

Kirkpatrick recounts journey to Thailand

by Caree Hussey
 Feature/Managing Editor
 Corky Kirkpatrick, grant writer, has been to 25 countries.

It all started in the early seventies when she and her husband traveled to the Scandinavian countries. They then decided to vacation once a year in different countries.

This year they went to Thailand during the last week of March and the first week of April. "It was a relaxation trip," stated Kirkpatrick.

So why Thailand? "Last year we stopped in Thailand for two nights and three days... it just wasn't long enough," she explained.

They landed in Bangkok and took a bus ride to the resort that they were to stay at in Pattaya. "In Bangkok traffic is just awful," she said, "it's 90 kilometers from Bangkok to Pattaya and the trip took three hours."

The resort had a private beach and other added benefits. "Fresh fruit was served in the room every day," Kirkpatrick explained. Not the everyday assortment encountered here in the States but,

"Hawaiian kind ... like kiwi and papayas ... also local fruit.. I had two favorites one fruit was kind of like fresh fig, the other was called mangostine," she said.

Kirkpatrick and her husband enjoyed excellent service at the hotel. "It's almost embarrassing it's so good," she said. "There were two employees for every room."

At mealtimes, the service was equally good. "There were always two or three people hovering around. If you asked for cream in your coffee, they'd pour and stir it for you." It was, she proclaimed, "the finest place we've ever stayed."

But the Kirkpatricks did more than lounge on the beach.

Although this was a vacation, Kirkpatrick managed to get a little business done on the trip. In addition to being a grant writer, she is also a member of the International Education Committee.

In this capacity, Kirkpatrick visited Silpakorn University in ?. There she met with the president and two of the vice-presidents of the college to work out some preliminary details for a possible student and faculty exchange

program.

Although no dates have been set, Kirkpatrick felt the meeting was successful. In fact, she stated that one of the best parts of the trip was "going to the college."

Shopping was also on the agenda. "I love to shop, but I don't like to spend a lot of money," she stated. Two things Kirkpatrick buys on vacation are: a local art or craft (this year she found a handkerchief that was hand folded to resemble a peacock), and jewelry (on this trip she bought a sapphire necklace). Another purchase was a vase for her collection at home.

She also purchased some unusual items of clothing. They are unusual because of the way they are made. The clothes are "all hand made. I picked them out of Paris fashion magazines. The are not made from patterns." The clothes are ready "in 24 hours."

Kirkpatrick "didn't do tourist kinds of things." She prefers to "explore on foot." When dining out she looks "for authentic food."

Contrary to popular belief, "they don't use chopsticks in



photo by Tara Powers

Corky Kirkpatrick wears a blouse that was custom made for her in Thailand. The blouse is completely hand made.

Thailand. They use a serving size spoon and a fork." To visit right now. The people are so friendly and so anxious to please.

Overall, Kirkpatrick enjoyed her vacation and said, "I would definitely recommend that people go there. It's one of the finest places They really care about their tourist trade." Kirkpatrick stated that she "will go back someday."

Staff invited to spring into fitness

by Angela Wilson
 Business Manager

The Wellness Team started the "Spring into Action Spring Festival of Sports" for staff members on Tuesday.

Many activities are being offered this spring such as hiking, swimming, weight lifting, softball, and running. There are 21 presenters all together, and all of them are staff members.

The Wellness Team is a group of staff members that meets on a

regular basis to put together activities to promote staff wellness.

"It seems that it needed to be done," said Gladys Michael, health and PE instructor. "We would just like to share our wellness with the rest of the staff."

"Our goal with the Spring into Action Festival is to get people to experiment with activities they have never tried before," Michael said.

The Wellness Team and the PE department are also sponsor-

ing a staff Mt. Hood Climb. Don Shula is the climb coordinator, and Chuck Adams and Gary Nelson are climb leaders.

"We will evaluate how the spring activities go, and hopefully down the road we can organize another festival," Michael said. "I am confident that everything will go well."

Some of the activities have already started, but if you would like to join call Maureen Jones, ext. 489 or Mary Grout, ext. 299.

The Clackamas Community College Writers Club is sponsoring a Poetry/Fiction Contest. Submit your best or worst and take a chance. Entries will be judged by staff and administration.

Rules: Poetry entries must be under 500 words. Fiction entries must be under 1500 words. Entries must be submitted in an envelope with the below entry blank to Alan Widerburg. Deadline for entries is May 8 with no exceptions. Entries must be typed, double-spaced and must not have name on any page, but have social security number in top, right corner of each page. Cash and/or certificate prizes will be awarded May 24.

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