

...bad guys are heroes in new Marietta magazine

of 687 East Market Street, and Bonnie Reitz of 240 West Market. It's called "Antithesis," because it's about the other guys—the bad guys, to be specific. Even more specifically, it's about the bad guys in the old TV series **Star Trek**: Klingons, Romulans, and Gorns.

For those of you who aren't "Trekkers" (as the avid followers of the **Star Trek** reruns are called), a brief explanation follows: The good guys were mostly human, from Earth, on the TV series; people from other planets were sometimes good (eg., Vulcans), often bad, and many times beyond those conventions. Since the show went off the air about ten years ago, the number of people who watch it has gone up—even though the Trekkers can only watch series re-runs of less than 50 shows. They know those shows by heart.

A small industry has sprung up to meet the needs of Trekkers. There exist stores which sell only **Star Trek** paraphernalia.

There are 125 **Star Trek** magazines, or "fanzines," published today. Pat and Bonnie felt that they were too one-sided, though, because they were all about the good guys, notably Captain Kirk and Science Officer Spock of the **Enterprise** starship. (The new, real-life space shuttle was named after the **Star Trek** ship.)

"Those fanzines run the same stuff over and over," says Pat. "One month Kirk falls in love; then Spock falls in love; then the

month after they both fall in love."

Pat got tired of the same stuff over and over. While at the **Star Trek** Convention in Philadelphia last year, she got the bright idea of writing about the villains. "I've always been fascinated by bad guys and nomads," explains Pat. "Like the Vikings and the Conquistadors. They didn't kill people just for the fun of it. They must have had a reason for what they did."

Pat points out that, in real life, the good guys have turned out to be the bad guys quite often—as in the Watergate affair.

STAR TREK

—ADULTS ONLY

There are all sorts of variations on the TV series in the fanzines. Many times the leading characters are killed off; others try for variety by adding sex. "Adult" **Star Trek** fanzines.

Pat and Bonnie's fanzine doesn't get explicit—it's intended for kids as well as adults—but there is a bad scene when one of the Klingon males goes after one of the heroines, with his face "clouded by the terrifying madness of the mating drives of Ikra." Fortunately, it turns out to be just a dream. The Klingon girl wakes up before the man gets to her.

LEATHER AND TORTURE

There's lots of violence, though, both physical and psychological. The Klingon anti-heroes wear leather, love to torture people, and want absolute power above all else. Even in romance, their chief delight is struggle and conquest.

Klingon politics is much like Russian politics, except they don't believe in any ideal like a Workers' Paradise. They believe in stabbing the leader in the back and taking his ultimate position of authority. Banana republics are models of order next to the Klingon warrior caste.

Unlike the Klingons, Trekkers are nice people. Pat says that the popular image of **Star Trek** fans as fantasizing weirdos is false. "They're very intelligent, and friendly. Even the actors from the show who come to the conventions are very nice. We went jogging with George Takei." [George Takei played the part of the Japanese officer Sulu on the series. The crew had representatives of every race and nationality on Earth, and, a rarity those days, a black woman officer. Of course, the captain was a WASP.]

Trekkers take their favorite show seriously. Pat told of a physicist Trekker who lectured at the convention on the antimatter drive which the **Enterprise** used.

Bonnie has lived in Marietta all her life; Pat moved here a year and a half ago when her husband Doug took a job as a nuclear operator at Three Mile Island. Strangely enough, though, the two met at Cole's book store in Park City. They became friendly, and discovered that both were Trekkers and lived in Marietta. **Antithesis** was the result.

"Mara—it is either produce life or die," Kang stated flatly. "There is no alternative."



This drawing illustrates the courting behavior of Klingon

WAS DOUG A KLINGON?

Bonnie and Pat are true Trekkers. Pat's husband Doug is less so than she, but when he went to the convention with her, he looked so much like a real Klingon that people assumed he was an actor from the series and asked for his autograph. Her son, Doug III, won a prize for his costume. While the **Times** was interviewing Pat in her home, little Doug in the next room played star wars with a model plastic

Klingon warship, and realistically imitated the sound of a photon torpedo.

STRANGE HANDLES

A note for Mariettians who own CB radios: if you ever hear a strange conversation between "Klingon Leader" and "Klingon Battle Cruiser," don't worry about your neighborhood—it's only Pat and Bonnie.

Pat has been drawing and writing for years, and

Bonnie has been an artist and writer "For ever." They are new to magazine publishing, and can't afford a real printing job, but their fanzine is fun to read. The price for their quarterly publication is \$4.50 an issue; no subscriptions are available yet. If you want a copy, or would like to contribute, write to Pat or Bonnie. The next issue will come out in April.

The last issue ran 110 pages, xeroxed on one side.



Pat Spath, left, and Bonnie Reitz work on the next issue of **Antithesis**. The photo shows the editorial office, which is a corner of Pat's bedroom. On the wall behind

are a painting by Bonnie [of a battle cruiser], a picture of a "real" Klingon [from the TV series], and other stuff. Pat and Bonnie are both artists and both writers.

Open House & Science Fair at DHS

Donegal High School invites you to their Open House tomorrow night, March 9 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. They've been getting ready for weeks, and every department will be on hand with displays, projects, and performances to complement the Science Fair.

The Science Fair exhibits of both junior and senior high students will be in the gym at DHS. Ribbons and awards will be given out, and the science department will be on hand to answer questions and discuss the Fair.

The entire school will be opened up. There will be exhibits of business practice, graphic arts, wood-working, printing, casting; home computer uses of the

future; weird mathematical formulae; a collection of International flags; American Indian cultures; career programs.

Agnetta Wenninger, the Swedish Exchange student, will talk about her country and show slides in room 206, and the language department will have other exhibits; a preview of **No No Nanette** will start at 8:00 in the auditorium; a band rehearsal will take place in room 188.

There will be a book fair in the library. Guidance counselors will be on hand to discuss students' programs; and almost every teacher in every department will be on hand.

If you are the parent of a DHS student, you shouldn't miss the Open House.