

NEW ORLEANS

By Laurie Quartermain

Mardi Gras, Bourbon Street, jazz, and other highly publicized images are brought to mind when one thinks of New Orleans. Certainly the eleven St. Andrews students who began their 1992 winter term with the task of becoming New Orleans-educated did not realize how much more the class would offer. Instructed by Carl and Ellen Walters, the group met often to experience the culture and history of this unique city. Excursions to plantations, tours of selected homes, a visit to an above-ground cemetery, and even a tour of a Mardi Gras den allowed students to view first-hand the special historical and geographical traditions. Much time was also allotted for small group or individual learning and a variety of museums, preserved buildings, and landmarks were available to the group. Regardless of whether one was following a planned tour or even lost, a lot was learned simply by strolling along the narrow brick streets of the European-influenced city. Free time was spent in ways that were also

crucial to an understanding of the culture. Some ventured into New Orleans for a day of shopping at the markets or an evening of jazz at the famous Preservation Hall. Bourbon Street offered something for everyone depending on the extravagance of their tastes. The action never stopped downtown. Here, one could enjoy the freelance painters and musicians in Jackson Square or relax on the banks of the Mississippi. No matter where, eating was fun: crawfish, alligator sticks, gumbo and tasty beignets were enjoyed!

These special group and individual experiences were shared with the others daily since everyone enjoyed the convenience of living together in a guest hall at Tulane University. Here, the St. Andrews gang created lasting friendships with each other and also with the nearby residents. Tulane also offered library access to a reserved collection of New Orleans materials. These aided in the research for the required term paper. Apart from the abundant knowledge and precious friendships gained, certain other skills were acquired and refined while

SWITZERLAND

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Switzerland....For the unexperienced traveler, as well as the world traveler, it is a wonderful place to be. There are so many opportunities for travel that the few weeks there are just not enough. Surrounded by France, Italy, Austria, and Germany, Switzerland is the perfect home-base for someone who wants to see the sights. Oh, and don't forget that the Alps are right there at your doorstep! For the first time skiers, they are quite intimidating. And if you get tired, or if your skis feel tight, you can take a break in a restaurant midway down the mountain or you can just walk down that mountain! It might take a while, but, eventually, you'll get to the bottom! And remember, don't let the four year old Olympic downhill trainees discourage you!

in New Orleans. Nate and the boys fulfilled an appreciation for live entertainment while Andrea and Logan mastered the art of receiving king cakes. Thomas revised traditional modes of transportation through elevator jumping and train hopping. Jenn, Leigh, Laurie and Jo ri-

As for the people Switzerland, there are some real beauties. You'll have the odd counter with a storekeeper who has no interest in you and your problem. Just try to speak language! But then, there are people who you meet at the Bossey Institute who become real friends. Of course, it's not easy to make friends whose native language is not your own. But, at Bossey Institute everyone is in the same predicament as you are. The students there come from countries all over the world - Sri Lanka, the Philippines, Cameroon, Great Britain, U.S., and many more. Just sitting at the table during meal time you learn so much about different cultures and conditions from the people. It is a unique experience which cannot be justified on paper in two paragraphs. So, just ask some-

valued local pros by performing public skits. I hope to earn extra spending wages. At last, finally, Janna bore the hardship of remaining sane in the midst of insanity. For more details about the trip "ax" and be sure to listen to Nate's Cajun music and Logan's jazz selections.