

Road Trip: In Pursuit Of The Final Frontier

By Eric R. Satter

Several Montreat College students are about to invade the highways and airways of this world to simply go where no one has gone before. For some, it will be a time for fun and adventure, while others will be taking a more serious approach as they study abroad in one of the Christian College Coalition programs.

The Christian College Coalition offers any Montreat junior or senior a chance to get away from the daily routine of going to classes in this lush Western Carolina environment to take up internships and other specialized courses while studying in one of its five programs: American Studies Program, Latin American Studies Program, Los Angeles Film Studies Center, Middle East Program, and Russian Studies Program.

Of the five programs that the Coalition has to offer, the most competitive are the Los Angeles Film Studies Center and the American Studies Program in Washington, DC. One Montreat student, junior Nathan Gragg, will be attending the American Studies Program at the nation's capital for the coming spring semester.

"The American Studies Program takes in about 40 applicants per semester, so it's very competitive," Gragg said.

All Coalition programs require an application process, where juniors and seniors must answer several essay questions about their faith and how they feel that their beliefs will be challenged in their work environment. All applicants are required to submit an official college transcript containing a minimum 2.75 G.P.A.

"It takes about three weeks to receive your acceptance letter—and believe me, the wait is unbearable because your entire next semester is waiting in the balance," said Gragg.

Another Montreat junior, Scott Bowen, will be going on a different type of trip as he heads out to India on December 1. The mission trip is under the leadership of Dwelling Place Ministry, located in Charlotte, NC. Four other people will be accompanying Bowen for this four week spiritual adventure to learn more about spiritual calling, serving

and ministering to other cultures, and to show people hope, liberation, and freedom in Christ Jesus.

"I'm going to India for several reasons—mainly so that the Lord will show me who He completely is, to heal people and learn more about God's power, and to learn more about living a Christian life that is completely and totally outside of your comfort zone," Bowen said.

Bowen said that most of the time that he will be in India, his group will be going from village to village to set up tent revivals.

And for those who want to live the extreme side of life, try planning your own nation-wide road trip. That's exactly what five Montreat freshmen, Charlie Looney, Brian Letendre, Thomas Newton, Jeff Smith, and Robert Wells are planning on doing this summer.

The motley group's main goal is to go from one coast to the other, as they attempt to conquer all of interstate 40.

Montreat Student Studies In The Middle East

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Washington D.C. — A Montreat student is making the world his classroom this semester by studying in the Middle East. When students study off-campus through programs managed by the Coalition for Christian Colleges & Universities they may get the opportunity to work with lobbyists on Capitol Hill, study environmental problems in the rain forests of Costa Rica, review a script for a movie director in Hollywood or climb the historical Mount Ararat.

Montreat student Kevin Warth is

spending a semester in Cairo, Egypt, by participating in the Middle East Studies Program (MESP). MESP trains students to relate to the Muslim world in an informed and constructive manner. Students explore Middle East cultures, religions and conflicts from within this diverse and strategic region of the world. Students participate in interdisciplinary seminar classes, receive Arabic language instruction, serve as interns with various organizations in Cairo and spend two weeks in Israel/Palestine.

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