

# Editorial Section

## Student of the Month Zapped

The Chemawa American does not carry a story on the Student of the Month for December because there was none. The reason for this is that nobody took the time to hand in a nomination. Janet Griest was the only nominee for November.

Are there so few students worthy of honor around here that the award has to go vacant? We don't think so. Teachers--you must have students

who deserve such a nomination. Turn them in to Mr. Marshall's office. Students--you must know friends who deserve to be nominated. Tell a teacher (or two) about it and get them to make some nominations.

We can make this award a meaningful honor that winners will be proud to claim, but only if we take it seriously enough to make thoughtful, accurate and timely nominations.



## Council Notes

by Roger C. Adams  
Student Council  
President

Wishing you all a Happy New Year and a new page to our future, I hope you all had a Merry Christmas too.

We, the Student Council, have continually prepared weekly activities for Chemawa's student body, hopefully for them to enjoy.

At the beginning of the school year the Student Council set forth the major goals which we intended to accomplish. Projects which seem worthwhile and contributing should be encouraged. It seems that there are many students and some teachers and staff who do not really understand what function the student activity program should perform.

It should be kept in mind that the Student Council always works "in concert" with students, with faculty and with the community. The Student Council is not a "telling" group.

The Student Council sets the pace, provides the example, registers approval or disapproval, and always respects the dignity of every individual.

It sometimes seems like many students have forgotten about learning as a reason for being in school. Learning is an everyday sacrifice for a grade or a test score or a credit or a diploma.

What are we planning for the future?

Our thanks to Roger for supplying this column. We hope that we can keep it going with other columns by other members of the council. If you have a question for the council, please let us know and we will pass it along.

## New Cottage System Studied

Representatives from the Payne, Settecase & Smith architectural firm Area Education Director Dr. Leroy Stern, Mrs. Veronica Taylor from the Advisory School Board and Chemawa Superintendent Mr. Ed Lonefight have traveled to Riverside and Stewart Indian Schools to gather ideas for the new school at Chemawa.

The architectural firm has now completed the preliminary design for the new campus. Basically, what they have now is the design for a cottage or village concept of housing. Each unit of housing which they are

working on will hold approximately 40 students.

The deadline for this preliminary design was December 27 at the B.I.A. Central office in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The Albuquerque Central Office will now set up a meeting with Payne, Settecase & Smith, the Chemawa Advisory School Board and the school administration to review the preliminary design.

The next phase following the preliminary design will be the design development, which essentially is drawing each piece of equipment and furniture for each area allotted.

Lonefight said, "So far I have met with the various tribal members of the Northwest, explaining our various programs here at Chemawa. Also, I have requested their support in our efforts for a new Chemawa. I have requested their support in our efforts for a new Chemawa. I have been well received by the Northwest people, and I have talked to them and we have a solid support."

## New Year Tidings

by Edward Lonefight  
Chemawa Superintendent

I wish to take this opportunity to wish the parents, students and staff a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Since my arrival I have observed that the students and staff have been very friendly, helpful and courteous to me and I am grateful.

Additionally, I have observed that we offer many viable programs for our students. Students, please take advantage of these various activities designed for your growth as a student.

One of my primary concerns is to set a proper teacher-student relationship so that optimum learning can take place and, also, to expand the concept of individualized instruction to help the student progress at his or her own rate of learning.

We have a 3-week vacation for Christmas. I hope it provides some time for relaxation and also time to reflect on some of your past achievements.

To the Parents: If you happen to be on the campus, please stop by my office for a visit. I would like to meet you and get to know you.

Have a Happy New Year.

## Seniors—Make Wills!

My will? Good Grief! I'm not ready to die yet!

No, but you are getting ready to graduate. It's not quite the same thing, but we do want you to leave a will behind so that we can run it in our graduation issue. We ran them two years ago, and everyone seemed to like them. Last year no one got around to doing them.

We know this won't happen with the class of '74, right? Ernie Wheeler, our tireless, crusading senior reporter is in charge of collecting and typing them up. So think of something funny or serious (but please keep it clean) and write it down for us.

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