## Headaches set in when lights godim

One morning last week, I up late because there was ver failure in our home. my electric alarm clock ed to buzz. It was at this nent that I became painted with the inconmodern of

Although I wouldn't exactly I taking a shower an event I haven't missed on ocn, it was on the agenda morning, and I was ulous it seemed that I had d such little importance nning water until then, all I received was a comnt dribble from the shower At the same time I was or more apriately, wondering, what me was. Was I early or Was I getting ready for ol a little too promptly, or s I wasting my time because es had already begun?

One thing was certain, ver, as I stumbled up the bruises that morning than Rocky Marciano did in a lifetime. A cheap butane lighter (the disposable kind) was my only resource. The candle lighted with little difficulty.

I had planned to shave electric that morning, but, of course, that was out of the question. A straight edge, by candlelight, was quite risky. I suffered production of the "Gotcha" commercial at least 10 times before making a final take. A dry shave, next time, will be avoided at all cost.

It was then that I thought, "Of course, the phone must be working, why not call the time." As I dashed to the phone with wax dripping on me and the dining room floor, I knew that this would be the one event that would either make or break this dark, powerless morning. But that heartless, mono-sounding muffle of a dial tone had been reduced to silence. Not even the telephone lines had sympathy for me.

Immediately after my enis to the kitchen, I needed counter with the telephone, I side. But the microwave oven and electric grill were on the fritz as well, and my hopes for a fulfilling breakfast were shattered. I had to settle for last night's fried chicken. Luckily, there was enough milk to wash down the dry, tasteless sub-

With no hand or manual can opener, and the electric one on the blink, I figured that tuna fish sandwiches for lunch were out of the question. Hostess Twinkees and grapefruit were my only alternative.

Getting ready for school had never been so difficult.

With a wave of sudden energy, the familiar sound of the furnace and images of lights became a reality. I turned on the radio. The final blow to the morning came over the radio. School was closed.

Luckily sweet sleep required no modern technology. It was then that I realized my own human resourcefulness would do me more good than even the most efficient pop-up-



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## Scientist forsees chance of chilly future

Scott Starnes

The abnormally cold temeratures Portlanders have en experiencing over the last lead one to think the is receding into an ice According to Wayne it, College science inictor, the possibility of an ice reoccurring is not im-

Wright said that during the 30 years, the northern here has been yielding er crops" which implies weather conditions have warm. "This 30-year period we are experienin itself abnormal comto weather conditions the last century. Part of increase in temperature be attributed to the jet he said.

Evidently, the jet stream has to a north-south direcwhich is bringing storms in he Arctic areas, Wright "Before, the jet stream oving from the South bringing warmer air up This sudden coldness presently experiencing. possibly by the change stream is nothing new. nately 40 years ago, was also experiencing than normal temres. "A friend of mine in Dalles area said the ibia River became so that cars were able to drive across the river itself," Wright added.

Supposedly, the world experiencing should be moderately warm temperatures because the spots or magnetic fields on the sun are approaching their maximum, Wright said. Careful research has proposed that these sunspots contribute a significantly to the severity of weather conditons on earth, he said.

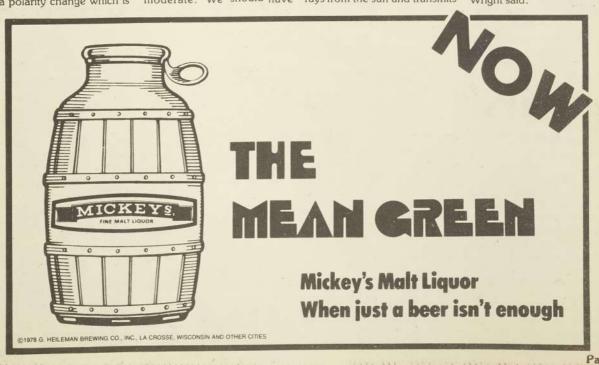
But Wright said the increased presence of sunspots should create warmer temperatures on the earth which does not seem to be happening. "We may be experiencing a polarity change which is indirectly associated with the sunspot cycle. A polarity change occurs when the poles of the sun are shifted by the sunspots, which in turn causes disruptions of the earth's weather," Wright said.

"Precession" was thought to be one of the causes for the inclement weather on earth but Wright said that he personally rules this theory out. "When earth is experiencing the winter months the earth, or in our case the northern hemisphere tilts or precesses toward the sun. Supposedly, temperatures should then be more moderate. We should have cooler summers and warmer

Wright said that mankind and not Mother Nature may be to blame for the continual cold. He said that there exist two ways that man has possibly disrupted the weather, one being the increase in carbon dioxide and the second being the contamination by a variety of particles produced by cars, fires, and other polluting sources in the air.

"With carbon dioxide in the air this creates better chances of increased cloud formation which in turn traps the infrared rays from the sun and transmits these warm rays to the earth. On the other hand, the variety of particle contaminants form a shield which reflects the warm infrared rays back out in space making it colder here on ear-

"I'm optimistic and believe this cold spell to be a temporary thing. But the last couple of years have produced heavy snowfall which cause the warm sun rays to be reflected off the snow and out to space making the earth a little bit colder all the time. It could become a selfperpetuating thing and we could invariably return to somewhat of an ice age,



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