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Boone County avoids major flood damage

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Boone County's river bottomland got its toes wet Thursday, but levees prevented any widescale flooding along the Missouri River.

As the river rose towards its crest, expected sometime during the night, only a few farm plots and short stretches of road were flooded. All lay outside the levees, which were holding throughout the county.

Upstream from Rocheport, in Howard County, a levee broke early Thursday and flooded 300 acres (70 hectares) of farmland.

But flooding was not as widespread as anticipated along Boone County banks. The broken levees upstream, including a major break near Lexington, drained some of the river's force.

The Missouri was expected to crest near midnight at Boonville. The National Weather Service predicted the

river would crest at a channel depth of 27 feet (8 meters), 5.6 feet (1.6 meters) above flood stage but about 2 feet (60 centimeters) less than was originally forecast.

The crest was predicted to pass Jefferson City at 26 feet (7.6 meters) sometime this morning.

That would make the darkest hours for bottomland farmers in Boone County right before the dawn.

Mrs. Bud Holiman, whose husband was on a team anxiously watching the McBaine levees Thursday night, said, "It looks like we might make it. The water's pretty close to the top, but it hasn't come over yet."

At Hartsburg, levees (built by the community since a 1973 flood) stood five to six feet (1.5 to 1.8 meters) above the rising water, according to Hartsburg Levee District President Orion Beckmeyer.

"That's the advantage of a levee district — you don't have any low points," said Beckmeyer.

In 1973 the river spilled over those low

points, flooded the bottomlands, and reached the edges of Hartsburg.

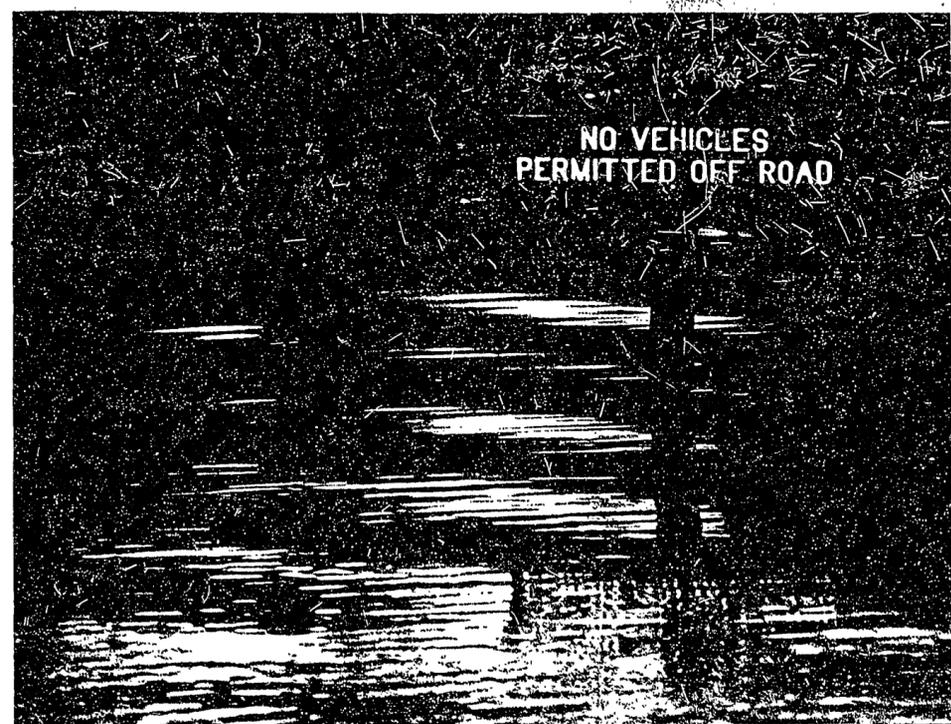
But property between the levees and the river remained in jeopardy.

