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Alternative Break Experiences (ABE)

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ABE is an ecumenical program offered through CSB Campus Ministry that provides meaningful, service-oriented trips, both nationally and internationally. We firmly believe that exposure to other cultures, places, and ways of life will enhance the lives and perspectives of trip participants. We differ from mission trips in that our purpose is not to spread the Word of the Lord, but rather to learn about the issues each community faces and attend to the needs of the community through service. We strive to provide quality experiences that will complement academic experiences and inspire hearts.



"Being involved in ABE is the best decision I've made since coming here. ABE means being a part of something bigger than yourself."

-New Orleans Co-Leader, 2017

ABE Information

ABE aims to:

- > raise awareness of social issues and injustices
- > encourage reflection and questioning
- > move towards integrating justice and service into life
- > encourage a polycentric world view
- > encourage both individual and shared leadership
- > integrate faith into the fabric of the experience
- > approach the trips as a partnership with other people
- > foster respect and community among the participants
- > provide a fun, safe and challenging break experience

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Peace witnessing: a progressive spring break

By Frank Cordaro

For three days and nights I sat (or lay in my sleeping bag), glued to the same spot. When I left for bodily needs, I felt compelled to return quickly. The sense of being a "sentry" there, a sentry for the people-oppressed by this institution, took root in my being. So I did not walk or read. I assumed a "post" and stayed rooted to it—a ledge at the top of the stairs, off to the left where my sign could be read by people approaching from three directions. The sign, a simple, hand-lettered sign, read: "IT'S A SIN TO BUILD A NUCLEAR WEAPON."

The above quote is from an article written by Kathleen Rumpf, a Catholic Worker from New York, who in August of last year stood sentry outside the Pentagon for three days and nights. Kathleen is no stranger to peace witnessing and its consequences. She was one of the Trident Nine, a group of nine people who canceled out to a Trident ballistic missile submarine in the Electric Boat Company's ship yard in Groton, Connecticut. Once on board the submarine, they hammered shut missile-hatches—an action for which she served several-months in jail.

I met Kathleen last summer at the 50th anniversary gathering of the Catholic Workers. She is a rather large woman, but remains almost invisible in a crowd. She had just gotten out of jail for her participation in the Peace Pentecost Witness at the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. Everything about her denoted a gentle and unassuming character. Trying to get her to reveal some of the barest personal information was a chore, but as we talked, she began to share more and more.

She had lived the last ten years with the New York Catholic Worker Community, spending most of her time on the farm. While talking to her it was hard to believe this was the same woman whose strong acts of resistance I had heard so much about. She was not at all a pushy person who had an "ax to grind" about the nuclear arms race. It was clear that Kathleen had an inner strength. She was a woman who saw the simple truth of the madness of the arms race and wished to take a stand against its craziness. Everything about her suggested nonviolence and

quiet determination.

Kathleen is part of a growing number of people in this country who have committed their lives to a nonviolent resistance movement against nuclear madness. Most of them come from Christian and faith-filled backgrounds. In time, and through hundreds of little personal choices, they come to embrace a life of voluntary poverty. They live with and serve the needs of the poorest of the poor in our country. They are making the living connections to our sisters and brothers in Latin America—traveling to those countries to see first-hand the harsh realities the people face.

Coming together for support, many of the Catholics in this movement have lived and worked in Catholic Worker communities. The numbers of those risking more time in jail through stronger acts of civil disobedience are steadily growing. In fact, there is a sizable number of people risking personal livelihood and freedom, betting their own futures in an active nonviolent movement to stop the nuclear arms race.

In the fall of last year, the Atlantic Life Communities (a loosely grouped network of resistance communities on the East coast), were inspired by the prophetic nature of Kathleen's vigil, and decided to extend the vigil throughout the entire year of 1984. Calling the effort "A Modest Proposal for an Immodest Year," they are inviting people from all over the country to come join the year-long effort under this common commitment statement:

Believing that nonviolent prophetic witness against the forces of death located in the Pentagon should go forward and become more widespread, we undertake to stand as "sentries for peace" throughout 1984. Hoping that good will triumph over evil, and willing to commit our lives to see that it does, we seek to form a chain of continuity to keep watch, to pray, to optionally fast, and to represent the voiceless victims of this institution.

By our presence, we should hope to soften the hearts of our sisters and brothers, the Pentagon employees, and to thereby effect the beginning of the end of the arms race. Through

this year-long presence, we would like to share our belief in the power of love and non-violence, because we believe, as did Martin Luther King, that "humanity must choose between nonviolence and extinction."

During Easter break students from CSB/SJU will have an opportunity to spend a week in Washington, D.C., as part of this year long peace witness. We will be meeting students from Loras and Clark Colleges in Dubuque, Iowa, who are also on Easter break at this time. We will be hosted by a Catholic Worker community in Washington. The first two days will be devoted to a retreat on nonviolent resistance, directed by members of Jonah House—a resistance community in Baltimore, where Phil Berrigan and Liz McAlister live and work. The last three days will be spent at the Pentagon with the on-going vigil. On Good Friday, the last day of our vigil, we will witness in prayer and support a number of people who will be risking arrest in nonviolent direct action at the Pentagon.

Throughout the week in D.C. our group will also help serve the meals at the soup kitchens established by the Community for Creative Nonviolence, a Washington based group that is active in homelessness and food issues on a national level.

The week is hoped to be an experience of community building and peace making. An opportunity for us to enter into the lives of people like Kathleen who have made the struggle against nuclear madness a way of life. There are fifteen people from SJU/CSB already committed to making the trip. We are open to others interested in joining the effort. The total cost of the trip should not exceed \$100 each (most students will spend this much during break regardless). We are in need of vehicles to help make the trip, looking for personal and group endorsements, and most importantly, we are asking for your Lenten prayers for the success of our peace efforts. Anyone interested in finding out more about the trip is welcome to contact me at St. Cloud Hall, Jim Pierret at SJU Campus Ministry, or S. Renee Genereux and Cathy Keane at CSB.

