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“Considering the unpredictable changing in their weather it’s amazing the people of Nebraska are not too versatile.”

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with American babysitting and must take their children with them.

Boykin said the International Women’s Group has been successful in helping these women become familiar with American customs.

Most foreigners plan to return to their countries, and they give a variety of reasons.

Bodhireddy Prabhakar, an architecture graduate, said he will return to India because he must look after his father’s contracting company and help his brother who is a civil engineer.

A pre-med student said he will return to Nigeria because it is a developing country.

“We should be glad to go back to our country and give these people new experiences,” the student said.

For all their difficulties, foreign students are a very special breed of people. As Clyce Mathura said, “Foreign students are their country’s ‘cream of the crop.’ This shows they have discipline, determination and some inherent intelligence.

“A foreign student comes to Nebraska and feels out of place. They don’t have all the things Americans have, and they feel like second class citizens.

“But back home the show goes on. These disadvantages and difficulties are only temporary and may even be good in the long run. Because the foreign student has given himself the opportunity to learn and know another culture.”

He doesn’t like the taste of American foods or the climate in Nebraska, but Reza Nemat-Gorgani of northern Persia isn’t unhappy here.

The 22-year-old mechanical engineering student says that food in Persia and in the United States is basically the same, but he prefers the sour tastes of his country to the way Americans “sweeten everything.”

Reza says that in the Nebraska summers are too hot and winters are too cold. But he doesn’t have a negative view of the United States.

“Americans are really friendly,” he said.

For example, in St. Paul, Nebraska, he said that people would wave to him

as they drove down the street, would say hello, even if they didn’t know him.

Reza also likes the casual American dress. People in Persian cities dress up more than Americans but he likes the more comfortable American styles.

Reza spent a year and a half in London attending a British prep school where he learned English. But after three and a half years in English speaking countries he still finds it hard to read a lot of the material.

One of his favorite hobbies is playing soccer, but even though it is a different type of football than is played here, he has learned to enjoy American football and is an avid Cornhusker fan.

