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Many students and other members of the NNC community enjoyed spring breaks in various more or less exotic venues (see box below). We've chosen to outline two such trips for you; the first is Rob Readmond and Keren Schandorff's trek to Kansas City and a Work and Witness expedition to Thailand.

Disasters in the presence of God Blest be the Thai that binds

Most students probably wouldn't want to spend their spring break in Kansas City, Missouri, even if it included playing music in coffee shops and painting murals on bathroom walls. However, Rob Readmond and Keren Schandorff did just that.

What would drive anyone to spend their precious vacation time in the Midwest? Readmond said he was just glad to get out of Nampa. Schandorff said, "I went to see my relatives. My mom's whole side of the family lives there."

According to Readmond and Schandorff, they performed in three coffee shops in the Midwest. Together, Readmond and Schandorff make up the band *Red Letter Someone*. The name of their band might at first sounds like some kind of riddle, which Schandorff agreed it was.

However, the title of their band has significant meaning. "It's Jesus," Readmond said. "You know, all the red letters in the Bible." According to Schandorff, the themes of the majority of their songs are centered around Christ, so when they perform they feel like their really ministering to the listeners.

Both travelers said they experienced God in a new way during the 10-day trip. "You wouldn't believe all the crazy things that happened," Schandorff said. "It was a ton of different disasters, one after another."

These disasters included repeatedly getting lost on the highway, getting a 4-inch bolt stuck in their tire on the way to pick up something for their performance

which was supposed to start in just 30 minutes, breaking a guitar string during a show and not having a replacement, having their wallet stolen, and finally, having to stay the night in Cheyenne, Wyoming because they got caught in a horrible blizzard the night they were supposed to be back in Nampa. There are even more disasters, but Schandorff said there were too many to list.

As bad as this trip really could have been, Readmond and Schandorff both said it was a



Rob and Keren performing. "Look, Mom, no eyes!"

wonderful learning experience, and they're glad they went. "It was good to have our own agendas thrown to the side through circumstance," Readmond said. "And because of this, we were just made to trust in God."

Schandorff said that she learned a lot about God's presence in her life. "Even though it was one disaster after another, everything worked out well," she said. "It was easy to smile through it all."

According to Readmond, the lessons they learned were important lessons for every Christian to learn. "It rearranged my priorities," he said. "It made me really appreciate God's perspective, rather than my own."

Schandorff said, "Even when you don't know what's really happening to you, God's still in control."

By AMY RILEY
COVER STORY EDITOR

Halfway around the world in a remote area of Northern Thailand is a small village with a new church. As one of the first permanent structures for the historically nomadic hill tribe in the Pai Yang village, this brick building will help residents gain full citizenship rights.

The church was built by a twelve-member Work and Witness team sent by College Church of the Nazarene. Included in the group were six NNC personnel: Bob Ennis, Janet Harmon, Martha Hopkins, Paul Miller, and Ralph and Lynn Neil. The group was gone from March 8 until March 23.

"The story of that church is really exciting," commented Lynn Neil. The pastor, a converted witch doctor, has led the Pai Yang church for seven years. For the first five, there were few new Christians. However, when the head man of the village was saved, the church began to experience considerable growth. The new building became necessary when the congregation outgrew the old bamboo hut in which they had been meeting previously.

"They're very industrious people," noted Miller. Villagers worked closely with the team throughout the two weeks; this gave them an important feeling of ownership of the new church.

Communication presented special difficulties because the tribal language is not Thai. As a



Team members put up a cross in the sanctuary in Thailand.

result, two interpreters were needed. One translated English to Thai and the other translated Thai to the tribal dialect.

There is no electricity in the Pai Yang village, and they have had running water for only a year. Nazarene Compassionate Ministries was largely responsible for the running water. Before that, villagers had to carry all of the water they used.

"We worked long hours in high heat with no injuries. We're glad for that," Neil said. This was especially important because medical aid was scarce and inadequate.

Precautions were taken to avoid illness by bringing food and bottled water.

"We worked like dogs," said Neil. "We had a great time." The trip was two weeks of hard work in unfamiliar surroundings, but team members were satisfied with the results of their task.

By DEBI CARTER
STAFF WRITER

"We worked like dogs."

Other student trips worth mentioning

- Roberta Clark and Lori Dayton-----Mazatlan, Mexico
- Charlene Vandaele-----Florida, the Bahamas
- David Church, Katina Rosentrator, Elizabeth Walker, Cary Hill, Jennifer Coles, and some Schmelzenbachs-----Yosemite
- Ryan Barton, Darrin Million, Adrian Van Hooser-----Disneyland
- Chem Club-----New Orleans; NNP-----Colorado

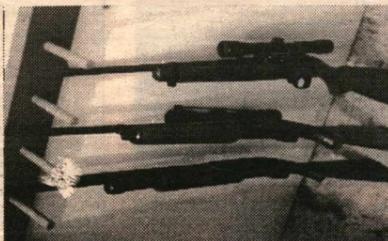
In Campus news: A new activity makes its debut this Saturday (pg.2)



CAR RALLY

In World news:

The House wants the guns...



...back on the streets (page 5).

COLUMN ONE

I'm tickled that somebody finally did it, but I'm ticked that that somebody wasn't me. I'm referring to, of course, the "incident" with the bells yesterday morning.

Apparently, some kind soul accidentally replaced the usual (melodic) bell "music" with some tunes that reflect our daily struggles more accurately. I mean, of course, Monty Python, Alaniss Morissette, and ACDC's most appropriate "Hell's Bells."

Ever since the bells have graced our exit from chapel every M/W/F, students have tossed around the idea of improving the selection of songs played. We at *The Crusader*, despite our role as everlasting champions of the establishment, applaud the pranksters and bemoan our bad luck of not being the perpetrators behind the best prank of the year.

One more thing: Many thanks to Keren Schandorff for the excellent cover. Enough chatter, though. Enjoy our product.

--John Fraley, Managing Editor

Students help in flood relief

Thirteen students spent their break making a difference in the lives of others.

"It was so overwhelming, the frustration of knowing that all we were doing was throwing away stuff."
~ Jeremy Meehan

For many students, the first few days of Spring Break were spent catching up on sleep and relaxing at home. For a group of thirteen NNC students, however, the time was spent clearing away the damage in St. Maries, Idaho, one of the communities hardest hit from recent flooding in the northern part of the state.

NNC chaplain Gene Schandorff organized the relief effort. "I called the district superintendent for that area and asked if there were any communities that had a need," Schandorff said. St.



