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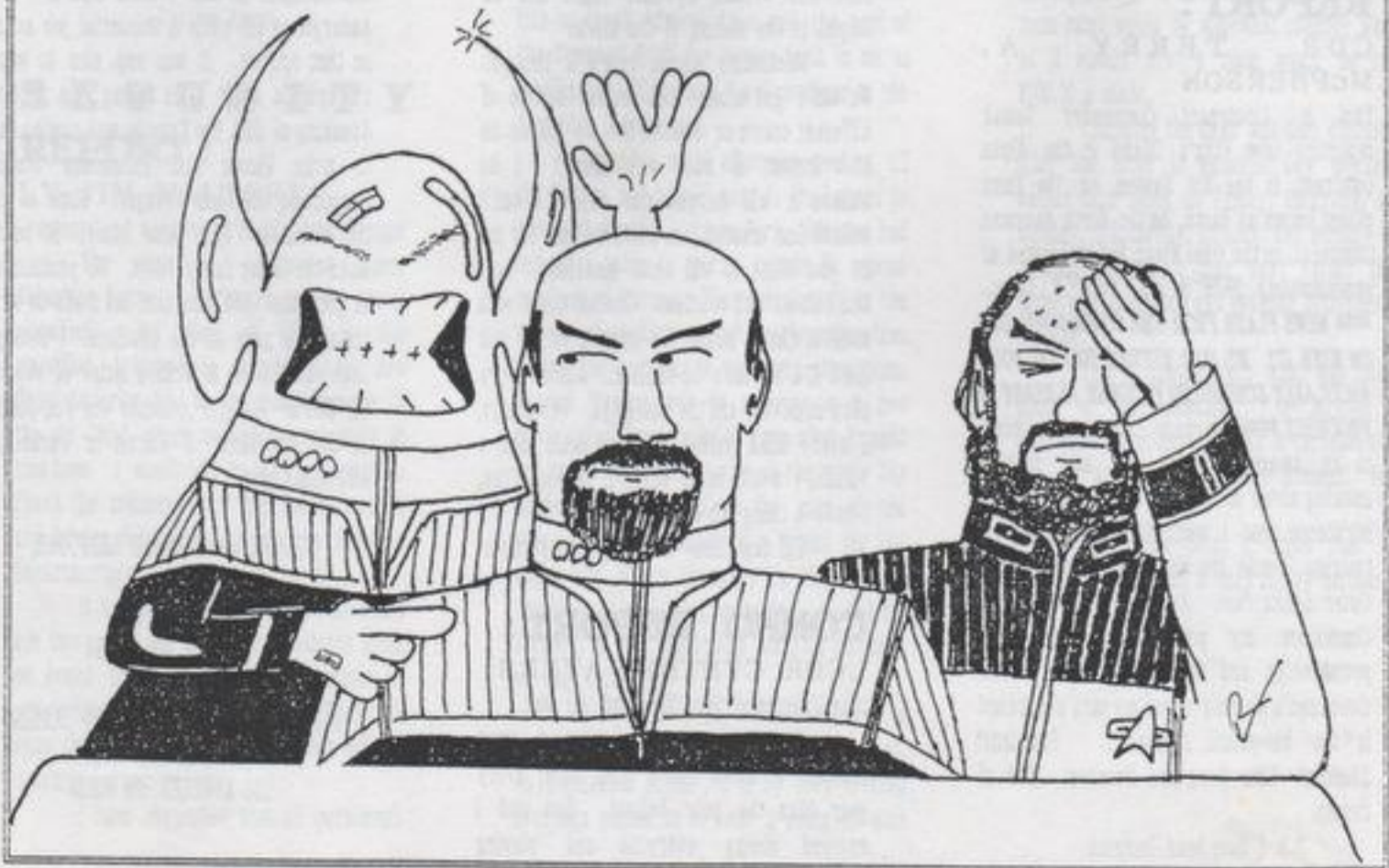
"A MAX-KODAK MOMENT"

FEATURING:

CAPT
BLOBBIN

CDR
TAMAK

COM
T'KILL



CAPTAIN'S LOG:

COM MATT MORRIS

Hey there, Y'All! we seemed to have survived the excursion to King's Island, which was a good time had by all, topped off by the look on the admiral's face when he saw what we did to his shuttle. I conducted an extensive fighter-pilot training consisting of Engineer Tanak, Engineer John Chubb, Colonel Korjak, and Sidley. They all passed the training with a slight wobble, observed by the admiral at the top of the Eiffel Tower. Ten thousand people to see from up there and he chose us! The rest of the day was filled with observing the rest of the park. We took a break for lunch at Wings, which I would not recommend to a Targ. Upcoming events are the Bowlathon, the MA-NAAA! Visitor Convention in September, and in anything else that might come up between now and then. Your input will be appreciated. Dat beed! One last thing, a note to the admiral: T'Pau is not a champion boxer on Vulcan.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

CDR TERRY A. McPHERSON

This is Lieutenant Commander Tamak reporting from King's Island in the Alpha Quadrant, in the Sol System, on the third planet known as Earth, on the North American Continent, in the Ohio River Valley, located at approximately 39.06°N Lat, 84.31°W Long...
***** NEWS FLASH FROM THE COMMODORE: GET ON WITH IT! WE NOW RETURN YOU TO YOUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAM ALREADY IN PROGRESS ***** ...humans refer to this place as an amusement park. I saw nothing amusing about it. Thanks to the Commodore's insistence that I went through starfighter training, I rode the simulation known as the Outer Limits ride. And also thanks to the Commodore, my pointed ears are bent permanently, and will have to visit Doctor Doubaugh's sickbay to get my ears sharpened in his bio-pencil sharpener. Romulans! Sheeezz! Live Long and Prosper. End of report.

P.S. I hate head banging.

-LCDR TERRY "TAMAK" McPHERSON.

SCIENCE REPORT:

LCDR ROBIN KULAS

It's finally here--our crew survey (SEE attached survey form to newsletter). Section A relates to your personae you have created. Section B is about you. This will be great for those of us who want to write stories. Have fun with it.

News in the World of Science:

Carl Sagan passed away. Best known for his PBS series Cosmos (remember billions and billions?). He was a true layman's scientist who was sometimes shunned by his peers due to that fact. He wanted to popularize science to the masses.

