

# FROM THE GROUND UP

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*"The internships' effects on me have been dramatic. My eyes have opened to conditions of poverty in my own state. I've developed a thirst for learning more about the lives of the people who immigrate to the U.S. and those of Mexican or other descent whose families have already been established here. That sent me to Mexico to see "the other side" of the journey . . . which opened a world to me I hadn't known was out there. So farmworkers have taught me a lot, but there are still many things I have to learn from them. I'm looking forward to working more with farmworkers in the future."*  
Vanessa Davis, Duke '94.

What happens to interns who have participated in SAF or other internship programs working with farmworkers? What impact can one summer have on their future careers and world views? To find out, turn to page 6!

## JOB OPENING: OUTREACH WORKER

The Episcopal Farmworker Ministry in Newton Grove, NC is seeking a staffperson to coordinate various outreach activities, community service programs and advocacy. Fluency in Spanish is required, some experience working with farmworkers is preferred. For more information, contact Amy Trester at 910-567-6917 or send a cover letter and resume to EFM, PO Box 1514, Dunn, NC 28335.

## ITF SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS PREPARE FOR SUMMER INTERNS

Over twenty representatives from organizations interested in hosting 1994 SAF interns attended a training in Durham designed to familiarize them with SAF's Into the Fields: Summer Internship and Leadership Development Program. The agenda for the March 25 meeting focused on learning from the experiences of previous SAF students and sponsoring organization staff along with reviewing the summer timeline and SAF's expectations for the upcoming season's interns and sponsoring agencies. Highlights of the day included a thoughtful exchange of ideas on avoiding and handling workplace difficulties and the creation of a few interagency plans to share interns in the same geographic area. Into the Fields Project Coordinator Debbie Rosenstein commented that, "We met all of our objectives for the training. The interns' supervisors left more informed and prepared and the SAF staff left with a better understanding of the needs and concerns of the people who are the very foundation of our program."



SAF sponsors Jean Schaeffer, Susan Brock and Carolina Cardona share some ideas that work with their colleagues.

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### *The SAF Mission:*

*To bring students and farmworkers together to learn about each other's lives, share resources and skills, improve conditions for farmworkers, and build diverse coalitions working for social change.*

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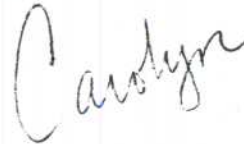
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We're just three weeks away from SAF ITF Orientation Week '94, and as usual it's crazy in the SAF office—finalizing housing and organization placements, finding speakers and readings for orientation, and fielding a dozen calls a day from students who are finally realizing they are about to embark on a great adventure. "What's the weather like in North Carolina in July? Do I have to dress up for work? Do I need to bring a bed? Can someone pick me up at the airport at midnight on May 27th?" Their enthusiasm is infectious: Debbie and I are wishing that we too can forget all these organizing details and move to Newton Grove or Charleston for the summer. But we're excited about hopping into our cars and visiting everyone on-site.

The final tally is in: 52 interns will convene at the Franklinton Center in Enfield, NC on May 28th for a week of orientation, and on June 7th will begin their work at one of 30 SAF sponsoring organizations. Altogether, over 70 student applications were received in our office. We are very excited about the response this year and have many people to share credit with: all the funders who made it possible to provide participation grants to cover living expenses, post-service scholarships and housing for students who could not otherwise afford to participate; all the Program Directors and Campus Coordinators at the ITF schools who did a fantastic job publicizing the program; and all the CAMP (College Assistance Migrant Program) directors and other staff at six CAMP schools who made it possible for 15 students from farmworker families to be a part of SAF this summer. THANK YOU!

In our next issue we'll share with you more details about the '94 interns and their work this summer.

Gotta run, telephone's ringing . . .



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