

Editorial

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(The way it is)

Letters to the Editor—



"Spilyay Speaks"



"As Times Change"

Times change, things change and people change right along with the ever moving world. If we hope to survive in today's fast-moving world we've got to stop being the generalists and move right along with time or become the endangered species, so-to-speak. What I'm driving at is our constitution and by-laws. Everyone is usually reluctant to accept new proposals for consideration especially when it does pertain to the Tribal Constitution and by-laws.

At the present time there is a petition being circulated among the tribal members to amend the Constitution and by-laws, particularly the election of Tribal Council members. The petitioners feel that the present system does not provide equal representation of the people. The portion of the Constitution referred to is Sec. 2 Apportionment—Article IV—Organization of Tribal Council. The present system reads as follows.

Sec. 2 Apportionment—Representation from the districts shall be as follows: Simnasho District, 3 elected members and the recognized Chief of the District, or his successors; Agency District 3 elected members, one of whom shall represent the Sidwalter Flat area, together with the recognized Chief of the District, or his successors; Seekseequa District, 2 elected members and the recognized Chief of the District, or his successor.

The Proposed new system amended:
Sec. 2 Tribal Council Elections—To elect Council Seats At-Large in a General Election of the people.

There are other portions mentioned in the petition that fits along with Sec. 2, but this part I feel is most important.

With anticipation of much debate on whether the Tribes needs to develop this policy. One of the biggest problems is simply defining the issue in question. This seems like a quote heard one time, "This issue is a solution looking for a problem."

If a large organization is to survive, it's usually through the decisions and planning done by the board of directors, in this case the Tribal Council. It's through them the General Manager gets his advice and direction to operate the organization. This is what the Tribes should be looking at, what is destined for the future of the reservation and it's natural resources. Like the big corporations on the outside, our board of directors should be selected from the most qualified personnel with-in the three tribes. To do this we must resort to electing and voting at large and do away with districts.

We can still maintain our districts, have our chiefs and carry out our tribal traditions and not let our heritage die, but let's do that in the Longhouse. But for the business perspective we need our best people on the Tribal Council to maintain and preserve our proud standards. Our timber industry will not hold out forever, by the year 2020 this might be a thing of the past.

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Before going to the mens room in a bar a guy covered his drink with a note which read, "This drink belongs to biggest, meanest, toughest, no-good son-of-gun, touch it at your own risk." When he returned the glass was empty and a new note said, "This drink was drunk by the fastest-running coward in the whole country." YIKES

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Do you know what the termite said when he walked into the bar?" "Is the bar tender here?" YIKES

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There was this guy who asked his friend, "How do you keep your relatives away?" "That's easy, I borrow from the rich ones and loan it to the poor ones, and you'll never see any of them again." YIKES

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A girl told Spilyay, "Ah, look at that cow and the calf rubbing noses in the pasture. That sight makes me want to do the same." Spilyay: "Well, go ahead... it's your cow." YIKES

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Spilyay: "You know sweetie pie, since I've met you, I can't eat... I can't sleep... I can't drink..."
Girl: "Gee, why not?"
Spilyay: "I'm Broke!!" YIKES

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Steps taken on petition shared

Tribal Members,

We are sharing the steps we have taken on the 1986 petition to keep you all informed.

1. October 21, 1985—We'd gone to council for information on how to petition the 1986 Budget.

2. October 22—We were informed the Superintendent could help us with wording the petition.

3. October 23—With only a few days, we asked for volunteers to help us draft up the petition letter.

4. October 24—We had taken the petition letter #1 to council for approval, they referred us to the Superintendent.

5. October 25—With advise from the Superintendent's office we drafted petition letter #2.

6. October 28—Through the weekend with the help of the Superintendent's staff the final letter #3 was drafted. We then got the approval of council to circulate the petition. About 2:00 p.m. we started circulating the petition.

7. October 29 and 30—We circulated the petition during both days.

8. October 30—We returned the petition with 338 signatures, four of which were invalid, to the Superintendent at 5:45 p.m.

9. November 1—While in Council, the Council certified the petition.

10. We were advised to attend District Meetings. Up to this date we have held and attended these meetings.

November 6—Public meeting.
November 7—District meeting (Simnasho).

November 12—Public meeting.
November 18—Public meeting.
November 20—General Council.

December 2—Council room.
December 5—Public meeting.
December 9—Public meeting.
December 10—Public meeting.
January 9—Public meeting.
January 23—Public meeting.

Shirley Sanders
Janice Clements

Please return trip information

Attention all senior citizens:

Please return the letters you received concerning the Expo '86 trip to the Senior Citizen program by February 7.

If we don't receive your response by deadline then we will assume you aren't interested in going on this trip and do not want further information.

The Senior Citizen Staff

Seeking penpal

Rhonda Green of San Bernardino, California is seeking penpals, male or female between the ages of 25 and 35. Write to her at P.O. Box 42, San Bernardino, California 92402.