Gene Schandorff shovels debris in the flood relief efforts that took place over spring break. (Meehan)

Maries was at the top of the list. Schandorff then placed a call to Kansas City, asking the Nazarene Disaster Relief, of Compassionate Ministries, if it would fund the effort. "They were quick to respond," Schandorff said.

NNC students Natasha and Richie Chadbourne, natives of St. Maries, were pleased that NNC would "I couldn't believe it when Gene started talking about it in chapel," said freshman Natasha Chadbourne. "I was really excited."

Senior Richie Chadbourne said, "I thought it was really nice of them to come up and help."

Located one hour south of Coeur d'Alene, St. Maries experienced some of the most severe flooding in the area. Of its six dike districts, four dikes had broken. Some areas were covered by six to twelve feet of water. A flooded lumber mill caused diesel, oil and gasoline leakage, as well as scattered lumber debris.

"I couldn't believe how thoroughly everything was damaged," freshman Jeremy Meehan said.

The group from NNC stayed in St. Maries Church of the Nazarene and spent March 15-14 helping

to clear away the debris from twelve homes. Debris was hauled away from yards, and inside walls were stripped to allow the frames of the houses to dry.

"We'd go through their stuff and save what was salvageable," junior Chrysti Nelson said. "One lady walked in the door and just started crying--she'd raised eight kids there."

"It was so overwhelming," Meehan said, "the frustration of knowing that all we were doing was throwing stuff away."

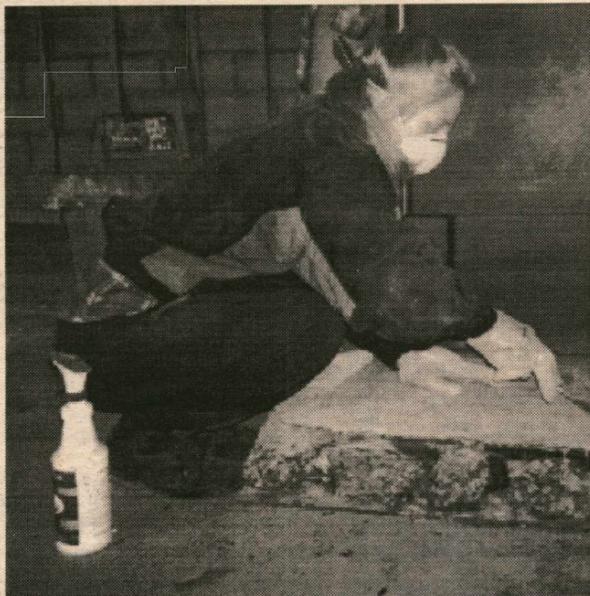
The group worked on a day-to-day basis, depending on word of mouth to set the itinerary. "We would be eating lunch, and we'd be talking to the waitress and she'd know someone who needed help," Meehan said.

The community aided in the effort by donating trucks for hauling, as well as providing meals and other needed items. "We'd go to the hardware store for stuff we needed and they'd just give it to us," Nelson said. "It was the only way they could thank us."

Even though a lot of work remained to be done when the group left St. Maries, Schandorff believes that the group's presence did much to boost morale in the community. "I think we made a significant difference in their outlook," Schandorff said. "They'd be down and discouraged and by the time we left the mood had lightened considerably."

"It just showed how strong people can be," Meehan said of the experience. "Some people really held onto their possessions and some realized, hey, it's just stuff."

By HEATHER SLATER
COPY EDITOR



Jill Peterson lent her expertise in cleaning up the aftermath of Northern Idaho's floods. (Meehan)

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~ Gene Schandorff

NNC Notepad

✓ This week Senate began third term with an array of new legislation. Five new bills were presented to Senate for a first reading.

SB9604-01, an amendment to the constitution, dealt with a rewording of the constitution and ASNNC Code. The chief justice position and duties were put back into the constitution.

SB9604-02 dealt with the amendment to the code, also made changes in language that defined the duties and responsibilities of the Chief Justice.

SB9604-05, another constitutional bill, described the position of the Publicity representatives on the class councils. The bill presented will change the way students acquire the position of publicity representative. The legislation is an attempt to change the position from an elected position to an appointed position.

SB9604-04, a bill requesting a new computer, new printer, and campus network access for ASNNC executive council members. The total dollar amount requested was \$2,750.

SB9604-05, the final piece of legislation of the night, was a



Make your voice heard; vote for class officers on Monday, April 8.

request for funds for the Citizens Awareness Committee. The committee, a sub-committee of the ASNNC President's cabinet is seeking funds to help cover the cost involved with sponsoring the campus visit of Idaho Governor, Phil Batt.

✓ Class Council speeches and elections will be this Monday, April 8. Students are strongly encouraged to vote.

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TIM SCHLACK
CAMPUS EDITOR

CAR RALLY?

What could be more fun than driving around Nampa, performing crazy acts and seeking out disguised faculty? Well, the answer is the "Senior Class car Rally."

This weekend the Senior Class will be hosting an activity that may not be entirely new to college students, but is definitely unique to the NNC campus.

"We really felt bad about not being able to do Senior Slick second term," said Senior Class President Jeff Kinneveauk. "We are hoping that this event will be fun for students as well as something new."

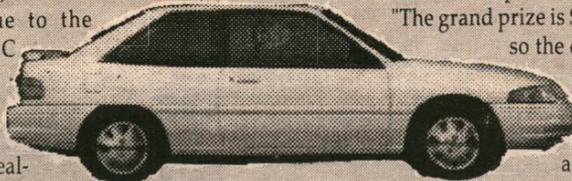
Due to several factors, such as timing and lack of participation, the Senior Class was unable to put on the traditional Senior Slick of second term.

Instead of giving up any hope of a Senior activity, the council decided that some traditions, though they be worthwhile sometimes need to be changed or amended. That is when the idea of

doing a car rally came into being.

The rally is slated for Saturday, and will begin at 4:00 p.m. at the gym. Students are encouraged to put together groups of three to four into a car and take on the adventure of hunting down faculty and clues at various locations around Nampa.

"The grand prize is \$100, so the clues are



a little difficult to get, but not impossible," said Senior class Secretary Shane Bunn.

After the participants have completed the course, they will be sent to Brasch World for a barbecue.

"We're hoping this will be a fun activity for not only Seniors, but all students as well," said Kinneveauk.

By TIM SCHLACK
CAMPUS EDITOR

New students add to campus

Most students are excited to get back to NNC spring term: a time for getting together with old friends, playing in the sun, and, of course, studying. But what if there weren't any old friends to get together with?