1984
The Record

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1984-03-22, The Record, p.6

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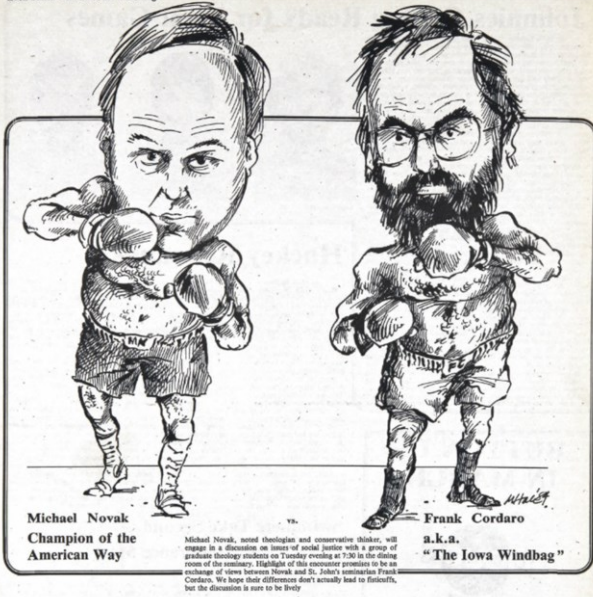
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1984-03-22, The Record, p.6

Even better than All-Star Wrestling!



1984
The Record

March 8, 1984

Cordaro, Novak draw crowd

By Randy Divinski

On Monday, February 27, about 130 people crowded into the basement of St. Cloud Hall to listen to a discussion on the document *Moral Clarity in the Nuclear Age*. The document is a response to drafts of the Bishops' Pastoral on War and Peace. The discussion featured Michael Novak, a visiting scholar and the author of *Moral Clarity*, and Frank Cordaro, a noted social activist and graduate student at SJU. Theology professor Andy Grannel moderated the discussion, which was sponsored by the Social Justice Committee of the School of Theology.

Cordaro led off, charging that *Moral Clarity* placed too much emphasis on "American" and not enough on "Catholic" values, resulting in a document that professed "secular Americanism" and "one-sided Jingoism." He claimed that the book did little more than replay old tapes, and that its attempt to apply the Just War Theory to the use of nuclear weapons was "archaic thinking." It is an evil illusion, said Cordaro, to believe that the arms race is under control.

He then pointed out the apocalyptic effects of a nuclear war, and, with this in mind, asked, "Why have we been so slow to come to terms with the nuclear age?" His answer was that material possessions blind us: the U.S.

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1984-02-23, The Record p.11
- <http://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/CSBArchNews/id/36275/rec/8>
1984-03-08, The Record, p.1 and
- <http://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/CSBArchNews/id/36277/rec/8>
1984-03-08, The Record, p.3

-----Original Message-----

From: Durand, Carla
Sent: Tuesday, December 28, 1999 2:42 PM
To: Lyons, Mary; Reinhart, Dietrich
Cc: Geller, Mary; Holicky, Mary; Trussell, Christopher; Kellom, Gar; Backous, Timothy; Johnson, Dave
Subject: Fr. Frank Cordaro - invitation

Dr. Lyons & Br. Dietrich:

I am writing to inform you that CSB Campus Ministry has invited Fr. Frank Cordaro to visit our campuses February 27, 28, & 29. Fr. Cordaro is an activist, resistance priest who completed his seminary studies at St. John's Seminary in 1985. While at St. John's, he led a campus protest and witness against the presence of ROTC, and also began what is today called our Alternative Spring Break program by leading a group of CSB/SJU students to Washington, DC during spring break 1984. He also co-founded the Des Moines Catholic Worker House which is one of our spring break service sites for this coming year.

We have invited Fr. Cordaro to campus not only to visit with the spring break students with whom he will be working with in March, but also to be available for classroom (possibly both undergraduate and graduate level) presentations, and a public lecture on Monday evening, February 28th. The focus of his lecture will be a 100-year review of Catholic Social Teaching on war and peace as well as the demilitarization of Catholic University campuses. The broad question that will provide the framework for his talk will be "Where do we, as Catholic institutions, need to go in the 21st century?".

Again, I simply wanted to inform you that this invitation has been extended. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or need further clarification.

Sincerely,

Carla M. Durand
CSB Campus Ministry



"While at St. John's, he [Frank Cordaro] led a campus protest and witness against the presence of ROTC, and also **began what is today called our Alternative Spring Break program** by leading a group of CSB/SJU students to Washington, DC during spring break 1984."

1999 re: 1984

Briefs...



Group plans D.C. witness

During Easter vacation a group of SJU/CSB students plan to spend three days and four nights in Washington, D.C. witnessing for peace at the Pentagon and working with the poor and homeless in the downtown area. They will meet with students from Loras and Clark Colleges of Dubuque, IA and St. Ambrose College of Davenport, IA. The witness will include participation in an act of civil disobedience at the pentagon. The group is not advocating that members risk arrest, but that they serve as support for those who are. The group plans to hold their own vigil at the Pentagon from Good Friday, April 5, to Easter Sunday, April 7.

The scheduled dates for the entire trip are April 1 to April 9. Anyone is welcome. For more information, contact Frank Cordaro at 2926.

1985

The Record

March 8

Frank Cordaro finished his studies at St. John's in 1985.

It's not clear if the 1986 or 1987 D.C. trips were under the auspices of Campus Ministry, but the 1987 one was.

March 21

There he blows again

Once again a warm wind from the south blows across our campus. Wo, it is not the spring breeze but the return of the Iowa Windbag, Frank Cordaro. This time Frank is threatening to take his one man personal crusade against ROTC at SJU a step farther than the ignorable silent "vigil" and occupy the ROTC-offices in the event of an American military intervention in Central America.

"Military madness was unchecked," claims *The Record* article (March 8) stating his threat. I submit that Frank Cordaro's personal promotional campaign runs unchecked. In his zeal to achieve fame through a "symbolic" victory over ROTC at SJU, Cordaro ignores facts. First, it is political rather than military teachers and personal who have been pressing the activist policies in Lebanon and now Central

Dear Friends and former school mates,
Greetings from Washington, DC, where I have spent the last five months working with The Community for Creative Non-Violence, a community which provides food, clothes, shelter and medical care to over 1,500 people each day.

