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Member News

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Spotlight on the Union Theater

The Wisconsin Union Theater has a lot in store for the upcoming year. The Theater will receive several improvements to make your concert-going experience even more enjoyable.

The Union Theater will enhance its equipment over the winter break by adding a new rigging system and a new main curtain. The Theater rigging system operates the main curtain, fire curtain, and 39 pipes that fly a movie screen, orchestra ceilings, stage masking and scenery. The current system is the original from 1939 when the Union Theater opened. It was adequate for the time, but today's scenery is heavier and the lighting is more complex. The installation of the new system will be concluded by the end of January.

"The most obvious improvement from the audience's perspective will be the new main curtain," says Fred Fisher, Wisconsin Union Theater Technical Director. The new system will allow the backstage crew to hang shows faster and safer. It will also accommodate more complicated sets and lighting, giving groups that perform at the Union Theater more flexibility to utilize the space.

Spring Performance Series

The Spring Performance Series gets underway with the Regina Carter Quintet on February 24. The program will provide a unique multicultural perspective and promises to challenge preconceptions of the violin by revealing its melodic side and potential for percussive expression.

To add even more flare is Taraf de Haïdouks, a one-of-a-kind band that touches on the richness of the Romanian Gypsy tradition. The mix of ages gives a unique sound to the band: the old men contribute soul and experience while the young add speed and energy. Taraf de Haïdouks will perform at the Union on March 24.

Chucho Valdes, a Cuban Pianist who has led Irakere, perhaps the world's top AfroCuban fusion band, will be at the Union on April 21. Due to political tensions between Havana and Washington, Valdes has not been well known in the United States. He is starting to become a force on the American scene though, thanks to his talents as a stunning piano performer and composer.

2001 Spring Season

Concert Series

Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center	January 27
Barbara Bonney, soprano	February 9
Wu Han, piano	March 30
Gil and Orli Shaham, violin/piano	April 27

Performance Series

Regina Carter Quintet	February 24
Taraf de Haïdouks	March 24
Chucho Valdes	April 21

Travel Adventure Film Series

Europe's Alaska-Iceland	January 22-24
Yellowstone-High Country Treasure	February 19-21
Czech/Slovakia	March 26-28

Theater Special

Ravenshead	March 23
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The Union Theater has a new offering to enrich your experience. You can now receive program notes prior to each performance via email. Email aeallan@facstaff.wisc.edu to request that your name be added to the list. For information on these performances and subscription information, please call the Theater Box Office at 262-2201.



Mini Courses on the Web

Mini Course offerings are now online at www.wisc.edu/minicourses. Our website provides up-to-date course listings and the ability to register online. Visit the site to find the newest additions to the Mini Course menu or to view a list of courses that have been added in the last two weeks. Join our email distribution list to get updates and digital coupons.

Ballroom Dance Live returns to Great Hall at Memorial Union on Thursday, April 26, at 8:00 p.m. This free event will include great dancing to Dimension in Sound, a 16-piece orchestra. Pre-registration is not required, dress is informal and the music starts promptly at 8 pm. Please join us for an evening of fun-filled dancing sponsored by Mini Courses.

For a complete Break Away catalog and more information, visit www.wisc.edu/minicourses or call 262-3156. Here are a few of the new Mini Courses offered this winter and spring.

Course	Start Date	Cost
Creative Cartography:		
Artistic Mapmaking	2/6	\$29.50
Paper & Fabric Marbling	2/6	\$39.50
Ballroom Dance for Singles	2/7	\$39.50
Communication for		
Conflict Resolution	4/5	\$17.50
Intuitive Healing	2/20	\$19.50
Wilderness Skills		
Weekend (Ages 16+)	4/21 & 22	\$129.50
Round Barn Tour	3/25	\$39.50
A Dozen Backyard Herbs	2/20	\$29.50
Intro to Fly Tying	3/6	\$49.50
Traditional Korean Cooking	2/6	\$69.50
Ceramic Fountain Creations	3/24	\$89.50
Glass Fusing	3/28	\$79.50
Wooden Bowels:		
Basic Lathe	3/25	\$79.50
B&W Darkroom	2/6	\$79.50

Explore Hoofers

No matter your skill level, Hoofers Clubs have something for everyone. From trips to lessons to community service, Hoofers covers a broad spectrum of activities.

