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McMURDO STATION AND SCOTT BASE



FROM THE EDITOR

Yo folks! Welcome to another edition of the Nite Times. This week I received numerous letters to the editor concerning our beloved Dr. Bunsen Beaker. Unfortunately, one of the notes read as follows: Attention Capitalists! Your good Dr. Bunsen Beaker is being held hostage. You will give us what we want. Your ransom and instructions will follow at a later date--The Antarctic Jihad. Maybe we'll have to call out the Mossad or C.I.D.! Anyways, we will find the doctor. I'll keep you posted on the latest developments. Looks like the hair changing Guru is still getting around. Don't be victimized or persuaded by empty promises, it's colder without hair!! For all you budding journalists, leave a copy of your prospective articles on the quarterdeck. Enjoy this issue and have a great week!

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WEATHER REPORT

For those of you who have no idea of the magnitude of weather variation over the previous week, here is a summary of statistics taken from the daily climatological observations at Scott Base at 0900.

For the week Monday 5th to 12th, the weather has been generally cloudy to overcast, with 3 days of snowfall recorded. No Gale days were recorded.

The 0900 temperatures have been dropping steadily from -17.4 degrees C/0.7 degrees F to -24.9 degrees C/-12.8 degrees F. The highest maximum recorded was -11.2 degrees C/11.8 degrees F, the lowest minimum recorded being -28.0 degrees C/-18.4 degrees F. These are still air temperatures, and do not take into account wind chill.

Barometric pressure has remained relatively stable, averaging 996.95 millibars, or 996.95 hectapascals.

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GREETING PRISONERS:

THE RECREATION COMMITTEE STARTED THE SEASON OFF WITH A SLAM AT THE PRISON PARTY - THE CLEAN UP RESEMBLED A BARBER'S SHOP!

THE COMMITTEE PLANS TO HAVE A THEME NIGHT ONCE A MONTH AT THE BIO LAB AND ORGANIZED NIGHTS AT THE EREBUS CLUB. WATCH OUT FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY AND OUR MID-WINTER CHRISTMAS PARTY IN MID JUNE.

ON THE SPORTING SIDE, VOLLEYBALL AND BOWLING LEAGUES ARE IN PROGRESS. WATCH FOR DART, POOL, AND BASKETBALL FREE THROW COMPETITIONS TO TAKE PLACE AS WELL.

A PIZZA NIGHT WILL BE HELD FRIDAY MARCH 23. WHERE YOU CAN RING UP AND ORDER A PIZZA. A SMALL DONATION WILL BE EXPECTED FOR DELIVERY.

OTHER COMING ATTRACTIONS WILL BE AN ART SHOW FOR YOU ADMIRING ARTISTS, A MCMURDO "NO TALENT" SHOW, AND WATCH OUT FOR THE ANTARCTIC RECORD BIKE-A-THON.

ORGANIZED NON-ALCOHOLIC DANCES WILL BE HELD ON THE O-SIDE OF THE GALLEY ON SATURDAY NIGHTS.

IF ANYONE HAS SUGGESTIONS, CONTACT YOUR COMMITTEE.

CHEERS,

NICK

ON BEHALF OF THE REC COMMITTEE

FEATURE INTERVIEW

by Warren Ross

Think for a moment of the last time you had a party for 20-30 people. It's likely that the food preparation took most of your time. Ever cook for 6,000 people? O.K., how about 1200? Maybe 215? Fortunately for us, this is something that Mike Arthur can be called an expert at. Originally from upstate New York, he has been in the Navy for eight years. His last duty station was the carrier USS AMERICA. There, Mike served 6,000 people three meals a day. That's 18,000 meals a day folks!

Always visible, Mike Arthur can easily be seen at the dining facility working or

bartending at the Erebus. Friendly, calm and warm, Mike says that, "waking up at 4:30 am six days a week is the toughest part of my job." True, Mike is definitely not alone. Along with five other MS's, there are nine people from Fisher catering. All of them have, at times, a thankless job.

