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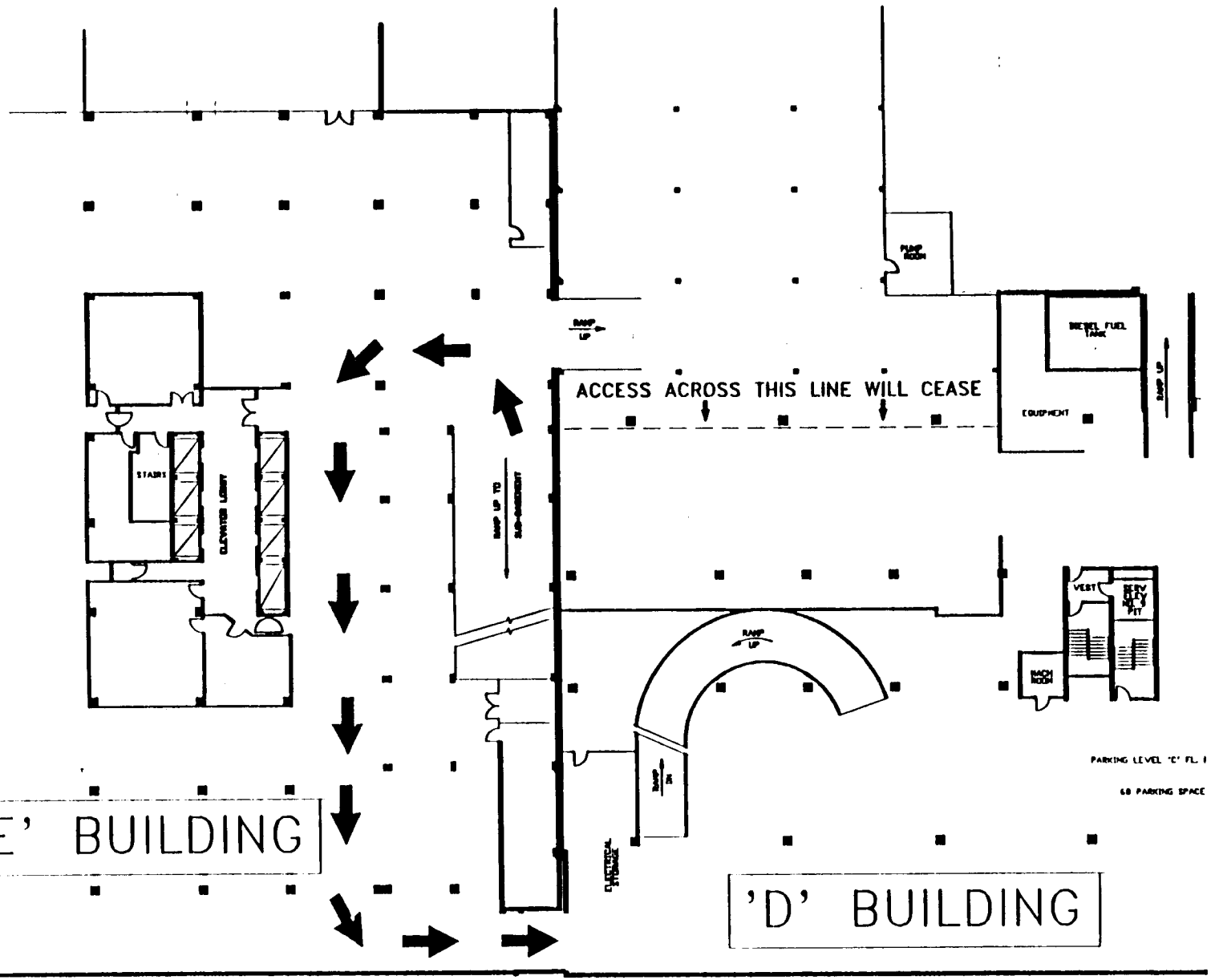

NEW RAMP TO D BUILDING C-LEVEL

THE BANK'S WORDY

The Magazine For Anyone Who'll Read It
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"If you can't make it better, at least laugh at it."
-- Erma Bombeck

RISK-TAKING POLICY REINSTATED

Stating that "some think, and I'm inclined not to disagree in the absence of Bilsel's opinion, that perhaps risk-taking is a policy whose time may have come again, maybe," PMD Director Alberto de Capitani announced today the reinstatement of the Bank's vaunted and long-absent 1984 Policy on Risk-Taking.

"Simply put, and I don't really want to go out on a limb on this," de Capitani explained, "risk aversion was one of many management tools employed by the Bank over the years to maximize career objectives and minimize accountability -- not that this was necessarily bad in all cases. We are testing the waters -- gingerly, I might add -- to see if we should change that."

The new policy seeks to invigorate management and staff. "Some people don't like to take risks, and others do," said de Capitani. "Both sides have a point." de Capitani stressed that senior management backed the policy, and that he had cleared the plan with the Executive Office "as soon as the Personnel Policy staff wrote a draft, just to be sure the MDs agreed."

Bank President Lewis Preston, in a prepared statement, commended PMD staff. "They took an initiative which we won't forget at the next scheduled reorganization of the function."

NEW FITNESS CENTER COURSES

HSD is pleased to announce new H-Fitness Center courses effective today. To enroll, call Shaun Meyers at x33339.

Self-Defense for Exercise Bike Users. Don't be intimidated by some obnoxious colleague waving the sign-up sheet! Possession is nine-tenths of the law! Sit down for your rights!

Exercise Schedule Management. This lecture course will explore the many ways to deal with a manager who questions why you spend eight hours per day working out and 45 minutes per day at your desk, instead of vice versa.

T'ai Chi for Administrative Secretaries and Office Managers. Center yourself as you cause stress in others. A special 15-minute segment develops the short-twitch muscles your body uses to evade objects thrown at you by disgruntled subordinates.

Stare-Master. Use Spandex to drive others to distraction.

Sauna Etiquette. This lecture course addresses the dos and don'ts of stuffing 12 overweight humans into a tiny box at 140 degrees Fahrenheit until they smell like old gym socks.

Erotic Aerobics. Develop the necessary skills for a second career. Co-sponsored by the 1720 Club and pre-approved by the Outside Interests Committee under Staff Rule 3.01.

NOTICES TO STAFF

All active staff eligible for the "Rule of 85" who have not yet decided to retire must submit to psychiatric testing in the Health Room. If your age plus length of service exceeds 85, call x81332 to make an appointment.

The Senior Staff Men's Networking Luncheon will take place today at 1 p.m. at the Capital Centre. Space is limited; call early for reservations.

