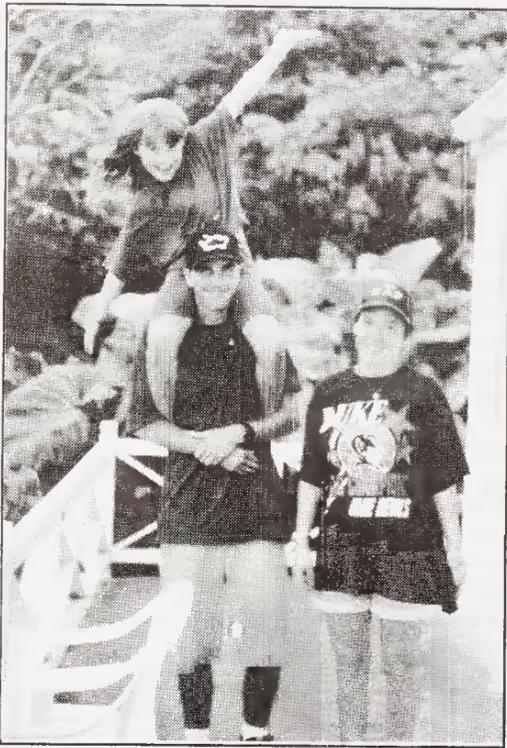


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Senior Sara Aderhold, far right, describes her stay in Saba. She and her family moved last summer to this Caribbean island just south of Puerto Rico.

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if someone was failing a class that was a very bad thing. The government offers a \$15,500 scholarship to everyone who makes the equivalent of a B+ on all five general exams (our honor classes are their general classes) in grades 6-11. There are two types of schools: Comprehensive was up to Form 1 and Secondary was Forms 1-5."

Aderhold found that the island was a very secure place. She liked the ability to feel safe wherever she was. The caring and respecting nature of the people was an aspect Aderhold found refreshing. However, she disliked the "laid back" attitude of the people. She said, "They were not in a hurry to do anything."

Our final destination on this trip of countries is the continent of Africa. Africa is the homeland of Mamadou Niang, a senior. Born in Mali, Niang grew up in Ethiopia where his parents are diplomats to the United Nations. His father is an agricultural economist and his mother is the chairperson for the United Nations Women's Association.

"Ethiopia has a temperate climate. It is divided between the rainy season and the dry season. The Amhara (original founders of Ethiopia) are a highland people of the Semitic origin. The Galla, the pastoral people, Tigreans, Somali, Danakil and many more are some of the 50 ethnic groups of Ethiopia.

"Due to the lack of resources, Ethiopia has yet to become a developed nation. It remains heavily dependent on the agricultural sector. The government of Ethiopia used to be a monarchy. Then, it became a bicarmel Parliament, then Communist, and it is currently a republic."

The educational system of Ethiopia is different from the United States. Niang said, "Free education exists from primary through the college level, but due to the lack of resources, educational standards are very low."

Niang has a deep respect and appreciation for his homeland. He said, "I like Ethiopian folk art and its 'injera' which are sour pancakes with various spicy and tender sauces. I love Ethiopia dearly. A kingdom once known as Abyssinia, ruled by

King Solomon and Queen Sheba, Ethiopia is a land filled with lots of richness and beautiful people."

Africa may be a continent unexplored for many. However, this great continent with its enriched history is more than an unknown world for Mamadou Niang.

Whether it be Argentina, Ethiopia, Israel, or the island of Saba, these places all have a connection to the world of Grimsley. They have been experienced and lived in by four different students right here in our own territory!



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