

Czech student in lone on exchange program



Petr Hybs

Petr Hybs came to the U.S. last fall on an exchange program with the goal of learning the English language. With the exception of some tricky American slang, notably one amusing incident concerning a part of the anatomy, Petr has definitely accomplished his goal.

Petr, who turned 18 in February, came all the way from Prague, Czech Republic, with a population of one and a half million, to lone, population of around 200. His home away from home is the Janet and Dennis Stefani family. "I was expecting a real big change," says Petr, "but I was still totally unprepared."

In the Czech Republic, Petr (pronounced Pet-er) lives in an apartment with his father, a civil engineer, his mother, a television producer, and his sister, Jana, 16.

Petr is a senior both in the Czech Republic and in the lone Schools, although he may have to repeat his senior year when he returns home. "School is pretty easy here," says Petr. "My biggest problem was the language." "I couldn't understand him at all when he first got here," says Janet. "Now he doesn't have to carry around a dictionary." "He was taught proper English at home," adds Dennis. "Here there's so much slang." Still, Petr managed to pull mostly Bs in school at lone.

"I didn't fail my classes," he adds. "I only got one C the first quarter." In the Czech Republic, students study six to seven subjects a term, with around 13 subjects through the year. He takes literature every day, math four times a week, chemistry and physics two times a week and English and German three times a week. Petr took English four years in school and the last year, spent eight hours a week in English class. Students can also choose a special subject, usually a subject in which they plan to major in collect. All students have to take all subjects with no electives.

Students in the Czech Republic reach a crossroads at the eighth grade. From there they have three different options, depending on exam scores. Students take grammar school,

in preparation for a university, secondary vocational training or secondary apprentice training. "I have to pass an exam to get into a state school," says Petr. "If I don't pass, then I can try the next year or go to a private school." In the Czech Republic, state schools are free, even at the university level. In the communist regime, books, notebooks, and even paper were provided. Now students must buy their own books and supplies, however books are "still cheap".

Petr says that things have changed a great deal since the fall of communism. "Things changed for the better for my family," he says. "I wouldn't be here if there was still communism, but for some people it's harder. It's harder to make money. Everything costs a lot and wages are still the same. People are trying to keep the good things about communism and the good things from capitalism."

In school, Petr enjoys history, which he considers kind of a hobby and plans to study math and physics, preparing for a master's degree and a possible career in civil engineering or software engineering.

One thing is universal, both in lone and Prague. No, not love--the love of basketball. "I like to play basketball," says Petr, who, at 6'5" got the "most improved honors" at lone High School. "I like all kinds of sports." He played soccer and tennis for fun at home. He took second place in tennis for lone at the Sherman County tournament. Petr says he likes the sports program in lone because it is organized through the schools. In the Czech Republic, the kids join clubs to play sports.

Before Petr left for the U.S. his mother told him not to watch too much TV. "Of course we put a TV in his room," laughs Dennis. "He's not too bad, though. He's pretty good about getting everything done." "I don't have time to watch TV at home," says Petr, who spends his time with his girlfriend and playing basketball.

The drinking age is 18 in the Czech Republic, but, says Petr, it is not enforced. There, teens listen to music and dance at clubs for entertainment.

"This place is kind of quiet," says Petr. "It's kind of boring. The problem here, is that I'm dependent on someone giving me a ride. I mostly get rides from Dennis and Janet. "In Prague, there are buses, subways and light rails. But, you could be bored in a big city, too. You could be in New Jersey and still be bored."

Petr says he feels older than the American teenagers. "Teenagers in the Czech Republic seem older. We have to be very polite in class. Here, there is a lot of pushing, and yelling in the hallway. It's more regimented at home.

American food has been no problem for the young Czech.

"I can eat everything," he says, adding that Thanksgiving was his favorite. "He's pretty big on spaghetti too," says Dennis. Petr's favorite dinner at home is pork, dumplings and cabbage.

Petr says that summers are hot back home, "but not as hot as here. There is more rain there. Summer is usually pretty nice. Winter is longer and there is more snow at home." He enjoys skiing at home and has been able to ski at Anthony Lakes and Colorado since his arrival in the U.S.

