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Strangers in a Foreign Land

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The German-American Partnership Program, or GAPP, is a student interaction organization that promotes an understanding between the students of Norderstedt, West Germany, and Germantown. The American participants spent approximately five weeks living in Germany, going to German schools, and backpacking across Southern Germany and Austria. Also, some of their time was spent travelling by train to various locations, including a three day tour of Berlin, both East and West. Americans then returned home with their sponsor, Ms. Patricia Schedewie, with stories and photo albums of Germany.

On October 12, the German students with whom the Americans had stayed, arrived in New York City for a day and a half stopover before moving on to Memphis to live with their former guests. The same rigorous schedule offers a day of



Left to Right: B. Schickendanz, C. Kade, W. Peters, J. Sommerfeldt, C. Schulz, S. Kruse, I. Blos, G. Unger; not pictured: J. Penschow, J. Herzog.

Gabi Unger, sponsor

Role as German sponsor: Prepare students for their stay in Memphis; be there to talk about impressions/problems/differences between Germany—USA, etc.
Length of involvement in program: Fourth stay in Memphis, three of which have been spent in GAPP.

Claudia Kade, sixteen-year-old junior

US partner: Laura Gerome
Best aspect of American life: Everybody is very friendly; everything is so convenient (mall, big super-market).
Highlight of trip: New York
Musical interests: Salt-n-Pepa, Pebbles, Alexander O'Neal

Hobbies: Sailing, shopping, tennis.

Biggest disappointment: Always depending on a car.
Impression of US school system: Starts too early; school is easier here than in Germany; boring schedule.
One thing she would change if possible: Some of the peo-

Wencke Peters, seventeen-year-old junior

US partner: Elisabeth Eickhoff
Favorite thing about Memphis: Weather, the malls.
Biggest disappointment: No public transportation system.
Musical interests: Smiths,