I'm sure you heard about the rover landing on Mars. I keep expecting to have the camera turn and see Ma and Pa Martian standing there. I know too much Sci Fi warps your mind.

Check out the movie Contact. The book was written by Carl Sagan and he helped in the making of the movie.

Mentioning aliens, here's a thought. We can't get along with human beings of different colors or beliefs, how we will do once contact is made with aliens? I do believe it will happen one day. I can't believe God created this universe just for us. Do you think it will unite mankind? Just think about our reaction. Contact deals with some of these issues. I know a lot of you liked ID4, but let's be realistic. Almost every alien in movies are the bad guys. Personally, if every alien looked like and acted like a Vulcan, I would be in seventh heaven. (Yes, I have a thing for Vulcans!)

Till next time--Live long and prosper.

COMMO REPORT:

LCDR CYNTHIA AYERS

Dear Friends of Star Trek and the Max,

Hope you are all having a great summer! It seems like it goes faster every year than the year before! Ben and I enjoyed seeing everyone and playing

volleyball at the MaxOlympics. It was certainly a beautiful day for a picnic and for the Rose Festival.

It was very special to read about the origin and history of the USS Maximilian. I had always liked the name of our ship, but didn't really know where the name came from. When I read that our ship was named after the martyr, St. Maximilian Kolbe, I was very excited. I have always admired Maximilian Kolbe. Also, I had many relatives who died in Germany during World War II. So, our ship being named after Maximilian Kolbe has a very special significance for me! Hooray for five years and I hope that our ship continues for many more years.

Ben and I were wowed by the spectacular cliff-hanger ending of DS9. We especially like the very end of the episode when they showed all of the Federation ships coming to aid the station. It will be great to see the first DS9 episode of the fall to see how it ends!

This summer I was able to watch again my favorite DS9 episode of the year about Odo and his changling "baby." I'm so glad it was on again so that I could tape it. Renee Auberjonois did such a wonderful job acting on that episode. It was esp. nice to watch the episode again after seeing him in Cois. Speaking of DS9, Bjo Trimble was urging fans to write Viacom and Paramount Studios supporting DS9 and Voyager. Some of her tips included: Type your letter. Be polite. Make the letter fairly short. No photocopies or petitions. Don't mention fan clubs or write the show's name on the envelope. I strongly urge each of us to write a letter of support for DS9 or Voyager to either the Fox Station or the Presidents of Viacom or Paramount. Addresses are:

VIACOM: MR. SUMNER REDSTONE,
PRESIDENT, CEO
200 BLM ST
DETRAM, MI 48226

PARAMOUNT STUDIOS: SHERRY LANSING
5555 MELROSE AVE
LOS ANGELES, CA 90038

sufficient defense from such objects. In the event such an object is discovered on a positive collision course for Earth, five years warning won't be enough. Only a miracle would save civilization. Ten years notice will mean a slim chance of survival. It is likely that in the future, possibly within the next generation or two, an Earth space fleet may be formed, their primary mission to find, track, and possibly eliminate objects which threaten Earth, may be their primary mission.

Additionally, Earth's resources are not limitless. One day, mankind may be forced to expand to other worlds in the solar system. Missions to the moon, Mars, and the Jovian moons are, in my opinion, necessary to examine for possible locations for habitation. If colonies of Earth are established on other worlds, they may provide an expanded pool of resources for our use, and, if one world, even Earth, is struck by an orbit crossing object, not all of humanity would be destroyed.

Human beings are the most adaptable beings on Earth today. We are the only form of life on Earth to make it to another world. I believe that man is inventive and imaginative enough to one day make open space and even other terrestrial objects such as the Moon, Mars, the Asteroids, and the moons of the outer gas giant worlds of our solar system into their homes.

Man will, over time, be able to adapt to conditions in such new and alien environments, and I believe that examining these potential habitats and resources today might mean our survival in the future.

I seriously doubt that the real twenty-third and twenty-fourth centuries will be anything like that as portrayed in Star Trek, nor do I believe that things will be anywhere as nice either, but I do firmly believe that if mankind survives another three or four centuries, space travel, exploration, and interplanetary habitation will be as common then as air travel is today.

Looking for a way to blow up Playmate Corporation.

JOLAN TRUE!

... AND IN CONCLUSION...

The Mighty Max newsletter is published monthly for the members of the USS Maximilian Star Trek Fan Association. Everyone may submit art, photos, and articles to our newsletter.

All submissions can be sent to:

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The USS Maximilian meets the second Saturday at 5:00PM of each month in the front meeting room of the Karl Road branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library.

Meetings usually last an hour or two followed by a POST-MEETING ACTIVITY.

Members from other chapters and Organizations are welcome to submit material for this newsletter.

COMMANDING OFFICER

COM Matt Morris.

FIRST OFFICER

CDR Elaine Jackson.

COMMISSIONER

ADM Robert Lyon.

ALL SUBMISSIONS, ARTICLES, AND REPORTS ARE DUE ON THE FOLLOWING DATE:

01 SEPTEMBER 1997

COLLECTORS ' CORNER

-CDM MATT MORRIS.

USS MAXIMILLIAN SCIENCE DEPT SURVEY

RETURN TO SCIENCE DEPARTMENT (RESPOND BY OCTOBER 1997)

SECTION A: Personae Data

1. CHARACTER NAME:

2. RATE/RANK:

3. HOME PLANET:

4. AGE:

5. RACE:

6. FAMILY:

7. EDUCATION (If not enough room, continue on separate page):

8. PREVIOUS STARFLEET ASSIGNMENTS (If not enough room, continue on separate page):

9. CURRENT DEPARTMENT/TITLE:

10. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS (CURRENT AND PAST) (If not enough room, continue on separate page):

11. SECURITY CLEARANCE:

12. WEAPONS EXPERTISE (If not enough room, continue on separate page):

13. HOBBIES (If not enough room, continue on separate page):

14. FUTURE GOALS (If not enough room, continue on separate page):

USS MAXIMILLIAN SCIENCE DEPT SURVEY

RETURN TO SCIENCE DEPARTMENT (RESPOND BY OCTOBER 1997)

SECTION B: Personal Data.

