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CAPTAIN'S BLOG

Greetings!

Here it is another two months have passed, and Communications is putting out another excellent newsletter! I hope you all are enjoying it as much as I am! Be sure to let Ros and Ed and the Comms folks know you like it!!

Dave Jamison has had to step down as XO. Dave is a long time member, and has held numerous positions on board, and, while I understand all too well about Real Life pressures, I hate to see him have to step down!

On the bright side, we are very fortunate to have Ros Haywood step up to assume the XO duties! Ros has been **very** active in our chapter from the start, and even stayed active when she temporarily transferred to another ship. Now that she's XO, I think we have her for good! :-)

Ros and I will be discussing new ideas for activities, so you'll be hearing from us in the near future!

Our RPG is winding down, and what a ride it's been! I hope we've taught those pesky Orion Pirates a thing or two!!

Folks have also asked about fiction writing. We can certainly start in on that as well; I recall I've got an unfinished story myself that needs completing, and several folks have expressed a desire to write, so we can start that up!

If you haven't checked out the Matrix University yet, please do so! Matt and Ros and a number of other folks have put together a great new look and a great bunch of fun courses!

These can be used for Promotion purposes, so check it out!

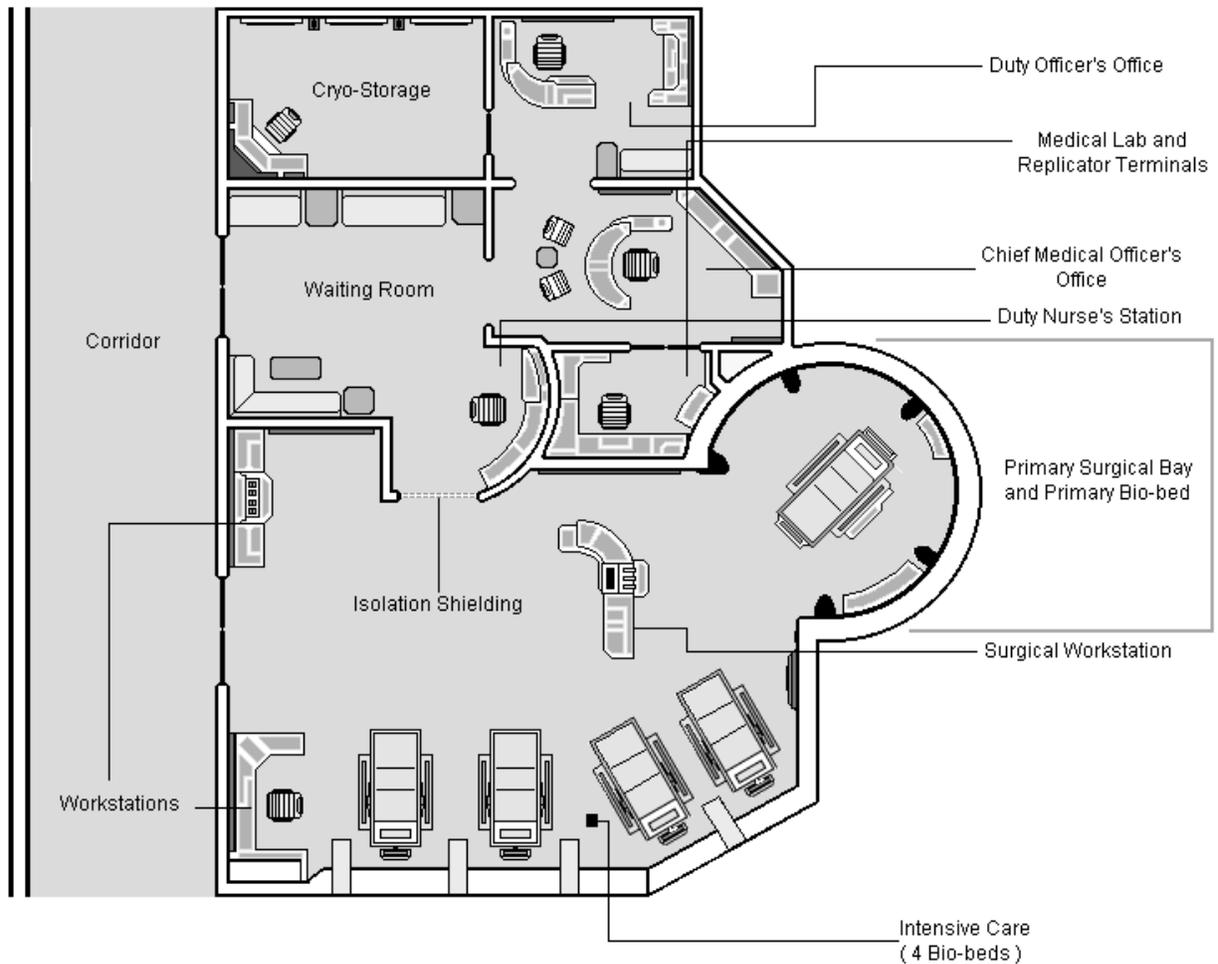
The URL is <http://mu.ussmatrix.org>.

