim Kirk's crew was a rare thing indeed. A testament to how special they are is the fact that of all the original Constitution Class vessels launched, the Enterprise was the ONLY one to return from her 5 year mission. What does this say to the crew of the Kitty Hawk? Well, for one, it says that we must be very careful, for there are dangers out in space that we cannot comprehend. Every man and woman on this ship must be capable of keeping a cool head about them, but even more important than that, is the loyalty we owe our Captain. "A ship's crew runs

on loyalty to one man, and nothing may replace it, or him." A wise quote I am sure you all have heard before. Being a starship Captain requires an enormous personal sacrifice. Most of us are in this for fun, but it is more than that to the Captain. In the coming months, our ship will be tested in ways we do not yet know. With our trust in our Captain and his faith in us, we shall weather the tides that may come. Only in this manner can we build the kind of crew Captains dream about.

Well, enough of my preaching. Everyone knows the message I am trying to get across. I'll just leave you with one quote to think about. Consider it well, for it may concern you more than you may know.

"For the powerful play goes on...

and you may contribute a verse."

What will your verse be. . .?

Esse quam videri

#### **BACK ON A STARSHIP AGAIN**

By John Troan

Whew! I finally made it back to a starship! For those of you who didn't make the November meeting, let me introduce myself. I am John M. Troan (yes, with the middle initial). I was a member of the Endeavor before it was decommissioned awhile ago. Since then, I have just been wandering around in an escape pod, or realistically speaking working and finishing high school. Now I'm at N.C. State, soon to be as a sophomore in Computer Science. After that, who knows? I also have a couple of jobs to keep the money rolling in. Running the ship's computer ain't cheap! The job that is more beneficial ( and

looks better on my resume) is the one at Food Lion at Pinecrest Point, the shopping center near the Kitty Hawk's section of Leesville Road. My primary interests are recreational programming, keeping up on the space program, and being a couch potato during football season and new Star Trek episodes.

I am currently serving as the Computer Operations Officer of the Kitty Hawk, taking over for Allen Wiles who moved on to become Science Officer. Having already worked with him while we were both in the Computer Science/Operations Department, I decided to keep my department in the sciences. This does

not mean that I won't help Operations should Steve decide that he needs help. The Comp. Sci/Ops Manual is just being finished up and should be ready before Christmas.

Anyone with anything for archiving on the ship's computer or in the ship's files, give it to me at the next meeting or send it to me at one of these addresses:

> 8413 Sawyer Drive Raleigh, NC 27613-1122

111 Friendly Drive #750 Raleigh, NC 27607 (Continued on page 7)

VIDEOTAPE (Continued from page 4) afterwards we found our seats and waited for Gates to do her stuff. I personally was not impressed with her. She seemed to dodge a lot of the questions and had a bit of an attitude. That didn't bother me though because I was really waiting for DeForest Kelley. And when he finally got on stage, it was well worth the wait. De was very personable and had the crowd in the palm of his hand. Afterwards Teresa went off to the masquerade contest and I grabbed my video camera. It was then that I ended up waiting in a jam packed lobby for an hour for the con committee to open the auditorium for the costume show. The show was pretty good, the costumes inventive but some of the judging left something to be desired.

We caught up with the Bonny V group in Ten Forward and danced the night away. An early retreat by the Bonny V to their quarters for a quietless night, left the remains of the Kitty Hawk to close down the party. They had to kick us out at 4 AM. It was from there that we went off to the IHOP to terrorize the mundanes. By the way, Pat, tell Jim that he can pick up the cuffs at my place as long as I get my scarves back.

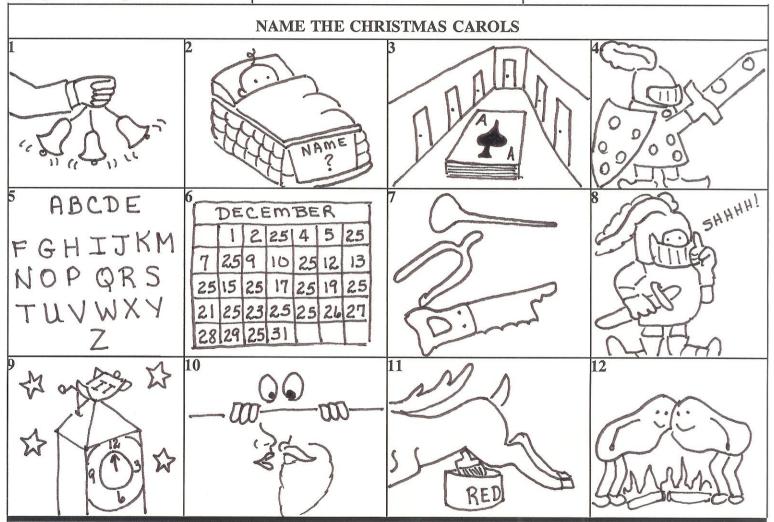
Sunday brought about more adventures in the dealers' room and finally a tape of De's presentation. Dr. McCoy is twice as good the second time around. We left right afterwards a little bit poorer, but a little happier.

\*All due gratitude to P.H. and IHOP

STARSHIP (Continued from page 6)

For those ambitious members (HA!), you can drop them by my dorm room (the second address) at University Towers just off the west edge of campus. I do have a 2400 Baud modem (836-9981 or 848-6671) and can easily accept text files for the archives.

If anyone has any questions about the department, modifications for the ship's computer, or possible needs for my department call me at either or the numbers (try the 836 number first during school weeks and the 848 all other times).



Roasting On An Open Fire

ANSWERS: 1) Jingle Bells 2) What Child Is This? 3) Deck The Halls 4) O, Holy Wight 5) The First Noel 6) The Twelve Days of Christmas 7) All I Want For Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth 8) Silent Might 9) It Came Upon A Midnight Clear 10) I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus 11) Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer 12) Chestnuts