



University, the student has to get permission to enter the United States. This involves the usual glut of paper work and then approval of a visa by a U.S. consul or embassy.

The most common visa is the "F" variety, issued to students who will finance their education from their own or families' pockets. "J" visas are issued to students who have received scholarships or fellowships from a variety of organizations.

At UNL, over 80 per cent of the foreign students are self-supporting and hold "F" visas. Only 50 have "J" visas.

When they do get to the U.S., foreign students live under a variety of limitations. The student with an "F" visa is required to take at least 12 credit hours and has to renew his visa yearly. Students with "J" visas may stay two years.

Foreign students are allowed to work on campus, but if they want to work any place else they must obtain a work permit. Generally, these are issued "as a

result of unforeseen financial circumstances."

"If a student came here before the last tuition raise, he is more likely to have a work permit," Boykin said. Also, foreign students are allowed to work during the summer if they are in good standing and preregistered for the fall.

If he violates any of these regulations, the foreign student can be told to leave on his own or he can be deported. If the student leaves on his own he will have the chance to return at a future date. If he is deported, he can not.

"Such things didn't use to happen at all, but seem to be happening more and more," Boykin said. "Especially if the student is caught working full-time."

If the student wants to stay in the U.S. after receiving his degree, there are a couple of routes open to him—he can apply for practical training or he can emigrate and become a permanent resident.

The student can get a practical training

permit if he is offered a job in his field of study after graduation. The stay must be approved for six months at a time and is limited to a maximum of 18 months. There are now 12 UNL students with practical training permits.

Up until January, 1971, it was easy for a student with a U.S. degree to emigrate. But a depressed economy gave rise to a new, tougher law. Now there are four specified ways for a student to obtain permanent residence.

If the foreign student is a doctor, nurse, physical therapist, dietician or nutritionist he's home free.

Or, if the student can get the Labor Department to say that no unemployed American can fill his particular job, he'll be allowed to emigrate. One UNL student from India received permanent residence by working in cancer research under this program.

If the student marries an American citizen, he or she is allowed to stay.

Or, if the student volunteers for the draft, he becomes an instant citizen and even qualifies for G.I. benefits.

"The threat of going to Viet-Nam many of the students from going this direction," Boykin said. "But now that the threat has lessened, three have gone into the service."

When asked why they came to UNL, most foreign students say either that a friend or relative encouraged them to come or that the University of Nebraska proved to be relatively inexpensive.

Many of the students from the Middle East, Africa and the Indian peninsula say they came to learn the technical knowledge needed for the development of their countries.

King Yoa, an undergraduate from Hong Kong, said students come from his country because there are very few universities there and the enrollment is limited.

When asked what they thought of Nebraska, almost every foreign student this reporter talked with mentioned the weather, particularly if he came from a warmer climate.

"The hardest part is to adjust to the weather, the unpredictable changing in extremes of temperature," said Raad Hermes, an electrical engineering undergraduate from Iraq. "Considering their weather, it's amazing the people of Nebraska are not too versatile."

Nipa Viuasunee, a tiny agricultural economics graduate student from Thailand, said she particularly dislikes the cold and wind.

Viuasunee, who is the only woman in most of her classes, said in Thailand women are equals to men on the job. But she still believes men should help women carry heavy items.

Columbia biochemistry undergraduate, Elizabeth Lopez, defined a date as being with someone you feel is interested in you. Lopez said she has gone

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