

S.A. Students Journey to Vietnam

By Nathan Ellis

The political walls are coming down a bit in Vietnam, at least for tourists, and students of St. Andrews Presbyterian College will be among the first to take advantage of the country's recent slackening of travel restrictions. On January 7 seven students will accompany St. Andrews history professor Dr. Tom Williams for a three week visit to Vietnam. The trip is an extension of a course focusing on the US and the Vietnam War, which is taught by Dr. Williams.

The students will be visiting specific sites and areas that were relevant to the Vietnam conflict, starting in Saigon and finishing in Hanoi. These destinations include the former US embassy, the presidential palace, the Catholic Cathedral (all in Saigon) as well as Cu Chi, where the students will get a firsthand view of the Viet Cong's elaborate tunnel systems. As the students make their way north to Hanoi, they will also encounter Tay Ninh, a province on the Cambodian



Dr. Tom Williams, Professor of History at St. Andrews, poses for a picture on the Red River Delta during the groups 1991 trip to Vietnam.

Border that was a center of fighting throughout the war. Also located in the province is the very ornate and beautiful Cao Dai temple which, according to Dr. Williams, will be one of the highlights of the trip. This visit will be augmented by the fact that, until recently, outsiders had been barred from viewing the temple. They will conclude their visit in Hanoi, a

city where the war still keeps quite a high profile. Dr. Williams says "There are monuments to the war everywhere - the war is still very visible in Hanoi."

Dr. Williams has travelled to the east on several occasions, including a visit to China in spring of 1989, to Vietnam in the winter of 1991, and Korea in the winter of 1992. "Being on location really reinforces the sub-

ject matter of the course. The students can really see the aftermath of the war." Dr. Williams says. "Also, Vietnam is a third world country, one of the poorest in the world. Seeing it firsthand will be a good experience for the students," he adds.

The chance for international travel to Vietnam that is related to a course of study is rare for a college student, and St. Andrews is one of few colleges that offers it to students. "The program is very unique", Dr. Williams says. "Only a handful of U.S. colleges have sent groups to Vietnam since the fall of Saigon in 1975."

Airband tradition

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to the Lovely Ladies of Concord for their performance of the GoGo's.

Second place finishers were Brad Pederson, Lee Golgol, Mark Hammond, and Dan Chlebas of the Hair Lords Revisited, all of whom are seniors. Finally with the music off, the crowd grew silent, dust could be heard falling from the rafters as the first place winners, The Acid Cowboys, were announced as the 1992 Airband champs. The members of the group include: Todd Kassel, Tyler Corning, Nate Frazee, David Gigandet, and Craig Zedallas. The Grand Prize for these fellas is three large pizzas from Dominoes Pizza and a keg (just kidding fellas).

The baseball team hopes that next year's Airband will be even more exciting and fun!

Switzerland to Host Students in Winter

by Laurie Warbrick

St. Andrews might be a small liberal arts college, but through its international programs it offers students the world. This winter term, St. Andrews students can take advantage of one of these programs by joining Dr. Carl Walters on a trip to Switzerland.

The group will leave from Atlanta and arrive in Geneva on January 4, 1993, where they will take a train to the Chateau de Bossey. Bossey is an ecumenical institute located in a Swiss village between the Jura Mountains and Lake Geneva. The Chateau hosts graduate students from over 40 countries, but also invites St. Andrews students to participate in some of their seminars. These seminars range in topic from global justice to philosophical, political, economic, religious, ecological, and ethical issues. There is also the opportunity for interesting discussions with other guests.

The curriculum for the term

varies for each individual. After the students arrive and overcome their jet lag, they will meet with Dr. Walters to plan how and what they will study. The students may invite others from the institute to share something about their culture or participate in class discussions.

To further the international experience, each country hosts a cultural evening where they display their nation's flair through custom dress, food, and festivities. This promotes a better understanding of other cultures in a fun and unique way, the essential aim of Bossey.

When the students are not busy with classes, maintaining their required journal or doing research in the Chateau's library, they may take advantage of the splendor of the Swiss countryside by hiking in the mountains or sampling what the local village offers. There will be time on the weekends and one full week at the close of the term for adventures in France, Germany, or any of the other surrounding European countries. The students will take two short excursions

within Switzerland guided by Dr. and Mrs. Walters. They will also tour several museums; John Calvin's church, The Red Cross, and The World Council of Churches, the World Health Organization and the United Nations.

"This will be a wonderful opportunity for the students," says Dr. Walters. "This program is like no other offered. We are the only undergraduate school invited to participate. It is indeed an honor." He added, "The possibilities are endless for individual and spiritual growth. It is also a wonderful opportunity to worship and learn with others from various cultures."

Friendship stands unshaken
over time and distance.

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