NNC welcomes many new students every term who come from many different schools. A few of those new students this term are Brooke Bloomfield, Michelle Litsey, Benjamin Ringe, Jeremy Weeks, and Staci Wilson.

What draws a student to attend another school during an established school year? For Brooke Bloomfield, who was attending Treasure Valley Community College, there were three important reasons.

"I came to NNC because of the Speech Pathology department, to stay close to home, and also, my boyfriend is in the area," said the junior from Nampa. "My sister goes here, and it's kind of neat to spend time here. NNC is more accredited and easier to get around. I also like it because it's smaller."

Many students decide to make the change to NNC because of the Christian/Nazarene atmosphere, but for Brooke, that wasn't the main rea-

son. "I don't have a whole lot of religious background, so I'm really excited to learn about the religious views here."

Although the Admissions office has the most contact with the new students, many other departments on campus try to help the new students become established and make new friends. One activity that was planned for new students was the New Student Party, hosted by the Peer Counselors. Once again the party gave students the opportunity to get to know each other and meet new people.

The theme this term was simple, food, fun, and fellowship, all with a creative twist.

"We invited the new ASNNC officers and we played games, ate, and had a fun time getting to know the new students," said Joanne Rittmueller, head of the peer counselors. "It was a creativity party. Everyone made their own food, (tacos, sundaes, etc.), and even played with Playdough!"

Being a new student during third term is not always an easy



Brooke Bloomfield, one of NNC's newest faces on campus.

thing. Many students have already established friends and have groups of friends to do things with. The New Student party's objective was to help students find at least one new contact, in the short time that they are here.

By HELEN WARRINER
OPERATIONS MANAGER

Class elections drawing near

Campaigning for class council positions began April 2, and as one student said, "I think it'd be neat if students could understand more what they do."

The roles class councils play for their classes are diverse and important. According to Chris Field, president of freshman and sophomore class councils in the last two years, "We're not policy makers, ASNNC is. Class councils are implementers, [but] not necessarily enforcers. In order for the class to benefit from the policies, class council has to implement."

Darlene Brasch, senior class council advisor said, "[Councils] are responsible for their own class, to bring that class together, to have activities to make them bond. Beyond the class, it organizes activities for the school itself."

"ASNNC oversees everything, and is the ultimate decider," but without class councils, "things wouldn't get pulled off," explained Ben Potter, freshman president. "It gives the class a sense of security that activities are in the hands of the council, and the money is being spent wisely," he said.

Marilyn Thompson, senior class council advisor said, "It provides a really strong leadership role to the class."

But what do class councils actually do? Thompson said that each class is responsible for certain activities for the whole school, "Sophomores welcome freshmen, juniors raise money, and seniors prepare for graduation." Specific activities by the class council include Fresheree, by the sophomores, the Junior Class play and Junior/Senior retreat, by the juniors, Mr. NNC by freshmen, and Senior Slick.

Each council meets once a week

with its advisor, and the president of each council meets once a week with ASNNC. The students give themselves assignments, and Thompson estimated, each council spends at least 2-3 hours every week involved in the council.

"[councils prepare] some really good times and memories for the campus...the more organized the class council is the better the school events will be."

**Darlene Brasch,
Sr. Class Advisor**

Many seem to think that it is the individual people who hold council positions that make the positions important, not necessarily the positions themselves.

"[Councils prepare] some really good times and memories for the campus and a lot has to do with how they're organized and how well they publicize and how excited they get over the activities," said Brasch, adding, "the

more organized the class council is, the better the school events will be."

"If you asked them, they would say sometimes they do [a good job] and sometimes they don't," said Thompson, "the students say they could have done some things better. They literally agonized over dropping Senior Slick."

Linc Loeber, freshman treasurer and sophomore vice president in '95 and '96 respectively, said, "The ideas we came up with we could achieve if we so desired. Some [councils live up to their potential] and some don't. It depends on the president and how meetings are run."

Krista Klosterman, freshman social representative said, "I have heard in years past [social reps] did nothing. The person in VP position is what makes social reps important, if the social VP chooses to use them."

"Bringing knowledge of pitfalls, knowing what council is responsible for and keeping them on track," is the class council advisor's job, according to Thompson. But even this role is dependent on the individual filling the role, Brasch admitted, saying that some advisors haven't really worked with their councils. "For the advisor to be involved helps tremendously, because we've had experiences that have been able to help the class councils," she said.

Most involved with councils believe that councils have all the power they need, and are not restricted in what they want to accomplish.

"They probably have enough power, it's maybe they don't utilize their positions as what they could. The power is there, but it's whether they want to take that initiative," said Brasch.

By GINA GRATE
ASSISTANT CAMPUS EDITOR

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Amusement park to be built north of Nampa

Sweetwater Junction will include water park, amusement park, and movie studio

Nampa will soon be home to an amusement park that will rival Disneyland as a major public entertainment attraction. The construction phase of the project, headed by Bob Klosterman and Larry Eastland, will start in the summer, and May 1997 is the goal for its official opening to the public. The park, to be named Sweetwater Junction, will be located along Can-Ada road near the Interstate 84 Nampa exit.

Sweetwater's creator, Bob Klosterman, acted for a time as president and CEO of Mary Tyler Moore Entertainment Inc., and has invested over two years in developing Sweetwater Junction. Larry Eastland, founder of a prosperous data research company, heard about Klosterman's plans and decided to sign on.

A theme park is not the only development project planned for the area. A BSU extension site, golf course, a new Snake River Stampede attraction, and other related projects are also in the works. There will be a water park and

several hotels, stores, and restaurants. A movie studio will be built next to the theme park, and the developers hope to attract independent and larger film projects, as well as TV

The whole endeavor is expected to cost near the \$50 million mark over the next five years.

productions. An information center will provide assistance for travelers. Offices will be made available for businesses and an RV park will be built that could ultimately accommodate 500 lots.

According to the *Idaho Press-Tribune*, amusement park will feature several rides and a movie house. The park will not operate the rides during the winter months, but some activities and events will be featured on a regular basis.

Tierre Turner, who has acted in or

stunted for over 60 movies and television programs, will manage the studio lot. Turner's professional links and the desire to keep production costs down may entice the big movie companies to take advantage of the Nampa facilities.

Eastland, who hails from Nampa himself, stated the cost of the whole endeavor is expected to reach the \$50 million mark over the next five years.

