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**ITINERARY FOR ST. CROIX INTERIM
COLE, VENZ, ANDREWS**

January 2 - Meeting 2:00. Preparations for departure

January 3 - Thurs. Leave Birmingham 6:50 A.M. Eastern 311
Arrive: Atlanta 8:40 A.M.

Leave Atlanta 10:55 A.M. Eastern 995
Arrive: St. Croix 4:50 P.M.

January 3-25 Contact Person: Dr. Sylvia Ross Talbot, Executive Director,
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January 25 - Fri. Leave St. Croix/ STX 9:30 A.M. Metro Airlines
Arrive: St. Thomas 9:55 A.M.

January 25-29 Stay at Cinnamon Bay Cottages, St. John Island
(809) 776-6458 or (809) 776-6330.

January 29 Leave: St. Thomas 12:45 P.M. Eastern 990
Arrive: Atlanta 5:00 P.M.

Leave Atlanta 6:00 P.M. Eastern 531
Arrive: Birmingham 5:47 P.M.

'SVS/HABITAT FOR HUMANITY INTERIM IN ST. CROIX
SERVICE-LEARNING REPORT

This January (1991) 26 students, two faculty and one adult supervisor from Birmingham Southern College chose to do a service project for their Interim course in St. Croix, Virgin Islands. The Interim, "Habitat for Humanity", was designed to give students the opportunity to experience being victims of a hurricane, to study the syndromes of poverty in America first hand, and to learn the systems of non-profit organizations: Habitat for Humanity and the Interfaith Coalition of St. Croix.

The group spent 12 weeks in the fall semester meeting as a team in preparation for the trip. Student leaders were elected and assumed the responsibilities of community building and spiritual growth, project organization, construction education, and accounting. Academic responsibilities were fulfilled through attendance, papers, and oral presentations including: "Socioeconomics of the Region", "How To (Construction, Roofing, Etc.)", "Political History of the Islands", "History of Habitat for Humanity", and "Extent of Damage of Hurricane Hugo".

On January 3, 1991 the team travelled over 1,000 miles to experience life on the poverty level for three weeks. The travel, tools, donations, and meals were included in the budget that equalled poverty level. The group lived in St. Lukes A.M.E. Church and slept on cots provided by the Red Cross of St. Croix. The entire team cooked, ate communal meals, participated in nightly team meetings, and rotated to 12 work sites while there. All of the work sites were homes either rented or owned by the residents who were on the Red Cross disaster/emergency list. The jobs included: galvanized roofing/tar, building, guttering, bat-stripping, hurricane safety bolts and screws, flooring, painting, general repair, and general clean-up.

When the group arrived, the expectations were focused on the work to be done. However, the experience was enhanced by a series of problems that occurred that has made the mission to St. Croix life changing and unforgettable. Some learned what leadership and responsibility entails, others extreme racial tension being a minority, but most were seasoned in their values by living life outside of the comfort zone. What was learned was the unexpected: the unfamiliar became familiar, barriers between races were broken, things became less important and people more significant. Lastly, the group truly became a team as they learned and strived to work together in the role of servants. The experience was very hard, but the rewards were great.

The service-learning experience is valuable in so many ways. It is a privilege to offer this to the Birmingham Southern College community. 'SVS does hope to be able to take two trips in 1992; one domestic team and one to Zimbabwe, Africa doing this kind of project again. Please contact Dr. Stewart A. Jackson or Ms. Jeannette D. Andrews at P.O. Box A-17, Birmingham, Alabama 35254 or call (205) 226-4760 or 226-4720.