

SUMMER STUDY TOURS UNITE RIDER, ITALY

Italian students make the trek overseas to experience America, Rider style

By Nick Greco

The Lawrenceville campus was transformed into its own Little Italy for two weeks in July 2005.

It marked the start of the pilot program called Study Tours, which is a way to incorporate a foreign exchange program into an educational vacation during the summer. Forty-seven Italians, ranging in ages from 14 to 22, boarded a plane and, for almost all of them, made their first trip to the United States.

President Mordechai Rozanski, professors Selma Goldstein and Mary Amato of the English Department and Lisa Chiavuzzo and Jacki Nodes, recent graduates from Rider's education program, formulated a curriculum. Dave Keenan from Student Affairs and Diane Bozak, the director of Business Conference, along with junior Karson Langenfelder, also helped out.

"It was a unique and enjoyable experience to be involved in a pilot project that opens doors at Rider to the international student community," said Goldstein.

Each day held events for the Italians to experience. They began their days with classes from 9 a.m. to noon, where



Photo by Jenn Kamm

Italian students participate in Study Tours, a pilot program providing foreign students with an opportunity to live and learn in the United States.

the focus of the lesson was speaking English.

"I had a lot of fun not only working with the students in the classroom, but also taking them out to Princeton for the first time," said sophomore Jenn Kamm. "Their reactions to an experience that seems so normal to me is what

made this experience so special."

The trip to New York seemed to be the biggest hit. While in the city, the students were divided into four groups and given a specific place to research in midtown Manhattan. They spent time in the library researching and writing scripts that had to be presented and vid-

eotaped on location.

The two weeks ended with a talent show. Those involved with the program, including the orientation staff and some students from Lawrenceville High School who study Italian, all attended to show their support. Following the show was a small reception in the Fireside Lounge, which served as the culmination to the week.

"As an Elementary Education and Communication major, it was not only a worthwhile experience for the Italian students, but for me as well," said Kamm. "To be able to devote my time to communicate with students from a different culture is a memory I will always have."

This program raised Rider's profile and is another step in the right direction, according to those who organized the event.

Study Tours returns to campus in November for a re-evaluation. In the future, the University can expect more from this program because of the positive feedback from the Italians and those involved on campus, organizers said.

"The program not only benefited the Italians, but also enriched everyone who was involved," said Goldstein.

Boredom Busters

FRIDAY

OCT. 21
SEC Film: Cinderella Man
 7:30 p.m., BLC Theater
Halloween Pub Alcohol Night
 9 p.m. - 2 a.m., BLC Pub
Bronc Buffet
 10 p.m., Daly's

SATURDAY

OCT. 22
CCM Mass
 4 p.m., Gill Chapel
SEC Film: Cinderella Man
 7:30 p.m., BLC Theater
WCC Schola Cantorum
 8 p.m., Bristol Chapel

SUNDAY

OCT. 23
CCM Mass
 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Gill Chapel
Admissions Open House
 12 p.m., BLC
REVD Car Show
 12 p.m., O-Lot
SEC Film: Cinderella Man
 7:30 p.m., BLC Theater

MONDAY

OCT. 24
PCM "Sunday Worship on Mondays"
 5:30 p.m., Gill Chapel

TUESDAY

OCT. 25
CCM Mill Hill Halloween Party
 11 a.m.
BSU Forum
 7 p.m., BLC Pub

WEDNESDAY

OCT. 26
Lunchbox Lecture Series
 12 p.m., BLC Theater
PCM Pumpkin Carving
 6:30 p.m., Gill Chapel
PCM Faith Matters
 7 p.m., Gill Chapel
BSU Open Mic Night
 7 p.m., BLC Pub

THURSDAY

OCT. 27
Palm Readings
 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Daly's
SEC Film: War of the Worlds
 7:30 p.m., BLC Theater

Q&A:

What are you most looking forward to about the SRC?



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"The weight room. The other [one] is small. I heard this one's air-conditioned and what not. We pay a lot of money. Hopefully, it'll be a good payoff."

— Sallah Khan, junior



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"I'm looking forward to less of a walk to the gym. The problem was we'd have to walk all the way across campus for it, and now we don't."

— Joe Sabatino, sophomore



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"Well, I'm a senior. So, I'm out of here after this semester. I'm really not going to get much use out of it, but I'll probably just play basketball in there."

— Mike Gottlieb, senior



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"Since I'm on the dance team, I'm most definitely excited about our new dance room because of all the mirrors, and we have a sound system."

— Adrian Jones, freshman