Feel like taking an adventurous and active vacation? Try the Hoofers Club trips! Hoofers organizes trips for a variety of interests and for all seasons. In addition to the weekly and weekend trips to Wisconsin and Michigan slopes, the Ski & Snowboard Club offers longer trips to various locations. This spring, the Ski & Snowboarding Club is planning its 36th annual trip to Jackson Hole, Wyoming. This trip is by far the largest, with approximately 200 people.

Would you rather leave the cold, dreary winter weather for some sunshine this spring? The Scuba Club is sponsoring a trip to the Caribbean. "On the trips, we have fun that brings people back year after year. It's also a great way to meet new people and get involved," says Steve Liu, Vice President of the Ski & Snowboard Club.

If strapping on skis or scuba diving isn't your style, try riding a few horses. Lessons, trail rides, horse shows, and more are available through the Hoofers Riding Club. The Hoofers Equestrian Center is located in Belleville, about 20 minutes south of Madison. Weekly visits to the stable are made year-round. Contact the Hoofers office to join in on the visits!

The Ski & Snowboard Club also offers opportunity for community service. This season, the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Ski Trip paired youths with Hoofers members for a day of skiing fun. For more information about any of the Hoofers Clubs or upcoming trips, please call (608) 265-4663 or visit www.hoofers.org.

Hoofers Events

Riding Club Kick-Off	January 24
All Hoofers Kick-Off	January 30
Ski & Snowboard Kick-Off	February 1
Winter Carnival	February 3

DLS Welcomes a Diverse Line-up

The Wisconsin Union Distinguished Lecture Series features some very interesting and prominent people this season, including two former presidential candidates. The series offers a broad range of topics and a diverse cast of speakers.



February 13, Alan L. Keyes

Alan Keyes, a former Reagan administration official, is a recognized leader in the conservative movement. He is a two-time presidential candidate and a former U.S. Senate Republican nominee.



February 27, Judy Shepard

Judy is the mother of University of Wyoming student Matthew Shepard who was attacked and died as a result of his sexual orientation. Since her son's death last year, Judy has become an activist against anti-gay violence and has testified before the Senate Judicial Committee in support of the Hate Crimes Prevention Act.



April 17, Ralph Nader

Ralph Nader was the Green Party presidential candidate in the 2000 election. In his third presidential campaign, he challenged the duopoly of the two-party system. Nader is a consumer activist who has defended people against corporate negligence and government indifference.



April 22, Afeni Shakur

Shakur is a former revolutionary, Black Panther, activist and mother of the late rap star Tupac Shakur. She inspires audiences with her story of peace and empowerment and the struggles it took to get there.

All lectures begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Union Theater, Memorial Union. Lectures are free with a ticket, which can be obtained by students, faculty, staff and Union members at the Memorial Union Box Office two business days before the lecture. One ticket per Union membership or UW ID. Any remaining tickets will be distributed to the public on the day of the lecture.

For more information, please call 262-2216 or check out the Distinguished Lecture Series online at www.wisc.edu/union/dls/.

Spring Gallery Highlights

JANUARY 27 - MARCH 9, 2001

Opening Reception: January 26, 7pm

School-ing (To be Schooled) n.: An installation by Jason Engelhardt, Porter Butts Gallery
Gallery Talk with Jason Engelhardt: Monday, February 5, 7pm, (Porter Butts Gallery)



Village and City: Photographs of Sierra Leone, West Africa - Vera Viditz-Ward, Class of 1925 and Theater Galleries
Gallery Talk with Vera Viditz-Ward: Thursday, February 15, 7pm (See Today in the Union)

MARCH 31 - APRIL 21, 2001

Opening Reception: March 30, 7pm

The 73rd Annual Student Art Show
Porter Butts and Class of 1925 Galleries

Student Art Show Purchase Award Winners:
A Retrospective Exhibit, Theater Gallery

