

ABROAD

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more from living and talking with the natives than he did at universities in Lyon and Tübingen.

Jensen frequented city bars and traveled by train through the countryside, striking up conversations with Europeans as he went.

"You can study a country's politics in a book or from a professor, but talking to people in a different country, seeing how those policies affect their lives, that's a different story," Jensen said.

"By talking to Germans about the recent violence against foreigners, you start to understand what drives people to carry out attacks against others," he said.

Europeans also quizzed Jensen about the nature of American politics.

"Lots of people in France and Germany see us as Puritans. If a politician has an extramarital affair here, his career is ruined. There, it's not such a big deal. Lots of people would tell me, 'It doesn't mean he's not an effective representative,'" he said.

"It really changed some of my ideas about America," said Jensen, who is also working toward French and German degrees in hopes of becoming a U.S. foreign diplomat.

International studies Professor Galen Martin said many of his students will combine their major with other degrees such as sciences, business, communications and English.

"You can take almost any traditional path and internationalize it," Martin said. "You get insights and training not found in a normal career path."

While a term abroad can be educationally enriching, financing such a trip can be difficult. Senior international studies major Karyn Brown spent three months at a university in the former Soviet Union last summer and said she is still feeling the debt.

"It was insanely expensive, almost \$5,000. My family helped me out, but it's really difficult to come up with that kind of money," Brown said.

International studies professor Phillip Young said financial aid is available to most students if they arrange their trip through the University's Office of International Exchange.

Students truly unable to finance their trip can always opt for an international experience inside the United States, Young said.

"If they don't qualify for aid and simply can't afford it, we try to find an appropriate internship here in America that involves some international aspect, like an organization dealing with refugees," Young said.



Douglas Jensen

Young said, however, that about 80 percent of his students do manage to finance their term abroad.

And some students even manage to turn their trips into money-making ventures. International studies senior Greg Brooks-English returned two months ago from a year's study in Costa Rica and is currently opening his own Guatemalan import/export trading company.

"The university classes were just a sideline to the people you meet, the contacts you make," Brooks-English said.

Brooks-English said his time abroad gave him the language and cultural skills to make his business venture viable.

"I really got into Spanish — I spoke it, dreamed it, lived it, ate it. You just come out learning more than you would at any university," he said.

Martin said the international studies department implemented the requirement two years ago.

"We found that most new students who were coming to international studies had already traveled abroad," he said.

By making foreign study a requirement, the quality of a student's education is enriched, he said.

"It really shows up in class discussions when people have lived abroad; they can offer their personal observations and lots of different viewpoints," he said.

T-SHIRT

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game, which is no where near the actual case."

The *Barometer* printed the letter Feb. 4. Freshman Brandon Burroughs, a Phi Delta Theta member, wrote a classified ad in response to Spruill's letter. Burroughs' ad ran the next day.

"Kristen Spruill. Thanks for your concern. But we made a killing on the Civil War T-shirts. P.S. When walking through the park, watch for strangers in the dark," it read.

Spruill said the classified ad was an inappropriate response to her letter.

"When I read the first part, I thought, 'God, what jerks,'" she said. "When I read the P.S., I was really offended. I didn't think someone was going to come in the middle of the night and attack me, but I thought they had completely missed the point. They were continuing to see this as a joke."

Spruill said at first she was angry only at Burroughs for writing the ad. Now, she is angry at the *Barometer* for running it. No *Barometer* staff members have apologized. Burroughs and his fraternity have acknowledged their actions, she said.

On Feb. 8, another ad by Burroughs was printed: "Kristen Spruill and all offended, the ad that ran on Friday was cruel and tasteless. We apologize deeply. S.M."

Several Phi Delta Theta members had the T-shirts printed up to raise money around the time of the Civil War game. Burroughs said he didn't know which members were involved.

Burroughs said the classified ad was meant as a joke. However, he later realized the ad could be taken as a threat. Burroughs and other fraternity members met with Spruill the week after the ad ran. They agreed to conduct a rape awareness forum at the fraternity house and to help with the college's Take Back the Night event.

"The whole situation is a complete learning process," Burroughs said. "Rape is something some people don't know much about. I hope people realize how serious the issue is."

Despite Spruill's frustration with the *Barometer*, Karna Spencer, *Barometer* classified supervisor, said the classified ad was printed because of ignorance. Neither the woman who took the ad nor the woman who typed it into the computer saw the T-shirt or Spruill's letter.

"I feel really bad it ran, but I don't see how it could have been avoided," she said. "There was only so much we could read into the ad. We didn't have the background to interpret the ad."

Barometer Editor Cynthia Douglas said about eight people have written letters to the paper in reaction to the ad. Half of those letter writers complained about the newspaper's policy regarding classified ads "or lack thereof," Douglas said.

The newspaper won't print "obscene" ads, Douglas said. She said she defined "obscene" ads as ads that include foul language or sexual innuendos. No one from the classified department showed the ad to Douglas before it ran.

"We've never had a situation with a threat," she said. "If I saw the ad I probably would not have run it."

Douglas said she is discussing some changes with Spencer, *Barometer* business manager Lesley Kyle and *Barometer* media adviser Frank Ragulsky. However, these changes would not include changing existing classified policy about what to print.

"Then we get into sticky issues like freedom of expression and tastefulness and censorship," she said.

However, Douglas said she is considering requiring night editors read the classified page.

ET ALS

MEETINGS

Student Senate will meet today at 6 p.m. in EMU Century Room A. For more information, call 346-0630.

Returning Students Association will meet today at 5 p.m. in EMU Room 27. For more information, call 346-4305.

EMU Budget Committee will meet with a hearing on food service and venture capital today at 5 p.m. in EMU Cedar Rooms C and D. For more information, call 346-3720.

RELIGION

Newman Center will have a Mardi Gras celebration with live jazz tonight at 8:30 downstairs at the Newman Center, 18th

Avenue and Emerald Street. For more information, call 343-7021.

MISCELLANEOUS

ESCAPE registration for spring term Outdoor School, public school and human service placements will be in the EMU Lobby today from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information, call 346-4351.

Pre-Law Society will present Jack Smoot, of the U.S. Marshall's office, to talk about his career and answer questions today at 4:30 p.m. in Room 104 Oregon Hall. For more information, call 346-3211.

Disability Awareness Seminar will take place tonight from 7 to 9 in the EMU Fir Room. For more information, call 683-3453.

Oregon Rivers Museum will meet to define the educational and research roles of the facility tonight from 7 to 9 in the cafeteria at Willamette High School, 1801 Echo Hollow Road. For more information, call 741-3275.

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