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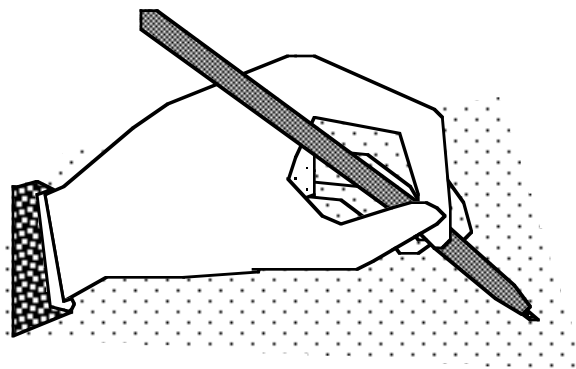
From the President...

Thank you for reading the first issue of the Simming News!

One year after the reform movement began, it seems that new energy has been found within the League. Activity is steadily increasing; the League is expanding, to nearly double what it was a year ago, with the addition of new groups; and steps are being taken in order to revive some of the inactive and forgotten benefits.

Thanks to all of you, with your support and dedication, we're looking at a very historic time within the Simming League - the rebirth and revival of this organization into something that is wonderful, and can potentially have a tremendous outreach to all forms of simming, role-playing, or however you choose to refer to it as! We couldn't have gotten this far without you and, with your help, I know there are great things in store for the future of the Simming League! This newsletter is only the beginning of what we have planned!

Zania
Simming League President



Historic Merger

by Chas Hammer - June 10, 2005

STARBASE 254 - Two of the oldest Star Trek sim clubs announced a merger yesterday, ending months of speculation. Spacefleet Online (SFOL), the former official Trek sim club of AOL, will be joining the Federation Sim Fleet (FSF).

The merger provides SFOL with a new home and maintains the clubs identity as a separate subfleet in FSF.

FSF - already one of the largest sim clubs - will see its membership base expand by 15%, to over 600 individuals.

Jon Shuni, FSF's Administrator stated, "A partnership and joining between two of the finest groups in the simming community is long overdue and is expected to be both challenging and rewarding for all those involved."

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SFOL has experienced recent gains after its difficult transition off of AOL, and Fleet Admiral Scott², Commander-in-Chief of SFOL, sees the merger as the next logical step, "The merger with FSF is, in my opinion, a big step for us in regaining more respect within the simming community, and also a way of embarking on a wonderful and bright future in Spacefleet Online."

FSF was founded in 1993, and has experienced tremendous growth over the last five years through a series of skillful mergers and acquisitions.

SFOL, a pioneer of early simming, rose to great heights during a time when most Star Trek sims consisted of random get together fleet actions by being one of the first clubs to use organized ships and crews as the basis of its sims.

By 1994, SFOL dominated Trek simming on AOL and became the official Trek sim club of AOL. In recent years, however, SFOL has experienced hard times, beginning with AOLs closing of many of its simming and gaming forums. This prompted SFOL to end its relationship with AOL and move to the internet.

Admiral Scott was instrumental in rebuilding SFOL on the internet, and his desire to continue to grow and strengthen SFOLs presence on the internet is apparently what prompted the merger.

Admiral Scott added, "Those who think that SFOL will be dissolving somehow,

think again. The terminology being used for this merger is still being worked out, but both FSF and SFOL agree that it's imperative that SFOL maintain it's own identity, especially because SFOL is one of the pioneer groups within the simming community."

Despite initial hesitations and concerns from club members, SFOL voted overwhelmingly to approve the merger. FSF's Fleet Command is expected to approve the merger within the next two weeks.

Flt. Cpt. Thomas Wallace Honored

by Chas Hammer - June 2, 2005

TASKFORCE 254 - Fleet Captain Thomas Wallace, Commander in Chief of Taskforce 254, one of the leading Dutch language Star Trek sim clubs, has been awarded the prestigious Starfleet Star by the members of his club for his exceptional dedication, loyalty and achievements as CinC over the past year and half.

In presenting the award, Deputy Commander in Chief Selar praised Mr. Wallace, "Without his exceptional dedication, Taskforce 254 would have never gotten this far."

In addition to their duties in Taskforce 254, Thomas Wallace serves as a Simming League Magistrate, and Selar is the Simming League's Vice President.

Simming Prizes Awarded

by Zania Jaarda - June 6, 2005

PLANET SIMULATION - The Simming League is pleased to announce the winners of the Simming Prizes - our version of the Nobel Prize.

Simming Literature Prize: Awarded to Chas Hammer for My Simming Memoirs. Providing remarkable insight into the evolution and the inner workings of a sim club, Chas' memoirs follow his career from a wide-eyed simmer on Prodigy, to a revolutionary leader, to the downfall of his club, which he analyzes with great candor. MSM is a groundbreaking study of the history and culture of simming.

Simming Internet Prize: Awarded to the New Worlds for their website. Utilizing a content management system, New Worlds is pioneering the use of new technology in simming, and is able to provide their members with a seamless role playing environment.

Simming Management Prize: Awarded to Tazlure for its unique blended in character/out of character management system that has produced and sustained an intense, high volume fantasy message board RPG for several years.

