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Service Work At Sub-Zero Students Travel Country To Lend A Hand

By Freda Banther
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As an arctic cold front began to move southward across much of the U.S., several Mars Hill College students traveled north to do service projects.

During the week prior to registration for the spring 1994 semester, Campus Minister, Paula Dempsey, and 11 students from the Christian Student Movement (CSM) went on a mission trip to Detroit, Mich. Almost simultaneously, the director of the Center for Community Service and Internships, Wanda Kidd, and 18 Bonner scholars made their way to St. Louis, Mo. to work in the flood relief effort.

Students from both groups commented that as they traveled in the college vans, the weather was so cold that the windows of the vans frosted over on the inside, and once they reached their destinations, temperatures only continued to drop.

Despite the freezing weather experienced by both groups, students reported that they appreciated the opportunity to perform service work with their peers, as well as the opportunity to perform service work in new and interesting places.

The Detroit trip lasted from Jan. 8 - 15. Students

stayed at a Catholic community, in a place that frequently houses college students. Their mission work was done through the Hartford Agape House, and included work in a Headstart Program, a Senior Adult Program, and a Clothing and Food Emergency program. One student worked the entire week with the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program and another participated in a program called Food and Friendship, which caters to senior centers and to shut-ins.

Mars Hill Bonner Scholars joined 12 Bonners from Davidson College, near Charlotte, for the St. Louis trip. Their service work was done through the Southern Baptist Convention Disaster Relief Program. They were housed in a missionary house provided by Compton Heights Baptist Church (some students led that church's Sun. and Wed. night services as part of their service work).

In a community where flood waters had risen to 12 feet, work was done on a home that had been severely damaged. Also there was service work to clean up and repair of one man's flood-damaged auto-salvage business.

Some work was also done in a warehouse used to store

goods donated in large quantities to both the flood relief and clean-up efforts.

Both groups did have the opportunity to do some touring of the areas in which they stayed.

In Detroit, the CSM students spent time at the Henry Ford Museum as well as the Motown Museum. They also went into Windsor, Canada one evening for

dinner.

The group attended services at Hartford Memorial Baptist Church, where they saw Dr. Charles Adams, who participated in the campus Christian Focus Week, and James Abbington, who shared his musical talent at the 1993 MHC Fall Festival.

Bonner scholars visited the Gateway Arch and some

museums. They also traveled to an area 45 minutes outside St. Louis which had been hardest hit by the flooding of the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers.

On their way back, Bonners stopped for a quick tour of Nashville before they went their separate ways to begin a new semester.



COMING EVENTS

Layman's Daughter
The Loft Student Nite Club will be presenting Layman's Daughter
Saturday, February, 19th at 10 p.m.

Taking the Washington Adventure

By Candice Bryant
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In 1828, a group of North Carolinians descended on Washington, D.C. to attend the inaugural party for Andrew Jackson. Again, in 1994, another group from North Carolina trudged to the capitol "fit to symbolize America's prospective greatness" (Madison, 1915).

As usual, Dr. George Peery took his annual Washington Adventure

along with a group of Mars Hill students Jan. 8-17.

In order to get credit, each student was required to keep a daily journal, visit three museum shows in addition to the National Geographic Exhibition, and schedule one interview at an agency of their choice, such as a PAC group or a governmental office.

Junior Dodie Bowman was very successful with her interview, "The best part was

getting a job with Senator Faircloth this summer."

Dr. Peery was pleased with the trip. He scheduled several briefings involving important issues of the Clinton Administration, including NAFTA, Health Care Reform, and the Brady Bill. Health Care reform was his central theme for the trip.

The group attended six briefings addressed "specifically or tangentially to the health care issue.

They got a good sample of views that aggregate about that specific issue," said Peery.

Sophomore Takahiro Tmato commented, "The gun control issue was most interesting to me. We don't have a gun problem in Japan, and I worry about the safety of international people here due to guns."

In addition to these briefings, the students also toured the capitol, attended

a session of the supreme court, and went sight seeing and shopping.

Perhaps the trip was best summed up by another adventurer, "We were able to meet so many people who had distinguished backgrounds. The only bad part about it was the bitter cold weather. It was a fantastic experience."

Dr. Peery takes a group to Washington each year.