It has been too long since I have seen most of you, but I am writing this letter with the hope that a reunion is right around the corner. I would like to invite you all here to Washington for your Spring break (who needs Florida). Last year 50 students from the midwest came together for Holy Week to serve the poor, witness at the Pentagon, and party. This year a group from Colorado will join us, and the week promises to be better than ever (if that is possible). I am looking forward to seeing many of your friendly familiar faces.

Frank Cordaro is organizing the trip from behind the Pine Curtain, so if you are interested in a week full of learning and laughing, contact him. Hope to see you soon.

Peace,

Greg Hessel

March 28

1985-03-08, The Record, p.2

<http://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/CSBArchNews/id/36844/rec/11>

1985-03-21, The Record, p.6

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1985-03-28, The Cable, p. 13

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Fr. George Wertin's last year as CSB Campus Minister

29 go to D.C.

1986
The Record

Students experience poverty and protest in D.C.

By Maureen Graham

Washington D.C. evokes images of monuments and memorials, laws and power. However, to the 29 CSB/SJU students who spent their spring break working with the homeless, Washington, D.C., has become a giant picture puzzle which involves not only governmental powers, but waste, poverty, indifference and confusion.

One wonders how there can possibly be homeless people in the capital city of the U.S., "the land of opportunity." Most Americans believe that the homeless are poor and without homes because they are all lazy. This may be the case for some, but generally students found this untrue. Many of the homeless are like people we know. Most importantly a lot of the homeless people are elderly. (Can you imagine your grandma living on the street?) Some of the homeless people have jobs, but because of the high cost of living, they are unable to afford a place to live.

The homeless of D.C. provide for themselves and live where they can. In the winter, many a cold night is spent on the heat grates of the city. There are also emergency shelters available which provide 150 beds for women and children, and 600 beds for men. During the winter months, these spaces fill quickly. The shelter also offers food, clothing, and a few services to the homeless.

The shelter is the most visible facility available to the homeless. In addition there is Victor Howell House, a 17-bed medical infirmary and hospitality house for recuperating homeless people; the Drop-In Center, a daytime facility

offering laundry and showers; the Free Food Store, a center for distribution to the elderly and unemployed.

During spring break, the students from CSB/SJU joined students from Loras College in Iowa and St. Norbert's College in Wisconsin in a variety of activities. Students spent the early part of the week working directly with the homeless. Some students spent an entire day preparing a meal for over 500 people. All the food collected for the meal had been dumped for being too old. Most of the work time was put in at the homeless shelter itself. Rats, lice, and filth are some of the problems that the homeless encounter at the shelter. A streetperson admitted that his temporary bed in the shelter was an improvement from sleeping outside.

To draw attention to the plight of the homeless, many CSB/SJU students took part in the peace demonstrations held in the latter part of the week. On Holy Thursday over 75 people, including people from Jonah House and the Community for Creative Non-Violence participated in a mock nuclear holocaust, or "die-in," at the Pentagon as spectators shouted profanities or tried to ignore the event.

On Good Friday, an even larger number of demonstrators blocked traffic on Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House. This resulted in the entire block being closed off for an hour as over 70 police officers with at least seven paddywagons arrived to take demonstrators away. Several of the students from St. Norbert's College were arrested. Many of the students from CSB/SJU were involved; however, none were arrested.



Photo by Maureen Graham

A "Death" figure hovers over CSB/SJU students dying-in in front of the Pentagon in Washington D.C. to protest government defense spending.

1986-04-10, The Record, p.6

<http://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/CSBArchNews/id/36763/rec/8>

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Fr. George's image from 1985 The Saints p. 143

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Dorothy Rollins is CSB Director of Campus Ministry, which sponsors two January Term groups:

- Catholic Worker (8)
- UFW (8)

And the spring break trip to D.C. (36)

1987
The Cable

Tuesday, November 25, 1986 VOLUME XI, NUMBER IV

CESAR CHAVEZ SPEAKS ON WRATH OF GRAPES

by Julie Petrik

One afternoon, behind door number 11 for adults usually means increasing

and youthful (ohmigod!) expressions. Breaking the rules and getting away with it for adults usually means increasing serious consequences. At the time, the BAC was serious about the violation of the law. For example, George Dukmejian has refused to process court cases in which it was ruled that growers must pay farm workers for damages. Actions like this have made it obvious to growers that they can flout the law and not be penalized.

The results of the unenforcement of a law designed to protect workers and consumers are disastrous. For the growers it means that their rights are unprotected. Chavez reports that workers, when exercising union and voting rights



Chavez speaks at BAC

By Dave Medvec

Cesar Chavez, president of the United Farm Workers of America, AFL-CIO, delivered a lecture last night at the BAC concerning the oppressed farm workers of California. Chavez's talk, sponsored by CSB Campus Ministry, was part of his two-month tour of 24 cities across western America, which is an effort to raise participation in a grape boycott.



Following a brief introduction by Chavez, a film entitled *Wrath of Grapes* (which is also the theme of the international boycott) was shown. The film is an attempt to counter grape growers' ad featuring grapes as "natural snacks." Its purpose is to make people aware of the dangers to farm workers and consumers resulting from the use of pesticides on the fields. Chavez stated that "pesticides pose an imminent danger to all of us."

The film depicted several cases of the afflicted by the harmful chemicals, portrayed a small boy who was born limbless because his mother had worked in grape fields near Delano, Cal., during the first three months of pregnancy. The film also showed a girl born crippled due to her parents' exposure to the harmful pesticides, and a boy who was one of 12 children diagnosed with cancer in a small farming community near Delano.

Following the film, Chavez talked about the problem. He said that cancer, birth defects, and sterility has resulted from direct and indirect exposure

by Kristi Brever

If you were given the chance to walk in someone else's shoes for a day, could you do it? Would you be willing to at least spend some time with a person who just needs some other human being to recognize their existence? I sincerely hope all of us could do that, and that the opportunity to do so is not passed up.

Over spring break, thirty five CSB/SJU students did take the chance and now each of them at least a little bit changed as a result.

For the past three years, a group of CSB/SJU students has gone out to Washington D.C. to work with the homeless. The group this year was so very diverse and yet all willing to take that extra time to help

ly seen and felt their meaning.

