

Travel broadens education

For many students on campus, leaving their home town main street behind was quite an accomplishment. Going abroad would be unheard of.

What they don't realize is that travel or study in a foreign country probably is possible for them. Moreover, it can be surprisingly inexpensive.

Several UNL departments and offices want to help. They offer programs or suggestions for foreign travel, as well as for study or work.

One of those programs is the Winterim-Flight. For about \$260 students can fly to Europe and back during Christmas break.

For about \$350 more, they can earn UNL credit by taking courses in London, Paris, Munich and other cities.

This spring, a similar trip to South America is planned.

Other ways to see the world include the Junior Year Abroad program, sponsored by the UNL language departments. Students selected for the program spend their junior year studying at a university in France, Germany, Spain or another country.

They receive UNL credits for their study and can receive financial aid, if they qualify. The average cost, excluding travel, usually is about the same as spending a year on campus—it can be even less.

Other ways to travel and work abroad are explained at the Overseas Opportunity Center, Nebraska Union 200. Staff members can help students who want to live with a family, become grape harvesters, work as chambermaids or simply see the sights.

Spending time in another culture is one of the most educational experiences a student can have. It enlarges a person's perspective. It helps him shed his ethnocentricity. And, too, it teaches him something about himself—about how he faces new situations, how much he values his country and more.

To find out more about nonacademic programs, visit the Overseas Opportunity Center. For information on academic programs, go to the Institute of International Studies, Oldfather 1034.

It could help get you places.

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Ford is a good Scout: trustworthy, loyal, helpful, fiendly

"They say a scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent. (These virtues will be) my guide and my compass in all my official duties"—President and Eagle Scout Gerald R. Ford in a major address to The Scouter-of-the-Year Banquet in Washington.

"Hi, there, King Faisal. Hope you don't mind my dropping by your palace like this to make a courtesy call. But, by golly, I believe in being courteous at all times."

"Well, Mr. President..."

"Just call me, Gerry, King. I believe in being friendly, too."

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innocent bystander

"It is a high honor, Gerry. What sort of deal do you have in mind?"

"Deal? What's a deal, King? I just hoped I might be helpful in my trustworthy way."

"Helpful? I assume, Gerry, that you are here because you are worried about the economic hardships our high oil prices are causing you."

"What, me worry? If there's one thing I always am, King, it's cheerful."

"Yes, I noticed that. You must have a card up your sleeve. Have you come to warn me you are contemplating sending your Marines to take over my oil wells?"

"Well, that would sure be the brave thing to do, King. But it wouldn't be kind."

"I must warn you that if you make any military threats, I shall be forced to make friends with the Russians!"

"Great idea, King. As I was saying to my

old friend, Leonid, wouldn't it be swell if everybody could be friends like he and I are."

"Ahah! So you've made a deal with the Russians to sell us out. I suspected you Americans would do anything to save yourselves a few paltry hundred billion dollars."

"Gosh, King, I don't know anything about this 'deal' thing. But I sure do believe in being thrifty."

"I will never yield to threats! Go ahead, send in your Marines!"

"Gee, King, I don't know what you're talking about. Let me come clean, because I always believe in being clean. All I meant was that Leonid and I are loyal buddies."

"A joint attack by Russian and American

troops? My poor country would be overrun in hours. All right, you have me over the oil barrel. What do you want me to do?"

"Whatever you say, King. Give me the word and I'll do it. If there's one thing I am, it's obedient."

"You leave me no choice. I will cut the price of oil to a dollar a barrel and donate \$100 billion to your favorite charity."

"My goodness, King, that's trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty and brave of you."

"By Allah, you are an unbeatable bargainer. I wash my hands of the whole thing."

"And clean and reverent, too. Here, have a WIN merit badge. You're a good scout, King."

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Jerry Ford Demonstrates the Boy Scout Salute.



Marriage institution satirization misinterpreted

"Man, did you get zapped!" People have been telling me that for the better part of a week now.

They were referring to a **Daily Nebraskan** guest opinion by Sue Warren last Friday, which did a fairly good job of ripping apart my column of last Wednesday.

"So, what are you going to do about it?" my friends would ask smugly.

"If anybody is competent to criticize by writing, I am, knowing my faults better than anyone else could," I replied.

There were any number of things wrong with last week's column on the institution of marriage. But first, a brief defense of what was wrong.

I satirized a newspaper engagement announcement—rewriting it to read as it might if the newspaper were honestly reflecting a common societal view on the relationship between men and women—a view with which I disagree strongly.

It was clearly marked off by quotes, reading: "Mr. and Mrs. Horatio Alger announce the sale of their daughter Petunia to John Bourgeois of Alda. John will take over payments of the piece of meat after a June wedding."

I was dismayed that Warren misinterpreted that literary device and assumed I personally view women as "pieces of meat."

Another point, Warren implies that an unmarried person cannot form a valid opinion about the nature of marriage. To carry this

logic further, we would have to write off all male gynecologists as hopeless incompetents and bar from practice all psychiatrists who lack a history of mental imbalance.

Warren is most likely an expert about her own marriage. However, any further knowledge she might have about marriage in general must come from observation of other married people and social sources of knowledge, such as books, movies, etc. These sources are certainly not closed to the unmarried.

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Beyond that, my hasty tossing together of thoughts suffered from the crime of philosophical inconsistency on the part of the author. I managed to stereotype an entire class of people.

The ranks of the married include a wide variety of people, not hinted at by my "movie-version summary" of one type. I have seen or heard of immensely happy marriages whose partners didn't have to sacrifice a bit of their freedom and can get in return all the benefits marriage potentially can bring.

Conversely, a high percentage of marriages end in divorce. The union made in heaven ends in divorce court and hatred.

Of course, the divorced vary as widely as the happily married. The causes can range from personality conflict to unfulfilled expectations to economic hardship to what-have-you.

Whether it goes on happily-ever-after or ends in bitterness depends ultimately on how the partners adjust to each other and to the demands (economic, social, sexual, etc.) of living together within the constraints of social expectations.

So many things can go wrong that it is a credit to human resiliency that most marriages do succeed to some degree.

Perhaps I wrote that column from an entirely too personal point of view, forming my own fears into a model which I would attack while assuming it to reflect a real danger.

It is often tempting to generalize one's own experiences as applying to everyone. This can backfire when those experiences fall on the fringe rather than the middle of the normal curve.

Just where I am in that fringe is unclear. My opinion on marriage can fluctuate between cynicism and optimism, depending on whom I am talking to and on sunspot activity. That probably reflects the variety of marriage types and the ambiguity of society's attitude toward them.