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is to have a Comedy Club co-sponsored by S.G.A. and several other campus organizations. The Comedy Club would provide an entertaining yet non-alcoholic event on campus where students could enjoy themselves without feeling the traditional pressures of college life. In addition, the annual mocktail winner would have their drink served all evening at the Comedy Club. S.G.A. has also been providing alcohol education for freshmen at their weekly hall meetings. This program is designed to help freshmen make a smooth transition from high school to college. One additional consideration for this goal is to examine starting a S.A.D.D. chapter at Meredith.

There are several aspects of commuter life S.G.A. would like to examine as another one of their goals. For instance, S.G.A. is considering the benefits and drawbacks of a campus wide directory. Additional areas to be examined are dining services for commuter and resident students and how the two coincide. S.G.A. is also following up on past examinations of residence life versus commuter life at Meredith. One other final consideration for improving commuter life at Meredith is to examine the commuter elections process.

Not only is S.G.A. examining commuter life at Meredith, they are also evaluating the need for more social interaction for resident students at Meredith. Considerations for this goal are to improve areas such as gym facilities, Cate Center, and dining services. Improvements in this area would hopefully increase student social opportunities on campus. Other ways to achieve this goal would be to provide increased and more comfortable areas to sit outside, to examine male visitation policies, and to explore the need for a true student center which might house dining, recreational, and social facilities

for students to use with their dates.

It is evident that S.G.A. has tremendous goals for the 1991-1992 school year. As Ms. Hiott expressed, while these goals may not be completely achieved during this school year, they will be examined and attempts will be made to achieve these goals. One way that the students can help S.G.A. achieve these goals is to become involved and voice their opinions. Utilize the Herald, the S.G.A. suggestion box, or contact an S.G.A. representative directly to become involved with S.G.A. and their goals.

In order to contact an S.G.A. representative directly you may wish to contact their office which is located in the Office of Student Activities in Cate Center. You are welcome to stop by the S.G.A. office to talk with a representative, or you may wish to call at 829-8602. Their office hours on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday are from 9-10:00 a.m. and 1-2:00 p.m. On Tuesday and Thursday the office hours are from 1-3:00 p.m. Ideas may also be placed in the S.G.A. suggestion box which is located in Johnson Hall under the S.G.A. bulletin board.

Meredith Student Spends Summer in Czechoslovakia

by Janie Mullis

"Dobry den! Jak se mate?" Does this sound and look foreign to you? It is the Czech language for "Good day! How are you?" I had the awesome opportunity of spending my summer in the homeland of this language.

I traveled to Prague, Czechoslovakia with thirty-four Americans from all over the United States on a Short Term Mission Project with Campus Crusade for Christ. Campus Crusade for Christ (CCC) is a Christian organization on major college campuses in the U.S. and around the world. We were divided into 4 teams of 7 or 8 and our daily schedule included a team business meeting, a team Bible study on the book of Phillipians or a personal reflection time in the morning, sharing with Czech college students in the dorms, at parks, at lakes, and/or English classes during the afternoons, and meetings or social activities in the evenings. When we met a student, we would speak with them about God, Jesus, and the Bible by answering questions and by answering questions and by telling them that God loves them and has a wonderful plan for their life, but man is sinful and thus separated from God, and the only way to bridge the gulf between man and God is by personally accepting Jesus Christ through prayer. Because Czechoslovakia had been ruled by communist leaders for 40 years, the people were hungry for knowledge about God, a taboo subject before two years ago. Most students did not believe in God, but many had read all or part of the Bible. Surprisingly, about one out of four Czech students could speak English; however, each team had several translators available to aid in the language barrier.

On our days off we traveled to different parts of Czechoslovakia, such as the mountains of Northern Bohemia, Kutna Hora and Tabor, two towns in Southern Bohemia, and Karlstejn castle, the castle for Charles IV's crown jewels.

We lived in apartments rented from Czech families for the summer. The common Czech meal is cucumbers and tomatoes as a salad, cabbage soup, pork and potatoes, and Pilsen beer. The people are immodest, skeptical, loyal, and prejudiced; they seem to be lost and searching for something, and they love Americans. The language was very difficult to comprehend (Some of the Czech words do not have vowels!).

Czechoslovakia is an Eastern European country bordering Russia, Austria, Hungary, Germany, and Poland. It is divided into three sections—Bohemia, Moravia, and Slovakia. Prague is the capital and the largest city with 1.2 million inhabitants. On November 17, 1989, Czechoslovakia overthrew communism and is now a social democracy under the presidency of Vaclav Havel, a playwright. Czechoslovakia is a poor country compared to the western countries, yet it is one of the wealthiest in Eastern Europe.

I can honestly say that this past summer was the best of my life. I developed great relationships, grew in my Christian walk, learned a lot about myself, and was affirmed that I was in the right major for me, International Studies.

I am unsure about the future but I would definitely love to return to Czechoslovakia.

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