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## STAR WARS: INSIDE THE NEW MOVIES ET Weekly's Sneak Peak on the Prequels.

-FADM ROBERT LYON

This article is for all members who are fans of the *Star Wars* trilogy (including you, Greg). Recently, I saw *Entertainment Weekly* magazine # 383, June 13, 1997 issue. On page 22, Steve Daly writes an article entitled "May the 4th Be With You." This is an early look behind the scenes of

George Lucas' long-awaited next installment of *Star Wars*, a movie that could rewrite box office history.

The cast, to date, includes the following:  
LIAM NEESON: A Jedi master who mentors his fellow knights.

NATALIE PORTMAN: The "sensuous" future mother of twins Luke and Leia.

EWAN MCGREGOR: The young

Ben Kenobi, who tutors his pal Anakin.

JAKE LLOYD: Darth Vader-to-be, 8-year-old Anakin Skywalker.

SAMUEL L. JACKSON: Long a fan of the series, Jackson will cameo in part 1.

CLAUDIA RAMIREZ: Will the unknown Mexican-soap actress play Lady

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### U.S.S. DRACO FAMILY PICNIC

CHILLICOTHE (OH) The officers and crew of the USS Maximillian have been cordially invited to the USS Draco Family Picnic on June 21, 1997.

This event will take place at the Yoctangee Park (Chillicothe city park), Heilman shelter, located behind the pool, from 12 noon to 7 pm.

If you would like to bring any kind of picnic food or recreational games please feel free to do so. They will welcome any and all of

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### VULCAN

-LTJG Beth Walters.

I was reading in my June issue of *Fate* magazine little blurb written by Terry O'Neill, to all *Star Trek* fans such as the crew of the USS Maximillian.

There is a town in Alberta, Canada called Vulcan, but it appears that its residents are giving allegiance to Mr. Spock's race, rather than the Greek god of fire, for their town's name.

The town of Vulcan boasts its economy by hosting an annual *Star Trek* convention. Vulcan's welcoming plaque is in English and

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### U.S.S. DRACO FIRST ANNIVERSARY

CHILLICOTHE (OH) It is summer once again. So much to do and so little time. As the founding members of the Maximillian can tell you, the very first year of a *Star Trek* organization is generally the roughest, as much of the planning and gaining primary members take place during this time. The Draco out of Chillicothe, Ohio will be celebrating their first year as an independent *Star Trek* organization. Our crew has been cordially invited to join in the festivities.

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## CAPTAIN'S LOG:

COM MATT MORRIS

Summer is upon us once again. I just it would stop acting like spring, with the raining all the freaking time! Anyway, back to what I'm supposed to be doing, I love my new bridge, I love my new chair, but will someone please GET THESE ~~DEER~~ LAB NICE OUT OF MY CHAIR, DOCTOR! Anyway, I would like to thank my flagbearers and honor guard for the exceptionally fine job and their performance of the flag ceremony at the anniversary dinner. A job well done! I am temporarily assigning Commander Tanak, our friendly neighborhood Vulcan engineer, to a medal presenting school. He is in much need of practice, as medals go around the neck, not the nose.

As I said, summer's here, which means we become more busy. First off, the ever-popular Max Olympics (which I'm sure we'll be victorious again), and then there's the trip to King's Island that I hope to carpool from the library. More details on that as they become available.

But before that, we are raiding Lennox theater once again for the *Men in Black* premiere. I would like to see as many people participate as possible.

Next, with the anniversary gone, which took a major chunk out of ship's funds, we need a fundraiser of any kind. If you have any ideas, present them to the Admiral, myself, or Number One. We are also going to be buckling down on confirming people and reservations for the Las Vegas trip.

We may also plan a trip to Wyandot Lake, or the zoo, or both. Who knows what the summer will bring.

That's all for now. Gotta kick the admiral away from the helm. He's remembering too much of those hot rodding days as a pizza driver too much. Seeeya!

## FIRST OFFICER'S LOG:

CDR ELAINE JACKSON

Greetings, fellow crew persons! It's hard to believe that we are half way through 1997. I hope we all can be together a friends for many years. By the time this report gets out many of you will know that we will be moving (or already have moved). I hope that my family will be able to do more traveling now that some things have changed for us. Hopefully, many of us will be able to do some traveling together and have a lot of fun as a group. We made it through another year as a ship. I hope that we will be around for many more years as the *Maximillian*. I plan to do everything I can to keep the *Maximillian* around for a very long time. I was talking to my chiropractor not long ago, and he was telling me that he heard that there maybe another *Star Trek* movie coming out in the future. I had agreed that is what I had heard also. I knew where many of us will be when it does happen. I'd like to see us all come up with some ideas to do for the rest of 1997.

-CDR Elaine Jackson.

## OPERATIONS REPORT:

LCDR JOHN UPP

Greetings as your new chief of Operations! Any improvements that can be made to the USS *Maximillian*, please feel free to report them to me, so I can bring them up the chain of command.

In regards to our new starship, holodeck three is now on-

line, and improvements have been made in the EMB program. Nathan and I have added rogaine, so at least our EMB program now has hair.

Except for operational trials and completion of infrastructure and the skeletal forward section, the model of our ship should be ready by July 4th weekend. It will be entered into the International Plastic Modeler's Association Convention and show on July 10-13 for competition. This will be at the Hyatt Regency downtown. All members welcome. More on that later. Hopefully, we'll win (perhaps giving us some national exposure). Until next time. End of communication.

Truly yours,

-LCDR JOHN C. UPP.

## ENGINEER'S REPORT:

LCDR TERRY A. MCPHERSON

Greetings to the crew of the USS *Maximillian*, Sovereign class, NCC-74997.

It was a great honor for me to pass out the new ActionWear. I hope everyone enjoys their new stuff.

It was also a great honor for me to carry the new *Maximillian* flag during the ceremonies at the anniversary. That was kool! I was very surprised to receive the Commanding Officer's Award of Merit, and I thank Commodore Matt Morris and Admiral Lyon for everything they've done for me.

It gave me great pleasure to be able to present the Five Year Membership Award to Commodore Morris, Captain Dunn, and the Admiral. Congrats.

