

to the eschutes

I started out terrified, almost sick, and with the sole intention of walking around each rapid to take pictures of course. The second rapid, the white wave we hit pushed my fear further away. The excitement was overwhelming!! Thanks Don, I had a fantastic time,
Beth Coffey



Debbie Baker's group meets Don Shula's raft immediately finishing BoxCar Rapids.

Rafting is twice as exciting when you can't swim, especially when you're going over water 60 feet deep and get near sucked overboard. Trust in my fellow rafters kept me going. Special thanks to Don for - Michelle "Mitch" Welch

I had never been rafting before. Would I like it? Together, we struggled into wet suits, sped full-force through rapids with hands like boxer, and screamed our way downriver. What a thrill! I loved it. I'll never forget it! Linda

What a blast! Can we do this again - please Linda? I wasn't afraid of the rapids as much as I was afraid of being thrown in the air by my fellow "paddle-pusher's." But I guess if you guys didn't drop me on the ground, I was pretty safe on the water with you! Thank a lot Debbie & Don for being such great guides! I had a lot of fun!
Stephani L. Veff

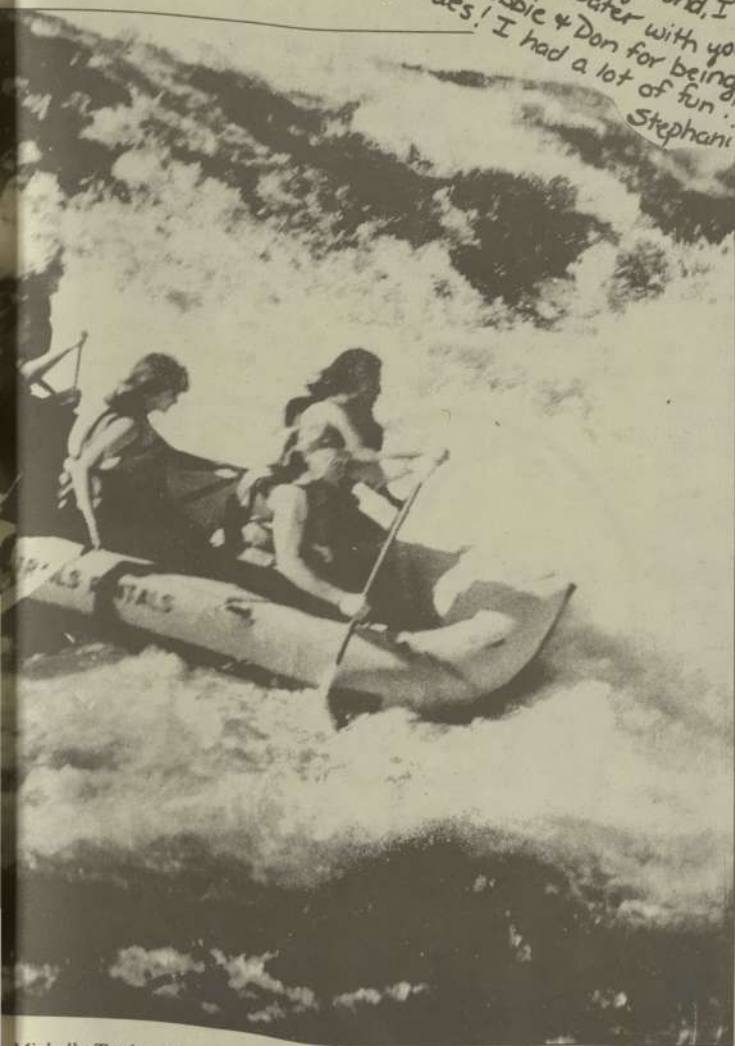
Everytime I heard Linda's wicked laughter behind me, I knew a big wave was coming and Chris & I were about to be hit wave blockers. It's okay Linda, will be your wave blockers anyway. And Eric - I know we were eight miles from someplace too!

Jodie Martini



E.A. Berg holds the raft and takes a few moments to rest before the upcoming rapids.

What started as a simple mission of 13 people getting together for a day on the river turned into a nightmare of wetsuit adjustment. It wasn't just a battle of the elements, there was the ever-present threat of armpit chafing. It seemed fitting that Halloween was near for every time Jodie and I blocked a wave for the other people in our boat, we could both hear Linda's wicked laugh.



The wetsuits were tight, the sun was bright, the water was cold, and the rapids were... wimpy! I had lots of fun, and it was a great experience. Thanks to Don, Debbie and the rest of the staff for being such a team!
-Heleen-



Glug in Oak Springs rapids...as Jodi Martini and Chris Curran block the white water from Beth Coffey and Linda Vogt. Hey, where are they anyway?

Michelle Taylor, Stephani Veff, Heleen Veenstra

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