

# EDITORIAL

By LaVelle Walker

The year of 1983-84 is almost over, just a short time to go. Many students have gone home or transferred from Chemawa. But some of us have made it through the year. We should all be proud of ourselves. I hope that all of you will return to Chemawa next year.

A lot of us have many memories here, and next year we will have more.

We all need to help the school stay open so other students can come and enjoy the opportunities here and not be forced into schools and places where they are not happy.

Congratulations to the Class of 1984!

## Letters to the Editor

LaVelle Walker  
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Dear Ms. Walker,  
I received a copy of the Fall Holiday Issue of your paper for 1983. I would like to commend you and your staff on the high quality of the newspaper. Every feature of the paper was attractive, informative, and well-written. I am sure that you and your staff spent many hours working on the preparation of such a fine newspaper. I was particularly glad to see such a wide range of coverage of students and faculty, women and men, academics and extra-curriculars. I hope you can continue to keep up this fine level of quality. Your paper indicates that you might be interested in a career in communications or journalism. Your family, teachers, advisor, and friends can be very proud of your work. Congratulations!

David J. Leigh, S.J.  
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Letter to the Editor

Dear Mr. Gray,

On January 27th, we were privileged to have ten young people from your school visit our facility. We spent a wonderful evening, getting acquainted, sharing goodies, playing games and "adopting" each other. The staff, and especially our residents were very pleased and appreciated this special gift of time and concern. The joy that it brought to many of these folks, plus the obvious rewards of giving, that the students were feeling, made this experience a great success. I spent time with the students to orient them to the facility and explain some of the needs of the patients. They were so attentive and seemed sad to leave at the close of the visit. We thank you for this service of love and hope that it might develop into a regular program. I believe this will prove to be a beneficial and rewarding experience for both our residents and the students of the C.A.E.C. program. If I can help in any way coordinate this activity with you please give me a call.

Sincerely,  
Jo Ellen Jandera  
Social Coordinator

Dear Editor:

As spring rolls around and visions of proms and graduation activities and parties come into view, it is an important time to think about the consequences of alcohol and drug use. We as professional educators need to evaluate what we are doing or should be doing to impart to the students we serve, the facts, myths, and consequences about this subject. It is a time to capitalize on the various resources in your communities to address a focal issue which has a very significant impact on the lives of each child in our school system as well as the communities where these children reside. I personally encourage each of you to work in cooperation with your school boards, staff, and community resource agencies to formulate and implement appropriate activities addressing the issues associated with alcohol and drug abuse with the limited time between now and the dismissal of school for the summer.

-Harvey J. Jacob,  
Acting Director, Office of Indian Education Programs

Dear Editor:

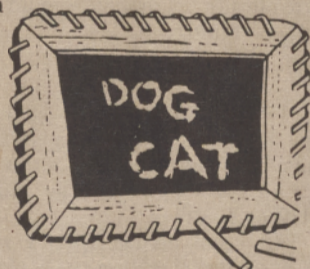
This was brought to my attention in an old issue of the **CHEMAWA AMERICAN** from 1933. I guess some things do not change.

We need articles, especially from seniors for this next and final issue of the school year.

Clubs are urged to see Ms. La Croix or LaVelle Walker with any news or year's highlights immediately.

### A VOICE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS

As time goes on it becomes increasingly difficult to obtain enough news for an issue of the **AMERICAN**, especially when work is a bit crowded in the shop and our reporter is not able to scramble around and drag it by force from the customers. Secretaries and reporters of the several organizations are asked to please cooperate and keep sending in items. Class notes have been scarce lately, shop notes have fallen off and the only news we have had from the many religious organizations we obtained by brow-beating them from secretaries. In this situation the sponsors can help. Now is the time for all good Chemawaites to come to the aid of their paper. If, about press time of the next issue, you should see ye editor, ye reporter, ye typesetters and ye devils walking about the campus with bewildered expressions on their faces, you'll know that some one paid heed to this plea



## Congressman Denny Smith Visits Chemawa Impressed With Students



CHEMAWA HOSPITALITY Miquel Reyes, Pat Ernstrom, Gerald Gray, Congressman Denny Smith, Mae Taylor, Ed John & Violette Hillaire



## "Longest Walk" '83-84 Yearbook Theme

By Rosie Black Weasel

Preserve those special memories of this year by purchasing a copy of the 1984 Chemawa Chief yearbook. The cost of this valuable treasure is only \$20! While some students may consider this a little on the expensive side, it is slightly under the average cost of a high school annual.

Increased national printing and photo costs were the major reasons cited by adviser Ms. Debbie La Croix for the cost of the book.

For the past few years the book has been printed by staff members here at Chemawa which kept the costs down, but limited the type of book available. It also prevented the idea of color pictures. This year a color shot of the entire senior class will be printed. Plans were made to have each senior's picture in color, but financial costs prevented this for this year.

Major setbacks complicated the yearbook staff all year. Permission for legally soliciting advertisers like the public schools have taken many months. Obtaining permission for Josten's Yearbook Company to print the book, determining the size and pages for the limited budget reduced the lead time for fund raisers. But despite the many complications the book is coming together.

"The Longest Walk" is the theme of the book. Art work is being completed by Marvin Devereaux that traces a character through the four years of Chemawa to that fateful day of graduation.

The cover of the books will be a gold Indian head medallion inlaid under a rich red leather cover carved with black inlaid designs.

