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The Antarctic Sun

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U.S. Antarctic Program participants arrive at the sea ice runway at McMurdo Station Oct. 8. This is the first year that the program will use C-17 planes instead of C-141s to fly to the Ice.

Summer season under way

Summer in Antarctica has begun.

The sun came up at McMurdo in August and has almost stopped setting. Palmer Station's summer crew arrived in September. And the first flight in eight months landed at the South Pole on Friday.

Starting next Sunday, *The Antarctic Sun* will return as well. We'll write articles about the scientific research conducted at the three U.S. stations and two research vessels, as well as stories about the people who live and work here. It's written for those of us on the continent, and for everyone back home. So remind your friends and family that they can read about what's happening here at antarcticsun.usap.gov.

We also rely on volunteers from the community to help us get the paper out each week. Right now we are looking for copy editors at McMurdo who can proofread the paper on Friday nights. We welcome photos from all the stations and ships, and we are always looking for people to write a first-person "Perspectives" column. If you have questions about this, or have a photo or column to submit, send it to antsun@usap.gov or contact one of us directly.

At McMurdo, we can be reached at extension 2407, or stop by our office in Building 155, room 133.

– Sun staff

Meet the press

Emily Stone is excited to return to the *Sun* for her second season, this year as lead journalist. She spent the off-season traveling and freelancing in her hometown of Chicago. Before starting at the *Sun*, she was the crime reporter at the *Burlington Free Press* in Vermont. She has a B.A. in history from Middlebury College and an M.A. in journalism from Northwestern University.

Peter Rejcek hangs up his hammer to join the *Sun* staff this year. He spent a year at the South Pole (2003-2004) as a carpenter helper. Before heading south, he worked more than eight years in warmer climes as assistant editor for a newspaper in the Marshall Islands, as well as for daily and weekly papers in Texas.

Steven Profaizer joins *The Antarctic Sun* for his first season in Antarctica. He recently graduated magna cum laude with a B.A. degree in public relations from Harding University, where he was editor-in-chief of the university's newspaper. Steven has spent the last three years writing for several newspapers in Arkansas and Massachusetts.

COMING NEXT WEEK

Balloons float into the vortex

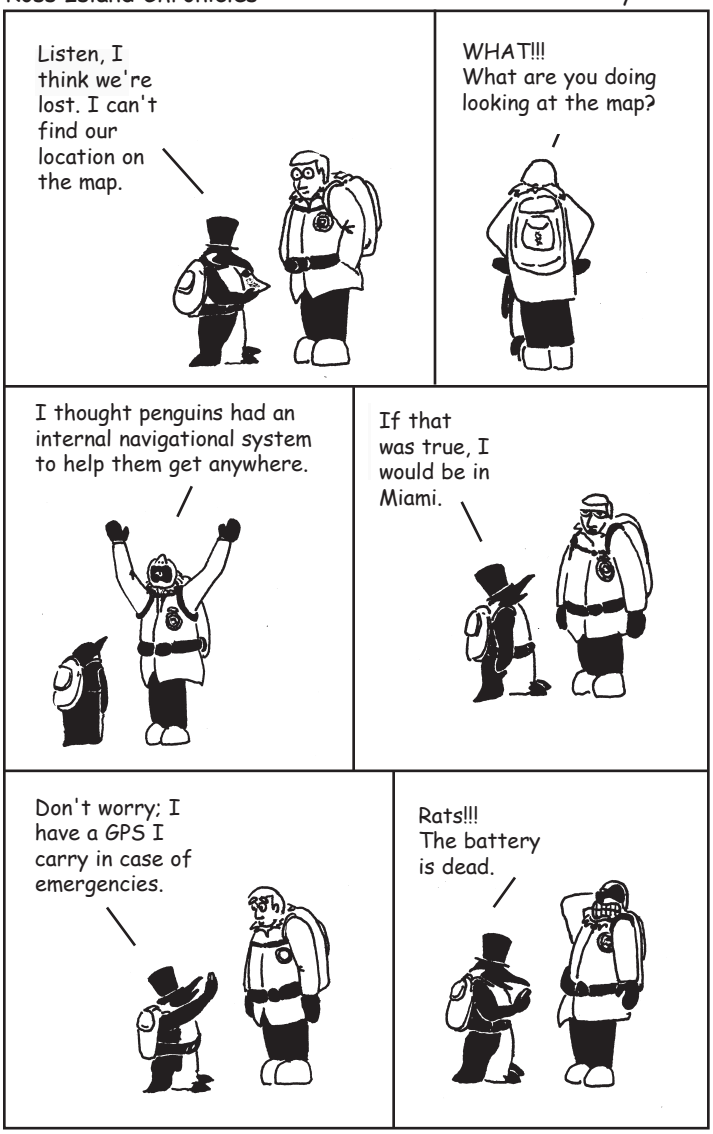
Back at McMurdo after 50 years

Quote of the Week

"This isn't a bad office."

- A McMurdo heavy equipment operator on the sea ice as the sun fell on the Royal Society Mountains.

Ross Island Chronicles By Chico



our Antarctic week

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8:30 a.m. LDS services, Chapel

9:45 a.m. Catholic mass, Chapel

11 a.m. General Protestant worship, Chapel

12 p.m. Movie: “Nature’s Fury,” Coffee House

2 p.m. Walk with Rec to the T-Site sign, meet at hand washing station

2 p.m. Crary Lab tour

4 p.m. Movie: “Strange Days on the Planet Earth,” Coffee House

8 p.m. Movie: “Inside Mecca,” Coffee House

8:15 p.m. Science lecture: “The Ozone Hole: 20 Years Since Its Discovery,” by Jennifer Mercer, dining hall

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6-7 p.m. Body Pump, laundry room

Summer leagues begin - Contact your team captain for schedule

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6:30-7:20 p.m. Tai Chi class, Chapel

7 p.m. Stitch-n-Bitch, dorm 208, 2nd floor lounge

7 p.m. Outdoor Safety Lecture, Crary Lab, 2nd floor

7:15-8:15 p.m. Gutz-n-Butz, laundry room

7:30 p.m. AA meeting, Chapel

12 a.m. Night shift workers, share your Rec ideas, dining hall

Gallagher’s now open on Tuesdays

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7:15 a.m. Movie: “Children Underground,” Coffee House

6-7 p.m. Body pump, laundry room

6-7:15 p.m. Intro Shito ryu Karate, big gym

7:30 p.m. Science lecture, "Life in the Cold: Lessons From the Coolest Fish in the World" by Gretchen Hofmann, Crary Lab, 2nd floor

8 p.m. Birthday Bingo, Gallagher’s

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7:15-8:15 p.m. Gutz-n-Butz, laundry room

7:30 p.m. Lecture series: “The Great Minds of Western Intellectual Tradition,” 203B lounge

8 p.m. Movie: “Children Underground,” Coffee House

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7-8 p.m. White Crane women’s self defense class, laundry room

8-9 p.m. Intro Shito ryu Karate, big gym

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10:30 a.m. Outdoor Safety Lecture, Crary Lab 2nd floor

8 p.m. Halloween party begins, big gym

9 p.m. Costume judging contest begins, big gym

The week in weather: Oct. 14-20

McMurdo Station
High: 19F / -7C Low: -17F / -27C
Peak wind: 53mph / 85kph

Palmer Station
High: 39F / 4C Low: 12F / -11C
Precipitation: 7mm

South Pole Station
High: -22F / -30C Low: -58F / -50C
Peak wind: 52mph / 83kph