When asked what the best part of his job was, he replied, "the gratification I feel when people comment on the quality of the food. Also, it's a real treat cooking for so few people because we can do so much more." He further stated, and realizes that, "good tasting, nutritional meals have a direct effect on the morale of everyone on station." Mike, along with everyone on the food service staff, tries to please the community the best they can. To prove this, they invite anyone who is interested to join the menu review board, or even help prepare one of the meals. "Anyone who wants to help is more than welcome."

I think his reason for being in Antarctica is the travel. Now Mike can say he's been on every continent and ocean. He believes in staying flexible. He believes in equal opportunity. Most of all, he believes in a job done right. He mentioned having a hobby of photography and a goal of saving money. Well, I think it's safe to say that Mike Arthur correctly chose his present duty station. But for the rest of us cooks who can easily burn toast or boil water wrong, I think we're real lucky to have him with us.

O.K., so I am one of those who regularly burn their toast. My microwave is my friend, even though I can't fix it. I have a strong dislike for washing dirty dishes. Yes, I'm a Taco Bell, McDonald's, Hardees, and Burger King junkie. I don't have to do dishes that way. It's also faster, and I can eat dinner on the way to classes after work. For an undomesticated, self-proclaimed bachelor, I appreciate a hot meal. Especially on a cold day! I couldn't get a square meal in civilization, but here, the middle of nowhere, all I have to do is walk 200 yards. I forgot to mention all of the fast food garbage that would endlessly pile up in the back seat of my car. Well, maybe that's not interesting, but Mike Arthur is. If you don't know him say hello sometime, especially if you've had a good meal lately.

News of Scott-

Hi folks! Well, how was your week? Can't say that it was particularly "out of this world" but it was another week, and one less week closer to eternal darkness for us.

It was certainly one week into eternal darkness for the ol' Erebus Ice Tongue. Yep, looks like those rumours were right, the great tongue of the south finally sucked the great cosmic Kumera. Seems like a chunk of about 4 kilometres decided to break away from the original 15 odd kilometre beast for a "taste" of life elsewhere. Good lick to it!

The water out in front of Scott Base is certainly having a bit of a personality crisis. One minute it thinks it's a solid, then it freaks out at the prospect and cracks under the strain. And with each peak and dip in its emotional journey, it takes with it another little Scott, as his freeze-over date in the sweepstake initially looks promising, but then crumbles. Oh well guys, maybe next week!

Here's something interesting. Did you know during the summer, some of us kiwis made like our western islander neighbours, the "Auzzies", and had a Boomerang Club? Yep, this elite group all had that unique experience of boarding a certain un-named airline to or from Antarctica, taking off, but then, for one reason or another, returning only to land on the same runway. The club was founded in the summer of 1988/89, but with the

weather and other things as they were (excellent for boomerang flying), this season's annual meeting an impressive number of new members. And just to give you an insight into this noble group's activities, here is a section from the minutes of this years meeting, published last week by returned "Space Commander", Tuppence Loe.

... "So on the 15th January (Sunday) the Boomerangers Hijacked a C130 from Willies under the cloak of daylight and disguise..."

"...The C130 was packed to the max with pax filling both aisles and we started the meeting while circling round Mt. Erebus. Certificates and Minties were presented. All members gave a debrief of their experiences..."

"...Several members started to suffer from knee cramps and throbbing eardrums, although NO vomiting, so the meeting was adjourned to manoeuvre a wing-over, and headed South..."

"...On landing at 2000 hrs local we were informed by Willies Field Air control that we had been considered as a U.F.O. Does this finally put this Club in the league of Galactic Space Cadets!!"

Well! What can I say? I think I'll just finish off with something I remembered from when I was about eight, by someone whom I can't remember.

Radi was a lion,
Radi was a woman hater,
Radi had a women trainer,
Radiator!

Spot ya in the soup, Bruce.

THE BACK BOARD

PERSONAL AND CLASSIFIED ADS

PIZZA, PIZZA, PIZZA

Friday, March 23, will be our first free pizza night. The recreation committee will be delivering free pizza to your door upon request during the hours of 1930-2230. Call Ext. 2215/2212 to place your order. Donations will be appreciated and will be used to fund future community activities.

DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY

Dances will be held on Saturday nights from 8:30 to 12:00 PM except for those Saturday nights when sanctioned parties occur. Along with yourself, bring your favorite music. Get ready for a real good time. This will be the happening place!!