Students are urged to purchase their books before the end of the school year. Only a limited number are being ordered. Students who purchase books and do not return will have the books mailed to them at no extra cost in August. Returning students will receive their copies when they return in the fall. An autograph party is being planned for those students who purchase the book prior to their arrival. Special

autograph books for this year are available from Mr. Hanson.

Students who would like their names printed in gold foil will be charged \$2 extra because it is an extra charge to the staff.

Several of the major changes that the staff is trying this year is raising monies by advertising, contacting tribes for their support by either running ads or purchasing books for students that they have attending school.

The largest ad placed so far is from IBM who took out a \$210 full page ad. Other ad costs range from \$100 for a half page to \$10 for a Patron ad which lists the names of groups, dorms, etc. that supported the book.

"What we are trying to do is make this a student yearbook where students do the writing, layout, picture selection, pasteup and complete process. Such a graphics background is highly marketable. Many tribes are looking for trained Indian people on their own reservations who can help with putting out the tribal paper, quarterly reports, and publications for the tribe. We are trying to teach students not only these skills, but the responsibilities involved in putting out a student publication," said Ms. La Croix.

Yearbook editor Hope Running Wolf is optimistic about the book and is excited about the theme. "We're working hard, but time is running out. We need student help with several sections. We need students to purchase the books before the end of the school year. Anyone who would like to donate time and energy to the yearbook can come in each afternoon and evening after school and during the weekends starting at 1 pm."

Photographs are being supplied by Mrs. Napier and her photo students.

Students who would like to purchase this treasure of memories should see Hope Running Wolf or Ms. La Croix before the end of the year.



Welcome Congressman Smith

## NIGHT DANGER !

"We want to see you alive the next day!" said law enforcement director Howard Doore.

This is not an idle scare tactic nor is it an ad for "Halloween III." It is the terrifying reality of fear that has residents of Salem concerned due to the recent murders of two local female residents. Law enforcement officers and local authorities caution all female students to always travel in pairs, avoid parties and social gatherings off campus.

Recently a young 18-year old Willamette University coed was found strangled. She was on her way home from a dorm party, but never made it. An intensive search was made by the police and other students from Willamette, but she was found too late. This young lady who had said goodnight to her friends and had promised to see them the next day never saw daylight again.

Students who go AWOL create the greatest concern and put themselves in unnecessary danger. What may seem like a friendly walk up town could end up to be the last walk anywhere.

This is why any student who goes AWOL more than three hours will immediately be sent home. The staff simply cannot be forced to take

responsibility for students who place themselves in such danger. This includes students who party at friends' houses, stay overnight when not properly checked out, and who simply do not return to campus for days and must have the law enforcement officers coax them back to campus.

During the time of year when summer vacation, graduation and end of the year parties seem to be on the minds of many students, law enforcement officers caution students to think twice about such activities. Review boards, suspensions, and even some expulsions await those students who throw warnings to the wind.

With two Salem women murdered in the last few months, common sense dictates that caution be used. When Salem officers are not sure that the man in jail is really the killer, it could be a matter of life and death if caution is not taken, especially by the female students.

Don't take unnecessary chances and risks. When leaving campus, have permission, sign out, make sure that another friend is along, and both return before curfew. During the time away stay within the school rules so that we will indeed see you alive the next day!

## Thank You

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The Chemawa American staff would like to extend its appreciation to the following people who supported and assisted us in producing this issue of the paper:

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THANK YOU ALL!

--Editor

## Tomaskin Calls for Local Tribal Support of Chemawa's Present and Future

"If we don't have a concerted effort by the school board members and local tribal councils I think that Chemawa's future is short," said former school board chairman Leonard Tomaskin during a special presentation he made at the 1984 Pow Wow.

During the late 1960's, Tomaskin explained, major outside forces wanted the school closed instead of investing new monies into keeping the school open. Some bureaucrats were ready to let the school close and turn over the job of educating their students to the individual tribes, even those tribes without any major funds.

In 1968 Chemawa was turned over to the Northwest tribes instead of belonging solely to the Bureau of Indian Affairs. While funding and staff still came under the BIA, tribes had input for the first time in the history of the school. Northwest tribes began to take an active hand in the events that were happening to the students here.

Another problem Tomaskin hopes will improve is the need for more staff and parental support of stu-

dents. "This is a school that is operated 24 hours a day. Students need to feel that this is their home and that staff members are their family. When adults get behind students and students feel that they are important then they do a good job."

Tomaskin encourages parents and tribal leaders to take preventative measures with their young children early in the stages of life so that alcohol and drugs are reduced and self confidence is increased.

"What we need are preventative programs that begin at home that are supported by the tribal councils, and that are then imputed here at Chemawa. We can't spend time at Chemawa trying to cure the problem. It's up to the parents to select board members that carry out their wishes for their children, support the school and their children, and get behind the school along with the tribal councils. Without parental, tribal council and school board involvement the school will not survive the current climate of negative politics toward Indian people," concluded Tomaskin.

This involvement was to pay off. When backroom plans were being discussed to close the school Tomaskin and other tribal leaders pointed out to local and national congressmen that Chemawa was not only important to Indian students, but had a major financial impact on the Salem and Keizer communities. Millions of federal dollars were generated from Chemawa which went directly into the local merchants tills. The buying power of the community was strongly affected by the school then and now.

"With so few northwest tribes actively supporting and being involved in the school now, the school could close like Intermountain is this year. Those schools would have never closed if tribes, parents, school board members and interested people got behind the students. We cannot survive alone."

Tomaskin said that his message for tribal and parental support is important again because the present administration and tone of the country is negative towards Indian people.

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