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HEPHAESTUS is the Greek name for the Roman god of the forge, Vulcan. Birmingham has the world's largest iron statue, that of the Roman god, Vulcan. We named our Starfleet chapter the Hephaestus to give us ties to our city and to Star Trek, which has had its own Vulcan since 1966. Hephaestus forged armor and weapons for the gods. We create our own "armor and weapons" here, in our newsletter, so it is called **THE ANVIL**.

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CAPTAINS ANNOUNCEMENTS

by Rear Admiral Pete Mohney



Greetings!

We've been struggling a bit with our social events lately, and at the next business meeting, Danny and I are going to lead a discussion about what we can do to improve things. Danny's idea is that we could combine our 'social event' with our 'social meeting' and help make the meeting more attractive, and the event more likely to be more heavily attended. One of the realities we have to face is that our 'core group' is mostly made up of people whose time or finances can be very tight – which can mean that last-minute cancellations can be very common. If you aren't at the business meeting on May 5, please either post to the Hephaestus maillist, or call or email me personally, and we'll figure out a good solution for this problem.

Another thing we'll be discussing at the business meeting is a revised promotions policy, that Danny and I have been working on. We've tried to simplify the system we use, to make it easier for the crew to understand, and easier for us to implement. This new policy is for officer ranks only so far; we will work up a system for cadet ranks later.

I was pleased and honored to be nominated for the informal online poll of The Starfleet Person of the Year. I have no idea who nominated me, but whoever it was, I'd like to thank them. My time as Regional Coordinator, and the achievements during that time, are things I'm very proud of, and I was happy to be able to contribute something to Starfleet during that time.

Pete



XO BRIEFING



note the extra pip he's wearing! At the Region 2 Summit, Dennis was promoted to Captain! We had to wait until he was in attendance at a Business Meeting to let him know, of

Greetings all...

Lots to talk about this month! First off, the balloting for the Executive Board of the USS Hephaestus ended on March 31, 2003. At the April Business meeting, the tallies were announce, and the new Executive Board was named. They are: Dennis Evans, Sue Ellen Mohney and Denby Potts. Congratulations to the new board!

Next item of business. Next time you see Dennis Evans,

course, which is why it's taken this long to have it recognized in the Anvil!

I have finally been able to review the Promotions criteria for the USS Hephaestus, and you will find them elsewhere in this Anvil. After running them by Pete, we're planning to put them into effect on May 1, 2003, but I thought I'd take a second and talk about some of the changes, and why they were made.

The first change you'll notice is the 'instant Ensign' promotion (for passing OTS) has been removed. The main reason for this is that we wanted OTS to be of benefit, no matter when you take it. As it stood before, it was only a benefit when you were wanting the rank of Ensign.

Passing OTS now will reduce your promotion time for any promotion by six months. Also passing OCC will now reduce your promotion time for any promotion by six months. The only caveat is that you can only get one six month reduction per rank this way.

We've also codified a few things that were unwritten before. OTS is required to get to the rank of Lieutenant

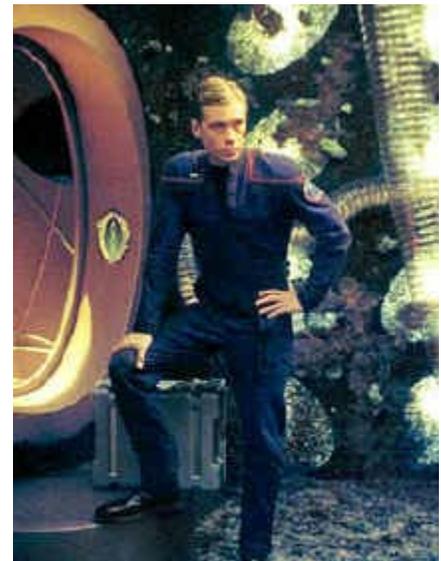
Commander, and OCC is required to get to the rank of Commander. Also, how to get to the rank of Captain has been addressed!

Lastly, we've stated a clear guideline on how long we feel a person should stay in each rank before moving on. It's our hope that these guidelines will make everyone's job easier, and spell out clearly how a person moves between ranks. If you have any questions on the new guidelines, feel free to talk with myself or Pete.

