

May I see Your Badge, Mister - Uh, Spock?

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When **Mike Weasner** shows new hires around the Space Park facility, he always asks if they're fans of the original *Star Trek*. If they're brave enough to admit their fondness for the show, he takes them over to the S cafeteria patio and informs them that they're now standing on Hallowed Ground. Yes, William Shatner once stood RIGHT HERE!

On February 15, 1967, several scenes from Episode 29, "Operation-Annihilate," were filmed underneath the walkway. The show aired two months later, on April 13. If you ever catch the reruns on the Sci-Fi network, watch carefully: you can see E2 in the background.

"Episode 29. Star Date 3287.2. The Enterprise witnesses a smaller ship diving into the sun of Deneva under the control of a pilot who seems to have intentionally killed himself. This confirms Kirk's worst fears that a seemingly contagious outbreak of insanity on several other worlds has spread to Deneva, where his brother lives. On the surface, many are found to be dead - including Kirk's brother - and an unknown species of alien parasite is found to be responsible."

— From an online *Star Trek* episode guide
In photo #1, curious employees watch the cast and crew set up a scene. "Scottie" puffs a cigarette between takes (#2) and Curmudgeonly physician, "Bones" practices intoning, "He's dead, Jim!" (#3). Later in the day, the cast poses with employees (#4) and tours the facility (#5).



