



major, chose to study in Copenhagen last fall because he thought it was “off the beaten track” when it came to study abroad locations. While there, Gwynn had an unusual interaction with a local at a bus stop that turned into a strong memory from his time there.

“A girl rides up on her bicycle and jumps off,” Gwynn said. “She then comes up to me and says, ‘I’m running away from my family, can you help me?’” Gwynn said he was taken aback, but eager to interact with a Dane. “We got onto my bus and we sat there,” he said. “She told me that she had run away from her house and was trying to get to her boyfriend’s house. So we sat there and talked it through and I learned more about her and what 15-year-old Danish girls do in their free time.”

Although the experience was bizarre for Gwynn, he appreciated the chance to interact with a local. “It was one of those little things when you’re studying abroad that seemed magical, because they just never happen or you don’t think they could happen and then they do” he said.

Gwynn said his biggest takeaway from



studying abroad was not learning about another culture, but being forced to examine his own culture and the things he’s been taught. “It sort of turns the mirror back on you,” he said.

Though studying abroad may seem like a scary concept for some, most students who have done so would probably agree that it is worth the

anxiety and planning. The main pieces of advice these students offered were to research locations and things to do. Don’t expect everything to go perfectly, and experience as much of a foreign place as you possibly can. Whether you visit Ireland, Argentina or France, your experience is sure to be life altering.