

Peru trip: 'quite an experience'

by TERRY MARTIN

Around this time last year Sandy High School senior Kelly Spradling took a trip with 15 other students to Peru, through the American Field Service (AFS).

Now a year later and one year older, Spradling is back in Sandy to describe her journey as "quite an experience."

"During the visit she changed families three times and stayed in two cities."

"My first family was really stuck up. I was more a status symbol to them and I didn't like that," she said.

"My second family broke because I had problems with the AFS president. This was while I was staying in Piura, this was really a small town."

"My last family was really neat, they lived in Trujillo. This was basically from October to January when I had a really good time," said Spradling.

The two high schools Spradling attended were both private, Catholic all-girl schools.

"All schools throughout the country have uniforms exactly alike, except each individual school has an insignia on the arms of the uniforms. So, if a student is caught not in school, they know which school to call."

"Also, they go to school from the end of April to January, where we go from September to June," she said.

Overall, Spradling felt sympathy for the Peruvians.

"I feel really sorry for the Peruvians," she said. "They really don't have a future. They have eight to 12 universities in the coun-



Kelly Spradling

"A month later I went back to school and everyone was angry with me," Spradling said. "Come to find out, nobody contacted the school about my vacation, so they were ready to kick me out. So I didn't return to school until October."

"I also had problems with the president (of AFS) spreading rumors about me which made it hard to make friends. In my first house I wasn't allowed to date, or go anywhere. When everyone went out for the evening I would have to stay home with the maids, because he had told them I could not be trusted," she said.

"Out of the 15 that went, only two were satisfied with AFS. They really didn't care what we did as long as we gave AFS a good name."

Spradling feels that even with the hassles she encountered, she would be an exchange student again.

"I really learned patience from this experience, an extreme amount of patience. I also grew up a lot in this past year, probably more than I would have in five years. Mainly because I found the only one I could depend on was myself. I feel good about the trip, but bad about AFS," she said.

Spradling plans to apply for an exchange program that will take her to New Zealand this summer.

If she doesn't go this trip she will apply for a college exchange to Europe. She has already been accepted to Oregon State University's School of Engineering and will apply for the exchange her sophomore year of college.

try, and out of the thousands that apply for acceptance, well maybe only 150 will be accepted.

"They just don't have any opportunities. The Peruvian people are really nice and friendly. The young people are really immature, I mean really immature. Going to high school there was like being back in junior high."

During her time in Peru, Spradling encountered problems that she didn't expect.

"Lots of kids had problems. The AFS committee caused problems for many students. In August I took a vacation to the mountains. I cleared it with AFS. They said, fine, they would contact the school and tell them where I was, etc.

Keeping posted:

Optimists start membership drive

THURSDAY, FEB. 18
An immunization clinic will be held at Sandy Union High School for Sandy High, Boring and Bull Run elementary students. Call SUHS, 668-8011 extension 212, for more information.

FRIDAY, FEB. 19
An immunization clinic will be held at Sandy Union High School for district students and students at Welches and Cottrell elementary schools. Call SUHS, 668-8011 extension 212, for more information.

A coffee-discussion hour with Steve Starkovich, candidate for state Senate District 14, will be held at 2 p.m. at the home of Pete and Helen Sulzbach, 3863 SE Hudson Road. The public is invited.

SUNDAY, FEB. 21
The Rainbow Girls of Sandy will hold an open in-

stallation for Diane Taylor, worthy advisor-elect, and her officers at the Masonic Temple in Sandy at 2:30 p.m. A reception will follow.

MONDAY, FEB. 22
An immunization clinic for students in the Sandy Elementary Clinic will be held today at Sandy's Cedar Ridge School. Call SUHS, 668-8011 extension 212, for more information.

A coffee for local businessmen will be held at Sandy Public Library from 2 to 6 p.m. The reception is to introduce local businessmen to the library's business sources and materials.

TUESDAY, FEB. 23
The Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce meets for its weekly luncheon meeting today at noon at the Tollgate Inn.

Jean Smith, the governor's new ombudsman for long-term care facilities, will speak.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 24
The Sandy TOPS Club meets at 9 a.m. in the Sandy Community Action Center.

