



Donna Weber lectures group during recent Death Valley field trip.

Death Valley days

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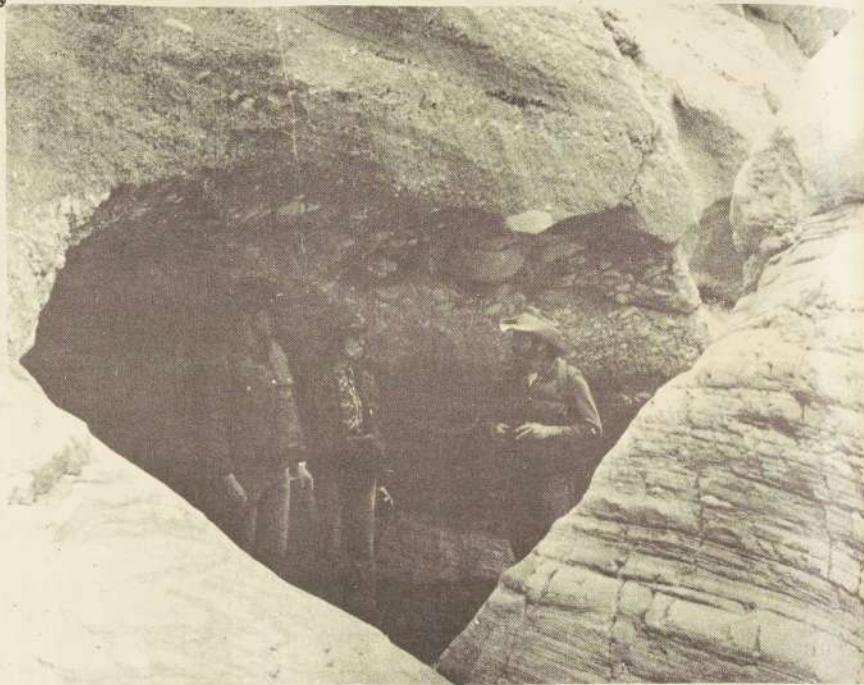
Twenty-two fearless Oregonians armed with suntan lotion left the College March 16 to find the sun in Death Valley.

Led by College science instructor John Snively, the group spent spring vacation camping and learning about the desert environment. On the way to Death Valley, they passed through Malhuer Field Station and spotted 13 eagles.

They heard on location lectures from geologists and naturalists, and students also discussed topics they had researched before leaving for the spring vacation trip.

Highlights of the journey included a visit to Badwater (282 feet below sea level), viewing the salt pan at Devil's Gold Course, climbing canyons, and visiting a ghost town where the travelers had a chance to explore an old gold mine.

The artistically inclined spent time sketching the desert scenery, and the sun worshippers found themselves back in familiar rain during part of the journey. A windstorm sent tents and sleeping bags blowing up hillsides, and one downpour shifted a picnic lynch into the vans.

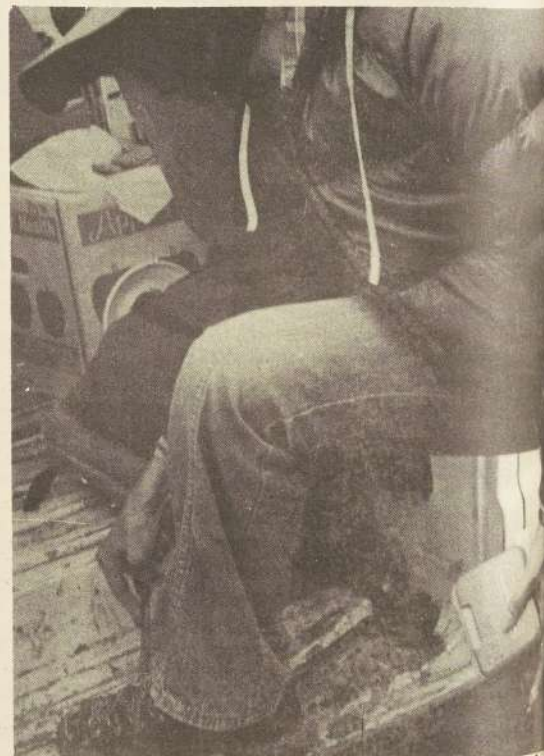


Instructor, John Snively, confers with group members.

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Clackamas Community College members examine "Bad water."



Student scrapes the mud off her boots following desert downpour

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