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Emanons director Mike Lewis boards the bus that will take him to New York for the first leg of the music group's trip to the Soviet Union.

Emanons perform abroad

By Leah Beth Gingerich
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Elon College's jazz band, the Emanons, along with their director, Assistant Professor of Music Michael E. Lewis, will taste the sights and sounds of the Soviet Union as they tour and perform there from January 14 through January 22.

Because of the profound political changes taking place in the Soviet Union, the Emanons are fortunate to be taking the trip now, according to Director Lewis. He said, "We'll see the Soviet Union as it is in this century, and, because of the movement for freedom around the world, the twentieth century Soviet Union will never be the same again."

After their departure from New York's Kennedy International Airport Friday, Jan. 12, the Emanons will arrive in Prague, Czechoslovakia Saturday, Jan. 13, following a brief stopover in Canada.

From Prague they will go to Leningrad, the Soviet Union's second largest city, where they will tour the city and perform two back-to-back evening

concerts at the International Jazz Center.

Next, the Emanons go to Kiev where they will perform two concerts before going on to Moscow.

While in Moscow, the Soviet Union's capital and largest city, the group will tour the city, the Kremlin, and Red Square. The Emanons will perform two requested concerts in Moscow, one of which will be at an automobile plant club.

The group arrives back in New York at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 22. Director Lewis has heard from many sources that American jazz is so loved in Russia that his band will be loved. He said the predictions are that the people will actually mob them for autographs! Lewis, however, considers it a shame that jazz, the music of our national heritage, is loved in all countries except here at home in the United States.

Lewis says that this may be the only time these students will have an opportunity to visit the Soviet Union, and he hopes it will be a good musical experience for them.

When asked what he hoped to accomplish, trombone player David Cunha, a member of the Emanons, said that he wanted to see Russia and become a better trombone player.

Director Lewis has no apprehensions about the trip. He said that Emanons are a wonderful group of students whom he thinks the world of. He also feels there are a lot of good leaders in the group.

According to David Cunha, the trip should be an exciting experience. He considers it a once-in-a-lifetime chance and said, "They've really built us up."

Director Lewis would like to take the Emanons outside the states every four years so that every student joining the group would have at least one opportunity to travel abroad during his college career.

The Emanons, which is "No Names" spelled backwards, was organized by Dr. Jack O. White after the 1962 football season and has performed other tours outside the United States, including Puerto Rico and Europe.

A different lesson

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While most students go to class, \$90,000 check from Habitat International and the Chrysler Corp. Term, one group of students is getting first hand experience at helping rebuild peoples' lives.

Ten students, one faculty member and a pastor from a local church have volunteered their time and a little sweat to help out people whose homes were destroyed by Hurricane Hugo. Hugo was a devastating hurricane that did millions of dollars in damage and left tens of thousands homeless along the eastern seaboard in the fall of 1989.

The students left at the start of Winter Term and headed down to Sumpter, S.C., where they have been refurbishing homes that were damaged by the storm. Richard McBride, chaplain and religious professor at Elon College, said, "The students have been painting the interiors of three damaged homes and are very nearly finished. The remaining bit of work to be done is the installation of vinyl siding on two other homes."

However, most of the students aren't master craftsmen. "We have had professionals at every site to help us by showing us how to put up siding, paint and do yard work.", said Bobbie Moore, Freshman.

Most of the group is part of Habitat for Humanity, a local service organization that helps renovate homes in the Burlington area. The official title of this

The Project also got a big lift. Millard Fuller, the founder of Habitat for Humanity, brought a national and the Chrysler Corp. Another \$90,000 check was contributed by local charities. While working in Sumpter, S.C., the group has been staying at Camp Harmony, a Presbyterian summer camp located 25 miles south of Sumpter off of highway 95.

On Sunday, Jan. 14, the group visited former president Jimmy Carter's church in Plains, Ga. They had hoped to see him and hear him speak, but, unfortunately, he was not there.

During the week of Jan. 15th, the students left S.C. for Americus, Ga., headquarters of Habitat International. After a week doing rehabilitation work, they returned by way of Atlanta, Ga.

While in Atlanta, they visited the Jimmy Carter Habitat for Humanity Center and the Martin Luther King Center for the study of non-violence.

Not all the students knew what to expect when they started on the trip. Jayne Weigand, a student at Elon, said, "I wasn't a part of Habitat for Humanity on Campus, but I want to be now. We are all really excited and we're getting a lot done. The destruction was terrible. I'd say 90% of the trees are gone."

Also on the trip is Beth Lyons, associate pastor at Elon Community Church.

The group will return before the end of Winter Term.

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