

Merit System Reinforces Positive Behavior

By Shane Swimptkin

As a way to reaffirm students who have been working in positive ways a reward Merit System has been established by PPS and the Academic areas.

So often students only receive attention when they do something wrong. Too often positive actions are not acknowledged which often says to students that hard work may not really be worth it.

this is not so. Students who do perform in positive ways will now earn merits instead of demerits. These merits will not only give students positive attention, but will enable them to earn special privileges, most importantly an honor pass.

In order to earn an honor pass a student MUST earn 100 merits, have no rule violations, and must have worked off all earned demerits.

Students who earn an honor pass will be able to stay out later than the required curfew time. During the weeknights where all students must be in their dorms by 9 pm, students with the honor passes will be allowed to remain out until 9:30 pm. On weekends honor pass holders can stay out one hour past the 10 pm curfew limit.

Other privileges for honor pass holders include being able to go off campus on Friday nights. This privilege has been revoked for the general student body now and is an earned privilege. Students without an honor pass and who break curfew or leave the closed campus on weekend evenings will be considered AWOL and disciplined accordingly.

Miguel Reyes, dorm director, explained that students can earn merits for being on time for classes each day, for earning good quarter grades and working hard. An "A" in any class is worth 15 merits and a "B" is worth ten merits. Daily, weekly, monthly and quarterly merits may be earned for performing good house keeping details and keeping the dorms in order. Merits may also be earned by assisting teachers and staff members with special projects or putting in extra time on activities.

"We want to see more students stay in school," said Reyes. "We don't want to see the kids leave school because they're tired of all the drunks. We realize Indians have problems with alcohol, but we want to keep the ones who don't have such problems in school."

Reyes also explained that many students come to him asking for privileges such as staying out later than curfew. But

he maintains it all comes down to one question: have the students earned it? "What we're trying to develop is a means by which students can earn the right to stay out late and prove to the staff that they are worthy persons and can be trusted . . . It separates these students from the ones who say, 'you have to watch me,'" stressed Reyes.

When asked if he is receiving any cooperation from teachers and staff Reyes said, "the staff and the teachers are the hardest ones to teach. But I don't think we'll get problems from staff . . . Some of the staff are already real positive."

Students who receive merits will be awarded with a certificate that shows the number of merits received and what they did to receive the merits. Students will sign the form and keep one copy. Parents will be mailed another copy informing them of their son's/daughter's progress. Said Reyes, "it works like an incident report where students sign them, and are given a copy, but since this is an award it is designed like one."

In conclusion, Reyes said that the Merit System is basically a behavior modification program that rewards the kids who do good things and lets them have some extra time to have fun for being good.

Hudspeth Accepts New Position



By Rojean Desoto

After two and a half years at Chemawa, law enforcement director Dan Hudspeth, Ogala Sioux, has recently accepted a new position in Plummer, Idaho, as a BIA criminal investigator.

Prior to coming to Chemawa, Hudspeth worked as a BIA officer and criminal investigator at Pine Ridge, South Dakota; Blackfoot, Idaho; Alberquerque, New Mexico; and White River, Arizona.

During his two year tour of Chemawa, Hudspeth worked on curtailing alcohol and drug sales on campus, instituting a law enforcement cadet program which will begin during second semester, investigating misdemeanor and felonies committed by students and others off and on campus.

Hudspeth enjoys working in law enforcement and plans to continue with it as his life's career.

He said that students who are interested in his profession must be at least 21 years of age, meet the Indian Preference Law, have no misdemeanor or felony convictions, and be a U.S. citizen. Police Academy training along with criminal justice training courses are also required for promotion.

Hudspeth and his family of six wish the staff and students of Chemawa a successful year and hope that they will make this school a place where everyone can be proud.

We wish Dan and his family a new life of success and happiness in Plummer.



Resource Room

Finds Fossils

As part of their research on geology members of the Resource Room went rock and fossil collecting along Agate and Beverly Beaches. On October 7, 1983, prior to their individual explorations, students visited Marine Science Center near Agate Beach.

Mr. Roger Hart, an Oregon State University geologist, spoke to the students about the three types of rocks and their relationship to the earth.

Not only did the students get first hand experience in doing geological work, but they had a chance to collect a large number

of agates which, said resource teacher Mrs. Savesburg, will be placed in a rock tumbler so the students will have examples of their work polished and ready for display.