Klosterman predicts attendance to reach at least 460,000 per year within the first five years of the park's operation. The market, aside from the local population, includes some 4.5 million out-of-state motorists and several hundred thousand more via airline patrons.

Admission fees for Sweetwater Junction will be determined according to age, and will run between about \$10 and \$20. There will be no additional charge for the rides.

Both Klosterman and Eastland are optimistic about the park. Klosterman stated "It [the park] will be the kind of place that the people of Idaho will be proud of."

Eastland was equally enthused, saying "We have the most exciting project in the Northwest."

BY ANTONY SYME
STAFF WRITER

Standoff in Montana

Freemen play chicken with the FBI

For the past week or so, the Montana Freemen have been holed up in a farm in northeastern Montana. There are about twenty people on the ranch, which is now surrounded by FBI agents, who are trying to get the Freemen to give up peacefully, without a firefight. What does a group of people have to do to elicit such a response from the FBI?

The taxes on the ranch haven't been paid since 1981, but that isn't the main reason why the FBI is there. For the past several years, the Freemen have been scamming Montana residents with counterfeit money orders to raise money for weapons and food. In addition, they threatened numerous local officials, and their 150 members and strong supporters would have been able to carry them out. They threatened to hang Sheriff Charles Phipps of Garfield by a rope from a bridge, and placed a \$1 million bounty on his head. The Musselshell County Attorney was moved his family to a secret location after the FBI surrounded the Freemen farm, to keep them safe. By last February, the Freemen were wanted for fraud, threatening public officials, and a host of other crimes.

The FBI has been watching the Freemen for months, but decided to move against them when he began planning the kidnapping of several local officials by traveling "in units of about ten outfits, four men to an outfit . . . Anyone obstructing justice, the order is shoot to kill" in the words of LeRoy Schweitzer, a Freemen leader who was arrested a day after making the statement by undercover FBI agents.



Now twenty of these Freemen are a ranch surrounded by the FBI. They refuse to leave, and the FBI can't have another disaster like Waco. It could be a long standoff.

BY DAVID STILLMAN
WORLD EDITOR

Russians to leave Chechnya

Some troops to be left behind to deter terrorism

This past Sunday, Boris Yeltsin, president of Russia, gave in to public demands by ordering Russian troops to leave the breakaway republic of Chechnya. Russian troops will begin moving out on March 31. However, according to the Interfax news agency, Yeltsin did not say that the fighting would end before then. On the day that Yeltsin's speech was aired, Chechnian separatists attacked Russian positions in eastern Chechnya fifteen times. In the town of Komsomolskoye, Chechin rebels are digging trenches to ward off a probable Russian assault.

So far, this month has seen some of the worst fighting since the Russians started fighting in Chechnya two years ago. Russian troops have stepped up attacks on Chechin towns, apparently trying to push the rebels into the mountains before the peace plan takes effect. They have also sealed off several villiages and accused the townspeople of harboring rebel troops. Human rights activists have shown grave concern over Russian actions which they feel target civilians.

Yeltsin's move to end the war in Chechnya was essentially an act of self-preservation.

Yeltsin had to do something about the unpopular war if he wanted to have a prayer of beating Gennady Zyuganov, his main opponent in the upcoming presidential election. He has given the people peace, but he still leaves the door open for a return to Chechnya. In his address, he said that some troops would remain in Chechnya to guard against terrorists. "We will not reconcile ourselves to terrorist acts and they will receive an adequate response," stated Yeltsin.

The troops remaining in Chechnya could conceivably sink the peace plan. A similar proposal was going smoothly last July when Yeltsin announced that there would be a permanent Russian presence in the Republic. This time, Yeltsin hopes to appease the rebels by allowing for the election of a new Chechin parliament. If the Chechin rebels don't like Yeltsin's peace proposal, the Russian troops would definitely be necessary. In the past two years, Chechin rebels have seized a hospital, a cruise ship, and a small Russian town, and taken hundreds of Russians hostage.

BY DAVID STILLMAN
STAFF WRITER

Week in Review

Michael Irvin indicted

Michael Irvin, the Dallas Cowboys star receiver, was indicted for drug possession this past Monday. Last month, police searched Irvin's hotel room after there were complaints from the hotel management about a noisy party. They found Irvin's fingerprints on dinner plates on which drugs were found. There was also cocaine residue on a glass in his overnight bag, as well as four grams of cocaine. Police Officer Matt Drumm was one of four police officers who searched the room. "When we got the door partially open, they had the security bar on it. A big cloud of smoke came out." After the police showed their handcuffs, Irvin said, "Don't you know who I am?"

This is not the first news of drug abuse among the Cowboys. *The Dallas Morning News* reported that three Cowboys tested positive on drug tests last month, but a technicality kept the NFL from taking action against them.

FBI captures Unabomber

After an eighteen-year manhunt, the FBI believes it has captured the Unabomber. The FBI now has Theodore Kaczynski, a Lincoln, Montana native, in custody, and will hold him until they are able to complete a search of his home. Federal officials have long described the Unabomber as an older, middle-aged Harvard graduate who resided in the Northwest, and Kaczynski fits the bill perfectly. According to an anonymous federal worker, Kaczynski graduated from Harvard and was once a professor at the University of California at Berkeley. The FBI was led to Kaczynski after his family discovered documents in their Chicago home that linked him to the bombings.

The Unabomber is suspected in sixteen mail bombings since 1978, which have injured twenty-three persons and killed three more.

Secretary killed in crash

Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown and 32 others were killed in a tragic plane crash during a business development trip in Bosnia on Wednesday. The crash was apparently caused by bad weather, and search efforts were hampered by fog and heavy rain. Rough terrain also delayed rescue efforts. According to a Croatian official at the scene, one woman survived the crash but died on the way to the hospital. The plane, a converted Boeing 737 which was recently used by Hillary Clinton in her tour of Europe, crashed about 1.8 miles from the runway in Dubrovnik, where it was attempting to land.

Brown, who was 54, was the first African-American chairman of the Democratic Party, and organized Clinton's 1992 presidential campaign. "Ron Brown was one of the best advisors and one of the ablest people I knew." Clinton said "And he was very, very good at everything he did."

China faces off with Taiwan

Taiwan's elections unaffected by Chinese military exercises

After receiving fifty-five percent of the vote in Taiwan's first direct presidential election, President Lee Teng-hui, before a crowd of jubilant supporters, called his people "to protect the path to democracy"

There was no immediate official response from China, which considered the elections an unwelcome move by Taiwan toward independence. The election was held against the backdrop of Chinese military exercises in the Strait of Taiwan.

