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...AND IN CONCLUSION...

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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.

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MAXIMILLIAN COMMISSIONER FOUNDING ADMIRAL ROBERT LYON POSSIBLY REDUCING ACTIVITY WITH SHIP.

COLUMBUS (OH) Founding Admiral Robert Lyon, Commissioner and first captain of the *Maximillian*, announced last month that his activity level with the ship may be greatly reduced due to obligations with his education.

In late July, Admiral Lyon applied for DeVry Institute of Technology,

where, in late October, he will begin attending full-time study in the field of Computer Information Systems.

"I am reducing my activity because of school," said the Admiral, "This doesn't mean that I am leaving the ship altogether. The program I am entering will be very intense, so I am

basically preparing the crew for a worst-case scenario, and hoping for the best."

Admiral Lyon will have very little spare time beginning in October, with thirteen weeks in class, three weeks off, for about three years. His schedule will likely

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SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR YOUTH MEMBERS IN THE WORKS.

COLUMBUS (OH) Now that the *Maximillian* has more youth members, it becomes necessary to have special activities planned for them during our meetings. Command Senior Chief Ben Ayers, the senior-ranking youth member of the *Maximillian* will be taking charge of this project.

During the main portion of the meeting, it is planned that youth members have a game or activity led by the Command Senior Chief, with

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ELECTIONS TO BE HELD FOR POSITIONS OF C.O. AND X.O.

As most *Maximillian* members know, Commodore Morris was scheduled to step down from command of this ship in May. Due to mitigating circumstances, this may happen sooner than what was originally anticipated. To date, there are two *Maximillian* officers with the proper qualifications as prescribed by the By-Laws and Regulations who will run for the position. Both Commander Elaine Jackson and Commander Terry McPherson have

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BASIC REQUIREMENTS FOR PROMOTIONS

COLUMBUS (OH) Over the past couple of months, Admiral Lyon has been reviewing officer performance and participation records for the crew of the *Maximillian*. "This Organization is more active now than anytime in its history," Lyon said, "and I am finding that people who have been to almost every activity and event are simply not gaining rank. We have ensigns who have been so since the day they joined, and that may have been six or eight months."

The result of the Admiral's

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CAPTAIN'S LOG:

COM MATT MORRIS

All right, it's we once again coming to you via the admiral's place of residence or quarters or however you want to call it. We've been pretty busy lately, and due to our busy schedule, the command staff and myself feel we cannot put our "all" into the JTFA, therefore, we are going to vote on pulling out.

Okay. Speaking of busy, we've had a busy past month. Somehow, Commander Tamak and I ended up running the ship personnel at the opening of the Starbase Armory, and if I do say so myself, we did a fine job.

The admiral filled in quite well while Tamak and I took a lunch break. After the opening, I had the pleasure of entertaining Thought Admiral Klaad epetai-K'Tarra (AKA Joe Manning) and part of his crew (and mine) at my house before we went over to Admiral Mattias' home. I showed the Thought Admiral our pictorial archives, and presented him four of our past newsletters. He seemed very impressed. In other words, we've been "hobb-knobbing" with the Klingon High Command. Then we retired over to Admiral Mattias' place, where we got to talk in length to Mary Kay Adams (AKA Grilka). She was a very entertaining guest, not to mention quite pretty. Tamak likes Rob's table Eagle. Nice and shiny.

Anyway, next up, on our busy schedule, we have the Kids-N-Kamp bowl-a-thon, you know, where you bowl, and helping run the NANAAAA Visitor convention right here in good ol' Columbus, or if you don't make the Columbus show, you can trek on down to our beloved Captain Blobbin's favorite town, Pittsburgh, (due to his

recommendation). I'm sure he'll be glad to show you around.

Until next time, Same
MattTime, Same MattChannel.