Effective today, staff are prohibited from using personal aircraft as transportation on official Bank business. Last week, an employee and member of the World Bank Flying Club was enroute to a management training seminar in New Jersey in his Cessna when he encountered thunderstorms and made an emergency landing on the Garden State Parkway. He continued the trip on the ground, and was arrested when he tried to run a toll booth and sheared off both wings. This placed the Bank in an embarrassing position with New Jersey authorities; henceforth all travel must be by licensed air carriers.

According to ORG, the forthcoming 1994 reorganization of the Technical Departments has already failed and the resultant problems will be corrected by another reorganization planned for 1995.

Feeling emasculated? Male? Join Bly's Bankers, a new all-men's support group not to be confused with the increasingly impotent Old Boy's Network. Bly's Bankers endeavors to allow the "man within" to again freely roam Bank corridors by promoting bonding among disenfranchised male staff. The I-building men's sauna will be converted to a sweat lodge for meetings; plastic trash cans will be requisitioned to serve as drums. For more information call Harry Chest, x94732.

MCRP SETBACK

Construction on the A-, B-, C-, and D-buildings was indefinitely halted today when the Main Complex was destroyed. The contractor was supposed to "raise" the roof of the C-building parking garage, but instead "razed" it -- and the rest of the block -- with tons of dynamite.

"We worked according to the letter of the agreement," said Iona Pickup-Truck, spokesperson for the contractor. "Raise, raze, rays, race, what's the difference?" said Lowell Doud, Chief Counsel for the Bank, who approved the contract.

ITF, the folks who brought you Turbo-XTs, Talaris printers, and MASS-11, would not commit to a new completion schedule. "A disappointing development," said Hywel Davies at a press conference.

BON APPETIT

Did you know that April is National Nutrition Month? Enjoy this recipe from senior management:

Katherine Marshall's Staff on a Stick

Ingredients:
- 1 Task Manager (level 25 capon preferred, but any level 24 will do)
- 1 Division Chief
- 1 draft pre-Appraisal report, dubious quality, slightly late
- Onlookers, to taste

Boil. Shred report thoroughly before onlookers. Grill Task Manager slowly but forcefully, turning constantly. Skewer Division Chief. Serve with cold beer.

SPRING FLING

To cement relations with the Clinton Administration, senior Bank managers recently attended a luncheon hosted by Larry Summers in his new capacity at the Treasury Department. Lewis Rodham Preston led the Bank entourage in a dapper dark grey pinstriped double-breasted suit, crisp white shirt, and matching red Armani tie and handkerchief. Ernie Rodham Stern boasted a chic three-piece black worsted wool suit with a red tie and a white carnation. Sporting the latest from Paris, Sven Rodham Sandstrom swept into the room in a charcoal suit with a scarlet cravat and World Bank cuff links. The quartet was completed with Attila Rodham Karaosmanoglu, resplendent in a stunning soft ebony suit with a cranberry Dior tie. Proving that he had mastered the professorial look, Summers hosted in a tweed jacket, khaki pants frayed at the cuff, a button-down Oxford shirt open at the collar with the tail out, topped with a loosely knotted yellow knit tie. A delightful meal of salmon mousse, seafood fettucini and fresh fruit was served in a light, breezy, daffodil-filled room where Spring was the underlying theme. They had such a good time, they agreed they must get together again before the Annual Meetings.

SMOKING POLICY

Bowing to heavy pressure from the anti-smoking lobby of the Staff Association, HSD today announced that all staff are forbidden to wear nicotine patches except in specially designated lounges.

MANAGERIAL TEAM BUILDING

Vice-President for Personnel and Administration Bilsel Alisbah announced a training course for Bank managers called "How to Manage and Get to Win/Win." The course is the final element in the strategy to train managers in team building and effectiveness skills. Teamwork will be an essential part of the management review process next year.

This first course will incorporate several changes resulting from the pilot held last month for the Managing Directors. The pilot, which was based on the Sub-Arctic Survival Exercise, failed because the MDs argued too much about who was in first class. The revised format strands 10 Bank staff in Paris with a single American Express Card with a $20,000 limit. PMD considers this a much more relevant team building exercise, easily grasped by typical Bank managers.

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J. EDGAR HOOVER'S
Dress For Success Seminar

Sponsored by WBVS
Thursday, April 1, 1993
3 p.m. JB1-010

Level 24?
Male?
Ambitious?

Make the
ULTIMATE
Career Move!

The High-Potential
Women List

Call Dr. Liese for a confidential consultation

Change is omnipresent, the buzzword of the 1990s. Change has dominated the Bank in the past few years, and the future looks equally turbulent, with ORG projected to take over all Bank functions by 1997. We spent an hour with Ian Scott: Head of ORG, architect of change and curator of the Bank's organizational structure.

Bank's Wordy: Well,

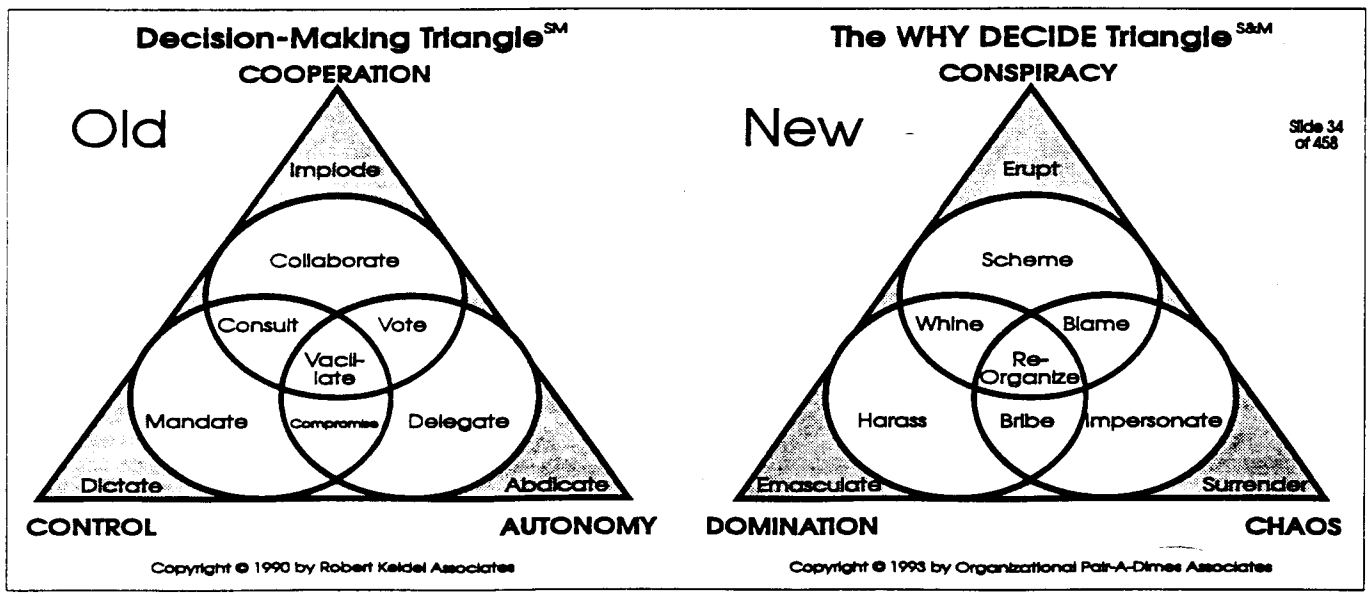
Scott: Thank you for this opportunity to present my beliefs about organizational change. We need to learn to accept change. It's been here a long time. Let me quote a few well-known philosophers on the subject. "Nothing is permanent except change," wrote Heraclitus. "Things do not change, we do," noted Thoreau. "Change is different," sang John Lennon. "Keep the change," said my wife at the bakery this morning. We have to learn to live with change. Organizational transformation is necessary for the Bank to remain competitive. This explains the last few reorganizations here at the Bank. We've moved accountability down the structure, flattening it and acclimating staff to change by creating a totally unstable environment.

