

David Dellinger back from Europe

David Dellinger has returned from his first trip to Europe where he visited former Kings Mountain exchange student Patrik Frei in Switzerland.

Dellinger and Frei became friends when Dellinger coached a KMHS tennis team where Frei was one of the star players.

"It was really challenging to talk with people who didn't speak English and I learned from their impressions," said Dellinger, who stayed with Mary Anne and Peter Frei and their sons, Christian, 11, Pascal, 16, and Patrik, 19, in Oberkirch, Switzerland.

In Kings Mountain last year Patrik lived with Mr. and Mrs. Ken Rochford in Gold Run Community. The Frei family enjoyed opening Christmas presents from the Rochfords during Dellinger's visit.

Skiing in the Swiss Alps was an experience for Dellinger. An avid skier, he enjoyed ski trips to the Andermatt Mountains, Sorenberg and to Lenzerheide Valbella.

The Frei family lives about an hour's ride on the train from Zurich and close to Lucerne, which Dellinger enjoyed touring by train and bicycle.

Patrik and his mother speak English fluently but the other members of the family speak Swiss-German which proved challenging for Dellinger. He said young people in the English class in which he was speaker were curi-

ous about the United States, about politics, and wanted to know if he voted for Bush or Clinton in the recent presidential elections. Some members of the class could speak some broken English but Dellinger was a hit with them because he was the only man they had heard speak the formal English language. He said the questions they posed were tough.

People are friendly and the streets are clean and free of crime, said Dellinger. He said that he loved Fondue and Swiss meals and celebrated New Year's Day six hours earlier than his Kings Mountain friends. He attended a New Year's Eve party in his new friend's home.

The weather was very cold but perfect for the snow skiing trips the young people made to the Swiss Alps.

He said he was met at the Airport by his new friends and quickly recognized Patrik by the KMHS black and gold tennis jacket he wore.

A 1986 graduate of KMHS, he is the son of William Gene and Barbara Dellinger and is a recent graduate of UNC at Charlotte, where he majored in geography and urban planning. He is employed at Eckerd Drug Store and also does some land use mapping for the county. Active in Cleveland County Jaycees, he will head up the 1993 membership drive.

Dellinger likes to ski and visits



Kings Mountain's David Dellinger skis in the Swiss Alps during a recent visit with former Kings Mountain senior Patrik Frei at his home in Oberkirch, Switzerland.



Former Kings Mountain High School Swiss exchange student Patrik Frei is pictured with his family at their home in Oberkirch, Switzerland. Front row, left to right, Mary Anne Frei, Christian Frei and Pascal Frei. Back row, Peter Frei and Patrik Frei. Patrik Frei was a high school student here last year.

the North Carolina attractions frequently. He has also enjoyed trips to Vermont.

Dellinger said he received the red carpet treatment in Switzerland and he plans to host his new

friends when they come to Kings Mountain. Patrik plans to return here next summer but his family probably won't come until 1996 so they can also attend the Olympics in Atlanta, GA.

Student/Teacher basketball set

Kings Mountain Middle School PTO will sponsor a student/teacher basketball game February 9 at 6:30 p.m. at KMMS Gym.

the teachers on the basketball court. Refreshments will be available. Admission is \$1 for students and \$2 for adults.

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Health program at First Baptist

Kings Mountain's First Baptist Church invites the public to attend the First Place Orientation to be held Sunday, Jan. 31 from 5-7 p.m. in Assembly Room D of the church.

First Place is a Christ-centered health program with an emphasis on weight control. The program consists of weekly Bible studies, daily Scripture memory, and commitments to prayer, exercise, and proper nutrition. The food plan is recommended by the American Diabetic Association.

There are coed and ladies only classes available that meet during the evening.

First Baptist Church is located at 605 West King Street.

For more information, call 739-3651.

Special service set at Foursquare

Special weekend services continue Saturday at Foursquare Gospel Church in Kings Mountain.

At 7 p.m., Berry Bostic, a senior at East Coast Bible College, will deliver the message.

The church is completing a month of special Saturday night services. Rev. Oscar Stalcup, pastor, has invited area pastors and laymen to speak and the church choir and other special guests have presented special music.

Rev. Stalcup said he has tentatively scheduled another weekend of services and has invited Mary Ann Talley, minister of music and a former singer with PTL, to sing.

The public is invited.

Joint song service set at First Baptist

East Gold Wesleyan Church, First Wesleyan Church and First Baptist Church will have a fifth Sunday night sing Sunday at 7 p.m. at First Baptist.

The combined church choirs will rehearse at 6:30 p.m. in the worship center.

There will also be special music by groups and individuals from the three churches.

Film planned at Pathway

The film "The Burning Hell" will be shown January 31 at 6 p.m. at Pathway Baptist Church, 3100 Parkdale Circle, Kings Mountain.

Rev. James Hamrick, pastor, invites the public.

Danny Bright will be in concert at David Baptist Church Sunday at 7 p.m. The public is invited.

A winter wonderland hike is planned for Saturday at 2 p.m. at Crowders Mountain State Park even miles east of Kings Mountain. Dress warmly for the asy-paced one hour hike.



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