

# Editorial Section

## Just What We Are....

The Chemawa American has been many different kinds of paper in its 74 years of existence. (Sharp-eyed readers may notice that this is only volume seventy. Well, there was a four-year lapse from May, 1957 to October, 1961 while Chemawa served as a grade school under the Navajo program.)

What we have been in the past is interesting historically, and we will try to provide some reprints of early items as we approach the three-quarter century mark. But what we are now is even more important.

The Chemawa American is a high school newspaper. Its main purpose is to convey news about the school to the students and their parents and relatives. These people are our

main readership. Most of our stories and pictures will be of the boys and girls who live, learn and study here.

Most of these stories will also be researched, written and edited by students, many of whom are interested in journalism as a career. Much of the actual printing is also done by students in Chemawa's own printing shop.

As a rule, we do not reprint articles from outside sources. (We will make exceptions for letters from alumni.) We are prohibited by law from accepting advertising or subscription money. The American is sent free upon request to any school or organization requesting it. However we ask that they send us a copy of their publication in return.

## ... and What We Want

This year we hope to expand our coverage of school events and come out more often. Our staff is able and hard-working, but small—and it can't be everywhere on campus at once. Here is how you can help.

Let us know if and when your dorm, class or club is having an activity or an event that you would like to have publicized. We may know about it already—and then again we may not. Give us a tip and we will take it from there.

If you have a suggestion, an idea or a complaint, write us a letter. We will print as many as space allows. All letters must be signed, although we will withhold names upon request. We reserve the right to edit and to make deletions.

Better yet, if you would like to help us, why not enroll in journalism and become a part of the American's team. As the marines say, we are always looking for a few good men—or women.

## New Hospital in the Works

Chemawa may get a new hospital and health center soon.

United States Senator Mark Hatfield announced August 1 that the Senate Appropriations Committee had approved an allocation of \$100,000 to design a new hospital for the school. The present building was built in 1910 and the last addition made in 1933.

The new building will contain 18,000 square feet, and the construction bill will run over a million dollars, according to Service Unit Director, John R. Heinz, "Hospitals today cost about 57 dollars a square foot to construct and equip", he said.

The new building will offer several health education services as well as

a more comprehensive treatment program. The present hospital handles mostly out-patient cases with little room for inpatient care. Students receive first priority, but eligible urban Indians are also seen by appointment when time and facilities permit.

Plans for the new hospital include a health care careers cluster for interested students and an autonomous alcohol education unit. Heinz emphasized that care of students will still be the first priority.

Dr. Robert Beasley, from Oklahoma, will be the new doctor-in-residence. Dr. Thomas Atkins, from New Laguna, New Mexico, is the new dentist, and the new pharmacy officer is Mr. Michael Ball from Keems Canyon Hospital in Arizona.

## In Memoriam

Mary Sue McDonald, Chemawa American staffer and member of the Class of 1972, was killed in an auto accident this summer in Washington.

Mari Sioux, as she used to sign her drawings, was an unusually talented cartoonist with a natural eye for caricature and an easy wit and humor that she carried over into her daily life. We will remember her as a good student, a fine natural athlete and a sincere friend.

Mari left a folder of sketches with us when she graduated. We have reprinted some on the opposite page as a last memorial to a talented girl.

## Keep Appointments

Breaking a dental, clinic or town appointment is an easy enough thing to do. But next time try to keep it, or if you absolutely can't call the clinic and simply tell someone. This saves them a lot of work and mix-ups.

The dental clinic loses a lot of extra appointment time when someone else who needs an appointment could get taken care of. We're all very lucky to have free dental care available to us. If we tried getting an appointment at a regular dentist's office in town we might have to wait for months, and it would cost a fortune.

## Are You the One?

Do you like to draw? Would you like to see your work appear in print? The Chemawa American needs a cartoonist. Enrollment in journalism is not required. If you are interested, bring a sample of your work to Mr. Dashney in Academic One, Room 11.

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