Lots must go

Repossessed lots and acres throughout Oregon must be sold now. For free list send self-addressed stamped envelope to: REPOS, 742 Hawthorne NE, Salem, Oregon 97301.

Sincerely,
Phyllis Schroeder

Weaving guild seeking fiber arts demonstrators

The following letter is presented at the request of Liz Tewee, Museum Curator.

To the Editor,

The Weaving Guilds of Oregon, (WEGO), are responsible for the fiber arts demonstrations at the 1986 Oregon State Fair. Friday, August 22 through September 1. I will be coordinating the demonstrations. We plan to focus on Oregon, Oregon expertise and Oregon products. We are asking if you would share your superb knowledge in this area with others.

We would like demonstrations of Oregon Indian Fiber Arts and displays if possible. There are glass front cases available for displays of fiber samples and woven pieces. A generous

area for demonstrations is also available. I would prefer opening the fair with demonstrations by Oregon Indians on Friday, August 22. Any other day persons could demonstrate, would be welcome. Fair hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Demonstrations are on a volunteer basis. There are no monetary fees available. Payment is in educating the general public in the fiber arts. This will further serve to promote the Oregon Indian heritage and superior knowledge of native plants and fibers. I am particularly interested in your use of sagebrush fibers.

What resources will persons demonstrating need for us to have available for them? Water, tables, chairs, etc? How much room will they need? How many different types of demonstrations

are possible and when? In what other ways may we be of assistance to you in making this joint venture a success?

Those staying overnight may want to take advantage of the limited resources of housing or camping at the: Oregon 4-H Center, 5390 4H Road N.W., Salem, Oregon 97404, Phone: (503) 754-2602.

Reservations should be made in advance. Cost in 1985 was \$2.00 per person per night. Car pooling may be possible with other weavers coming from around the state.

I am looking forward to hearing from you and do hope members of your Tribe will be able to participate in sharing their expertise.

What is a fair cost for child care?

To Day Care and Latchkey Parents,

I understand that you may have some serious concerns regarding the new fee schedule that is being instituted. I would like to explain our reasoning. I would like to begin by stating that these services were established as an employee service and may even be considered a benefit. It was never established as a profit enterprise, as well, it should not be considered as the only employee childcare service that could be available.

Our primary reason for the new fee system is to stabilize the parent fee revenue coming in to offset the cost of providing the service. We also wanted to try to expand our services to more families by matching the need for services to available time and space. Our intent is to improve the cost/benefit of the program, within the 1985 budget we projected \$80,000 in parent fee revenue and fell far short because attendance was not full time or regular, we could not enroll more children than slots available. Of the total budget for childcare services the \$80,000

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parent fees make up only 25 percent, three percent comes from federal sources which means that the Tribes contribute at least 72 percent of the cost. At 95¢ per hour, we are still 10 cents per hour less than the Madras Day Care Center's base rate. We had discussed the parent fee revenue with the Parent's Club over the past 18 months and asked for their advice to give us guidance in revising the fee system. During 1985, there was very little interest or participation by most parents, therefore, we made the decision to institute the current system that includes the limited input of the Parent's Club.

It is not our intent to force children or families out of the program even though some parents have had to withdraw their children. We feel extremely sad about that occurrence. However, we are responsible for operating a cost-efficient program especially in consideration of the General Council's concern regarding subsidiary incentives for employees, of which child care could be considered. We are forced to make our best judgment of what is the fair share cost to the users compared to the costs and service needs of non-users. Do we carry a high cost to help existing employees

in a manner that takes away resources to help people train for and get employment? The lack of available child care is a major obstacle to the unemployed.

We are still interested in discussing the fee system, if you have any recommendations. We are also interested in assisting to set up cooperative or private child care services as alternatives to the Child Development Center. We need to let you know that we are limited by our facilities and the amount of funds that can be reasonably requested for this service in relationship to the other needs of our community. We can not control the reservation birth rate or influence the number of children in a family or status of parents in the family and we certainly can not meet the child care needs of everyone that wants or needs to be employed. People need to plan for the costs associated with raising children when they plan their family size and responsibilities, this will influence their desire or need to work. As far as being a program, all we can do is provide a service to allow some people the opportunity to be employed, at a fair cost. What is a fair cost to you and what is a fair cost to those who do not or can not use the

Child Development Center's services?

Charles Calica
Education, Training and Employment

Condolences offered

To the Editor,

We, the Aguilar family, offer our condolences to the Heath family for their most recent loss of a loved family member.

Eli imprinted upon our hearts, vividly, a few words of encouragement towards the spreading of the Gospel of Christ Jesus during jail services. This writing we dedicate to Eli Little, son, friend and fellow hearer of the Gospel. He encouraged us to press forward towards the teaching of the Gospel. He asked January 14 where we were the previous Sunday and that he and the other inmates at the Warm Springs jail had missed our meals, testifying, preaching and showing of videos. He used to comment on how we played music and that he sometimes went to church with his mother.

Thanks, Eli, for being a part of our lives.

Sincerely,
George, Easton and Tina Aguilar

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