I believe that's all I have for this month... Type at you next month!



COMMUNICATIONS REPORT



Greetings,

I just wanted to take a few minutes to remind you about the next deadline for The Anvil. It will be Tuesday May 20th. Please be sure to get me your submissions by that date.

Take a few minutes to look over The Anvil and make sure we have your information correct. If you see an error please bring it to either Pete's or my attention so that we can get it right in the next issue.

Please feel free to express your opinions to me at any time. The Anvils is your newsletter and if you think something would make it more enjoyable please let me know. If you don't tell me I will not know.

As always please send all reports and other feedback to TheAnvil@charter.net.

Dennis





MEDICAL REPORT

There is a world wide alert for the new virus **SARS**. **SARS** spreads through the same ways as the common cold: contact, airborne, & blood. The Symptoms mimic the common cold or flu, but do not get better over several days, they will get worse over several days. This is a deadly disease! In Alabama there has been 1 case. If you suspect that you may be infected, contact your MD asap. If you need information on **SARS** go to www.cdc.gov.

**Col. Neil Yawn, SFMD
CMO**



MEETING MINUTES

by Lt. Cmdr Denby Potts

The April Business meeting was held at Barnes and Noble. Attendance was fairly heavy, including a potential new recruit who drove all the way from Demopolis just to check out. A list with a set of potential dates for upcoming events was handed out and reviewed. The new Executive Board was announced. Danny talked about his review of the people with outstanding promotions. Dennis Evans received his promotion certificate from the Summit, promoting him to Captain. Pete discussed needing to place another order of club T-shirts, and discussed whether they should all be one color or many. A brief discussion of potentially setting up a 'Christmas for Kids' toy collection in conjunction with Wal-Mart in Trussville the day after Thanksgiving was held. The crew then adjourned to general discussion.

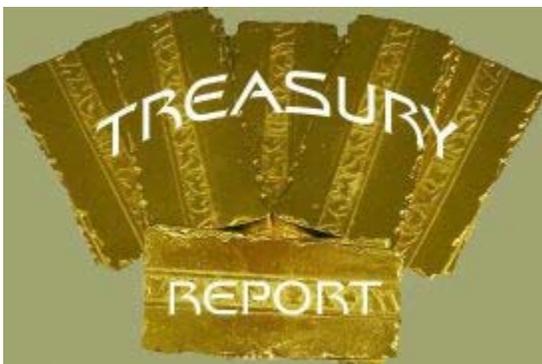
The April Social meeting was held at the home of the Mohneys. Attendance was a small group of the regulars. Rather than moving downstairs to play games, the crew decided to stay upstairs and have a general discussion and watch movies. A brief discussion of the following day's group event at Tropical Golf was held. As usual, a good time was had by all.





All times, dates and locations are subject to change without notice. Please contact Pete Mohny or any other command officer before attending meetings if you haven't been in touch recently.

Date	Event	Date	Event
May 5	business meeting	July 5	Terminator 3 (tentative)
May 9	Children's Hospital?	July 7	business meeting
May 10	Renaissance Festival?	July 18	social meeting
May 16	social meeting	July 19	cookout
May 17	Matrix Reloaded (tentative.)	July 31	August 3, Starfleet IC 2003
June or later	yard sale	August 4	business meeting
June 2	business meeting	August 15	social meeting
June 20	social meeting	August 29	September 1, Dragon Con
June 21	The Hulk (tentative)		



Previous Balance:	73.25
Income:	
David Montgomery renewal	+10.00
Donation	
Yawns	+10.00
Expenses:	
postage:	-7.20
New Balance:	86.05



USS HEPHAESTUS COMMAND STRUCTURE

Command Staff

Pete Mohney, Rear Admiral, Commanding Officer
Danny Potts, Fleet Captain – First Officer
Nell Yawn, Col - Second Officer

Executive Committee

Sue Ellen Mohney, Captain
Denby Potts, Lt Cmdr
Dennis Evans, Captain

Sciences

Roy Green, Lt Col - Archaeology and Anthropology
Nell Yawn, Col - Meteorology Specialist, SFMD