Bank's Wordy: If the last reorganization was successful, will we need another one?

Scott: Change is forever, but reorganizations are not. There is always room for improvement. And remember, change is always changing. Reorganizations alone are not enough. Changing boxes on an organizational chart without changing staff attitudes and skills does not work. ORG is completely committed to implementing a shared vision and propagating acronyms in the phone book.

Bank's Wordy: We've heard rumors that ORG succumbed to forces from another planet, and that the diagrams on your slides are subconscious suggestions to submit to these forces and destabilize the Bank.

Scott: Impossible. Let me show you some slides and you will see how clear they are.



Bank's Wordy: It is still unclear how endless reorganizations make the Bank more responsive to our clients.

Scott: If you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem. Our paradigms are simple. I show slides to explain them further. You are with me or against me. We are in the process of a grass roots change. Everyone must absorb the shared vision. There is no room for dissent or apathy. If you are ready to share my vision, just call me on x82330 and say, "Beam me up, Scott!" and I'll take it from there.

The Chairman's Column *by David Delmonte*

The Chairman's Column is a regular feature designed to neutralize Staff Association views by making the Chairman feel he can compete with the well-oiled World Bank Group propaganda machine.

Well, colleagues, it is April 1st already, which means action on our annual salary increase is just a few weeks away. It is customary at this time of the year for the Chairman of the Staff Association to review the civil disobedience options available to us as we protest the latest indignation concerning our compensation package. Remember our motto: "Money is better than poverty, if only for financial reasons." You may not feel like it, but you are oppressed!

Hunger Strike: Under this scenario, we stop eating until the Board doubles the proposed structural increase. Senior management often leaves croissants and cheesecake within easy reach, but these must be resisted. We used this type of civil disobedience in 1984, but management broke the strike with an exceptional veal cordon bleu.

Sit-down Strike: Pioneered during the high-inflation years in the late 1970s, the sit-down strike can be quite productive. The key is to sit all the way down. Otherwise you will simply be squatting, which is a much less effective form of protest.

Demonstrations: I remind you of the fiasco of 1988, where our demonstration failed because everyone demonstrated from within their offices. The salary increase was 0.6% that year. If we demonstrate, we must be seen!

Passive Resistance: As authorities approach, think about the Legal Handbook. Your body will instantly go limp and your brain will numb.

Boycott: Refuse to read your electronic mail.

Work to Rule: We strongly discourage this form of protest because of its insignificant impact on Bank productivity.

As usual, the Staff Association will coordinate the civil disobedience from its N-building bunker. Call us at x36964 for more information!

Personals and Classifieds

S-US-M, level 24, seeks S/D-G4-F from Pacific Rim for marriage. Your home leave, my tax allowance -- let's make it happen! Send xerox of your Bank photo ID to Dave, I4-379.

FOR TRADE: 2 mint 1990 Bob Picciotto PBDVP cards for one 1973 Russ Cheetham YP card in any condition. Call Jane, x93221.

MM, level 24, ISO S/D/MF, fun-loving, slender, athletic to help me use spouse points, will travel first class, eat expensive dinners on the Bank, and share outrageous sex while colleagues work like dogs next door. Send photo, fantasies, video to O2-020.

LOST: all hope. Last seen about 4:30 p.m. on April 1, 1987, just before the Reorganization, on the 12th floor of the A-building. Contact any staff member.

F ESFP, tired of Bank M INTJs and ENTJs, seeks M ESFP to emote with. I really, really care. Call x3-FEEL.

MM Division Chief ISO very discreet secretary M or F willing to lie to my wife. (She actually trusts me.) I promise 5 ratings and quick promotions to 17. Serious inquiries only to A7-321.

DF, four cute kids, ISO S/DM, G-4, to provide education benefits. x54309.

FOR SALE: XTs, ATs, 386s, 486s, Macs, printers, wiring, switches, AMEX Corporate Cards, software, monitors, modems, networks, fake Bank IDs, mainframes, fax machines, copiers, etc. If it's on the premises, I can get it for you cheap. Call A. Thief, x43994.

40% DISCOUNT for 4 hours at the Mayflower Hotel. Includes limo service to the rear entrance. Discretion guaranteed. Bank ID required. 347-3000.

D (2x) M G4 YP, ISO S/D F, 20-25, US/PR. A1 to Ver Y. d'Sparat.

WANTED for purchase: the I-Building. Will pay top $$$. Serious inquiries only. Sir William, x30381.

YOU WORE a stunning red blouse with a Professional Banker's Association pin. At the E-building cafeteria salad line, you asked if I was done with the sunflower seed spoon. Weakly I nodded and handed it to you. I'm in love. Sunflower seeds now arouse me. Can I have a second chance in the make-your-own-sandwich line? My life is incomplete without you. Call me, x98001.

AnswerLine

The purpose of this column is twofold: first, it propagates Bank policy as if it were friendly advice from Ann Landers, and second, it provides a forum for disgruntled staff members to share their warped paranoia with the rest of us. Please include your name and staff number so that a permanent record of your insolent ignorance can be entered in your Personnel file. We will notify your manager of your attitude. All AnswerLine columns should be filed under Catch-22 of your Staff Manual and committed to memory. You will be tested later.

Question: I'm new to the Bank. Could you explain the Bank's policy concerning office furniture?