Well, it's time for me to log off, gotta to keep Beavis and Butthead out of the warp core. They like bright things too much. Live long and prosper, and all that



species of intelligent, mercury-based beings known as Errsedorians. His race is renowned for their ability to design and construct structures in their area of the universe, and they have an ability to change form. Klaosdkif, at a fairly early age, decided to explore the universe. Though he finds it difficult to explain the methods he used to reach our galaxy, Klaosdkif had managed to cross unimaginable distances to get here. When he arrived in the Alpha Quadrant, he visited planet Earth, the seat of power for the interstellar union known as the United Federation of Planets. He learned of Starfleet, and found that their mission was similar to his own, so he decided that, for a while, at least, he would serve among their ranks.

**ERRSEDIANS.** Errsedorians are an intelligent, advanced race of mercury-based life-forms native to the moon Errsedoria orbiting planet Isser in the Inerziin system located in a galaxy unknown to Federation science. Though they are basically shape-shifters in nature, they are very dissimilar to the Founders of the Dominion in the Gamma Quadrant of our galaxy.

The first major difference is in general body structure. The Founders of the Dominion are basically fluid, while the Errsedorians have a defined cellular structure. Therefore, when dormant, the Errsedorians can maintain a somewhat solid form. In other words, they do not need a bucket to contain their body mass in dormancy. Like the Founders, shape-shifting for an Errsedorian is a learned skill, requiring some practice in order to effectively use this ability. Unlike the Founders of the Dominion, who can take any form, any texture, any reasonable weight in their shape-

changing abilities, Errsedorians in their most fluid state resembles mercury, and at their most solid state resembles a form of latex rubber. Errsedorians had, over a period of several hundred generations developed a technique to make their cellular structure more or less rigid in order to more realistically imitate the form a given object or living entity which they had chosen to assume.

Though every individual cell in the body of an Errsedorian is a single entity, they depend on the whole collective of the body in order to survive--no cell can live independently for over a period of a few minutes when separated from the body of the Errsedorian. Each cell performs a specific task for the body of the whole during a given period of time, after which the cell will require a period of rest and will perform another less energy-consuming task while other cells will take its place in performing its primary task. This allows the Errsedorian to remain active for a period of several days without requiring rest in the nature humanoid life-forms are accustomed to. The nature of the cellular makeup of the Errsedorian, in addition to enabling him to work for extended periods of time, also results in the lifespan of an Errsedorian to be on the order of some three-hundred, thirty Standard years.

Reproduction is asexual in nature. In procreation, new cells are generated by a special cell with a slightly different genetic makeup. These new cells are set aside by the Errsedorian parent. The slightly altered genetic makeup to allow them to exist autonomously from the host body. When enough of these cells are produced and detached from the parent host, they become a separate and autonomous

life-form. "Newborn" Errsedorians have a different color than the metallic silver adult, appearing to have a slight tinge of bronze. Childhood among Errsedorians lasts for a period of approximately one Standard year, during which time the child learns to regulate itself as an autonomous lifeform. Childhood is so brief for Errsedorians due to the fact that much of the knowledge concerning survival is transferred from the parent to child before "birth." Though they are adults after the initial year, they tend to remain with the parent for approximately an additional five to twenty-five years, depending on how long it takes for the child to decide what they would do for the rest of their life.

Though they can consume foods eaten by humanoid life-forms, Errsedorians require forms of mercury-based compounds for nutrition. The chemicals secreted by the Errsedorians assist in the breaking down of their food material, much like saliva and stomach acids do in humans. Interestingly, this secretion is an Errsedorian waste product from consumed material.

The method of naming for individuals of the Errsedorian race is extremely simple. Their first name is their chosen name, the second is the name of their parent, the third is that of their grandparent, and so on. Captain Blobbin has over one-hundred, one names that he knows of, and realizes he has many more. This means that his remembered genealogy spans a period of over fifteen to twenty-thousand Standard years.

Federation science does not have much information in the area of civilization and culture for the Errsedorian race, only that which is provided by Captain Blobbin, the



only member of the Federation Starfleet who is a member of this unusual race.

What is known is that Errsedoria is not located within the confines of this galaxy, and that they are a highly advanced spacefaring race, whose culture and civilization had lasted for over thirty-thousand years. Errsedorians are mostly a race of scholars ruled by an absolute monarch that Captain Blobbin refers to as a Krefmir named Laskdjif Yaosjfnh Akjazzdlk.

Errsedorians are also known to be excellent architects and engineers. Their home planet, according to Blobbin, is covered with many magnificent architectural structures and buildings which no one in his race can justify a need for, as Errsedorians do not need buildings. "It was simply just something to do," he explains, "Errsedorians build because they can." When asked why Errsedorians took up space travel, Captain Blobbin explained, "Building alone was just getting to be too boring. We needed something new to do, and boldly going where no Errsedorian has gone before seemed to be a good idea at the time."

**STARFLEET CAREER.** Klaosdkif was admitted to Starfleet Academy in 2345, where he met a cadet in his class named Turok T'Kill. T'Kill, being half human, half Romulan (a race that Klaosdkif learned quickly was an enemy to the Federation) was not very well received by his fellow classmates and most instructors at the Academy. Naturally, he befriended this unusual cadet. T'Kill, and many other cadets in their class found it difficult to pronounce Klaosdkif's name, so they casually referred to him as "Blobbin," mainly because of his ability to change form. The name stuck, even

those he served with later on would call him "Blobbin" throughout his entire Starfleet career. Later, during their freshman year, T'Kill introduced Blobbin to an instructor he befriended, Lieutenant Commander Robert Lyon. Blobbin had known of Lyon previously, even attended some of his classes. Blobbin and Lyon became good friends, a friendship that would last for decades to come.

When Blobbin graduated from Starfleet Academy and was commissioned as an ensign in 2349, he requested assignment aboard Lyon's ship, the *Noratio* as an assistant intelligence officer. His performance aboard the *Noratio* was exemplary, and by mid-2250, at the recommendation of second officer Robert Lyon, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant, junior grade.

