

Indians unite for Pow Wow

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Cities are a long way from the reservation, and many Indians forget their traditional ways.

That's one reason the Native American Student Union holds an annual Pow Wow at the University, says Greg Archuleta, NASU council member.

The Pow Wow is an occasion where Native Americans can "maintain their values and cultural heritage," he says. The event is especially beneficial to Native Americans who grew up off the reservations and live in the "mainstream" culture.

These traditions include a close-knit family structure, a deep respect for the elderly and a reverence for the earth, Archuleta says. These values often clash with western values, leaving an urban Indian feeling "alienated and lonely," he says.

However, the general public is encouraged to attend.

"The Pow Wow is a way to bring together the Indian and non-Indian culture," he says. "It's time we began to understand each other's culture."

The major activity at the Pow Wow will be traditional dances from the different tribes.

Unlike mainstream American dances, Indian dances are characterized by their symbolism, Archuleta says. For instance, one intertribal dance — "the sneak-up" — re-enacts the stalking of game, he says.

Student Sam Ridgebear, a member of the Cheyenne tribe, says the rhythm of the drumming during the dancing brings a sense of happiness and harmony to his life. There is a

certain "rhythm of life" that brings people in balance with the natural world, he says. "The Pow Wow creates that rhythm."

Many non-Indians don't comprehend the deep spiritual meaning inherent in Indian dances, Ridgebear says. Evangelists used to come to his reservation Montana and criticize tribal dances as hedonistic and sinful, he says.

"They had absolutely no awareness of our culture."

Aside from the tribal dances, the Pow Wow also will include a salmon bake, traditional Indian religious services, a ceremony recognizing the newly formed Siletz Indian reservation near Newport and a ceremony honoring Native Americans who are graduating from the University this term.

Of approximately 150 native Americans currently enrolled, six will receive diplomas in June. Archuleta says this is the largest number of Indians to ever graduate from the University.

Most Indians return to reservations or work with Indians in urban areas after graduating, Archuleta says.

"We've been working on the Pow Wow since January," says Greg Archuleta, Native American Student Union council member. "It's definitely the biggest project NASU is involved with during the year."

The Pow Wow will begin Friday at 7:30 p.m. and will conclude Sunday at noon with a salmon bake. For more information, call NASU at extension 3799.

