

# East, West students exchange culture, values

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East met West this summer when students from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and universities in Poland and Czechoslovakia traded countries for a few weeks.

Bill Caldwell, UNL assistant director of 4-H and youth development, said five UNL and five Polish students took part in the six-week program.

This was the first time in 12 years that someone from UNL participated in an exchange with Poland, he said.

Mila Saskova-Pierce, who teaches Czech at UNL, said five Czechoslovakian students and six UNL students took part in this summer's five-week exchange.

or make technological changes on their farms because of what they learned during the exchange, Caldwell said.

Caldwell already has had a Polish student request to study horticulture for a year at UNL, he said.

The students learned that, "Technologically, Poland has a long way to go," he said. If the program continues, Caldwell said, it may become a year long.

Saskova-Pierce said the Czechoslovakian students toured U.S. universities and cities and met with students and professors. They studied history and literature during their two weeks at UNL.

Czechoslovakians are curious about other countries, she said.

They want to watch and observe foreigners and learn new ways of doing things, she said. The exchanges make the students get out of the framework of their native language and compare values.

It is an "explosive experience," she said. "People have to redefine themselves (and everything they took for granted.)"

Caldwell said countries involved in an exchange must have a common goal for the exchange to be successful.

In an exchange with Japan, for example, students from each country try to learn the other's language, he said.

The programs with Czechoslovakia and Poland have different goals, Caldwell said.

"We really... have to have an educational mission," he said. "They (the exchanges) will be very vital and important in the future."



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Caldwell said the Polish students visited research and extension centers and toured the State Capitol and Morrill Hall during their stay.

The students were interested in learning about Nebraska's 4-H program because they want to start one in Poland, he said.

Some of the students will change their majors

# Activist: Gay rules hurt military

By Alan Phelps  
Staff Reporter

The military is hurting itself by not admitting homosexuals into its ranks, a civil rights activist and former UNL English professor said Thursday.

Louis Crompton, speaking to about 25 people in the Nebraska Union, said, "No factual evidence exists that homosexuals are greater security risks than heterosexuals."

Homosexuals have played a vital role in the military throughout history, Crompton said. Ancient Greek and medieval Japanese armies ac-

tively recruited homosexuals, he said, and famous leaders such as Alexander the Great were homosexual.

"We live in a very homophobic society," he said. "We take it for granted that this has always been the case. That is not so."

The discrimination against homosexuals practiced by the ROTC is unfair, Crompton said.

"Homosexuals are not eligible for the very ample scholarships offered by ROTC," he said.

And, Crompton said, homosexuals are unable to take classes that are exclusive to ROTC members.

Crompton said he thought the ROTC policy excluding homosexuals would change. "The question is how long it will be," he said.

Connie Neal, administrative assistant of the Gay/Lesbian Student Association, said that "if any change comes, it will start with student organization."

"ROTC policy is in conflict with university policy," Neal said. The university policy is against discrimination on basis of sexual preference.

Neal said, however, that her group has no demonstrations planned for the near future.



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