

EDITORIAL

By LaVelle Walker

As a first year Editor of the school newspaper I have become more aware of how much time, energy, sweat, pressure, and problem-solving skills are needed in putting out a paper. This first issue has been difficult and often disappointing because we had so many problems to deal with. But through it all I have begun to see that my job as Editor is not only a person who is there to make sure that a monthly newspaper comes out, but I am here to learn to work with other people and to help the staff learn to work with the many different types of people that are here.

This has meant many setbacks in not only getting information, developing it into news stories and meeting deadlines, but learning how to write in journalistic style, and working with time conflicts with printers and others. It means choosing the appropriate photographs to accent the stories, dealing with breakdowns in machines, facing our own low energy levels, and schedule conflicts. I hope that you will take this into consideration as you read this first issue. We are not apologizing, but trying to make you aware of the major problems we face and the delay.

We want to cover the entire Chemawa scene—everything from academics and dorm life, to special events, guest speakers, and the many activities that students are involved with on and off campus.

We have many hopes and dreams for this paper. We need your help in giving us tips on what's happening, your time in obtaining some of the information and help in the writing and laying out of the paper.

We are a school, a communi-

ty that is 104 years old. We are proud of what it offers and want to share that with not only other Indian and non-Indian schools, but with our own families and tribes back home. It takes time to learn to do a good job, but that doesn't mean we ever give up.

I hope we will all try and make this the best school year Chemawa has ever had. The newness has worn away, and it's time to get down to some serious work on our major problems here at Chemawa: Alcohol and Drug abuse. I know the problems won't disappear, but if we care, if we work hard and participate in the programs and activities offered, we can begin to make exchanges, have fun, and stay out of trouble.

Not only do we need to get our problems together but we need to take care of our school. It is only four years old, but in some places it looks much older because too many people don't care. Many people say we have a model program and building. Whether you agree or not we still must take pride in this place we call home for nine months out of the year. We must show each other and all our visitors we do care for each other and our school.

The year has moved into the autumn where nature changes and prepares for a quiet time. Perhaps we too can prepare to make the same changes in our personal lives as we deal with alcohol and drug problems in ourselves as friends, preparing for those quiet times to study and plan for our futures. As we slowly move into the end of one season and into another, I encourage you to carry good thoughts. When you care, they



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do come true.

On behalf of the publication's staff, I welcome all comments, questions, and suggestions you may have in making this a better student publication.

I wish each of you a success in the near and far future, and the happiest holiday ever. Be careful during your travels back home and on your trip back.

Chemawa needs each and every one of you! I hope you have a White Christmas, a nice Christmas dinner and fun of all your relations and friends.

Merry Christmas and the best year ever.

Editor's Note:

On behalf of the entire staff we extend our sincere gratitude to two people who put in many extra hours to help us get this issue out.

First of all, we extend our heart-felt thanks to Mrs. Donna Napier, photo teacher, who was responsible for completing all photography to accompany the stories in this issue. We appreciate all the extra hours she spent on her own time. Whenever requests were made she was more than ready to help us out.

We also would like to thank Mr. Ed Hanson for his help in typesetting much of the copy and screening all the photographs. Despite his busy schedule he put in many hours on the issue.

Finally we would like to thank Mr. Zeke Marques of the Statesman-Journal for all his extra typesetting help, technical assistance and supplies.

There are many others who worked on this issue and to each of them we say thank you for believing in the value of student press and our school newspaper.

Student Enterprises Lead by Richie

By Corrine ChiefStick and Jeanine Wright

Sally Ritchie has been named the new Student Enterprise adviser for Chemawa, a position created to help students raise more money and increase profits from their businesses.

As her initial goal Ritchie stated she is working on preparations for the opening of the snack bar located in the recreation center, and expanding the school store's line of items.

Recently the student store employees were hired. Charles Matte was named as the general manager. He will work closely with Mrs. Ritchie and Leilani Paul, Wanda Wells, and Emily Cain who were hired as store employees. While these workers earn only \$1 an hour, Mrs. Ritchie said that as profits increase so will their wages.

Sally has been working here at Chemawa for ten years. Prior to her position this year she has taught music, personal finance, choir, English, worked as a secretary, acted as a personnel director, substituted, and filled in where needed.

Born in Illinois, Ritchie has been somewhat mobile—she has moved 20 times and lived in seven states. She attended Brookings High School in Oregon and was graduated from Western Oregon State College with a degree in psychology.

Playing instruments in musicals is Sally's main interest. Over the past seven years she has played in eight shows not

By Toni Bitner

Senior Monte Munyan was elected Student Body President last June. Monte is an Athabascan Indian from Spokane, Washington. During his three years here, Monte has held offices such as Sgt.-at-Arms, treasurer and vice-president of Student Council.