John and Minerva Jennings live in a trailer outside the levee near Hartsburg, and late Thursday the river was only two feet (60 centimeters) from the top of a small levee around their property. "If it comes up another foot, we'll pull the trailer out," said Mrs. Jennings.

A quarter-mile (.4 kilometer) upstream, pumpkins were floating in an eddy where Russell Sapp of Hartsburg farms. Sapp said he saved 2,000 pumpkins by picking until 10:30 p.m. Tuesday and the ones left behind were no loss. "We got all them that were any good," he said. "We would have been picking them at the end of September, anyway."

Stretches of road along the bluffs south of Wilton and north of Easley were under water.

"Most of the levees have been built to (See FLOOD, page 12A)



Motorists at the Perche Creek Fishing Area might have trouble heeding this sign

Insight Monsters have cousins worldwide

Sea serpents and
ape men reported
throughout world

By Gerard Longbran
United Press International

Is there anything more abominable than the Abominable Snowman? More monstrous than the Loch Ness Monster? Bigger than Bigfoot? Bloodthirstier than the vampire?

You better believe it. According to widely accepted tradition, that two-ton (1.8-tonne) creature dragged up from the ocean bottom last April by Japanese seamen is just the one among a wriggling, scaly, creepy, hairy mass of monsters that still prowls the earth.

Sea (or lake) serpents seem to have the edge in persistence and scientific probability. They are followed by ape men of bashful disposition, then a whole array of weirdos including a fish that seduces young women and a creature whose Achilles heel is located at its belly-button.

A new interest in monsters has blossomed since the discovery off New Zealand of a decomposing carcass that some scientists believe could be a huge reptile thought to have died out 100 million years ago.

A Japanese fishing boat was trawling off Christchurch when its nets snared the creature 1,000 feet (300 meters) below. Seamen drew sketches and made photographs showing it to be 32 feet (9.6 meters) long, with four flippers, a long neck and a tail. Experts tentatively identified it as a plesiosaur, but to the consternation of scientists, the skipper threw it back, fearing it would contaminate his catch.

"It's a reptile and the sketch looks very like a plesiosaur," said Professor Yoshinori Imaizumi of Tokyo's National Science Museum. That would put it in the family — if such exists — of the Loch Ness Monster in Scotland, the Kol Kol monster in the Soviet Union and the Lac Pohenegamook monster in Quebec, Canada.

The best-known monster is "Nessie," who first appeared when St. Columba visited King Brude of the Northern Picts in 700 A.D. and attended the (See MYSTERIOUS, page 8A)



A University student photographer's assignment to take pictures of people's reactions changed Wednesday when a Brink's guard decided there was more to the camera than just taking pictures. The guard was making a pickup at the University's Jesse Hall.

Photography student aims camera down gun barrel

By Jean Bradshaw
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A student photographer assigned to take pictures of people's reactions got one he didn't expect when a Brink's armored car guard threatened him with a drawn pistol.

The photographer, Lew Stamp, a beginning student in the School of Journalism, was taking pictures outside Jesse Hall around noon Wednesday when the Brink's armored car arrived for the morning University collection. Stamp said later that he thought pictures of people reacting to the guard would be interesting.

When Stamp aimed his camera at the

guard — John Ross, Columbia manager of Brink's — he found himself looking down the muzzle of Ross's weapon.

Stamp said he first thought the guard was joking, but quickly realized he wasn't. "I, foolishly enough, was not scared," Stamp said.

Ross later said he was deadly serious. "I told him twice to put that damn thing down," Ross said. "I didn't know him; I didn't know what he was doing. He was acting so damn weird. It's our lives we're dealing with."

Stamp said he does not remember Ross' command. "It's my best recollection that it (the two actions) was simultaneous. It

happened so close together."

Boone County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Stan Clay said that, unless self-defense or some other special legal justification is involved, the guard would be "just like you or I. We couldn't go point a gun at anybody."

