

Students Invade Europe...

Winter Term Abroad

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This year's annual trip to Switzerland was anything but dull. Due to the snow in the US, the group in its entirety did not arrive until several days after the scheduled date. After a day's rest, we set off for our first weekend of travel, scattering to such destinations as Rome, Paris, Vienna,

man from Bulgaria about his country and Orthodox Christianity.

We continued to travel during the weekends and five days at the end of the trip, exploring Europe as much as possible. Some made it to Spain, to England, the Neth-



and Trier. Getting back in one piece, we dived into our course: learning about Switzerland and the Ecumenical movement.

Our studies included a trip to the World Council of Churches, the United Nations center in Geneva, the fortress of Chillon on lake Geneva (where Byron was inspired to write *The Prisoner of Chillon*), and several small excursions within Switzerland. Dr. Nicole, the director of the institute, spoke to us about the Ecumenical movement, and we were fortunate enough to attend a lecture by Dr. Walter Holleneger on Evangelism. Our group invited two South Africans to discuss their country and its history in our seminar, and also heard from a

erlands, and even Albania (don't ask!). This travel was wonderful and influenced us in different ways; some students vow to return to Rome to live, some wish to return for more exploration, and even I, who is labeled by my friends as "American Man," am looking into aspects of International Law- which I believe is one of the seven signs...

As an agnostic, I was a bit worried about going to an Ecumenical institute where post-graduate students in theology were living and learning. I was pleasantly surprised to find a friendly group of people who were more than happy to discuss their different religions and philosophies. We were all welcomed with warmth and an enthusiasm

to share in their knowledge.

All-in-all this was an incredible trip. We learned to survive in different cultures, most of the time bereft of even a rudimentary understanding of the indigenous languages. We absorbed incredible amounts of knowledge about the Ecumenical movement, and were sensitized to the global community that will play such a vital role in the century to come. If there was ever an endorsement for the Winter Term program at St. Andrews, this would be it; and, at least in my case, it was a life-altering experience.

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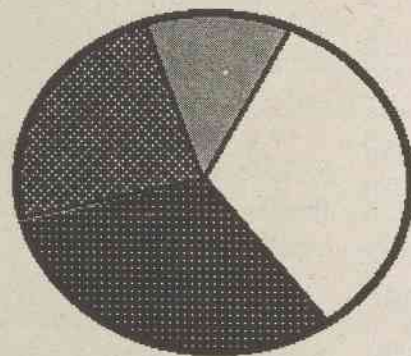
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DeNiro

Hoffman

Pacino

Malcovich