APRIL 28 - MAY 18, 2001

Opening Reception: April 27, 7pm

The Wo Nob: Installation by Amanda Browder
Porter Butts Gallery

Wisconsin Women Printmakers, Class of 1925 Gallery

APRIL 28 - MAY 29, 2001

Opening Reception: April 27, 7pm

Kin Lop Tse's Photographs, Theater Gallery

MAY 23 - MAY 29, 2001

Porter Butts and Class of 1925 Galleries
WHA Art and Antiques Preview

JUNE 9 - JULY 15, 2001

Opening Reception: June 8, 7pm

Midwest Photography Invitational XI
Porter Butts and Class of 1925 Galleries

Jackson Tiffany: Photography and computer image generation. Theater Galleries

These exhibits are displayed in the Porter Butts, Class of 1925 and Theater Galleries located on the 2nd floor of Memorial Union. Schedule subject to change. Union members are invited to receptions held from 7-9 pm in the Porter Butts Gallery. For more information, please call 262-5969.



Events Calendar

All events are held at Memorial Union unless noted US (Union South). For more details, check stories inside or call 265-3000. Events are subject to change.

January

- 22 Travel Film: Europe's Alaska - Iceland, 7:30 p.m.
- 23 Travel Film: Europe's Alaska- Iceland, 7:30 p.m.
- 24 Hoofer Riding Club Kickoff, 7 p.m.; Travel Film: Europe's Alaska Iceland, 7:30 p.m.
- 25 Hoofer Scuba Kickoff, 7:30 p.m.
- 27 Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, 8 p.m.; New art exhibit opens; The Lapse, 9:00 p.m., US
- 29 Film: Crybaby, 8 p.m.
- 30 All Hoofer Kickoff, 7:00 p.m.

February

- 1 Spring Free Games Gala, 7 p.m. 12 a.m., US; Film: Barbara Hammer: Sanctus, Optic Nerve, Endangered, 9 pm
- 2 Film: Requiem for a Dream 7:30 p.m., 9:45 p.m.; Mascott, indie folk, 9:30 p.m., Howie Day, Australian songwriter, 10:30 p.m.; Sweep the Leg Johnny, 9:30 p.m., US
- 3 Hoofer Winter Carnival; Film: Requiem for a Dream, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 p.m.; Opener TBA, 9:30 p.m., Lofty Pillars, 10:30 p.m.; Global Connections II with DJ Danny Camacho, 9:00 p.m., US
- 4 Film: Requiem for a Dream 7:30, 9:45 p.m.; Let it Come Down: The Life of Paul Bowles, US, 2 p.m.
- 5 Film: The Color Purple, 8 p.m.
- 8 Open Mic, 9 p.m.; Film: Films by Kurt Kren & Peter Kubelka, 9 p.m.
- 9 Barbara Bonney, 8 p.m.; Film: Bamboozled, 7:00, 9:45 p.m.; Viridiana, Elvehjem Museum, 7:30 p.m.; Montage, R&B, 9:30 p.m.; Milemarker with Insidious, 9:30 p.m., US
- 10 US Campus Recreation Tournament, 11 a.m. 7 p.m.; Film: Bamboozled, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45 p.m.; Elizabeth Elmore, 9:30 p.m., TBA, 10:30 p.m.; Swing and free dance lessons, 9:00 p.m., US
- 11 Film: Bamboozled, 7:00, 9:45 p.m.; Aparajito, US, 2 p.m.
- 12 Film: Angels with Dirty Faces, 8 p.m.
- 13 Alan Keyes Lecture, 7:30 p.m.
- 15 Open Mic, 9 p.m.; Film: Carolee Schneeman: Fuses, Plumb Line; Alexis Krasilovsky: Charlie's Dream, Charlie Dozes Off and the Dog Bothers Him, La Belle Dame Sans Merci, Cows, Guerrilla Commercial, 9 p.m.
- 16 Film: Charlie's Angels, 7:30, 9:45 p.m.; Jump Up! Label Showcase punk, 9:30 p.m.; 12 Rods & The French Kicks, 9:30 p.m., US
- 17 Film: Charlie's Angels, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 p.m.; Joe, Marc's Brother, pop rock, 9:30 p.m.
- 18 Film: Charlie's Angels, 7:30, 9:45 p.m., The Other Francisco, US, 2 p.m.
- 19 Travel Film: Yellowstone, 7:30 p.m.; Film: Rage, 8 p.m.
- 20 Travel Film: Yellowstone, 7:30 p.m.
- 21 Travel Film: Yellowstone, 7:30 p.m.
- 22 Open Mic, 9 p.m.; Film: Ganja and Hess, 9 p.m.
- 23 Film: Urbania, 7:30, 9:45 p.m.; The Arrivals, 9:30 p.m.; Blue Meanies, ska, 10:30 p.m.