Later during that year, a position opened for tactical officer aboard starship *Berlin*. Blobbin was not one to pass up opportunity, so he transferred, and for three years he served as *Berlin* tactical officer.

In 2353, Blobbin filled the position as chief security officer aboard starship *Melbourne*, receiving a promotion to full lieutenant. He service aboard the *Melbourne* had been exemplary.

In 2357, an opening for an operations manager and second officer was available aboard starship *Maximillian*. Blobbin was happy aboard the *Melbourne*, but when he received news that his friend Robert Lyon assumed command of the *Maximillian* two years earlier, he requested, and was granted a transfer. During a battle with a Cardassian warship in 2359, Lyon's first officer was killed. He appointed his old friend and shipmate Lieutenant Blobbin to

replace his former first officer, granting him a promotion to the rank of lieutenant commander. Blobbin served as *Maximillian*'s first officer until the destruction of that ship in 2363 at Beta Rendala. The *Maximillian* was attacked by three Cardassian *Gaior* class cruisers. The Beta Rendala system had four major Federation colonies with a total population of over 4.2 billion Federation citizens. The *Maximillian* took severe damage and high casualties in the ambush, but was successful in neutralizing her attackers. While en-route to Starbase 211, a warp core breach was in progress. The core was successfully ejected, however the resulting explosion caused further damage to the wounded starship. With multiple hull breaches, and failing life support systems, CAPT Lyon was forced to order abandon ship. The officers and crew were rescued four days later by Federation starship USS *Detroit* (*Excelsior* class explorer, Starfleet registry NCC-42287). The hulk of the *Maximillian* was recovered two weeks later and towed to Starbase 211 where she was deemed to have suffered too much structural damage to salvage. Though the *Maximillian* had been lost, and the casualty rate was approximately 20 percent of the crew, four Federation colonies had been saved (over 4 billion lives), and the captain, officers and crew of the *Maximillian* had been commended for their actions.

When Lyon was assigned to the Helium Ship Yards, orbiting Mars, Blobbin volunteered to serve as Lyon's project co-director. When the starship was complete on May 20, 2368, Starfleet Command named her *Maximillian*, and placed him in command for her first year of



service. Some of his original bridge crew from the old *Maximillian* served aboard this new starship under his command. Commander Blobbin served as first officer. During the following year, Starfleet Command promoted Lyon to the rank of rear admiral. Since Blobbin did not wish to command a starship himself, Starfleet Command assigned Captain Turok T'Kill, Blobbin's friend and classmate, to assume command.

In early 2371, Commander Blobbin stepped down from his position as *Maximillian* first officer. Working for Starfleet Special Intelligence as an undercover agent, Blobbin remained attached to the starship, using her as a base of operations.

In 2372, when Admiral Lyon named the *Maximillian* as his flagship, Blobbin was promoted to the rank of captain, serving as senior TacFleet Intelligence officer. When the *Maximillian* was destroyed, Blobbin had been working on a high priority, top secret undercover reconnaissance mission in Cardassian space. Blobbin currently serves as Lyon's Chief of Staff aboard the new *Sovereign* class *Maximillian*.

## COLLECTORS' CORNER

-COM MATT MORRIS.

Alas, there's no safe ground in the collectable market. What used to be a relatively safe collectable part was the ever-popular collector plates, but the powers that be have gone nuts. But if you want to start collecting, the best place to start would be the thirtieth anniversary plates. The first in the series is the four commanding officers of the different shows, with each autographed by all four. The second is the first officer

version, followed possibly by a doctor's version, and then Lord knows what!

You are not only limited to the round version, you now have oval, triangular, and even one in the shape of a Starfleet chevron.

Just a reminder (especially to you, sir), these cannot be used to actually eat off of. Normal price ranges for the new issues are anywhere from \$35 to \$40.

Last, but not least, all albeit expensive, the newest plate even lights up. It's the original *Constitution* class *Enterprise*, MCC-1701 with lighted nacelles and command dome. The ship is etched as if it were coming out of the plate. Issue price, \$75. Guaranteed a sky-rocketing collectable, no pun intended.

That's it until next time, when I dive into the Hallmark ornaments, B afraid, B very afraid.

JOLAN TRUE!

## USS COLUMBUS ANNIVERSARY.

USS *Columbus* will have their Anniversary at Clearfork on July 26. This event will include a canoe trip and picnic.

## ...AND IN CONCLUSION...

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

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The USS *Maximillian* 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:

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MAX NEWS ARTICLE DUE 1	2 TERRY McPHERSONS BIRTHDAY	3	4	5	6	7 COMMAND BOARD MEETING ROBS PLACE
8	9	10	11	12 USS LYNX MEETING 630pm SANESE	13	14 MAX OLYMPICS PARK OF ROSES 10am PICNIC AND MICRO MEETING TO FOLLOW
15 FATHERS DAY MARINA SIRTIS AKRON	16	17	18	19	20	21 USS DRACO PICNIC MAX OLYMPIC RAIN DAY
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 MAX CAR WASH McDONALDS LOT 10am.
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# July

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 MAX NEWS ARTICLE DUE	2	3	4 MEN IN BLACK RECRUITING DRIVE AT LENNOX	5 MEN IN BLACK RECRUITING DRIVE AT LENNOX
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 MAX MONTHLY MEETING USS DRACO ANNIVERSARY 530-10pm
13	14	15	16	17	18 ADM. ROB LYON BIRTHDAY	19 MAX TRIP TO KINGS ISLAND
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 USS COLUMBUS ANNIVERSARY TRIP MEET AT KARL RD LIBRARY 7am
27	28	29	30	31		



good stuff.

-LCDR Terry "TANAK" McPherson.

## COMMO REPORT:

### LT CYNTHIA AYERS

Ben and I were sorry to miss the Anniversary Celebration! I hear that the ceremony was very impressive!