Anyone heard any more rumors about the next Trek Movie? All I've heard is that it begins filming in November, will be out at Christmas 2008, and is based on the Original series. I hear that Leonard Nimoy will be in it, as well as new actors for all the regular roles. Nimoy has met the actor who will play Spock, and both are very excited about the project. This is significant, since Nimoy is very choosy! Stay Tuned!

Until next time!

CO Joe

MEET THE MATRIX



Gabriel Class Main Sickbay

Cryo-Storage is used to hold corpses, dangerous and benign bio-specimens for storage, and hot tempered Marines (just kidding guys!)

The Duty Officer's Office has access to scheduling, patient records, and current bio-readouts for any inpatients. Other miscellaneous work can be done there as well.

The medical lab is used to run medical tests for diagnostic purposes and to perform some experiments. Replicator terminals are used to make food, drugs and anything not larger than a bread box that sickbay may need.

The Chief Medical Officer's Office is the hub of sickbay. Major research, scheduling, meetings, consultations, and more all take place there.

Isolation shielding is used to keep contagions and contagious diseases within sickbay. Also if an alien species is transported to sickbay the isolation shield is activated until it is determined that the species does not present a danger to any other species on the ship.



Avast, Ye Mateys!
It's time to plan on attending
The 2007 Region 7
Conference!!
14-16 September 2007
Baltimore, Maryland



Announcing STARFLEET Region 7's 2007 Regional Conference in Baltimore, Maryland, from 14-16 September, 2007, at the Holiday Inn BWI Conference Center!!

Our theme for this year is PIRATES!! We will be having a Friday night Get-Together, Saturday meetings, A Saturday night Dinner and Dance, and a Farewell on Sunday. There will be Pirate-Themed activities all weekend long.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Baltimore for the 2007 R7 Conference!!

Registration Rates:

(Includes Friday night events, Saturday meetings, and Sunday morning meetings)

Adult: \$30
 Child (ages 4 to 12): \$15
 Children under 4 are free (but must be registered)

Banquet: \$40
 Child Banquet Price: \$20

Location:

Holiday Inn BWI Conference Center
 890 Elkridge Landing Road
 Baltimore, MD 21090
 (410) 859-8400

Rate: \$99 (plus tax) per night per room (double or king)

Banquet Options:

- A) Plated Roast Prime Rib of Beef—Served in Natural Juices with Creamed Horseradish Sauce.
- B) Chicken Parmesan
- C) Hot Vegetarian Option

If thou believest thyself to be a likely party to the Region Seven Conference, make speed to let the editors know of thy voyage, and they will plot thee a course for thy correspondence.

Connect thyself to ye mystical web known by some as Ye Internet and go to www.region7.com for further information.

MEET THE CREW

Each Newsletter, we will be featuring a different member of the crew of USS Matrix

Commander Ros Haywood, Your New XO

Note the authoritative pose...the stranglehold on a junior member of staff (a.k.a. a dolly) – Commander Ros Haywood was obviously ready to become XO, even at age two!

