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MAXIMILLIAN ROLEPLAYING SESSIONS HIT 20 STRAIGHT WEEKS

STAR TREK: BLACK ELK AND HOLODECK ADVENTURES BIG HITS

The U.S.S. Maximillian Roleplaying Project appears to be a great success, as for over 20 straight weeks, members of the ship have attended Roleplaying sessions.

Mainly held at members houses, such as LCDR Stephenson's and CMDR Stanley's, as well as EGGHEAD Games, The Max sessions ordinarily draw anywhere between 5 to 10 people, perfect size for any roleplay session.

The Roleplay session was restarted after a number of years as a project by FADM Robert S. Lyon and LCDR Chris Stephenson back in March. Later on CMDR Michael Stanley signed aboard as Strategic Operations Officer, as well as becoming the first "Narrator" in the Maximillian Roleplaying world. Later LT Charles Connor began the first Star Trek Roleplaying adventures, and then begun a Campaign for Dungeons and Drag-

ons, which mixes equal parts extremely silliness and serious swordplay. Ask LT Watson about the Pie.

The first RPG is the "Star Trek: Black Elk" series, taken from the Star Trek Roleplaying game published by Last Unicorn Games. The game is run in a season format, and each adventure is taped and played on the Maximillian website weekly. The Black Elk season follows the adventures of the intrepid crew of the U.S.S. Black Elk, an Akira-Class Starship which currently is between a temple and the other side of the Romulan Empire. Past adventures have taken place with Q, the Metrons, and even the Daleks. Star Trek Black Elk is played every 1st and 3rd Saturdays at EGGHEAD Games just down from Whetstone Library on High St. Re-runs are/will be available on the U.S.S. Maximillian website, www.maximillian.org.

The other RPG ran is the weekly "Holodeck Adventures: Dungeons and Dragons", played every Sunday at 7 at the Casa De Critch, i.e. 298 Jennie Drive, Gahanna, Ohio, 43230. This adventure follows the brave band of adventures, including fighter Critch Starblade, Elf Rio Pepper, Barbarian Lothar of the Hill People, and Halfling Phylo Baggins. Each week they attempt to fight evil and make wrongs right, fighting Dragons and other such creatures.

The Holodeck Adventures, like the Black Elk, can be listened to on a weekly basis on the Maximillian website, right now we seem to be in the Pies and dragons saga.

On top of the fun available from the sessions, each member attending receives 3 points for their trouble to add their list of promotion points. It's fun, it's entertaining, AND it gets you points! Come on out next week!

Rumblings under the Baseball Cap

LT JOHN CHUBBS LOOK AT RODDENBERRY.

There's a lot running around in the ol'noggin today, so here it comes.

Star Trek: Voyager is in it's 7th, and final season. And I know a lot of fans...didn't care for the series but I thought the series overall was good. My favorite episodes were

the letters from home episodes where the crew used the Hirogen array to contact Starfleet. I hope to see more episodes like this as the seasons wind down. I for one think it will be interesting to see how the Maquis react to Cardassia's

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Max Members attend VULKON

LCDR MCPHERSON SWEARS: DONT EAT AT GROUND ROUND.

On the weekend of October 27, 28, and 29th, Members of the U.S.S. Maximillian attended VULKON, the science fiction Convention in Strongsville, Ohio. Attending members were: VADMs Matt Morris and Gregory Dunn, CAPT Sidley Howard, CMDR Manny Medina, LCDR

Terry McPherson and LCDR Chris Stephenson. It was relatively uneventful, due to a low turnout and the hotel putting a 1am curfew on the dancing. LCDR McPherson learned not to eat at Ground Round, and many members have to wait till next year to go to a haunted house.

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Dollars and Cents

BY LCDR ERICA SHERMAN

Treasury Total = \$494.51

Deposits came from one new member. Withdrawal was the normal monthly maintenance fee.