Answer: Office furniture has been the subject of a recent study by an elite inter-organizational Task Force consisting of many highly paid staff with personal axes to grind. After months of secret meetings and vicious back-stabbing, the committee's report was leaked to a few staff members to ensure informed debate. Eventually, the report's recommendations were countermanded by senior management because "the study was silly and caused excessive anxiety among Bank staff."

The Bank's new unwritten policy reaffirms the Bank's old unwritten policy, with small changes to justify the staff years of work wasted on the study.

Generally, staff are entitled to a large desk and a Barcalounger. Staff who "office-pool" with other staff get free and preferential furniture. Staff who choose to use ITF-provided desks, or who take Metro, are barely tolerated. Staff are prohibited from criticizing the furniture entitlement of other staff members, regardless of how ridiculous the entitlement seems.

The Task Force had recommended that all staff be given a monthly allowance to be used to bid on furniture. This recommendation was denounced by the Staff Association as excessively egalitarian and elitist. Staff Association Chairman David Delmonte noted that many, or at least two, staff members of great seniority had huge desks and would be unable to support them properly on the proposed allowance. *J. Sopha, Office Parking Task Force*

Question: Every year we await the decisions concerning our salary increase. The Staff Association and the Board meet, Personnel conducts a compensation survey, and everyone tries to coordinate with the IMF. Meanwhile, staff suffer, earning less but doing more. Once the Bank was a wonderful place to work with a highly competitive compensation package. Lately, its market position for today's economic and technical talent has eroded considerably. My question is this: when can we expect the bigger paychecks that we deserve?

Answer: Thank you for your candid thoughts. We agree with your suggestion, and we are pleased to announce effective April 1 all paychecks will be printed on larger paper. *Jeannie Egan, Chief, Administrative Expenses Division, Accounting Department*

Question: The Revised Compensation System (RCS) seems very complicated. Can I get a description of how the Bank derives the annual salary structure adjustment?

Answer: An explanation is not necessary. We have inaugurated the Revised Revised Compensation System (RRCS), which simply pegs the increase at six times the Washington, D.C. inflation rate. *Ross Marcou, Manager, Compensation and Benefits Policy Unit, Personnel Services and Compensation Department*

Question: Since the cafeterias have started charging a nickel for disposable coffee cups, I see more and more higher-level staff in the rest rooms washing and drying their reusable cups. Not only is this wasting non-renewable resources (hot water, disposable towels), but it is reducing the overall productivity of the Bank. I estimate that these staff members cost the Bank an average of $100,000 in salary and fringe benefits per year -- more than $1 for each minute of a working day. It's not right for them to waste $1 of the Bank's time washing out their cups just to save themselves a nickel.

Answer: So I guess it's OK with you if support staff wash their cups? You spend too much time in the toilet, pal. I will concede that your question directly addresses a critical issue the Bank faces today: what's happened to our recruitment standards? By your own calculations, you owe the Bank $5,000 since each higher-level staff member who read your drivel wasted a full minute of productivity. Don't have the cash? Work it off washing dishes in the cafeteria. *Una Believable, Chief, GSD Food Services.*

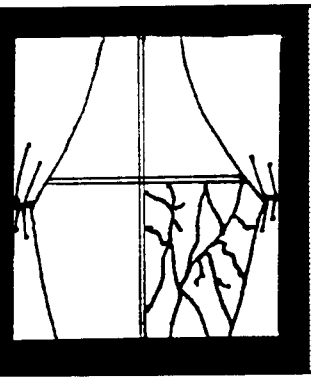
Question: I just completed my fifth move in two years. Why is office space allocation so poorly managed?

Answer: Office space allocation is always a severe problem in large organizations. We have been investigating aggressive use of "swing space" and have attended several top-level seminars on the subject. As a result, with full Board support, this year we have allocated a huge amount of swing space, and even some "sand box space" and "merry-go-round space." We anticipate this will solve all space allocation problems within a month or two. *Hywel Davies, Director, Information, Technology and Facilities Department*

Question: Isn't is funny that no one really knows how you get a job above level 25? I've asked my Personnel Officer many times, but she stonewalls me. Is it related to what we wear?

Answer: Well, what a very perceptive little level 25 staff member you are! The ritual of selection for a level 26 job is secret, known only to those who have made it to those hollowed ranks. Believe me, you'll know if you get there. For more information, contact your Retirement Officer. *Alberto de Capitani, Director, Personnel Management Department*

WINDOW PAINS



IGNORING TOMORROW'S PROBLEMS WITH YESTERDAY'S TECHNOLOGY

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New ALL-IN-1 Service Announced

In response to numerous requests, a new service will be offered through ALL-IN-1 beginning April 1, 1993. The World Bank Sports Pool will offer a convenient way for staff to place bets on major sporting events in a more consistent manner than currently in use (electronic messages, FAX, phone, etc.). Simply fill in the information and your bet will be automatically forwarded to the pool of your choice.

From the Main menu, type SS (Staff Services), SP (Sports Pool). The following menu appears:

1. Football Pool (Seasonal)
2. Basketball Pool (March only)
   a. Sweet 16 b. Final Four
3. Date of Next Reorganization
4. World Cup Soccer
5. Guess The New VP
6. World Bank Softball
7. World Series
8. Kentucky Derby
9. Where's Lew?

Staff are encouraged to use the simple payroll deduction method. All winnings will be deposited in the same account as your Bank paycheck and winners will be announced through the Information Kiosk. If you would like to add a pool, fill out the automated form and send it to the Governing Board for approval. For more details, call Patty Hamsher, X32619.

Notice: There will be an interruption in ALL-IN-1 Service from April 1, 1993 to March 31, 1994, in order to perform routine system maintenance. We regret any inconvenience.

AV Library Gains Popularity

You don't need to fight the crowds at your local Blockbuster -- the Film and Video Unit, External Affairs, offers some very interesting videos that will keep you (and your family) entertained for hours. Many of these films made their screening debuts in various Bank lobbies. The popular ***WBVS..How it all Began*** ran for 26 continuous days in the H-Building. "It sure beat watching the security camera," opined C. Parker, H-Building security guard. "But I still think ***The IFC Story*** has it all over ***WIVES*** [sic]. That one is just too controversial." New this year are the World Bank Video Awards. Odds on favorite for winner of Best Video is *A **Building With Meaning***, but Ismail Serageldin is the favorite for Lead Actor for his performance in ***Making it Work - ESD***. To check out these and many other educational viewing treats, call Ms. Bangit, X32127.

Move Guidebooks

Guidebooks for the new building will be available April 1, 1993 and will be valid until any other changes are made. Designed to help staff get out of the new building, the first edition will feature a special pull-out section on finding your car. (See back of Cover for details.) To order extra copies, call Knowl Park Ng, X84520.

