

World of opportunity awaits students who study overseas

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Get ready to pack your bags, earn college credit and have the time of your life.

International Affairs is holding a Study Abroad Extravaganza tonight at 7 in the Centennial Room of the Nebraska Union.

Guest Peter Reinkordt from Doane College will speak about international experiences, and what one can learn from a traveling experience.

A \$250 scholarship toward any

study abroad trip will be drawn and awarded to an individual who is present at the extravaganza. Students attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln are eligible to win, and the scholarship may be used anytime during their enrollment at UNL. Refreshments, 20 informational booths and small informal talks will also be available.

"Traveling abroad is not only a one-semester experience," said Shaney Sanders, International Affairs marketing supervisor. "It is an experience that will last a lifetime."

Gaining new viewpoints abroad

By BRIAN CARLSON
Assignment Reporter

From Oxford University to Mexico to the land down under, study abroad programs are all the rage.

And with more opportunities for international study and the availability of scholarships and financial aid, more and more University of Nebraska-Lincoln students are seeking to gain a world view for their education.

During the 1996-97 school year, 387 UNL students studied abroad. That is up from 296 students the year before.

Hot spots for UNL study abroad include universities in English-speaking nations like Australia and the United Kingdom.

Summer programs at Oxford and a Spanish language program in Mexico have consistently attracted about 60 students per year. Although many students are interested in studying in Europe, other parts of the world have attracted interest as well. This year, UNL students are studying in Colombia, Ghana and Tanzania.

Inger Bull, study abroad adviser in the Office of International Affairs, said study abroad programs are increasingly flexible to students' needs.

"The thing I tell students is that they can go anywhere in the world, no matter what their major is," Bull said. The increasing interest in study

abroad programs partly is due to a snowball effect, said Christa Joy, study abroad coordinator.

"It's kind of that more people do it, and more people come back and tell people in their major area about it," she said.

Because UNL has partnerships with universities throughout the world, it doesn't necessarily cost significantly more to study abroad, Joy said.

Students who participate in UNL-sponsored study abroad programs continue to pay UNL enrollment. Airfare, passports and extra insurance incur most additional costs.

University scholarships can be used to pay for study abroad. Federal financial aid can also be used, but students cannot borrow above their loan limit to cover additional costs.

Caroline Routh, assistant director of UNL's Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid, said early preparation is vital for students interested in studying abroad.

"Students really need to plan ahead—about a year in advance—and be working and saving money so they don't have to depend entirely on loans," she said.

UNL sponsors study abroad programs with universities on five continents.

The partner universities offer a variety of programs of study. Programs vary in their length, and whether they are offered in English or the native language.

"(Study abroad) ... sets you apart from the norm."

INGER BULL
study abroad adviser

As an undergraduate at UNL, Bull spent a year each in Great Britain and Australia.

"When I came back to Nebraska, I was thinking everybody should have the opportunity to do what I did," Bull said.

In addition to increasing global awareness, Bull said, studying abroad can enhance a resume.

"(Study abroad) is really highly looked on," she said. "It sets you above the norm."

Shaney Sanders, a graduate assistant in marketing with the Office of International Affairs, encouraged students to visit the office's library or Internet home page. The Web site can be accessed at <<http://www.iaffairs.unl.edu>>.

Students should study their opportunities and absorb them, then begin to narrow their options, Sanders said.

"The key is early planning," she said.

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Bryan to buy Lincoln General

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Councilwoman Coleen Seng said it was just a relief to vote on the deal today, essentially ending the debate. Nevertheless, she recognized the sale was going to upset people in Lincoln.

A few years ago, the idea of selling Lincoln General didn't appeal to the council, she said. But a lot has changed since then—in health care, in Lincoln and in people's attitudes, she said. And changes have been painful.

But those changes, she said, will improve both hospital's services. And despite the change in ownership, the city and the public will maintain some control over Lincoln General through a combined board of trustees.

Councilman Jeff Fortenberry, who also has been vocal against the sale since taking office in May, said his was a "mentally and emotionally difficult decision."

He has disagreed with the way the sale shaped up, he said, especially with specifics of the deal. Even Monday, less than an hour away from the vote, Fortenberry questioned Bryan Hospital President Lynn Wilson about an unclear provision in an amendment to the deal.

He said the provision allowed Bryan to transfer some services to for-profit companies, even though Lincoln General is considered a non-profit company. Under the deal, anything ranging from laundry to health care services could be managed by a for-profit company.

Wilson said the board had no intention to contract out such services. Technically, it could be done, he said, but it's so complicated, hospitals rarely ever do it.

By the time roll call came to Fortenberry, he was comfortable with Wilson's assurances.

The council had to overcome one other speed bump to vote on the deal. On Thursday, Lincoln resident Dorothy Pentium asked Lancaster County District Judge Earl Without to stop the council from voting on Monday.

The case was argued earlier in the afternoon, where Putnam's lawyer, Vince Powers, said the City Council's public hearing last week was neither sufficient nor fair because the public was not provided certain information about the deal.

He said people were not told how much Lincoln General's building was worth, exactly what equipment would be sold, or how much the city would profit from the deal.

City Attorney Bill Austin said all legal requirements for the sale had been met, and there was no reason for the court to prevent the City Council from acting.

He said the Nebraska Supreme Court had ruled previously that a court cannot stop a city council from acting on a decision or passing an ordinance.

Witthoff agreed and denied the

request for the restraining order just after 4 p.m., clearing the way for the council to vote.

Seng said the council's move would not be popular with everyone in Lincoln, but the council members had spent a lot of time and energy researching, listening and thinking about the right decision.

"Am I happy about selling Lincoln General? Of course not. I never was. ... Do I feel it's best for Lincoln? Yes?"

Staff reporter Lori Robison contributed to this report.

Council denies bar special liquor license

By LORI ROBISON
Staff Reporter

City Council

The Lincoln City Council voted unanimously Monday to deny a request for a special-designated liquor license for Mouse's Library, formerly Herm's Huddle, for Friday.

Todd Mausbach, co-owner of Mouse's Library, 1644 P St., said the license would have been used to set up a beer garden and a band Friday, the day before the Nebraska Cornhuskers' football game against the Washington Huskies.

However, when the council called Mausbach and his brother, co-owner Tom Mausbach, to speak on behalf of issuing the license, both brothers were stuck in traffic in Omaha.

After a moment of waiting, Lincoln police Chief Tom Casady stepped before the council and said a Daily Nebraskan article Sept. 9 brought new information of how alcohol might be marketed at Mouse's Library.

Emphasizing the article's mention of the bar's "Sneak a Leak" grand-opening promotion, in which customers received free beer until someone in the crowd

either left or went to the bathroom, Casady said, Mouse's promotion encouraged high levels of alcohol consumption.

"They want to encourage, specifically, the consumption of a large amount of alcoholic beverages in a short amount of time," he said.

But Mausbach said the only purpose of the special promotion was to create a fun atmosphere where customers could participate in a game, adding that the beers would be a nickel each, not free.

"We wanted something different that never happened before," he said. "We don't want to promote mass consumption of beer."

However, Casady said, he was concerned that similar promotions would be used again when Mouse's applied for future special licenses, and discouraged the council from granting the special Sept. 19 license to the bar.

Mausbach said neither he nor his brother had decided to have similar promotions in the future, but they do plan on appearing before the City Council during the bar's next special-license hearing in two weeks.

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