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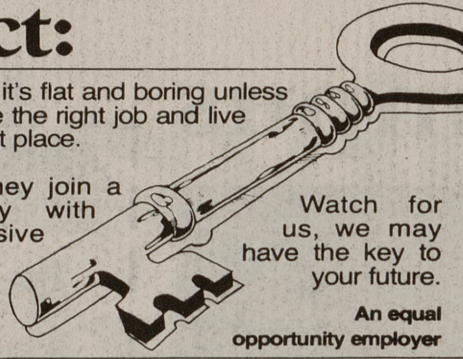
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Canoe trip educational

PORT MANSFIELD — Canadian Don Starkell said he planned a canoe trip from Winnipeg to the mouth of the Amazon River as a learning experience for his two sons, but the rigors of the rivers are teaching him a lot too.

Already the family trio has paddled more than 3,300 miles down the Mississippi River and other waterways, but Starkell said the odyssey had only begun.

"Really, we won't feel we've started the trip until we leave Texas," he said recently when the three stopped in Port Mansfield before moving on to nearby Brownsville to rest and outfit their fiberglass canoe.

Starkell, 47, and sons Dana, 19, and Jeff, 18, left Canada June 1 on the trip they had planned for a decade. They left Brownsville last week.

"My boys were just kids when we started talking about this thing," he said. "Now we couldn't go back even if we wanted; our home is rented out for the next two years."

He said the journey originally was intended as an educational experience for his sons but added, "I talk about educating them — I'm learning a heck of a lot myself."

Their travel plans call for them to hug the Mexican coast until they reach the Orinoco River in Northern Venezuela, then proceed inland through the jungles of South America. Ultimately the party will reach the Amazon River in Brazil and paddle downstream to the river's mouth at Belem, Brazil.

Starkell said they planned a side trip about halfway down the coast of Central America, through the locks of Panama and over to the Pacific Ocean for a couple of days.

"We're going to be pretty close," he said. "We might as well go to the Pacific, just to say we've been there."

Starkell said he was familiar with canoeing along the inland waterways, but the prospect of navigating the Gulf of Mexico concerned him a bit.

"I'm not familiar with the tides at all," he said. Paddling down the Intracoastal Waterway from Orleans was tough, he said, because "the wind was unpredictable, we had a side wind and the tide had stranded us."

But the biggest problem on the trip to Texas was having to live so closely for an extended period.

"Really, it's the toughest part of the trip," he said. "We eat, sleep and work together, and we couple of tussles since we began. We're like a couple of kids in a space capsule for months."

But the canoe will keep moving, no matter what happens.

"We all know the trip is our No. 1 priority," he said, "and even if we lose a member of our crew we keep going."

He said he and his sons frequently are mistaken for hippies because they have few opportunities to visit barber shops.

"They think we're on drugs or something. Some always yelling at us to come ashore and get high."

Near Corpus Christi, Starkell said, they heard the voice of a preacher booming from a house with a radio antenna tower on top.

"He was talking about longhaired, dope-smoking hippies, and we were wondering if he was talking about the father said."

A few men in another boat later told them "Brother Roloff," the Corpus Christi evangelist, Roloff.

Starkell said everyone wants to know how he and his sons plan to get back to Canada.

"We're not even worried about getting back," he said. "The only way to finish this trip is to work at it all the time. It's like rearranging the face of a mountain; just keep chipping at it until it begins to take shape."

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Cuban refugee relocations expected complete by Oct. 15

FORT CHAFFEE, Ark. — By overcoming bad weather, scheduling hangups and planes that couldn't always land on a construction-shortened runway, State Department officials now say the airlift of Cuban refugees from Fort McCoy, Wis., will be finished today.

However, officials don't expect a total relocation to be complete until Oct. 15.

Four flights Wednesday and four today should bring the rest of about 2,900 Cubans from Wisconsin to Fort Chaffee on time, said State Department deputy spokeswoman Sylvia Spencer.

The refugee population at Chaffee is now 5,179, following the transfer of 447 Cubans Tuesday, and should swell to about 9,600 when the consolidation is finished. About 2,900 refugees from Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa., will be moved to Arkansas in the next phase of the relocation next week.

Spencer also said officials apparently have reconciled the fate of 12 refugees who have been returned by their sponsors and are staying at a "halfway house" in nearby Barling, Ark.

The U.S. Catholic Conference set up a center for rejected refugees at the Ranch House Motel, which contradicts the security arrangements insisted upon by Gov. Bill Clinton, who stipulated that returning refugees must live inside the base rather than stay in local motels.

Spencer said the Catholic Conference has found new sponsors for the dozen refugees and intends to move them out of the motel in a few days.

A total of 92 "level two" refugees, those designated as potential troublemakers, have arrived from McCoy and are being kept in a special area

apart from the general population, she said.

Consolidation got off to a shaky start last week when the first flight from Florida was forced to land at Little Rock Air Force Base because the plane was too large for the runway at Fort Smith Municipal Air-

port, which had been shortened for construction project.

Processing delays at Fort Smith threw some flights as much as 48 hours behind schedule, and planes arriving in Arkansas were forced to land in rainy, cold weather.

CO-OP OPPORTUNITY IN CANCER RESEARCH

On Wednesday afternoon, October 8, and Thursday morning, October 9, representatives from the Stehlin Cancer Research Foundation (Associated with St. Joseph's Hospital in Houston), will interview students interested in beginning Co-op in January. They want to interview students majoring in any of the sciences (including ANSC), pre-med, and BBA or BE, and plan to hire 3-6 co-op students for the Spring work term. The pay is \$850 per month for the first work term and the positions are in Houston.

You must see your College Co-op Coordinator for orientation and to receive an application before you interview. Call the Director of Cooperative Education, Mr. Stehlin (845-7725) for further information.

NOTE: In the past, the Stehlin Cancer Research Foundation employed summer students. All students who worked for them were accepted into medical school. They are now changing their student employment program to a formal Cooperative Education Program and hope to attract qualified students.

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