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Twenty-six students and two instructors eagerly began their European spring semester January 14th. Four students are from Neumann University, Aston, PA; 5 students from University of Saint Francis (USF) in Illinois; 17 SFU students; one USF instructor and one SFU instructor (pictures of all may be found at):

<http://www.francis.edu/FranceBlogs.htm>.

The opening weekend was a grand event in which Dr. Powel and Robert Beener traveled over to participate. The local newspaper highlighted the opening weekend (see next page).

The ambitious spring semester holds many excursions, activities and events. You may view the 2010 spring semester schedule at the link located under the paragraph on:

<http://www.francis.edu/France.htm>

The students, as part of their course work, are currently in Barcelona, Spain, and, I'm told, "loving every minute!"

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Taken from newspaper article on next page.

FIELD BIOLOGY IN AUSTRALIA

Dr. Sue Morra's Field Biology class offered during this past Christmas break in Australia through CCSA was a wonderful experience. The students will be giving a presentation on their trip on Monday, February 22nd at 5 p.m. in Sullivan 202. Below are a few pictures from their trip.



THE AMERICANIZATION OF AMBIALET

Thursday, January 14, 2010. Alain-Marc Delbouys, *La Dépêche*

[Sophie, a native of Ambialet, works for the administration under Gerald Honigsblum, Secretary General of the University. Photo DDM, E.C.]

Education. Saint Francis, the American university which took over the priory, opens its doors Sunday.

“A site like this is magical. It’s a wonderful project, architecturally and pedagogically, even if it doesn’t come without risks due to the magnitude of the renovations. The buildings were in very poor condition,” says Gerald Honigsblum, Secretary General of Saint Francis University in France, who is now more than ever “impressed by the beauty of the place.” Two years after Saint Francis University in Loretto, Pennsylvania, took over the priory of Ambialet, the second stage of the renovations is complete. They will be presented to the public Sunday, January 17, at an open house.

David Brown, General Counsel of the United States, is expected to attend, as are the mayors of Albi and Ambialet. The Tarn Diocesan Choir, with 80 voices, will perform at mass (11:15) in the Roman chapel, Notre-Dame-de-Lauder. This service will inaugurate the very beautiful room, which has a vaulted arch, which has been restored and wired for heating and lighting. The service will also inaugurate the dormitory, common room, and art



Ambialet, travaille pour l'administration auprès de Gerald Honigsblum, secrétaire général de l'université. Photo DDM, E.C.]

Ambialet, c'est déjà l'Amérique

Un site magique, c'est un beau projet architectural et pédagogique, même s'il n'est pas sans risque du fait de l'ampleur des travaux. Les bâtiments étaient très dégradés, dit Gerald Honigsblum, secrétaire général de Saint Francis University in France, qui a récemment racheté par la boucle de l'ancien séminaire de Saint-François de Loretto, Pennsylvanie, une université américaine transmise de la rénovation à l'achèvement, sera présentée au public, dimanche prochain, lors d'une journée portes ouvertes. David Brown, conseil général des États-Unis, ainsi que les maires d'Albi et d'Ambialet. La chorale diocésaine du Tarn, qui se réunira le 11h 15 dans la chapelle romane de Notre-Dame-de-Lauder, inaugurera la très belle salle voûtée, qui sera dotée de chauffage, de chauffage et de câblage pour les étudiants, la galerie d'art double dans un corridor bien lumineux, ainsi que les maîtres d'Albi et d'Ambialet. La chorale diocésaine du Tarn, qui se réunira le 11h 15 dans la chapelle romane de Notre-Dame-de-Lauder, inaugurera la très belle salle voûtée, qui sera dotée de chauffage, de chauffage et de câblage pour les étudiants, la galerie d'art double dans un corridor bien lumineux, ainsi que les maîtres d'Albi et d'Ambialet.

gallery, which is located in a well-lit corridor. Gerald Honigsblum is “very proud” of the art gallery, whose first exhibition will display the paintings of Mercedes Roglà-Guzy of Barcelona.

SPARTAN YET COMFORTABLE

Everything is done in a style that is simultaneously “Spartan, but with all the modern comforts, and in accordance with the instructions of Patrick Gironnet, Chief Architect of Historical Buildings. It’s in our interest to preserve this historical site. The Albigenian architecte, Roselyne Sudre, has done a very fine job. She worked around the clock,” states the Secretary-General. As Franciscan as the fathers of la Drèche, who remain the owners of the building, Saint Francis University holds a long-term lease, and has [therefore] established on this rocky peak its first satellite in Europe. Founded in 1847, this venerable institution has found here an opening to international [study]. With the second and third floors still empty, it has much potential.