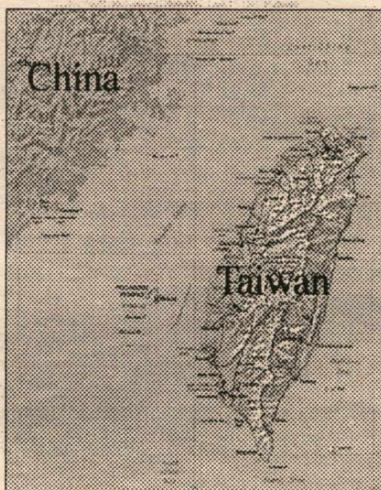
These election results occurred after tension had built up between Taiwan and China. China had been conducting war games in the Taiwan Strait from March 12 to 20. (The election date was March 23.) China carried out eight days of air and sea exercises with live ammunition.

The United States got involved in the face-off when it sent two carrier battle groups to the area "to make sure that we can avoid any miscalculation by the Chinese," said National Security Adviser Anthony Lake. Lake added, "If they attack Taiwan, there will be grave consequences." For now, the carrier groups are still patrolling nearby waters.

In the aftermath of the elections China and Taiwan both talked about ending their tense face-off. Lee, referred to as a "splittist" trying to tear Taiwan from the mainland, promised to "pursue a policy of détente" with China. Chinese

Foreign Ministry spokesman Shen Guofang said, "The door to negotiations is still open. The key is for the Taiwan authorities to give up their pursuit of two Chinas or one China and one Taiwan."

Lee promised cheering crowds that he would work to repair ties to mainland China. "We will seek further development in our mainland relations," he said. "I know you want stability, and you want to make money."



By LEE TAYLOR
STAFF WRITER

House repeals assault weapons ban

Weapons banned in bill two years ago could become legal

This past Friday the House of Representatives voted to repeal a ban on the nineteen types of semiautomatic weapons. The vote, 239 for and 173 against, was all but peaceful and ended with some Representatives "highly explosive."

"You'll never know what it's like because you don't have someone in your family killed. It's the whole family," said Representative Patrick Kennedy,

The ban made it illegal for the nineteen weapons to be manufactured or imported into the U.S.

the son of Senator Edward Kennedy and nephew of President John Kennedy and Senator Robert Kennedy, who were both assassinated.

"My wife lives alone five days a week in a rural area in upstate New York. She has a right to defend herself when I'm not there, son, and you--don't

you forget it," responded Representative Gerald Solomon.

The controversial ban was enacted in 1994, by the then Democratic Congress. The ban made it illegal for the 19 weapons to be manufactured or imported into the U.S. anymore. However, any of the weapons could be sold and resold if they had been manufactured previous to the ban. The sale of weapons skyrocketed in 1994 before the ban took effect. The signing of the ban started what gun store owners call the "best advertising campaign" of all time.

"The act did more to put firearms out there on the streets... as far as in the hands of citizens. [President Clinton] accomplished what dealers have tried to accomplish for years, and that is to get these sales up," said Bill Perkins, a gun store owner.

However, the Justice Department reported that the number of assault weapons traced to crimes has gone down by eighteen percent since the enactment of the ban. "Without a doubt, the assault weapons ban is saving lives," Attorney General Janet Reno said. The next stop for the bill to repeal the ban is the Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, who promised the National Rifle Association, (NRA) that the Senate would repeal the ban. The Senate was scheduled to take a vote on it this past May, but was delayed due to the Oklahoma City bombing.

Even now, however, the bill may never get to the Senate floor. "I haven't considered it. It's not a priority," said Dole. Even if the bill did pass the Senate, President Clinton would veto it. "I believe it would be deeply wrong for congress to repeal this assault weapon ban. It doesn't need to be voted on in the House or the Senate and if it is passed, I will veto it," said President Clinton.

By RACHEL ROEMHILDT
STAFF WRITER

Police beat immigrants

Two sheriff's deputies were videotaped beating two illegal immigrants after a high-speed chase. A helicopter news crew videotaped a deputy hitting one man with his baton six times, and then pulling a woman to the ground by her hair and striking her three times. The other deputy appeared to be striking the woman as well. The immigrants had been driving a pickup truck with twenty people in the back, and were pursued by the police for seventy miles.

In the words of ACLU Executive Director Ramona Ripston, the beatings were "another Rodney King." The Mexican-American Legal Defense Fund stated, "The behavior demonstrated by law enforcement officers goes beyond anyone's conception of fair and human treatment." Both officers have been suspended with pay.

By DAVID STILLMAN
STAFF WRITER

Comet can be seen

If you have looked up into the night sky recently, you may have noticed a blob of light arcing through the sky. The Hyakutaki Comet can be seen by the naked eye, and is one of the brightest in twenty years. This is because the comet is a mere 9.3 million miles away (about forty times the distance from the earth to the moon). The comet's distance from the earth has attracted much attention. Scientists are especially interested, and will be focusing their efforts, and telescopes, on the comet. It will be visible for the next month or two, but cannot be seen near city lights. The comet will disappear in late spring, but a new comet, named Hale-Bopp, is expected to appear next year. The Hale-Bopp comet could be even brighter than the present one, according to current speculation.

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Major League baseball opening overshadowed by ump's death

On an opening day that baseball fans had been anxiously awaiting for many months, Major League Baseball mourned rather than celebrated.

After labor disputes, strikes and holdouts changed the face of the last two seasons, Major League Baseball had looked to this year's opening day for celebration and a new start. Instead, fans and players were treated to a chilling dose of real life.

Umpire John McSherry died from massive heart failure due to serious heart disease seven pitches into the Montreal Expos-Cincinnati Reds opener.

With Rondell White, the Expos' number three hitter, batting against Reds pitcher Pete Schourek, McSherry stepped away from home plate and motioned for second base umpire Steve Rippley to take over behind the plate.

McSherry then attempted to exit the field through an exit behind home plate. When McSherry reached the warning track, he collapsed. Emergen-

cy workers rushed to the umpire's aid but were unable to revive him.

McSherry was pronounced dead an hour later at University of Cincinnati Hospital.

Dr. Carl L. Parrott Jr. said McSherry had an enlarged heart, a blocked coronary artery, congestive heart fail-

"Baseball lost a good man and a great umpire."

--Mets pitcher John Franco

ure and an irregular heartbeat directly due to severe heart disease.