Survey Results

Last year we conducted a Needs Assessment Survey asking staff to evaluate their office skills. Our goal was to ensure that all staff attain "Level 1 Minimum skills." Initial survey results are quite encouraging and Bank staff continue to demonstrate superior skills in critical areas. For example, while 75% of Bank staff know that hands are required for typing, 98% know the proper procedure for sneaking a PC out of Bank buildings without encountering a security guard. Unfortunately, further survey results are now invalid because we have again changed the definition of 'Bank Standards' so skills acquired during Level 1 training are now obsolete.

Swim 'N Read

Architectural plans for the Sectoral Library in the new complex have been completed. The library will be housed in the basement, under a reflecting pool. Skeptics have criticized this design, citing fears that leakage may occur. The Head Librarian hopes to squelch these fears by introducing a new "Swim and Read" Program. Swim fins, goggles, and snorkels can be rented at the front desk with the display of a valid Bank ID. Free galoshes will be distributed for browsing the stacks to avoid nasty electrical shocks. "We'll try to have a variety of sizes on hand," the librarian promised, "but please bring your own towels."

Correction: A typographical error in the ITF Hotline dated April 1, 1987 may have caused some confusion. In announcing the department structure, 'End User Support Division' should have read 'End OF User Support Division.' We regret any inconvenience to staff.

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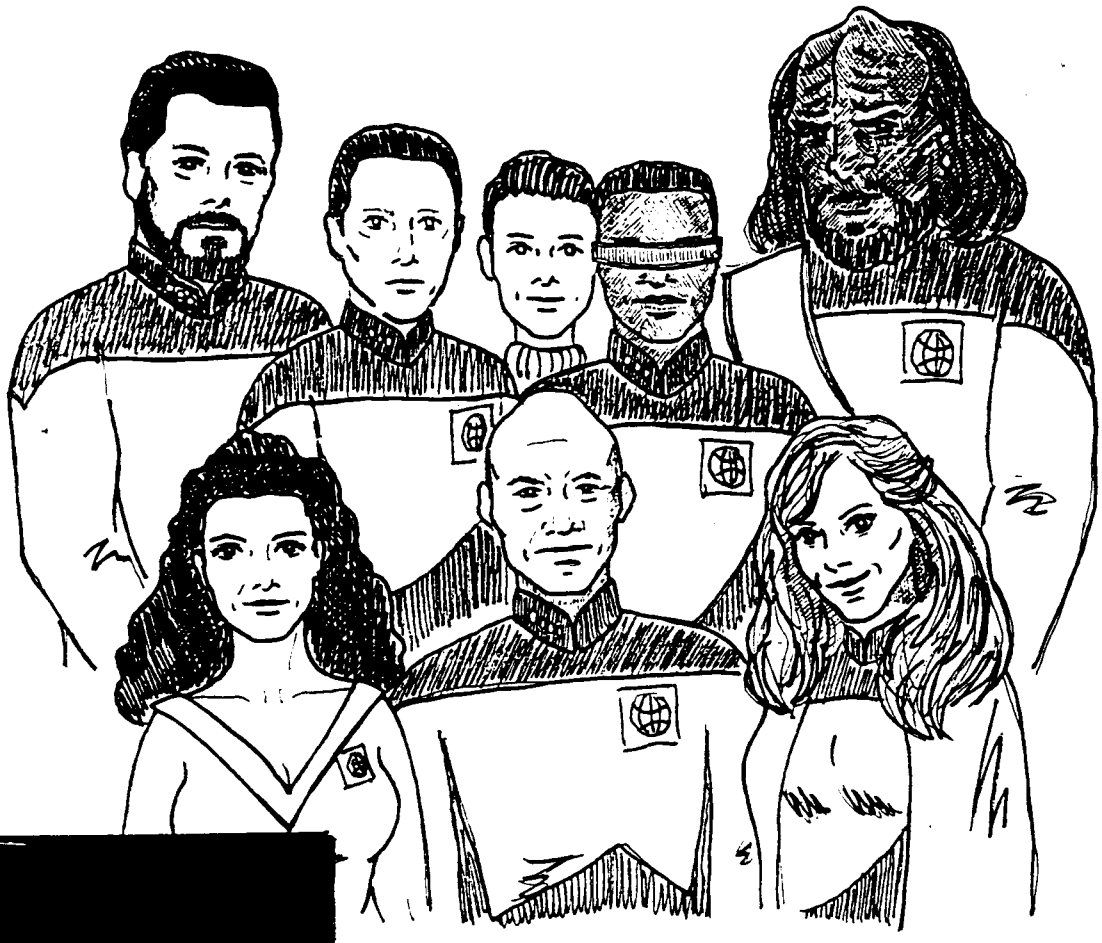
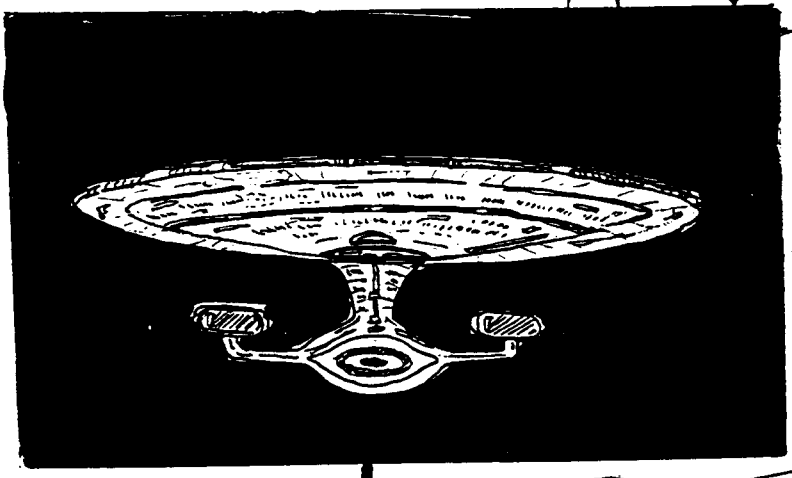
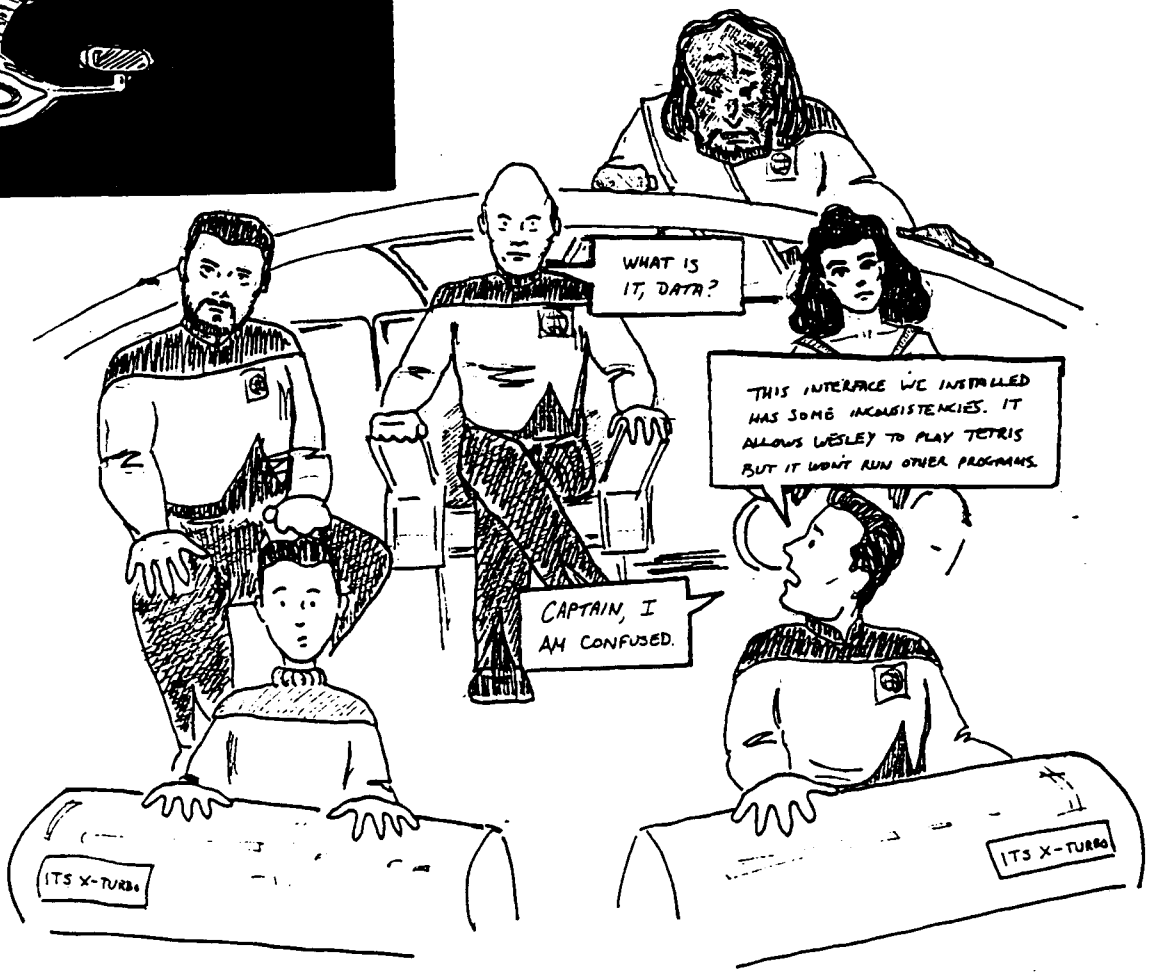
THE NEXT APPROPRIATION





