

Editorial Section

Student Council Worked

by Terry Marchand

This year's Student Council has accomplished many things for the Chemawa student body.

Perhaps one of the most successful projects was the Chemawa Alcohol Education Center. The Student Council, being co-directors, have been instrumental in hiring the staff, getting volunteers, and setting the guidelines the project now follows.

The Advisory Board is the other co-director, but as they can't be present for long periods at a time, the Student Council has carried nearly the whole load.

The Student Center is also another project of the Council that has added to the enrichment of the students. Hiring the Student Manager and his assistant was another of the Council's responsibilities. Though the Center has struggled this year, the Student Council, along with the school, are in firm support of its functions. Students can learn to work as cooks,

waitresses or managers, and are paid to do it.

Getting a new school has also been a very real concern of the Student Council for many years. The Council this year sponsored a petition drive to the House Appropriations Committee, showing our concern in the development of plans for a new Chemawa.

The Student Council has also been actively involved in student concerns around the campus. They conducted a survey to get the daily class schedule that students wanted. The cigarette cans around the campus are also a result of Student Council work.

The Council has sponsored various activities such as dances, movies and pow-wows. The yearbook was financed by the Student Council.

The student government at Chemawa has a very strong tradition of playing an important and worthwhile role. This year's Council has kept this tradition in tact and we have much to be thankful for.

The Indian and Education

by Phil Taylor

What makes the Indian today walk with his head down? It's his knowledge of developing an education for himself. Maybe after he gets the knowledge of his goals, the American Indian can walk the white man's street with his head high in the air. American Indians are awakening to the fact that they have to work for their development in the white man's world.

It is essential for today's Indians to accomplish a role in this world where the white man has put them to live like him, and the Indian can meet the standards of this world if they have the know-how.

If only they had interest in his involvement with today's problems. Only self-determination is the framework which will promote development of the Indian people. The challenge is going to be hard, but that's what produces results. Lack of education is the only block that stands in the way of the ability to bring about results. Today's education may bring about a new way of improvement.

Influence tomorrow's generation and let the impression produce its effect on the mind of the observer. Make the long-range goal and let them see that their old people want to share their wisdom. Only those with wisdom can live in the educated world.

Our heritage is dying. Only the wise and educated can bring about our new way of life.

Join The American Next Year

by Mr. Dashney

As adviser to the Chemawa American, I want to compliment the paper staff on the job they performed this year. The staff worked hard to produce a paper that was read and enjoyed by students, staff and parents.

The American also circulated to nearly half of the fifty states, from the halls of Congress to state prisons. We have received letters of praise and encouragement from people in all walks of life, and the Oregon Scholas-

Cover Photograph

Valedictorian Terry Marchand (left) and Salutatorian Bart Heckman will speak at graduation ceremonies this morning. These two graduates had the highest g.p.a.'s in the entire Class of 1972.

End of the Year - Beginning for What ?

On May 23rd, "We've made it!" will be the war cry of 531 Indians from Chemawa Indian School.

Students: We've made it, through nine months of "pencils, books, and teacher's dirty looks." As we travel homewards thinking of the summer fun ahead, why not think of the school year we left behind. Was it the best or could it have been better?

Whether it was good or bad or both, NOW is a good time to think of the coming school year. Next year, as individuals, we may accomplish a lot of things. The real thing is working together. Even if it is working together with your enemy. Side by side we may accomplish those goals set for the entire school. Chemawa is what we make it.

Like, take the year 1971. There were a lot of programs that weren't around until 1972. The student center, the CAEC, honor dorm for girls, the mini golf course, model class, more visitations to various other places for students. These programs, believe it or not, were programs to educate the students.

Next year in 1973, there may be more programs. It is up to us to take advantage of these programs, and to make the best out of them.

It may not be so important now, but think ahead and be prepared to make 1973 the best.

tic Press gave us favorable reviews along with helpful criticism.

But next year we want to be even better. We have a goal. We want to be one of the best papers in the State of Oregon, in the BIA, even in the nation.

You can help us. If you are an underclassman who likes to write and who notices things, become an American reporter. Sign up for Journalism or stop by the paper office in Academic One and volunteer to help us. We'll be glad to see you.