In Washington D.C. I was challenged each and every day with new experiences, conversations, and reflections. Not all of us have empathized with a black man, a college graduate who held a good job as a PCA, had a wife, and now lives in the Men's Shelter on 2nd and D streets in D.C. because he has lost all of that. Did you ever imagine that same man could be you in ten or fifteen years? I had not thought so until I reflected on the words of this man. Picture now a beautiful black woman, twenty-five years old, thin and smiling. She has bandages across her neck, a result of infection that set in her system because she shot cocaine and heroine directly into those veins. Karen was class valedictorian; she was also in love

all say that?

The true emotions and words of these two people and so many others our group came in contact with cannot be told in just this one article. So many memories, feelings and words that remain with us. We considered writing our own newspaper on it all. Since that is not possible, I just want to encourage all of you to really listen to friends who went on this trip. We have so very much inside because of D.C. and it just would mean so much if you could take that extra time out to listen.

What happens to our D.C. friends now is, in many cases, unknown. By keeping in touch we can continue to grow. The reality we now have to face is the fact we are in Minnesota. However, problems of homelessness and

Students experience "homeless"

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1986-11-25, The Cable, p.1

<http://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/CSBArchNews/id/1618/rec/29> Julie Petrik

1986-11-13, The Record p.1

<http://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/CSBArchNews/id/36678/rec/28> Dave Medvec

1987-05-18, The Cable p. 4

<http://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/CSBArchNews/id/4482/rec/13> Kristi Brever

The group going to Washington will be working with Jonah House and the Community for Creative Nonviolence. They will serve the homeless in food shelters and will also participate in non-violent civil disobedience. The group leaves April 11 and returns April 20.



1987

St. Cloud Visitor

People are priceless — money is ... not is the gist of a message spray painted on a wall outside a men's shelter in Washington D.C., where 35 students from St. John's University and the College of St. Benedict spent their spring break. (photo courtesy of Jill Gagnon)

People are Priceless, spring issue in 1987 *St. Cloud Visitor* AC 08.02 F01 Box 2 CSB
Campus Ministry Newspaper clippings
Laura Gagnon was in the class of 1990; Jill may have been her mother?
Inset from 1987-03-25 p.2 The Cable
<http://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/CSBArchNews/id/1610/rec/3>

S. Eunice
Antony is
Director of
CSB Campus
Ministry



46 students to D.C. / CCNV
(Community for Creative Non-Violence)

1988

January Term courses offered:

- New Dimensions in Ministry (12 students)
- Catholic Worker Movement (1)

"The United Farm Worker Movement was presented for students who would be willing to participate in the La Paz, CA experience without getting any JT credit for it. No one went.

Most JT courses included academic credits this year. Since I am not a faculty, I am unable to offer academic credits. It is uncertain what effect that reality had on the registration, which was smaller than the number last year."

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S. Eunice Antony photo from the March 16, 2006 Record, p.9
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Patty Hackett
directs Social
Justice efforts



JT on
Christian non-
violence



70 people to
D.C. at Easter
break

January Term courses offered:
-New Dimensions in Ministry (6 students)
-Catholic Worker Movement (7)

1989

The Independent

S. Judith
Schaffer
directs
Campus
Ministry



JT on Christian non-violence
60 students

49 to D.C. at Easter break

1990

The Record

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Antony photo from the March 16, 2006 Record, p.9

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Hackett photo from the 1991-92 CSBSJU Employee Photo Directory

Schaffer photo from 1989-09 Saint Benedict's Today Fall, p.36

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Mary Margaret Yaeger
OSF, is Director of
Campus Ministry

- JT on non-violence
- Urban Plunges



Spring break trips to:

- D.C. (53 went)
- Rose's Creek,
Tennessee (12)



1991

The Independent

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Photos from the 1991-92 CSBSJU Employee Photo Directory



Campus Ministry's trip to DC explained

A letter to the editor from
Diane Veale-Jones
CSB Assistant Professor of Nutrition

As a faculty member participating in Campus Ministry's Easter Trip to Washington D.C. to work at the Community for Creative Non-Violence, I would like to respond to Sarah Lindquist's February 19 letter to the *Independent*. Sarah questions the intentions of the trip "...when half of their time in Washington will be spent on the law of the White House rallying against the war." There are two main purposes of the trip, neither

of which is to protest the war in the Persian Gulf. First, we work in the homeless shelter run by CCNV, a community of men and women who share their lives with the poor in order to raise consciousness and work for change in the world. Their faith in God is the driving force behind their commitment and responsibility to the poor. Basically we do the "spring cleaning" necessary in a shelter that houses 1500 homeless persons.

Second, we meet with the staffs of the Jonah House and Atlantic Life Community, which are east coast

resistance communities, so that we may be exposed to their commitment to social change through non-violent means.

To me helping the homeless goes beyond fixing meals, washing floors, cleaning bathrooms, or painting walls of a shelter. Helping the homeless means understanding why there are homeless and hungry people in the United States and then trying to correct the injustice. The Washington D.C. trip allows both an opportunity for service to others and an opportunity to promote social change through non-violent means.

Spring break trips to:

- D.C. (53 went)

1991

The Independent

DC Trip Explained DVJones Independent letter 1991 03 19 p13

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National News

Students volunteer spring break away

College Press Service

Thousands of college students are trading in bathing suits and suntan lotion for sweat labor in community volunteer positions both in the United States and abroad during this year's spring break.

Officials at several volunteer organizations said they are heartened with the response from college students this year who want to donate their time and energy in community service operations that range from building homes in hurricanes devastated Miami and New Iberia, Louisiana to working with the poor in the Appalachian Mountains in Virginia and Kentucky.

While the beaches and ski slopes will still be popular vacation spots, more and more students are bypassing those trips and donning work clothes during the midwestern hiatus.

"The main thing is that students have been given this choice of volunteerism," said Mike Magorvey with Break Away, a student volunteer referral service at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn.

"We're giving students a choice and see that it is a great learning experience, as well as giving something back to the community. I don't think it's a fad. I think volunteerism will continue to grow. I bet a lot of people would be willing to take one spring break out of four years and volunteer."