CAPTAIN'S LOG
STARDATE 930401

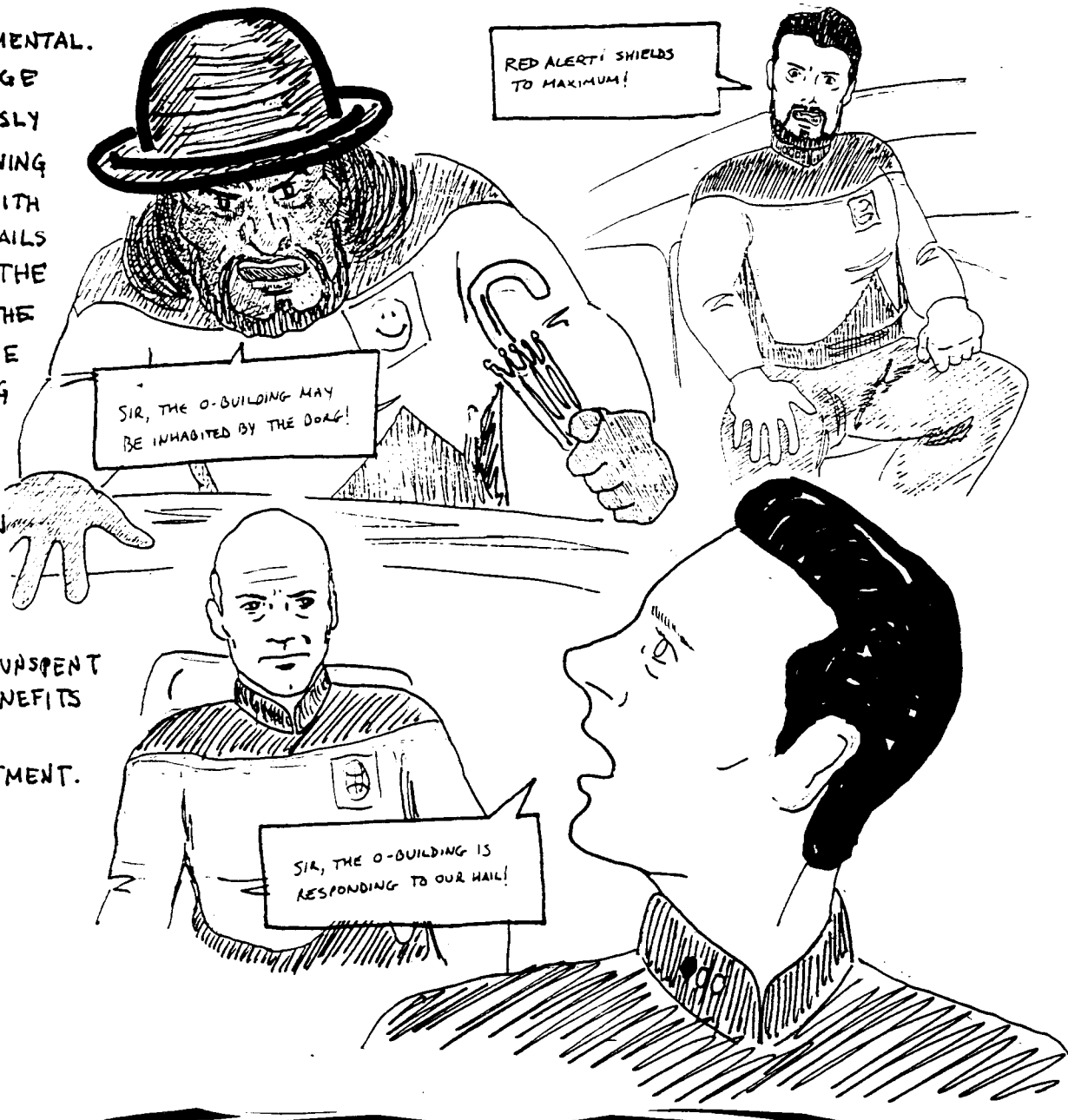
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE INEFFICIENCY ACCORD RECENTLY NEGOTIATED BY STAR FLEET, THE ENTERPRISE NETWORK IS PATROLLING THE BANYANIAN SECTOR TO PROTECT THEM FROM UNWANTED INTRUSIONS FROM THE SWIFTER, MORE TECHNOLOGICALLY ADVANCED NOVELLIAN EMPIRE.

