

Students Seek Release Through Semester-Long Outdoor Programs

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There is something to be said for getting back to nature. It is a time to forget about class, contemplate life and do some personal reflection.

But for some UNC students, leaving their homes and the comforts of civilization was the biggest challenge they had ever faced.

These are students who took an entire semester off to brave the wilderness in Outward Bound or National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) programs. Getting back to nature proved to be a source of anxiety and doubt at first, but it soon turned into one of the greatest learning experiences of their lives.

NOLS, founded in 1965 and based in Lander, Wyo., has about 2,600 participants ranging in age from 14 to 70 each year. The school has branches in Arizona, Washington, Alaska, Wyoming, British Columbia, Mexico, Chile and Kenya.

Outward Bound, based in Garrison, N.Y., was founded in Great Britain in 1941 and came to the United States in 1961. Five Outward Bound programs operate in the country, including Maine, North Carolina, Oregon, Colorado and Minnesota and 50 schools worldwide. About 35,000 people participate in the U.S. schools each year.

Outward Bound and NOLS offer activi-

ties ranging from hiking, rock climbing and rappelling to kayaking, sailing and skiing, depending on the location.

In addition to the physical challenges, classes are taught in ecology, wildlife, writing and first-aid. The students keep journals that in some cases give them credit at school.

Susannah Mills, a sophomore from Columbia, S.C., went on a leadership course with Outward Bound that gave her 15 hours of credit. She spent half a semester in Maine and the other half in Florida.

She said she went on Outward Bound to take a break from school.

"At the time, I was considering transferring," Mills said, "I needed a change of scenery to decide."

At first, Mills was determined to leave the program. On the first day, she was at an all-time low for the trip.

"It was 30 below zero," Mills said. "I didn't know a soul. We had to climb this mountain, and we couldn't tell the difference between the rock and the ice patches. I kept falling down, and I was holding the whole group up. I just wanted to go home."

Mills also recalled a moment of accomplishment that changed her view of nature forever. "One day in Florida we were canoeing through the ocean, and we got caught in a 12-knot current," she said. "We couldn't hear because of the wind. We started at 5 p.m., and we paddled without moving for hours. We didn't get out of the

current until 2 a.m."

Greer Vanderberry, a senior from Lewisville, returned to Chapel Hill with an appreciation for the simple things in life after spending a semester with NOLS in South Baja, Mexico.

"The lifestyle is so simple," he said. "You get down to the essentials. All you're concerned with is feeding yourself. All you need you carry on your back. NOLS offered a good way to take time off to see and do some incredible stuff."

"I remember when I saw the Pacific Ocean," he added. "I had never seen it before. I was ahead of the group scouting with one of the leaders. We came to the top of the ridge and there it was."

Kate Lassiter, a sophomore from Chapel Hill, is also planning to go on a NOLS trip to Baja, Calif., during the spring semester.

"I think it will be good for me," she said. "People that I know have gone, and it has helped them get their priorities straight."

There are definite advantages to taking a semester off and going on one of these trips, students said. "When I came back, I remembered to take care of myself and to keep it simple," Vanderberry said.

Mills added: "I learned that I can just about do anything. It gave me a lot of incentive and a lot of drive to come back and do well in school. I used to have a really bad temper, but after the trip, I never lost it again. It doesn't do anything. 'There's more to life than just college.'"



Some cast members of the second "The Real World" enjoy some bonding time together in their Los Angeles home.

'The Real World' Seeks Triangle Applicants for Series in London

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Applications for "The Real World"

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If your "real world" is living next to a crack house and begging mom and dad for rent checks, MTV can come to your rescue. The network is offering free rent in a London flat for six months. If this sounds too good to be true, keep in mind you'll be living with six strangers and a camera crew.

MTV's "The Real World" is gearing up to start its fourth season in London in January. But first they need to find seven guinea pigs who are willing to move in with a diverse group of strangers and let the results be televised over a season's series of 30-minute shows.

The show's management is targeting "interesting" 18 to 24 year olds from the Triangle in their search for participants in their "real life soap opera."

Mary Ellis Bunim, the show's co-producer and co-creator, started "The Real World" in 1992 in a New York City loft. The second incarnation moved to Los Angeles and the third is based in San Francisco.

But MTV is moving the show abroad, partly because it has become increasingly successful with European audiences by airing on MTV Europe. "We always try to choose a fantasy destination — where people this age would like to live for six months," Bunim said.