A Matter of Antimatter

BY LCDR ERICA SHERMAN

It's hard to believe I have been a member for two years now. It sometimes seems like it has been longer than that. I've had a wonderful time with everyone and look forward to another year together.

Well, with the help of Mike I've been able to come up with some ideas for my character. And Chris is going to just LOVE some of the ideas we have thought of.)

Lasty, we may have two new members in the near future. A classmate of mine, who has been in Columbus for about a year, said he would discuss it with his girlfriend. He didn't know about any of the local clubs so I told him about the Max.

That's all for this month. Sherman out.

THE MAX FILES

In October, The U.S.S. Maximillian took part in several events.

On October 14th the U.S.S. Maximillian had their monthly meeting. After the meeting (After much discussion) there was an away mission to the Lonestar Grill over in Mill Run, where Colin showed off his marvelous spitting ability.

On October 21st there was an Air Force Museum Trip that no-one went to. Also on that day there was an RPG Session at EGGHEAD Games. The featured episode was: "First Q", in an episode that actually featured very little of Q.

On the weekend of October 27, 28, 29th, Members of the U.S.S. Maximillian had a relatively uneventful weekend at Vulkan.

A weekend later was the International Festival, which CPT Elaine Jackson, CMDR Michael Stanley, LCDR Chris Stephenson, LCDR Erica Sherman, and CPO Brandy Jackson all attended. Unfortunately, we were not able to have any showing as there were no Maximillian flyers available at the time.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 12th—D@D at the CDC

November 18th—RPG Session at Egghead Games

November 19th—D@D at the CDC

November 24, 25, 26—Indycon Mid Ohio Con

December 2nd—Palpatine Christmas Party—1pm at Whetstone EGGHEAD Rpg Session 5pm

December 3rd—D@D at CDC

December 8th—Dungeons and Dragons Movie Released

December 9th—Max Meeting/XMAS Party

December 16th—RPG Session at EGGHEAD

Greetings, Earthlings

BY CAPT SIDLEY HOWARD

I'm going to keep this short and sweet.

Plans are still coming along for the xmas party, keep thinking of fun activities.

I am still working on the theater for the D&D movie. Have not heard back from the red cross yet but I will call again.

You all know how to get a hold of me if you need to.
until next time
same trek time
same trek channel
Capt Squid

MIGHTY MAX BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER

4—Debbie Oulette

11—Randy Jackson

12—Elaine Jackson

DECEMBER

25—Susan Moran

26—Charles Connor

29—Sidley Howard

STAR TREK BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER

5—Armin Shimmerman

9—Robert Duncan Mcneil

12—Max Grodenchick

13—Whoopi Goldberg

19—Robert Beltran, Terry Farrell

21—Alexander Siddig

24—Denise Crosby (LT Tasha Yar)

DECEMBER

9—Michael Dorn

15—Garrett Wang

20—Nicole Deboer

25—Rick Berman

28—Nichelle Nichols

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Star Trek: Voyager Spoilers

FLESH AND BLOOD, PART I & PART II

Production Number: 253 & 254

Original Airdate: TBA

Stardate: 54315.3

The *U.S.S. Voyager* answers a distress call from a Hirogen training facility, only to find a holographic environment littered with Hirogen corpses. The holographic technology given to the Hirogen by Captain Janeway for hunting training has been modified to the point where the prey have become the hunters. The holograms have not only become self-aware, but are essentially a new race, seeking refuge from "organic" slavery and brutality. Seeking to liberate one of "their own," the holograms kidnap the Doctor, who soon finds himself torn between his loyalties to Voyager and his holographic brethren.

BODY AND SOUL

Production Number: 255

Original Airdate: TBA

Stardate: 54238.3

While performing experiments on the Delta Flyer, Seven of Nine, Harry Kim and the Doctor are attacked by a Delta Quadrant race who view "photonics" such as the Doctor as mortal enemies. With time running out, the Doctor must hide in plain sight - taking refuge in Seven of Nine's Borg implants! Taking over her consciousness, the Doctor must convincingly behave as Seven of Nine to survive.