I did get to do one special Star Trek thing this past week. I went to Otterbein College to see Rene Auberjonois, Ed Asner, Harris Yulin, and Cherry Jones in the play, "Don Juan in Hell." The play was a funny satire on life and death and was not as dreary or evil as the title suggests! It was fun to see Rene Auberjonois acting in another role than Odo. He was very funny and was very expressive. After the play, there was a reception in another building. I was able to get his autograph and speak with him for a little bit. I told him that I loved the episode on DS9 in which Major Kira is stuck in a formation in a cave and he professes to her that he loves her. He said that he would tell Nana that I liked it. She didn't like it very well because it was hard to stay still for all of the filming. Rene sounds just like he does on DS9. He was very nice and I was thrilled to meet him! I also spoke with Ed Asner and Harris Yulin and got their autographs.

One convention coming up is Marina Sirtis and Richard Hatch at the John S. Knight Center in Akron, Ohio, June 14-15. Most of the Creation conventions that I know about are not close by. The closest one is William Shatner at the Convention center in South Bend, Indiana, June 22. The Star Trek: Federation Science traveling exhibit will be at the Great Lakes Science Center in downtown

Cleveland, May 24 through September 1, 1997.

The new issue of Star Trek: Communicator has been sent to me and there is an interview with Johnathan Frakes featured in it. There is also interviews with Alfre Woodard, Robert Duncan McNeill, Ricardo Montalban, Chase Masterson (Leeta), and casting directors. Star Trek: First Contact has recently opened in Brazil, Israel, Portugal, Singapore, and Thailand. Also, Paramount and Imax Corporation are in negotiation about producing a Star Trek movie for Imax theaters, those with 3-D viewing and regular Imax. Michael Piller and Rick Berman are already working on the story and script for the next ST:TNG movie with which will probably be released in Nov. 1988.

Well, that's all for now. I look forward to seeing you at the Max Olympics on June 14.

Live Long and rejoice always,  
-CYNTHIA AYERS.

## MEDICAL REPORT:

### DR. NATHAN COBAUGH

♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ A funny thing happened to me while working at Cedar Point. One night after doing some extensive research on behavioral patterns of field mice on a starship, the Brain got loose, somewhere along the line, Pinky was left behind. He kept spelling out the words "See-do-Poynt." It didn't take me long to figure out that the Brain was trying to take over Cedar Point.

I finished programming the EMH Program late last night, realizing the fact that I had to find him and stop him before it was too late. By the time I got there, however, he had already taken over the

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employee store. The cashier, Jill, told me that the night before the end of the month, the rides were going so fast. The next day all she could think about was spending all her money in the park, not to mention images about some guy with big ears and a shiny pink nose in charge.

I knew she was talking about the Brain. I had to find him, so know this now. I left my assistant in charge temporarily until I could locate the Brain and get back. To make matters easier, I have Pinky with me in an effort to bait the Brain to showing himself. Only one problem remains: Pinky would rather ride the coasters till he's sick.

STAY TUNED FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS. ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦  
-DR. NATHAN COBAUGH, CMO, NCC-74997

## STARFLEET INTELLIGENCE:

### LTJG BETH WALTERS

Hi, everyone! It's me, Beth, once again. I hope everyone that was at the Anniversary had fun. I know I did especially watching the gag reels from Star Trek, Star Trek: The Next Generation, and Babylon 5. My favorite was Babylon 5.

First of all, I would like to leave a short note for Nathan, our ship's doctor who seems to have gone on TDY for a couple of months with his job at Cedar Point. I know he's having a great time and all, but he must really do something about his two escaped lab mice, Pinky and the Brain. Besides invading Flag Ops and other restricted areas of the ship, I may have to have security do something about getting them out of the Intelligence Section. Rumor has it, they have a secret weapon. I have no idea what it is, so I guess you'll just have to ask them.



Here's a little tidbit that might be interesting. I just saw an ad from the Franklin Mint for a *Star Trek: The Next Generation* chess set commemorating the 10th anniversary of *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, but there is one drawback for anyone who might be interested in ordering this set. This is being put out by the Franklin Mint. Just thought you would like to know.

Another tidbit I ran across was that Patrick Stewart has just signed a 12 million dollar contract to reprise his role as Captain Jean-Luc Picard in the next *Star Trek* movie, even though the script hasn't even been written yet.

I guess that is all until next month. See ya!

## COMMISSIONER'S ADDRESS:

ADM ROBERT S. LYON

Hello, everyone. Now that the anniversary is over, I am able to slow my pace down *just a little*.

I was very impressed by the flag ceremony at this year's anniversary dinner. The flag bearers and honor guard made an outstanding performance. Congratulations to all who have earned awards this year, you deserved them for your hard work.

According to my last count, we now have thirty active duty members, and we now have three original founding members returning on a reserve basis. I extend welcome back to Lieutenant Commander Matt Pollock, our second operations manager; Lieutenant Commander Mark Dewiel, our original chief medical officer; and to Lieutenant Mike Vaughn, our original communications officer.

Lieutenant Vaughn was the only one of these three founding members who was able to make it to the

anniversary dinner. He tells me he is very impressed with the progress you people have made with this ship. Even Commanders Dewiel and Pollock, who have seen some of the things we have done and are currently working on in the last five years, are also impressed. Keep up the good work.

I would also like to welcome Lieutenant John Chubb back to the *Maximillian*, who had rejoined our ranks during the Marcon Convention in May.

A special congratulations to Ensign Ellen Click of the medical department for winning the cruise offered by the USS *Lynx*. I hope you thoroughly enjoy this trip.

Awards and decorations are coming along, however not as quickly as I would like. Some of these awards will be ready for presentation at the next meeting. Commander Pollock might have a lead for me for some, but not all, of our decorations. I will be keeping in touch with him regarding this, mainly to make my life a little easier in this area.

On a brighter note, our total membership is now at an all-time high. I never imagined this ship to grow as it has. The last six months for our ship have been absolutely outstanding. The members of the *Maximillian* I have talked to are excited about doing activities and participating in events. Everyone is coming up with good ideas for the ship.

I commend Commander Elaine Jackson, Lieutenant Commander Terry McPherson, Lieutenant Commander John Upp, Lieutenant Cynthia Ayers, and Doctor Nathan Cabaugh (Who wrote us from Cedar Point) for their department report submissions to this newsletter. All department reports were well written, and I am pleased in the increase I have seen

in article submissions from our staff.