Ross thought he was acting in self-defense, he said. "We've got to take care of our security men, we've got to take care of our lives. It's our lives, not the money, we're talking about."

"On this job you don't even trust your own brother, not even your own mother."

Stamp said he does not plan to file a complaint with police.

Lance says reputation is smeared

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WASHINGTON (UPI) — Calling for a "people's verdict," Bert Lance took the offensive against his critics Thursday, charging that members of the Senate and the news media have smeared his reputation with innuendoes and distortions.

"My conscience is clear," he declared in a forceful 90-minute statement to the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee.

In a 49-page statement defending his actions, Lance gave no indication of whether he will resign, but he made a detailed, point-by-point rebuttal of the major charges against him, which involve bank overdrafts, loans, the use of political influence, and his candor about financial problems before his nomination as budget director.

"I did not ask for this fight," he said at a packed hearing in the Senate's largest committee room. "But now that I am in it, I am fighting not only for myself, but also for our system."

In his statement, Lance insisted that the committee, which confirmed his appointment in January, had no grounds to question that decision now.

Committee members questioned him for 2½ hours, but much of the time was devoted to political squabbling and recesses.

Committee Chairman Abraham Ribicoff, D-Conn., immediately turned to the issue of overdrafts, noting inconsistencies between Lance's story and information gathered by the comptroller of the currency.

"You and I read the comptroller of currency entirely opposite," Ribicoff said. He said the comptroller lists overdrafts in the second half of 1974 in amounts ranging from \$25,000 in August to \$189,000 in November.

Lance said he was speaking only of his personal account, which was overdrawn in a much smaller amount. Ribicoff's totals included the overdrafts of Mrs. Lance, the Lance family and Lance's campaign.

Lance's lawyer, Clark Clifford, advised him to stick with his statement.

Lance answered each question, often after conferring with his lawyer.

He had made clear in his prepared statement that he is depending on the public — not the Senate or the news media (See LANCE, page 8A)



Bert Lance Hammers away at critics

M.U. officials push for integration

By Jeff Gordon
Missourian staff writer

Impressed by the "positive attitudes" of white fraternity and sorority leaders, University administrators said Thursday that "major time, energy and effort" will be committed to ending racial isolation in the Greek system.

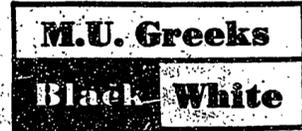
The student leaders suggested at a meeting with administrators that a task force be formed to seek solutions to the problem.

Vice Chancellor James Banning, who

called the meeting said afterward, "None of us have a magic wand" to end segregation. "Campus life is a reflection of society."

Banning said a number of actions will be taken in the next few weeks by students and administrators to help open up the Greek system.

Bill Riley, director of the Center for Student Life, said that while students seemed anxious to solve the problem, the administrators made it clear that more racial integration is expected. "As long as students live in a



vacuum," Riley said, segregation will continue.

The actions agreed on include:

Black and white Greek councils, which have been operating mostly on

their own, will meet to discuss their differences. Many black Greeks have pointed to the lack of communication between the councils as a cause of segregation.

Black and white fraternities and sororities will make more information available to all students. Black students had complained about the lack of rush information and general information about white fraternities and sororities.

More staff members and more resources will be made available to Greek members as they work toward

integration.

National fraternity and sorority organizations will be consulted. Banning said Greek systems on other campuses already have gone through the struggle of integration.

Advisers to each of the fraternities and sororities will be asked to help their organizations and offer suggestions, especially at rush time.

Fraternities which haven't yet filed their official non-discrimination policies in their charters will be asked to produce them September 20.

In town today

7:30 and 9:30 p.m. "God," a play by Woody Allen, Gentry Hall, University.

8 and 10:30 p.m. "Clarence: A Teenage Melodrama," Gladstone Manufacturing Co.

See Sunday's Vibrations magazine for continuing exhibit schedules.

Movie listings on pages 10-11A.