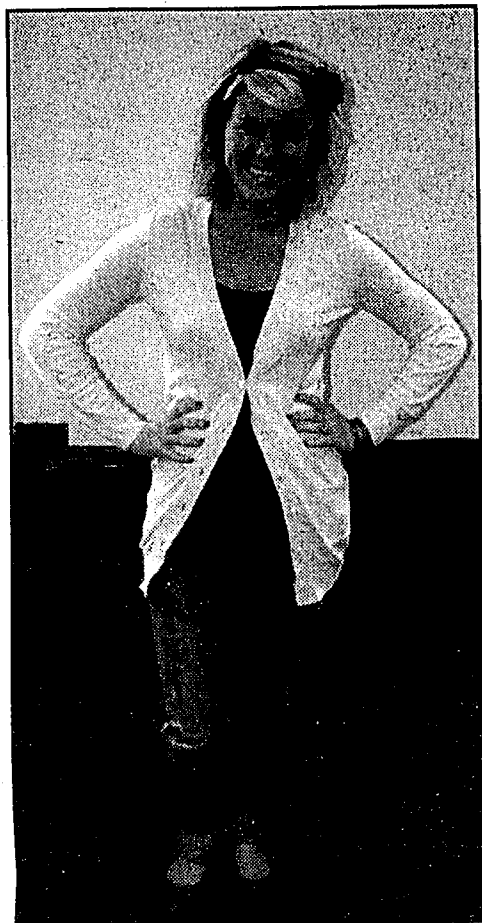


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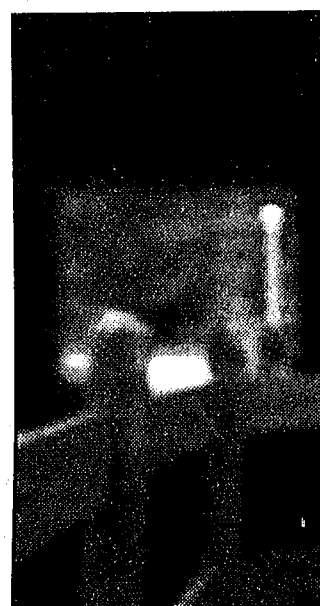
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Trends this Meredith girl is sporting:
flowered headband (like I said last week—it makes your head look pretty too), oversized boy-fit cardigan (comfy and cute!), cuffed jeans, and flats

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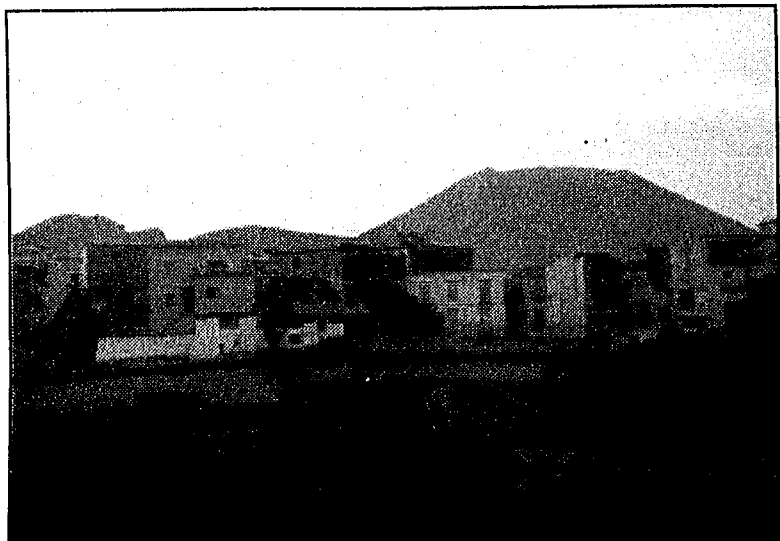
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at the top that the later busses had been canceled and that the last one left in an hour. Normally, this wouldn't be much of a problem, but the hike to the crater was supposed to last 20-30 minutes. Lauren and I marched up the mountain at the double, making it in a brief seventeen minutes!!!