- 24 Regina Carter, 8 p.m.; Film: Urbania, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 p.m.; The Crest, 9:30 p.m., B Movie Fiendz, Hip Hop, 10:30 p.m.; The Staggers with The Hunns, 9:30 p.m. US
- 25 Film: Urbania 7:30, 9:45 p.m., The American Friend, US, 2 p.m.;
- 26 Film: Higher Learning, 8 p.m.
- 27 Judy Shepard Lecture, 7:30 p.m.

March

- 1 Open Mic, 9 p.m.; Film: Nicholas Humber & Werner Penzel: Middle of the Moment; 9 p.m.
- 2 Film: Dancer in the Dark, 7:00, 9:45 p.m.; Land Without Bread, Four Shorts by Man Ray, Elvehjem Museum, 7:30 p.m.; Devil in a Woodpile, acoustic blues, 9:30 p.m.
- 3 Film: Dancer in the Dark 4:15, 7:00, 9:45 p.m.; Opener TBA, Ivan Klipstein, 9:30 p.m.
- 4 Film: Dancer in the Dark, 7:00, 9:45 p.m.; Kiss of the Spider Woman, US, 2 p.m.
- 5 Film: Return to Oz, 8 p.m.
- 7 Hoofer Riding Club Kickoff, 7 p.m.; Jeffrey Wigand Lecture, 7:30 p.m.
- 8 Open Mic, 9 p.m.; Films by Priit Parn, 9 p.m.
- 22 Open Mic, 9 p.m.
- 23 Ravenshead, 8 p.m.; Film: Best in Show, 7:30, 9:30 p.m.
- 24 Spring 9 Ball Tournament, 11 a.m. 7 p.m.; Taraf de Haidouks, 8 p.m.; Film: Best in Show, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30 p.m.
- 25 Film: Best in Show, 7:30, 9:30 p.m.; West Beirut, US, 2 p.m.
- 26 Travel Film: Czech/Slovakia, 7:30 p.m.; Film: High Society, 8 p.m.
- 27 Travel Film: Czech/Slovakia, 7:30 p.m.
- 28 Travel Film: Czech/Slovakia, 7:30 p.m.
- 29 Open Mic, 9 p.m.
- 30 Wu Han, 8 p.m.
- 31 New art exhibit opens

April

- 5 Open Mic, 9 p.m.
- 12 Open Mic, 9 p.m.
- 17 Ralph Nader Lecture, 7:30 p.m.
- 19 Open Mic, 9 p.m.
- 21 Chucho Valdes, 8 p.m.
- 22 Afeni Shakur Lecture, 7:30 p.m.
- 26 Open Mic, 9 p.m.; Ballroom Dance Live, 8 p.m.
- 27 Gil & Orli Shaham, 8 p.m.
- 28 New art exhibit opens