I would also like to especially commend Lieutenant Beth Walters for her extensive contributions to the newsletter. Keep up the good work, Beth. I encourage everyone to add their two cents worth to this publication as well, we encourage everyone to contribute.

Again, with each passing month, the membership continues to surprise me in one way or another. We gain new members virtually every month. Our members, from what I've seen so far, are beginning to pull together, providing a strong and increasingly growing program for our Organization. I commend everyone for their active participation and contribution.

On a closing note, we need to consider fund-raising once again. If any member has any ideas, please contact Commodore Matt Morris, Commander Elaine Jackson, or Commander Terry McPherson.

Again, keep up the good work. Until next time...

## CREW RECOGNITIONS

LCDR Matt Pollock.

- Reserve Associate member.
- Returning founding member.
- Restored to the Reserve commissioned rank of Lieutenant Commander. Welcome back to our ranks.

LCDR Mark Dewiel.

- Reserve Associate member.
- Returning founding member.
- Restored to the Reserve commissioned rank of Lieutenant Commander. Welcome back to our ranks.

LCDR Mike Vaughn.

- Reserve Associate member.



Returning founding member.  
Restored to the Reserve  
commissioned rank of Lieutenant.  
Welcome back to our ranks.

**ENS Ellen Click.**  
Congratulations on winning the  
cruise for SeaCon next year.

**ENS Krysa Hilton.**  
• Active Duty member. Appointment  
to the rank of Ensign. Assigned  
to Security Department,  
Intelligence Section. Welcome to  
our ranks.

**Steve Trent.**  
• Corresponding Associate member.  
Welcome aboard.

**LCDR John Upp.**  
• APPOINTMENT TO OPS MANAGER.

## STAR WARS

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Kenobi?

**HARRY CONNICK, JR:** Could  
*Independence Day* pilot become a  
Jedi?

**SIR ALEC GUINNESS:** Did he visit  
Leavesden? and will he narrate part  
3?

Without further adieu, Daly's  
article reads as follows:

Two years back, Pierce Brosnan  
dashed about its cavernous  
soundstages as Agent 007 in  
*Goldeneye*. But these days, even  
James Bond would have trouble  
crashing the gates of Leavesden  
Studios, the 286-acre facility  
northwest of London where writer-  
director George Lucas will shortly  
arrive to begin filming chapter 1  
of his much-ballyhooed *Star Wars*  
prequel trilogy. Goodbye, Aston  
Martin pit crew. Hello, keepers of  
the *Millennium Falcon*, who'll be  
jetting into Europe's biggest  
indoor-outdoor film factory--it

even has its own airstrip--under  
security worthy of the Queen  
herself.

"It's probably the most  
secretive film ever," says prequel  
cinematographer David Tattersall,  
who shot *Raiders of the Lost Ark* and the  
*Young Indiana Jones Chronicles* TV  
series for Lucas and the summer's  
*Con Air* for producer Jerry  
Bruckheimer. "I've seen the  
script, but I can't say anything.  
I had to sign this  
[confidentiality] document. No  
telling what they'd do to me if I  
talked."

Like many of the creative crew  
involved in what is perhaps  
Hollywood's--hell, the world's--  
most fervently anticipated set of  
action-fantasy movies, Tattersall  
can't help sounding a bit rattled.  
The enormous expectations he's  
facing are bearing down on him now  
like an Imperial spacecraft. An  
the G forces have only gotten more  
intense with this spring's success  
of Lucas' Special Edition releases  
of *Star Wars*, *The Empire Strikes  
Back*, and *Return of the Jedi*, which  
have grossed \$251 million in the  
U.S. alone, bringing the series'  
overall worldwide take so far to  
almost \$2 billion--plus \$4 billion  
in merchandising revenues. So as  
Lucas and company set up shop, well  
aware the whole world is watching,  
it's sometimes hard to tell whether  
they're about to make a movie or  
launch a military strike. "There  
are guys patrolling the perimeter  
with dogs and big sticks, and they  
look mean," says Tattersall. "You  
need picture IDs and swipe cards to  
get in everywhere. It's like the  
Pentagon."

Both at Leavesden and at  
Lucasfilm based north of San  
Francisco, the top brass have gone  
to great lengths to classify as  
many details as possible. For

months, Lucasfilm reps indicated  
that production wasn't likely to  
get underway until September; last  
week, they revealed that an initial  
13-week live-action shoot on part 1  
could in fact conclude by late  
September, with several rounds of  
follow-up filming to continue  
through the fall.

Is all this obfuscation really  
necessary? Probably. "It's not  
paranoia, it's self-defense," says  
Lucasfilm producer Rick McCallum,  
who will oversee the new trilogy.  
"There are people willing to pay a  
lot of money to get hold of our  
scripts and designs." Those  
designs, in number and complexity,  
dwarf anything done on the original  
trilogy; once the live-action  
cameras stop, approximately 1,500  
shots of computer-generated imagery  
will be added to the first film  
alone, a technical challenge that  
means *Star Wars: The Balance of the  
Force*--as fan scuttlebutt has the  
working title--won't be ready for  
release until May 1999. Parts 2  
and 3, possibly titled *The Rise of  
the Empire* and *The Fall of the  
Jedi*, should shoot their live-  
action portions in one big nine-  
month chunk as the turn of the  
century, with releases to follow in  
2001 and 2003. That's a mighty  
long time to keep a nosy press and  
potential imitators at bay, and  
indeed, some casting news about  
who'll play whom in the prefatory  
tale, which takes place 30 years  
before the original *Star Wars*, is  
already leaking out, even though  
Lucasfilm stresses that contracts  
are not all set:

★ Liam Neeson, 45, will play a Jedi  
master. Speculative website  
sources say he'll hang out with a  
young Yoda, as well as mentoring a  
disciplelike group of 12 Jedi  
knights.

★ As the younger Ben Kenobi, a.k.a.



Obi-Wan, Scotland's Ewan McGregor, 26, best known as the heroin-addicted toilet driver in *Trainspotting*, will inhabit the monkish robes made famous by Sir Alec Guinness.