Officials said spring break lasts from around the end of February to the beginning of April. While many colleges and universities



Teams from Global Volunteers work on building projects along with local residents in poverty-stricken counties in Mississippi. The program also offers two- and three-week volunteer opportunities in other countries. (Photo courtesy of CRT)

and when they return, help out in their hometown. It gives students an eye-opening experience."

Florida to help in community rebuilding. The work assignments are usually handled by the United Way.

"Students offer enthusiasm and energy... These are our leaders of tomorrow. They can help create a foundation for peace," she said.

The cost for the Mississippi program is \$300, which covers food and housing. The most expensive program is a three-week project in Russia that costs nearly \$2,000.

"Experiential education is the best you can get. You need practical knowledge," Gran said. "For anyone who is interested in other countries or international relations, what better way than to live or work next to the people. I can't think of a better way to apply your education."

The Christian Appalachian Project is sponsoring Workfest '93, March 7-20. About 350 college students will work on rebuilding 36 homes in two poverty-stricken counties in eastern Kentucky, said Ruth Morrison, a spokeswoman for the Lancaster, Kentucky-based organization.

Spring break trips to:

- D.C. (12)
- Rose's Creek (13)
- Christian Appalachia Project in KY (10)
- Turtle Mountain Indian Reservation, ND (15)

1993

The Record

...1993-03-04, The Record p.5

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- Rose's Creek (13)
- Christian Appalachia Project in KY (10)
- Turtle Mountain Indian Reservation, ND (15)

1993

St. Benedict's Today

Spring Break in Rose's Creek

Not quite Ft. Lauderdale but definitely more rewarding

by Kathy Cooney '92
head resident

Spring break in Rose's Creek began long before April 2, 1993. Jean Pauly Schneider of campus ministry approached me one mid-September day and asked if I would be interested in returning to Rose's Creek, Tenn., and leading the alternative spring break trip. I was over joyful for I would be going back to see the people I had spent my past two Lenters with.

I chose Sarah I. Hanson '93 to be my co-leader since she had been there previously. We contacted Marie Grilla, a former Glenmary sister and co-founder of the Woodland Community Land Trust System in



Outside the church in Rose's Creek, Tenn., the group poses with their hosts. Front row from left: Goddard Subarimon '93, Serina Cardona, Ophelia Cardona, Abel Cardona, Kathy Cooney '92. Second row: Janine Cardona, Diane Butler '94, Patti Gardner '96, Marie Grilla, Beth Wilson '94, Carol Judy, Aarri Pajala SPE, Emily Fischer '95, Aisha Mutsaers SPE. Third row: Derrick, Paul Kleiman '94, Dave Harshman '94, Sarah Hansen '93, Pete Kellum '93, John Martin '95.

After two weeks of interviewing, we had our group. The diversity of our group was fantastic. We had men and women, freshmen to seniors, students

Spring break in Rose's Creek by Kathy Cooney '92

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Features

Spring break volunteers provide respite for less fortunate

By Sarah Swenson
Staff Writer

Spring break: A time for lying on the beach in Cancun, sipping margaritas in Mazatlan; maybe a time for earning a few extra dollars or finding that perfect summer job. That is probably how most people spent their week off, but for about 100 students and staff of the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University, spring break was spent a little differently. These women and men participated in the Alternative Spring Break Trips offered through the St. Ben's Campus Ministry Office. There were nine trips this year, with destinations of Kentucky, Tennessee, North Dakota, Georgia, Utah, Missouri, Texas, Washington, D.C. and Arizona. All the trips were service-oriented and provided students with a unique hands-on learning experience.

Planning for these trips began long before the March 25 departure date. "We actually began thinking

After students were notified of their acceptance, they began fund raising for the trips. Funding for the trips came from numerous sources, the largest being bread sales at local churches in St. Cloud during March.

"We had an illusionist at the beginning of the year. Money also came from the Office of Cultural Enrichment, Mass collections and the Community Service Council," said Cooney.

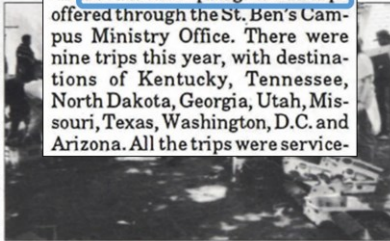
Students were also expected to contribute some of the money, up to \$275, but some were able to receive assistance from other sources.

"I received money from my church, and there are scholarships available too," said Janel

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Above: Volunteers assemble window frames as part of their work for Habitat for Humanity in Americus, Georgia.



Left: Food distribution at Casa Juan Diego in Houston, Texas.

Bottom: Jill Kuchera works on a road as part of her volunteer experience in Rose's Creek, Tennessee.

First appearance of the term "Alternative Spring Break" in a CSB/SJU publication

1994

The Record

1994-04-14, The Record p.11

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Spring break trips a different kind of fun

Spring Break / from page 9

found there.
Students also toured Kansas City in the afternoons.
"We went to DeLaSalle, which is an alternative school. The requirement to go to DeLaSalle is that you have to get kicked out of another one," McNulty said. "Next one day we went to a day care with 350 children between the ages of six months and six years. We took them on an Easter parade around the block."

Students that stayed in Casa Juan Diego, a women's Catholic Worker House in Houston, Texas, had a very educational and emotional experience.
"The House sees to the physical and



Two CSB students with children from Casa Juan Diego in Houston, Texas.

a greater understanding of homelessness after her time at CCWV.

"A lot of people have jobs, but they just can't afford to support their families and have a home," Fleck said.

The last half of their trip, the students had a three-day retreat facilitated by Atlanta Life Community, an organization dedicated to resistance through nonviolence.

"The student took part in "actions," or active protests, as part of retreat."

One action was at the Pentagon on Good Friday. Forty participants held signs that carried such messages as "Arms are for hugging," to protest military spending, Fleck said.

"The Pentagon stands for the war department and the business of war," Wieman said. "It's also representative



Group photo of the CSB/SJU students who went to Salt Lake City, Utah, to work for Habitat for Humanity International.

material needs of the people," said Beth Weigand, CSB resident director and group leader. "It serves the needs of refugees from Central America, as well as battered women and children from the area."

