Interim 2005:

Students created, explored, experimented, researched, performed, inquired, and more

The Institute for Marine Sciences in Roatan, Honduras, was the destination for a group of students who spent 14 days experiencing coral reefs and studying dolphin behavior.

The Interim Term is one of the cornerstones of the Birmingham-Southern educational experience. The four-week period each January allows students to develop their potential for creative activity and independent study by exploring one topic or interest through on- and off-campus projects, independent study or research, foreign study experiences, and challenging and unusual internships—all for academic credit.

More than 200 BSC students spent Interim 2005 involved in service-learning and study projects locally, nationally, and internationally. Interim projects this year ranged from travel to the Caribbean to learn about its naval history to constructing a school in Mozambique to studying the economy and social policies in Southeast Asia. Students in Southeast Asia also observed some of the effects of the tsunami disaster. Locally, a group of students worked to improve the communities of east and west Birmingham.

More than 100 other students spent Interim Term in individually contracted study experiences across the state and nation while others participated in more than 60 creative course offerings on the BSC campus.

While space does not allow mention of all the innovative experiences this year, the following photos provide a snapshot of Interim 2005.

In one Interim art course, students studied alternative photographic processes, such as this Anthotype print made from crushed blueberries in an alcohol emulsion exposed to UV light held here by student D.B. Irwin.