★ The coveted role of young Anakin Skywalker, the kid who grows up to become Darth Vader after betraying Ben, has gone to 8-year-old Jake Lloyd (*Unhook the stars, Jingle All the Way*).

★ In the female royalty department, Natalie Portman, who played a hitman's little-girl best friend in *The Professional* for director Luc Besson (*The Fifth Element*), turned 16 on June 9, just in time to start work as what the casting notices describe as the "sensuous...Young Queen." She falls in love with little Lord Darth-to-be but doesn't marry him until part 2, which jumps 10 to 12 years ahead and will show the wedding as well as the birth of twins Luke and Leia.

★ Though he's juggling other movies right now for Quentin Tarantino (*Jackie Brown*) and Barry Levinson (*Sphere*), Samuel L. Jackson will climb aboard in a brief role yet to be determined.

So much for the long-standing rumor that Obi-Wan would be played by Kenneth Branagh, or the latest gossip that Charlton Heston would sign on as another Jedi or perhaps even--good Lord--the young Yoda.

"That one slayed me," says McCallum. "I can categorically tell you, Charlton Heston was never under consideration.... Where do people get this stuff? It used to really bug me. But after a while I realized what we're seeing is just the intensity of people's interest."

When it comes to sussing out the plot of the new trilogy, not even the most rabid fans have breached the Lucas wall of silence.

Clearly, the arc of the movies will follow the rise of Emperor Palpatine (you remember, the nasty guy from *Return of the Jedi* who sounds like the *Simpsons'* Mr. Burns) in the Imperial city of Coruscant, and the fall of Anakin, along with the old, Jedi-guarded Republic. But in Hollywood, the most intense speculation focuses on who will and who won't be making a buck on the most successful franchise in history, and on who might step in to direct parts 2 and 3, since Lucas has said he won't. "George told me that he believes Spielberg is going to do [part 2]," says *Empire Strikes Back* director Irvin Kershner, 74. "He might do it for the money, because it'll be a sure thing."

Sure thing or not, the films represent a considerable financial investment for Lucas, who will sink \$150 million to \$180 million of his own money into them and will fight to keep the costs for each well below the \$100 million mark that's become the industry standard for event films. "It's one of George's most obsessive goals," admits McCallum. "How can we drive costs down? We don't want to go through the sort of risk everybody's taking this summer, which is going to be a bloodbath. Right now, many films are completely out of control. People are actually proud of it. There's a hundred-day club now that a lot of filmmakers brag about, seeing who can shoot longer." A prime example of bloat, in McCallum's opinion: James Cameron's *Titanic*.

"Actually thinking about cutting costs is a scary concept for a lot of studios," McCallum continues, "and especially a lot of stars. But we're not inhabiting that mental landscape at all. We don't have the highest-paid behind-

the-scenes talent. We have everybody who worked on *Young Indy*. This is their shot to make their names and then go off and make as much money as they want to. But somebody else is going to have to pay them for that, not us." The same philosophy is likely to apply to the trilogy's on-screen talent, who collectively are unlikely to approach the \$20 million paycheck that Jim Carrey got for *The Cable Guy*.

Perhaps the *Star Wars* prequels' most inspired time- and money-saving innovation is the way they'll exploit the time difference between Watford, England, and San Rafael, Calif., where Lucas' Industrial Lights and Magic effects shop is headquartered. The Leavesden studio has been wired with fiber-optic cables and satellite transmission facilities. As each day's filming wraps, the footage can be instantly beamed to ILW. Digital effects artists will start working while the actors and director sleep across the Atlantic. "That way, we should be able to squeeze six, seven months out of the production process without going into enormous rounds of very expensive overtime," says McCallum.

If the profit margins prove big enough once the prequels hit theaters, Lucas may never have to go overseas again. He's likely to plow some of his earnings into an ambitious \$87 million expansion of his Skywalker ranch, nestled unobtrusively in the hills of Marin County. The proposals call for a facility that would provide Lucas with his lifelong dream--the first one-stop-shopping digital film-production center. A county board unanimously approved the project last fall; then a homeowners' group brought a lawsuit against it. Now the suit has been dropped, but with



Lucas gearing up to direct, construction on the complex--which will take up only 3 percent of a 3,391-acre expanse--probably won't get under way for a few years.

Of course, the project's most crucial public referendum won't come until Memorial Day, 1999, when the world gets a look at Lucas' new vision and judges whether the Force is still with him. Few doubt it will be--and some are even predicting that the film's arrival will be heralded by the first-ever \$100 million opening weekend. And wouldn't that be a nicely symbolic figure? After all, teeming columns of ones and zeros are the very things that ILM's super-powerful graphics computers use as the basis for all their information storage. To Lucas, though, they're more than just something to laugh with all the way to the memory banks. They're the bricks and mortar of what promises to be a new order in 21st century filmmaking. Talk about sticking it to the Empire. (Additional reporting by Gabriele Marcotti)

## DRACO PICNIC

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then.

You are cordially invited to join the crew of the USS *Draco* for their annual family picnic. This will be a day of family and fun. The *Draco* is currently planning activities for the adults as well.

The *Draco's* picnic will be located behind the city pool, so if you're academy kids would like to go swimming, that's fine with them, however the pool does charge a fee, about \$1.50 for the day.

For younger kids there is a playground behind the shelter so there won't be any need for them to ever cross the street.

## DIRECTIONS:

- Take the Bridge Street exit off of 23 south.
- Going down Bridge Street towards town you will cross the Scioto River.
- Turn right at the stoplight, this will put you on Riverside Drive.
- You will soon come to a very small Y in the road. Go to the right and turn right into the park.

BE CAREFUL TRAFFIC COMING ALONG THE INTERSECTING ROAD HAS THE RIGHT OF WAY

This road will take you along the backside of the park and to the Heilman shelter which will be on your left. This particular shelter has it's own small parking area.

## VULCAN

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Klingon. How do you like that for a bilingual community? The 1,400 of Vulcan, Alberta celebrate by many of the townspeople wearing Mr. Spock ears and *Star Trek* uniforms for the duration of the festival. To be honest, it's the first time that I have heard of a whole town being devoted to a popular series such as *Star Trek*, but it doesn't really surprise me.