1. NAME:

2. WHERE YOU'RE FROM:

3. FAVORITE STAR TREK CHARACTER:

4. FAVORITE EPISODE AND MOVIE:

5. WHY YOU JOINED OUR SHIP:

6. OTHER SCI-FI INTERESTS:

SECTION C: Miscellaneous.

ADD ANYTHING TO SECTION A OR B IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO.

[Faint background sketches of Star Trek characters and scenes are visible through the paper.]

I just received my copy of the *Star Trek Communicator* for August-September. There was no convention information in it. I am hoping to find out more about conventions online in the near future. The magazine has great interviews with Marina Sirtis and Robert Beltran, season reviews, and an article about Las Vegas: *Star Trek: The Experience!*

Kurt, Ben, and I are planning a trip to Cleveland soon which will of course include seeing the *Star Trek: Federation Science Exhibit* and some lectures that go along with the show. So, I will be writing about that next month and about Perkins.

One final exciting thing: Ben and I were in the chat room for SF Media and started talking online with a woman about *Star Trek*. We talked online for awhile before discovering that she is living in the Netherlands. We exchanged addresses and will be writing to each other. I will be sending her info about *Star Trek* and the Max.

Amazing to have a *Star Trek* pen pal in Europe!

That's all for now.

Love long and rejoice always,

-Cynthia Ayers.

SECURITY REPORT:

LT JIM WALTERS

Greetings and salutations to all gentle beings!

The name is Lieutenant James Sebastian Fuzzy. I am human and my age is classified. My place of birth is also classified. I have been assigned as the new Chief Security due to the disappearance of the old Chief, which we are investigating at this time. I would like to take a moment to thank the command crew for the promotion, and having faith in me to run the Security Department.

It has come to my attention that there are two genetically engineered rodents loose on board the ship with the intentions of conquering the world. Fear not! They will show themselves eventually and they will be caught. I guarantee it.

I have requested that all personnel,

especially the medical department review containment field procedures.

For those that are interested, you do not need to show your ID card at Starbase Columbus if you are wearing your ActionWear at the time.

Thank you for your time

LT J.S. Fuzzy

a.k.a. The Fuzzy LT.

MEDICAL REPORT:

DR. NATHAN COBAUGH

♥♦♣♠ Still on TDY (Temporary Duty) at Cedar Point, an amusement park located on planet Earth at approximately 41.27°N Lat, 82.42°W Long. Pinky and the Brain still at large. ♠♣♦♥

-DR. NATHAN COBAUGH, CMO, NCC-74997

STARFLEET INTELLIGENCE:

LT BETH WALTERS

Greetings to all! This is LT Beth Walters reporting once again. First of all, I would like to thank Admiral Lyon and the rest of the Command Staff for having faith in me as Intelligence Officer and I will continue to the best that I know how.

Saturday night after our meeting, LT Jim Walters and myself went to the Lennor to see *Lost World: Jurassic Park*. Maroon had set up a table to recruit people to become members of Maroon. They are already in the process of working on next year's convention. During the previews of upcoming attractions, Patrick Stewart will be starring in a new movie called *Masterminds*. From what I could tell it's on the same premise as the movie *Toy Soldiers*. Stewart plays the part of the villainous school master of a school for the super rich but is thwarted by the school's trouble-maker. Also, speaking of Patrick Stewart, he just celebrated his 57th birthday on July 13, 1997.

Sunday, July 27, 1997, I attended a meeting for Maroon to see what was going on. As Intelligence Officer, it is my duty to keep everyone posted as to what is going on with

other organizations. First of all, I would like to say that it was a very unorganized meeting since they had just had elections for their different committees. These are the following items that were discussed:

1. This is probably the most important. There are plans to have tables set up more often at the Lennor for movie premieres. As it stands right now I do not foresee any problems, but once they get better organized, there might be.

2. It was discussed and voted that starting in the year 2000, Maroon will be moved to Memorial Day Weekend.

3. Discussion on having a Board of Directors was voted on and approved with the hope that planning future conventions would run a lot smoother than what they are now.

4. Setting up continuity in planning the convention as well as scheduling guests and locality two years in advance to get a jump on other conventions and activities that are being planned as well.

5. There was discussion on bringing in an author as guest for children and teens.

6. Getting back to the discussion of moving Maroon to Memorial Day weekend, the room rates would be somewhat cheaper where as it stands now, a room would be over \$100.00 a night.

7. Changing the days was also discussed after the move to Memorial Day weekend. Rather than being on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, to Saturday, Sunday, and Monday--or possibly making it four days rather than three with afternoon and evening activities on Sunday.

This is pretty much what was talked about at the meeting. If anyone is interested, their next meeting is on September 7, 1997 at 2:00 PM at the Tremont Road Library.

On a last note, I think that our beloved admiral had a very happy birthday!

MUSINGS FROM THE PUDDLE

CAPT GREG "BLOBBIN" DUNN



Hi, Everyone! In case you didn't think I was serious that my persona, Captain Blobbin, has one-hundred-one names he remembers, here it is: Equezumre Vevom Klaosdik Sdedorren Trehja Legitomas Fsdidk Edishd Psidquid Cver Apokevrezem Yunere Wimprio Rnobon Oyjumin Vzeedtqzoldnim Goic Knomus Unefrixyu Jwerhuna Tsamonihum Alkedaquac Cenohisassa Wimra Yupaxidia Runoquros Epiopun Ximaje Illewi Siis Noperajohias Uuberdown Trioyivaijhd Isieei Poperti Iler Tijocrumro Tnaillim Sixam Bssu Utocsan Ratsellab Gnegel Hpargotoph Smorobl Uquias Crawanan Knoylbor Sirromttam Cnud Oyroger Limaryp Uenin Mepat Berutan Udaro Sunn Ikkumhjakcus Syriad Cretsoh Otencia Orebu Logruchon Mquobien Enarkkwim Gockjockyobi Atenokja Njamaunna Shtothare Uyada Swiautomatojasasol Aeertonunestu Nedquotaonoyel Meweoustryu 'Ainjikda Rjeonyas Igossa Ofolkesa Nojjaunekquen Olopa Byuiof Isamerionsadacco Onhakelo Ctojazz Iolyaquen Gesopalezhu Akkranna Rilowe Bzevenyer Axderu Towquano Teelyanoverhoa Lasdillifakas Ellkastii Sriaajok Taio Aiaue Fapiodun Oiaom Piaweojas Keioalweoicvok. This is why everyone calls me Blobbin. So now you know.