FIRST OFFICER'S LOG:

CDR ELAINE JACKSON

Not much to report right now. I had a very interesting meeting where I had met a retired teacher. He had everyone laughing so hard that some of us were crying. Plus he had some of us crying with some of the stories he told us. But one thing for sure, is even all of us on the *Maximillian* can touch someone's life whether on the job or with someone in the community. I know all of us had someone touch us in our lives, especially as a child.

I was happy to see a few of us at Starbase for BJ's new store opening. A few of us went to the reception for Mary Kay Adams, who played Quark's wife in *Deep Space Nine*. I really enjoyed myself. She was a very down-to-earth person. I was glad to see a few people had the chance to go to the Air Force Museum outside of Dayton. Something came up where my family couldn't go. And that's basically it.

OPERATIONS REPORT:

LCDR JOHN UPP

Hopefully, starship model will be completed soon. During the last week of October, I will be off for vacation. If it is not completed by then, I will work on it during this time. To those who want to go to the new LaGrangeCon, now called ExtremeCon, it will be held on the weekend of 24-26 October 1997, Independence Holiday Inn. See flyer in *Mighty Max*, if you haven't received a flyer from ExtremeCon.

End of transmission.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

LCDR TERRY A. McPHERSON

This is a first in the history of the galaxy. I am, to date, without anything to say. But besides that, I am officially throwing my hat into the ring. I am running for captain for USS *Maximillian*, and I aah serve well if I'm elected captain. My platform will be published in the next issue of the *Mighty Max*.

I guess in the meantime I'm going to go to the Labor Day sale at WalMart in hopes of finding a good deal on a pair of Vulcan ear muffs for the lovely Earth winter season.

One more thing, I did my "Beavis and Butthead" impression for Mary Kay Adams, and she LIKED it.

Until next time when I do my Commander Kruge impression--Peace and long life.

SCIENCE REPORT:

LCDR ROBIN KULAS

Busily working on another science project. I'm attempting become the first scientist in history to successfully split an atom with a Ginsu steak knife.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT:

LCDR CYNTHIA AYERS

Dear Friends of Star Trek and the Max,

Hope you have all had a good end of the summer and beginning of school and other fall activities! Ben wasn't too excited about school starting, but was excited about football starting up!

Ben and I had a really great time at the August meeting. We

appreciated our promotions very much! That was exciting. We also enjoy the fun and supportive atmosphere of the meetings. The miniature golf afterwards was a lot of fun also. Hurray for the Max! It's great to belong to a club where my teenage son feels encouraged and supported.

My husband, Ben, and I went to Cleveland for 4 days in August and had a great time. We went to the Rock and Roll Museum which was a hoot! We also went to the Science Center to see the *Star Trek: Federation Science Exhibit* and attended some lectures to go along with the exhibit. It was great fun! We went straight to the *Star Trek* exhibit as soon as we arrived at the Museum and there was hardly anyone there. So, we enjoyed all of the computer stations and the transporter almost by ourselves. If you saw the exhibit in Cincy, there was very little changes. As far as the exhibit itself, I actually liked how it was laid out better in Cincy. Also, there seemed to be alot more active *Star Trek* ship volunteers in Cincy and more excitement about the exhibit. But, it had been running for awhile in Cleveland. What was great about the Cleveland exhibit was the special lectures. Joe Kolecki, a NASA Lewis technician, presented a wonderful slide show and talk about the Mars Pathfinder mission. He said the Pathfinder had a softer landing than expected and that it bounded 19 times! Also, the *Sojourner* had a very precarious descent down the ramp to the surface. But, the scientists didn't see the images of the descent until afterward because of computer delay. He said they probably would have been nervous wrecks if they had been watching while it happened. It's truly

amazing to be alive during this time of planetary exploration! Ben and I also saw a make-up artist from Paramount transform a volunteer into a Klingon! I have pictures that I will bring to the meeting.

Local news: Nana Visitor and Jason Carter will be at the Columbus Convention Center, September 20, 11AM to 6PM. It's great to have a convention in Columbus and I hope that many of us can attend! Also, on Saturday, October 4, Star Base will have its annual ship drive from noon to 6PM. Hope the Max can have a great turnout for that as well!