NOTICE

The next recreation committee meeting will be held on Monday, March 19th, 1960, Bldg. 155 in the lounge opposite the T.V. station.

WEATHER

Everyday you probably wake up wondering what the weather will be for the day, right! Well do we have a deal for you. Call 2666 and get the latest predictions, updated

on a 12hr. basis by the weather guessers. Cast your vote or bet on the latest prediction among your friends.

LOST

Several heads of hair from the Fire Dept. If found, please contact the fire house immediately.

WANTED

Classified ads for this paper. Leave your ad at the quarterdeck, Bldg. 155. Sell those unwanted items today.

Listen to.....

The Jim Gallagher Show . Classic Rock and Roll. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday night from 4 to 6 PM on 104.5 on your FM dial. Said to be the best show in town.

OR.....

If your taste leans to the bizarre, tune in to the Great White North's finest, The Mark and Dave Show. Monday thru Friday 1100-1300. Beauty Eh?

FOR SALE, CHEAP!

Many second hand refrigerators. Contact Black Market Sales and Emporium, Bldg. 206. Phone number unlisted for obvious reasons.

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Welcome to the fourth edition of the Nite Times. Maybe I'm naturally curious, but think for a moment how often the following happens to you: walking past your room, only to double back to get there (a classic); losing your pen, keys, ect.; staring for excessive lengths of time; leaving to do something and forgetting what it was you wanted to do; forgetting where you parked; not actually knowing what the real time is, even if you looked at the clock. Anyone have a foolproof perscription for these strange happenings? If so, leave your perscription at the quarterdeck and we'll print it for everyone to use. Also, the best perscription gets front page billing. Have an excellent week.

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WORLD NEWS

WASHINGTON— President Bush continued to hold out hope Wednesday night for a peaceful end to the conflict in secession-minded Lithuania, saying he had 'no reason to question' Soviet assurances of peaceful intent. On a day that saw Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev order Lithuanians to surrender firearms and Soviet authorities to enforce the Soviet Constitution, Bush declined to express alarm or criticism over the escalation of tensions.

WASHINGTON - Polish Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki has sounded a call for new ideas and new institutions to guide East and West toward the formation of a new political order in post-Cold War Europe. On a three-day state visit to promote Poland's role in world affairs and its emergence from 'a long night of totalitarian oppression,' Mazowiecki urged the creation of 'a solid foundation' for the change sweeping Europe.

ANCHORAGE, Alaska - The jury deciding the fate of Exxon Valdez skipper Joseph Hazelwood, just two hours into their deliberations, wanted to see charts the defense used to combat claims he was criminally responsible for the nation's worst oil spill because he was drunk when the tanker sailed. The jury reached no verdicts on the first day of discussing the three misdemeanors and single felony against Hazelwood and were to resume deliberations Thursday.

NEW YORK - A Philippines government lawyer said Imelda Marcos wrote to President Bush offering to help track down her late husband's allegedly hidden fortune in a bid to 'weasel out' of her racketeering trial, the Daily News reported Thursday. The lawyer, Ted Laguatan, made the remarks to the News as jury questioning in the trial of the former Philippines first lady began to drag Wednesday, dimming hopes of getting a panel selected by the weekend.

ANNAPOLIS, Md. - Despite mounting pressure to end a weeklong filibuster in the Maryland Senate, Gov. William Donald Schaefer has kept a promise not to intervene in the debate over legislation liberalizing state abortion laws.

TOKYO - The U.S. dollar's steady rise against the Japanese yen sent the Tokyo Stock Exchange plummeting Thursday, with the key Nikkei Average falling below 30,000 yen for the first time in 15 months.

BRUSSELS, Belgium - NATO Secretary General Manfred Woerner 'in the coming months' will visit Moscow, a trip that would make him the first NATO chief to officially visit a Warsaw Pact capital, it was announced Thursday.

LOS ANGELES - A teenage girl discovered the bodies of her two girlfriends and their brother Wednesday, all apparently shot to death by their mother who also killed herself at their home in the San Fernando Valley.