'The Intercom' newsletter managed to snatch an exclusive interview with the newly-appointed XO as she paused only to drink her regulation water. The Matrix computer is exhibiting signs of stress as it tries to keep up with Commander Haywood, her location changing from minute to minute as she darts from department to department, her sleeves rolled up, her face alight with enthusiasm and her blood fizzing. Unfortunately, playback revealed only a blank; the recording device failed to preserve the interview, as Commander Haywood was too fast for it.

If you go to the home page of the USS Matrix [website](#), you will see that one of the crewmembers is a librarian. Commander Haywood is that librarian. Not the sort you will find in a public library, who date-stamps your loaned books, but our new XO deals with instruction manuals for military aircraft (how to build a helicopter and so on). She is comfortable with targs; this may be because her RL father used to train police dogs, it may also be because her RPG backstory includes seven years spent in the Klingon Empire when an Officer Exchange Program went wrong.

Ros joined the Communications Division of the USS Matrix over two years ago. She redesigned and rebuilt the ship's website, initiated the Classic Fiction project, wrote six courses for the MU, and co-produces the ship's PDF newsletter (for which she also writes). She briefly served aboard the USS Albion as its Morale Officer and was the Chief of Regional Internet Services for Region 20.

Ros is also the Director of the SFA College of Genealogy, for which she has written three courses.

MATRIX UNIVERSITY NOW OPEN !!!

On 11th July 2007, the Matrix University opened its virtual doors. FCAPT Matt Haley describes it this way: "The new website is at <http://mu.ussmatrix.org> <<http://mu.ussmatrix.org/>> . (It can also be reached via links on every page of the ussmatrix.org website.)

The Matrix University (MU) was designed to provide a chance for Non-Starfleet Members to learn more about the Trek World. These courses may also be used for promotional credit on the USS Matrix.

Each Division of the USS Matrix is encouraged to develop a course of study for their particular area. Each curriculum has a Director, who acts as a point of contact and maintains a web page with the requirements for that particular course of study.

The degree programs include course work, which may be used for partial or full promotional credit. Other programs require the completion of entry exams as well as additional course work for advancement through the degree programs of Bachelors (BA or BS), Masters (MA or MS) and Doctorate (PhD). The different degree programs must be completed in order and may be completed by e-mail; some PhD programs may require the use of Galactic Snail Mail (Postal Service)."

Courses can be requested via the Second Officer via the relevant MU College. Those available are:

College of Command (formerly known as Matrix Command Academy)

School of Officer Training

- ◆ OFF101 - Non-Commissioned Officers School Exam (NCOS)
- ◆ OFF201 - Matrix Officer Basic Training Exam (OBT)
- ◆ OFF301 - Matrix Command Qualification Course Exam (CQC)

Note from CO Joe: EVERYONE needs to take Non-Commissioned Officers Course, or NCOS, as a minimum to start up the promotion ladder! Matt Haley has this course, and it is EASY to do!

We have a number of SFI folks that have taken loads of courses and could be getting promoted if they would just take NCOS as well.

Contact [Matt](#) if you have questions...

College of Engineering

School of Engineering

- ◆ ENG099 - Basic Starfleet Engineering
- ◆ ENG101 - Introduction to Starfleet Engineering
- ◆ ENG201 - Bachelor Degree Program
- ◆ ENG301 - Masters Degree Program
- ◆ ENG401 - Doctoral Program

College of Science

School of Xeno Studies

- * XEN101 - Targ Expert
- * XEN102 - Tribble Expert
- * XEN103 - Animals and Insects in Star Trek

College of Medicine

School of Nursing

- * NUR101 - Basic Anatomy
- * NUR201 - Basic Physiology
- * NUR301 - Basic Clinical Procedures
- * NUR401 - Basic First Aid

School of Infectious Diseases

- * EID101 - General Chemistry
- * EID102 - Disease Identification and Prevention

College of Communications

School of Internet Communications

- * INT101 - Web Page Development: Getting Started
- * INT102 - Abbreviations and Acronyms
- * INT103 - Netiquette and Emoticons