Other conventions: Xtreme Con at Independence Holiday Inn, Oct. 24-26. Guests are Nana Visitor and David Prowse. I have registration info. And you may contact: Devlin Associates, 8306 Mills Drive, Box 198, Miami, FL 33183. The only other close convention that I know about is at the Cincinnati Convention Center, December 5-7. Guests are Roxann Dawson, Michael O'Hare (*Babylon 5*), and many *Star Wars* actors. The con is called the Cincinnati Science Fiction Exposition.

I will share some news about the upcoming *Next Gen.* movie etc., at the September meeting.

Love long and rejoice always,
-CYNTHIA AYERS.

SECURITY REPORT:

LT. JIM WALTERS

Veni, vidi, vici. Until next time.

MEDICAL REPORT:

DR. NATHAN COBAUGH

♥ ♦ ♦ ♦ You know what they say about an apple a day... ♦ ♦ ♦ ♥

-DR. NATHAN COBAUGH, CMO, NCC-74997

STARFLEET INTELLIGENCE:

LT BETH WALTERS

Greetings to all!

Not much happening lately. Lieutenant James Walters and I recently failed the Ferengi Academy of Acquisition on our trip to the Grand Victoria Resort and Casino in Rising Sun, Indiana on August 23rd. It was kind of a spur of the moment trip. We didn't do so well, but we still had a good time.

For those who may be interested, I will be checking on group rates for the casino. Tickets are currently \$5.00 for a two hour session. The rates vary on the weekends after 5:00 PM.

I was reading in *The Globe* last week that Patrick Stewart is in the process of filming another movie called *Safehouse*. It is a spy film. I recently saw *The Conspiracy Theory* where he (Patrick Stewart) plays a villainous character involved with the CIA in creating assassins--Mel Gibson plays one of those assassins that worked with him in the past. He (Mel Gibson) is trying to help Julia Roberts find out who killed her father. Looks like Patrick Stewart is really spreading his wings. Correction to his part in *Masterminds*--Patrick Stewart's part is that of Head of Security.

Brent Spiner recently appeared in an episode of *Mad About You*, where he played a director doing commercials with Murray, Helen Hunt, and Paul Reiser's dog in the show.

April 3, 1998--The movie *Lost In Space* will be released into theaters. Gary Oldman (*Fifth Element* and *Air Force One*) has been cast as Dr. Zachary Smith. More details to come later.

Due to some personal matters, I will be taking some time away

from the ship. I am leaving the intelligence department to Krysa Hilton. She will keep me posted as to what is going on with the ship's activities.

Until I return, Live long and prosper.

MUSINGS FROM

THE PUDDLE

CAPT GREG "BLOBBIN" DUNN

Hello all.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the convention in late September.

I was invited to go to a local radio morning show in pittsburgh with a friend on August 22nd. The morning show here has Dave Kaelin and John Kline formally of the Morning Zoo. My friend and I were on air with Dave for about five minutes, but we were in the studio for about 45 minutes. I gave him a Columbus Crew bumper sticker, some Ohio State items and, knowing he is a big Star Trek fan, I gave him the latest issue of the *Mighty Max*. He thanked me and was happy to receive these items.

Dave is coming back to the Morning Zoo radio show in early September and said he would try to stay in contact.

Well that's it for this column this issue. Have fun.

-THE GREAT AND EVER-PRESENT BLOBBIN.

COMMISSIONER'S ADDRESS:

ADM ROBERT S. LYON

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That's no typo, folks! That's "Hello, it's me again!" backwards.

Anyway, another busy month for your ever and always busy admiral. I've been up to my brass in paperwork lately. Getting

financial aid and transcripts together for school can get a little hectic, but at least I had a chance to go home to Bucyrus for a while. Same old small town as it always was. It's kind of funny how different it is from Columbus. It's so much more laid back there.

As it gets closer to the school year, I have been getting more and more busy. It doesn't seem that I will be as actively involved in the command infrastructure after October, but I will be involved where and when I can with this ship.

