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## **HAVE GERMAN LANGUAGE SKILLS, WILL TRAVEL**

### **MISSOULA —**

Seventeen University of Montana—Missoula students with passports in their pockets and German culture on the brain left Missoula Feb. 17, bound for Germany and Austria as participants in UM's German Study Abroad Program.

The group includes four students from fairly far reaches of the country: Martha McAuliff of Rochester, Minn., a junior in international business and German; Jim McLellan of Tucson, Ariz., a senior in German and Spanish; Brigette Moss of Sonora, Calif., a junior in photojournalism; and Stephan Steiner of Westport, Conn., a junior in history and philosophy.

Their first stop was Neckargemund, Missoula's sister city in Germany for the past four years. There they have a month of total immersion, living with host families and taking part in special courses at the University of Heidelberg, Germany's oldest university, before moving on to Vienna to finish the semester.

Although UM students have been going to Vienna every spring since 1973, the Neckargemund/Heidelberg segment wasn't added until 1994, after the sister-city relationship was established. The new segment helps students get used to German culture in a family and small-town environment before attacking the metropolis of Vienna.

All the students are enrolled at UM for 16 credits, which they earn in grammar, conversation, theater and culture courses. To get into the program, students must have excellent



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German language skills and be in at least their fourth semester of German. Three weeks of intensive orientation on the UM campus precede the trip.

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