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Photo by Ted Kirk

The antithesis of the stars who are recognized as Star Trek characters is seen in the solo appearances of the shows creator Gene Roddenberry. Unlike Captain Kirk and Dr. Spock, the man who, in all senses made them possible, travels alone.

'Star Trek' odyssey reorbits

By Joe Hudson

The U.S.S. Enterprise will be taken out of mothballs in October for the filming of a wide-screen cinematic version "Star Trek," Gene Roddenberry told a crowd of more than 2,500 in the Coliseum Wednesday night.

Roddenberry, creator and producer of the television version of the science-fiction series, said if the movie is successful after its release next summer, 90-minute television sequels, spaced four to six weeks apart, will follow.

He said the movie will include "most, if not all, of the original cast."

After showing a series of "out-takes," which included actors running into doors and a rare shot of the emotionless Dr. Spock flashing a broad smile, Roddenberry discussed the potential role of television, the future of mankind and the mentality of television executives.

He said that NBC executives, after viewing the pilot for the series, told him to "get rid of the guy with the ears."

Roddenberry said he does not "accept the myth that the television audience has an infatigable mind." The intellect of the audience is "light-years ahead of the television executives," he said.

He said the executives held the attitude that "Star Trek" was "too surreal for you slobs out in the TV

audience." The show was dropped three years after its 1966 debut, prompting more than a million letters of protest to NBC, Roddenberry said.

Describing television as "at its lowest ebb ever," he said television will undergo drastic changes in the next 10 to 20 years.

The "idiot box" will be transformed into a force with "more effect, good or bad, than nuclear bombs," he predicted. Cable and microwave television, complete with home duplicating machinery, could be common within twelve years, he said.

Roddenberry predicted that a complete selection of concerts and plays will become available to the viewer, who will "be billed for it like utilities."

The resulting "information explosion" could be dangerous if its control is placed in "unscrupulous hands," according to Roddenberry.

He described mankind as being "at the beginning of a quantum leap forward" in evolution, which is being spurred by technological advances.

Man relies heavily on computers to speed up his thought process, Roddenberry said, predicting that mini-computers may actually be planted inside humans in the future to increase their capabilities.

Man's full maturity will come "when the capacity to love equals the ability to destroy," he said. He added that Star Trek's message is to accept variations between life forms and differences in ideas.

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Senators restore \$6.8 million axed from NU budget

By Dick Piersol

The Nebraska Legislature Wednesday restored to the NU budget the \$6.8 million earlier line-item vetoed by Gov. J. James Exon, as well as several other measures.

By a vote of 32-16 the senators overrode the university operations budget vetoes plus \$600,000 for state colleges and \$1 million state aid to technical community colleges the governor cut from LB690, the state aid to higher education bill.

The senators also voted to remain in session two more days to extend state highway speed limit legislation. Exon had warned them that those laws would lapse 90 days after this session. Speaker of the Nebraska Legislature Sen. Jules Burbach of Hardington moved to extend the session, wording the motion such that the senators would consider only reaffirmation of the 55 miles an hour speed limit. In theory the senators could consider other questions, including reconsideration of vetoes they tried but failed to override Wednesday.

Override failures

Among the vetoes the senators failed to reverse Wednesday were:

-Exon's \$500,000 reduction to \$460,688 of aid to the University of Nebraska Medical Center to replace lost federal funds.

-A cash fund ceiling increase for the current fiscal year at NU which would have allowed the university to spend money received by an unexpected enrollment increase.

-All line item vetoes in LB691, the operations budget for most state agencies, which included a \$15 million increase in state aid to schools.

-A \$2 million appropriation to start construction of a \$6.7 million Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER) Bldg. at UNO. The vote was 26-16, four short of the number to override.

-A \$25,000 planning fund for a cardiovascular research, treatment and educational unit at the medical center.

-A \$70,000 reduction to \$75,000 for a swine and beef building at the technical agricultural school at Curtis.

-A \$450,000 allocation which would have allowed Nebraska State Colleges Board of Trustees to assume the bonded indebtedness of Majors Hall, a recently condemned residence hall at Peru State College.

-A one cent increase in the state gasoline tax.

Eleventh hour lobbying

There was intensive lobbying late in the afternoon by state aid to education advocates and university lobbyists who tried to gain reconsideration of unsuccessful attempts at reversing the governor's vetoes of the \$15 million for state aid to schools, the HPER Bldg., and the bill containing the money for the cardiovascular unit and the livestock building at Curtis.

Lobbyists tried to get Omaha senators who voted against the increase in school aid to ask for reconsideration and supply the votes necessary to override that veto in exchange for enough votes to pass the HPER Bldg., the cardiovascular unit and the livestock building, since the body's rules state that only a senator who did not vote or who voted on the losing side may move for reconsideration.

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Pound resident Siminoe elected RHA president

By Betsie Ammons

Sixty-three votes separated winner Judi Siminoe from defeated candidate Dorothy Garrett in tentative returns in Wednesday's Residence Hall Association (RHA) presidential election, according to Tom Bradley, election commissioner.

Siminoe, a Pound Hall resident and sophomore education major from Curtis, received 290 votes while Garrett, a sophomore agriculture major from St. Mary's, Kan. received 227.

A third presidential candidate, Ruby Clark, a junior pre-law major from Stapleton, received 174 votes.

The new RHA vice-president is Harper Residence Hall resident Paul Harano, who defeated opponent Essex Porter, a sophomore from Abel Residence Hall, by a 412 to 278 vote.

But the proposed revision of the RHA Constitution did not pass. For the constitutional revision to be ratified, it must have the approval of 15 per cent of all those living in

residence halls, Bradley said.

Although voters approved the new constitution by a 608 to 97 vote, Bradley said it failed because the number of approvals is not 15 per cent of the total residence hall dwellers.

The election turnout was lower than expected, according to Bradley, who also is current RHA vice-president. Eighteen per cent of residence hall students voted in the election, compared to 20 per cent last year.

Bradley said the largest turnout was at Burr-Fedde Residence Complex on East Campus, where more than 50 per cent of that halls residents voted. He added that less than 10 per cent of those living in Harper-Schramm-Smith Residence Complex voted.

Current RHA President Sue Ihne blamed what she called the low voter turnout on "lack of election publicity" within residence halls. She said the Election Commission had "done a good job" planning the election,

and lack of voters is "not something that can be blamed on them."

Bradley said he thought students living in residence halls "suffered from apathy."

RHA Adviser Marie Hansen of the University Housing Office said she thinks residents thought all five candidates would do a good job and turnout was low because students had no preference.

The new constitution would not have effected RHA policies or structure, Bradley said. He said it contained clearer language.

Hansen added that she thinks there are a lot of discrepancies in figures in the constitution that were corrected in the defeated one.

Also, the number of people needed for a voting quorum at RHA meetings was reduced in the proposed constitution, Ihne said, but added that RHA has had a quorum defined by the current constitution at every meeting the past year.