Computer Sciences

Mark Lindsay, Cmdr, Chief

Navigation

Vacant

Engineering

Vacant

Communications

Dennis Evans, Cmdr, Chief
Mark Lindsay, Cmdr
Pat Simmons, Lt Cmdr

Medical

Nell Yawn, Col, Chief Medical Officer, SFMD
Sheila Benton, Lt Cmdr, Vice Chief Medical Officer, SFMD
Pamela Lindsay, Lt Cmdr, Acting Chief Medical Officer, Detached
Nancy O'Shields, Maj, SFMD

Security

Roy Green, Lt Col, Security Intelligence, Chief
Nancy O'Shields, Maj
Lisa Cardwell

Operations

Sue Ellen Mohney, Captain, Chief of Operations and Counselor
Denby Potts, Lt Cmdr, Ships Stores Officer and Secretary
Pete Mohney, Commodore, Technical Information Officer
Sheila Benton, Lt Cmdr, Stampede Coordinator, SFMD
Sue Ellen Mohney, Captain, Overseas Coupon Coordinator
Lynnette Yawn, Ship's Galley Officer

Marines

Roy Green, Lt Col
Nell Yawn, Col, SFMD
Nancy O'Shields, Maj

Cadet Training

Nicholas Mohney, Petty Officer Third Class
Michelle Lindsay, Junior Cadet Specialist
Matthew Potts
Katrina Mohney
Haley Youngblood

Unassigned Crew and Civilians

Dean Meadows
Loma Brown
Wayne Crowe

USS HEPHAESTUS PROMOTIONS GUIDELINES

The following document covers the ranks that are issued by the USS Hephaestus for crewmembers which are honored by Starfleet, International.

The cadet ranks (**for members under the age of 18**) are not covered in this document.

All ranks on the USS Hephaestus are awarded by either the Commanding Officer or the Executive Officer (**after consulting with the Commanding Officer**).

Starfleet-awarded ranks are not covered in this document. If a person is awarded a rank by Starfleet, the USS Hephaestus will instantly honor that rank, regardless of the circumstances. For example, being appointed Executive Officer for the chapter will gain a person a Starfleet-awarded rank of Commander. This rank will be honored, even if the member has not completed the USS Hephaestus requirements for the rank of Commander.

Unless otherwise determined by the Commanding Officer or Executive Officer, any member transferring to the USS Hephaestus from another Starfleet chapter will have their rank honored by the USS Hephaestus, even if the member has not completed the USS Hephaestus requirements for that rank. It will be required, however, that the crewmember satisfy the requirements of the following rank before proceeding forward.

Definitions:

The Hephaestus has three classes of membership:

Subscriber - A person who has not joined the Hephaestus, but subscribes to the Newsletter.

Passenger - A member of the Hephaestus who has not joined Starfleet.

Crewmember - A member of the Hephaestus who has joined Starfleet. (**The only class of membership that may hold the following ranks**)

Other terms:

OTS - Starfleet Academy's Officer Training School

OCC - Starfleet Academy's Officer Command College

Tests - Tests, created by the USS Hephaestus, which may be taken to advance to certain ranks.

Extraordinary Service - This is a general term, meant to convey a level of participation in the USS Hephaestus, Region 02 or Starfleet that is above the standard level of the average crewmember.

For example, it's expected that members attend business meetings, so showing up at business meetings would not be considered 'extraordinary', but attending all business and social meetings, as well as all special events could be considered as an exceptional level of participation in the lower ranks.

For higher ranks, 'exceptional service' might refer to a level of participation in recruiting drives, regional events, etc... The definition of 'extraordinary' is fluid and determined by the Commanding Officer or the Executive Officer.

Commander Project - To advance to the rank of Commander, it is required to complete a 'project' that somehow brings a tangible benefit to either the USS Hephaestus, Region 02 or Starfleet.

Attending the Region 02 Summit would not satisfy this requirement, however attending for several years, hosting panels and working on Summit staff could satisfy this requirement, depending on the situation. Serving on Regional Staff for some period of time could satisfy this requirement. The satisfaction of the project is determined by the Commanding Officer or the Executive Officer.

Note: At any point, taking OTS or OCC will grant a 6 month reduction towards the crewmember's next rank. However, both of these reductions cannot be taken for the same promotion. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that OTS be completed prior to making Lt. Commander rank, as after that point, only one 6 month reduction is available.

