

## Quinn Brosnahan Story Update

**Headline:** Studying Abroad and its common misconceptions or Studying Abroad: What you should *really* expect

### People I have interviewed:

- 1) Tom Conlon (Freshmen interested in studying abroad): Tommy plans to study in Spain for a semester and he does not think the language barrier will cause him any problems or difficulty
- 2) Catherine Webber (Freshmen interested in studying abroad): She is interested in studying abroad and she has already gone online and looked at some of the requirements she will need to fulfill in order to make it possible
- 3) Ryan Smith (Freshmen who is not interested in studying abroad): Ryan said he is a "Homebody" and he thinks he will get homesick right away if he were to study abroad

### Additional Sources

- 1) Jimmy Burnette (Freshmen on the Illinois baseball team): I think it could be cool to get the perspective of a student-athlete and find out what they have been told about studying abroad and whether or not they think they can fit it into their schedule
- 2) I will e-mail the following people to see if they are available to meet with me in person to discuss the study abroad program:
  - a. Joy Phaphouvaninh (Interim Director, Illinois Abroad and Global Exchange Associate Director for Global Engagement)
  - b. Stacy Billman (Associate Director for Administration)
  - c. Helen Agans (Office Support Associate)
  - d. Brooke Baslee (Coordinator for Exchange and Student Initiatives)
  - e. Alexandra Williamson (Coordinator for Media and Marketing).

I will ask these individuals questions like...

What are some of the main problems or surprises students face when they study abroad?

Do you think encountering problems and surprises is all part of the experience and it makes it more interesting?

Can student-athletes study abroad?

When should a student start to plan if they want to study abroad?

Are some countries harder to adjust to than others?

If you could study abroad right now, where would you go?

**I will also ask them if they can put me in contact with university student who have already studied abroad so I can ask them about their experiences**