COMMISSIONER'S ADDRESS:

ADM ROBERT S. LYON

Hello, everyone! It's me, the always-busy and hard to reach admiral of this Organization--A year older, but not worse for the mileage. I apologize to all those who called me, and I haven't been able to return your call for sometimes days at a time.

I've been hard to get a hold of lately, as I go to work when most of you are coming home from work. When I return home from work, most of you have long since gone to bed. I hate this, because I am isolated from most of my friends and family who have at least a somewhat normal work schedule. I swore I'd never do it, but I have returned to work at Donato's as a driver during the summer. As you know, this is a high-stress job I don't really like doing, but it makes my life a little easier when it comes to the wallet. A man's gotta do what a man's gotta do, I guess. This delivery stint didn't last long, because my car died a horrible twitching death a couple of weeks ago. In addition, I am beginning to prepare for another quarter of school. Nuff said.

On a lighter note, our Fourth of July picnic was a real success for a last-minute venture. Thirteen of our members attended, all of whom had a great time.

There has been talk about doing a ship camping trip sometime in October. I, for one, am seriously looking forward to this. It's been too long since I have camped last, and for me, it's about time. More on this later.

The intelligence section in the security department has once again been changed to a department within itself at Commodore Morris' strenuous insistence. As a result, regulations require that an officer with the minimum rank of lieutenant must command any department within this Organization. I hereby congratulate Lieutenant Beth Walters on her promotion. Since she joined, she has been a real asset to this ship. Keep up the good work, Beth.

Next, I would like to congratulate Captain Doug Foulk and Commander Lee

Shamblin of the Columbus in winning the election for the positions of commanding officer and executive officer, respectively, of their Organization. Congratulations, Doug and Lee, and may God have mercy on your souls. I would also like to congratulate the following Columbus members: Betty Downing for winning the position of ship's Secretary; and Jane Van Bibber for winning the position of Ship's Deck Officer.

Moving on, I would like to thank all of you for the birthday surprise at King's Island on July 19th. I've had some very unusual things happen on my birthday before, but never in my twenty-nine years have I had my car filled with balloons before.

Lastly, I have recently had an offer to begin an education at DeVry Technical Institute in Computer Sciences. I have received word that I have been accepted for admission.

Unfortunately, I may have to cut my level of activity with the Maximilian for a while. I do know that I will be attending classes and labs year round, but I don't really know to what extent I will have to cut back my activity with the Mar--it may mean missing a meeting or event on occasion, it may mean not being able to attend anything at all. In either case, I will continue to do everything in my power to help the Maximilian and her crew. I have come to know each and every one of you as friends. For now, I'm just taking things as they come.

Again, thank you all again for a wonderful birthday surprise. Though I felt like a zombie during the King's Island trip due to lack of rest, I had a very good time, and I must say that having my recently deceased car filled with balloons with real stuff in them was a unique but very pleasant surprise that I never experienced before. I really appreciate the birthday surprise you people engineered. My thanks to each and every one of you. One couldn't ask for a better crew, or better friends.

TRANSPORTER LOG:

S C T X C H R I S
S T E P H E N S O N

This month's reviews lost in transporter pattern buffers.

TOBY'S TIDBITS

T O B I A S J O C K
U B B E R C A T

Hello, My name is Toby. I am a kitty cat. You all probably know me as the owner of that large, mirror-like blob. He is my pet, Blobbin.

Once I joined the ship with my pet, I got in touch with some of the higher ups. This is the story of my first meeting with the highest up WEDADMIRAL ROB LION.

The Lion was kind enough to let me stay at his quarters for a few days at the end of June. I loved it. It was great spending time with the Head Cat. He had huge piles of cat play boxes and paper spread throughout his quarters. I could have explored for days. I enjoyed going through his impressive collection of books on space and archaeology. The Lion is very different from the other bipedal cats. He does not let me claw all of his giant oddly-shaped scratching posts. He's a bit selfish in that respect, but I suppose, he being the Head Cat and all, he can do that.

The coolest thing about The Lion's quarters was that I could watch the flashy picture in a box all day—even when he was gone. Well, that is until the Voyager show would come on. That's when I had a sudden urge to go to the kitty box.

The Lion liked me so much, that I was allowed to spend a few more nights at his quarters in early July. This time, The Lion moved all his models out of my reach. No more spontaneously attacking the Voyager craft.

The first night I was there, The Lion came home asleep, being helped by two of his friends. I recognized one, as the Giant Morris. He looks alot different on the flashy box than he does in real life. They must have to use a lot of make-up to make him

look like he could sell cat food.

The other guy was a Terrier, you know, one of those stupid dogs. My respect for the Lion went down a notch when I saw that he allowed dogs in his quarters. The Terrier seemed to like me, so I forgave him that he was a dog, and we became good friends.

That night, the mostly-asleep Lion fed me my entire pouch of Toby Treats. I was the happiest cat alive. I jumped for joy and was spytic four hours. I kept The Lion awake for most of the night. When he got up in the morning, he looked like a pit bull had torn his face off, but I love him anyway.

I hope that I can spend more time with The Big Lion in the future.

-TOBIAS JOCK UBBERCAT,
PELINE EXTRAORDINAIRE.

C R E W RECOGNITIONS

The last command board meeting resulted in the promotion of several members of this Organization. It was determined after serious consideration that the promotion point levels were too strict. Regulations concerning the number of promotion points have been

>> P E T T Y O F F I C E R S E C O N D C L A S S.

* OP3 BRANDY JACKSON is promoted from Operations Specialist Third Class to OPERATIONS SPECIALIST SECOND CLASS.

((◆>>>) C O M M A N D S E N I O R C H I E F P E T T Y O F F I C E R.

* C/OB BEN AYERS is promoted from Command Chief Petty Officer to COMMAND SENIOR CHIEF PETTY OFFICER.

● E N S I G N.
* BILL COLEMAN is granted an officer commission at the rank of ENSIGN. Welcome aboard.

* SHERRI COLEMAN is granted an officer

commission at the rank of ENSIGN. Welcome aboard.

○●● L I E U T E N A N T C O M M A N D E R.

* LT CYNTHIA AYERS is promoted from Lieutenant to LIEUTENANT COMMANDER.