Volunteers there helped with clothing distribution, food distribution and cooking. They spent a lot of time with women and their children.

The women were very willing to talk about their experiences of abuse and



Spring break trips to:

- D.C.
- 8 other places
- 100 participants

1994

The Independent

Spring break service trips involving faculty and staff:

- 13 trips
- 150 participants

Over 150 students from CSB and SJU will be traveling to 13 different sites across the United States over spring break to help with volunteer projects in the following areas:

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|---|---------------------------------|
| Borderlinks | Tucson, Ariz. |
| Urban Plunge | Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minn. |
| Woodland Trust Project | Jelico, Tenn. |
| Shalom House/Catholic Worker | Kansas City, Kan. |
| Ghost Ranch | Albuquerque, N.M. |
| Habitat for Humanity | Cleveland, Ohio |
| Habitat for Humanity | Grayson County, Texas |
| St. Anthony's Parish | Corpus Christi, Texas |
| Turtle Mountain Reservation | Belcourt, N.D. |
| Christian Appalachian Project | Kentucky |
| Christian Community Project | Alamosa, Colo. |
| Creative Community for Nonviolence | Washington, D.C. |

1995

The Independent

1994-04-21, The Independent p.11

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1995-03-09, The Independent p. 10

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**Saint John's University
Campus Ministry
Self-Evaluation**

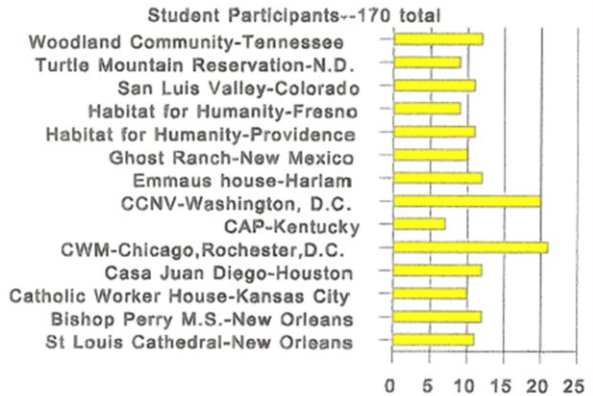
Based from analysis of year 1996-97

Fr. Timothy Backous OSB (Chaplain/Director of SJU Campus Ministry)
Jeff Glover (Associate Director of Campus Ministry)
Br. Eddie Vebelun (Associate Director of Campus Ministry)

1997

Alternative Spring Break Service Trips

Spring Break Trips



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appearance of term "Alternative" Break]

“Spring Break Service Trip Program” has 20 US trips, 240 people

Kudos to Carla Durand; hope to add a Catholic Social Teaching component next year, and a CSB & an SJU student as coordinators

CSB/SJU Campus Ministry has developed a strong Spring Break Service Trip Program. This year we had 20 trips going throughout the U.S., with 240 participants. The supervision of this program is now housed with CSB, with a CSB and SJU student serving as student co coordinators of the program. The direction that Carla Durand, CSB Campus Minister has offered this initiative has been invaluable in saving resources of both time and money. She has been intentional and forthright in developing a strong formation component and is continuing to redefine expectations and formation. Her hope is to add a significant Catholic Social Teaching component to the program to be in place for the 1998-1999 trips.



1998

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Photo from <https://collegevilleinstitute.org/about-us/staff/>

- 21 Spring Break service trips in the U.S.
- 270 students, faculty and staff
- used 22 vans
- hired 2 more student campus ministers to help next year

Noticed by the Bishop!

He commended the more than 250 students from both CSB and SJU for going on "Alternative Spring Break" service trips through Campus Ministry. He stressed the importance of these trips, and encouraged students to sit down and talk to the people they meet while volunteering, "to hear their stories, and learn from them," as well as doing service and hands-on type activities.

1999

The Saints

THE SAINTS

NEWS

St. Cloud Bishop speaks at CSB

Erin Adler
Editorial Staff

On Monday, Feb. 22, Bishop John F. Kinney spoke at O'Connor's in the HCC at 7 p.m. Kinney, who has been the Bishop of the Diocese of St. Cloud for the past four years, spoke about both his personal experiences as well as his 1998 Pastoral Letter entitled, "As I Have Done For You."

During his 45 minute talk, Kinney challenged young people to get involved in helping those less fortunate than themselves. He asked them to ask themselves what they, along with their respective parishes, can do to make a difference instead of feeling like problems are too large and that they can do nothing about them, even something little. "Service doesn't have to be extreme," Kinney said.

"As soon as you and I look up [and] ask ourselves what we can do, that's the conversation... we can change the world, change our hearts, and connect to others who want change. Soon, with enough people, the effect will begin to snowball and mushroom," Kinney told the crowd.

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Also, Kinney stressed that while opportunities to volunteer through service trips are available, there are

Kinney covered many topics in his pastoral letter, including the changing face of Roman Catholics in Central Minnesota in terms of ethnicity, as people from many parts of the world begin to settle here in increasing numbers. He noted that, "We are becoming multicultural before our eyes," and stated that he loves "the beauty of the rainbow."

Kinney shared some of his own travel stories and experiences, including a visit to a carpet factory where children worked long hours instead of going to school. Commenting on the recent attention that child labor around the world has recently received, he urged people to be responsible and informed when making a purchase, and don't buy something unless you know who made the item, and whether or not "you would be comfortable sitting down with that person, telling them how much you paid for the item."

Kinney shared his ideas of environmentalism and stewardship, saying, "Tread very gently, because someone else is going to walk where you are walking."

Kinney then opened the session up to questions and comments.

According to Carla Durand who helped organize the visit and also serves as Associate Campus Minister for CSB, commented on the Bishop's visit by saying, "We felt it was a great honor to have Bishop



PHOTO BY EMLY HAGE

Bishop Kinney address students

and the people he's met along the way."

Durand also noted that Kinney was "very willing and excited" to speak at CSB.

Durand and 19 other members of Campus Ministry organized a dinner with Kinney as the guest of honor before he spoke on Monday. Lisa Valer, a CSB sophomore who attended the dinner and is involved with Campus Ministry commented, "It was wonderful to get to sit at the same table with Bishop Kinney- we had pleasant conversations, great food, and an enjoyable evening."