AN “ECOLOGY OF SPIRIT”

Saint Francis plans [to create] here “an innovative platform on the theme of natural ecology and spirituality.” This summer, the priory will organize internships in guitar, drumming, and piano. Meanwhile, this university in the Tarn Valley will welcome on Friday its fourth group of students. For four months, 27 Americans aged 19 and 20, of which 18 are female, will alternate sightseeing, French classes on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at the Université Champollion d’Albi, where they will be side by side with French young people, a history course on WWII and the French Resistance, and an art history course taught by Gerald Honigsblum. The Albigenian painter Denis Miau will welcome them to the Nadine Granier Gallery and the [students of the] CFP de Brens will introduce them to *gaillac* wine. And wherein lies the interest for these young Americans who are destined for paramedical careers? “They acquire knowledge of a European country and its traditions,” says Gerald Honigsblum. They have long believed that America is the center of the world. They will leave France transformed.” This, too, is the magic of Ambialet.

Translated by Dr. Karen Casebier

WHO WILL BE THE NEXT SEMESTER IN FRANCE VISITING FACULTY MEMBER?

This semester has been absolutely amazing. I have met so many inspirational people over here who have taught me so much about different things as well as a lot about myself.

John Roche, Spring Semester in France, 2009

Dr. Marian Langer is teaching BIOL this Spring semester in France. Dr. Lori Woods and Dr. Mark Lynch will be teaching HIST and SOC for the 2010 Fall Semester in France. Dr. Stephen Baker is scheduled to teach in the Spring 2011, adding PSYC to the list. The “standing” classes taught each semester are FREN, RLST, FNAR. If you’re interested in teaching in France, please contact the Center for Int’l Ed at extension 3245 or jhorvath@francis.edu.

SPRING BREAK TRIPS

Business Administration London Trip: Eighteen individuals of our SFU Business Administration Community are gearing up for their Spring Break trip to London. The group will be leaving February 25th, and have a full agenda for their stay. Their adventures will take them to places such as Windsor, the Financial District, Lloyds of London, the Arsenal/Emirate Stadium, the Bank of England Museum, and Bloomberg.

Hugs for Honduras: SFU's Hugs for Honduras group is venturing to the Dominican Republic during Spring Break. The assembly of 34 will be working within a larger organization called Orphanage Outreach. Some of the group will be focused on teaching English and helping in the orphanage. Our med students will be volunteering at clinics. All will gather very valuable experiences packed into their Spring Break.

SUMMER INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Springtime in Italy: Thirty-four students will be traveling to Parma, Italy, this summer under the direction of Mr. Chuck Olson. The program is a wonderful mix of fine arts, culture and discovery. The students will be leaving May 14th and spending four weeks in Parma taking classes in Drawing, Photography, Drumming, Guitar, Fine Arts, and Italian. The students will be participating in Italian prep courses in March taught by SFU's Italian faculty member, Mary Jean Bujdos. For more information about the Springtime in Italy program visit:

<http://www.francis.edu/SpringtimeInItaly.htm>

Spanish in Mexico: Twenty travelers are gearing up for their trip to Cuernavaca, Mexico, scheduled to leave on May 6th under the direction of Dr. Margaret Morales. Students will live with host families and take their classes at the Universidad Internacional. Classes offered are Spanish, Religious Studies, Sociology, and Fine Arts. The Spanish in Mexico program is a great experience of total immersion into the Mexican culture. For more information about the Spanish in Mexico program visit: <http://www.francis.edu/SpanishInMexico.htm>

Summer in France: This summer is the first for a student program at our site in France. The program was designed with athletes in mind. Many athletes have indicated an interest in studying at SFU's site in France, although due to demanding schedules, the Semester in France program is just not possible for most athletes. The summer program is scheduled for June 12th to July 11th and students may take 6 - 7 credits in French Language, Modern Art, History, Hand Drumming or Exploration in the Arts. Also offered is a non-credit cooking class. Our France site lends itself to many training opportunities: hiking, running, biking, tennis, weight lifting, and kayaking. The dates of the program are ideal for athletes not in season during the summer. Teachers looking for ACT 48 credits are also participating in this program. Details may be found at: <http://www.francis.edu/StudyAbroad.htm>

Retreat for the Soul - France: Mr. Jim Donovan is offering a seven-day rejuvenating life-design retreat in Ambialet. This program piggy-backs our Summer in France program. Through this retreat participants will experience a life-changing opportunity to learn how to positively re-design their life as they live in an 11th century monastery in the majestic mountains of southern France. June 12th - 19th, 2010 in Ambialet, France. Program details may be found at: <http://thejimdonovanblog.blogspot.com/2009/11/retreat-for-soul-2010-in-france.html>

Alumni & Friends Tour - Southwest France: For nine days in May, alumni and friends of Saint Francis University will participate in an adventure-filled tour of southwest France. From our site in Ambialet, they will have an opportunity to explore the wonders of the region – castles, ruins, quaint medieval hilltop villages, stunning views, and awe-inspiring cathedrals. The emphasis will be on FUN -- fun exploring, fun eating and fun banter with new friends. Program details may be found at: <http://www.francis.edu/StudyAbroad.htm>

Music at Ambialet - Piano Summer School: During the month of August, our Ambialet site will be filled with music, as a summer school for advanced and amateur pianists will take place. Details about this program may be found at: <http://www.ambialetmusic.com/#img/evening-meal.jpg>

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