●●● C O M M A N D E R.
* LCDR TERRY McPHERSON is promoted from Lieutenant Commander to COMMANDER.

C O M M U N I T Y S E R V I C E M E D A L L I O N.

* SCTX CHRIS STEPHENSON- First award.

* LCDR CYNTHIA AYERS- Sixth award.

R E V I S E D R E G U L A T I O N S

The following have been revised or added to the Maximilian Regulations and By-Laws:

§ 1.1. Senior Officers' Staff.

(A) The Senior Officers' Staff are the direct representatives of the General Membership to the Command Staff and is under the guidance of the first officer.

(B) The direct chain of command under the first officer shall be selected from the Senior Officers' Staff.

(C) This staff shall consist of the following officers:

- (1) Operations Manager.
- (2) Chief Security Officer.
- (3) Chief Engineering Officer.
- (4) Chief Communications Officer.
- (5) Starfighter Squadron Commander.
- (6) Science Officer.
- (7) Chief Medical Officer.
- (8) Auxiliary Services Officer.
- (9) Commander, Mobile Ground Force Detachment.
- (10) Chief Intelligence Officer.

(D) Department officers cannot run for the elected positions of Records Officer, Purser, or Public Relations Officer, unless the

Commanding Officer deems it necessary.

(E) Chain of command among the Senior Officers' Staff following the first officer shall be in an order at the discretion of the commanding officer.

HISTORY: *Provisional Regulation on Stardate 50000.0 (01 January 1997); Ratified in current form by Command Staff, Advisory Support Staff, and Flag Officer Committee at April 1997 Command Meeting on Stardate 50317.0 (26 April 1997, [1800 HRS]). Paragraph (C) Subparagraph (10) Added to regulations. Intelligence is officially returned to departmental status, separate and independent of the Security Department effective Stardate 50509.0 (05 July 1997, [2000 HRS]).*

§ 5.1. Commanding Officer.

(A) The Commanding Officer is responsible for the coordination and the conduct of the entire Organization.

(B) The Commanding Officer is responsible for leading the Organization in an effective manner, and to generate an atmosphere that reflects the spirit of Star Trek.

(C) The Commanding Officer presides at all meetings of the Organization and signs the records thereof.

(1) If the Commanding Officer attends a department meeting, he may act as an advisor to the department officer, however the department officer shall preside over his department meeting.

(2) If the Commanding Officer attends a special interest group meeting, then the leader of said group shall preside over the meeting.

(D) The Commanding Officer appoints all Department Officers, authorizes transfers, promotions/demotions for all rates and ranks up to and including Commander, and authorized merit awards for active duty members.

(E) The Commanding Officer makes ALL final decisions and policies that do not conflict with these Regulations and By-Laws, unless overruled by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Command Staff.

(F) The Commanding Officer collects a regular status report from the First Officer, with Department Officer reports attached. All reports should include membership statistics,

needs, problems, activities, etc.

(G) Should the Commanding Officer be unable to continue in his position, or is relieved of duty by the Flag Officer Committee, then a new chairperson will be selected.

(H) The Chain of Command following the First Officer shall consist of the following officers in an order at the Commanding Officer's discretion.

- (1) Operations Manager.
- (2) Chief Security Officer.
- (3) Chief Engineering Officer.
- (4) Chief Communications Officer.
- (5) Starfighter Squadron Commander.
- (6) Science Officer.
- (7) Chief Medical Officer.
- (8) Auxiliary Services Officer.
- (9) Commander, Mobile Ground Force Detachment.
- (10) Chief Intelligence Officer.

(I) To avoid conflict of interests, under no circumstance shall a Commanding Officer hold a dual membership with any other Star Trek Fan Organization.

(1) Because of the enormous responsibility of the position of commanding officer of this Organization, any Commanding Officer found to have membership with another Star Trek Fan Organization shall be given one of the following options:

- (a) Resign membership with the other Star Trek Fan Association and retain command.
- (b) Be relieved of command by the Flag Officer Committee, and be reduced in rank to that of which was held before taking office.

(J) Qualifying members of the Advisory Support Staff may run for the position of Commanding Officer.

(1) These members, if elected, are temporarily removed from the Advisory Support Staff.

(2) Upon the end of their term as commanding officer, they will be

reinstated to the Advisory Support Staff.

(K) Members of the Flag Officer Committee may run for the position of Commanding Officer.

(1) These members, if elected, are temporarily demoted to the rank of COMMODORE.

(2) Upon the end of their term as commanding officer, they will be reinstated to the Flag Officer Committee at their previous rank and position.

(L) Commanding Officers shall hold a minimum rank of CAPTAIN, and a maximum rank of COMMODORE.

(1) An officer must hold the position of Commanding Officer for a period of ONE (1) YEAR to retain the rank of Captain upon his relief, or resignation from the position of Commanding Officer.

- (a) Should a Commanding Officer be relieved or resign before this time, he shall return to the rank he carried before his election to office.
- (b) The exception to this will be if the officer had already had the rank of Captain at the time of his election to office.

(2) The starting rank for Commanding Officer is the rank of CAPTAIN, unless said officer held the rank of Commodore or above before his election to office, in which case he will start his term at the rank of COMMODORE.

HISTORY: *Modified version of original 1992 Regulation §9304.02; Provisional Regulation on Stardate 50000.0 (01 January 1997); Ratified in current form by Command Staff, Advisory Support Staff, and Flag Officer Committee at April 1997 Command Meeting on Stardate 50317.0 (26 April 1997, [1800 HRS]). Paragraph (H) Subparagraph (10) Added to regulations to comply with change in §1.3 MaxReg, effective Stardate 50509.0 (05 July 1997, [2000 HRS]).*

§ 5.2. First Officer.

(A) In the absence of the Commanding Officer,

the First Officer assumes and discharges the duties of the Commanding Officer as described in §5.1 MaxReg.

(B) The First Officer shall be responsible for all personnel matters, including assisting members (especially the Commanding Officer) in any way possible.

(C) The First Officer coordinates with and supervises the Department Officers.

(D) The First Officer chairs Promotion Boards and Boards of Inquiry.

(E) The First Officer is responsible for receiving monthly Department Officer reports, and prepares a summary report to the Commanding Officer on a monthly basis. All reports should include membership statistics, needs, problems, activities, etc.