It's kind of ironic that this may also be a time of dramatic change for the ship as well. By December, we may have a new commanding officer, so I would like to take this time to thank Commodore Matt Morris for his unfailing dedication to this ship and her crew for the last few years. So far, it looks like the new candidates for the position of commanding officer will be Commander Elaine Jackson and Commander Terry McPherson. An election will be held probably within the next three or four months, and I wish both candidates good luck. This will mark the first true election for this position aboard the *Maximillian*.

Speaking of wishing people luck, I would also like to extend my best wishes to Command Senior Chief Petty Officer Ben Ayers in his project with the youth membership of our Organization. From this time forward, he will be conducting activities for the youth members while we are in our business meeting. He will also be charged with the responsibility for their advancement in rate. I feel that the youth need a youth leader. Though the Command Senior Chief answers only to the command staff

in matters regarding his duties, he will need one or two adult advisors to assist him in his work. Any adult volunteers would be appreciated, but keep in mind that officers who volunteer for this are not necessarily his commanding officer, rather someone he can turn to for advice and assistance when needed. With the cooperation with the other youth members, and the assistance of an officer or two, I think Ben will be successful in his task.

It always pains me to see an officer leave, only even if it's temporary, but sometimes real life takes precedence. Though she will try to do what she can for us, Lieutenant Beth Walters will be temporarily relinquishing the position of intelligence officer to Ensign Krysa Hilton until roughly December or January as a result of personal issues in her life. I consider her a valuable asset to this ship, and I extend my best wishes to her and Jim. Beth will be returning to her post in a few months, but in the meantime, she will be missed.

I would also like to express my appreciation to Senior Transporter Chief Chris Stephenson for his work on our new website. He has been in close contact with me on this project, and has to date done a wonderful job. On the same note, I would like to thank Captain Greg Dunn for setting up an E-Mail site for the *Maximillian*. Both Chris and Greg are coordinating with one another regarding our cyberspace project. Incidentally, Chris will be turning eighteen next month, so this will be his last month as a non-commissioned officer with the *Maximillian*. Next month, will join the adult membership as a lieutenant junior grade. I have been impressed with his performance

over the last two months, and I believe that he will make a fine officer. Keep up the good work, Chief.

A funny thing happened when I went to my mailbox the other day. I received a report from an officer aboard this ship, whose name I'm not going to mention, written to "Skippy the Lyon" at my address. To this *Maximillian* officer I have only this to say: "Skippy" will be glad to know that he's Admiraliffic and extra spiffy. I'll pass on your report to him; and I sincerely hope you thoroughly enjoy your Special Edition *Star Wars* trilogy video tapes!

Nicely done. I like a bit of original creativity among the crew. It makes life interesting, albeit amusing.

In any case, this ship looks like she will be ready for just about anything when I go into semi-retirement. Our membership is higher now than at any point in our history; the morale of our membership is also at an all-time high. My advice--never get too cocky, too overconfident, or slack in the light of good fortune. It can be lost as fast as it is gained, so maintain the good work. The guidelines are all in place. It's up to the command staff and the membership to follow it. Until next time.

Oh, one more thing--Matt, Terry, Chris, the *Maximillian* can do a saucer separation when necessary. Thought you'd like to know.

TRANSPORTER LOG:

-SCTX CHRIS STEPHENSON

Progress on the web page is proceeding on schedule. More information to be given at the meeting. More news later. ByeBye.

TOBY'S TIDBITS

TOBIAS JOCK UBERCAT

Hi again. I had so much fun writing my last bit that I thought I would write another. Of course, this time I haven't seen everyone for a few shakes of the tail. I thought I would meow about Pittsburgh and my mission to liberate all cats everywhere from the oppression of the two-legged usurpers of justice. That's right, I have to take back the cats rightful place as ruler of the universe.

I can see the coming days of glory now. Hundreds of bi-pedal slaves being whipped to new levels of pain and agony...