THURSDAY, FEB. 25
The Sandy Golden Age Club holds its semi-monthly potluck at the Sandy Senior Center at noon.

The Sandy Optimist Club will hold a membership drive dinner meeting at the Sandy Community Center at 7 p.m. Anyone with an interest in your service is welcome to attend. Ogie Shaw, of Fitness Factors, will speak on "Factors in Fitness Motivation." For more information, call Paul Brown, 668-7720.

The Sandy Rebekah Lodge meets at the I.O.O.F. Hall at 8 p.m.

State ombudsman set for chamber address

Jean Smith, the governor's new ombudsman for long-term care facilities, will address the Sandy Chamber of Commerce at noon next Tuesday in Tollgate Inn. She will discuss new laws

that affect Oregon nursing homes and her role as special state inspector.

The general public has been invited to this regularly scheduled meeting of the Chamber.

Boring man to head hospital board

A Boring man has been elected president of the board of directors of Willamette Falls Community Hospital in Oregon City.

Edwin Fisher was named to succeed Dr. Rudolph Stevens of Lake Oswego in that position.

He has been a member of the hospital's board of directors since 1977. During his tenure on the board he has served on the

building and planning committee, the executive committee, management systems audit, and he chaired the personnel committee.

Fisher said he is very concerned about the hospital's recent financial difficulties. He said the board will not know the results of the hospital's recently enacted 20 percent reduction of work hours until their March meeting.

"We are going to have to play it by ear and be prepared to go even further if our financial situation does not improve," he said.

Born and raised in Oregon City, Fisher opened a service station there in the early 1950s and moved with his wife, Bernice, to Gladstone.

He served on the Gladstone City Council from 1959-1967 and the Gladstone School Board

from 1968-1974. He was on the National Congress of Petroleum Retailers Board from 1968-1972.

Fisher retired from active operation of the service station in 1981 after 28 years; he still maintains his business interest in a West Linn station. He also maintains his membership in the Oregon Gasoline Dealers Association.

The Fishers moved to Boring in 1977.

Patrol car damaged; man arrested

Sandy police arrested a man last Thursday evening on criminal mischief charges stemming from an incident at Sandy City Hall.

Gary Joe Gillette, 27, was taken to Clackamas County Jail after someone did \$60

damage to a Sandy police patrol car while it was parked outside Sandy City Hall.

Thursday morning Eddie R. Schlatt, 18, Boring, was cited for second-degree theft after personnel at

Sandy Sentry reported someone had taken a 79-cent tin of chewing tobacco.

A 16-year-old Sandy youth was cited into Clackamas County Juvenile Court Friday

afternoon on charges of public indecency following an incident at Jim's Big Apple Market in Sandy.

Sandy police are investigating a series of thefts that occurred Sunday in an undisclosed Sandy neighborhood. According to police reports, four residents in the area reported thefts of gasoline. A fifth neighbor reported that someone took a chain saw from his residence.

Cottrell board spot open

A seat on the Cottrell School Board will be up for grabs when voters in the district go to the polls March 30.

Linda Loomis's four-year term, Position 4, expires June 30 and voters will

select a successor.

Interested candidates must submit an application to the Clackamas County Elections Office by Feb. 24, along with either a \$10 filing fee or a petition signed

by 25 registered voters living in the school district.

Applications may be picked up at the East Building office at the school or at the County Elections Office.

Wednesday service set at church

The Pioneer Church of the Good Shepherd, Episcopal, will hold two Ash Wednesday services Feb. 24, according to Father Lindsay Warren.

The services will be held at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the church, 38736 Pioneer Blvd.

The public is welcome.

Tryouts set for 'Harvey'

Tryouts for the upcoming Sandy Community Players production, "Harvey," by Mary Chase, will be held Sunday, Feb. 28, at 2 p.m. in the Sandy Community Theater on Proctor Boulevard.

There are parts for six men and six women.

Those interested in trying out should come prepared with a one to one and one-half minute memorized presentation

from any play. Call-backs will be held March 2 at 7 p.m.

Persons with any questions about the tryouts are asked to call Laura LaMarsh, 233-0382.

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