(F) Should the First Officer be unable to continue in his position, or is relieved of duty by the Flag Officer Committee, then the next senior officer from the Senior Officers' Staff, as appointed by the Commanding Officer, assume the duties of First Officer.

(G) The Chain of Command following the First Officer shall consist of the following officers in an order at the Commanding Officer's discretion.

- (1) Operations Manager.
- (2) Chief Security Officer.
- (3) Chief Engineering Officer.
- (4) Chief Communications Officer.
- (5) Starfighter Squadron Commander.
- (6) Science Officer.
- (7) Chief Medical Officer.
- (8) Auxiliary Services Officer.
- (9) Commander, Mobile Ground Force Detachment.
- (10) Chief Intelligence Officer.

(H) To avoid conflict of interests, under no circumstance shall a First Officer hold a dual Active Duty membership with any other Star Trek Fan Organization.

(1) Because of the enormous responsibility of the position of First Officer of this Organization, any First Officer who has taken office, and is found to hold membership with another Star Trek Fan Organization shall be

given one of the following options:

(a) Resign membership with the other Star Trek Fan Association and retain their position as First Officer.

(b) Be relieved by the Flag Officer Committee, and be reduced in rank to that of which was held before taking office.

(I) Qualifying members of the Advisory Support Staff may run for the position of First Officer.

(1) These members, if elected, are temporarily removed from the Advisory Support Staff.

(2) Upon the end of their term as first officer, they will be reinstated to the Advisory Support Staff.

(J) Members of the Flag Officer Committee may run for the position of First Officer.

(1) These members, if elected, are temporarily demoted to the rank of CAPTAIN.

(2) Upon the end of their term as first officer, they will be reinstated to the Flag Officer Committee at their previous rank and position.

(K) First Officers shall hold the minimum rank of LIEUTENANT COMMANDER, and a maximum rank of CAPTAIN.

(1) The starting rank for a First Officer is LIEUTENANT COMMANDER, unless one of the following apply:

(a) The First Officer held the rank of COMMANDER or CAPTAIN prior to taking office, in which case he will retain his rank.

(b) Officers who were previously ranking COMMODORE or above will carry a starting rank of CAPTAIN upon taking office.

(2) Members holding the position of First Officer may continue to participate in the Promotion System to earn the ranks of COMMANDER and CAPTAIN.

(L) The First Officer, even if he holds the rank of LIEUTENANT COMMANDER, outranks any member under his jurisdiction who holds

the ranks of LIEUTENANT, LIEUTENANT COMMANDER, COMMANDER, or CAPTAIN, regardless of time in membership or time in grade. This rule does not include the following members:

- (1) Commanding Officer.
- (2) Advisory Support Staff.
- (3) Flag Officer Committee.

HISTORY: Modified version of original 1992 Regulation §9304.03; Provisional Regulation on Stardate 50000.0 (01 January 1997); Ratified in current form by Command Staff, Advisory Support Staff, and Flag Officer Committee at April 1997 Command Meeting on Stardate 50317.0 (26 April 1997, [1800 HRS]). Paragraph (G) Subparagraph (10) Added to regulations to comply with change in §3.3 MaxReg, effective Stardate 50509.0 (05 July 1997, [2000 HRS]).

§ 5.4. Department Officers.

(A) Starship Department Officers consist of members holding one of the following positions:

- (1) Operations Manager.
- (2) Chief Security Officer.
- (3) Chief Engineering Officer.
- (4) Chief Communications Officer.
- (5) Starfighter Squadron Commander.
- (6) Science Officer.
- (7) Chief Medical Officer.
- (8) Auxiliary Services Officer.
- (9) Chief Intelligence Officer.

(B) A Department Officer is responsible to the Commanding Officer and First Officer for the contact, conduct, and morale of the commissioned officers and enlisted members within his department.

(C) A Department Officer is responsible for keeping track of promotion requirements and points for those within his Department.

(D) A Department Officer shall be the direct commanding officer for the Section Officers within his department.

(E) A Department Officer contacts the members within his department concerning dates, locations, times, and any changes in plans concerning meetings, parties, events, etc. Said Department Officer may delegate

some of this responsibility to his Section Officers and Chief Petty Officers.

(F) A Department Officer is responsible for submitting a report once a month to the First Officer concerning the status of his department. All reports should include membership statistics, needs, problems, activities, etc.

(G) A Department Officer performs duties as may be required from time to time by membership within his department.

(H) A Department Officer holds conferences with each member in his department concerning advancement in rank or rate, morale, problems, suggestions.

(I) A Department Officer recommends members within his department for advancement in rank or rate, awards, ribbons, and or decorations to the First Officer in his monthly report.

(J) To prevent a conflict of interest, it is highly recommended that Department Officers do not hold a dual active duty membership with other Star Trek Fan Associations. Even though dual memberships are discouraged for Department Officers, IT IS NOT MANDATORY that a Department Officer resign his Active Duty memberships with other Star Trek Fan Associations.

(K) Department Officers shall hold the minimum rank of LIEUTENANT, and a maximum rank of CAPTAIN.

(1) The starting rank for a Department Officer is LIEUTENANT, unless said Department officer held a rank of LIEUTENANT COMMANDER through CAPTAIN prior to his appointment to Department Officer.

(2) Members holding the position of Department Officer may continue to participate in the Promotion System to earn the ranks of LIEUTENANT COMMANDER, COMMANDER, and CAPTAIN.

(L) The Department Officer outranks any member in his department, even if said members hold a higher rank than that of their Department Officer.

(M) Department Officers are appointed by the Commanding Officer. They may hold their positions indefinitely unless one of the following occur:

(1) The Department Officer decides to step down from his position.

(2) The Department Officer is appointed the Advisory Support Staff.

(3) The Department Officer takes on a position of greater responsibility, where he would no longer be able to fulfill his duties as Department Officer.

(4) The Department Officer is elected or appointed to, and assumes the duties as commanding officer or first officer.

(5) The Department Officer is relieved of the position by the Commanding Officer.