NIGHTINGALE

Production Number: 256

Original Airdate: TBA

Stardate: 54274.7

Searching for dilithium in the *Delta Flyer* with

Neelix and Seven of Nine, Harry Kim intercedes in a conflict between two Delta Quadrant Races. While he manages to save a Kraylor ship from destruction, its command crew has been killed and they're in need of a Captain. Having been an Ensign his entire Starfleet career, Kim is tempted by the offer and assumes command of the vessel, but soon finds himself bearing the weight of leadership in a complicated and dangerous conflict.

SHATTERED

Production Number: 257

Original Airdate: TBA

Stardate: Unknown

A temporal anomaly strikes the *U.S.S. Voyager*, hitting Chakotay point-blank and splitting different areas of the ship into different time-frames from its history. After the Doctor creates a chronoton serum to counteract the effects of the temporal bolt, Chakotay finds he is the only member of the crew that has free range of the ship. Forging alliances with crewmates from *Voyager's* past, present and future, Chakotay must find a way to set events back to normal.

LINEAGE

Production Number: 258

Original Airdate: TBA

Stardate: 54452.6

Tom Paris and B'Elanna Torres reach a crossroads in their relationship which could have long-ranging effects on both of their lives. Early in her life, B'Elanna and her father joined his family on a camping trip where something happened — something that could result in B'Elanna making an irrevocable decision against Tom's will that no amount of technology can rectify.

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destruction.

Earth:Final Conflict is in a downward spiral. It's being bagged down with Taelon "Plans of the week" and "Agenda of the day" episodes going nowhere in terms of overall story. We know about the Jaridians coming so bring 'em on already. Let's get some Momentum on the show already.

E:FC has been billed as a series with a 5 year arc. Well, Babylon 5 had an arc as well plus a direction executive producer J. Michael Straczynski wanted to take the series as well as a pace to take it in. When you look at E:FC it seems like it has little or no story direction. Or if it does then the speed of the story is going in is painfully slow. If E:FC has a storyline direction then the producers need to realize that slow and steady DOES NOT win the race and that it's time for the storyline to SHIFT INTO TURBO!! (No Power Ranger pun intended)

Also obvious on the E:FC front is the growing number of 'Liam Loathers' on the philosophy boards. It seems like fans are showing dislike for the Liam Kincaid characters played by Robert Leeshock. I've read that fans consider him 'too superior' a character for

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Trek Returns to NBC??

Star Trek V is generating considerable interest among the major American networks. According to the Hollywood Reporter, the NBC network is expressing interest in hosting the fifth Star Trek series, a spokeswoman saying on Wednesday that the network has told Paramount that "if a 'Star Trek' series becomes available, NBC would definitely be interested in it." Part of what makes this news so interesting is that NBC, as many will remember, was the first home of Star Trek, broadcasting the Original Series from 1966. NBC is also not the only major network expressing interest - Fox inquired about the availability of the new 'Star Trek' series several months ago, not to mention Trek's current home, UPN, being understandably interested, especially with flag-ship show 'Star Trek: Voyager' ending this season. Also potentially in the running to host the show is fellow Viacom network, CBS, though there is no real word of this yet. Since Paramount is in fact a Viacom company, the outcome that seems most logical would be for Trek V to end up on UPN or CBS. However Paramount Studios have, in past, always had a reasonable degree of flexibility and freedom from the parent network, making it quite possible that the studio is in fact shopping the project around for a more suitable host than UPN.

