In 1949 China invaded Tibet and led to an unprovoked aggression. Between 1960 and 1984, it was estimated that up to 200,000 Tibetans were killed in Chinese prison and labor camps. Unarmed demonstrators have been shot without warning by Chinese police and army personnel.

Almost 100,000 Tibetans have died of hunger and disease in prison camps. These numbers are conservative estimates. According to some estimates, more than one million Tibetans have been killed since 1950. The people of Tibet are still living under occupation.

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THE RUSH IS IN THE CATCHING, THE RECONNECTION OF A BOOMERANG THROWN SECONDS AGO. I MET CHET SHOUFFER WHEN I ATTENDED A SUMMER CAMP IN MIDDLE SCHOOL AT OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, OUR NEIGHBOR TO THE NORTH. WHAT I KNEW GOING THERE WAS THAT CHET WAS A GOD. MAYBE NOT ACTUALLY GOD, BUT A TRUE-TO-LIFE DEITY ANYWAY. WHAT I DIDN’T KNOW WOULD HAUNT ME FOR THE NEXT SEVEN YEARS.

As anyone can tell you, Chet Shouffer is the greatest American boomeranger of all time, perhaps the world’s best. He’s the only person who’s won the World Championship thrice. He was teaching the art of sport at the camp, and all my friends there loved him. We all worked diligently to make our own ‘rangs, and spent our afternoons and evenings throwing with each other in the broad grassy fields of Delaware. If only one of us could be like Chet, could compete and enter the realm of greatness. If only that one could be me. Looking back, these were hopes we shared. But we all got more than we bargained for.

For me, my wild ride in the world of cults ended on the side of a dirt road, thirty miles from a tournament lucky enough to get into rehab and, with a little help, deprogram a boomerang cult survivor is the fact that the lives of those who join in the jam. Adam Mallinger bemoans the corruption of Pop Cult to Pop Culture. Alícia Friefberg and Kate Soucy both write about an unorthodox obsession, one with a former Senate majority leader, and one with the written word. Jim Dunson and Steve Kovach open up MoYO to philosophical inquiry, approaching the problematic culinary paradigm. Tom Hankinson writes on Denison’s own “mystic band,” and I offer my reflections on the cult of masculinity.

In short, it was our intent as editors to present the issues, the people, and of course, the rhetoric, leaving readers to come to your own conclusions. After all, you have a Mind of Your Own. 

I offer my reflections on the cult of masculinity.