

## Around the world

Curing the winter "blahs" may not be easy but 30 Georgetown District High School students and teachers took advantage of the Easter break to relax and see the world.

Groups went to Florida, Austria, Spain, Holland, the Caribbean and Puerto Rico on trips organized privately or by the Heritage Society of Canada.

The trip to the Caribbean was a private adventure since the charter that originally was to handle the trip ran into difficulty, leaving the six girls with no place to go for the Easter break.

Sharon Barclay, Debbie Hamilton, Pam Proudfoot, Karen Wikson, Donna Dumper and Cathy Burgoyne, with a little help from the travel agent, arranged a tour of the

Caribbean that included San Juan, Puerto Rico, Morro Castle, Bluebeards Castle in St. Thomas and Martinique.

The second oldest cathedral in the new world was also featured in their tour of Puerto Rico.

"The week-long tour and cruise gave us all a tan," according to Cathy Burgoyne, "plus a little seasickness too."

If you like french fries with mayonnaise then Holland is the place for you.

Ron Nelson, a teacher at Georgetown District High School was one of the boats on the Holland tour that gave Debbie Buckley, Shawn Lin-weber, John Robbins, Mike Zuber and Leanne Gilson a chance to experience Dutch hospitality.

The trip included tours of the

dykes, plus many famous places such as Rotterdam, the Zuider Zee and the Anjaer flower auction.

"It is the world's largest flower auction and takes up 40 acres under one roof. There were mums, roses, daffodils and orchids which will be shipped all over the world," explained Mr. Nelson.

The tour was organized by the Heritage Society of Canada at a cost of \$470 per person which included food, transportation and hotel costs.

While touring the dykes that have reshaped the land, the group viewed a film on how the dykes were built. "You realize how important the dykes are when the hotel you're in is three meters below sea level," added Mr. Nelson.

Many members of the group

brought back wooden shoes as souvenirs. These shoes were hand-made by the village "kloppenmaker" and was included in the tours.

Canals, museums and the historical sites of Holland were covered by the tour that offered several bus excursions

throughout the country.

The return trip was rerouted through England to give the group a view of the white cliffs of Dover before returning home.

French fries, with mayonnaise were the latest food fad to hit Holland, and, according to Mr. Nelson, it is good.



JAN HILLIER, Francis Wyggang, Colleen Mallison and Margaret McGarry enjoyed a week in the sun in Puerto Rico with relatives of the Mallisons.

### Relaxing with relatives

Easter break is the ideal time to visit relatives, especially if they live in Puerto Rico.

That is what Colleen Mallison did, along with three of her friends, Jan Hillier, Margaret McGarry and Francis Wyggang.

"The weather was great," said Colleen. "The temperature was about 85 degrees for the whole week."

Staying with relatives let the girls spend more time touring old San Juan, to learn more of its history, relax on the warm beaches and to soak up the sun.



One of the many sights in Holland

PALM TREES, oranges and Mickey Mouse T-shirts are typical of Florida as Cindy Rea, Chris Grigg and Peggy Levers discovered while visiting during winter break.

KAREN WICKSON brought back a voodoo doll for good luck from her trip to the Caribbean.



MADRID was the destination for Karen Van Sickler, Allen, Gwen Mansely, Eric Fobert, Mary Pendergast and Theresa Kalaghan, Kim Golden, John Colangelo, Evelyn



A WEEK-LONG ski trip in Austria gave Anne Meal, Laura Orpwood, teachers Cheri Robinson and Tom Beer, Paul Beer, Roland Besheri, Peter Kock, Mike Peace, Frank

Pointner Emilio Pompillo and Paul Rogers a chance to get in some skiing before spring arrives.

### Mickey Mouse and El Greco

Even ski enthusiasts spent six days in the Austrian Alps, skiing in ideal conditions.

Anne Meal, Laura Orpwood, Paul Beer, Roland Besheri, Peter Kock, Mike Peace, Frank Pointner, Emilio Pompillo and Paul Rogers joined teachers Tom Beer and Cheri Robinson for the Easter break.

The group enjoyed sunny weather for most of the trip and skied at Kirschburg and Salzburg with up to a metre of fresh snow to sweeten the deal.

Three students, along with Barbara and John Cox, spent the week in Florida seeing Disneyworld, and relaxing along the beaches in the Gulf of Mexico.

Chris Grigg, Cindy Rae and Peggy Levers enjoyed their visit to Florida bringing back many souvenirs and, of course, a suntan.

"One thing I collected is T-shirts," said Peggy. "I have one with Mickey Mouse on it, one with a peacock, one psychedelic and one to wear to the beach."

The girls and their hosts stayed at Clearwater Florida for the duration of their trip.

Madrid, Spain was the destination for nine GDHS students under the guidance of Marilyn Nelson, wife of teacher, Ron Nelson.

Karen VanSickler, Theresa Kalaghan, Kim Golden, John

Colangelo, Evelyn Allen, Gwen Mansely, Eric Fobert, Mary Pendergast and Janice Michalaki of Georgetown District High School.

while there the group saw the Prado Art Gallery and many of the works of El Greco in a brief tour.

"In order to save time we saw only the most historic and famous of the paintings," explained Mrs. Nelson.

The trip also included the Palace Royale, which is now used for state functions only but was the only neutral ground during the civil war.

Many of the country's famous

cathedrals are located near Madrid and were included in the tour. One such cathedral was that of Toledo's which houses one of the world's largest pipe organs. Noted organist E. Power Biggs has played and recorded the organ on many occasions.

At Segobia the remains of the ancient Roman aqueduct still stand and were still in use, up to a decade ago.

Parades which were part of Holy Week were a special treat that the visitors did not anticipate. The procession walked the narrow Spanish streets by candlelight with large floats of Jesus and the Virgin Mary.

"It was quite a sight," added Mrs. Nelson. "The most beautiful thing you could ever see."