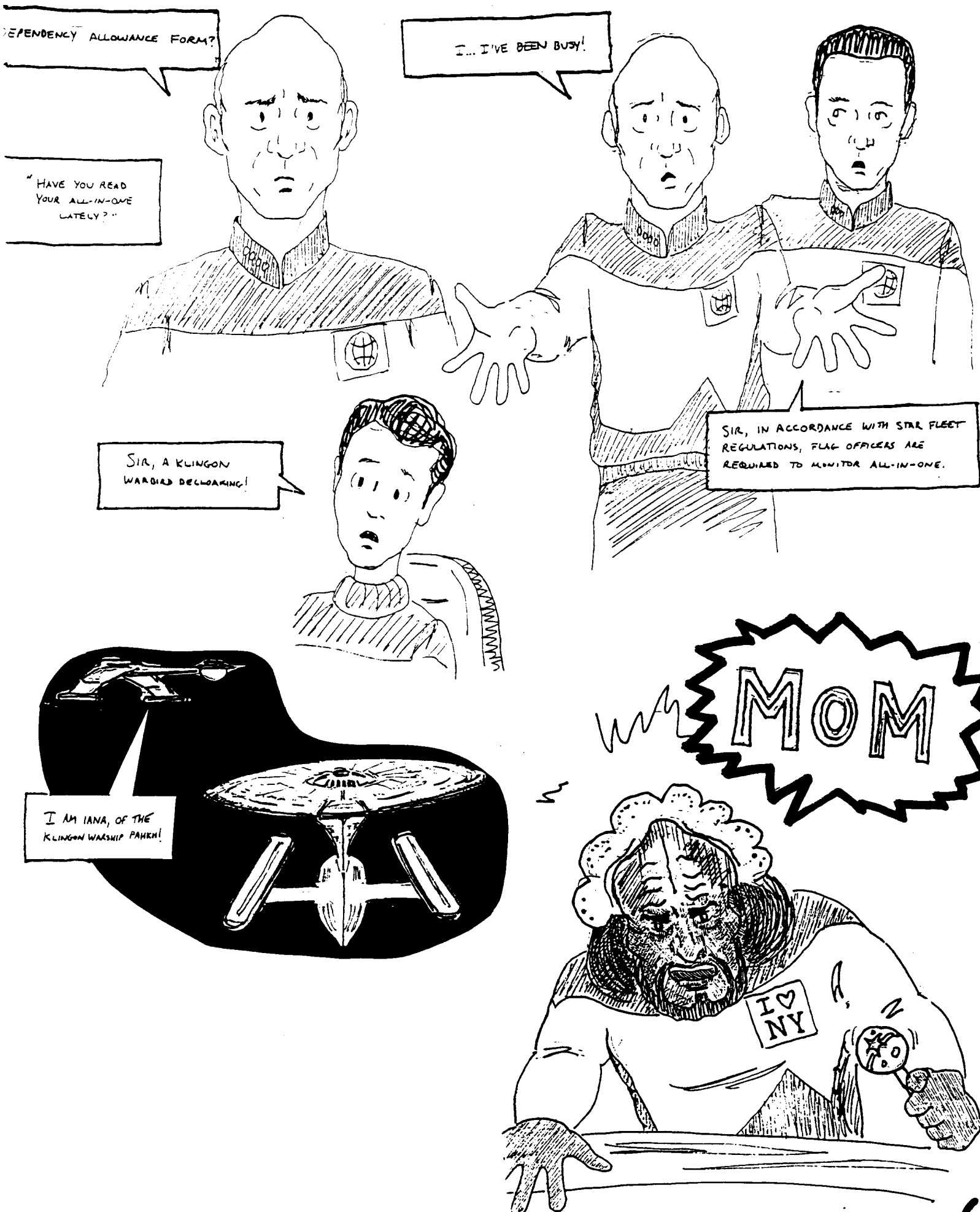


A SECURITY BREACH, CAPTAIN!
RED ALERT! SHIELDS TO MAXIMUM!
STAND DOWN, NUMBER ONE. WHAT PROCESSES DO NOT RUN, DATA?
SIRS, YOUR CONCERN FOR NETWORK SAFETY IS ADMIRABLE. HOWEVER, A FULL ALERT IS NOT WARRANTED AT THIS TIME.
THERE MAY BE A WAY, DATA! I CAN RE-ROUTE TO YOUR POSITRONIK SUB-PROCESSOR, WHILE DIVERTING POWER FROM THE STARBOARD WARP DRIVE POWER COUPLING THROUGH AN ACTIVE MATRIX ON THE SECONDARY TRANSPOATER. SO LONG AS WE KEEP SHIELD HARMONICS FLUCTUATING AT A 0.2 VARIANCE, THE...
I AM FORCED TO AGREE, CAPTAIN. GEORDI HAS FORGOTTEN THAT THE INTERFACE WITH MY POSITRONIC NEURAL NET WON'T BE IMPLEMENTED UNTIL I INSTALL THE '2N NEW VERSION'. I NEED ANOTHER 17 MILLION FEDERATION ECONOMIC CREDITS FOR THAT, SIR.
MAKE IT SO.
I ACTUALLY DO FANCY HIM SOMEWHAT OF A TECHNO-GEEK.
TMW:
SORRY, THE APPLICATION HAS FAILED TO EXECUTE OR THERE HAS BEEN AN ERROR.
PRESS CTRL-ALT-DEL.
(PRESS ANY KEY TO CONTINUE)
THE NATIONAL DEBT:
$ 4,981,219,242,200
ENTERPRISE NETWORK COSTS:
$ 4,981,219,242,201
Zenith Data Systems
VINES
4.0
SORRY, SYSTEM UNAVAILABLE
CALL x 32/35
TALARIS
IT APPEARS CERTAIN APPLICATIONS LIKE THE TASK MANAGERS WORKSTATION AND 3270 CONNECTIVITY DON'T WORK.