Bishop Kinney's visit was well-received, indeed, and CSB and SJU hope to have him back in the future.

1999-02-25, The Saints p.3

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Too successful?

2000

The Record

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OUR VIEW

Keep hands off

At a recent Coordinate Cabinet meeting, a group representing the Alternative Spring Break (ASB) Program gave a presentation outlining the success the service oriented program has had in the few years since its inception. Growing from two vanloads of students 14 years ago, it now incorporates almost 280 CSB/SJU students, faculty and staff on 24 different service trips spanning the United States and abroad. These figures place CSB/SJU at the forefront nationwide for student participation in spring break service programs, a fact that was warmly greeted with paternal and maternal pride from the cabinet members.

Although clearly the ASB Program is a valuable asset to these campuses, providing an opportunity for students to affect positive change in our world, it nonetheless is an orphaned child. Despite the interest and the pride that the Coordinate Cabinet showed concerning the ASB Program, the service program is almost entirely student funded – not a cent comes from the institution's coffers except the work awards for the student workers and ASB coordinator Carla Durand's salary. Nevertheless, the administration is quick to reap the benefits, extolling the virtues the ASB Program to incoming students, donors and the like.

Curiously enough, it may be precisely the fact that the institutions have, up to this point, kept their hands off the ASB Program that has allowed it to grow and succeed. Not hampered by inane regulations, ambiguous stances on social issues, and archaic Christian doctrine the ASB Program has been able to offer service opportunities that do have social import and that deal with pertinent issues. An example of this includes working with an AIDS/HIV outreach program and being able to distribute condoms to prevent the further spread of the disease. Another is the ability to take part in political actions or protests in conjunction to service work, thus bringing attention to social ills and injustices while along with working for a solution.

The sad fact of the matter is that if CSB/SJU did fund ASB Programs, packaged along with the money would be a slew of insurance considerations, liability forms, or donor loss due to controversial actions. This is not to imply that the ASB Program staff does not consider the safety of the participants nor do they advocate criminal activity. Instead, unlike the administration, they are not letting their concern for humanity be overwhelmed by monetary worries. Does this sound familiar?

This past, the administration has successfully quelled all student initiatives that sought administrative support to put into action the underpinnings of these institutions (the Coordinate Mission and Values Statement). The curious aspect of this quieting is that it is not a product of a comprehensive statement by the Coordinate Cabinet denouncing certain activities, but a lack thereof. Essentially, the issues concerning how to promote "peace, justice and the social good" have remained in limbo because of questions of money paralyzing the decision-making process.

Obviously, it would be ludicrous to claim that the Coordinate Cabinet does not support peace and justice issues, but it is disturbing that two institutions built upon these values would be so perplexed on how to deal with student initiatives that put these ideals into action. It is a blemish on our community and an issue that must be addressed immediately. Although there is some talk to establish a focus group to draft a comprehensive statement, it will be for naught if students, faculty, staff and administration do not put forth the effort to see it through.

In conclusion, although there is a strong undercurrent for social action at CSB/SJU, it is better served, for now, if the administration keeps its hands off of it. The situation concerning the ASB Program highlights very precisely this point. There is no reason why this should be the case. The administration ought to be a driving force in promoting programs such as the ASB Program rather than a hindrance. However, to achieve this, everyone involved with these institutions must be working cooperatively towards promoting justice, a dream that involves placing a human being above all else – including the dollar.

2000-02-24, The Record p.12

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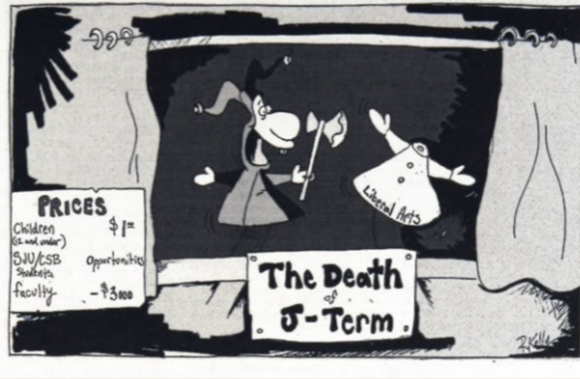
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The demise of January Term may have been a factor, initially leading to more ABS trips...

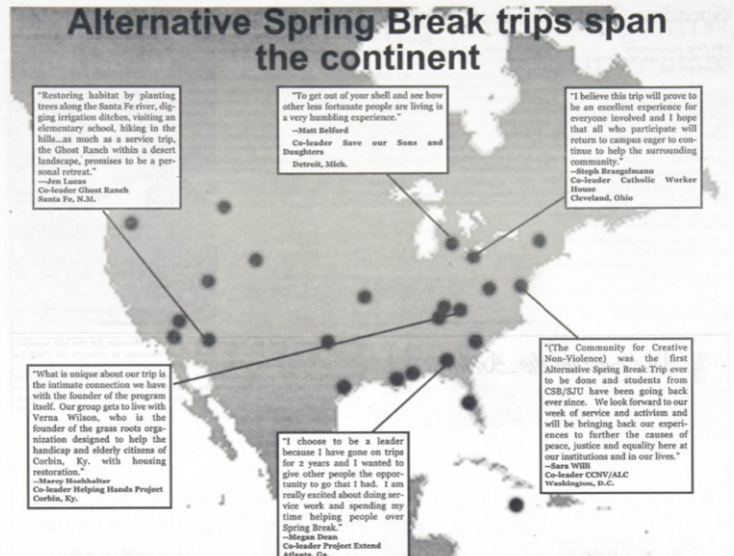
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 Washington, D.C.

2001

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Alternative Spring Break trips span the continent



"Restoring habitat by planting trees along the Santa Fe river, digging irrigation ditches, visiting an elementary school, hiking in the hills...as much as a service trip, the Ghost Ranch within a desert landscape, promises to be a personal retreat."
 --Jan Lane
 Co-leader Ghost Ranch
 Santa Fe, N.M.

"To get out of your shell and see how other less fortunate people are living is a very humbling experience."
 --Alan Bedford
 Co-leader Save our Sons and Daughters
 Detroit, Mich.