I'm sorry, I got a little off the subject. I am currently stationed in the Pittsburgh region with my pet. I live in a nice apartment where I let a few buns hang out. They would be my pet's roommates. I am currently working on my associate of litter use and my masters in fly catching. When I am not busy with these endeavors, I enjoy my hobbies of sleeping and blood letting. I enjoy causing pain and torment to those bipeds I love.

Now that you know something about me, I hope we can become good friends and I hope to see you at a Max function someday soon.

I would like thank The Lion for helping me get my first article published in the *Mighty Max*, but in the future please make sure I am the Ubercat and not the Ubbercat. I hate it when I am an Ubbber.

-TOBIAS JOCK UBERCAT

COMMISSIONER

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include classes in the mornings; work in the afternoons; and study

in the evenings and weekends as work load requires. Extra-curricular clubs sponsored by the school are also strongly recommended by DeVry may take up time on some weekends.

"It's not necessary for me to quit altogether at this point," Lyon said, "and is likely that I will still maintain editor status with the *Mighty Max* for now. I will stay in contact with the ship and its members, but it is likely that I won't make every meeting or event."

As things currently stand, Admiral Lyon will graduate with a bachelor's degree in Computer Information Systems on or before February, 2000.

YOUTH

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the guidance of an adult officer so that the kids would have something to occupy their time while their parents are listening to the business portion of the meeting.

A great deal of leeway will be granted to Command Senior Chief Ayers in regards to what activities will be used for the youth membership. He will answer directly to the command staff concerning this project, though he will be assigned an adult advisor. This advisor will not necessarily be his direct commander, rather be an individual to provide assistance and advice whenever needed.

Founding Admiral Lyon feels that this project will help the young non-commissioned officer in developing leadership potential with the *Maximillian*, as well as giving the youth their own organization within the ship.

The command chief petty officer will also be responsible for promotions among the youth

membership as well. His recommendations for youth promotions through the rate of petty officer first class will be based upon attendance, time in grade, attitude, and participation of the youth members. He will also serve their representative to the command staff.

Over the next several months, the exact details of this new project will be established between the Command Senior Chief and the Command Staff. It will give the youth something to do as members of the *Maximillian* on their own.

Two *Maximillian* officers have already expressed interest in helping with the youth program on a regular basis, and even two Founding members have offered to help Command Senior Chief Petty Officer Ben Ayers.

Lieutenant Commanders Mark Dewiel, and Matt Pollock have volunteered to come down from the Bucyrus/Marion area to talk with the Command Senior Chief and his advisors regarding ideas for the youth program. During then Captain Lyon's command, LCDR Dewiel was the *Maximillian's* original chief medical officer; and LCDR Pollock was the *Maximillian's* second operations manager. Both have several years' of experience in youth leadership and activities, and both currently serve as district committee members in the Harding Area District of the Heart of Ohio Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Senior Chief Ayers, these individuals will be invaluable to you and your immediate advisors, so if you get a chance, talk with Commanders Dewiel and Pollock. They will be most helpful in the success of the youth program.

ELECTIONS

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expressed interest, and have been approved as candidates for the captaincy. Both candidates must enter an article for the newsletter explaining their qualifications and their agenda for the captaincy--in essence, their platform. In addition, each candidate during the November meeting shall give covering why they would be a good choice for the position as captain.

Tentatively, elections will be held during the December, 1997 or January, 1998 meeting. The candidate with the most votes shall become the *Maximillian's* new commanding officer. The second runner-up shall become the new first officer.

In January, 1998, the new commanding officer will assume command of the Organization.

PROMOTIONS

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investigation was that the promotion points were set too high. Most of the changes in promotions were in how standard promotions are earned, and this is what this article covers.

In the past, there was a recommended minimum age required for rates chief petty officer and above, but this was never required. Now, the minimum age required for CPO and above is fifteen years old. We have one youth member who was promoted to CPO before his fifteenth birthday prior to this change, and due to what the command staff calls a "grandfather clause," he will keep his rate, because it was earned prior to the change.

