

In New Orleans

PIO Outruns Snowstorm To Help Community Center

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On Friday, March 12 at 3 pm, the Project Inside-Out van started on a trip to New Orleans to work at St. Mark's Community Center. There were the usual mandatory meetings and as we left we tried to outrun the snow storm.

We didn't quite make it out of the storm completely. Our PIO group stayed in Montgomery, Alabama, as planned, but instead of one night we were forced to stay two nights and watch the snow come down. There was some fun, though. Jon Lambert got to slide on the icy walkways, and to stave off cabin fever Sybil Dodson offered to take anyone interested to a nearby movie theater. Some went, others decided warmth was more important. The next day, however, the only highway open was the one we wanted to take, so off we went.

We finally got to St. Marks and unpacked in a spare room we were to use as dining and sleeping quarters for the week. The first couple of days were full of leaky air mattresses and tours. A tour by Pablo of the French Quarter, where we were to live, was followed the next day by a tour of the buildings our group were to work in by a woman named Dot. As this was our first full day there, the excitement of being there built slowly but surely as the day grew older and by night we were ready to really see this new place.

In the mornings we would wake up to Pablo getting up to run, then up again to turn the alarm clocks off. We all usually made the effort to be dressed for breakfast and by lunch most of us were ready for the day. The problem was though, the day started off soon after breakfast, and because of the lack of shower curtains, we had to take a shower early in the morning or late at night until we found the pool showers, which were warm.

While Fran Lynch, James Parker, Priscilla Martin, and Maggie McGuire went off to watch the little kids at the day care center, Chie Ninomiya, Takumsa Arai, Tomomi Akao, Jon, Jeremy Gosche, George Carros, Rene Acevedo, and I waited an hour till the Maintenance Supervisor was ready to tell us what to do. During the week the Girls and Boys bathrooms got scrubbed and painted, the Sanctuary upstairs got cleaned and polished, and paperwork was done. Since they had no computer system, all paperwork was still done by hand and calculator. At the end of the day we would wait for dinner and the day-care people would come back with tired smiles and stories of how Fran and Maggie were the center of some attention with their light-colored hair.

During breaks and at night there was always a box of snacks left out. At

this time reading was done and many batteries were used up by walkmans.

We got to go sightseeing after dinner and we'd come back before wrap-up with what we'd seen and bought. At wrap-up with Fran we'd talk about things we did and saw that day. One night we talked about our reactions to the gay/lesbian community and it's Center down the street from us.

Wednesday Fran got us all down to Bourbon Street to watch the Saint Patrick's Day Parade. It was running late so Fran let us go to do our own things so some of us never got to see it, but

Sybil brought back enough beads which they'd thrown during the parade for all of us to have some.

Saturday rolled around and we were packed to go but things still had to wait. Pablo ran the Crescent City Race, and finished fifty-ninth out of some 30,000 while it was raining. We then split up to do our final hours of sightseeing and shopping and were to be back at the van at 4 p.m. After a couple of hours on the road we stopped for the night at Sybil's sister's home. After breakfast in Sybil's mom's house

(behind the sister's house) we were back on the road, breaking for a picnic lunch and Sybil treated us to dinner at Taco Bell. That evening Jon started up jokes and riddles and Maggie pitched in one or two as well. Sybil even told a raunchy joke!

We came back to piles of dirty snow. We got our bags out/off of the van and finally settled back into school, but we'll always remember Mr. Biggies, Tom's Toy Box, The Pussycat Club, Dot, Mr. Mitchell, and all the fun we had!



James Parker, left, made a couple of new friends during the Project Inside-Out trip to New Orleans. (Photo special for The Clarion by PIO)

National Library Week Is Here!

by Chris Schauer
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Attention, attention please! National Library Week will be April 18-24. The one place we all use as a source for information will have a week of it's own in April. The library is full of resources for you to do book reports, check out books of interest or a place to study with friends.

I spoke with Ken Chamlee, Brevard College Associate Professor of English, on what the use of a good library meant to him. Chamlee said, "Besides being a storehouse of information, a good library is a tool for using all sorts of other information." Chamlee also added

that "having a small library is not really a disadvantage when it contains so many indexes, computer searches, and reference materials as one does." Chamlee stated that "finding what you

need is a matter of knowing what your library can do."

For all of us with book reviews, term papers, and research papers due, the library is the best place to start!

SGA, Commuter Officers Selected For '93-'94 Year

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Brevard College SGA recently elected new officers for the '93-'94 school year. The President of SGA is Paige Tarr. The Vice-Presidents are Laura

Hayes (Judicial) and Paisley Tuffile (Social).

Commuting students elected new officers for next year as well. The President of the commuters is Tina Bone and the Vice-President is Christie Barschow.