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S.A. Students Gain A World Of Experience

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The land of the famous Alps, the world's finest chocolate and authentic Swiss watches was the site of a winter term trip attended by a group of St. Andrews students and College pastor Bob Martin and his wife Billie.

The entourage, which included Pam Donaldson, Lisa Phillips, Beth Thomas, Chuck Booker, Withers Andrews, Laura Durfee and Jennie Wilhelm, attended the World Council of Churches at the Ecumenical Institute and stayed at the Chateau de Bossey at Celigny, Switzerland.

The St. Andrews group attended various lectures given by religious speakers, participated in discussions concerning pertinent social and religious issues, shared the American culture to the various groups and sects and in return learned about their

cultures and customs.

"I wanted to go to Switzerland and learn more about world churches," said Phillips, a junior from Laurinburg. "I wanted to see what it was all about."

The trip was a perfect opportunity for international law major Jennie Wilhelm to test the waters and see how she could interact in an international environment.

"We traveled a lot. We reflected on things we learned. On a personal level, the trip proved that I could function well in an international community," said Wilhelm.

Wilhelm further commented that although the trip was an enjoyable one, the group had to overcome a variety of tensions.

"We (various countries) didn't speak a common language. Everything had to be translated simultaneously," said

Wilhelm. "Also, one of the graduate students (a 40 year old man from Brazil) died."

According to Wilhelm each religious group stressed something different. Also, the issue of women's rights became a hot topic of debate.

"The women took the issue seriously. Three-fourths of the men found it trivial. The East European delegates were adamant. Personally, this was frustrating," said Wilhelm.

When entering any new country a language barrier is encountered. Also, tourists from the United States must deal with the image of the "ugly American." Freshman Laura Durfee felt a certain level of hostility from people from other countries.

"It was fun seeing how America is perceived. People view Americans as wealthy snobs. Some Germans weren't very welcome towards us. You almost felt

like you had to apologize for being American," said Durfee.

Durfee noted that one of the best things about the trip was the exposure which the students received to other parts of the world.

"The trip opened up a whole new sense about what other parts of the world are like," said Durfee. "There are some subtle differences between Americans and the Swiss. For example, in Switzerland men told hands and people are generally more prone to touch."

One St. Andrews student who had ample time to learn more about the country of

Nigeria was Chuck Booker who was stranded in a Geneva train station with a Nigerian refugee named Mohammed.

Fortunately, Booker barely had enough money to return safely to the Chateau de Bossey the following morning.

"The atmosphere of the symposium was adverse. At first we weren't welcome or well prepared. The graduates had been carrying on the symposium since November," said Booker. "Overall, it was very pleasant. We went skiing in the Alps and had the option of further traveling to Venice or Paris."



The new Scotland Memorial Hospital.

Colleges Use Innovative Ways To Raise Funds

The campus of Park College in rural Missouri happens to cover over 800 acres of rich limestone deposits. Soon, officials plan to mine and sell the limestone, and then lease out the excavated caverns as underground warehouse and office space.

The scheme may sound odd or even far-fetched, but administrators at Park don't have much choice. They say it's the best way they have to make up for federal and state funding cuts the school has suffered over the last few years.

Colleges everywhere are resorting to schemes and somewhat-eccentric strategies in this, the third year of a prolonged depression in college revenues.

St. Andrews Presbyterian College, for example, leased out 10 acres of land to a shopping center, sold 40 to a hospital, and is readying more land for sale to private residential developers.

To some, particularly in the Reagan administration, all this is great news.

"Colleges are coming up

with all kinds of ways to replace money they have lost from funding decreases," exults U.S. Dept. of Education spokesman Duncan Helmrich.

Such creativity in getting money is "proving that a lot can be done, as President Reagan said, when you put your mind to it," he asserts.

The president, of course, has argued that colleges have been too dependent on federal support, and that once cut off, they'd find some new ways to support themselves.

"I don't share the view of some that the cuts being made in higher education will bring about disaster," agrees David McKinney, financial affairs vice president at the University of Idaho.

"We've got to get the federal deficit down, and we've all got to tighten our belts a little. A lot of people in higher education are blowing smoke," he adds, "but there's still no fire."

With nowhere to turn for help, then, the schools have been feverishly trying to turn necessity into invention in fundraising.



The group of S.A. students who traveled to Switzerland during the winter term.

Global Glance



In what was a surprise to many fans around the ACC, Virginia's center Ralph Sampson was named player of the year over North Carolina's Michael Jordan. The 7-foot-4 center averaged 18.5 points and 12.3 rebounds per game and had a 60 percent field goal accuracy while leading the Cavaliers a 25-3 record.

Pope John Paul II asked thousand of onlookers to

pray for peace in his first trip to the war torn country of El Salvador. Amid death threats from the leftist and rightist factions in El Salvador the Pontiff told the estimated crowd of 1 million people to end the war in Central America that has "sown the land with grief."

The Persian Gulf oil producers, in an effort to achieve solidarity and avoid an all-out price war, agreed

Sunday to lower the price of a barrel of oil from \$34 to \$28.50. The price drop was also made to compete with African and North Sea exporters, who had earlier lowered the price of their oil to \$30 a barrel. The only country in the 13 member OPEC cartel that refused to drop their oil prices was Iran, who wanted their quota of barrels produced per day increased.