We spent as much time as we could admiring the otherworldly scene. One could smell the sulfur on the air, see the steam drifting above the vents, and feel the

harsh volcanic gravel underfoot.

I love the latent power of volcanoes. Visiting one is a great way to counteract the humdrum boredom of everyday life, although I have to admit that I don't understand living near one. Pompei and Herculaneum are anything but Roman ghost towns; it's ironic that the ancient disaster has fueled the current touristic success. Vesuvius is still active, however, and the ash and lava that brought death and destruction once are projected to do so again. Really, who insures these people anyway? I suppose it



ought to say something inspiring about the undefeatable nature of the human spirit, but all it seems to signify is how stupid and stubborn we can be. WE can't let a mere VOLCANO keep

ERADICATING POVERTY AND HUNGER

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In 2005, the United Nations (UN) established eight millennium goals to make the world safer and more stable. These goals included eradicating poverty and hunger, achieving universal primary education, promoting gender equality and empowering women, reducing child mortality, improving maternal health, ensuring environmental sustainability, and developing a global partnership for development. All members of the UN pledged to meet these goals by the year 2015.

I am a student enrolled in the CORE 404 Global Questions: Needs of Families class. Our class was split into groups based upon our interest in a particular millennium goal. My group's focus is on the first millennium goal, eradicating poverty and hunger. Throughout the world, 1.2 billion people, one-sixth of the world's population live on less than one dollar a day. Every 3.6 seconds someone starves to death. The UN's goal is to reduce both of these statistics by half.

There are multiple ways that students can be involved locally and globally to help the UN reach this goal. In the Raleigh area, there are many opportunities to make a difference in

the fight against poverty and hunger. Some of these opportunities include organizations such as the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina, Shepherd's Table, and the Interfaith Food Shuttle. Our group has chosen to volunteer at the food bank by helping sort and repackage food. In addition to local opportunities, there are multiple ways to get involved globally. One easy way is to become a patron of organizations like One Mango Tree, TOMS, and Ten Thousand Villages. Both One Mango Tree and Ten Thousand Villages are non-profit, fair trade companies that sell handcrafted products. TOMS is a retail company that provides children in poverty-stricken countries with a pair of shoes for every purchase made.

We encourage you to get involved one way or another to help eradicate poverty and hunger. No matter what you do to get involved, every little bit will help. Look for more facts and statistics about poverty and hunger in the senior section of the Cornhuskin' parade. We will also have a display in the Cate center the week of November 9th to provide the Meredith community with more information on how we can help to eradicate poverty and hunger in our city and in our world.

us from building where we want to build, now CAN we??? (Normally, I'd insert: "We're CAN-DO AMERICANS!" but apparently this is an international trait. And CAN-DO ITALIANS really doesn't have the same ring to it.) Heck, they'll have to excavate ancient Pompei all over again. I hardly think it will improve the state of the ruins.

Speaking of the condition of the excavation, Pompei can't compare to Ercolano (Herculaneum). Ercolano is another town that suffered a similar fate to Pompei, but isn't as big, as famous, or as touristy. It was covered in tuff, with is apparently boiling mud, rather than the rain of ashes that fell on Pompei, which left the buildings in much better condition. Many of them have the several rooms of the second story still intact, and the frescoes and artwork are in wonderful condition. I have a weak spot for mosaics, and I really enjoyed seeing all the lovely geometric and artistic patterns that were made out of those tiny little tiles.

There were colorful marble floors as well that I thought were

especially beautiful. The odd thing about Ercolano is that the site is surrounded by modern buildings. If you look up the sides of the giant excavation, you can see buildings that look like they are in worse condition than the ruins. They are the same dusty brown-gray color, and what the Roman buildings lack in intactness, they make up in aesthetics. It's one of those sights that forces one to come to terms with the widespread poverty in the Italian South.

After Ercolano, Lauren and I scored an amazing train ticket that got us from Pompei to Arezzo without changing trains. Not only did we have reserved seats, but we practically had a private compartment all the way.

Yes, the weekend was beyond amazing.