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JON'S MAJOR(S): history and Jewish Studies with minors in Hebrew and business

YEAR/TERM ABROAD: summer 2003

REASON YOU CHOSE THIS PROGRAM: The program I applied to in Israel was cancelled. It was too late to pick a program for spring so that it would work out academically, so I picked London for the summer. I wanted a program in an English-speaking country.

FAVORITE CLASSES: History of London and Theatre of London ("Our theatre teacher was a director, so we saw shows weekly.")

DESCRIBE THE HOUSING SITUATION: The dorms were good, pretty modern, except for the fact that they didn't have air-conditioning, and London had the hottest summer that year.

BEST MEMORY: During my second to last night in London, one of my father's clients took me out to a private club. I met two members of the Rolling Stones and two of the Spice Girls. Before going to the club, I was told to go to a store and pick out a suit to wear, which I also got to keep.

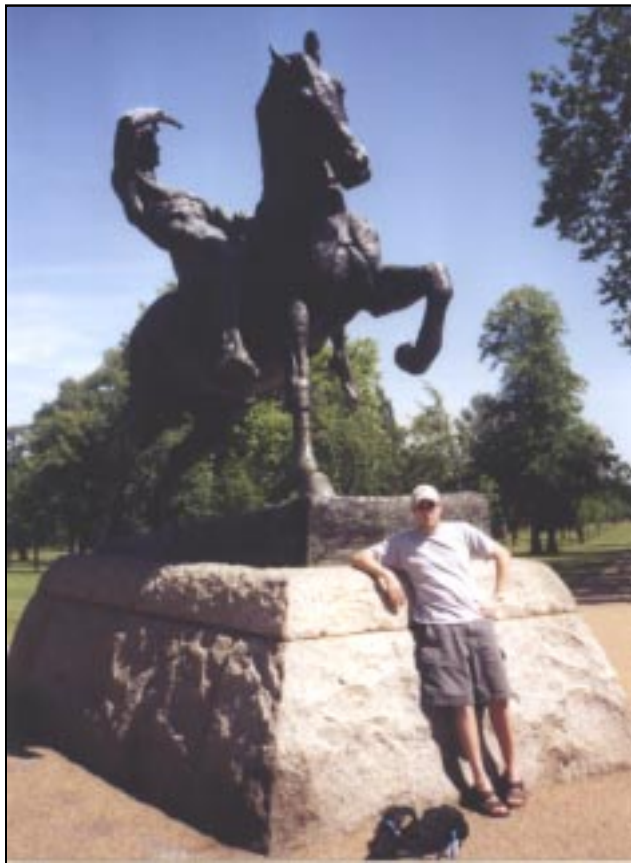
GREATEST CHALLENGE: Differentiating between the dollar and a pound and the time difference between London and Minneapolis (my girlfriend was there). It was hard to find a time to call.

BIGGEST SURPRISE: The pubs close at 11 p.m., and beer is cheaper than water. I found that out in London and Germany.

WHAT I WISH I KNEW BEFORE I LEFT: I felt like I was pretty well-prepared and well-educated. There's no way you could have predicted the weather.

WHAT YOU KNOW NOW THAT YOU DIDN'T KNOW BEFORE

GOING ABROAD: Air conditioning is a thing we take for granted on a daily basis.



— Jon Azulay takes a moment for a photo while strolling through Hyde Park in London. Azulay's only regret of his experience was not going for a semester.

"You'll never get this opportunity again—to be a student somewhere else and to experience a more hands-on teaching approach. *And once you're there, it's dirt-cheap to travel.*"

ADVICE TO FUTURE STUDY ABROAD PARTICIPANTS: Don't save things for the last minute; cover the tourist-y things at the beginning so you're not cramming it all in at the end. Eat at Wagamama (bottom floor of Harvey Nichols). And do your clothing shopping during the last two weeks of July (the sales are regulated).