"I believe this trip will prove to be an excellent experience for everyone involved and I hope that all who participate will return to campus eager to continue to help the surrounding community."
 --Steph Braggemann
 Co-leader Catholic Worker House
 Cleveland, Ohio

"What is unique about our trip is the intimate connection we have with the founder of the program itself. Our group gets to live with Yvonne Wilson, who is the founder of the grass roots organization designed to help the handicap and elderly citizens of Corbin, Ky. with housing restoration."
 --Mary Hunkshuler
 Co-leader Helping Hands Project
 Corbin, Ky.

"I choose to be a leader because I have gone on trips for 2 years and I wanted to give other people the opportunity to go that I had. I am really excited about doing service work and spending my time helping people over Spring Break."
 --Megan Dean
 Co-leader Project Extend
 Atlanta, Ga.

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2001-04-05, The Record p. 8

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'03
20 trips
220 participants
160 women
60 men

'04
20 trips
195 participants
145 women
50 men

'05
13 trips
129 participants
79 women
45 men

'06
10 trips
104 participants
67 women
32 men

...but because JT had ended, Study Abroad increased in popularity, perhaps taking students away from ABS

From: Durand-Demarais, Carla
Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2006 2:44 PM
To: Geller, Mary
Cc: Kellom, Gar; Cespedes-Schuessler, Patricia; Tupa, Jerome
Subject: RE: ASB '06 final statistics

The trips went very well...I have heard many, many positive comments. No problems or unexpected situations this year, as compared to recent past. Still working on budget, but my initial analysis is that it looks to be in good shape.

Regarding the numbers: the percentage of SJU involvement has risen slightly these past three years from roughly 25% to 30%. I still believe that the overall decrease in numbers is largely due to the strong institutional push towards Study Abroad. As Study Abroad numbers have risen, ASB numbers have decreased -- the correspondence in the change in numbers for both programs seems to be too closely connected to be a coincidence.

Carla

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“As Study Abroad numbers have risen, ASB numbers have decreased...”

But they continue to be successful up to the present

2018
The Record



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Ecuador: Mornings were spent in Esperanza working on an environmental campaign—cleaning up around the village and creating signs to encourage people to take care of the environment around them. They spent afternoons at an after school program where they were able to help kids with their homework and special projects.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF NICOLE ERICKSON

Dominican Republic: In addition to building a playground for a grade school, students learned about Dominican culture by speaking with locals, eating their food and participating in festivities in Las Terrenas. They were also able to spend time exploring the country throughout the week whale watching, hiking and swimming in waterfalls.

2018-03-16, The Record p. 5

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New Orleans: Students spent time in the Lower Ninth Ward working to revive a garden. They also undertook a variety of housing projects, including scrubbing mold, painting, siding and roofing repair. The group was able to see the lasting impacts of hurricane Katrina in many neighborhoods as well as visiting attractions around the city.



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Guatemala: Students volunteered at the San Lucas Mission School. The group dug a trench, crushed rock and took down trees in order to prepare for a building to be built in that spot. The children at the school showed their gratitude and enjoyed spending time with the Bennies and Johnnies working at their school.

2018-03-16, The Record p. 5

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A Different Kind of Winter Getaway



CSB/SJU students offer their talents, experience new cultures during winter Alternative Break Experience (ABE) trips.

The trips, offered through CSB Campus Ministry, allow students to participate in domestic and international service-oriented trips.

Winter ABE participants volunteered at Chimbote, Peru (Friends of Chimbote); Las Terrenas, Dominican Republic (Fundacion Mahatma Gandhi); and San Francisco (Faithful Foods).

2015

(Hmm, this photo glamorizes the service trip a bit.)

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When we signed on for an ASB in 2008 , to advise the group going to Baltimore and D.C., little did we know we were following in the founder's footsteps...



"While at St. John's, he [Frank Cordaro] led a campus protest and witness against the presence of ROTC, and also began what is today called our Alternative Spring Break program by leading a group of CSB/SJU students to Washington, DC during spring break 1984."

1984

...it was the same trip on which Frank Cordaro had taken students back in the beginning, i.e. to witness in Washington

2008



2008



2008

In left photo: Chris Morgan '11, JJ Roske '15, Michael Roske '77, Katie Kottenbrock '08 and Martha Kaempffer '11

CSB and SJU Honor Student Employees/Teams of the Year

Gretchen Enninga, Chris Gabiou and the CSB Student Campus Ministry Alternative Break Experience student coordinators have been named Student Employees/Team of the Year at CSB and SJU.

The CSB Campus Ministry Alternative Break Experience coordinators team consists of CSB students Andrea Schiebe (first year), Teresa Capecchi (senior), and Kari Barber (senior), and SJU student Chris Morgan (first year).

As a team, they helped send 150 CSB and SJU students on nine spring break trips, one May term trip and one winter break trip. They developed leadership and logistics training for student and staff co-leaders, and coordinated campus-wide fundraising events.

“There is no question as to the quality of work these students do,” said Jessica Guentzel, assistant director of CSB Campus Ministry, who nominated the team for the award. “The ABE student coordinators this year are exceptional because they have developed a ‘team spirit’ in the truest sense of the phrase.”



2008

Community


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Service Site Locations



Break away from your comfort zone and raise awareness of social issues and injustices such as poverty, racism, and environmental issues. Learn to meaningfully integrate justice and service into your everyday life. Trip locations are located across the United States and Internationally. Visit each trip site to learn more!

2018 - 2019 Theme:
"If you want peace, work for justice."
-Pope Paul VI

Trip Locations

Winter Trips

- Faithful Fools - San Francisco, CA
- San Lucas Mission - San Lucas Toliman, Guatemala
- Colorado Vincentian Volunteers - Denver, CO
- United Saints - New Orleans, LA

Spring Trips

- Fundacion Mahatma Gandhi - Las Terrenas, Dominican Republic
- Caritas de Esperanza - Esperanza, Ecuador
- St. Mary's Mission - Red Lake, MN
- Operation Breakthrough - Kansas City, MO
- Breaking Free - St. Paul, MN
- Friends of Chimbote - Chimbote, Peru
- City. Service. Mission. - Nashville, TN

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