The Ranks:

Crewmember:

Requirements: Joining Starfleet.

Ensign:

Requirements: 12 months of service as a Crewmember on the USS Hephaestus.

Reductions: 6 months for completion of Ensign test.

Lieutenant (Junior Grade):

Requirements: 15 months of service in the grade of Ensign.

Reductions: 6 months for completion of LTjg test.

Lieutenant:

Requirements: 18 months of service in the grade of Lieutenant (Junior Grade)
Reductions: 6 months for completion of LT test.
 3 months for extraordinary service.

Lieutenant Commander:

Requirements: 21 months of service in the grade of Lieutenant.
 Completion of OTS.
Reductions: 3 months for extraordinary service.

Commander:

Requirements: 24 months of service in the grade of Lieutenant Commander
 Completion of OCC
 Completion of at least one major project

for the USS Hephaestus, Region 2 or Starfleet International.

Reductions: 3 months for extraordinary service.

Notes:

Completing OTS is not required to become an Ensign. A member of the USS Hephaestus may advance to the rank of Lieutenant without taking OTS.

Completing OTS is a requirement to move beyond the rank of Lieutenant.

Completing OCC is a requirement to move beyond the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

These guidelines go into effect May 1, 2003. All ranks attained by USS Hephaestus members prior to May 1, 2003 will be honored.

ACHIEVEMENTS, PROMOTIONS, RENEWALS



NEW MEMBERS

Congratulations to Nancy O'Shields for passing the the Starfleet Academy College of Treknology: DS-9 – Episode, Main Character, Technology and Trivia tests; Star Trek: The Next Generation: Episode Test; Star Trek: The Next Generation: Characters Test; The College Of Treknology: Masters Degree. She also passed Starfleet Academy College of Treknology: DS9 – Character test. Later in the month, she passed the Delta Quadrant test, Ocampa course, with distinction; the Talaxian course; and the Borg course! Fantastic work, Nancy!

I'd like to formally welcome Haley Youngblood to the Hephaestus crew. She has been listed on our Starfleet roster for some time, but hadn't been added to the crew list. Welcome aboard, Haley!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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|---------------|-------------------------|
| May 11 | Roy Green |
| May 06 | Mark Lindsay |
| May 24 | Michelle Lindsay |
| May 02 | Edward deGruy |
| May 22 | Becky Rivers |
| May 30 | Michael Piller |
| May 30 | Colm Meany |



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RENEWAL REMINDERS

There is a date on the mailing label on your Anvil, which shows your Hephaestus expiration date, when you will cease receiving your newsletter. I will include a renewal reminder note in your last Anvil, encouraging you to renew. You can, of course, renew whenever you like! It will always extend your membership by a year.

The following is a list of those whose Starfleet International membership expiration dates are known (I have your Starfleet card with your expiration date on it).

Member	Expires	Member	Expires
Ltcmdr Simmons , Patricia	4/14/2003	Po2 Mohney , Nicholas	10/13/2003
Cmdr Lindsay , Mark	7/16/2003	Radm Mohney , Pete	10/13/2003
Cdt Lindsay , Michelle L	7/16/2003	Capt Mohney , Sue Ellen	10/13/2003
Ltcmdr Lindsay , Pamela	7/16/2003	Cmdr Green Jr , Roy Curtis	10/28/2003
Capt Yawn , Rodney Neil	8/13/2003	Fcapt Potts , Danny	2/21/2004
Youngblood-Yawn , Lynette	8/13/2003	Ltcmdr Benton , Sheila Marie	2/21/2004
Crowe , Wayne G.	9/9/2003	Ltcmdr Potts , Denby	2/21/2004
Cmdr Evans , Dennis	9/26/2003	Cdt Potts , Matthew	2/21/2004
Mohney , Katrina Leigh	10/13/2003	Youngblood , Haley	3/8/2004



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Regeneration

Written By: Mike Sussman and Phyllis Strong

Directed By: David Livingston

Guest Cast:

Bonita Friedericy as Rooney

Adam Harrington as Researcher

Christopher Wynne as Doctor Moninger

John Short as Drake

Vaughn Armstrong as Admiral Forrest

Jim Fitzpatrick as Commander Williams

Mark Chadwick as Male Tarkalean

Nicole Randal as Female Tarkalean

Paul Anthony Scott as Foster

Notes:

3/11/03: Production Report: The official STAR TREK web site has posted its production report the May 7th episode of ENTERPRISE, "Regeneration." As previously reported by TrekWeb, the episode will feature the discovery of Borg sphere fragments from STAR TREK: FIRST CONTACT in the arctic. When human scientists begin examining the strange cybernetic humanoids they find in the ice, the beings come to life and eventually steal a transport, borgify it, and run into Archer and the NX-01.