Petr has been to New York and California since arriving in the U.S. and plans to go to Seattle to a Mariners and Indians game before leaving for home June 10.

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WCCC Golf

Ladies' Play, May 7

Low gross of the field: Jan Paustian and Pat Edmundson
Flight A: low gross Karen Wildman, low net Karen Thompson, least putts Lois Hunt.

Flight B: low gross Carol Norris, low net Susan Atkins, least putts Mary Beamer.

Flight C: low gross Betty Christman, low net Dorothy Hawkins, least putts Lorene Montgomery and Cam Wishart.

Chip in: Mary Beamer and Karen Wildman.

Short drive #10: Juanita Martin, Norma French, Cam Wishart.

OTPR Court takes first in parade

Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo 1996 court brought home first place honors in the queen and court division of the Arlington Saddle Club parade last Saturday, May 4.

Queen Brenda Holtz and her princesses, Stormy Howard, Beth Hermanns, and Dawn Boor, wore their official ultra suede outfits and rode their official mounts with serapes and flowers along the parade. They were accompanied by pennant bearers, Sybil Krebs, Nonnie Walters, Katie Bacon, Maci Childers, and Dawnica Snider.

The pennant bearers looked sharp for their first parade in their new Pendleton wool vests, straw hats, and cream-colored tuxedo shirts and pants, said a court spokesperson. Outfits were accented with the court colors--hunter green

and black hat bands, hunter green neck ties, and black boots.

Following the parade the entire court and chaperone Glenda Taylor were guests of the Arlington Saddle Club at the queen's luncheon. "The rodeo crowd was very receptive to the court's smiles and royal waves as they ran their horses around the arena for the grand entry," continued the spokesperson. Some of the girls stayed to run barrels at the rodeo.

This Friday, May 10, the queen and her princesses will meet some potential court fans when they help with the Lutheran-Methodist Friday School in Heppner.

Saturday, May 18, the court will ride in the parade and grand entry at Waitsburg, WA.

Toxic trash turn-in planned for May 18

Heppner residents may dispose of household hazardous waste at a "Toxic Trash Turn-In" on Saturday, May 18, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Heppner city gravel yard, 590 N.W. Riverside Avenue. The turn-in will give residents an opportunity to properly dispose of items ranging from auto batteries and antifreeze to paints and pesticides.

All collected materials will be handled by a state hazardous waste contractor. Collected materials will be screened for usable products, such as latex paint, and made available to local residents for reuse. Remaining materials will be taken

to a permitted hazardous waste facility. After final processing, these materials will be sent to reuse, recycling, energy recovery and incineration facilities.

Over 75 percent of the collected materials is burned for energy recovery or is recycled. Most of the remaining materials are either incinerated or land-filled at the hazardous waste facility in Arlington.

For additional information on the turn-in, contact Gary Marks, 676-9618. The turn-in is funded by the Department of Environmental Quality from landfill disposal fees.

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For information Call 541-989-9500



Local rodeo team members compete

The John Day High School Rodeo was held May 3-5 with many local winners. Here are the results for the Intermountain and Columbia Basin High School Rodeo teams:

Bareback riding: sixth Tyson Shoemaker, eighth Nate Filbin, both Columbia Basin team (CB).

Calf roping: sixth Justin Matteson, 10th Seth Hopper, both Intermountain team (IM).

Saddle bronc: second Nate Philbin, seventh Ty Wilkins, CB.

Steer wrestling: fourth Seth Hopper, fifth Justin Matteson. Barrel racing: third Angela Munkers, CB, sixth Lexi Matteson, IM.

Pole bending: first Lexi Matteson, second Katie McCoin,

CB. Goat tying: first Mandi Duby, IM, fifth Tiffanie Munkers, CB.

Breakaway roping: eighth Lexi Matteson, ninth Billy Jo Swanson, IM.

Boy's cutting: sixth Brian Knowles, IM.

Girl's cutting: eighth Tiffanie Munkers, ninth Angela Munkers.

Team roping: first Justin Matteson, second Seth Hopper, eighth Ben Rodriguez.

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BIOGRAPHICAL:

- NATIVE, UMATILLA COUNTY
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- Raised in Hermiston

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