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SARASOTA--A search for source material for her senior thesis is taking a New College senior to England for three months.

Ruth Ann Stange of Sarasota leaves today (Thursday) for England under a program of the Experiment in International Living. While there, she will also sample the English way of life.

The Experiment, serving high school and college students, provides foreign living experiences for its participants by placing them in homes--as temporary members of the family--in many parts of the world, and provides the opportunity to study and travel in these countries. Ruth received financial assistance from the Experiment, enabling her to make the trip.

Ruth, who is participating in a college-age program, Independent Study Abroad, will live with a family on the Isle of Wight for a month. For two months after that, she will live in London.

Part of her time will be spent taking an "Area Studies" course at the University of London. She will also pursue independent research, possibly at the British Museum.

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Ruth said the difficulties of finding information in this area for her thesis--"18th Century Minor Poets and their Contribution to the Gothic Novel"--led her to take the trip.

Ruth said she had already corresponded with her "family." The husband and wife are in their late twenties, and they have two children. He is an electronics engineer, and she is a registered nurse.

The Isle of Wight is located in the English Channel, and Ruth's English home is near the city of Newport.

Although she will miss three months of school, Ruth hopes to graduate in June, as scheduled. She will be on academic leave of absence, meaning her status as a third-year student won't be altered.

About 20 students, mostly from small colleges, will take the trip to England, Ruth explained.