Students who attended this "perfect day at the beach" were: Delores Dugaqua, Curtis Schindler, Steve Tom, Robert Wahpat, Brenda Cloud, Paul Freeman, Sandra Pancho, Arthur Smartlowit, Robert Cochran, Greg George, Loren Louis, Jesus Senter, Leo Gensaw, Wendy Nappo, Darrin Starr, Raymond Cagney, Paul Ballew, and Eagle Joe James.

Theater Arts and Speech

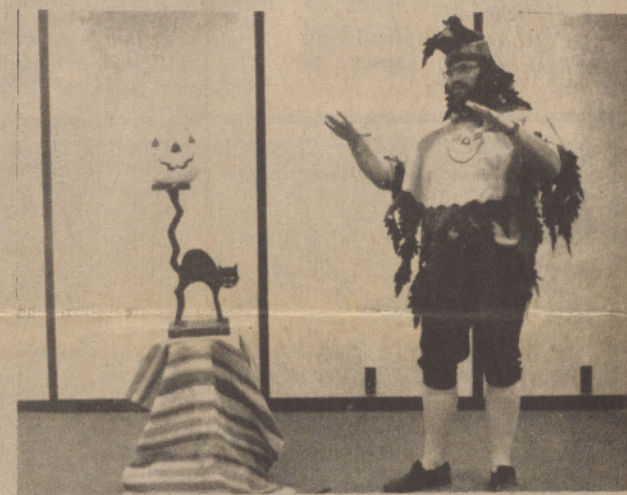
By Shane Swimptkin

Two new classes have been added to the curriculum for the second quarter: speech and theater arts. Both are to be taught by Larry Meire and are offered as language arts electives.

The goals for this class are to provide technical assistance

and a resource pool for students for special stage assemblies and performances. Students will be given an overview of costuming, makeup, acting, staging and lighting.

The speech class will give students skill in orally presenting themselves and their ideas. Emphasis will be placed on informal and formal speeches that inform and persuade. Voice gestures, poise and speaking with a microphone will also be taught.



Drama Releases Ghostly Talent

DRAMA CLUB

The Drama Club does it again. The second annual Halloween show displayed a host of singers,

dancers, speakers and spooks. Even the Great Pumpkin appeared. The show was very entertaining. Much fun and candy was had by all.



Numbers Required for student meals

by Polly Peasley

This year at Chemawa the food program will be run a bit differently. Instead of just getting in line and being served, students will have to orally give their assigned numbers. This number system was put into effect October 3, 1983, and will be run all year.

The reason that students were given numbers is so that the school can get an accurate number of students that are fed per day and per meal. "We are following guidelines for federal and state funding," said Mr. Dave Reed, Food Reimbursement Director.

It's hard enough to take the numbers of students who are not showing respect when harassing others, and so students

are asked to give their numbers clearly, politely, and quickly as possible.

Students who knowingly give wrong numbers or who cause disturbances are sent to Mr. Gray's office. Possible consequences could be that students are sent to the end of the line all week, month, quarter, and year.

All we are asking is for you to cooperate.

Poetry

High on the mountain top
green grows the grass
Down came a billy goat
Sliding on his - overcoat.

HONOR ROLL

Students Earn First Quarter Honors

Congratulations to the following students who made the Honor Roll for the first quarter by maintaining a 3.5 or better grade point average (GPA).

Misty Arcand, 12th, Blackfeet; Leland Bearcomesout, 12th, Northern Cheyenne; Emmy Bitt, 12th, Shoshone-Bannock; Janice Gologergen, 12th; James Harrison, 12th, Washoe; Audry Jones, 12th, Lummi; June Medicine Eagle, 12th, Sioux; Elaine Shtridge, 12th, Alaskan; Robert Soolook, 12th, Eskimo; Shane Swimpt-

kin, 12th, Colville; Lisa Wilber, 12th, Winnebago; Carolyn Yazzie, 12th, Alaskan; Jackie Andrews, 11th, Lummi; Corrine Chief Stick, 11th, Chippewa-Cree; Estelle Deontiney, 11th, Chippewa-Cree; Candace Janger, 11th; Julie McDonald, 11th, Flathead; Gloria Quiver, 11th, Arapaho; Janel Thompson, 11th Flathead; Leah Thompson, 11th, Alaskan; Janet Williams, 11th, Athabaskan; Jeanine Wright, 11th, Rosebud-Sioux; Wyane Birdtail, 10th, Gros Ventre; Shiela Smokey,

10th, Washoe; Jerone Whiteman, 10th, Arapaho; Patty Little Wolf, 9th, Chippewa; and, Casey Fitzpatrick, 9th, Chippewa-Cree.