There are other ways to gain promotions, but they are too complex and drawn out to explain in

this article. For those, refer to a copy of the *Maximillian* Regulations, By-laws, and Guidelines.

CREWMAN RECRUIT.

(Entry level rate for members up to 12 years of age).



CREWMAN APPRENTICE.

AGE: Up to 11 years old.

REQUIREMENTS: Have a general understanding of the Organization and its purposes, and agree to conform to the Regulations and By-laws of this Organization.



CREWMAN.

AGE: Up to 11 years old.

TIME IN RATE OF CA: 3 months.

PERFORMANCE: Positive recommendation from Command Chief Petty Officer regarding general behavior, participation and level of activity, attitude, and attendance.



PETTY OFFICER THIRD CLASS.

AGE: 12-18.

TIME IN RATE OF CN: 6 Months. (Starting rate if 12+ years old).

PERFORMANCE: Positive recommendation from Command Chief Petty Officer regarding general behavior, participation and level of activity, attitude, and attendance.



PETTY OFFICER SECOND CLASS.

AGE: 12-18.

TIME IN RATE FOR PO3: 7 Months.

PERFORMANCE: Positive recommendation from Command Chief Petty Officer regarding general behavior, participation and level

of activity, attitude, and attendance.

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PETTY OFFICER FIRST CLASS.

AGE: 12-18.
 TIME IN RATE OF PO2: 7 Months.
 PERFORMANCE: Positive recommendation from Command Chief Petty Officer regarding general behavior, participation and level of activity, attitude, and attendance.

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CHIEF PETTY OFFICER.

AGE: 15-18.
 TIME IN RATE OF PO1: 10 months.
 PROMOTION POINTS: 125.
 PERFORMANCE: Positive recommendation from Command Chief Petty Officer regarding general behavior, participation and level of activity, attitude, and attendance.

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SENIOR CHIEF PETTY OFFICER.

AGE: 15-18.
 TIME IN RATE OF PO1: 11 months.
 PROMOTION POINTS: 150.
 PERFORMANCE: Positive recommendation from Command Chief Petty Officer regarding general behavior, participation and level of activity, attitude, and attendance.

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MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER.

AGE: 15-18.
 TIME IN RATE OF PO1: 12 months.
 PROMOTION POINTS: 250.
 PERFORMANCE: Positive recommendation from Command Chief Petty Officer regarding general behavior, participation and level of activity, attitude, and attendance.

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ENSIGN.
 AGE: 18+.
 (Beginning rank for most adults)
 PROMOTION POINTS: 25.

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LIEUTENANT JUNIOR GRADE.
 AGE: 18+.
 TIME IN RANK AS ENS: 4 months.
 PROMOTION POINTS: 68.

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LIEUTENANT.
 AGE: 18+.
 TIME IN RANK AS LTJG: 6 months.
 PROMOTION POINTS: 100.

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LIEUTENANT COMMANDER.
 AGE: 18+.
 TIME IN RANK AS LT: 8 months.
 PROMOTION POINTS: 250.

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COMMANDER.
 AGE: 18+.
 TIME IN RANK AS LCDR: 12 months.
 PROMOTION POINTS: 350.

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CAPTAIN.
 AGE: 21+.
 TIME: 5 years since becoming an officer, at least 2 of which must be held as a commander, whichever comes later.
 PROMOTION POINTS: 800.

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COMMODORE
 AGE: 23+.
 TIME: 7 years since becoming an officer, at least 2 of which must be held as a captain, whichever comes later.
 PROMOTION POINTS: 1000.
 PAST POSITIONS: Have served as commanding officer for a period of at least 1 year; serve as first

officer for 3 years, attain rank of captain; AND have served as acting commanding officer for not less than 5 months. OR Serve as chief medical officer for a period of at least 3 years, and while doing so, obtain at least Red Cross certification in emergency first aid.