The report details the return of Borg sets and costumes to the Paramount set for the first time since the finale of STAR TREK: VOYAGER, "Endgame." John Billingsley's real-life wife, actress Bonita Friedericy, plays one of the scientists, 'Rooney', although she had no scenes with Billingsley's 'Phlox'.

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Air Date	Ep #	Title
5/7/03	149	Regeneration
5/14/03	150	First Flight
5/21/03	151	Bounty
5/21/03	152	The Expanse

The episode was directed by David Livingston ("Stigma", "The Crossing") and comes to a climax as both Archer and Reed end up inside the assimilated transport vessel. The episode was penned by Mike Sussman and Phyllis Strong and will air on UPN May 7th.

2/19/03: After nearly two seasons, ENTERPRISE will go down the path many TREK series have traveled with "Regeneration," the first Borg episode of the prequel-era series, likely to air during May Sweeps. According to plot information provided TrekWeb this morning, the twenty-third episode of the season will open in Earth's Arctic Circle, where the fragments of a crashed Borg Sphere are uncovered by three human scientists.

Doctors Drake, Rooney and Moninger recover two Borg drones from the debris and begin examining them at their lab after informing Starfleet of the find. As they study the corpses, a metallurgical scan reveals that the crash occurred nearly a century earlier—could the fragment be a remnant of the sphere shot down in FIRST CONTACT? Further study leads to the revelation of the Borg's ability to regenerate with nanotechnology, which we learn only the Denobulans have experimented with in this time period.

As they continue to research the site, their curiosity gets the better of them when the drone they're studying comes to life and assimilates Doctor Moninger. Starfleet loses contact with the team and orders an armed shuttle to investigate... later, the NX-01 comes face to face with a borgified vessel...

This information is based on early and incomplete fragments of the episode's script. Much is likely to change before the show airs in May.

First Flight

Written By: John Shiban and Chris Black

Directed By: LeVar Burton

Guest Cast:

Keith Carradine as A.G. Robinson

Michael Canavan as Vulcan Advisor

Victor Bevine as Flight Controller

Brigid Brannaugas Ruby

Vaughn Armstrong as Admiral Forrest

John B. Moody as Security Officer

Notes:

3/19/03: Production Report: The official STAR TREK web site has posted its official production report for the historic fiftieth episode of ENTERPRISE, "First Flight." The episode depicts the competition between a younger Jonathan Archer and his rival A.G. Robinson for the right to be the one to break the Warp 2 barrier for the first time.

The episode, penned by Chris Black and John Shiban and under the direction of LeVar Burton, completed principal photography yesterday and takes its inspiration from the 1983 film THE RIGHT STUFF, about the U.S. space program's first seven astronauts. According to the report, Admiral Forrest relays news of Robinson's death and while exploring a nebula via shuttlepod, the captain tells the story—which is mostly told in flashback—to T'Pol.

The episode will feature many highlights for fans of the series, including a Lieutenant Trip Tucker working on the engineering team under the command of 'Captain Jefferies', an homage to original series starship designer Matt Jefferies. Interesting locales for the episode include the prototype Warp 2 capsule, the NX mission control center, NX hangers and facilities, and some pre-Enterprise vessels. Also on deck is the 602 Club, mentioned in last year's "Shuttlepod One" as the place where many a young Starfleet cadet fell in love with the waitress 'Ruby'.