I guess this is one town that will live long and prosper. I did a little further research by calling the Vulcan Chamber of Commerce and the date for this festival is set for August 30, 1997. Well, that's it for now. Until next month.

## DRACO ANNIVERSARY

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For all *Maximillian* members, this anniversary celebration shall take place at Days Inn on Bridge Street in Chillicothe on July 12, 1997 at 5PM to 10:30PM. This activity will be worth promotion points for all of our members who attend.

## MEN IN BLACK: FACT OR FICTION. The MIB In Legend throughout History.

-LTJG BETH WALTERS

This summer is supposed to bring out some really good movies, and I feel that *Men In Black* will be one of the top hits. The question remains, who are these men in black? Some might describe these as entities that seem like government agents or escapees from a 1950's B movie.

Loren Coleman of *Fate* magazine describes these men as being, "sinister-looking men who appear singly or in groups of two or three. They're often olive-skinned and dressed in black suits with white shirts, black ties, and dark hats. Sometimes they look like pale and bug-eyed, and they wear turtlenecks. They frequently drive big black Cadillacs in the United States, or Jaguars in the United Kingdom and Europe."

According to some people and theorists talk about these men being members of a shadow agency, or even aliens themselves. There are those that say MIB (*Men in Black*) encounters may be simply the trauma of a UFO encounter, or a hoax. No one really knows the stories behind the MIB encounters



and what really lies behind the stories.

Researchers Jerome Clark, Kevin McClure, and Susan McClure have discovered, the religious revival that took place in North Wales in 1905 was filled with sightings of flying lights and strange encounters. One such meeting sounds like what we have come to expect from the MIB phenomenon.

Mr. Coleman also states that "Men in Black have been around a very long time. In Scotland, tales of the men dressed all in black have been a part of folklore for centuries: Legend has it that such men can be encountered at significant ferry crossroads. In one court case in 1603, a young boy confessed to being a werewolf, supposedly under the orders of the Lord of the Forest which he went on to describe a tall dark man, dressed in black, who rode a black horse.

Another name for these Men in Black were the "Silence Group." Albert K. Bender of Bridgeport Connecticut was one of the top UFO researchers and experts in 1952. He was the founder and director of the International Flying Saucer Bureau, but shut down his operation after a year because he stated that he was approached by an evil "Silence Group." The three men had given him a terrifying answer to the UFO mystery and sent his life into a tailspin.

It's like I said, no one knows who these Men in Black are, but the idea that the MIB tell UFO witnesses to be quiet has been around for as long as the MIB have been part of the UFO landscape.

Some of the UFOlogists who have had run-ins with these mysterious men have said the MIB are said to act robotic and ill at ease and to speak as if they were

stepping right out of black and white gangster movies. Maybe someday we will find out who are what these Men in Black really are.

## KING'S ISLAND TRIP UPDATE.

The USS Maximillian will be making a trip to King's Island on July 19, 1997. Normal cost for admittance is \$30. However, if we can get fifteen people to attend on this event, the cost per individual will be \$22.

We would like to carpool down to King's Island. We will finalize the time at the Max Olympics. Anyone who wishes to volunteer as a driver, please contact Commodore Matt Morris.

## REVISED REGULATIONS

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

### § 9.27 Convention Service Recognition [CVSR].

(A) The Convention Service Recognition is presented to members, officer and enlisted, who have worked on staff or security for a total of FOUR (4) CONVENTIONS. This may include any activity sponsored by Starbase Columbus, such as store promotions and autograph sessions. This applies only for those Starbase Columbus activities taking place on or before 01 June 1997.

(B) The Commanding Officer presents this award at the anniversary dinner.

(C) The Convention Service Recognition is worth 3 PROMOTION POINTS towards a member's next rate or rank.

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]). Because of rare opportunities for our members to serve as convention staff members in this immediate area, this regulation was revised to include support of Starbase Columbus activities to allow members to obtain this award. Revisions effective Stardate 50405.4 (28 May 1997 [2336 HRS]).

### § 9.34 Commissioner's Starship Citation.

(A) The Commissioner's Starship Citation is presented to any starship division, section, department, team, or the membership as a whole for participating in an event where said members had brought significant credit to the Organization as a whole. This award may also be awarded to individuals for actions where recognition is appropriate, but not significant enough to warrant a Starship Achievement Award.

(B) This award is presented at the anniversary dinner, or as soon after as possible.

(C) The Commissioner's Starship Citation is worth 3 PROMOTION POINTS towards a member's next rate or rank.

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]). Regulation revised to include individual member activities appropriate for recognition, but not significant enough for the SAA on Stardate 50405.4 (28 May 1997 [2336 HRS]).



All changes in these regulations will be recorded in the 1997R1 or 1998 edition of the MAXIMILLIAN REGULATIONS, BY-LAWS, AND GUIDELINES.

## HISTORIC FEDERATION STARSHIPS NAMED MAXIMILLIAN

-ROBERT S. LYON

The following is an abbreviated history of ships named *Maximillian*. 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 *Maximillian* 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 3 OF 5: THE THIRD SHIP NAMED MAXIMILLIAN.

The third Federation starship to bear the name *Maximillian* was an *Excelsior* class explorer, Starfleet registry NCC-14238. The *Maximillian* was named for Saint Maximillian Mary Kolbyn, and for Federation starships USS *Maximillian* (Soyuz class science ship, Starfleet registry NCC-1945 and Federation class dreadnought, Starfleet registry NCC-2105).

The *Maximillian* was commissioned at the Antares Ship Yards orbiting Earth on September 23, 2320 (Stardate 2097.5). The *Maximillian*'s first commanding officer was Captain Casavan of

planet Zaran II, and in 2320, the *Maximillian* embarked on her maiden mission of deep exploration in the Olduvai region.

