

Advisers: Seek advice before studying abroad

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Mahoney advised students to be prepared to be open to a new culture. "You're in their culture, so you need to adapt to their ways," Mahoney said. "Take it all in, and don't be judgmental. Accept it, and try to adapt."

Curtis Biggs, a senior communications and international studies major who studied in Brazil for the fall 1999 semester, agreed.

"Just because something is different, it's not wrong," Biggs said. "I think that Americans make that assumption or that (the culture) should be compared to the U.S."

Biggs did not know Portuguese before he left the States, but he said he could carry on a decent conversation now. He earned 16 hours of credit for the language last semester.

Biggs said it was fun for him to find out which stereotypes of Brazilians were accurate.

From his examination of the culture he found that everything does stop for a soccer game, but not everyone in the country loves to party, he said.

"They all enjoy to have a good time, but they know when to do it," Biggs said.

Nick Vanneman, a senior anthropology major who studied at an Ethnographic Field School in the Sierra Madre Oriental in Mexico last summer, gave similar advice for prospective exchange students.

"Go into it wanting it to expand your world view," Vanneman said. "At times your view of how the world works is going to be challenged. Be aware of it, and be accepting of it in certain aspects."

His Mexico trip was not the first time Vanneman had been out of the country. He spent from January to March 1997 in Kenya on a National

Outdoor Leadership School trip.

Vanneman is also planning to expand his Spanish vocabulary, which he described as "poco," this summer in Queretaro, Mexico. It is the same language program Mahoney participated in last summer.

When students walk into International Affairs, between Delta Gamma Sorority and Pound Residence Hall, Cassler is the first person they are likely to talk to.

She said there are two types of students who come in: students who know exactly what they want to do, and the those who know they want to go somewhere, but that's about it.

It is possible to walk into the office and have a program selected within two hours, Cassler said.

Whether it is a UNL program or not, close communication with advisers helps students answer questions, such as if financial aid is available, and how to apply to the programs and ensure credit transfers.

A benefit to UNL programs is that the programs are less expensive for residents because they are based on credit hours, Cassler said.

Advisers for the university are also readily available for students, and the advisers know the programs well.

Biggs agreed. "They were the greatest thing," Biggs said. "They walk you through it."

Cassler said some programs might not be available through UNL, and students have the opportunity to go through different schools.

An advantage of going through another program is students may be the only ones from the United States. Students would then be forced to submerge themselves in the culture, she said.

From the time they are selected, students should investigate the coun-

PONDERING PLACES

Students should take several criteria into consideration when deciding what study abroad programs will work best for them.

- Are certain classes needed for credit, and does the program offer those classes?
- Can they afford the programs?
- Will a language barrier be a problem?
- Where do they want to live, in residence halls or with host families?
- Where would they like to study?

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try they will be studying in, Cassler said.

Cassler also recommends students make an appointment with Caroline Routh, assistant director of scholarships and financial aid, to find out if aid is available.

Reflecting on his travels, Vanneman said he wishes he would have taken more photographs in Kenya, even though he doesn't like cameras.

In Mexico, he said he wished he had had a wide-brimmed hat to protect him from the sun; all he had was a baseball hat.

Biggs said if he had to do it over again he would have taken more photographs of his family and home to show his host family in Brazil.

He also advised students to bring their experiences back to the United States and get involved with international students.

Vanneman agreed that students should carry what they learn with them.

"It's a new and beautiful experience if you keep the right mindset," Vanneman said. "Be willing to experience new things."

Fire victim's mother arrested for robbery

■ Police say Diane Good is connected to robbery at Brewsky's.

By Michelle Starr
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The mother of the young girl killed in a fire last week was arrested on Monday in connection with a robbery committed earlier this month.

Police arrested Diane Good, 33, 5306 W. Wilkins St., on Monday night as an accomplice in the Feb. 12 robbery at Brewsky's Food and Spirits, 2662 Cornhusker Hwy., Police Ofc. Katherine Finnell said.

Good was the mother of Lara Stewart, 8, who died from smoke inhalation in the 1:46 a.m. fire on Feb. 21. The fire was at 831 G St., Apt. 4.

"A tip from the public (about the robbery) kind of started the whole ball of wax rolling," said Brian Kitten, owner of the restaurant.

Good and David Archie, 30, of the same address as Good allegedly helped plan and cover up a robbery. Archie was arrested over the weekend.

According to court documents, Good was to be responsible for disposing the clothes the two men were wearing at the time of the robbery.

Archie was employed at the restaurant on and off for about nine months to a year before the robbery, Kitten said.

According to court documents, Archie was fired about a week and a half before the crime.

Finnell said neither Good nor Archie were at the restaurant at the time of the robbery.

On Feb. 12, two men entered the bar at 10:30 a.m., 30 minutes after the restaurant opened, carrying a handgun and a rifle and demanding money, Finnell said.

Kitten said one man ordered four employees to lie on the ground and the manager to open the safe.

The manager did as he was told, and handed over about \$10,500 in cash from the safe, Kitten said.

The two men ordered the employees not to look up and then left the building, Kitten said.

No customers were in the bar at the time of the robbery, and no one was injured.

"Nobody was hurt, that's the important thing," Kitten said.

Finnell said police arrested Robert Sanford, 19, 4300 Normal Blvd., on Feb. 17. He was charged with robbery and use of a deadly weapon to commit a felony.

The second man has not been arrested, but police have a suspect, Finnell said.

According to court documents, Sanford said he was involved in the robbery and had a conversation with Archie about the crime about a week before it happened.

Sanford said Archie had received \$1,000 from the robbery, according to the documents.

The court documents also state that Sanford said Archie supplied him with the rifle he used to commit the robbery.

According to the documents, when police apprehended Sanford in his car, they found several bank bags, one containing checks made to the restaurant and another bag with the clothes worn by the suspects.

Fire Inspector Jack Bruns said the Feb. 21 fire was caused when a pile of clothes in a bedroom was ignited by Stewart, who had been playing with a lighter.

The two women had left around midnight, and according to the teenagers' testimony, the adults did not tell anyone they were leaving.

No arrests for child neglect have been made concerning Stewart's death, Finnell said.

Man arrested for assault

By Derek Lippincott

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An 8-year-old boy told Lincoln police officers Feb. 24 that he had been sexually assaulted by a man several times.

As a result of the report, police arrested Thomas J. Frye, 43, 6139 Kearney St., Tuesday for sexual assault, Lincoln Police Ofc. Katherine Finnell said.

The boy's mother told police that her son had been a companion of Frye's since last September. The police report said he had been making nightly visits to Frye's house since then.

The police report said Frye had been subjecting the boy to anal and oral intercourse.

The boy reported Frye used white rope to tie him up and a yellow waxy substance as lubrication for anal sex, the police report said.

After the boy's report, police obtained a search warrant to search Frye's home. The items the boy described were found in Frye's bedroom and bathroom.

A warrant for Frye's arrest was issued Feb. 25, and he was arrested Tuesday for first-degree sexual assault. The arrest took place in Beatrice, where Finnell said police believed Frye was hiding to avoid being arrested.


Frye is currently being held on a count of first-degree sexual assault, and his bond is set at \$100,000.

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