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Touring European Capitals

By **Gabby Gamez**
Photo Editor

Country hopping was the adventure in which Jess De La Cruz, accounting senior, embarked on when he jetted off to Europe for a 12-day vacation. Even though Thanksgiving break was two weeks away this young Texan took a break from the excruciating accounting work to travel through the legendary cities of London, Paris, and Rome. The trip became possible under the approval of his mom when she said she “wanted them to travel Europe.”

De La Cruz travelled with his sister Michelle De La Cruz through Europe looking at the jumbo screens that made Piccadilly Circus famous in London, visiting Buckingham Palace with a wave to the Queen, and off they went to visit Emirates Stadium. Emirates

Stadium is iconic due to it being the home of the famous Arsenal, a professional football club located in London. When explaining his favorite part from his British adventures De La Cruz said, “I loved the stadium.” Having the opportunity to take a tour of London’s most famous soccer stadium was only a small highlight in De La Cruz’s trip.

Seeing the royal and famous just so happened to fit be on the agenda during their three-day stay in the city of red coat-wearing guards. De La Cruz ran into Prince Harry coming out of Westminster Abbey when they were on their way to look at the iconic church.

The brother-sister duo continued their travels heading towards the City of Love by train. De La Cruz visited all of the hot spots in Paris such as the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame de Paris, and Palace of Versailles. Then

he made another stop at Parc des Princes football stadium where Paris Saint-Germain F.C. plays in the France Ligue.

The excitement of being in Europe and exploring all of these famous soccer stadiums was real; De La Cruz explained saying, “I was at the stadium the Saturday before the bombing.” Though at the time, De La Cruz thought their only negative experience within the city was having to deal with a drunk Parisian pedestrian in the underground train station.

De La Cruz expressed how his favorite part of the whole trip was being in Italy and encountering different eating customs. “Italy had the best food,” said De La Cruz.

He observed the mighty Roman colosseum and the Roman forum saying, “It was amazing the engineering that they had back in the day.”

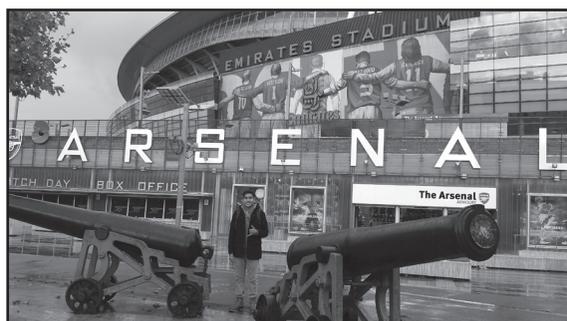
Jetting to Europe meant that De La Cruz went through several steps to ensure he would not fail his semester in all of his rigorous accounting classes. He said, “I told Patrick Lee at the beginning of the semester and again two weeks before I left.” Though missing school sounds like a lot of fun, and it was for De La Cruz, but he “had to learn all the missed material on his own” which proved to be a harder feat. He was also expected to complete all of the missed assignments and take three tests when he came back to SC. Dealing with jetlag was only a small price to pay in comparison to visiting amazing historical sites and experiencing exciting and emotional European soccer at its finest.

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Above: One of the stadiums Jess De La Cruz visited was the Parc des Princes located in Paris, France. This stadium seats 49,691 guests and is home to the French football club Paris Saint-Germain since 1973. (Jess De La Cruz/Courtesy Photo)

Below: De La Cruz traveled to the United Kingdom, France and Italy. One of his pit stops was in Holloway, London where he visited Emirates Stadium. It is the third-largest soccer stadium in England, seating 60,272 people. (Jess De La Cruz/Courtesy Photo)



Above: During his 12 day journey across Europe, De La Cruz was able to experience Italy, which was his favorite part of the entire trip. In Italy he “had the best food” and “observed the mighty Roman colosseum. (Jess De La Cruz/Courtesy Photo)

Left: Michelle De La Cruz poses with mock gladiators outside of the Roman Coliseum.

Below: De La Cruz traveled to the Roman Forum in between games.

