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Landing on a frozen sea



A military C-141 aircraft unloads United States Antarctic Program participants on the temporary sea-ice runway near McMurdo Station, Antarctica on Oct. 12. Early October marks the beginning of the austral summer research season in McMurdo. In a typical season about 3,000 researchers and support staff reach the Ice by air or sea.

Photo by Melanie Conner/The Antarctic Sun

Here comes the Sun

After a long winter break, *The Antarctic Sun* returns next Sunday.

As usual, the weekly paper will feature science and life in the United States Antarctic Program, including weekly updates from Palmer, the South Pole and research vessels. Look for stories on interesting people working in the Antarctic in our *Profiles*. View photos of

Antarctic scenery, wildlife and inhabitants, both animal and human. Catch people's answers to the question of the week and enjoy occasional crossword puzzles and comic strips.

Most of the *Sun* is written by a team of professional journalists: Kristan Hutchison, Melanie Conner and Mark Sabbatini. The *Sun* also runs several regular features written by

non-staff members, including a personal column called *Perspectives* and a scientific column called *Speaking of Science*.

Your contributions of columns, story ideas, and photographs are welcome. E-mail AntSun@polar.org.

The *Sun* office is located in Building 155, ext. 2407 at McMurdo Station, Antarctica.

Meet the press:

Kristan Hutchison,

better known as Stan, returns this year as the lead journalist for the Sun. She brings more than 10 years experience as a newspaper journalist, most recently the Juneau Empire in Alaska.



Melanie Conner

lives in Hood River, OR. She has a master's degree in journalism and has worked as a photojournalist in Oregon, Utah, Missouri, Washington DC, Hong Kong and Korea.



Mark Sabbatini

is a Colorado native now living in Juneau, Alaska. He has worked as an editor, reporter and photographer for 10 years at daily newspapers in Washington, Wyoming, Los Angeles and Alaska.



Next week

USAP takes lessons from fire at British station

Winter cruises studied the frozen Southern Ocean

QUOTE of the WEEK

"Experiments always ruin great ideas."

- a biologist on a disproven hypothesis

Flying sardines



Photo by Melanie Conner/The Antarctic Sun

Over 100 passengers aboard a C-141 aircraft wear earplugs to drown out the sound of the engines as they try to read or sleep during the six-hour flight over the South Pacific Ocean.

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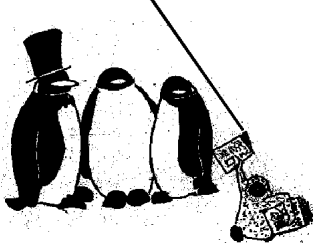
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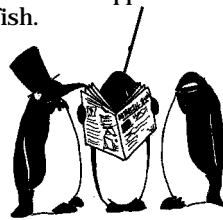
Ross Island Chronicles

By Chico

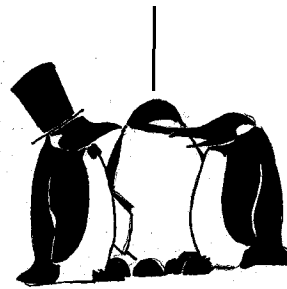
Extra!!! Extra!!! Read all about it. Scandal grips NSF. Rep runs Amok. Read all about it!!!



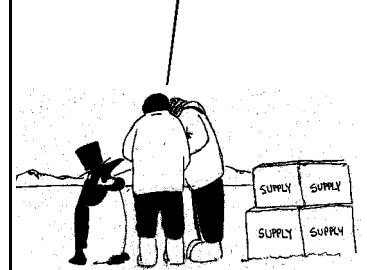
It says here scientists are looking for replacement for their graduate helpers. They eat too much and never want to take showers. Volunteers will get free supplies. Must like fish.



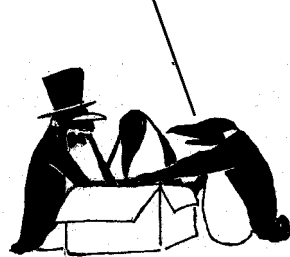
I say let's go apply, get the supplies and then quit.



Paperwork is all here. You're hired.



I think they gave us the wrong box. There's no food here.

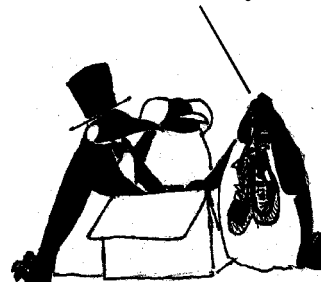


Holy cow!!! What are these things?

Pass them here. They look like ear muffs.



Looky here. These things should come in handy.



It ought to be a great season.