Actor Keith Carradine plays Robinson, Archer's competitor in the episode. Carradine is the half-brother of KUNG FU actor David Carradine. Guest actor Vaughn Armstrong returns for substantial scenes as Admiral and Commodore Forrest (in the flashbacks), and actors Michael Canavan and Victor Bevine return to TREK as the 'Vulcan Advisor' and 'Flight Controller', respectively. Canavan was last seen in ST:DS9's "Defiant" and ST:VOY's "Unforgettable," while Bevine guested in ST:DS9's "Things Past," ST:VOY's "Pathfinder" and even as a guard in STAR TREK: FIRST CONTACT. Other performers include Brigid Brannaug as

Ruby and John B. Moody as a security officer.

"First Flight" is set to air on UPN May 14th.

3/1/03: ENTERPRISE will offer up a look into the origins of the warp five program in its fiftieth episode, "First Flight." The episode will depict the events surrounding the first test of the engine, which fails, destroying the ship, and prompting the Vulcans to urge Starfleet to reconsider the design, which they think is unstable.

Archer and a young Trip Tucker, who is working on the project, are determined to give it another try, however, and launch the NX-Beta without Starfleet's approval. The episode will include an homage to the Original Series art director Matt Jefferies, in naming the captain of the engineering team working on the project after him.

The fiftieth episode will go before cameras on March 10th under the direction of LeVar Burton, who also helmed the one-hundredth episode of STAR TREK: VOYAGER, "Timeless." Keep in mind that this plot information is based on incomplete and early fragments from the episode's script, and is likely to undergo significant revisions before the episode airs in May.

Bouty

Written By: Rick Berman and Brannon Braga

Directed By: Roxann Dawson

Notes:

3/12/03: The twenty-fifth episode of ENTERPRISE's sophomore season will air on May 21st in a doubleheader followed by the season finale, according to StarTrek.com. Sources today revealed the first plot information about the episode to be directed by Roxann Dawson ("Dead Stop"), entitled "Bounty."

The episode picks up after the events of the April 9th episode "Judgment," in which Archer is sent to the Klingon penal colony Rura Penthe. In "Bounty," the captain has been captured by bounty hunters on their way to deliver to renegade starship captain to the Klingons, where he will certainly face death.

En route, the bounty hunter, 'Skalaar', is interrupted by an old rival, who attempts to steal Archer for his own bounty. The hunters encounter the Enterprise but inform them that they'll have to fight for Archer if they expect to get him before the Klingons do. Archer is finally delivered to a Klingon captain and deposited in a prison cell...

Please be aware that this information has not been con-

firmed by Paramount Pictures and is based on an early and incomplete version of the episode's story, which will likely undergo significant revision before airing in May.

The Expanse

Written By: Rick Berman and Brannon Braga

Directed By: Allan Kroeker

Notes:

3/20/03: The sophomore season of ENTERPRISE will come to a close on May 21st as part of a doubleheader night following the the first-run presentation of episode number twenty-five, "Bounty." TrekWeb has today received the first information about the season finale, continuing the Klingon story from "Bounty," called "The Expanse."

In the episode, the Klingon Chancellor offers the disgraced 'Duras', who lost his command in "Judgment" (airing April 9th), his command again if he can capture Jonathan Archer, who escaped Rura Penthe in that earlier episode and then the bounty hunters sent after him in "Bounty."

The NX-01, however, is en route back to Earth after news that the planet has been attacked. Before they can get home, however, Duras attacks and nearly boards the Enterprise before three slower Starfleet vessels show up and fend off the Klingons just in time. The Klingons withdraw and upon reaching Earth, a scar of damage is visible from the Floridian peninsula to Cuba...

"The Expanse" will go before cameras next week and marks the twenty-sixth and final episode of the season. Production won't begin on season three until mid-to-late July.

Actor Jordan Lund Talks Tellarites, Says Guest Role Quite "Bountiful"



from original series

Veteran guest actor Jordan Lund will don the first updated Tellarite make-up in ENTERPRISE's May Sweeps episode "Bounty." The installment will mark the first major role for the classic series species since TOS's "Journey to Babel." TrekWeb recently took fan questions for Mr. Lund, who says his guest role is one of the largest he's played.

"With the exception of playing a regular role on a series (**MERCY POINT, UPN 1998**), it was as big a role as I've ever played on TV," Lund said in his responses now available here at TrekWeb. "I think we tried to give these beings as detailed an emotional

life as we could, and make them fully realized, maybe a little more complex this time around."

