

# Explorations of Another Country

This year, five German students came to Ashley to stay with host families. These students and their hosts were: **Gregor Plath**, hosted by **Jerad Wallen**, **Michael Hilbert** stayed with **Jeremy Polash**, **Tina Jarmatz** stayed with both **Ashleigh Kaufmann** and **Denise Cermak**, **Frederike Bensch** stayed with **Stephanie Beck**, and **Janina Hoffman** stayed with both **Becky Long** and **Stephanie Beck**.

The second half of the German Exchange was once again cancelled this year when Ashley students were almost ready to go to Germany. Five students, seniors **Jerad Wallen** and **Jeremy Polash**, juniors **Megan Diffin** and **Ashleigh Kaufmann**, and sophomore **Stephanie Beck** and advisor, **Mrs. Sue Peterson**, were all scheduled to leave the U.S. on March 27, 2003 to reside in Wittenberge,

**OUR NEW FRIENDS!** Front Row (L to R): **Frederike Bensch**, **Tina Jarmatz**, **Janina Hoffman**, advisor **Angelika Hebben-Beck** (back row) **Gregor Plath** and **Michael Hilbert**.



Katie Beck

Germany for two weeks. However, with America's war with Iraq, the trip was cancelled for the second consecutive year. Last year after the 9-11 attacks, the trip was also cancelled.

Five more students anxiously await next year, to see if the exchange will finally take place.

**-Megan Diffin**

**SMILE PRETTY!** (Left to right) **Frederike Bensch**, **Brandon Beck**, **Gregor Plath**, **Katie Beck**, **Janina Hoffman**, **Stephanie Beck**, and **Tyler Lake** get a photo taken after going to a haunted house.



Sherri Beck