School of Computer Sciences

- * CIS101 - Survey of Computing
- * CIS200 - TOS Episodes
- * CIS210 - TOS Novels
- * CIS300 - TNG Episodes
- * CIS310 - TNG Novels
- * CIS400 - DS9/Voyager Episodes
- * CIS410 - DS9/Voyager Novels
- * CIS420 - DS9 Computer Systems/Defiant and Runabout systems
- * CIS500 - Directed Independent Study

CREW REPORT

STATUS

New Members: Clyde Slasen, Pam Horn

Promotions: none

Crew Strength: 44

SFI	25
SFI Affiliate	5
Non-SFI	14

SENIOR STAFF

Commanding Officer

VADM Joseph P Hoolihan

Executive Officer

CDR Ros Haywood

Second Officer/Training Officer

FCAPT Matt Haley

Chief Communications Officer

vacant

Chief Operations Officer

LT CDR John Wagner

Chief Engineer

LT CDR Tomas Kocvara

Chief of Security

CDR Ryan Smith

787th OIC

CAPT Shaun Kenyon

Chief Science Officer

CDR John Hancock

Chief Medical Officer

CAPT Minka Leeser

TRAINING /DEVELOPMENT

Our Second Officer, FCAPT Matt Haley, runs the Matrix College of Command, which gives out the three Matrix-specific courses:

- ❖ Non-Commissioned Officers School
- ❖ Officer Basic Training
- ❖ Command Qualification Course

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SFI Starfleet Academy Courses Completed:

Christopher Bayonet

Romulan Orientation College

Romulan People and Tal Shiar – HONORS
The Government - DISTINCTION

Vulcan Orientation College

Geography & Physiology – HONORS
Culture & Military – HONORS

School of Intelligence Gathering

Who Does It? – DISTINCTION

School of Intelligence Technology

Eyes In The Skies – DISTINCTION

Starfleet Intelligence School

Cardassian Sector – DISTINCTION

College of Survival Studies

Basic Survival Training – DISTINCTION

College of Sci-Fi Television

Goa'uld – DISTINCTION

Xeno-Studies

Borg (XB10) – PASS
Borg (XB20) – HONORS
Jem'Hadar – HONORS
Romulan - DISTINCTION
Vulcan – HONORS (V10 & V11)

College of Down Under

Flags of Australia – PASS

Officer's Leadership College

Shuttle Training Exam – HONORS
Mothership Training Exam – HONORS
SFMC Exam – HONORS

College of Medicine

First Aid Field Medic – PASS
CPR Field Medic – PASS

College of Temporal Physics

Basic Temporal Physics – DISTINCTION

Starfleet Officer's Radio School

History of Radio – PASS
Broadcast Radio – PASS
Amateur Radio Studies (Technician) - PASS

[XO Note: Congratulations on so many courses!]

Matt Haley*College of Security*

TOS Rank Recognition – DISTINCTION
 Basic Security Officer's Course – HONORS
 Early Law Enforcement History – HONORS
 Convention Security Officer's Course –DISTINCTION

College of Starship Operations

Flight Operations – DISTINCTION
 Medical Operations – DISTINCTION
 Rescue/Evac Operations - DISTINCTION

Ros Haywood

Congratulations to Commander Haywood, who has been awarded SFA 'Red Squad Member' for 2007. This means she has been selected as one of the SFA's Best Students.

College of Mythological Studies

Chinese - PASS

College of Down Under

Australian States - HONORS

Klingon Warrior Academy

Klingon Journeyman - HONORS

College of Archaeology

Level 1 - DISTINCTION

College of Medicine

Xenobiology - HONORS

College of Survival Studies

Basic Survival Training – DISTINCTION

College of Starship Operations

Flight Operations - PASS

Amy L'Abbe*College of Survival Studies*

Useable Plants – DISTINCTION
 Adv. Psychology of Survival – DISTINCTION

College of Law

The Prime Directive – HONORS

College of Medicine

CPR Field Medic - DISTINCTION

Stuart Lee*College of Star Trek Chronology*

Trek Chronology 101 - DISTINCTION

Professional Development

PD-10 - HONORS

College of Down Under

New Zealand Flags - HONORS

Matrix University (MU) Courses Completed:**Pam Horn**

Web Page Development: Getting Started
 Abbreviations and Acronyms

SHIP'S LOG

RPG: PIRATES OF ORION

It's official! They're married! Well, their **characters** are, at any rate...Yes, you've guessed it (if you haven't read it already) – Commander Dave Jamison and Commander Ros Haywood were married by VADM Hoolihan in his Ready Room at the end of the RPG. Although the wedding was planned to be secret, CO Joe had thoughtfully hidden some Klingon fireblossoms in his Ready Room, so that the bride had a bouquet...

