

Traveling opens eyes to other cultures

THOMPSON from page 1

exposure to foreign countries. As she matured, she wanted to get away from the tourist traps and submerge herself in the culture, she said.

"You can go around to all the major sights but you learn more if you're talking to the people who live next to the sights."

Thompson's first experience living with international people was during a six-week stay in Ecuador with a program called Amigo de las Americas.

She lived with a family in a small village where there were no electric lights or telephones, teaching the villagers English and basic sanitation.

"I had never done anything like that before," Thompson said. "It opened my eyes to how others live and feel."

She found the people there were hard-working, caring and happy, even though they had virtually nothing, she said. All they needed was the basic elements for survival.

She learned to admire the families' commitment for each other, she said. Every member of the family worked and took care of each other. The people took care of all the children, especially those who had been orphaned.

"It felt good to be in an environment where everybody respects each other and looks after each other," Thompson said.

Thompson found that caring, friendly lifestyle during most of her travels.

Total strangers always invited her to their homes, offer her something to eat and a place to sleep. They just wanted to be friendly and find out about her and the United States.

"I have never felt so much love as I have traveling in all these countries," she said.

In most countries Thompson went to, she was embarrassed by fellow Americans who acted like stereotypical tourists, she said. They would flash their money around and ignore the people, she said.

"They're rude, they're condescending. They treat people like crap."

To break the typical tourist mold and make more of her trips, Thompson travels with no agenda, no hotel reservations and hardly any luggage.

"Just get off the plane and go," Thompson said. "You just go the way it's right for you to go at that time."

Among all Thompson's stories of trips to Vietnam, Spain, China, En-

gland, Japan and India, she makes one point clear — people have to see the world for themselves.

"How can you experience life without experiencing things that aren't common or comfortable to you?" she asked. "You need to step out of your comfort zone."

Thompson has tried to encourage other students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to do the same.

She recently has tried to rally support for a study abroad scholarship program, but meetings with the student affairs office and the Association of Students for the University of Nebraska have given her the same excuse — the money is not there.

Thompson will graduate in May and try to take her efforts elsewhere.

She plans to spend the summer in London, and return to Ecuador next fall.

Because her life has been shaped by her experiences around the world, she wants others to expand their lives outside the confines of just one small, distant part of the world.

"The world is a beautiful place and there's so much to learn," she said.

"You're depriving yourself of an incredible experience if you don't do it."

Snowy weather doubles Lincoln traffic accidents

ACCIDENTS from page 1

While an increase in accidents when the roads are slick is to be expected, some of the days saw accident totals more than 60 higher than the daily average range.

On Nov. 10, 1995 — the first snow of fall 1995 — police officers were dispatched to 134 accidents. On Dec. 21, 1995, officers were dispatched to 100 accidents; on March 3, 1996, officers were dispatched to 95.

Surprisingly, the amount of snowfall had little relationship to the number of accidents. On Nov. 10, 1995, officers were dispatched to 134 accidents as 4.1 inches of snow fell. However, on the next busiest day for the police, Dec. 21, 1995, only 1.2 inches fell.

Police records show that the number of snow-day accidents decreases as the winter rolls along. While snow days in November and December saw accident totals sev-

eral times the average number, snow days in late March had accident totals only slightly higher than the average range.

Heermann said the department does not bring on extra officers to help with the increased workload, but it does reassign some units to help out. She said the traffic unit is often reassigned, adding five or six officers to the effort.

Larry Anderson, an insurance agent at Allstate Insurance Company, said every insurance office in Lincoln feels the effects of snow and freezing rain. He said each office will see two or three accident claims after a good snow.

Anderson said his office received two or three claims from this past weekend's snowy weather.

Sometimes, Anderson said, he thinks motorists don't use common sense.

"They get in a hurry and don't think about things," he said. "It's a lot of common sense, really."



TIPS & TOPS I.D. Specials

\$5.00 OFF
Massage
Expires 11-30-96



nail and hair salon
Cotner & R • 464-4447

Golden Cutters **10% OFF**

"Back to Basics"
Lotion, Body Gels,
Hairspray, Sculpting
Lotion, Shampoo and
Conditioners
Honey, Sunflower,
Raspberry Almond
and Wild Berry Scents

with regular \$10.50 haircut (show college i.d.)
Westgate Shopping Center, just off West 'O' Street
Call today for an appointment! 477-7666

Get Smart!

Upgrade Your Memory!

4MBx32 72pin simm	\$24.14
8MBx32 72pin simm	\$47.13
16MBx32 72pin simm	\$92.95
32MBx32 72pin simm	\$188.50

We Can Order Memory For Any Computer!
All CDROM Titles in Stock \$1 over \$10 Cost!

Memory prices subject to change anytime

5581 South 48th Street
Briarhurst Center
Lincoln, NE 68516
402-420-1400
FAX 420-1474
Toll Free 888 WE EXCEL

Computers **Unlimited Internet \$10**

SUITE 9
LOUNGE & OFF SALES

- 10 POOL TABLES
- 8 DART MACHINES
- FOOSBALL
- GREAT FOOD MENU
- 22 BEERS ON TAP

Sun.-Thurs. 9 pm-12 pm
with Student ID
2137 Cornhusker • 477-6410

\$1.00 off any pitcher of beer!

Expires 11/27/96

Madsen's
N. 46th & Dudley St. • 467-3249

GLOW BOWL IS HERE!

Mon.-Fri., 9pm-1am
Glow in the Dark Pins and Balls •
Black Lights • Plus the greatest
Rock + Roll Music under Strobe Lights!

Open bowling Saturday: 1 pm to 1 am
Call and reserve your Lanes for Glowbowl now!

We also offer 25 pool tables for your enjoyment. For tournament action or pool lessons, contact JERRY SIEFKEN

Contact Tom's Q-Stix, at 466-6078, for your 2 piece cues, cases, & accessories.

DARTS • KENO • FOOD

NEW YORK BAGEL
13TH & Q • 438-0088

10% OFF
With Student ID

Bigger, Better Bagels
Luscious Cream Cheeses
Scrumptious Sandwiches
Rolls • Muffins • Cookies
Espresso • Cappuccino

OPEN LATE—TO 9 Sun-Wed
TO 11 Thurs-Sat & 12 after Lind events

N EXPRESS
LUBE
17th & 'N'
No Appointments Necessary
476-9466

\$6 Off **QUAKER STATE**
Oil Change Service
with UNL student ID.

Now only 19.70
(reg. \$25.70, Environmental disposal fee included.)

- Oil & filter change (up to 5 qts)
- Lubricate zerk fittings
- Check & fill fluids: break, power steering, battery, washer, and automatic transmission fluid only
- Check antifreeze, air filter, wiper blades, and tire pressure
- Vacuum interior & wash windows

Best Service in Just 10 Minutes
Most brands available.
Expires 12-31-96.

Open Mon-Fri, 8-6 • Sat, 8-4

Catch the Stars!

LINCOLN STARS

Purchase tickets for all home games. Only \$5.00

Next Game
Sat. Nov. 23, North Iowa
(Revised Schedule)

We also offer public skating, lessons, and

For more information about Stars Merchandise, Tickets, or Schedule,

I hate tan lines.

Come to **MAX TAN** and get rid of those summer lines!

NO APPOINTMENTS NECESSARY!

19 Wave Tanning Beds
Just 5 minutes from campus on West 'O' in Westgate Shopping Center
477-7444

20% off packages with Student I.D.