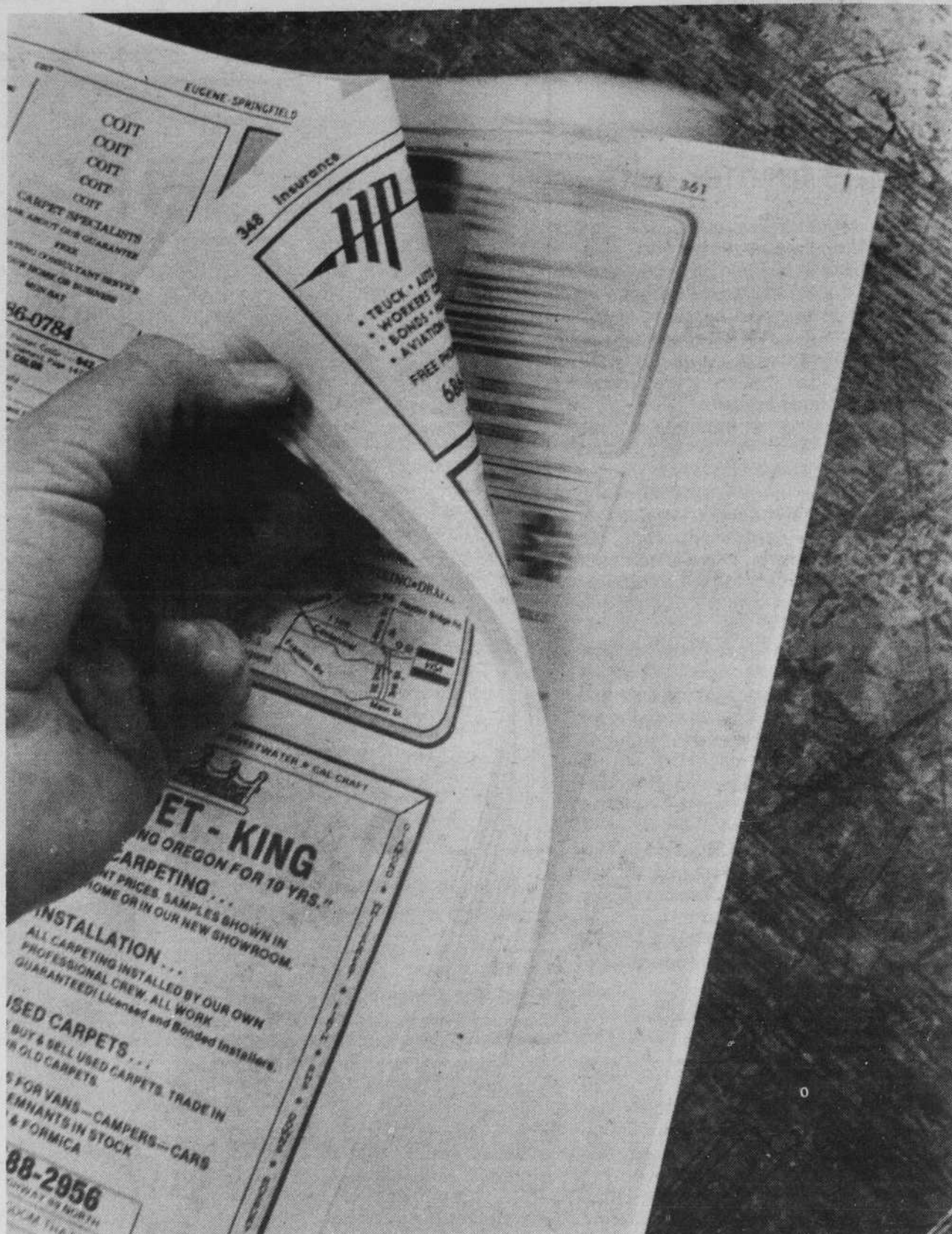


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Have you ever wondered how feature writers get their ideas?

When all else fails, they let their fingers do the walking — in the Yellow Pages, the home of tattoo artists, nudist parks and doll collectors.

Former Emerald feature editor Jock Hatfield found a real gem in the Manhattan Yellow Pages — a parapsychologist who studies the modern vampire.

Eugene may not have the diversity of an East Coast metropolis, but it has its share of strange listings. It's not surpris-

ing that Eugene has four listed acupuncturists, but you probably didn't know — or didn't care — there was a listing for aircraft upholsterers.

You can get your animal inseminated at two different places — All West-Select Sires, and Curtis Breeding Service.

There's a whole selection of artificial body parts available, including false fingernails and larynxes.

Under the B's, you can find baby sitters, bacteriologists and badges, plus beekeepers, blacksmiths and box lunches.

Have you ever wondered how to get a good chimney sweep? Feature writer Caroline Petrich

found out earlier this year by calling one of 15 chimney cleaners listed.

If you want a surgical corset, you'll have to look under surgical appliances. On the same page are listings for sunroofs, stucco contractors and suicide prevention services.

If you plan on a premature demise, you may want to look up columbariums, crematoriums or cryogenic equipment and supplies.

On a lighter note, you can get felt if you call the Pacific States Felt and Manufacturing Company in Hayward, Calif.

If you don't get enough from your professors, you can probably get bullshit stacked as high as you want from any of 18 retail fertilizer companies.

If you want to go for a roll in the hay, call the C Bow Arrow Ranch on Van Duyn Road for information about their hay rides.

Surprisingly, there's only one listing for a justice of the peace, and if you want a Reno-style wedding after your roll in the hay, you'll have to go at least as far as Drain.



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