



This year these Latin students traveled to Italy and Greece, First Row L to R: Brian Winterfeldt, Karen Christensen. Back Row: Mike Webb, Alison Ogle, Jay Gibson, Suzi Hamilton, Amy Roberson, (not shown) Mrs. Simmons.



These students went to Spain. L to R: Ann Devanney, Ms. Robinson, Lauren Loberg, Julia Cummings, Dan Winterfeldt, Sandi Hassinger, Heather Hoag, David Groshoff, Mrs. Silverman, Meredith Sudman, Shilpa Sangvai, Erik Pnenix, Kim Griffiths, (not shown) Eric Warner.

Students Abroad

This year 20 students received a rare chance to go overseas. These were the yearly trips taken by the foreign language department. Seven Latin students traveled to Italy and Greece and 20 Spanish students went to Spain. Speaking as one of the students who went to Italy and Greece, I can honestly say it was incredible.

We started on Friday, April 6, when we left for Italy. The total travel time was approximately 28 hours. We arrived in Milan at about 9:00 am and immediately took our tour bus to Florence, where we spent the night and next morning. We saw the sights like the Baptistery and Michelangelo's David, and met the people.

That afternoon (the 8th) we went to Rome. Again we saw the wonderful ruins but got to spend more time meeting the people. I cannot stress enough how open and eager they were to talk to Americans. On the 10th, we went to Pompeii and Sorrento. Pompeii was awe inspiring and Sorrento was beautiful.

The next morning, bright and early, we took a ferry to the island of Capri. This was a shopper's paradise. That evening we drove to Bari to catch our

ferry to Greece. This is where our trouble began. The boat was five hours late, so we had to spend our time in a rather seedy part of Bari. Finally the boat arrived and after a long and labourious time we got settled in our cramped, smokey, hot, stifled cabins.

The next day was spent drugged on Dramamine and trying not to get blown off deck if you ventured to go outside. We landed on soggy but secure land very early Friday morning, Friday the 13th mind you. We took bus tours through Corinth, Mycenae, and Epidaurus. Then as we were on our way to Athens, our bus got a flat.

Finally late Friday evening we arrived in Athens. The last night of our tour we first went to dinner at a Taberna and later went dancing at a popular dance club. We stayed out all night — only returning to get our things to get to the airport at 5:00 am. It was both wonderfully exciting and indescribably exhausting.

Because of this trip, I have come to appreciate the greatness of America as well as understood the great rifts in our society that weren't present overseas.

by Alison Ogle

ITALY/GREECE AND SPAIN ITINERARY

ITALY/GREECE: Florence, Rome, Pompeii, Sorrento, Capri, Bari, Corinth, Mycenae, Epidaurus, and Athens.

SPAIN: Madrid, Toledo, Valle de los Caidos, El Escorial, Salamanca,

Santiago de Compostela, Coruna, Leon, Burgos, Pomplona, and Barcelona. The highlights of this trip was an evening in the home of Eduardo and Carmela Baeza, complete with Flamenco dancing and Paella, and a bullfight and Pizza Hut on Easter Sunday.

Kim Robinson

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