

## summer

## into the 80s

## Bikers choose world tour over college education

By Sue Sayed

Steve Gautier, 20, of Omaha, claims he wants to be a bike-riding, chess-playing bum.

Gautier, the 1980 UNL chess champion, looks upon the need for travel as an obsession and is going to spend the next five years of his life doing just that—traveling around the world. On a bike.

Gautier plans to travel with a friend, Rick Hutchison, 19, of Murdock. Gautier said they both want to see as much of the world as possible.

"We have no set schedule," he said. "I guess we'll just globetrot."

The two men, who were both UNL freshmen, have withdrawn from school to work full time in preparation for their trip, which is set to begin May 30.

They plan to leave Lincoln and ride bicycles to California, where they will stay with Hutchison's relatives, Gautier said. He explained that they would go by way of the Grand Canyon and "just work our way along."

**Donation desired**

"I won't have more than \$200 when we leave—we'll just earn money as we need it," Gautier said.

Gautier has contacted the Heart Association and is presently checking into the foundation for Muscular Dystrophy to see if the bikers can make a donation to either charity. He said the money could be earned by the mile between Lincoln and California.

The two men plan to catch freighters for ocean travel and to work on board for

passage. They plan to go through Central America, Mexico, South America, and then on to Europe, Australia, India, Pakistan, and any islands along the way, Gautier said.

"We want it to be an adventure," he said. "Wherever we go is fine."

Gautier added that they hope to hang glide, skin dive, deep sea dive, and fish during the tour.

"As for personal freedom, I think this is as free as you can get," he said.

**Bike addict**

Gautier has been biking for 2½ years. Two years ago, he biked from Omaha to Seattle, Wash., with a stop at Yellowstone Park. He said he became addicted to bike travel after the trip and could not get the idea out of his mind.

It was for this reason that Gautier, who will be 21 shortly before the beginning of the trip, decided that school could wait. "It's not easy to be motivated toward grades with the trip to plan," he commented.

When questioned about peoples' attitudes toward his plans, Gautier said, "My parents didn't believe me. Most people ask me when I am going to become realistic and how I will support myself when the tour is over.

"I guess they realized I was serious when I started bringing home all my equipment," he added.

Gautier said his equipment includes clothing, shelter (a tent), extra bike parts, tools, a billy club, and food. "It all adds up to about 90 pounds," he added.

He said that they will average 100 miles each day, and therefore must eat six to seven times a day. "We eat a lot of peanut butter and honey sandwiches," Gautier said. "We can't afford more than two or three dollars a day on food."



Photo by Jerry McBride

Steve Gautier, a former UNL student, and his bike plan to leave Lincoln May 30 for a five-year world tour. Rick Hutchison, another former student, will be Gautier's biking companion.

## UNL departments planning Denmark, New York tours

By Mary Louise Knapp

Two summer trips are being offered for college credit through the International Educational Services office, according to assistant coordinator Christa Joy.

The Department of Textiles, Clothing and Design will sponsor a domestic study tour of New York City May 18-24, and the Vocational Education Department is offering a tour of Denmark June 5-23.

"This is mostly for field experience for textile, clothing and design majors," Joy said of the New York trip.

About 45 people have signed up for the tour, and Joy said she is still taking names for a waiting list.

The group plans to tour the Burlington-Clopmann Mills, *Women's Wear Daily* headquarters, *Esquire* headquarters and the Helena Rubenstein Company.

"The tour will cost about \$625, which includes tuition, housing and transportation," Joy said.

The tour is worth three hours of graduate or undergraduate credit. Robert Hillestad, professor of textiles, clothing

and design, is in charge of the tour.

The Denmark trip will cost about \$1,400. Neil Edmunds, associate professor of vocational agriculture, will lead the tour. Edmunds said that the group plans to tour several cities. "We will tour Odense, which has two large shipbuilding industries and the Hans Christian Andersen museum and home. In Elsinore, we will tour Kronborg Castle. We will visit a series of technical schools, and see the Vikings Museum and the Cathedral of Kings."

This is the second time that Edmunds has led the vocational education trip to Denmark from UNL, and he has taken five other educational tours at other schools.

"The tour can be taken for three hours of credit, which consists of participation, or six hours, which will consist of writing a research paper on individual interests," Edmunds said.

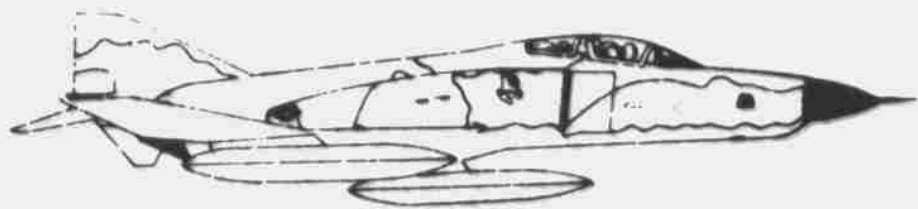
Edmunds said that 11 people have signed up for the tour.

Anyone interested in either tour can contact Christa Joy at the International Educational Services office, 345 Nebraska Union.

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