The game was postponed and Riverfront Stadium slowly emptied of bewildered and shocked fans and players alike. The following day, the game was replayed with the remaining umpires from the previous day's crew, after a

moment of silence for the fallen umpire.

During the off-season, McSherry had gone to doctors to begin the process of fighting heart disease.

The funeral for McSherry will be held Friday in New York.

"He was a sweet man," said Chicago Cubs star Mark Grace. "When I heard about it I had to fight back the tears."

McSherry had been a National League umpire for 25 years. During those 25 years, McSherry was a part of two World Series umpire crews, seven National League Championship Series crews, last year's Division Series and three All-Star games.

As Mets pitcher John Franco put it, "Baseball lost a good man and a great umpire." St. Louis shortstop Ozzie Smith added, "Truly, he was one of the genuinely nicest people... you hate to see it end like this."

By TOBY JEFFREY
SPORTS EDITOR

Crusader baseball swings into conference play on Friday

21 games into their season, the Crusader baseball team is hoping to start off the actual conference games of this season on the right foot.

Having played three conference games already, the Crusaders enter this weekend's games with an overall record of 10-11, 0-3 in conference.

Although the Saders hold a record below the .500 level, they are counting on the quality of their non-conference opponents to help them during the regular season.

Eight of the Saders' non-conference opponents play at the NAIA div. I level or higher.

While everyone in Canyon County was focusing on basketball, the Crusader baseball team played its first home game of the season against Central Washington University.

After losing the Friday night game, NNC returned to sweep the Wildcats in the Saturday doubleheader, 1-0 and 5-4.

Mike Lajoice and Travis Tindall led the Crusaders in the first game. Tindall turned in three hits while Lajoice pitched a two-hitter, striking out six. In the second game, the Crusaders scored the game-winning run in the second extra inning.

One week later, the Crusaders played host to the Coyotes of Albertson in a non-conference game. The Yotes pounded out 17 hits on the game to hand the Saders a 17-4 thrashing.

After hosting the Missionaries of Whitman College, the Crusaders took off on their yearly spring break road trip. Having travelled through California last year, the Saders made this year's destination Lubbock, Texas for the Lubbock Christian spring tournament.

Against Valley City State in the first round, Nate Hoiosen pitched an

impressive two-hitter to lead the Saders to a 7-1 victory. Travis Tindall knocked a home run in the game while Ryan Isaacsen and Greg Bartaloba added triples in an eleven-hit attack.

Unfortunately, the Crusaders dropped the next four games in the tournament.

Against host Lubbock Christian in

Cascade conference standings

	W	L
Albertson College (23-9)	6	0
Western Oregon (17-11)	3	0
Concordia (4-16)	2	1
Eastern Oregon (9-14)	1	5
Western Baptist (5-15)	0	3
Northwest Nazarene (10-11)	0	3

Last Week's scores:

Western Oregon 3, Western Baptist 1.
Albertson 24, Eastern Oregon 8.
Western Oregon 8-12, Western Baptist 7-5.
Albertson 9-14, Eastern Oregon 0-4.

the second round, the Saders lost 7-1. Against Lubbock again the next day, the Saders dropped a 7-6 decision by giving up two runs in the bottom half of the final inning.

The Saders dropped the next two games of the road trip 10-6 and 13-2.

To round out the spring break trip, NNC played a double-header against College of the Southwest in Hobbs, New Mexico.

In the first game against Southwest, Travis Tindall knocked a two-run homer in the top of the seventh to give NNC the win, 6-4. In the nightcap, Greg Bartoloba delivered a home run and Chris Falke pitched a strong game to lead the Saders to similar 6-4 win.

Head Coach Brian Muir was pleased with the victories that ended the road trip, "These were a couple of

good wins for us." He added, "We faced some good pitching and did a good job at the plate."

The Crusaders returned to Idaho to open Cascade Conference play with three games against Albertson College.

In the opener the Yotes thumped the Saders 15-2. The Yotes collected 15 hits off of three NNC pitchers, including 11 runs in the first inning.

In the next day's doubleheader, the Yotes picked up where they left off, sweeping the Saders 12-2 and 7-0. In the first game, the Crusader pitchers walked 14 Yote batters. In the second game Falke pitched five shutout innings before ACI opened the game up.

The Crusaders finished their non-league games with a double header at the University of Puget Sound. In the first game, Mike Lajoice pitched a five-hitter, allowing only three runs, to give NNC a 5-3 win. In the second game, NNC fell 6-5.

Thus far in their season, the Saders' team leaders include freshman Andy Heyer who is currently fifth in the conference in batting with a .372 average.

Mike Lajoices is leading Crusader pitchers with a 3-1 win-loss record, with 32 strikeouts in 24 innings pitched and a 3.24 ERA.

On the base paths, Greg Bartaloba has stolen 11 bases in 14 attempts.

On Friday, NNC begins conference play in earnest with a single game against Western Baptist at 2:00 p. m. and then a doubleheader beginning at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday.

By TOBY JEFFREY
SPORTS EDITOR

SPORTS BRIEFLIES

Donna Knight named All-American

Senior Donna Knight was named to the 1995-96 NAIA Division II women's basketball All-America team.

Knight, who will be graduating this year, led the Lady Crusaders in both scoring and rebounding with averages of 16.8 ppg and 8.0 rpg.

During Knight's four years with NNC, the Lady Saders had a combined record of 76-37, and reached the national tournament in the last two seasons.

Knight finished her career third in all-time scoring at NNC with a mark of 1,316 career points. Last season Knight was named second-team All-America.

In addition to Knight, Lady Crusader Kari Smith was selected as an honorable mention all-American.

For the Crusader men, junior Nate Smith was selected as a 1995-96 NAIA Division II men's All-America honorable mention.

Kentucky and Tennessee bring home NCAA basketball titles

The Kentucky Wildcats lived up to their season-long expectations by defeating the Syracuse Orangemen 76-67 in the men's NCAA national championship.

The championship is the sixth in the school's history, but the first since 1978. Rick Pitino, who took over as head coach of the Wildcat program after the NCAA slapped the team with probation, received his first championship.

In the ladies' championship game, the Tennessee Lady Volunteers defeated the Lady Bulldogs of Georgia for the title, 83-65.

Tennessee, who lost to UConn in last year's title game cruised through the season and the tournament, finishing with a 32-4 record.

Seahawks players return to Seattle for spring training

Seattle Seahawks owner Ken Behring insists that the team will be playing in Los Angeles. King County officials and the NFL are saying the team will be playing in Seattle.