HISTORY: Modified version of original 1992 Regulation §9304.04; Provisional Regulation on Stardate 50000.0 (01 January 1997); Ratified in current form by Command Staff, Advisory Support Staff, and Flag Officer Committee at April 1997 Command Meeting on Stardate 50317.0 (26 April 1997, [1800 HRS]). Paragraph (A) Subparagraph (9) Added to regulations to comply with change in §3.3 MaxReg, effective Stardate 50509.0 (05 July 1997, [2000 HRS]).

CHAPTER 8 has been revised in regulations for advancement to the following rates and ranks: Petty officer third through first class; Chief petty officer through master chief petty officer; Lieutenant commander through captain. It has been determined by the Command Staff that the regulations regarding the number of promotion points required for standard promotion were too strict and demanding. Though members were participating at or above a satisfactory level, they were not advancing at a satisfactory rate in the eyes of the Commissioner and the Command Staff. As a result, the number of promotion points required were cut to a more reasonable level. The means for advancement in the enlisted ratings have been changed to better benefit the members' chance for advancement in rate. Since the revision in these regulations are so extensive, they were not included in this issue of the Mighty Max. They will, however, be made available on a handout paper, and will be included in the 1997&1 MaxReg manual, and in the 1998 Edition of the MaxRegs.

KOHAN'S KLINGON KAR KLINIK.

LCDR JOHN "KOHAN"
UPP.

Qa'Pla! I am speaking in my Klingon persona this month. Everybody out there is probably going nuts, including our admiral. This month's Kar Klinik advice is: Make sure all coolant, oil, hydraulic fluid, and other life giving forces in your engine electrical systems are fully functional. If you do not do these, major engine problems may occur without advanced warning--including warp core breaches, and annoying clanking noises; as well as "check engine soon" light coming on. Even though you do all of these systems checks, summer heat will sometimes catch up with your engine without warning, even with the best maintained engine. Summer heat is deadly to any make or model, foreign, domestic, or extraterrestrial. So if you have a vehicle that has idiot lights instead of gagues, and have over 90 thousand miles on it, a word of advice: next time you choose a vehicle, or a product of the after-market variety, get live analog gagues, or even digital, fully calibrated gagues that tell exactly what the engine is doing, so that you can tell if it is too hot, too cold, no oil, no electric, or other vital systems are malfunctioning, or functioning. On further note, for those who like to listen to music loud, and your car is over five years of age, forego the new speakers. Have engine inspected and checked by qualified technicians. Closing is, from Kohan to you---happy motoring!

END TRANSMISSION.

TAMAK'S LOGIC CORNER

LCDR TERRY "TAMAK"
McPHERSON.

Greetings to the crew of the USS Maximilian. It is me, Tamak. In my continuous effort to make this crew think more logically, I am writing this article which will include at least one logic question or puzzle written in my

Vulcan Book O' Logic, which is a best seller back home. So now I will pull the question out of my Vulcan "Smurt" hat (seen in ST:IV). Here it is-- The question will be:

TAMAK'S LOGIC QUESTION #287

YOUR'E OUT IN THE WOODS WITH ONE MATCH. YOU WALK INTO A CABIN THAT HAS A STOVE, A FIREPLACE, AND AN OIL LAMP. WHICH ONE DO YOU LIGHT FIRST?

All answers submitted by the membership will be published next month. The true answer will also be revealed to you in next month's newsletter, but you're welcome to submit your answers to your favorite Vulcan engineer.

Live long and prosper.

**HISTORIC
FEDERATION
STARSHIPS
NAMED
MAXIMILLIAN**

-ROBERT S. LYON

The following is the last of the series of abbreviated history of ships named Maximilian. It is intended as an informative guide for members of this Organization, and to give a vague, very basic framework of the "historic" starships named Maximilian story-writers within the Organization to use as a guide, and may wish to expand upon the information provided with their stories. Some of these articles, particularly Part 3, will be somewhat longer. My thanks to CAPT Greg "Blobbin" Dunn and COM Matt Morris for their input.

**PART 5 OF 5: THE
FOURTH
SHIP NAMED
MAXIMILLIAN.**

The fifth and current Federation starship to bear the name Maximilian is a Sovereign class explorer, Starfleet registry NCC-74997. The Maximilian was named for Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbyn, and for Federation starships USS Maximilian (Soyuz

class science ship, Starfleet registry NCC-1945, Federation class dreadnought, Starfleet registry NCC-2105, Excelsior class explorer, Starfleet registry NCC-14238, and Nebula class science ship, Starfleet registry NCC-72016).

The Maximilian was launched on January 13, 2373 (Stardate 50032.8) for trial systems tests, and was commissioned at the San Francisco Fleet Yards orbiting Earth on May 20, 2373 (Stardate 50393.8). Her commanding officer is Commodore Turok T'Kill. Under his command, the Maximilian is assigned to deep space exploration in the Menkare Expanse, the most distant and uncharted area of the Alpha Quadrant. Admiral Lyon is assigned to coordinate Starfleet's exploration efforts, naming the Maximilian as his flagship.

On Stardate 50403.1, the Maximilian arrived at station Deep Space Five for additional crew and equipment before continuing to the Menkare Expanse.

The Maximilian is currently exploring the Menkare Expanse, a mission expected to last until at least May 2373 or as late as the first quarter of 2374.

The ship is now in the initial phases of her maiden voyage, exploring vast regions of uncharted space. During her expected lifetime, it is likely that she will encounter new worlds and new civilizations. She will serve in the defense of the citizens of the Federation and its allies. The saga of this latest starship continues to grow. The Maximilian and her crew will live up to the ship's namesake and her commissioning dedication, continuing to "Reach for the stars, and grab the future."

THE MAX-ADVENTURE CONTINUES...

**PERSONA FOR
THE ISSUE**

As part of the fictional aspect of the Maximilian, members are able to create their own "persona" to fit into the Star Trek universe. Said personas do not necessarily have to be restricted to being human or even being the same age as the individual who created it, thus allowing a member to create

an officer serving aboard the fictional Maximilian. Without further adieu, this issue's persona is...

Teela Amor.

