

## Historical Society wants to restore interior of house

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"I walked in and heard a noise; it was a cat jumping off the washer," Horgan said. "I noticed that it was all cluttered and dark inside. In a way it was really intriguing."

It's a neat old house. According to the book "Historical Preservation in Nebraska," the interior and exterior have been altered little over the years. The foundation has painted the exterior, but the interior needs to be restored to its original beauty, according to the book. Because it's so large, the elder Kivett said, the second floor is closed off to reduce utility costs. A musty smell permeates the entry. Water stains freckle the ceiling, and the wood paneling seems to be succumbing to the forces of gravity. The elder Kivett said the foundation lacks funds to restore the interior and open the house to the public. But, he predicts that someday it will be open.

The house was purchased by Dewitt Syford in 1904. A 1926 edition of the Lincoln Star described Syford as "typical of the early class of pioneers in Nebraska who built up this state." His daughter, Constance M. Syford, willed the house to the foundation with funds for its upkeep and restoration when she died in 1965.

"There was a little boy whose bedroom was where the living room should be," Horgan said. "He woke up and asked me what I was doing there."

"I asked him, 'What am I doing here? What are you doing here?' It freaked me out that a little boy was there. I thought that old people would live there."

The Kivetts said five to seven families or individuals have lived in the house because Syford stated in her will that the house was to be used in some way. The elder Kivett said the house may be available for rent in the future and possibly for increased use by university groups. Currently, he said, architecture and art classes use it.

"I commented that I didn't think anyone lived there and then I told him that he should lock his door at night because weird people might wander in," Horgan said. Then she left.

## Job opportunities available overseas

By Tami Schuetze  
Staff Reporter

UNL students could flip burgers at a European fast-food restaurant this summer rather than the local McDonald's.

There is still time to plan work and travel abroad, said Rod Merta, programs coordinator of International Educational Services.



"We can help plan a trip from start to finish," Merta said.

First, a passport which costs \$42 must be obtained. Applications are available in 345 Nebraska Union. Photos required must also be taken for passports. Photographs at the Union cost \$5 for two color prints. Photos also can be taken at Nebraska Hall for \$6 plus 55 cents per black-and-white photo. Passport processing takes about a month after mailing.

Visas sometimes are needed depending on how long a person stays in a country and the type of work he or she will perform, Merta said.

Other arrangements include immunization, health measures and an international student identity card. The card, which costs \$10.00, automatically provides accident and sickness insurance outside the United States, an international driving permit required in some countries, a youth-hostel pass and a work permit.

Work permits are granted from the

country's government and state that a person has permission to work there. They are often difficult to obtain, Merta said. Countries are often reluctant to grant work permits because employment for citizens are often lost.

Merta said getting involved with a program that helps a permit, or contacting the country's embassy in Washington, or the employer can make things easier.

ZAV, the official German government labor agency, places U.S. students in unskilled jobs throughout Germany. A similar program, the Norwegian Youth Council, can arrange for people ages 18 through 30 to be working guests on farms for board, lodging and pocket money.

AU PAIR, a European nanny service, places students in Italy and France.

The Council on International Educational Exchange sponsors a work-exchange program with France, Ireland, New Zealand and Britain. Assistance in locating jobs and processing a work permit costs \$60.

But finding work after arriving in the country can be "pretty exciting," Merta said.

Right when you get off the plane, you get settled in a hotel or hostel and then look for a job," he said.

Hostels are dormitory-style arrangements located throughout the world. Advantages of hostels include low cost, clean, and reliable facilities, international student clientele and inexpensive meals. Possible disadvantages include dormlike rooms, shared baths, curfew and no alcohol, Merta said. A pass is \$20, but for this fee, rooms range from \$2.50 to \$10 nightly, and the number of stays are unlimited, although can stay in one place only a few nights in a row.

"Apartments are hard to come by in a big city like London or Paris," Merta said. "You don't feel quite so rushed."

"Either way you go," Merta said, "it is usually a good idea to work on arrangements starting a year in advance, just to give you time." But he said if a person is sure of the funding for the trip, the process can be accelerated easily.

Carolyn George, a junior in restaurant management, boarded a plane for London last May 20 with no job.

She found work at Wimpy's. "It's kind of like America's McDonalds," George said. "I worked about 40 hours a week for a little over America's minimum wage."

George shared an apartment for a month with four other people, some whom she met in the hostel, then travelled about 4 1/2 months through countries including West Germany, Sweden and France.

Her trip cost about \$2,000. Her plane ticket alone was over \$600. Most unskilled-labor jobs pay for a few expenses but not many, Merta said.

Millie Katz, coordinator of the Internship and Cooperative Education Office, said her office can help students who want to be interns abroad, either paid or volunteer.

Lists of internships are available in Katz's office, Administration Building 121, and on the Overseas Opportunity Center bulletin board on the third floor of the Nebraska Union.

Katz said students interested in internships should get applications in no later than March 15. Applications may be picked up in Administration Building 121.

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