

We Can Be High, Low Profile

by Eva E. Clayton

I can be a polished rock washed upon
a river bar,
Or a tiny grain of sand that has
traveled far.

A solid, steadfast redwood tree,
Or a piece of driftwood that floats free.

A gentle brook that is forever a life-
giver,
To the rushing turbulent white water
river.

Mother Nature's wild colorful flower
beds,
Or the rich fertile soil from which they
are fed.

Ripples upon a clear aqua green pond,
Or the invisible wind that causes the
waves to respond.

I can be the tireless intense heat of
the day,
Or the quiet sunset that takes it away.

A full round yellow moon from afar,
Or the gentle sparkle of an evening
star.

I like to think there are two helping
sides to me,
High, low profile for the world to see.

UO Accepts Native Language Credits

Beginning fall term, the University of Oregon started accepting transfer credits from an innovative American Indian Languages course taught at Lane Community College.

The Foundation of American Indian Languages course is the first of its kind offered at an Oregon community college.

Choctaw elder Don Addison, instructor of the course, is currently teaching the Tuteni language, although Lane plans to offer other Native American languages in the future.

The Foundations of American Indian Languages project at Lane is supported by a \$3,600 Eldon G. Schafer Endowment for Innovation award.

Title VII Parent Committee Seeks Members

The Lincoln County School District's Indian Education Program serves all Native American students in grades K-12 enrolled in Lincoln County's 19 schools. Our program is designed to "meet the special educational and culturally related academic needs of our Indian students."

Currently, we have five paid staff and more than 600 students registered in the program. Last year, our school district had the second-highest number of Native American graduates in Oregon. We give thanks for the involvement of all parents/relatives who help make this possible.

Once a year, we have elections for the Title VII Parent Committee. Parents/guardians of Indian students, administrators, teachers in the district, and Title VII high school students are eligible to serve on the board and vote

in the election. The Parent Committee is the strong force and voice for our Native students to the schools.

We're looking for Native American people who:

- Will commit to monthly evening meetings at various schools throughout the district
- Help decide how and where the Title VII funds are spent
- Help make decisions on any issues that may arise regarding our Native students
- Offer support to help with tribal history and cultural classes
- Are knowledgeable, or willing to commit time to attend conferences and trainings, about Indian education

We're now taking nominations and will have elections Oct. 22. All ballots

Rick Bartow Original Painting Donated as Fund-raiser

It's with much gratitude that we can offer you the opportunity to support a worthy cause **and** the chance to win a 26" x 40" original painting (no prints will be made) of "Portrait of a Warrior" by Rick Bartow.

For those not familiar with Rick, his tribal affiliation and heritage is Mad River Band, Northern California. Transformation mythology – both personal and shared – is at the center of many of his works.

Rick transcends categorization of simply making Native American or indigenous art. He's received many honors, such as The Eiteljorg Museum's Fellowship for Native American Fine Art; inclusion in many Heard Museum exhibitions; and from April 26 to July 20, 2003, the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian (New York) featured him in a solo exhibit. You can view his artist's biography on the Internet at <http://www.froelickgallery.com/Artist-Detail.cfm?ArtistsID=227>

Raffle tickets (\$1 each or 30 for \$20!) are now on sale. Final ticket sales



will take place on New Year's Eve, tentatively to occur at the NARA (Native American Rehabilitation Association) Pow-Wow in Portland, Ore. You don't need to be present to win.

Native Warriors Guardians of Tomorrow's Youth (NWGTY) Mentoring Program was created by members of the Lakota Club of the Oregon State Penitentiary. Its mission is to reach out and enlighten Native and non-Native youth in a positive way to prevent as many of these young people as possible from coming back as inmates.

This philosophy generates from Native prisoners' concern for the direction of the youth, easily considered the most valuable natural resource. It's out of this concern that we must act and this program is but one path.

The speaking panel offers a chance for Native prisoners to share with youth who are faced with pressure brought on by social standards and the overwhelming need for some form of acceptance. The program consists of nine sessions and graduation.

Content of sessions includes the following topics: drugs/alcohol, gangs/peer pressure, abuse (physical, emotional, spiritual, sexual), crime/Measure 11, choices, acceptance/responsibility, identity/culture, family, individual spiritual assessment, and graduation.

To purchase tickets for the painting, contact Lisa Brown at 541-444-1290 or nadosh2@yahoo.com. If you have questions about the Youth Speaking Panel program, please contact Lynn Whitlow at 541-444-8238.