"We expect London to be entirely different, with a different cultural make-up... Each season reflects a different set of personalities and concerns," Bunim said.

"We're looking for very interesting people with a compelling reason to be in London," she said. Reasons could include studying abroad, interning at a foreign business or having a parent or boyfriend/girlfriend living there.

In addition to having a reason to be in London, Bunim said they were looking for "people who are very able to express themselves verbally and emotionally. We need people who are not afraid of sharing what they're really feeling."

Bunim said MTV was targeting the Raleigh area partly because of the abundance of people ages 18 to 24. "It's an area that we've talked about before. There are so many young people there because of the universities."

Other target areas for the fourth "The Real World" include Salt Lake City, Okla-

homa City, Atlanta/Athens, Omaha, Neb., and Boston.

There are several stages in the application process. First, applicants submit tapes saying why they'd be great for "The Real World." Based on the tape, MTV will send out lengthy applications. Next, MTV conducts phone interviews. Finally, they interview about 100 candidates in person.

Bunim said four or five Americans would be in the group of seven.

Although she couldn't estimate what the odds of selection would be, she said there were 25,000 applications for the third "The Real World."

All applicants must be ages 18 to 24, single and "willing to share their lives, loves and most intimate thoughts with several million television viewers," according to MTV's press release.

If interested, send a videotape 10 to 12 minutes long with your name, age, address, phone number, why you want to be a part of "The Real World" and your "specific compelling reason" to be in London.

Bunim didn't have any creative suggestions for tapes, but she stressed that tapes should be well lit with the microphone close enough to make voices audible.

The deadline for submission in Oct. 31. Send tapes to: "The Real World," 10 Universal City Plaza, 33rd Floor, Universal City, CA 91608. For more information, call the hotline at 818-505-7929.

HOUSING

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phones. Bush said the inconveniences of living in a lounge made him stay away as much as possible. "Basically the only reason I came back to my room was to sleep."

As of mid-July, 150 freshmen and 200 transfers, graduate students and other students had been assigned temporary housing. By the end of August, that number had been cut to 126 students living in temporary housing.

By mid-September, all the women had

been relocated, but 50 men remained in temporary housing.

In order to find space for the men, the housing department consolidated spaces in the south campus residence halls where rooms had only one resident. They also had relocated women who had volunteered to move to 100 open spaces in other areas of campus, mostly in north campus.

The last 26 women that moved were asked to move rather than volunteering. They were each given a \$50 gift certificate from Student Stores and were assisted by the housing department with their move.

"We know this has been an inconve-

nience for all the students involved and we certainly appreciate their understanding," Bradley said.

In order to lower the likelihood that overcrowding will happen next year, Bradley said the housing department has plans underway to help better gauge enrollment.

"We plan to work closely with the Admissions Office to get a better handle on the male/female breakdown in the future."

Bradley said the situation couldn't be blamed on any one person or department.

"Predicting these numbers is an inexact science. We are all working to make things work more smoothly in the future."

TAILGATE

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Then, you plan everything the night before," he said. "Finally, use a cooler for the hot food."

Chris Shaw from Cary was with 20 friends and family members at the Tulane-UNC game Sept. 17. Although this was his first tailgate in a few years, Shaw still remembered how it was done. "A good parking space is number one," Shaw said from his spot near Gate 4. "Then you need good friends, cold beer and good weather. Being close to the bathroom is important and take an old car."

Melissa Jones, Shaw's neighbor, said

tailgating was a vital part of a game day but that it was always a casual event.

"It gets you in a good mood — the mood to have fun," she said. "Games and concerts are not the same without it. You need to tailgate to get pumped up. Some people will bring caviar and get all dressed up, but we're the fried chicken and beer type."

Laura Fowler, a freshman from Wilmington, was working as a parking attendant on Stadium Drive at the Homecoming game to raise money for her Phi Mu pledge class. "You really get all kinds out here. You see people my grandparents' age and then others in their 20s. Kids love it, too. It's a really good way to kick off a game."

KIDNAP

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car in the driveway for about 10 minutes before exiting the car on foot and flagging down a police officer in the area of east Durham, Carmon said. By that time, around 8:30 a.m.

Police returned the same day to the house where Leasure left his car, and found the vehicle in the same place, she said. Police took some people in the house in for questioning, Carmon said, but they were released after denying they knew anything about the incident. Carmon said Durham and University police were investigating the case and that there are no suspects yet.

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