Monte became interested in Student Council to see what he could do to help change things and improve the school. He feels strong about unity. Monte thinks there should be no fighting or stealing among the students because "we are all made equal, no more or no less."

It seems Munyan would have little time for anything else, but he is involved in the drama club, kayak club and was recently on the starting line up of the varsity football team. Another thing he is involved in is the Thunder Lodge Storytellers.

Monte's future plans are to attend college or go to the service as a Marine after he graduates from Chemawa. He hopes for a happy life and to be a manager for a sales corporation.



MONTE MUNYAN

Student Council Notes

By Monte Munyan, Student Council President

Hello Chemawa Students, staff and faculty. On behalf of the entire executive council we hope that all of you are having a great year. We also hope that you remember why Chemawa is here. Since 1880 thousands of Native American youths have worked for, and received high school diplomas. We too, are after a diploma and a crack at the future, as will our children be too. We hope that Chemawa will be available for our children and our children's children forever. But in order to preserve that we must realize that it is up to us to keep our pride alive, to give our elders the respect that they deserve, and to remember and work for the Indian way.

If you are interested in the "old" Chemawa, we encourage you to take time to speak with some of the alumni that will be visiting. They are members of classes that graduated anywhere from one to fifty years ago. Show them in your efforts and in your words that Chemawa still has pride because we, the current students, are proud!

We look forward to working with you to help make this a great year. We are here to work with you, and to be a friend. We hope that you will, in turn, be a friend.

School Pictures Taken

WELCOME BACK PICNIC AND DANCE

By Vesta DeMarrias

As a way to welcome new and returning students, and celebrate the beginning of the school year, the kitchen staff and the Chemawa Alcohol Education Center's staff sponsored two separate events—an afternoon picnic on September 9, and an evening dance on September 17.

Chief cook Leonard Demmert said that the nice "Indian summer" weather coupled by the of a picnic tends to make students and staff eat more than usual. This picnic was no exception. Over \$500 was spent in preparing a feast of steaks, baked potatoes, corn punch, and cake. Nothing was wasted as students and staff enjoyed the long afternoon of food and getting to know each other.

On September 17 CAEC sponsored its third annual "Welcome Back Dance" for students and staff. During the last two years a live band was hired to entertain students but due to a last minute cancellation a DJ was hired. Scott Tom from Portland's KGW radio station helped students "rock out."

Students who purchased pictures during the all-school picture day December 2 will receive their packets December 16.

The black/white mug shots taken of all students and staff will be used for the yearbook and identification.

Retakes and new student pictures will be scheduled for late January.

Seniors who are planning to have special portraits taken by local or home studios should make appointments now and have the work done during Christmas break.

Special portrait arrangements for seniors graduating the end of second quarter should be made with Ms. La Croix, yearbook advisor, or Mrs. Napier, photo advisor.

walk around campus. He especially likes the new Drug and Alcohol program. He replies, "I feel that it is needed in boarding and public schools. It will correct misinformation and information that the students do not have."

When Dean graduates, he plans to attend law school and hopefully someday become a lawyer for his tribe.

We wish you the best of luck in the future.

only in plays but at restaurants & dinner theaters.

Reflecting back, Sally recalled that her most memorable experience here was supervising the Homecoming dance three years ago. It was a time party, it was alive, & good honest fun. But, she added, there's never a dull moment here.

She concluded by thanking the students who have helped in various activities over the years. Help & interest is still needed.

In Memorium...

Chemawa community extends their heart-felt sympathies to the families & students who have recently had family members called home by the Great Spirit.

Choctaw Smith, former Chemawa principal, who passed away in September after a long illness. Hew as a long time resident of Salem.

Pat Olney, wife of school board member Mr. Olney. Pat passed away in November.

LaRita Yallup, mother of Laoda and Lorna Yallup. LaRita passed away in late November in Yakima.

Write, Don't Phone Home

By Becky Oldman

As a suggestion from the School Board last year Mr. John,



Even though students are to write home, Della Morrison still enjoys talking with parents, collect of course.

with the cooperation of the English department, initiated bi-monthly letters home campaign. Students spend two days a month during their English classes writing letters to parents and families. This helps keep the parents informed about what their sons/daughters are doing, how things are going, and maintains the lines of communication.

Mr. John reports that he has received several positive reports from parents who are always interested in hearing from their sons/daughters.

Students get a break from the normal routine of literature, grammar, composition and tests to put their letter writing skills into practice.

Said one student, "I don't write home when I'm in the dorm. I get to spend class time writing, don't have to pay for the stamp, and save my parents money since I don't call home collect as much. My parents like to hear from me, even when I ask them to send money. It's ok that they can't send me money. I just like to write and hope they write back."