AVAILABLE POSITIONS: Captains can only be promoted to the Flag Officer Committee ONLY if a billet is available, EVEN IF ALL OTHER REQUIREMENTS ARE MET. 1 Billet is available for every 10 members in the Organization (up to ten billets) at the time of appointment.



REAR ADMIRAL
 AGE: 23+.
 TIME IN RANK AS COM: 2 years.



VICE ADMIRAL
 AGE: 23+.
 TIME IN RANK AS RADM: 2.5 years.



ADMIRAL
 AGE: 23+.
 TIME IN RANK AS VADM: 3 years.



SENIOR ADMIRAL
 AGE: 23+.
 TIME IN RANK AS ADM: 3.5 years.
 RECOMMENDATIONS: Receive 3 unsolicited recommendations. Candidate must be unaware of recommendations. This rank cannot be earned.
 SELECTION: Be selected by

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Commissioner for promotion.

It should be remembered that these are just a basic guideline for promotion eligibility. Special promotions are sometimes granted by the Command Staff in special cases, or in need of filling a posting. A member should consult the *Maximillian* Regulations, By-Laws, and Guidelines for details on all promotions.

KOHAN'S KLINGON KAR KLINIK.

LCDR JOHN "KOHAN" UPP.

Greetings, all you road warriors! Upon us is the season of fall on planet Earth. This month's subject: Tire care and inspection. For anyone who knows anything about cars and other primitive Terran vehicles, wet weather can be a real hazard for driving these vehicles. Tire care and inspection is very critical for this time of year for wet weather, and can be very hazardous for your health. Things you should look out for when inspecting your tires is tread depth, tread and sidewall condition, and sidewall condition. On tread depth, the tire should be no lower than the shoulder of Lincoln's portrait on a penny for safe condition. Condition should be perfectly smooth and free of cracks, and other abrasive markings that could cause premature tire failure. Tire pressure is the most important factor on a tire, especially during poor temperatures. Any kind of variation in temperature can cause tire bead in the tire rim. Those could cause minor problems with

your tire with leaks and loss of tire pressure. Tire pressure should be no less than 29 PSI for normal temperature conditions, no higher than 36 PSI. Hopefully, to all your road warriors who will read this information, take heed to it, and have a safe motoring day.

-HISTORICALLY YOURS,
KOHAN THE TERRIBLE.
A.K.A. LCDR UPP.

TAMAK'S LOGIC CORNER

LCDR TERRY "TAMAK" McPHERSON.

Greetings to the crew of the USS *Maximillian*. 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. But first, the answer to the last month's question:

TAMAK'S LOGIC QUESTION #287

YOUR'RE 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?

ANSWER: *You light the match first.*

Since there was a less than enthusiastic response, there will be no Tamak's Logic Corner this month, but I will publishing one next month. Datbeeall!!!

MAX-CLASSIFIEDS

FROM THE QUARTERMASTER
For those who are interested in the *First Contact* movie uniforms, I now can by the gray material for the top of the uniform.

-LT Ada'Ka (Adelyn Upp).

COLLECTORS' CORNER

-COM MATT MORRIS.

I WIN!!! After numerous letters, twenty-two to be exact, from myself and from quite a few other people, assistant project manager Chris Overley has announced that Playmates Toy Corporation will no longer issue limited edition figures. *YEEHAAAAH! IWIN!!! HEH!!!*

With that off my chest, I've got a schedule of upcoming releases for those collectors among us, which I hope I'm not the only one on board.

First off, the six-inch cobat action assortment is due 01 DEC 1997. Keep in mind that all these dates I'm giving you is subject to change. Although they've fixed one problem, they still have a few left.

The nine-inch collectors' series should be hitting around 01 OCT 1997. As of right now, there are thirty-nine (39) nine-inch figures on the market. I have thirty-two (32).

The *Defiant* vessel should be around 18 SEP 1997.

The heavy assault phaser (*Movie Six Phaser*) is due around October 15.

The head-to-head playsets should be hitting stores anytime. Datbeeall!

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