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SECURITY REPORT

By LCDR Terry McPherson

Greetings and Salutations. This is Lieutenant Commander Tamak, i.e. Terry McPherson. Well the weekend in Strongsville was not as great as I thought it would be. Here are the details. Friday night Admiral Morris, Lieutenant Commander Stephenson, and myself ate at the Ground Round Steakhouse. I contracted a mild case of food poisoning, and I spent most of Saturday sick in bed. Not a good weekend. But, Saturday night was okay, we did have dinner with the stars, although none of them sat with us. But all in all, I met some very nice celebrities, especially one named Julia Caitlin Brown. She has a very lovely singing voice as Admiral Morris will attest to. Sunday I got all the celebrities' autographs EXCEPT for Chase's, but my good friend, Admiral Morris, obtained for me an autographed photo of Chase Masterson (Leeta the Dabo girl from DS9.) Max and Aron were quite nice to talk to, although I did not get Lolita Fatjo's autographed picture, she was very kind to me as well. That made up for me being sick Saturday. Well it's time for me to log off, and as always, Live long, and Prosper.

Lieutenant Commander Terry McPherson (Tamak) Out.

End of Report

MIGHTY MAX BOOKS SECTION

Releasing in November!

VOY #19:

Dark Matters: Book One and Two of Three: Cloak and Dagger and Ghost Dance

The beginning of a desperate crusade to preserve the entire universe! It is a scientific theory that the structure of the universe depends on the amount of "dark matter" contained in the cosmos. When sinister forces threaten to tamper with the very nature of reality, Captain Janeway and the crew of the *U.S.S. Voyager* must risk everything to restore the universal balance...

Years ago, near the beginning of its long journey, *Voyager* made contact with a brilliant Romulan scientist whose present was *Voyager's* past. Now, Telek R'Mor communicates with Janeway again--to warn her of a dire plot to capture *Voyager* and turn its "future" technology against the Federation of yesterday. But more than just the timeline is at stake. *Voyager* itself may be carrying a menace deadly to all creation!

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Excalibur: Restoration

The *Excalibur* has been destroyed, the victim of insidious sabotage. Last seen on board only moments before it was blown to bits, Captain Mackenzie Calhoun was assumed lost with his ship. Now First Officer Elizabeth Shelby has been granted a command of her own, the *U.S.S. Exeter*, where she will discover what kind of a captain she is meant to become. But what about Calhoun? Unbeknownst to Starfleet, the resourceful Xenexian officer escaped the cataclysmic demise of the *Excalibur*, only to end up marooned on the primitive outback world of Yakaba. There he eventually befriends Rheela, a woman with the strange and inexplicable ability to summon rain for her parched and struggling frontier community.

Rheela's powers, however, have made her the target of jealous and avaricious enemies. They will stop at nothing to seize control of her special gifts--or destroy them forever. Trapped on a hostile world, unable to contact Starfleet or even let Shelby and the others know he is still alive, Calhoun is drawn into a life-or-death struggle against relentless enemies. Full of unexpected twists and surprises as only Peter David can devise them, *Restoration* is a major turning point in the ongoing saga of *Star Trek: New Frontier*.

The Religions of Star Trek

"Written for Star Trek devotees and students in the classroom of religious studies, authors Cassidy, Kraemer, and Schwartz take their readers on a journey through the religious dimensions of the 23rd and 24th centuries: God; Evil; Messiahs and Shamans; Myth and Ritual; extraterrestrial religions in Star Trek; Terran religions through the third millennium; Life, Death, and Immortality in Star Trek; Science as Salvation; and Star Trek as a religious and cosmological system in and of itself. Drawing regularly, but gently, on the authors' training as scholars and teachers of religion, *The Religions of Star Trek* illuminates a fascinating and neglected aspect of the American cultural phenomenon that is Star Trek.

(Continued from page 3) one who just turned 2 and who's alien heritage isn't as covered as people would like. Also with characters like Lili and Augur taking a back seat in season 4, well I'm a little skeptical. I do like Melinda Deines as J Street, but Richard Cherolleau is the one fans love as Augur--the high tech smart-aleck.