One of the most exciting aspects of the Tellarite appearance for fans of the original series will be in how make up artist Michael Westmore updates the aliens' look for the 21st century.

"When I first met with Michael Westmore to do a cast of my face and teeth, I saw the pictures of the first Tellarites," Lund says. "We talked about how they had to look up to see out of the mask they were wearing, and that there was something about that posture that should remain in the new incarnation."



Rick Berman: Season 3 Will be Like Writing Whole New Show (SPOILERS)

Producer Rick Berman seems more willing to characterize the change for ENTERPRISE next season, which he describes as a “course correction,” as significant, in new remarks today with Sci-Fi Wire. He says “The Expanse” will setup a “first” for the TREK franchise.

“For the first time on a STAR TREK series, we’re going to be dealing with a mission to save Earth,” Berman said. “We’ll be dealing with a different group of aliens, [and] we’re going to be dealing with some new, non-Starfleet people coming on the ship to add a little muscle for the potentially violent situations our crew will be coming up against.”

He says the change will be markedly different from the current show.

“It’s exciting for us because, in a way, it gives us a new show to write. It will still be STAR TREK, and it will still be ENTERPRISE, and we’ll still have all of our characters with us. But it will be a real course [correction]. We’re excited about it, and it does all get set up in the final episode of the season.”

The producer also says that one of the regular characters will lose someone dear to them on Earth and that T’Pol’s character will undergo a major trial related to her participation in the “new mission.”

Early Season Two Installments “Sickbay,” “Creek” Earn Hugo Award Nods

The 50th Annual Hugo Award nominations have been announced and the newest STAR TREK series is up for two in the same category. ENTERPRISE is nominated twice in the “Best Dramatic Presentation, Short Form” category, for the episodes “A Night in Sickbay” and “Carbon Creek.” The former was written by Rick Berman and Brannon Braga while the latter was written by Chris Black from a story by Berman, Braga and FRASIER producer Dan O’Shannon.

Competitors in the category all come from Joss Whedon shows. “Conversations With Dead People” from BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER, “Serenity” from the short-lived FIREFLY, and “Waiting in the Wings” from ANGEL.

The original STAR TREK series won Hugos in this category in 1967 and 1968 for “The Menagerie” and “The City on the Edge of Forever,” while Gene Roddenberry received a special Hugo in 1968. STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION’s “Inner Light” won a Hugo in 1993 in the same category. DEEP SPACE NINE was nominated twice for “Trials and Tribble-ations” and “The Visitor” in 1996 and 1997. Braga shared a Hugo Award for Excellence in Science Fiction writing with Ronald D. Moore for the ST:TNG finale “All Good Things...”

The Hugos will be announced at Torcon 3, the 61st World Science Fiction Convention, to be held Aug. 28-Sept. 1 in Toronto, and are named for Hugo Gernsback, considered the father of magazine science fiction.

Lack of Hometown Support Stalls Effort to Name Highway for Roddenberry

The effort to name the portion of Interstate 10 passing through STAR TREK creator Gene Roddenberry’s home town, El Paso, Texas, is likely to fail, according to the latest report by the El Paso Times. Last week the city council rejected a proposal to lend official support for Texas House Bill 949, introduced by legislator Pat Haggerty, after support from residents of El Paso came under question.

Several members of the community, including El Paso council member Larry Medina, questioned whether Roddenberry made a contribution sizeable enough to the Texas city to justify the naming. Roddenberry’s family moved to Los Angeles when he was still a young child. Other citizens wrote angry letters to the city over

Roddenberry’s humanistic philosophy, which one critic called “anti-Christian” (story).

Eugene Roddenberry, Jr. wrote to the state legislature last week in an effort to head off such criticism, writing, “Our objective is simply to offer a name that has for nearly 40 years symbolized an optimistic view of the future and more specifically one that has embodied the unconditional acceptance of diversity.”

Representative Norma Chávez’, whose House Border and International Affairs committee stalled the bill, says the effort may have helped El Paso promote its diversity.

“I don’t think that El Paso does enough to capture and promote the diversity. We don’t really have an identity,” she told the Times.



