

Editorial Section

Students Get Bill of Rights

A "bill of rights" for students attending Bureau of Indian Affairs schools has become a part of the Code of Federal Regulations, Commissioner of Indian Affairs Morris Thompson announced September 12.

"This new part of the Code," Commissioner Thompson said, "is like our Constitutional Bill of Rights in that it is simple, brief and to the point. It provides a sound base for local school communities -- parents, students and staff -- to develop regulations and programs which accord with the law, are respectful of individual rights and promote a spirit of responsibility."

Included in the rights listed in the regulations are: Right to an education, freedom from unreasonable search, reasonable privacy, a safe and secure environment, freedom of religion and culture, freedom of speech and expression, the right to peaceably assemble and to petition the redress of grievances and the right to due process and disciplinary actions which could involve suspension or expulsion.

The essential elements involved in due process are also spelled out in the regulations.

Why Not Come Over!

Would you like to meet the happiest people on campus? And relax in a big ol' bean-bag and watch television? Or play cards with your girlfriend or boyfriend--or all your friends--whatever?

Come on over and just feel like you're at home. CAEC is the place--Chemawa Alcoholism Education Center. Meet Mary Wallace, Vickie Belgard, Art and Doug Corwin, Chuck Owens, Grace Chandler, and the main man of all: Steve LaBuff. Also you'll meet the other half-- the student volunteers at CAEC.

They are happy people. They will talk to anyone, make friends with anyone, make you happy and make you feel like you are right at home.

CAEC is open 3:30 to 10:00 pm Monday through Thursday, 5:00-10:00 pm Friday and Saturday and 6:00-10:00 Sunday. Coffee is on all the time for anyone.

The regulations are applicable, in addition to the Bureau schools, to schools operated by Indian tribal groups which are funded under contract by the Bureau. In 1974 there were 13 such schools.

"The consideration of students' rights is a fairly recent phenomenon in the United States," Commissioner Thompson said. "Years ago it was accepted that school officials exercised a rather autocratic authority. Our increased consciousness of the rights of minority groups has changed this -- and I think it is for the better. We cannot effectively teach democracy in a dictatorial school setting. Maintaining needed discipline within a framework of freedom is a challenge, but one that we must and will meet."

Not All the Braves Are Real Braves

What's in a nickname?

Chemawa is one of three Oregon high schools to nickname its team the Braves. The other two are Reedsport and Banks.

Six of Oregon's 243 high schools call their teams the Indians, but none of them have more than a handful of real Indians in their student bodies. "Warriors" is used eight times, "Savages" twice and "Chiefs" and "Chieftains" once each.

Animals provide most of the nicknames. There are twelve Eagles, eleven Cougars and Tigers, ten Bulldogs, seven Panthers, five Mustangs, four Lions and Grizzlies, three Bobcats and Falcons, two Rams - but no partridge in a pear tree.

There are nine Pirates and seven Vikings, most of them stuck off in the wheatfields and forests far from the ocean. From out of the myths of ancient Greece come six Spartans and four Trojans. Their are five Loggers against only four Pioneers, and some assorted Crusaders, Lancers, Rangers, Raiders and Devils (Red and Blue).

Almost all of the animal names, strangely enough, belong to the smaller schools. The bigger schools go for tribes, clans and political groups.



For absolutely unique nicknames, How about the Cheesemakers, or the Boomers? Then we have the Locomotives, Quakers, Minutemen, Roughriders, Colonials, Democrats, Apollos, Fishermen, Gophers, Cavemen, Tornados, Olympians, Honkers, Cobras and Billies.

At least when Chemawa takes the field, its players look like Braves and act like Braves. How do you look like a Locomotive?

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