

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor:

I applied for a replacement desktop computer, obviously too late as I receive the tribal newspaper later than the local-living tribal members because I live so far away. So my application gets to the tribe way later than everyone else's, so the 200 computers that were allocated for the 900+ tribal members who applied the first year went fast and I wasted my time doing the paperwork.

I received a postcard today (Sept. 10) stating I would not receive a desktop computer this year. So when will I be considered again? Or am I #650 on the waiting list?

I guess living in Oklahoma doesn't get me much as a tribal member - oh, one medical benefit a year and my per capita check, wow. I don't get to be involved in any tribal celebrations, committees, casino events, or even get to see my family.

I feel like I'm treated as "out of sight, out of mind" as an out-of-state tribal member.

Thanks for reading this,
Glendora Osborn

To the editor:

Casino Management

When the tribe went into the casino business, we did not have any tribal members with gaming experience. It would have been a bad business decision to put inexperienced members into management positions. It was our intention all along to hire a general manager that would train and place tribal members into management positions. Our goal was to have all management positions filled with tribal members within 10 years. Where has that goal gone, Tribal Council?

We give big bonuses to our general manager for meeting income goals. Why not give bonuses for training and placing members?

While on casino issues - it is a poor business decision for the Tribal Council to allow our parking to be taken up by RVs for free when we are trying to make money in our RV park just up the street.

Thanks for listening.
Mike Darcy



Summer law clerks and NARF staff with a check from the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund

Siletz Tribe Helps Sponsor NARF Summer Law Clerk Program

BOULDER, Colo. - The Native American Rights Fund (NARF) once again completed a successful summer law clerk program, thanks to generous support of \$13,000 from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law (DU) and the law firm of Lindquist & Vennum, PLLP. The gift sponsored the cost of two law clerk positions for NARF's 2007 Summer Law Clerk Program.

In addition, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, through the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund, contributed \$6,500 to the program.

NARF relies on its law clerks to assist in achieving its mission of defending the most important rights of Indian tribes and individuals through legal advocacy within the limit of available resources. NARF also is committed to the professional development of new attorneys in the field of Indian law.

Each year the organization conducts a nationwide search for law school students to participate in its clerkship and internship programs in all three of its offices. The NARF summer law clerkship is a 10- to 12-week program for students who have completed their second year of law school and share the dedication and commitment to the advancement of Indian country.

"Our partnership with DU Sturm College of Law and Lindquist & Vennum is a blessing. It has solidified the program over the past couple of years," said David Gover, NARF attorney and clerk program supervisor. "Similarly, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians' support allowed us to further grow the program this past summer. We look forward to developing our partnerships with DU Sturm College of Law, Lindquist & Vennum, and the Siletz Tribe in the years to come."

This year's Lindquist & Vennum Native American Rights Fund clerk was Meghan Kelly, and the University of Denver Native American Rights Fund clerk was Nicole Salamander, who clerked in our Washington, D.C.,

office. Both are entering their third year of law school at the University of Denver, Sturm College of Law.

The 2007 Siletz Law Clerk was Merrill Yeslith (Fallon Paiute Shoshone/Navajo) a 3L at Brigham Young University. Other NARF summer clerks included Jennifer Bear-Eagle (Oglala Lakota), University of Nebraska; Jimmy Qaquandah, American University; and Erin Dougherty, University of Michigan.

For information about the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, call 303-871-6000 or visit www.law.du.edu.

"The Siletz Tribe is very pleased to contribute to such a worthy project," said Delores Pigsley, tribal chairman. "NARF assisted the tribe over 30 years ago when Siletz had absolutely no funds, no land, nor any tribal recognition. It was NARF lawyers who prepared us for tribal restoration. This November, the Siletz people will celebrate 30 years of tribal restoration."

The Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund is in its seventh year of providing support to regional and national organizations in areas such as: education, health, cultural activities, housing, arts, and environmental and natural resource awareness. For more information, visit www.ctsi.nsn.us/Charitable_Contributions.html.

NARF also extends its gratitude to the Everett Public Service Internship Program and the law firm of Monteau & Peebles LLP for their support of this year's program.

To learn more about NARF and its programs or to make a contribution, contact David Gover at 303-447-8760 or visit www.narf.org.

The Native American Rights Fund is a non-profit law firm that provides legal advice and representation to Indian tribes, individuals and organizations nationwide. NARF is headquartered in Boulder, Colo., with offices in Washington, D.C., and Anchorage, Alaska. Visit our Web site at www.narf.org.



To the editor:

I want to thank all of you who supported me for Jr. Miss Siletz, especially my family. I will work hard and represent my tribe to the best of my ability.

Thank you,
Rose Pigsley



Shyann Jimenez runs in high gear as she carries the eagle staff. (photo by Divona Christiansen)

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