I watched the premiere of *Andromeda* last weekend and it looks pretty good but I have to ask, where does Gene Roddenberry fit into this? When E:FC debuted the concept and pilot script was Roddenberry's contribution allowing him some influence in the series. When I saw the writers credit for *Andromeda* Roddenberry's name was not listed. So I have to ask, What's Roddenberry's Contribution? Is it concept alone? Does *Andromeda* have a Roddenberry script somewhere? Or is *Andromeda* a series where producers decided to put Roddenberry's name on it and sell it as such?

Catch y'all later. —John

CAPTAIN'S LOG, SEVDATE 202.139.246.78. THANKS TO TEN OUT OF TEN'S BORED TECHNOLOGY, WE HAVE IMPLANTED VITAL FEATURES IN OUR CREW. TWOBLOCKS HAS RECEIVED A HEART, ENSIGN HAIRY CHIN SOME COURAGE AND KNEELICKS A BRAINI!

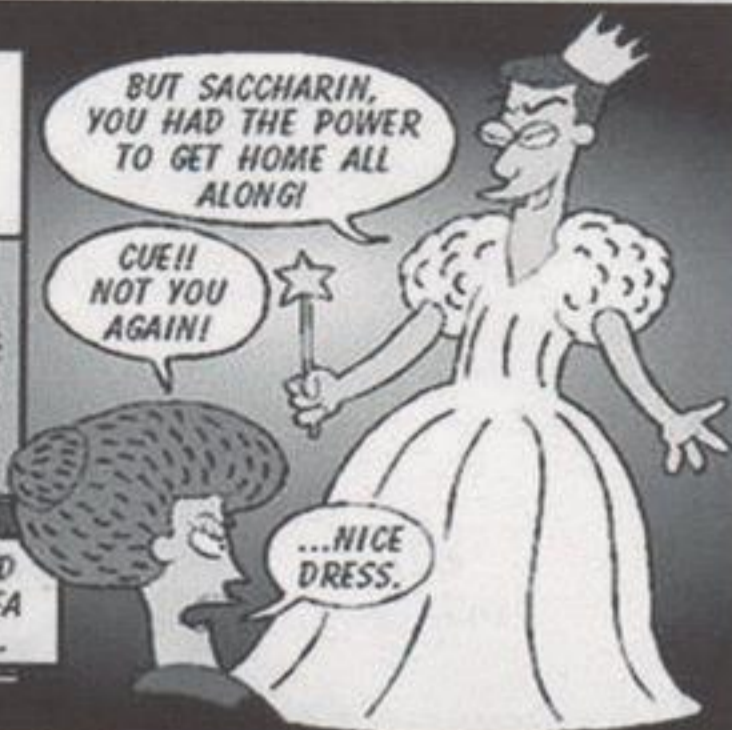


...NOW IF ONLY I COULD GET BACK TO THE ALFAFA QUADRANT AND HOME...

BUT SACCHARIN, YOU HAD THE POWER TO GET HOME ALL ALONG!

CUE!! NOT YOU AGAIN!

...NICE DRESS.



ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS CLICK YOUR HEELS AND SAY "THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME!"

THAT EXPLAINS THE NON-REGULATION FOOTWEAR.

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CAPTAIN, THE SHOES ARE EMITTING A STREAM OF TECHNOBASSION PARTICLES.

I'M DETECTING FLUCTUATING SEVSPEACE DISTORTIONS

SACCHARIN, WAKE UP!

AUNTY TEN! I JUST HAD AN AMAZING DREAM! AND YOU... AND YOU... AND YOU WERE THERE...

...YOU LOOKED BETTER WITH ALIEN MAKE-UP!



BUT NOW WE'RE HOME, CHATOTO! AND AUNTY TEN...

...THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE - HEY, WHERE THE HECK AM I!?



