

Meusburger interested in people - and bridges

By Christopher Galen

No better example of the "All-American girl" image could be found than Julie Meusburger, a sophomore majoring in civil engineering.

Her list of scholastic achievements and extracurricular activities is indeed remarkable, but so is the 19-year-old's goal to eventually work overseas in a Third World country as a structural engineer.

While many college students view their diplomas simply in terms of dollars and cents, Meusburger's pursuit of a civil engineering degree is an extension of her love



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for architecture, and her goal to work abroad is an extension of her desire to help other people.

Born in Boulder, Colo., Meusburger and her family moved to Sidney while she was in grade school. She spent her last year of high school at Lincoln East High School. Even though her parents now live in Denver, strong family ties have always been an important part of her life, she said.

"My parents told me, 'Never do anything for the money - do it because you like it.' And I would like to be an engineer," she explained.

Although an interest in civil engineering may appear unusual for a girl, Meusburger's love for mathematics and science, as well as an interest in bridges and buildings, led her in that direction, she said.

"At first it was just a suggestion. Somebody said, 'You'll probably grow up to be an engineer. Later, when I



Staff Photo by Craig Andresen

Julie Meusburger

took a high school drafting class, I knew that's what I wanted to be. Some people seem to think it's a funny kind of thing to do, but a lot of people say it's neat that I want to go into it," Meusburger said.

Another of her main interests is the flute, which she practices regularly. "I was almost a flute major, but science and math were my favorite subjects. I thought I couldn't make a living playing the flute. Hopefully, someday I'll still get to do something with it," she said.

College has been very good to her, Meusburger said, and her involvement in it is extensive. She is a member

of Gamma Phi Beta sorority, and is assistant pledge trainer for the house, while also participating in their intramural sports.

Meusburger is also a Husker Hostess, which demands much of her weekend time. This past summer, she acted as hostess for the New Student Orientation program, an experience which altered her view of UNL, she said.

"It was a really neat job, and good for me. I learned a lot about the university in general. When I first came here, I was kind of down on the university, but when I saw everything it had to offer, I changed my opinions. I really appreciate it now, and am glad to be here," she said.

Despite all her activities, Meusburger has been able to maintain a 3.97 GPA with her engineering major. She is also a member of the American Society for Civil Engineers.

One of those things is her dream to work both as an engineer and as an evangelist in a foreign country.

"I really want to work overseas in some country where they don't normally let missionaries in, like in South America. Sometimes Christian groups, such as the Campus Crusade for Christ, will sponsor a worker so the Word gets overseas. I would also consider joining the Peace Corps," she said.

Apart from that goal, Meusburger said her other wishes are just as typical as those of other girls.

"Someday if I live in a big city, I'd like to play the flute in their orchestra or symphony. And I want to have a family," she added.

Above all, Meusburger has an unmistakable love for life, wherever it takes her.

"I'll be happy. If you think you're going to like something, you will. You have to have a positive attitude," she said.

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UNL students view the unions as the "living room of the campus," said the director of the Nebraska Union.

Daryl Swanson gave a presentation Thursday on the operation of the unions to the Committee for Fees Allocation.

The union system includes the City Union, East Union and the Culture Center. Swanson said the East Union has been a great unifying force for the East Campus community.

Last year, 5,800 events were scheduled at the unions, Swanson said, serving about

240,000 people. The unions also house the offices of about 30 student organizations. The unions provide food preparation and sales, financial and informational services and rentals.

Swanson said it is difficult to price the unions' budget, since much of it is dependent on cash operations like bowling, food sales and video games.

Each student is paying \$12.08 each during the 1982-83 semester for their use of the unions' services, Swanson said. In 1978-79, students paid \$13.77 each semester.

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 Thursday, 4 November, 4:00 p.m., Burr Fedde Hall Lounge
 Tuesday, 9 November, 4:00 p.m., Sandoz Hall Lounge
 Wednesday, 10 November, 7:00 p.m., East Union
 Thursday, 18 November, 7:00 p.m., Nebraska Union

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