

Editorial Section

Getting Shot Can Be Good for You

Recently we were all subjected (or should I say injected?) in English class to a little poke in the forearm from the Doctor. He called this test a Tine Test.

The staff of the Chemawa American went over to the Health Center to find out a little more about this test, and this is what we found.

The testing program is done as a preventative health measure as well as an eradication program of the disease Tuberculosis.

"The way this test works," said Dr. Fraback, "is simple. If positive—that is, red and swollen two days after the test—it may indicate among other things a past or present T.B. infection or an exposure to the disease at some time in the past."

Dr. Fraback emphasized that a positive reaction does not indicate active disease. He pointed out that from the hundreds of positive tests in the past few years only one case of T.B. has been found.

It is this type of mass testing which has virtually eliminated T.B. as a major cause of illness in most of the continental U. S. and has T.B. on the decline in Alaska. The proof of this is evident from the statistics here at

Chemawa where the percentage of students having a positive skin test has declined from 54% in 1968 to 45% in 1969, 18% in 1970, 15% in 1971, 12% in 1972 and about 14% this year.

The Tine Test itself is a replacement of the more painful PPD tests we used to get in the Cafeteria at the beginning of the year.

Dr. Fraback said that the follow-up of the positive skin tests will be thorough including chest X-Rays and INH therapy for a period of time where indicated.

A Salute to Some Unsung Heroes

The Chemawa American is one of the few high school papers in Oregon, or in the entire country for that matter, to be both prepared and printed by students. From the first rough ideas for page layout to the final copy, it never leaves the campus.

Every issue we proudly list the names of all the staffwriters, but writers are only half the picture. This issue we would like to spotlight the graphic arts classes—those anonymous workers who take over after the writing is done.

These guys (and girl!) take the varityped copy, shoot and strip the negatives, prepare the half-tones, burn the plates and run the finished copy. They are Mike Alexie, Vern Andrews, Ed Biederman, Donald Black, Cleve Jack, John Joe, Herb Klatush, Bill Lake, Oscar Larson, Mitchell Lloyd, Tim McDonald, Al Mercurief, Janet Pakootas, Owens Yahtin and Al Francis, who

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is also our photographer. Mr. Ron Berg is their teacher and adviser.

We hope as you read this that you too will appreciate the work of those whose job begins when ours is done.

Martha Moses Wins Award

Martha Moses, a 1972 Chemawa graduate, won the 1973 Miss Cook Inlet Native Association Scholarship Pageant November 3 in Anchorage, Alaska.

Miss Moses is from Bethel, Alaska. She attended Chemawa for four years and is now a student at Anchorage Community College. She plans a career as an airline stewardess.

Sorry About That, Roger

In our last issue we said that Roger Adams, Junior Class President, was from Point Hope, Alaska. This is wrong. His home town is Kivalina, Alaska. Our apologies to Roger for the mistake.

Writing on the Wall

I'm sure most of the girls have seen the writings on the bathroom walls. I can't speak for the guys, but as a girl I just can't see someone getting their kicks out of writing the things that are in some of the restrooms on campus.

All I can say is that that's got to be one of the lowest things on the totem pole. It's immature, but I guess some girls out there have to get their jollies somehow.

To write these "cute" little things about other people really shows how proud some girls are of their heritage. When there are visitors on campus, and they are in the restrooms, they must think, "Don't these people have any pride in themselves or their heritage?"

The next time someone decides to pull out her (or his) trusty pen, she ought to ask herself, "Am I going to sink that low?"

This editorial most likely won't stop all the scribbling, but maybe a few will realize something by it and grow up.

