

# Change of Season

## Summer Vacations

SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER! It was thrilling to have two months of freedom from homework, tests, and early wake-ups. The summer was a time to enjoy the hot weather and forget about snow days. There were summer jobs which put money in some wallets, while some students volunteered to help others, and some lucky individuals enjoyed going to camp and rejoining old friends they hadn't seen for the past year. Summer was also a fun time simply to get together with friends and to take pleasure in each other's company. And, of course, students went on their well deserved vacations. Whether it was to the familiarity of the Jersey Shore or to the unfamiliarity of the Swiss Alps, vacation was a much needed break from the usual routine. *By Aliza Burns*



ALL AROUND THE WORLD! Another traveler was junior Catherine Jahn who made her way through Rome, Paris, and Nurnberg with her parents and sister. Just like typical tourists Jahn and her family went sightseeing to all the popular spots, like the Coliseum in Rome and the Eiffel Tower in Paris. She enjoyed the trip and couldn't pick just one favorite spot. Jahn recommended seeing the European cities at night because of their breathtaking beauty. It was interesting for Jahn to see how people do things and the similarities and differences between American and the European countries. "Because of my vacation I got the experience of seeing different places in the world and how the people in those countries live," stated Jahn.

THE HILLS ARE ALIVE! Seniors Erica Stuppler and Christine DeLuca, sophomore Yeershati Ahati, and junior Kara Brass, performed all across Europe with American Music Abroad. Each of them was nominated to perform in the honors music program which included students from New Jersey, Delaware, and Pennsylvania. The choral group of 140 spent three amazing weeks in Europe traveling to Switzerland, Austria, Italy, Germany, and France. They performed in front of small intimate groups, in front of groups of one hundred, and they sang everything from 50's music to Latin ballads. Between concerts, the group went sightseeing and saw the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the canals in Venice, and the Swiss Alps. Stuppler stated, "I still keep in touch with the people I met on the trip. I have made many close friends and try to see them as much as possible, even though the closest one lives about an hour away."