March saw the beginning of the current Matrix RPG: Pirates of Orion, ending with over 200 scenes.

The Orion Syndicate was attacking Vida Nova, an otherwise quiet agricultural colony, which also masked a covert Federation intelligence op to fact-find all they can about foreign powers. Crew from the USS Matrix were tasked with recovering the data and safeguarding it from the Orions.

An exciting mission was carried out by a team of FCAPT Matt Haley, CDR Ros Haywood, and CWO Luke Davis. This mission was to retrieve the data, and had the secondary objective of planting a locator virus created by Matt Haley. This virus was contained in a chip carried by Luke, and would make the Orion ship visible by using subspace noise.

Luke was captured by the Orions, and was being tortured by them to reveal why he was carrying a chip – and because he had killed the captain's sister.

Injured on the mission, Ros Haywood fought for her life. She entered a light healing trance on the way back to the USS Matrix, but only won the fight with Medical's help (including emergency surgery).

Romance then entered the RPG; Commanders Dave Jamison and Ros Haywood fell head-over-heels in love (and they assured us that it has nothing to do with non-existent Orion pheromones!). For a while

there, it looked as though there might be a love triangle involving Matt Haley as well!

The Orion ship then left at warp, having downloaded the doctored data, and the Matrix was now able to track them (and Luke, as he was secretly chipped to provide an individual track as well). The Matrix chased after them to retrieve CWO Davis...

Commander Jamison spent 48 hours in the brig for not following orders from the chain of command; however, he returned to duty and headed the away team (comprised of Dave, Ros, Matt, and Security officers) that intended to rescue Luke. However, on beaming over to the Orion ship, the heroic away team found that Captain Verex had ordered an attack on them to draw Matt and Ros away from Dave, so she could kill him...

Dave and Verex then engaged in a huge fight; Verex was killed (by Luke) by a shot from her own phaser, but not before she stabbed Dave, who collapsed into Ros's lap. Although Ros had everybody beamed directly into Sickbay, Dave was only saved by a dose of antivenom (as used by Luke when Ros was stabbed on the planet).

The RPG ended with Luke saved, the Orion ship destroyed, and a secret wedding...

Everyone say "Awwwwwwwww..."

By The Way...

The Orion Syndicate have proved more real than we thought, having procured an email address and inserted themselves onto the Matrix-I mailing list!

Is Captain Verex actually still alive? Let's just say that the next RPG is already in the planning stages...

LATEST SFI NEWS

2007 CS nomination final summary

Written by STARFLEET Webmaster

Wednesday, 18 July 2007

Ladies & gentlemen:

As of 7/15/07, this is the summary of CS nominations for all the candidates:

Franklin, Greg	1 received, 1 valid
Lizard, Sal	36 received, 35 valid*
Olson, Wade	13 received, 12 valid*
Plant, Emmett	14 received, 12 valid*
Reid, Kevin	1 received, 1 valid
Ueffing, Joost	26 received, 25 valid*

* One or more nominating chapter(s) was not in good standing as of 7/15/07

RADM Jerry Tien
2007 Election Coordinator

Election Cycle Schedule

June 1 to July 15: Nominations

July 16 - Nov 15: Candidates' campaigns

September 1: Ballots mailed to members

November 15: Closing date to accept votes

November 20: Winner announced

January 1: New CS takes office

EDITORIAL GUIDELINES

Got something to say that you want to appear in this newsletter? Make it fun, and interesting, and informative, and keep the humor family-friendly, and send it in to the Intercom Editorial Board ([Ed Meiman](#) and [Ros Haywood](#)), and send it by **October 15, 2007** for the November Newsletter.

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