

Martinez 'culturally shocked'

Seville and Eugene swap teacher-students

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It's a long way from the sunny south of Spain to the cold and cloudy Northwest for Ignacio Martinez Rojas, a Fulbright graduate student from Seville who is teaching through a new exchange program at the University.

"The weather is so frustrating here," he says. "It's a shock. In Seville it's always 60 degrees."

The political and cultural climate of Eugene is also very different, says Martinez. He calls the change "...a cultural shock from any point of view."

Martinez came to Eugene last September at the instigation of Spanish instructor David Curland. He is the first graduate student to participate in a program of bilingual teacher exchanges between the University of Seville and the University of Oregon.

Curland set up the inter-university, Fulbright-supported exchange program last year while teaching English at the University of Seville on a Fulbright grant.

Martinez and another graduate student from Seville, Elena Sanchez Mancera, teach Spanish in exchange for the opportunity to study English. In exchange, University Comparative Literature doctoral student, Mary Holdman, teaches English at the University of Seville in Spain.

"It's basically an exchange between departments," Curland explains.

Curland says that as the program develops there will be more opportunities for undergraduate exchanges. "This is the first year of the program, and we expect it to continue," he says.

University Spanish faculty may also have the opportunity to teach at the University of Seville when the head of their English department comes to Eugene this summer to teach a course on post-Franco Spain, says Curland.

"It's quite a program," he adds.

Martinez says that the exchange program gives him three years to work on his Ph. D., teach Spanish, and get used to the American way of life. "Everything is so different here," he adds.

Martinez's conception of Americans grew from movies and from growing up near the Americans stationed at Rota,

the United States' second largest naval base in the world, he says.

"We used to make fun of Americans there," with their "brilliant" clothes and gum in their mouths, he says. "Now I understand why."

Opposition to American military presence in Seville is stronger than in the north, says Martinez. "I grew up fighting Americans until I was 15. 'Yankee go home' was a typical phrase."

But Martinez says his image of Americans has changed in certain aspects since his arrival. "They are not so repellent a people individually," he says.

American ways which surprise Martinez are things like TV ads explaining the uses of Pepto-Bismol and people asking for doggie-bags in public restaurants. "It's unbelievable. No European would understand that."

Competition seems to be the basis of American life, says Martinez. "You have to be number one, not just good enough, but the winner." He sees this competition especially among students, even between friends. "You have to demonstrate you're better."

Eugene's centralized University campus makes lec-

tures and social events easier to find than in Seville, says Martinez. The University of Seville is spread around four parts of the city of 800,000 in separate buildings. Seville has no campus as such, Martinez adds.

The bureaucracy involved in registering at the University was also a shock, says Martinez. At the University of Seville, everything is done by mail, he says. You just choose the courses you want to take. Registration happens only once a year for nine months of classes, Martinez adds, the same system as in France.

From a political point of view, the United States is "what I expected," says Martinez. "But you have to adapt yourself or else you're lost. I've found pretty good friends in and out of the department," he adds.

Seville is the largest city in Andalucia, Spain's southern-most province, says Curland. "It's the heart of the Flamenco."

"I've never seen any area where a folk music form is as universally accepted and practiced as in Seville," Curland says. Students like Sanchez and Martinez regularly dance flamenco on Saturday nights for their own amusement, he adds. "Seville is a very friendly and interesting place to be."

Eugene police probe organization

EUGENE—Eugene police said Monday they are looking into the solicitation of funds by a group claiming to oppose the killing of whales.

The City of Eugene told Oregonians Cooperating to Protect the Whales it has until Feb. 7 to file the necessary forms governing solicitation by charitable organizations.

Terry Grondona of Eugene's business license office said the group, also known as Victory for Whales, was given the forms in fall of 1977 but they were never completed and returned.

The applicable city ordinance requires charitable organizations to submit a financial disclosure statement to qualify for a solicitation permit. City Attorney Stan Long

said the maximum penalty for violating ordinances dealing with business permits is \$500 per day.

The city sent a letter to the organization after questions were raised about the solicitation permit.

Michael Gannon, president of the group, refused to answer a reporter's questions about how much money his organization has raised or where or how it was spent.

The group operates a store on the city mall, selling books, T-shirts and other items protesting the killing of whales.

A spokesman for Greenpeace, the best known defender of whales, said the Eugene group was not affiliated with Greenpeace.

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PIKES — 'Twas the night before Friday
And all through the house,
Not a creature was stirring
'Cept a couple on the couch.
Us with our baggies
And cops all around,
We proceeded to dump them.
With nary a sound.
'Twas the greatest success,
The pair said no word,
And the guy at the door
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BETSY — A red haired friend
I hope to have made
Last week in hot water
While passing the day
If that friend
You'd like to see
Leave your cycle behind
And lunch with me.
EMU Skyline, Wednesday, Noon... JOE. 1-30

DON — With clanking snow-treads, smiling Indians and Velvet snowshakes, Driving to Kahneeta was a piece of cake. But you were great and still could smile. Even after negative 500 miles. 1-30

PHI PSIS — Although I was a day late,
The weekend was great. Thanks! Love, JULIE. 1-30

FIJIS — The scenic route to your house was great. So was the prime rib pizza we ate. Thanks so much for all the fun. The Starlight Ballroom is number one! You're the BEST!! Your Alpha Chi H.D. dates. 1-30

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