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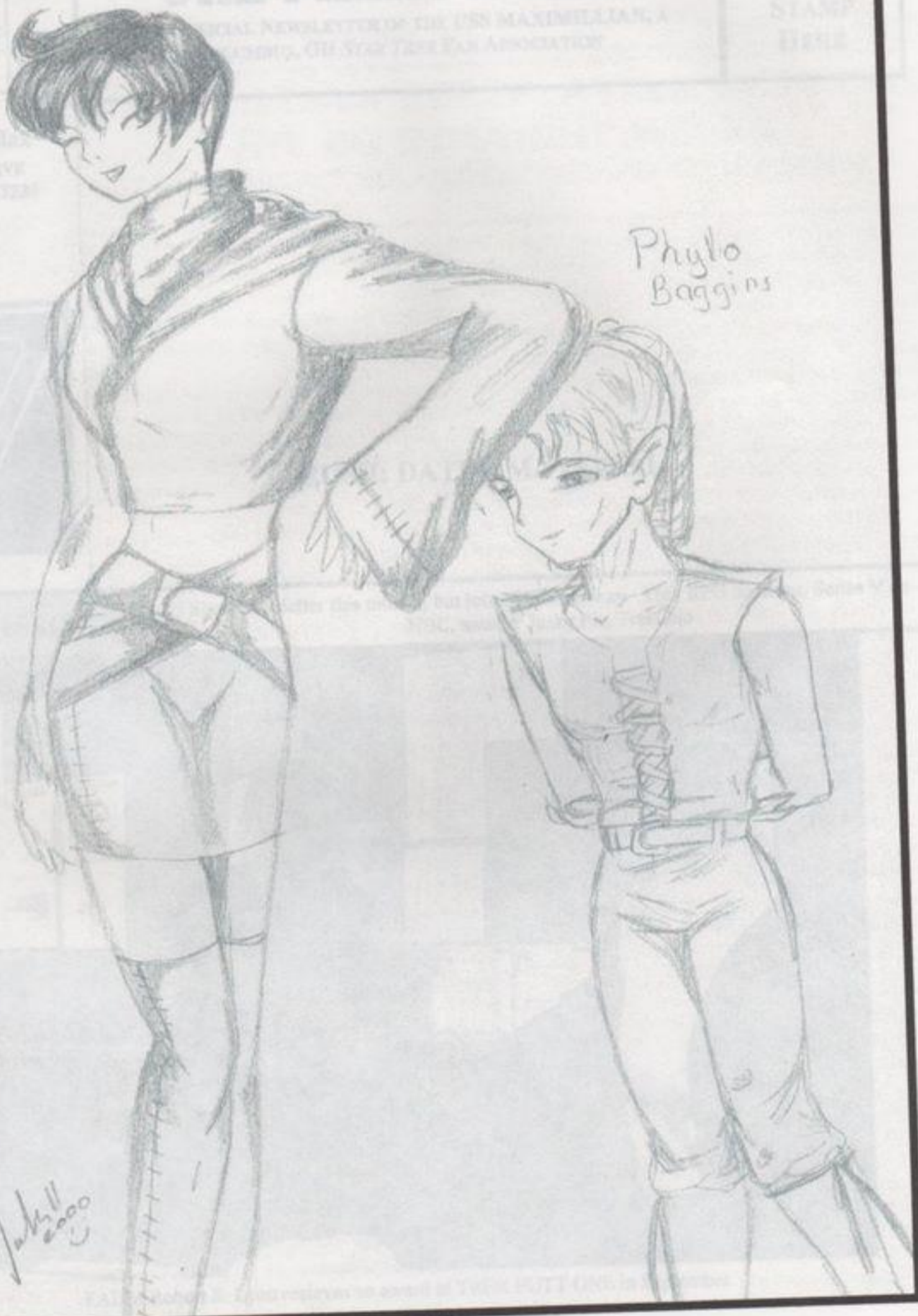
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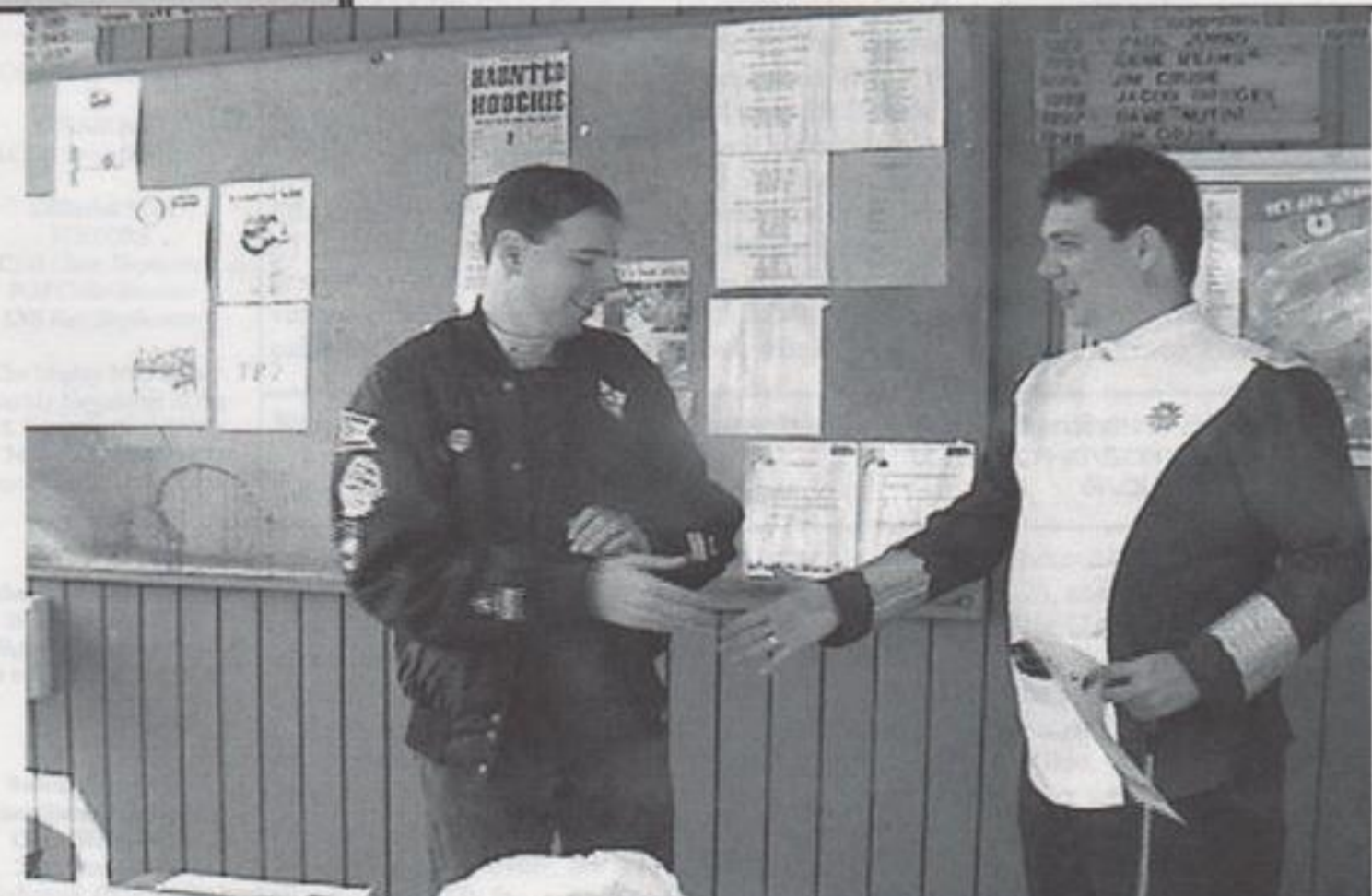
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...Maximillian website weekly.

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RUSH: DATED MATERIAL

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