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# SCIENTISTS TAKING STAR WARS GRANTS DESPITE PROTESTS 

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CPS) -Increasingly widespread campus criticism of President Reagan's Star Wars program is not having any noticeable impact on campus-based research for the initiative, Defense officials say.

About 3,000 higher education researchers submitted grant proposals to the department's Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) during the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30 , the Pentagon reports.

Some 58 grants totaling $\$ 14$ million were awarded, and in no case did any researcher offered a grant decline, SDI public information officer Mary Pershak says.

Pershak says SDI officials have had no difficulty finding university researchers to do the work they are seeking from the higher education community.

However, physics professors on many campuses have been circulating a petition nationwide to thwart SDI college research.
"It (the petition drive) hasn't affected us one bit," Pershak says. "The proposals keep rolling in."

SDI is the Defense Department agency charged with implementing President Reagan's plan to put lasers and other high-tech weapons into space to shot down nuclear warheads heading for the U.S.

Critics, who charge Star Wars is an unworkable and dangerous escalation of the arms race, have collected more than 1,500 signatures from professors and graduate students pledging not to seek or accept SDI funds.

University of Illinois physics professor Micheal Weissman, who helped organize the petition drive during the
summer, says university researchers are responding to SDI the way one would expect.
"If I had $\$ 3$ bilion to throw away, I could find researchers to do whatever I wanted them to," Weissman says.

Weissman simply hopes the petition drive will have "small impact" on campus SDI research by encouraging those who have qualms about Star Wars to delay seeking SDI funds.
"We've already heard from a number of people who are sitting on the fence," Weissman says.
"If they thought Star Wars was unstoppable, they'd give up and take the money."

Last week, for example, 28 of the 47 members of the 0hio State physics department signed the petition. The signers pledge not to take any Star Wars research money.

About a third of Harvard's physics department faculty also signed the pledge last week, stating they didn't want receipt of a grant to imply they support the program.

At some schools, however, the petition drives have triggered a counter movement of sorts.

The University of Michigan trustees approved a resolution last month encouraging professors to accept SDI contracts after one trustee suggested some professors might be inhibited from doing so because of the widespread criticism of Star Wars.

Two teams of Michigan professors have accepted SDI funds.

The primary goal of the anti-Star Wars petition drive, We issman says, is to undermine the program by undercutting public and congressional support for it.
"Up to now, people have been snowballed with all this crap that it will solve the nuclear war threat," Weissman says.
"we're trying to let them know what a fraud it is, and in that respect we're on the right track."

Among the signers, Weissman says, are at least half of the physics professors at 16 schools.

The magnitude of the campus research to be funded by SDI will become apparent during the current fiscal year, when the agency is expected to award about $\$ 140$ million in campus research funds.
 JAMES ABRAHAMSON

## RIGHITRR SIDE

The English language is a wonderful language. Since becoming a college student I have learned some new vocabulary. To help the college student, I have decided to put this vocabulary into a dictionary. (If Webster can do it why can't I?) The following are just a few of the choice words that have been selected for my dictionary.

1. Nonnotaphobic -- the student who can't seem to take enough notes -- a chronic note taker. There are several here at Camp Marian, in fact, you might even know one. They are the ones who sit in the front row of class and refuse to blink or sneeze because they are afraid of missing something the teacher has said.
2. Orks -- an ARA word for a four pronged eating device.

## 3. Humburger -- another ARA word meaning a leftover Steak-um with cheese. <br> 4. Uncokified -- when you want a coke but only carbonated water comes out of the fountain.

5. Jennymatic -- when someone pays the laundry machine twice for one load (ask Jenny Richart about this one).
6. Tacklomaniacs -- people
with a compulsion to carry
tackle boxes around (art
students are experts on the
subject).
7. Cafitonic -- a person who cannot enter the cafeteria by him- or herself.

Copies of this wonderful, handy dandy dictionary (which by the way, has been on the New York Times Best Sellers list for the past 12 weeks) can be purchased at your local college necessities store for the reasonable price of 299.99. If you have any words that you feel should be added to this dictionary, please put them under the Carbon Office door.
D.E.A.R.

## WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The Marian College Lady Knight's volleyball team continued their quest for the districts as they took on Franklin, St. Francis and ISU. Against a tough Franklin team the Knights went down to defeat in a gallant effort. Down 2 games to 0 and $11-1$ in the 3rd game the Knights came back to win the 3rd game 16-14. They went on to take the fourth game $15-7$, but lost the 5 th and deciding game 15-5.

October 26, against ISU and St. Francis, the Knights were without two fine players but squeezed out the victories. Against St. Francis the Knights escaped 16-14,17-15. In both games the Knights fought away game point several times.

A scrappy ISU team was next for the Knights, who again came out on top 15-10, 15-13. Behind the tenacious hitting of Renee Gilmour, the Knights kept ISU constantly off balance.

Thanks to all the "athletic supporters" who came to watch and cheer the Knights at Franklin.

The last home game is November 2. District playoffs begin November 8-9 at IUPUI.

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With Homecoming rapidly approaching, the Carbon will be needing extra people to cover the different Homecoming Events. If you are interested in doing this please contact Teri Sauer (ext. 535) or Dan Johnson (ext. 549).


Thursday, November 7 th

7:30-10:00 p.m.

Marian Auditorium

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Auditions for Mock Rock will be held on Monday, November 4 and Sunday, November 11 from 8:30 to 10:00 p.m. in Piene Arena Theater. Please bring the original cassette of the music and the type of lighting effects for your group. This years Mock Rock will be MCed by WNAP's Rock Starsky. If you have any questions please call Marty Kot at ext. 142.

## AEROBICS

There are Aerobics offered Monday through Thursday in Clare Hall Gym at 7:00 p.m. COME JOIN THE FUN AND EXERCISE.

Will you look at that? It's the new Marian College dress code! Angie Ricci anc Lisa Minter (AKA: Margaret and Harold Harvey) model it so well.

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## THANKS

Thanks to all seniors who helped with the Haunted House. It was a big success! Special thanks to Dave, Gary and Steve for all your help!

## Mike, Cathy, John, Michele

 and Laura
## ALUMNI PHONATHON: A SUCCESS!

The first week of the Alumni Phonathon was very successful! Approximately $\$ 15,000$ has been pledged to the 1985 Alumni Fund Drive. Groups participating in the first four nights of calling include Student Board, Booster Club, the Basketball Players, Nursing Students and Senior Class. Top honor for dollars pledged goes to Student Board with $\$ 5,490$ !

Second week figures were not available at press time.

Thank you, Denise Finney

## F.C.A. MEETING

An F.C.A. meeting will be held Sunday, Nov. 3 at 8:00 in Clare Hall Lounge.



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