Despite all the legal arguments, offseason workouts resumed for a number of Seahawk players...in their original Kirkland, Washington practice facilities. Earlier in the off-season, Behring caused an uproar among fans and officials by moving the Hawks equipment to Anaheim, California.

After the move to Anaheim, NFL officials ordered Behring to return the team to Seattle or face a \$500,000 plus \$50,000 a week.

Meanwhile, Paul Allen, multi-millionaire owner of the Portland Trailblazers and part owner of Microsoft, showed interest in buying the Hawks, promising to keep them in the Seattle area. Despite plenty of speculation, no sale has been made.

Conference rivalry taken to another level with 71-1 baseball score

That is not a typo. St. Francis of Illinois obliterated conference rival Robert Morris 71-1, and took only four innings to do it.

In the Chicagoland Conference game, St. Francis sent 30 batters to the plate in the first inning as they scored 26 runs, an NCAA record.

The Fighting Saints scored 22 runs in the second inning, four in the third and 19 in the final inning. All in all, St. Francis broke 12 NCAA Div. II records and tied four others.

Only 19 of the 71 runs were earned, due to 16 Robert Morris errors.

This final score is statistically comparable to a basketball team scoring 500 points--in one half. Wonder what the losing coach's comments to the press were after the game?

Play ball?

After umpire John McSherry collapsed and died behind home plate on Opening Day causing the game to be called, Cincinnati Reds owner Marge Schott wanted the game to continue.

After the statement was made to a reporter for the Cincinnati Enquirer, Schott was unavailable for comment.

SPORTS BRIEFLIES COMPILED BY TOBY JEFFREY
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REVIEWS

CINEMA

Excellent decision

One of Hollywood's most popular scenarios over the past half decade has been the one-man-saves-the-world-from-evil-forces-which-have-taken-control-of-some-highly-dangerous-top-secret-equipment-with-which-they-plan-to-ransom-the-U.S.-government-for-some-absurd-amount-of-money-which-the-government-doesn't-have-because-they-always-do-it-after-April-15-so-they-are-fresh-out. These movies usually star Stephen Segal, though actors such as Wesley Snipes and Jean-Claude Van Damme have been known to give it a whirl.

For a while, *Executive Decision* would seem to be following this well known Hollywood cliché, complete with Stephen Segal, but at the last minute the producers got a spark of innovative inspiration and said "Hey, why don't we go for a touch of realism and *not* insult the intelligence of the viewing audience even though they are paying seven bucks to see our movie?" They then killed off Segal (or his character, rather), leaving Kurt Russell and a few relatively unknown actors to save the world on their own.

Russell, as the lead, is hardly a match for Segal as far as action is concerned. He couldn't throw a roundhouse for his life (at least, not in a tuxedo) and his experience with knives is the occasional ham and Swiss sandwich (the exception being *Big Trouble in Little China*, in which, for those of you who haven't seen it, he was extremely *not* talented with knives). As such, they had to rely on acting and the writers' creativity to make an action movie. What they came out with, in my opinion, is the most realistic way in which the world has ever been saved.

Sure, there were a few quirks, such as how the terrorists got so many automatic weapons stashed into the plane's kitchen unnoticed by the crew. Not to mention a bomb complete with "enough DX-7 (fictional neurotoxin) to take out the entire Eastern seaboard." Something tells me that Greek security isn't *that* bad.

In addition, though I'm not a frequent flyer by any means, none of the stewardesses I've ever encountered have reminded me of Halle Berry. Other than that, the script does a fair job of sticking to the confines of the world in which we live, given the laws of probability and all.

Not to say that the apparent realism downplays suspense. In the tradition of *Die Hard With a Vengeance*, there is rarely a moment in which your attention is not fully occupied, much less any opportunity to answer the call of nature. My advice is to avoid this discomfort at all cost. Plan ahead.

Executive Decision is, in my opinion, a very good example of how action movies should be made. Nobody gets hit in the head with a crowbar twelve times and then proceeds to kill off the entire Libyan army with a flare gun, two toothpicks and some mayonnaise; nobody is the world's most proficiently trained weapon holding the position of high school janitor, and when people get shot, they darn well fall down, and don't get up for a while. Quite a few occurrences rely a lot on luck, though most of it bad; and none venture beyond the realm of possibility.

Most people with whom I've spoken about *Executive Decision* haven't seen it, or even heard of it. I decided to conclude that oddly enough, *Executive Decision* wasn't very heavily advertised. I actually stumbled upon it myself by accident. It ended up being the only show playing at the time I showed up at the theater, so I reluctantly bought a ticket. When I left, however, the decision had proved itself more than worthy.

Executive
Decision

Reviewed by
Shawn
McDonald

Crusader Rating
A-

Audio Adrenaline blossoms

MUSIC

Before I get deep into this review I would like to ask one question. Did these guys go to NNC between their last album and now? They all came back married! Actually these four guys graduated from Kentucky Christian College. Now they are adding a fifth member and the recent rumor from Nashville is their new drummer goes by the name of Greg Harrington. Greg played on their last album, *Don't Censor Me*, and also on their new album, but is not pictured with it. He will also be playing for them on the Jesus Freak tour with DCTalk. If you are interested in either one of these bands, they will be playing in Boise on May 9.

Audio
Adrenaline

Bloom

Reviewed by
Erik Friedly

This new album is the band's third release, excluding their four-song remix album and their *Live Bootleg* album, which was average at best. Their new album, *Bloom*, is enough like their old albums that you wouldn't mistake who the band is, yet their alternative sound has definitely matured. Barry Blair's guitar work and the vocals of Mark Stuart have held the sound of the band together in the past. Now with a more experienced Will McGinniss on bass and Bob Herdman on keyboards, along with a regular drummer, the albums have done nothing but get better.

All thirteen songs on this album are written by Audio A except for "Free Ride." The majority of the songs start off rockin' but slow down during the verses so that they can be heard clearly. This style begins with "Secret," which talks about sharing how God has pulled us from the "foaming, roaring, rabid sea". This song also deals with the beginning of our Christian journey as God causes us to *Bloom*.

"Never Gonna Be As Big As Jesus" and "I'm Not the King" are similar to each other in that they show how small we are before Jesus when our heads get too big. "...Big As Jesus" is the only song that really sounds like their last release. Appreciation and love for people they've met on tour is shown through "Good People." The closest thing you'll see to a rock ballad on this album is the song "Walk on Water," showing us how far God can take us if we keep our eyes on Him.

