

# Midland students travel to Europe

London, Paris, Vienna, Florence and Rome were some of the stops on the annual European interterm trip. This year Patricia Trautrimas, assistant professor of English and chairperson of language, and Dr. Connie Taylor, assistant professor of psychology, sponsored the 21-day trip.

Twenty individuals left on Dec. 28 and first stopped at London.

The travelers included 14 Midland Lutheran College students, Judy Vitters, Warrior Bookstore employee, her husband Richard Vitters and Taylor's husband and son for a portion of the trip.

The group spent New Year's Eve near Big Ben in London and traveled to Paris the next day.

Three days later they left to travel by train to Lucern, Switzerland. The other cities were Munich, Germany, Pisa and Pompei, Italy and Venice.

The group from Midland visited London in late December. Highlights included Big Ben, Sigmund Freud's house, Buckingham Palace, the Tower of London and the London Eye ferris wheel.



On the first day of the year, the Midland group took the Eurostar under the English Channel to arrive in Paris. Besides the Eiffel Tower, other major stops were the Louvre, Notre Dame and the Palace of Versailles.



Of the more somber places visited on the trip was at Dachau concentration camp near Munich, Germany. At the front gate at the camp is the sign "Arbeit Macht Fre," which translates to "work shall set you free."



In Vienna, the group visited such places as St. Stephen's Cathedral and the house where Wolfgang Mozart lived when he wrote *The Marriage of Figaro*. They also toured the Grand Apartments and saw Austria's Royal Silverware Collection.



The first non-traditional city was Lucerne, Switzerland. On the second day, the group took a boat ride to catch a train that brought them up to the top of Mountain Rigi.

Once the group visited Vienna, they discovered ice cream. Here in Florence, the tradition continues as senior Laura Carlson, junior Veronica Johnson, sophomore Christina Bode and senior Jessica Koehlmoos eat their lunch desert.



Venice was the city that came and went. The group arrived about 5 p.m. one day and left at 2 p.m. the next day. As in other cities, the first item on the agenda was to become acquainted with another city. The next morning, after staying at a four-star hotel, everyone could do as they liked. A majority of the students walked around, fed birds in an open square and took a gondola ride.



While in Rome, the Coliseum was one stop. Near the wearing structure were other Roman ruins and an open square designed by Michelangelo. For the last day while in the city, the group took a train to Pompei, Italy.