These students will be honored during a special evening out on the town featuring a movie, pizza, and the realization that hard work pays off in many ways.

Congratulations to these students and those who worked hard during first quarter. There is still time to make the Honor Roll for first semester!!

New Clinic Hours Increase Services

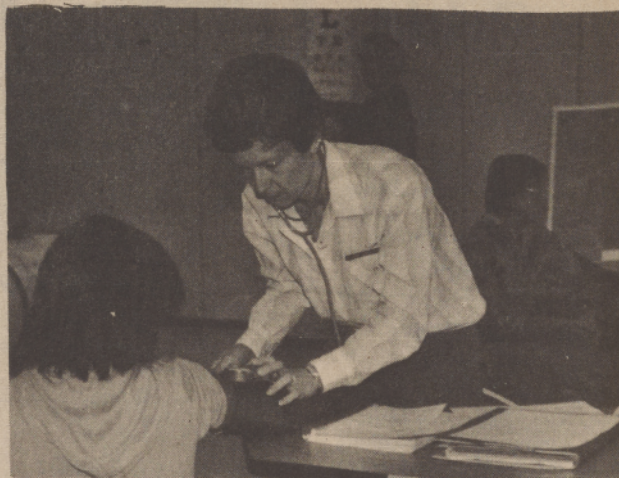
By Patty Little Wolf

Not getting an apple a day? Need health care or relief from a cold? Relief is near. No, not the "Trails," but the Chemawa Indian Health Clinic. Students can make appointments to see the doctor during the week for minor ailments such as colds, nausea, sprains, and sport injuries. Dental assistance is also available for students who need a check up.

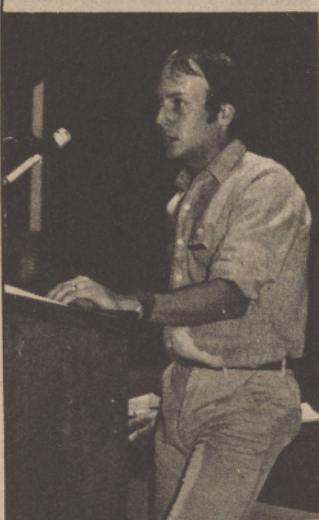
Many students have used these services in the past to get out of class rather than seeking serious medical attention. The Health Center is easily accessible for students needing medical help, but the staff does not take kindly to those who abuse it.



"This could be the mouth I've been waiting for!"



Chemawa Student prepares for the worst as his blood pressure is taken.



Dr. Nurre informs students and staff of the services the Health Clinic offers.

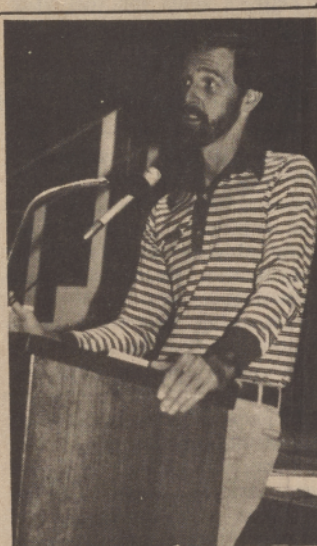
Clinic hours for student walk-ins are 8-9 am daily. Students with emergency problems may get a pass from their teachers and the clinic will determine whether or not there is an emergency. The Chemawa Indian Health Clinic not only serves Chemawa students and Indian staff but all urban and rural Indians of Western Oregon. The policy

is that any member of a federally recognized tribe can use the services of the Health Center at no charge. But the National Indian Health Services are now proposing a third party billing system for those Indians with insurance.

Besides medical attention and dental care the Health Center offers mental health counseling, environmental services, contract

services such as glasses and emergency services. The clinic also has a recreational Therapy Program.

Students and staff are encouraged to stop over and check out the variety of services offered. And remember "an apple a day keeps the doctor away."



Alex Jones, Pharmacist, explains about the dangers of mixing drugs and alcohol.