NEW YORK - Doctors who plan to surgically implant metal rods in pop singer Gloria Estefan's broken back say her prognosis is 'excellent' and the risk of paralysis stemming from her bus accident injury is 'exceedingly rare.' Doctors at the Hospital for Joint Diseases said Wednesday that they would operate on the 32-year-old Miami Sound Machine lead singer Thursday morning for three to four hours. The procedure is designed to correct subluxation, an instability of the spine between her middle and lower back that can include fractures.

WEATHER REPORT

For the week Mondays, 12th to the 19th, here's a summary of statistics taken from the daily climatological observations recorded at Scott Base at 0900.

Conditions were generally cloudy to overcast, with four days in which snow fell, and two of days with gales. The highest gust recorded being 49 knots on the 16th.

Temperatures during days 14th - 16th, tended to be on the warmer side, averaging -13.6 degrees C/ 7.52 degrees F. The highest maximum, and lowest minimum for the week was -6.0 degrees C/ 21.2 degrees F and -25 degrees C/ -14.1 degrees F respectively. Don't forget that these are still air temperatures, and do not take windchill into consideration

The average atmospheric pressure for the week was 986.0 mB (millibars) / 29.11" of Hg. Highest pressure was 986.0mB/ 29.34" and the lowest was 973.0mB/ 28.73"

That's it for another week,
Ace from the Base

THE BACK BOARD

ADS AND PERSONALS

SCOTT BASE NOTICES

TELECOM

Monday 13:00 - 17:00 & 18:00 - 20:00.
Tuesday 09:00 - 12:00 & 13:00 - 17:00
Wednesday 13:00 - 17:00
Thursday 09:00 - 12:00 & 13:00 - 17:00
Friday 13:00 - 17:00
Saturday 10:00 - 12:00
Sunday KIWI NIGHT

GIFT SHOP

Friday 18:30 - 20:30 Monday 18:30 - 20:30

SCOTT BASE BAR

Friday 18:30 - 22:30

Note: In general, the Telecom office will make accommodations for an emergency call. One should contact the Telecoms office directly in this circumstance.

The Scott Base Bar is small. In addition, it is part of the living quarters for the personnel at the base. With this in mind, it is requested that care be taken to act accordingly. If it is desired to visit the base outside of the times indicated above, one need only to obtain an invitation. They are not hard to get, and you are cordially invited to request a visit

LOST !

Black fountain pen if found return to T.V. station. (ed. note- Journal Entries are suffering due to it's loss)

Watch this space for special info on the stores latest offerings.

NOTICE:

Recent information from informed sources indicate that Dr. Bunsen Beaker slipped into the station when the Polar Duke stopped in recently to replenish their freshies. Stay informed on the learned Profs observations in this paper.

WANTED

The individual that BORROWED the VCR from the first floor lounge in bldg. 208. You are cordially invited to return it.

WANTED

Your ads/personals for this column. Must be in good taste as per the community standard, and not be malicious in nature. Humor is considered a bonus. Contact the paper staff through our submissions box on the quarterdeck office desk.

Attention all hands.

On March fifth, in the enlisted side of the galley, at 2000(8:00PM), all personnel are invited to enter the McMurdo Beard Growing Contest. An entry fee of ten dollars per contestant will be collected. All proceeds will be donated to charity.

All contestants will be required to enter with a clean bill of health (chin). Military members will require special request chits as proof of participation (provided and signed upon entry).

Contest rules: we dont need no stinkin contest rules.

Prizes for the best, worst and most original beard will be awarded to the top contestant in each category at the conclusion of the contest.(TBD).

FABLES CORNER

UNITY

Taken from FABLES OF AESOP

A farmer whose sons were always in disagreement tried to persuade them to mend their ways, but found that no words made any impression on them. So he decided to give them an lesson. He made them bring a bundle of sticks, and started by giving them the bundle as it was and telling them to break the sticks. Try as they would they could not. He then untied the bundle and handed them the sticks one at a time, so that they could break them easily. "It will be the same with you, my children," he said. "As long as you agree together no enemy can overcome you; if you quarrel, you will fall an easy prey."

LESSON: Divided we are weak, miserable and useless; united we are stronger and happier.