May

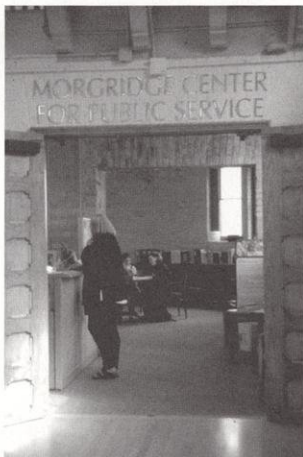
- 23 New art exhibit opens

June

- 9 New art exhibit opens



Community Service through Students



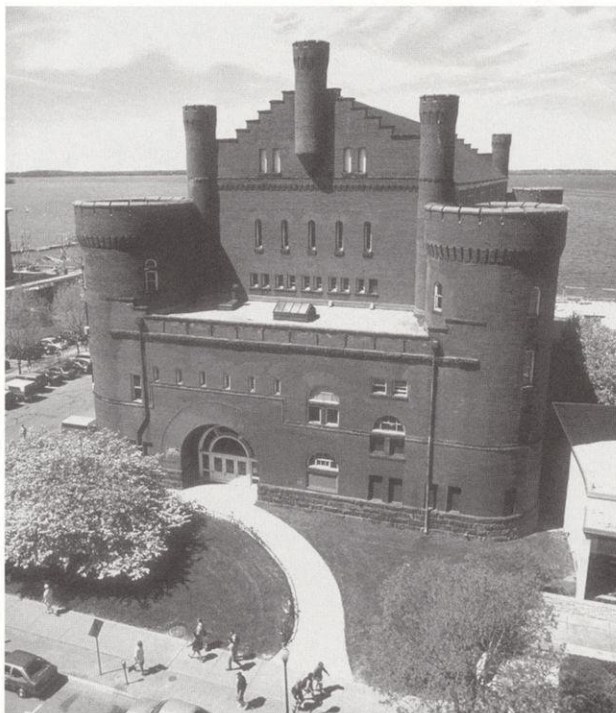
As the Division of Social Education, the Union has a commitment to citizenship and providing students with out-of-the-classroom learning opportunities. The Morgridge Center for Public Service located in the historic Red Gym, is a vital part of the Union's mission because it provides students with hands-on experience while giving

service to others. "It is natural that a center that promotes and encourages service be a part of the Union's tradition," says Susan Dibbell, office manager for the Morgridge Center.

One way the Morgridge Center carries on the Union tradition is through the Wisconsin Idea Undergraduate Fellowships, a program that supports special projects where students, faculty and community organizations collaborate on activities that are designed to benefit all who participate in it. These projects are student-initiated and student-run, but are planned in collaboration with a faculty member and community organization. The completely volunteer program gives numerous UW students the chance to propose an idea and receive grant money to implement their idea in the community.



Students can use the Morgridge Center's online resources to search for volunteer opportunities or meet with staff to learn more about the Center's diverse offerings.



Directly next to Memorial Union is the historic Red Gym, which serves as home to the Morgridge Center for Public Service among many other student programs. The Morgridge Center is part of the Union, focusing on local, national, and international service opportunities.

Dave Jukam, a UW undergraduate, took advantage of the fellowship program last year when he put together the ASPIRE (Achieving Success by Promoting Interest in higher Education) project. Dave realized that in today's society children from economically disadvantaged backgrounds face barriers in the education system that often deter them from reaching college. By proposing the ASPIRE program and implementing it in the community, Jukam has given many children the opportunity to experience what college is like and discover that it is within their reach.

ASPIRE strives to attract middle school students to higher education by bringing them to the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where they are paired up with UW student mentors. They tour the campus, attend special lectures with guest professors and discuss in small groups the college experience. What makes the program work so well is the many undergraduate volunteers. The ASPIRE program runs two annual sessions for six weeks on Saturday mornings. Initial funding for the ASPIRE program was provided by a Wisconsin Idea Undergraduate Fellowship. The program has been so successful that its creators are now trying to find continued support to keep the program running.



Films: Take One...Action

LAKESIDE CINEMA

Mondays, 8 pm, Stiftskeller, free

January

29 Crybaby

February

5 The Color Purple

12 Angels With Dirty Faces

19 Rage

26 Higher Learning

March

5 Return to Oz

26 High Society

MEMORIAL UNION MOVIES

Friday-Sunday, two shows nightly plus Saturday matinee. Fredric March Play Circle, Memorial Union, \$3.50, Union members. Bring a guest on your Union ID.

February

2-4 Requiem for a Dream

9-11 Bamboozled

16-18 Charlie's Angels

23-25 Urbania

March

2-4 Dancer in the Dark

23-25 Best in Show

INTERNATIONAL CINEMA

Sundays, 2 pm, Union South Room 109, free

February

4 Let it Come Down: The Life of Paul Bowles (Canada)

11 Aparajito (India)

18 The Other Francisco (Cuba)

25 The American Friend (Germany)

March

4 Kiss of the Spider Woman (Brazil)

25 West Beirut (Lebanon)

STARLIGHT CINEMA

Thursdays, 9 pm, Fredric March Play Circle, Memorial Union, free

February

1 Barbara Hammer Selections

8 Kurt Kren, six films

Peter Kubelka, three films

15 Carolee Scheeman: Fuses

Films by Alexis Krasilovsky

22 Ganja and Hess

March

1 Middle of the Moment

8 Contemporary Estonian Animation

BLOW UP CINEMA

Fridays, 7:30 pm, Elvehjem Museum, Room L160, free

February

9 Viridiana (Spain)

March

2 Land Without Bread (Spain)

Four Shorts by Man Ray (France)

Call the 24 hour film hotline at 262-6333 to confirm films, dates, times and locations.