Simming Peace Prize: Awarded to Joe Ferguson of the Federation Sim Fleet. During his service as Chief Justice of the Simming League, Joe managed the Court with a steady hand, resolved disputes with fairness, and provided a calming influence in the League.

New Worlds' Season II Finale

by AOM TealFox - May 25, 2005

NEW WORLDS - "The OIP must stop the hypocrisy! We must ban warships which are participating in warfare, they ridicule the very principles of the Organization for Interstellar Peace."

In the birthplace for peace, politicians gather to punish the makers of war.

"If you ban those warships, not only will you be signing the death of Nuribis, you will ensure the death of the OIP."

Yet war has never been an easy snowball to stop once it as started rolling.

"Sir, detecting a large disturbance in vortex space!"

"Report!"

"Warships coming out of vortex!
Hundreds of them, all around us!"

"What are your orders?"

"Inform all hands to man their battlestations!"

The time for heroes has arrived,
It's New Worlds' Season II finale...
Just when you thought the war was over.

**New Worlds' Season II Finale
Begins June 2005**

Visit us at

<http://www.rpgnewworlds.net>

Tournament of Simulations

Think your sim is the best?
Prove it!

The annual Tournament of Simulations is getting underway. During the summer, distinguished judges will be visiting participating sims and giving out awards to the best captains, crews, and sims. The awards will look great on a website and will provide tremendous bragging rights!

So, sign your sim up today by contacting the Tournament's coordinator, Chas Hammer at admiralchashammer@yahoo.com

All results and lists of who takes part in the Tournament (except for winners) will be kept private.

Sims will be judged at a time convenient to you. Let the judges know what day will be good for them to attend and they'll show up.

New SLA Slogan

by Zania Jaarda - June 11, 2005

SLA - The Starfleet Legacy Alliance (SLA) recently held a slogan contest, in which all members had a chance to enter their ideas, with the winner receiving a slasims.com e-mail address.

The winner was Pepsibum, host of Firefly Monarch, with the slogan of "Where we touch the stars."

Simming League Update

by Chas Hammer and Zania Jaarda -
June 10, 2005

PLANET SIMULATION - The Election of Zania Jaarda as League President in March has ushered in a series of new and exciting changes for the Simming League as the League looks to expand beyond its traditional role of providing support to AOL based sim clubs. A new charter has been passed, the website is in the process of being revamped, and the position of League Administrator has been created, with Chas Hammer now serving as the first Administrator.

In recent weeks, the League's message boards at www.simmingleague.com have been streamlined. Underused boards - such as Treaties & Alliances, and Shows, Books, Movies and Comics, have been deleted, and the scattered Bureau and LAVA boards have been combined into one Services and Activities Board. These changes are designed to provide clearer message board focus and one stop shopping for those looking to get involved in the League or seeking services from the League.

The Senate has been busy welcoming new members to the League. Dagobah Fleet, a Dutch Star Wars sim club, joined the Senate on April 26 with Raven Koshi as its Senator. Legend of the Green Dragon, a hugely popular MMORPG, also joined on April 26, with Tristan as its Senator.

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On June 9, Divinity Fleet was voted into the Senate as its newest member club by a vote of 6 - 0, with FAdm Bellamy as its Senator. Divinity Fleet is a young and growing Star Trek sim club.

In accordance with the new Charter, the Senate has been working to draft Senate rules and a Code of Conduct for the League. Discussions have been ongoing in the private Members Area board, and a bill should be proposed to the Senate in a few weeks.

The League is also looking to establish a Diplomatic Corps designed to orient new League members, evaluate clubs applying for membership, and promote the League in the simulated world.

The next few months should prove exciting and fruitful as the League is on the verge of a renaissance.

WhatPulse Team

by Zania Jaarda - June 11, 2005

STARFLEET LEGACY ALLIANCE - The SLA has opened its WhatPulse Team up to non-SLA members. Josh Starkey, from the FSF, has been promoting the team in that club, and the Team now has 27 members and is approaching 50 million keys!

You can check out the team at <http://whatpulse.org/stats/teams/2286/> Any sim that joins can have their banner and a link added to the WhatPulse Team page.

SLA News

by Zania Jaarda - June 11, 2005

STARFLEET LEGACY ALLIANCE - The SLA's been buzzing with activity! Here's a recap of some of the most recent things:

Jean-Luc Morimame has been elected back to a Council seat - this time as Expansion Chair. Due to his efforts, there is one expansion sim already before the SLA Council for voting.

Electorate Chair Davan Wells, and Personnel Chair Melissa Richards have been awarded with the rank of Fleet Captain for their dedication to the Simming League. This is a special recognition to them, as neither one served as a Fleet Captain prior to becoming Council members.

Manheim Fleet Captain Jason Striker has just been named as the head of the SLA's new academy.

In preparation for the release of the Firefly movie this fall, the SLA has created two additional Firefly sims, the Independence, and Patella Drift. The Patella Drift has been around the SLA forums for a while, but this is the first time that it's being recognized as an official sim.

Several of the SLA's site gurus are hard at work with developing the new Host Administration System & Simmer Administration System! When completed hosts will be given new and powerful management tools, and simmers will be able to input and manage their characters - even on multiple sims!

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