(ELAINE JACKSON) Teela Amor was born on the planet Bajor on April 22, 2328. Shortly after her birth, the Cardassian Empire formally annexes the Bajoran homeworld, forcing much of the native population of Bajor to resettle elsewhere, including three planets of the Valo system on the outskirts of Cardassian territory. Those who remained on Bajor are tortured and otherwise mistreated. The Cardassians proceeded to strip the planet of its natural resources, causing severe environmental damage. An underground of Bajoran nationals conducts a terrorist campaign against the Cardassians for the next 40 years. The United Federation of Planets, considering this to be an internal Cardassian affair, expresses sympathy for the Bajoran people, but declines involvement. So determined are the Bajorans to drive out their oppressors that they abolish their caste system, called Ujarras, so that all may become soldiers in the fight for freedom. Such were the conditions for Teela's people at the time of her birth.

When the Cardassians annexed Bajor and began their regime of oppression against the Bajorans, Teela's parents, who were influential in the Bajoran government, knew that one day they soon they would be hunted down by the Cardassians. Realizing this, they secretly and successfully smuggled their only daughter offworld into Federation territory with close friends to their family. Shortly afterwards, Teela's parents were captured by the Cardassian occupying forces, tortured, and subsequently executed.

Shortly after their escape from Bajor, and after they had traveled well into Federation space, the ship was caught in an ion storm, severely damaging the craft, and mortally wounding Teela's benefactors. The starship Hathaway, on routine patrol in that sector, responded to the severely crippled Bajoran spacecraft. They had beamed aboard the three Bajorans, two of which were dying from severe injury. Of the three, only the

infant Teela survived. The Hathaway's chief medical officer, Doctor Rachael Jackson, realizing that returning Teela to Bajor might mean certain death for the young Teela. Upon returning to port, Doctor Jackson appealed the Federation courts to allow her to adopt the fugitive Bajoran infant. The Federation, knowing that the child was likely smuggled offworld for a better life, and knowing that her parents may very well have been executed by the Cardassian occupation, granted Jackson custody of the orphaned child.

Teela lived with her father, Doctor Anthony Jackson, a physician practicing in Columbus, Ohio on Earth, until Rachael retired from Starfleet in 2333, at which time Teela was five years old. Throughout her childhood, Teela was encouraged to learn about her people, the Bajorans, and their heritage. She learned of the atrocities of the Cardassians against Bajor, and eventually learned the bitter truth regarding the fate of her biological parents. The more she learned, the more she hated the Cardassian people. Though the Federation figured the Bajoran situation was an internal Cardassian affair, remaining neutral concerning her people's plight. Teela knew that one day a state of war would exist between the Cardassian Union and the Federation. She wanted nothing more than to avenge her people and her parents.

STARFLEET CAREER: Teela applied for, and was accepted into Starfleet Academy in 2346. Cadet Teela did well in most of her classes, however she did have trouble with the Romulan tactics segment of her strategy and tactics course taught by Lieutenant Commander Lyon. Commander Lyon assigned Cadet Third Class Turok T'Kill to tutor her for this segment. The two cadets quickly became friends, and T'Kill decided to introduce her to his friend and classmate Cadet Third Class Blobbin.

By the time she received her commission, Starfleet had been at war with the Cardassians. She volunteered for combat duty in the Cardassian theater, hoping to avenge her parents and her world by waging war against those hated taskmasters.

Now the Federation's war with the

Cardassians had ended, and Bajor was once again free. She still hated them with a passion, but she tried her best to be at least civil with them when the occasion was at hand. Even now, with the Cardassians as allies with the Federation, she still could not bring herself to even begin to trust them.

In 2371, Teela was assigned to the Nebula starship *Maximilian* as operations manager under the command of Captain Turok T'Kill. Captain T'Kill, one of Teela's classmates at the Academy, had requested her to serve with him on his first deep-space command. In 2372, Teela was promoted to the rank of commander, and was assigned as the ship's first officer.

After the destruction of the Nebula class *Maximilian*, Teela remained under Commodore T'Kill's command, serving as his first officer aboard the new Sovereign class *Maximilian*.

MAX-EDITORIALS

This section of the newsletter is open for the general membership. It provides an open forum for members to express opinions about *Star Trek*, other science fiction genres, *Star Trek* fandom in general, or other issues.

All members are strongly encouraged to take advantage of this section to print an article or opinion on almost any fandom related topic.

THE IMPORTANCE OF SPACE TRAVEL AND EXPLORATION TO MANKIND.

-ADM ROBERT S. LYON.

For a very long time now, I have followed NASA's space program. I vaguely remember the manned lunar missions of the late sixties and especially early seventies; I remember the first joint U.S./Soviet space missions of the early seventies; I remember the first unmanned probe landing on the planet Mars, giving us the first photographs of that world; the Skylab missions; the Shuttle missions; the "Grand Tour" of the Voyager probes; and the Challenger disaster. It's kind of cool for me, I guess, because a lot of these incidents took place on or around my birthday. The first

manned moon landing was two days after my first birthday; The Viking lander sent the first pictures ever from the surface of Mars two days after my eighth birthday, a day I remember very clearly. Comet Shoemaker-Levy 9 slammed into Jupiter during my twenty-sixth birthday.

In the beginning, I can see the space program being merely a political competition between the two major superpowers, the United States and the Soviet Union. Now that the Cold War is supposedly over, what good is it? Why continue to explore space? Why dump millions of taxpayers' dollars into space exploration and travel? Even today many people ask me why should we make this investment.

I feel that not only is space travel and exploration important, it may be necessary for the very survival of the survival of the human race. I believe that the Shoemaker-Levy 9 Comet in July 1994 is a good place to start.

The Shoemaker-Levy 9 collision with Jupiter was considered by astronomers to be the cosmic event of the century. This comet was shredded into 21 fragments, and collided with planet Jupiter. Relatively small fragments, between 1/4 to 1/2 miles in diameter left scars in Jupiter as large as four times the diameter of Earth. Just imagine what this could do to our planet should one hit here. There is little doubt in the scientific community that one of these objects were responsible for the annihilation of the dinosaurs sixty-five million years ago.

Currently, there are only 200 known objects that cross Earth's orbit. Scientists estimate that there may be as many as 3000 additional Earth orbit crossing objects yet to be charted. The government is beginning to take this threat seriously, devoting some of their sensitive tracking equipment to find and track these objects.

Asteroid 1996-JA1, 1/3 mile across, was discovered, and nearly missed impact with Earth by a mere 280,000 miles, slightly outside the Moon's orbit. It wasn't discovered until it was on top of us during its close approach to Earth. Better "eyes" and more information is needed to develop