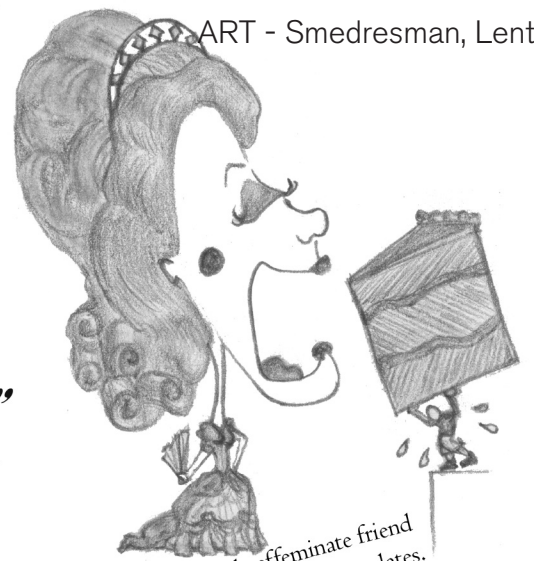


The Yale Record's "A Brief History of Chocolate"



13,000,000,000 BC - Universe created; no chocolate.

125,000,000 B.C. - Chocolate rules the Earth

124,999,999 B.C. - Chocolate superceded by trilobites; stops ruling the Earth.

30,000 B.C. - Neanderthal man and his slightly effeminate friend Homo Erectus begin cave paintings of various chocolates.



29 B.C. - Jesus turns water into wine, loaves into fishes, coins into gelt. Executed by Roman authorities for turning hard currency reserve into playful holiday treats.

1480 AD - After 32,000 years without chocolate, known as the "No Chocolate Era," Native Americans in their homeland of America devise a tasty sweet snack named "He who is brown and canoes on caffeine," later shortened to "chocolate." While trying unsuccessfully to smoke chocolate the Native Americans are annihilated by the dreaded Conquistadors. Spanish for "We will smother you in small pox blankets." And thus chocolate migrated across the Atlantic faster than Marc Rich.

1550 AD - The introduction of chocolate to Europe plunges it into a period of crisis today known as the Renaissance. Chocologists theorize that this civilization underwent an "emotional rollercoaster" and compare the continent to a weepy, obese woman who broke up with her boyfriend, who engorges herself on chocolate while watching Lifetime original movies.

1779 AD - While standing before the scaffold in Britain, American patriot Patrick Henry's sister Gretchen defiantly proclaims, "Give me chocolate or give me death!" (The British naturally give her death.) Back in Pennsylvania, a Quaker-Amish syndicate founds Hershey. The trademark Hershey "kick" is later changed to the "kiss" for marketing reasons.

1929 AD - The Great Depression plagues America, until President Roosevelt brilliantly uses chocolate to cure the unemployment, the depressed stock markets, and polio. When asked about this ingenious strategy he commented, "Bring me my tap shoes."

1964 AD - Chocolate's power is corrupted by the Communists and that dang British pop invasion, plaguing cities in an epidemic of teenage acne and fat chicks. After President Johnson calls out the National Guard, forcible integration produces the vanilla-chocolate swirl.

1993 AD - The planet recovers from a reign of catastrophic terror that can only be described as "the 70s and the 80s." Those wacky fellas at Hershey realize what the public customers need: nuts in their mouth. The nut-laden Hershey bar marks the beginning in an increase in chocolate's popularity. Basketball superstar Darrel "Chocolate Thunda" Dawkins makes chocolate and tumultuous weather conditions cool again.

2005 AD - America enters what can only be described as a Golden Age for Chocolate. Chocolate coins become the official currency until everyone eats them and the nation is plunged into chaos.