Convention Schedule

2003 Conventions

Vulkon Tampa: May 30-June 1 2003, Tampa Airport Hilton Westshore, Tampa, Fl. Guest: John Billingsley (Sunday Only), Michael Dorn (Saturday Only), Mira Furlan (Babylon 5), Teryl Rothery (Stargate SG-1), Richard Gordon (Astronaut). Admission: Gold VIP tickets are \$125 and only available on-line. Includes seating in the first 5 rows of the ballroom and 2 autographs each from guest. Two Day Deluxe Weekend Ticket- \$75 includes reserved seating and 1 autograph each from guest. Single Day tickets may be available once guests are confirmed. Note: General Admission Tickets may not be available at the door for this show, as we expect a sell-out crowd. Order early for lower badge numbers and best seating, as we now call by rows during the autograph sessions. By Mail Order: Make check or money order payable to Vulkon and mail with a self addressed stamped envelope to: Vulkon c/o Joe Motes, P.O. Box 297122, Pembroke Pines FL. 33029-7122. Mail orders must be postmarked by May 16th, 2003. Note: If not ordering through the mail, or if you do not have on-line access, you may also call in your ticket orders at: (954) 441-8735 Mon- Sat 12 Noon till 4 pm. Tickets On-line: Can be ordered on our secure server, just use our convenient shopping cart type order form. Tickets At The Door: Can be purchased from 7 pm - 10 pm Friday, and Saturday and Sunday 9:30 AM Till 4 PM. Door prices are \$65 weekend, \$40 Saturday, \$30 Sunday (prices subject to change). These prices are lower as they do not include Reserved or Guaranteed seating and will only be available if the convention is not sold out. Note: we recommend ordering in advance and getting the reserved seating for only \$10 more, as we are expecting a capacity crowd and may have standing room only. Also paying at the door may not guarantee autographs if we are at capacity, as the Stars are contracted to only sign a limited amount of autographs. Reserved Seating: Reserved seating at this show is now included with advance ticket purchase, and will not be available at the door. Child Admission : Children 12 and under are one free per paying adult. Note: Under 12 free admission does not include

autographs nor reserved seating. Reserved seating is available for children 12 and under, for only \$10 for the weekend. For more info visit <http://www.vulkon.com/tam-pamay/index.html>.

Sci Fi Summer Con: May 30th-June 1st 2003 - Atlanta Perimeter DoubleTree Hotel - Atlanta Ga. - Guest Include: Atlanta Radio Theater Company, Vince Barrale, Bob Burden, Emerald Rose, Michael Weaver. Lots of events, Dealers Room, Retro Arcade, Movies, Artshow. Memberships: Before May 15th, \$15 individual After May 15th, must purchase at door. Group Rates available \$10 per person, Group must be at least 15 people. Under 12 free. Visit web site for more info and ordering info. www.sfscon.org.

HubCon XI: Sept 12th-14th: Lake Terrace Convention Center, Hattiesburg, Ms. Events includes, Historical Gaming: DBM Trournament, WWII, Colonial, ACW: Fantasy/Sci-Fi Gaming: Warhammer 40k, Battle-Tech, Warhammer Fantasy, The Hunt: Role Playing: AD&D, Pluse much more. Rates, \$25 for Weekend Pass, \$15 for a one day pass. Contact Information: Tim Broome (601) 794-6537, pnzr12@yahoo.com, David Grantham (601) 270-7032 benrix@hotmail.com. For more info on events visit web site at <http://hubcon.iwarp.com/>

HallowCon 03 Medieval Fantasy and Gothic Horror Convention: Oct. 24th-26th 2003 - Comfort Inn, Chattanooga TN. Guest: TBA. Gaming: Fantasy Role-play and a WarhammerQuest "Ultimate Dungeon" featuring the Goblin King, Tracy Rann. Tabletop wargames hosted by the Dwarf Engineer, Doug Spohn. We have ample game space for other Game Masters as well. Let us know what you would like to Master. Dealers' Room: Dealer's space is free for the asking with paid membership, however you do have to reserve your table. Sorry, only one table per dealer. Art Show: This art show is for aspiring artists who would like to display and sell their genre artwork. Display area is free with paid membership. We furnish one six-foot display table, artists must furnish easels, racks or any other necessary display equipment. You must reserve your