Best Live, Free Music

Enjoy great music put on by the Union's Music and Entertainment Committee made up entirely of student volunteers.

Music starts at 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. To confirm schedule and for future dates, please call 262-2215 or check the website at music.union.wisc.edu. Events and times are subject to change.

Weekly

Open Mic: Thursdays, 9 p.m.-midnight in der Rathskeller, MU

Behind the Beat: free live jazz, Fridays, 4-6 p.m. in der Rathskeller

February

2 Mascott, Howie Day, 10:30 p.m.

3 Lofty Pillars
Simon Joyner, 10:30 p.m.

9 Montage

10 Elizabeth Elmore
TBA, 10:30 p.m.

16 Jump Up! Label Showcase Punk

17 Joe, Marc's Brother

23 The Arrivals, Blue Meanies

24 The Crest
B-Movie Fiendz, 10:30 p.m.

March

2 Devil in a Woodpile

3 Ivan Klipstein

Lakefront Renovation



The Lakefront Café is now closed for remodeling. Built in 1957 to maximize the Lake Mendota view, the Café is expected to reopen in January of 2002. As part of the improvements, the kitchen of Memorial Union will also be renovated during this same time period, but there will still be plenty of food options available at Memorial Union. During the renovations, the Rathskeller will be open everyday. In addition, the Daily Scoop Deli will continue to offer breakfast and lunch items.

"We appreciate the patience of our patrons during the demolition, remodeling and reconstruction," said Julie Vincent, Wisconsin Union Food Services Director, "but we feel it is worth it, since the renovated kitchen and Lakefront will enable us to expand and improve the services we provide."

New and Newsy

Make it a meal!

New Daily Deli Deals starting February 12 at all 6 Wisconsin Union Delis. Choose from two featured sandwiches everyday, a small bag of chips, piece of fruit, gourmet cookie, and beverage (can of soda, milk, or coffee) for only \$3.99 or \$3.79 (vegetarian).

Enjoy a special discount on a Terrace T-shirt when you stay at the Union Guestrooms this February! For more details, call Union South at 263-2600 or Memorial Union at 262-1583.

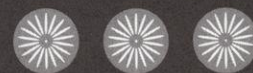
High Praise for the Rathskeller and Memorial Union

The Rathskeller recently received praise for the authenticity of its murals from Walther Moslener, International Facilities Management Association fellow of the IFMA Deutschland, the German chapter. He also commented on the Union as an "atmosphere where every visitor, be it a student, alum or external feels at home being together in a community, verbally in a union."



One of many Rathskeller murals painted by Eugene Hausler.



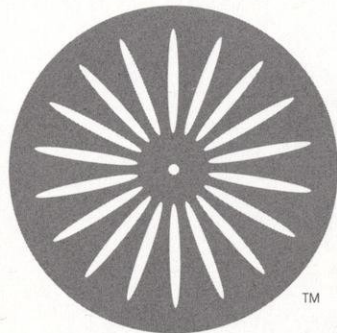


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The Alternative Breaks program gives UW-Madison students the opportunity to volunteer with many different organizations across the country. Participants work closely with community members to confront such issues as poverty, homelessness, migrant farm labor, and immigration. Alternative Breaks trips are available over Spring and Winter Break and will eventually be offered on a weekend basis to neighboring cities, including Milwaukee and Chicago. For more information, contact the Alternative Breaks office at (608) 262-7896.



UW-Madison students during a recent Alternative Breaks trip to Tucson, Arizona where they worked with Habitat for Humanity to build a home on the Pasqua Yacqui Indian Reservation. The students also did volunteer work with the Tucson Metropolitan Ministries.