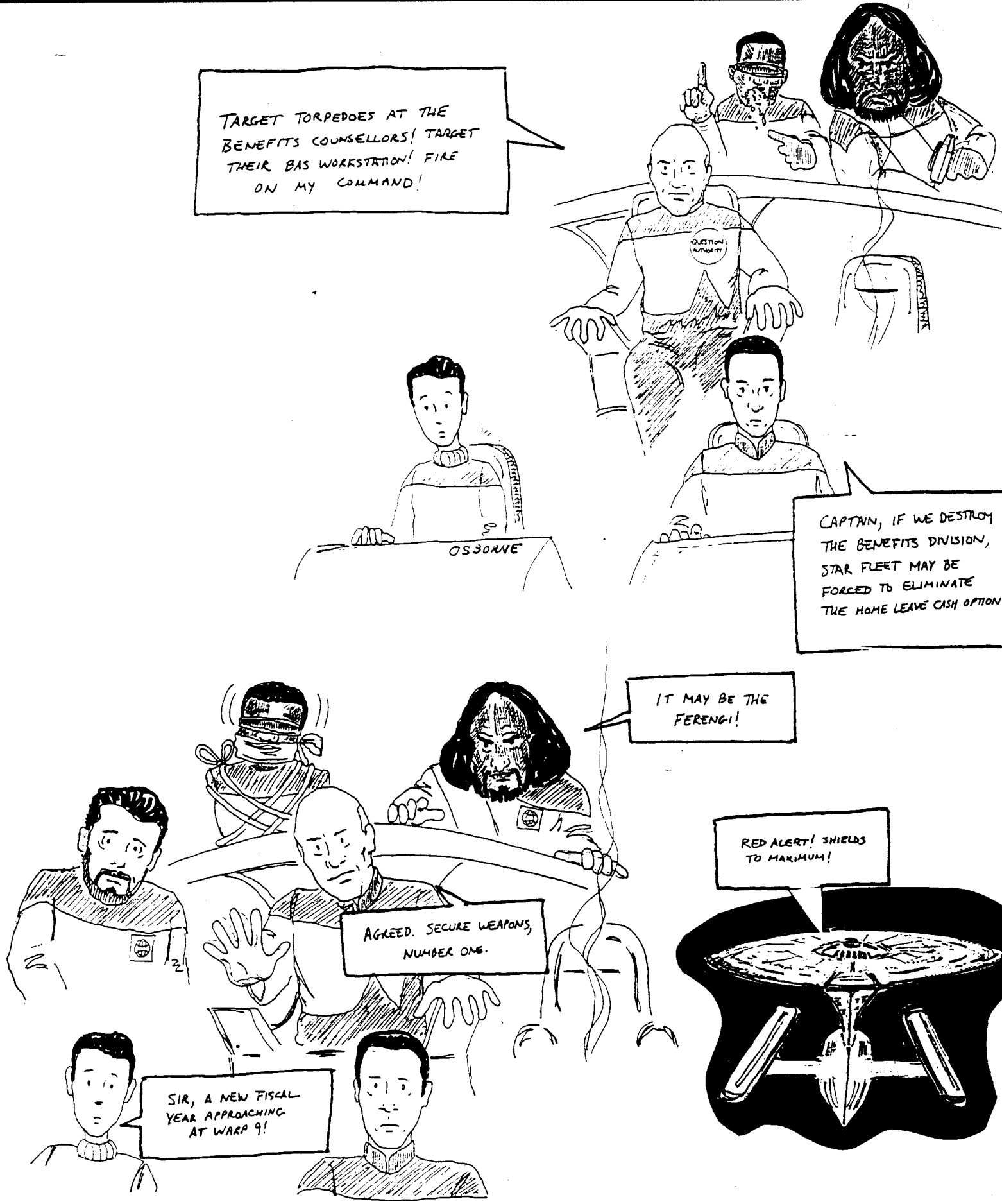
SIR, OUR NUMBER 3 WARP DRIVE IS FAILING!
A CARDASSIAN PLOT, SIR!
RED ALERT! SHIELDS TO MAXIMUM!
FULL STOP! OPEN A SUB-SPACE CHANNEL TO P&D!
CAPTAIN, THE OTHER WARP DRIVES ARE ALSO DOWN. IT APPEARS WE'VE RUN OUT OF MONEY!
P&D DOES NOT RESPOND, SIR!
CONTINUE HAILING ON ALL CHANNELS. ARE THERE ANY CLASS-M BUDGETS IN THIS SECTOR?
ENSIGN CRUSHER, LAY IN A COURSE FOR THE O-BUILDING, ONE-THIRD IMPULSE. ENGAGE!
SIR, THERE APPEARS TO BE SOME UNUSED HOME LEAVE MONEY IN PERSONNEL!
...ATTACH IT TO THE COLLECTOR BEAM ON THE HOLODECK, SYNCHRONIZING WITH THE TRICORDER WITHIN THREE MICRONS OF TOLERANCE, AND THEN...
I'M A DOCTOR, DEE, NOT AN OFFICE TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANT!
DR. CRUSHER! DO SOMETHIN HE'S FOAMING AT THE MOU

CAPTAIN'S LOG, SUPPLEMENTAL. LT. COMMANDER LA FORGE HAS BEEN MYSTERIOUSLY TRANSFORMED TO A RAVING LUNATIC OBSESSED WITH THE TECHNICAL DETAILS OF EVERYTHING ON THE STARBOARD SIDE OF THE SHIP. THE ENTERPRISE NETWORK IS RUNNING OUT OF MONEY, AND COMMANDER DATA HAS INFORMED ME HE REQUIRES 17 MILLION FEDERATION ECONOMIC CREDITS TO TEST THE NEW VERSION. OUR ONLY HOPE: SOME UNSPENT BUDGET IN THE BENEFITS DIVISION OF THE PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT.




EPENDENCY ALLOWANCE FORM?
"HAVE YOU READ YOUR ALL-IN-ONE LATELY?"
I... I'VE BEEN BUSY!
SIR, IN ACCORDANCE WITH STAR FLEET REGULATIONS, FLAG OFFICERS ARE REQUIRED TO MONITOR ALL-IN-ONE.
SIR, A KLINGON WARBIRD DECLOAKING!
I AM IANA, OF THE KLINGON WARSHIP PAHKH!
MOM
I ♥ NY

SO, DIAZ, YOU WANT TO PLAY HARDBALL! ARM PHOTON TORPEDOES! TARGET FORWARD PHASERS!
RED ALERT! SHIELDS TO MAXIMUM!
IFC
BURROUGHS
NET COMMANDER
SIR, I SENSE YOU HAVE DEEP HOSTILITY AT THIS TIME.



[And so the Enterprise Network limped onward on its never-ending journey to spend what no one has spent before, saved by a new fiscal year...]