In 2325, during a planetary survey to planet Delvos Morae II, both Captain Casavan and first officer Commander Wallace were killed in an unprovoked attack by hostile natives, and Lieutenant Commander Skol, being the next senior line officer, assumed command of the *Maximillian*. Soon after, Skol returns the ship to Earth, completing the *Maximillian*'s first five-year mission in the Olduvai region. During this mission, *Maximillian* mapped over 35 habitable star systems, including first contact with four civilizations. Upon returning to Earth, Starfleet Command awards permanent command of the ship to Skol, as well as granting a promotion to the rank of captain, making Skol one of the youngest officers ever to hold the posting of starship commanding officer. Additionally, the *Maximillian* underwent a year-long systems upgrade and crew rotation.

In the following year, 2326, the *Maximillian*, under the command of Captain Skol, embarked on a five-year mission of deep exploration in the Keo Expanse, where Skol charted 20 star systems, including two first-contact missions.

In 2331, Captain Skol returns the *Maximillian* to Earth, completing the ship's second five-year mission of exploration. Captain Skol retired from Starfleet and took a civilian assignment to head the agricultural development project on planet Boro Wente IV, pursuing his main course of study in Xenobotany.

A year later in 2332, the *Maximillian*, now under the command

of Captain William Hunter, embarks on her third five-year mission of deep-space exploration. During his command, the *Maximillian* patrolled the region of Federation space near the Cardassian border in the vicinity of Bajor. Tensions between the Federation and the Cardassians were beginning to rise, leading to more than a dozen less-than-friendly encounters with Cardassian warships. Under Hunter's command, three first-contacts with new civilizations were made, and over sixteen new systems were charted.

In 2337, the *Maximillian*, under the command of Captain William Hunter, returns from her third five-year mission. Captain Hunter retired from Starfleet with a distinguished career. He later becomes the Secretary of Starfleet on the Federation Council.

Upon completion of a minor systems upgrade and crew rotation at starbase 364 in 2338, Captain José Gomez assumes command of the *Maximillian*. The ship is assigned to TacFleet for two years in the Tholian region, patrolling the disputed border areas and monitoring the activities of Tholian warships, none of which ended in hostilities. Much of Captain Gomez's mission was uneventful, and the ship routinely carried out simulated combat scenarios with other Federation starships in the area, winning several commendations in combat readiness.

In 2340, the *Maximillian* is reassigned to deep-space exploration in the Atrades region, where she mapped over 47 habitable systems and made three first-contacts.

In 2345, the *Maximillian* returns to Earth for resupply and a year-long systems overhaul.



Captain Gomez is given a lateral promotion to the position of chief of staff to the Commander-in-Chief of Starfleet Command. Captain Achmed Ghanan assumes command, overseeing much of her refit.

In 2346, the *Maximillian* is assigned to transport Starfleet Secretary William Hunter (a former commanding officer of this ship) and the President of the United Federation of Planets to First City on planet Qo'NoS, attending the first Klingon/Federation Summit Meeting since the foundation of a strong alliance between the Klingons and the Federation. After the completion of the conference, and after returning the Starfleet Secretary and the President to Earth, the *Maximillian* is once again assigned to TacFleet, involving the starship in many skirmishes with Tholians and several battles with the Cardassians. Over a period of five years, the *Maximillian* neutralized over fifteen Tholian and seven Cardassian warships, crippling an additional seven Tholian and twelve Cardassian warships.

In 2351, the *Maximillian*, still assigned to TacFleet, is attacked by the Cardassians. Captain Ghanan is subsequently killed, leaving Commander Johnathan Nighthawk in temporary command. *Maximillian*, with heavy battle damage and high casualties from the attack, limped to Starbase 211 for repairs. Upon arrival at the Starbase, Admiral Tyler promoted Tyler to captain, giving him permanent command of his ship. After three weeks of repair, resupply, and crew rotation, the *Maximillian* rejoins TacFleet in various operations involving military strikes and defensive posturing against Tholian, Talarian, and Cardassian task

forces.

In 2355, the *Maximillian* returns to Earth for major systems repair, additional crew rotation, and tactical systems upgrade. Nighthawk was promoted to rear admiral as commander of Starfleet Battle Group 7 of the 43rd Fleet in the Cardassian Combat Theater. First officer Commander Robert Lyon was promoted to captain, assumed command, and oversaw the refit of *Maximillian*.

In 2356, the *Maximillian*, under Lyon's command, returns to service, rejoining Starfleet Battle Group 7 in the Cardassian/Federation Conflict. Captain Lyon and his first officer Lieutenant Commander Blobbin, valiantly led the vessel through 25 skirmishes with Cardassian warships and twelve battles, defending several outlying Federation colonies in their sector of operation.

In 2363, while patrolling the Beta Rendala system, the *Maximillian* was ambushed by three Cardassian Galor class cruisers. The Beta Rendala system had four major Federation colonies with a total population of over 4.2 billion Federation citizens. The *Maximillian* took severe damage and high casualties in the ambush, but was successful in neutralizing her attackers. While en-route to Starbase 211, a warp core breach was in progress. The core was successfully ejected, however the resulting explosion caused further damage to the wounded starship. With multiple hull breaches, and failing life support systems, Captain Lyon was forced to order abandon ship. The officers and crew were rescued four days later by starship *Detroit*. The hulk of the *Maximillian* was recovered two weeks later and towed to Starbase

211 where she was deemed to have suffered too much structural damage to salvage. Though the *Maximillian* had been lost, and the casualty rate was approximately twenty percent of the crew, four Federation colonies had been saved (over 4 billion lives). The captain, officers, and crew of the *Maximillian* had been commended for their actions, and the ship had lived up to her name.

The preceding was a brief history of the third starship *Maximillian*. Next issue: a brief history of Federation starship USS *Maximillian* (Nebula class, Starfleet registry NCC-72016). Until then, as the ship's dedication motto reads, "Reach for the stars, and grab the future." Until then...

THE MAX-ADVENTURE CONTINUES...

## PERSONA FOR THE ISSUE

As part of the fictional aspect of the *Maximillian*, 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 *Maximillian*. Without further adieu, this issue's persona is...

**Blobbin (Equezumre Vevom Klaosdkif).**

(GREG DUNN) Equezumre Vevon Klaosdkif was born on Citidus, the capital city of Errsedoria, a moon of Isser in the Inerziin star system, located in a part of the universe as yet unknown to Federation science on February 20, 2290. He is a member of an unusual