

Student to sing across world

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Staff Reporter

Jennifer Hough has to raise \$12,000, leave her family and friends for a year and miss a semester of school, but for the chance to perform with Up With People, she said, it's all worth it.

Hough, a senior child development studies major at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, tried out for the international youth-based musical exchange production in October 1993.

She never thought she'd make it.

"It was one of those things where I'd seen the shows, but when I tried out I never thought I'd make it, ever. I just wanted to see what the interview process was like."

Hough, 21, competed against 8,000 other people for a spot in a cast of only 700.

Hough said she had to interview with three cast members and the director, but she did not have to sing and dance because members were not accepted on their ability to perform. It was only after she had been accepted in November 1993 that she sent in a tape of her voice.

Hough, who is from York, previously has performed with the University Chorale, Yorkshire Playhouse productions and the York High School swing choir. She first saw Up With People when she was in high school.

"I'd seen them a couple of times, and I really do admire what they do, not just the entertainment process, but also the community service," she said.

Between July 1994 and May 1995, Hough will stay with about 80 host families and travel nearly 30,000 miles across the United States and in countries like Norway, Sweden, Portugal and Spain. She has never been overseas.

Hough is attempting to raise \$12,000, mainly for transportation



Jennifer Hough

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and costume expenses.

Although she said she was excited about the opportunity to travel the world, Hough said she was scared about leaving her friends and family for a year.

"It's a weird time to go because when I come back a lot of my friends will be gone. I'll miss my parents' 25th wedding anniversary and my

brother's high school graduation, things I never thought I'd miss," she said.

But Hough hasn't thought beyond next year yet.

"I'm so excited about this year. If it leads to more, it leads to more," she said. "But otherwise I've had this year."

Barney

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Barney said he understood Bjorklund to mean he wanted to have forced sexual intercourse with a woman. He said the two did not further discuss the subject until Bjorklund invited Barney to his house Sept. 22 and repeated his desire to rape a woman.

"I had planned to go along with it, but I didn't really believe it would happen," Barney said.

Upon seeing Harms near 27th and Vine streets Barney said Bjorklund ordered him to follow her to the parking lot of her parents' residence near 56th Street. Bjorklund got out of the car and told Barney he would follow in Harms' car, he said.

Bjorklund, carrying a police scanner and a gun, approached Harms' car, entered it and pushed Harms to the floorboard of the car. Barney drove to 27th Street and Bluff Road. Bjorklund followed him in Harms' car.

At 27th and Bluff Road, Barney's car was getting high centered. Bjorklund put duct tape around Harms' eyes and hands, put her in the back of Barney's car and abandoned Harms' car. They then drove to an area near 84th Street and Havelock Avenue.

On the way to the area, Barney said Bjorklund was pretending to speak on his police scanner.

"He was saying he was going to bring the suspect in for questioning," Barney said.

At 84th and Havelock, Bjorklund got out of the car, placed a blanket on the ground and told Harms to disrobe. Barney said when Harms verbally resisted the order, Bjorklund struck her in the head with the muzzle of his .380-caliber handgun.

"She wobbled, she didn't say much, then she started to disrobe," Barney said.

Barney said Bjorklund had taken the duct tape off her hands so that she could take off her clothes. Harms was wearing only her socks and Bjorklund was disrobing when Barney left in his Nissan to get gas, he said.

Barney said when he returned about 20 minutes later, he heard Bjorklund quoting lines from the movie "Cape Fear," saying "I am like God, and God is like me." Barney said Bjorklund also told Harms to say "I am a woman now." Barney said he thought Bjorklund had raped her.

Barney said Bjorklund then handed him a condom and said "It's your turn." Barney said he then had forced sexual intercourse with

Harms. Barney said she did not scream during the rape but asked, "Is this the way you cops do things?"

Barney said he and Bjorklund put Harms back in the car, and he followed Bjorklund's directions to 134th and Yankee Hill Road.

"She spoke a couple of times. She asked where she was going to be let go," Barney said.

Barney said he looked at Bjorklund and asked him what they would do next. He said Bjorklund gestured with his finger in a slicing motion across his neck. Barney said he took that to mean Bjorklund was going to kill Harms.

"He said he was going to shoot her because she saw his face," Barney said. "I said he didn't need to shoot her. He should let her go."

Barney said he and Bjorklund helped Harms out of the car when Bjorklund grabbed Harms in a choke hold and began choking her. He ordered Barney to grab Harms' arms because she was struggling.

"He was swaying back and forth to choke her ... something snapped ... they fell down together," Barney said.

Bjorklund, kneeling on the ground beside Harms, shot Harms three times, Barney said.

The gun jammed, and Barney said Bjorklund ordered him to get the other gun, a .38-caliber revolver, out of the glove compartment of Barney's car. Bjorklund shot her two more times, he said.

Barney said he and Bjorklund had left the scene when Bjorklund remembered the blanket had been left behind. Barney said he heard Bjorklund fire four more shots when Bjorklund retrieved the blanket.

Barney said he never fired a gun and tried to convince Bjorklund not to kill Harms.

In his statement, Barney said: "Though I realize it is far too much to ask for forgiveness from the family and friends of Candice Harms, I do pray that they may someday find it in their hearts to forgive me."

Todd Sears, Harms' boyfriend, said he was not convinced that Barney was sorry for his actions.

"I think if he had any remorse, he would have stopped (the rape and murder)," Sears said.

Nroll

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which will give students an opportunity to voice their opinions about the new registration system. The groups are scheduled to meet during the week of April 15.

She said there was a cutoff date for using NRoll to register for summer classes. Students who register after

these dates will need to fill out the customary bubble sheet and registration worksheet.

The cutoff dates for each summer session are as follows: pre-session and eight-week session, April 15; first five-week session, May 6; and second five-week session, June 10.

NRoll's phone lines will be open from Monday through Saturday 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Sunday from 2 p.m. to midnight.

Debate

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pus. Howell said the hazing incident in which Phi Gamma Delta pledge Jeffrey Knoll was injured was an example of why a wet campus would benefit UNL.

"Out of this tragedy, some good can come. There is a lot of momentum now towards a more responsible atmosphere for people to drink in," Howell said.

Andrew Loudon, VISION presidential candidate, said the possibility of a wet campus was not realistic.

"As much as many of us would like to have a wet campus, it won't really happen. ... There is no way we can get a public institution with public funding to switch to a wet campus," Loudon said.

Howell said administrators and legislators had to listen if enough students voted.

"They're going to listen. ... If you want a wet campus you have to vote," Howell said.

ASUN candidates will square off Monday in another debate. The ASUN electoral commission voted 4-2 Thursday night to allow the LETTUCE write-in party to join the third debate on Monday.

Mark Byars, electoral commission chairman, said the LETTUCE party must file a letter of intent with its platform. Earlier, the commission said it wouldn't allow the write-in party to debate.

POLICE REPORT

Beginning midnight Wednesday

10:38 a.m. — Non-injury accident, Area 4 lot near Triangle Fraternity, \$400 damage.

12:40 p.m. — Non-injury accident, Area 3 near Harper-Schramm-Smith Residence Halls.

6:25 p.m. — Stolen wallet, Area 8A lot north of Cather Residence Hall, \$15 loss.

9:14 p.m. — Urinating in public, north of Abel Residence Hall.

10:52 p.m. — Assault/misdemeanor, Bob Devaney Sports Center.

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