

Daily Nebraskan WEEKEND PREVIEW

For the weekend
of Nov. 18 - 20

Give it a shot

> **Lied Center** — Lincoln's premier performance facility will house three different groups of artists this weekend.

Friday: Acrobatic theatre company DynamO Theatre performs "Mur-Mur."

Saturday: Flutist Herbie Mann and Brazilian trio Jasil Brazz combine forces.

Sunday: Diamanda Galás and John Paul Jones will play a show unlike any Lincoln ever has seen.



Quik Facts

Movie: "Star Trek: Generations"

Rating: PG

Stars: Patrick Stewart, William Shatner, Jonathan Frakes, Brent Spiner, Malcolm McDowell

Director: David Carson

Grade: B+

Five Words: Trek great but not fantastic

Generations meet in latest Star Trek film

By Joel Strauch
Senior Reporter

Red Alert! There are two captains on the bridge!

Capt. James T. Kirk finally makes his appearance with Jean-Luc Picard and company in the first "Next Generation" motion picture.

It's Star Trek, so of course the movie is full of brilliant scenes and fantastic special effects (by those miracle workers over at In-



The Federation starship Enterprise, left, fires back at a Klingon bird of prey in "Star Trek: Generations."

Courtesy of Paramount Pictures

dustrial Light and Magic).

But "Generations" just doesn't have the incredible story that one might expect from the Roddenberry heirs. It's not that the story isn't great; it's just not incredible.

While saving the brand-new Enterprise-B, Kirk (William Shatner) is sucked into a weird nexus and presumed dead.

Meanwhile, 78 years later the Next-Gen crew rescues an eccentric scientist, Dr. Soran (Malcolm McDowell), from an attack on his

research station.

It turns out that Soran has been in the nexus and is determined to get back inside it, no matter how many solar systems he has to destroy.

Of course, the two captains have to team up to stop Soran's evil plan, and Kirk leaves the nexus after he and Picard (Patrick Stewart) discover that the paradise for which Soran is searching is false.

"Generations" gets at some pretty heavy

issues, from family legacy to coping with loss and failure. But the emotion in the movie goes a little too far with Data (Brent Spiner).

Brent Spiner is a fantastic actor, and he is given a challenging role to play. Nevertheless, the scriptwriters overdo it a bit with his emotion chip (although a scene with him using a colorful metaphor is brilliant).

The acting is awesome all around, but

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TREK TRIVIA

Which of the following characters was NOT pronounced dead at one time or another: McCoy, Scotty, Spock or Sulu?

How many wives has Spock's father, Sarek, had?

How many times has Wesley Crusher saved the Enterprise?

What is Capt. Kirk's middle name?

Where was Cmdr. Riker born?

Who captained the Enterprise before Capt. Kirk?

Who is the only person besides William Shatner to have played Capt. Kirk?

Which two "classic Star Trek" characters have been aboard the Enterprise-D?

How many times has Data taken over the Enterprise?

True or False: There has never been a "Star Trek" episode where anyone said the words "Beam me up, Scotty."

Compiled by Todd Ellington

Answers: 1. Sulu. 2. Three, an unknown consciousness is transferred into the body of Smith in "Turnabout Intruder." Kirk's Earth. 6. Capt. Christopher Pike. 7. Sandra. 8. Once. 9. Three, in the episodes "Mekks," "Power" and "The Motion Picture." 10. True.

BOOK Reviews

"Star Trek Movie Memories" William Shatner with Chris Kreski
Harper Collins Publishers
Grade: A

Following the best-selling success of his "Star Trek Memories," William Shatner returns to the bookshelves with "Star Trek Movie Memories."

"Movie Memories" picks up where "Star Trek Memories" left off and continues at warp speed through the filming of "Generations."

The first few chapters deal with Shatner's personal life following the cancellation of the classic Trek series. In some very moving moments, he speaks of his divorce and of the time he spent on the road with a traveling theater group.

The rest of the book deals with the Star Trek that might have been. In this book, there is less written about Shatner's personal relations with other cast members

and more about the evolution of the story lines, from conception through filming.

For example, "Star Trek: The Motion Picture" was originally conceived as a low-budget TV movie. However, growing trek fandom prompted Paramount to bring Star Trek back to the small screen in the form of a new series called "Star Trek: Phase II." The series was to feature all of the original cast with the exception of Leonard Nimoy, who was apparently at odds with Gene Roddenberry.

In his place was Xon, a vulcan who constantly was striving to understand human emotion (much like a certain android from "The Next Generation"). Other cast additions would have included executive officer Will Decker and the navigator Lt. Ilia, both of whom appeared in "Star Trek: The Motion Picture."

The project was changed to a full-length feature film following the box-office success of "Star Wars" and "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." In fact, George Lucas and Steven Spielberg were approached to direct the film, but both declined.

The book also includes such revelations as Eddie Murphy be-

ing originally sought for the part of the whale biologist in "Star Trek IV." Shatner claims that Murphy, who is a big Star Trek fan, backed out under pressure from Paramount, which figured it would be bad business to mix their two biggest assets.

Other shoes to be filled included Sean Connery as Sybok in "Star Trek V" and Jack Palance as Klingon Chancellor Gorkon in "Star Trek VI."

Some discarded story lines included V'GER being an android who looked like Jesus Christ, returning to Earth for the second time and Kirk crossing into Hell to fight Satan in "Star Trek V."

All of this is told alongside stories of directors, actors and Paramount executives all fighting for control of the story line and the fiscal bottom line. The book explores friendships forged, broken and renewed, and includes numerous quotes and interviews with everyone from David Gautreaux (the actor cast to play Xon), to Patrick Stewart (the actor cast to play ... well, you know).

Told with Shatner's classic wit and voice, "Star Trek Movie Memories" ranges from deeply

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