Paul writes in Romans 12 about knowing what is right and wrong, yet continuing to commit these sins. In a similar vein are "See Through" and "Man of God." While the first of these two songs starts off hard like most of the album, the second is slower. Now the songs get a little funky with "Free Ride" and "Gloryland." These two songs are joyous jams about God's leading us on the journey to heaven and how Jesus paid the full price for that ride to glory. This series of songs ends with "Jazz Odyssey," a clip of a DJ introducing a jazz group, who slowly starts playing like a rock band.

It gets a little soft again with the compassionate song "Bag Lady." This song emphasizes the importance of loving people for who they are instead of judging them for the kind lifestyle they live. "I Hear Jesus Calling" is a little demo added to the album about Jesus' call and the Holy Spirit's guiding through our spiritual lives. The album ends with "Memoir," a bright ditty that sums up the album musically and lyrically. Its message is that life is a great unknown until we find Jesus, and only then does our life begin to *Bloom*.

Through the first half of the album, the fluxuations between "harsh" and "hushed" between verses gets a little annoying. But by the second half you begin to see how really talented these guys can be and you can start to truly enjoy the songs. Although Audio A still has a way to go before they become more than just a popular Christian rock band, I am excited to see them improving on each album.

For more on this band, check out their upcoming website at: www.audioa.com.

"Hey, why don't we go for a touch of realism and *not* insult the intelligence of the viewing audience for a change?"

Crusader Rating
B-

The Yogurt Affaire presents the weekly Top Ten List

Top Ten real reasons Track and Field was cancelled.

10. Uniforms indecent.
9. Track not exclusive enough.
8. We ran out of Marions.
7. Too many "accidents" with javelins
6. Basketball needed more scholarship money.
5. School refused to rename the track "Jack in the Box Memorial Complex."
4. Guys and girls in shorts together.
3. Taylor to be promoted to head basketball coach.
2. Flashers.
1. All track members were home ec majors anyway.

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The ultimate camping trip, complete with tasty elk

Spring is here, and I'm thinking about camping. Don't misunderstand me: I'm not thinking about actually GOING camping, in the sense of venturing outdoors and turning my body into an All-U-Can-Eat buffet for insects. I'm just thinking about camping.

What got me on this topic is a book I'm reading, called "Undaunted Courage," by Stephen E. Ambrose, about the ultimate camping trip: the Lewis and Clark Expedition. If you're a product of the U.S. educational system, you no doubt remember this historic endeavour, in which a tiny band (they didn't even have a keyboard player) set out in three tiny ships--the "Nina," the "Pinta" and the "Merrimac"--and became the first Westerners to make the perilous voyage around Plymouth Rock and discover the Monroe Doctrine, without which the cotton gin would never have been invented.

That's pretty much how I remember it too, but the actual facts, as set forth in "Undaunted Courage," are these:

In 1803, President Thomas Jefferson made the Louisiana Purchase, in which he paid France \$10 million for a humongous batch of land without having any idea what was in it. Why would Jefferson make such a purchase? The answer is simple: he didn't have a wife. There was nobody to say to him: "You spent \$10 million for WHAT?

Take it back RIGHT NOW!!" Guys without wives are always making impulse purchases that border on the insane. If hang gliders had been invented in 1803, Jefferson would have bought one of those, too.

Anyway, the United States found itself in possession of this extremely large parcel of land, and nobody knew what it contained in the way of geography, natural resources, shopping, etc. So Jefferson sent Lewis and Clark on an expedition to check it out and also see if they could find a way across the continent to the Pacific Ocean, which Jefferson hoped would be a better trade route for beaver pelts bound for the

Orient. Back then, the beaver pelts had to be transported by river to St. Louis, then overland to the East Coast, then by ship to London, then by ANOTHER ship to the Orient, where they had to be burned immediately because, as you can imagine, after all that travel they smelled like the inside of Marlon Brando's laundry hamper.

"Forget it!" the Orientals would say. "We'll just go naked!"

So in 1804, Lewis and Clark set out in search of a better route. Reading about their brutally difficult, extremely dangerous trek across the continent, I was reminded of the summers when I was a counselor at Camp Sharparoon, and I used to set off, leading a party of boys ages 10 and 11, into the vast uncharted wilderness around Dover Furnace, N. Y., fully aware that we would have to survive for an entire night with nothing to sustain us except roughly 200 pounds of marshmallows, graham crackers and Hershey bars. We used these to make the famous campfire treat called "s'mores." Sometimes we'd hook up with a group of girl campers and make "s'mores" together; this is when I observed a fundamental difference between boys and girls:

HOW GIRLS MAKE "S'MORES" -
1) Place Hershey bars on graham crackers; 2) toast marshmallows; 3) place toasted marshmallows on Hershey bars to melt chocolate.

"Anyway, Lewis and Clark--whether because of religious reasons, or sheer ignorance, we shall never know--did not take any 's'mores' ingredients on their expedition."

HOW BOYS MAKE "S'MORES" --
1) Eat Hershey bars; 2) eat marshmallows; 3) throw graham crackers at other boys.

Anyway, Lewis and Clark--whether because of religious reasons, or sheer ignorance, we shall never know--did not take any "s'mores" ingredients on their expedition, so they had to survive by shooting, and eating things like elk.



I am deeply impressed by this. I have always procured my meat by taking a number at the supermarket; you could leave me out in the woods for a year with a machine gun and an electronic Elk Detector and I'd still never be able to shoot an elk. And if I DID somehow manage to shoot one, I wouldn't have a clue how to eat it. I mean, what part do you eat? You can definitely rule out the eyeballs, but THEN what? You just pick up a haunch and start chewing? I don't even know what a "haunch" is.

Guess what else Lewis and Clark ate? Dog, that's what. In fact, Lewis is quoted on page 32 of "Undaunted Courage" as saying that--bear in mind, this is after two solid years of camping out--he liked dog even better than elk.

My feeling is, you have to be pretty desperate to eat a dog. I mean, with elk, at least you know they don't like you. But a dog is going to be hanging loyally around your campsite, thrilled to be there; ready to fetch you a stick. How can you just pick up a frying pan and say, "Here, boy!"?

The point is that things were pretty rough for Lewis and Clark, and since this year marks the 190th anniversary of their return, I think it would be nice if Americans commemorated their courageous effort to open up our continent. Perhaps some of us will even want to pack our sleeping bags and retrace their steps through some of the still relatively unspoiled wilderness they explored. Others of us will want to wait until there is plumbing.

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