

'Incredible experience'

Trip to Australia gives freshman new outlook

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Although she had to be talked into joining a student business organization during her sophomore year at Lincoln Southeast High School, Stacy Lovelace has more than reaped the benefits of her involvement.

A freshman at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lovelace was selected last spring for an exchange with the Australian version of Junior Achievement, Young Achievement.

Lovelace said she made valuable connections from the trip and called it "the most incredible experience of my life."

Junior Achievement is a high school organization in which students form their own company for a school year. The students sell stock to raise money and then develop and sell a product. Officers in the company are elected, salaries and wages are paid accordingly and, at the end of the year, the company liquidizes.

Lovelace, who last year was voted Junior Achievement President of the Year for the Lincoln area, said Junior Achievement has given her "more than I could ever hope for."

Her stay in Australia was paid for, but she was responsible for travel costs.

Fortunately, when she was awarded

“The world is such a small place now. Everything is global now. We need to be aware of what our actions are doing to other countries, like Australia.”

Lovelace
Junior Achievement exchange student

the trip at a banquet in March, a hat was passed and \$483 was collected. Local businesses also contributed.

"It's a different lifestyle," Lovelace said of Australia.

Trips from Sidney to Brisbane and living at a sheep ranch taught Lovelace that Australians and Americans have many misconceptions about each other.

Some Americans are surprised when they find out that the vast backwoods land of "Crocodile Dundee" fame covers an area only equal to a combined Kansas and Nebraska.

Most young Australians love the United States they know only through the movies, she said.

When Lovelace tried to explain

that she would be going through sorority rush when she returned to the United States, she said her friends responded with: "Oh, you mean like 'Animal House.'"

But she said that as Australians reach their 20s, they grow less fond of the United States.

"They're a little bitter (that) we're so powerful," Lovelace said.

She was in Australia when President George Bush granted most favored nation status to China, subsidizing the cost of U.S. wheat to China. China had been a major consumer of Australian wheat, and Australians felt the action was unfair.

Lovelace said she learned a lot from her trip and is considering a major in international business.

"Anything I can learn about other cultures is an advantage," she said.

Although she was considering attending other institutions, a chance meeting with Gary Schwendiman, UNL dean of the College of Business Administration, at a Junior Achievement awards banquet changed her mind.

Exchange programs with schools such as Senshu University in Japan and Oxford University in England, as well as corporate internships, played



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Lovelace

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of the need for a review.

"It would seem appropriate, if the board is being requested to look at changes for individual colleges, to have someone look at the overall (admissions) picture," Rowson said.

Currently, freshmen must satisfy only one of three requirements to be admitted to NU. They must have completed a core group of high school courses as described in their student bulletin, be ranked in the upper half of their graduating class or have scores on the ACT of 20 or the SAT of 850.

John Beacon, UNL director of admissions, said that if freshmen do not meet any one of those criteria, they still may be admitted conditionally.

Liberal admissions policies are not uncommon for universities of UNL's size, he said.

"If a difference has come up, it's that (at other universities) students must satisfy the core course requirement in addition to satisfying one of the other two criteria," Beacon said. "That's a trend, and that's probably where we're headed."

Massengale asked the committee to "consider admissions policies which reflect the individual character of each campus in role and mission as well as the standards of the University of Nebraska as a whole."

Milliken said the admissions committee would submit its findings and recommendations to Massengale during the first quarter of 1992.

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The Burlington Northern Foundation has awarded \$10,000 to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for the purchase of instrumentation for ergonomic evaluations.

Michael Riley, chairman of the Department of Industrial and Management Systems in the UNL College of Engineering and Technology, said the instruments will be used to measure the physiological response of the human body, especially the arms, during exposure to cumulative trauma risk factors.



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