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UNL grad student top Fulbright winner

By Mary Louise Knapp

A UNL graduate student is the top-ranked Fulbright scholar in the United States for 1983-84. Patrick T. Hurlbut, 23, of Kimball, received an \$8,600 grant from International Telephone and

Telegraph to study in Sweden.

The ITT fellowships are given to the top 25
Fulbright applicants in the nation, who are selected
on the basis of grades, professional recom-

mendations and career goals.

Hurlbut, who graduated in May 1983 with a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering, will study plant cell biology at the University of Uppsala. He leaves for Sweden this month and will return to the

school at the University of Iowa.

Hurlbut studied plant cell biology for three semesters at UNL's Department of Life Sciences. To prepare for his year of study, he studied Swedish for

United States next June. He plans to attend medical

"I've been studying it over the summer," Hurlbut

said. "I know the basics, anyway."

While his degree in chemical engineering and intended course of study in Sweden may seem unrelated, Hurlbut said both will aid him in his medical career.

"When I was a freshman, I had thought I wanted to go to medical school," he said. "But I was also interested in other aspects... the engineering program correlates well with pre-med. It's a back-

Hurlbut was accepted to medical school at the same time he received the ITT fellowship. He said he is not sure what he would like to specialize in when he enters medical school, but knows he would like to continue doing research.

"Right now I'm looking at family practice," he said.
"I'd like to practice in the Midwest... in towns about the size of Lincoln or smaller." His older brother, Greg, is a family physician in Lincoln.

Although much of his year in Sweden will be spent on research, Hurlbut says he hopes to take one or two classes at the University of Uppsala.

Hurlbut, who enjoys skiing, camping and other outdoor activities, said he wants to go on a four- or five-day cross-country ski tour while abroad. He plans to travel to other areas of Europe.

"This is a good chance to experience Europe," he said. "I want to leave a good impression of Americans, that we're not the 'bad people' some

The other Fulbright recipients from UNL are: Lori Brown of Cook, a pre-med, psychology and German major who will study literature in Germany; Bradley Olsen of Grand Island, a history major who will study church history in Germany; Karen Schreiber of David City, a German major who will study German literature in Germany; and Kathleene West of Lincoln, a doctoral candidate in English who will study literature in Iceland.

Roland Luedtke enjoys mayor's job, despite life in 'nose-punching range'

By Eric Peterson

Mayor Roland A. Luedtke of Lincoln, formerly Nebraska's lieutenant governor, says he finds the major jchange between the two offices to be the faster pace of the mayor's job.

"The mayor's office is a very interesting place of action," Luedtke said. "State government is spread out over the state... There is not the intensity there that there is here."

Luedtke noted that a mayor's resources are

"All the people, all the problems, all the people that can do anything about the problems are right here," he said. "You're within 'nose-punching range' at all times."

Luedtke said he values the openness and accessibility city government features.

"That government which is closest to the people is also the one that is in the direct line of fire of what has to be done," Luedtke said.

This concentration of resources and action requires a close cooperation between Lincon's mayor and the City Council, Luedtke said.

"The Council is right there all the time. . . I don't want to be consciously confrontational, not in any way antagonistic," he said. Luedtke added some sort of adversary relationship is probably inevitable between mayor and City Council.

One dispute recently arose when the City Council cut \$1.37 million from a budget Luedtke prepared. He said about half the sum substracted from the city budget came from deferring equipment purchase and freezing merit pay increases for city employees. While there are not services actually cut, Luedtke said, "it will cut the effectiveness of some services."

Downtown Development

Luedtke predicted equipment purchases and merit pay raises will have to be made later at greater cost and greater inconvenience to the city government.

"I look upon most of it as being just a shift," he said. "Their judgments are going to come home to

Luedtke said he is continuing the tradition Helen Boosalis, Lincoln's previous mayor, followed by encouraging centralized city development concentrated in the downtown area. He said his own economic development plan for the city supports the Cornhusker Square, Gold's Galleria and Haymarket renovation projects.

One new feature of Luedtke's economic development plan is to directly encourage new or renovated downtown housing through an advisory committee on housing. Luedtke pointed out that there is not a great deal of downtown housing right now. However, Luedtke said the potential is great, "all the way from minimal cost housing to high cost condominium housing downtown."

A healthy downtown area is "very strongly and emphatically supported" in the total city plan, Luedtke said, "but not at the expense of every other area in town." He said conservation of shopping malls and preventing their deterioration — which has occurred in some cities — is just as important as preserving the strength of the downtown.

Luedtke wants to develop and research an



Staff photo by John Zoz Lincoln Mayor Roland Luedtke

"entrepreneurial program" in which the universities, junior colleges and Lincoln Public School system would cooperate. This "interlocking of supplies" could build a program where young people would be given practical knowledge and aid in setting up their own businesses, Luedtke said.

Past Experience

Lincoln has always been Luedtke's home. After graduating from law school at UNL in 1951, Luedtke worked in the office of Frank Marsh, then Secretary of State for Nebraska. Luedtke was elected to the State Legislature in 1966 where he spent 12 years.

"Those were activist years," Luedtke said. "We got a lot of work done."

Major probate, penal and criminal law code, and judicial reforms were accomplished while Luedtke chaired the Legislature's Judiciary Committee.

Luedtke was elected as Gov. Charles Thone's lieutenant governor in 1978. As speaker of the Legislature, Luedke extended the duties and influence of a position that had been considered an honorary position. One of Luedtke's innovations as speaker was the use of coordinators — "'whips' the press called them" — to speed the legislative process.

He said his leisure interests are not the usual ones. "I don't golf, I don't hunt, I don't fish," he said.

Luedtke paints with acrylics, works with photography and likes to travel. He is also active in church work and teaches Bible classes.

"I have not allowed public life to change my private life," Luedtke said.

He said his wife, Helen, likes the change from state office, which required a lot of traveling, to the more stationary city office.

"Summertime used to be just one (outstate) parade after another," he said. "Now Lincoln is my entire constituency."

Foreign students adjust to city

By Janet Chu

Foreign students provide opportunities for UNL students to learn about international cultures, said Peter Levitov, Director of International Educational Services.

Levitor officially welcomed approximately 100 newly-arrived students to UNL Thursday. The welcome meeting at the Nebraska Union was part of a comprehensive orientation program coordinated by the IES office. The IES office helps foreign students adjust to the university and community environment.

David Decoster, Dean of Students, advised students to learn to make use of IES services since they are usually the first line of contact for foreign students.

Matt Wallace, ASUN president, spoke about student involvement in extra curricular activities. "There is a human element that you can't get out of a book," he said of involvement in such activities.
Soala Ariweriokuma, President of the
International Students Organization, said ISO can
help foreign students adjust to university life.

"ISO is a unifying agency for all international students, thus there is a need for all international students to participate in this organization," he said. "It is an avenue to understand the university institution."

Orientation programs began August 17 and will continue through August 27 with tours, social activities, lectures and discussions to help students learn about Lincoln, the American educational system and information about banking and housing.

This year, new students were greeted when they stepped off the airplane at the Lincoln Municipal Airport. In fulfillment of a campaign promise the ISO officers coordinated a program where UNL students would personally welcome foreign The ISO will continue to provide the service in the future, Ariweriokuma said.