



## Fish Martinez Reaches Out to Local Youth

by Brent Merrill

When you first meet Siletz Tribal member Fish Martinez, you get the feeling that you already know him. He makes you feel comfortable with his charming smile and disarming nature. He looks at you with eyes that at once welcome you and yet hide great things.

Martinez is reaching out to local youth through traditional Native drumming. He touched the lives of young people through music and education during weekly after-school classes in Toledo this last school year. He teaches respect by giving it.

Martinez is an instructor with the Lincoln County School District's Native American Education Program under the title of coordinator and a graduate of Toledo High School.

"I got started by contracting with the 21<sup>st</sup> Century After-School Program as part of an outreach to Native American students," said Martinez. "I meet with students and help them practice their culture."

Some of the classes were held at the Toledo Community Learning Center, one of four 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning sites established by federal grant fund-

ing. The grant is managed by the Lincoln County School District.

He explained that the outreach program is just getting started.

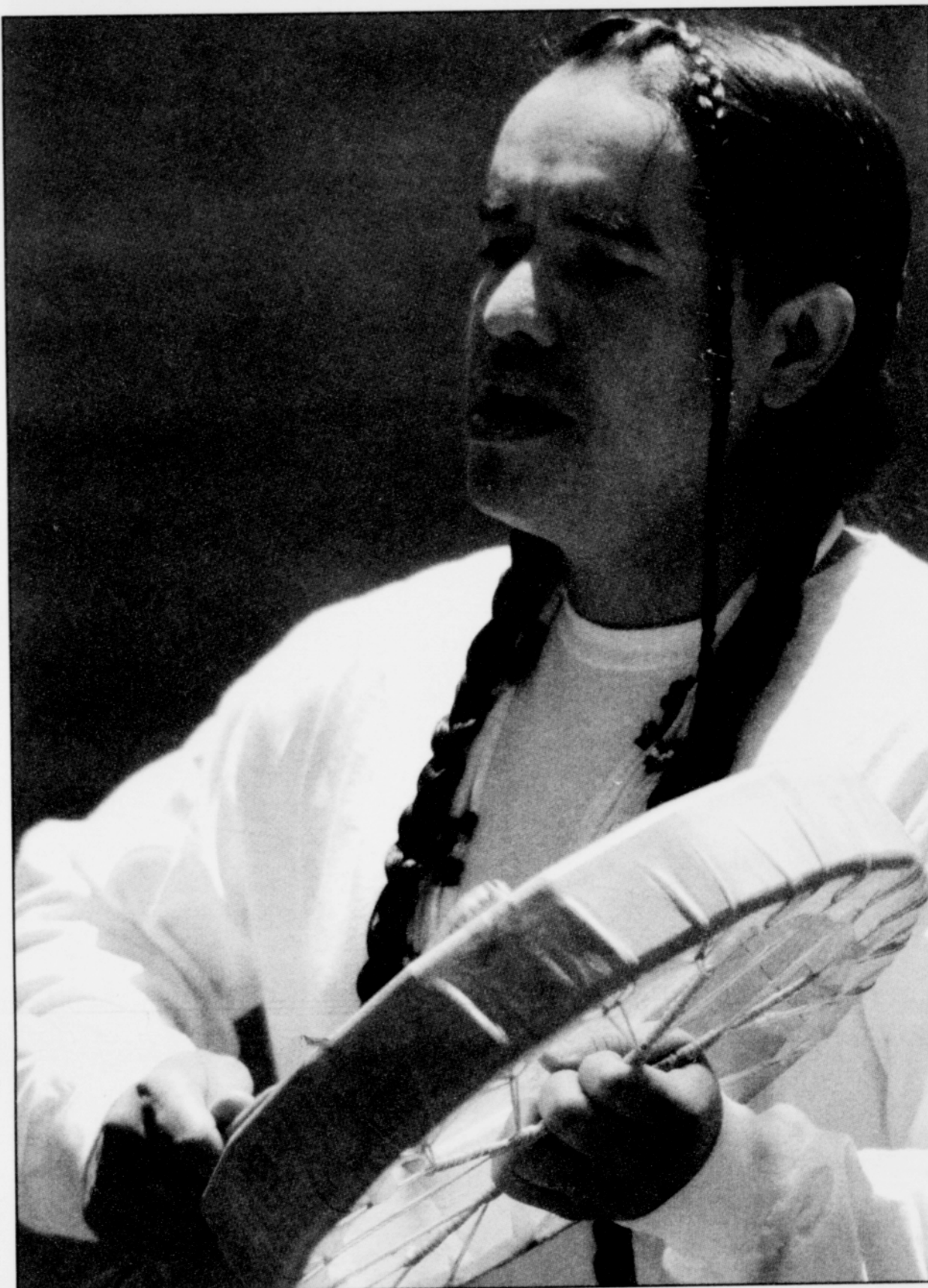
"This is my first year," said Martinez. "I started in October of 2007."

Martinez worked with Toledo After-School Program Site Coordinator Kate Boyes to teach culture classes to interested students. Martinez spent mornings at Toledo Elementary School and afternoons at Toledo Junior and Senior High Schools.

"From that experience I was asked to do a classroom presentation as part of a music and movement program," said Martinez. "I was infusing music and movement into the presentation. I put together a drum group with students and parents and we drummed and sang. I really like working with kids and Native kids in general."

Martinez said he tries to get everyone involved in his classroom presentations.

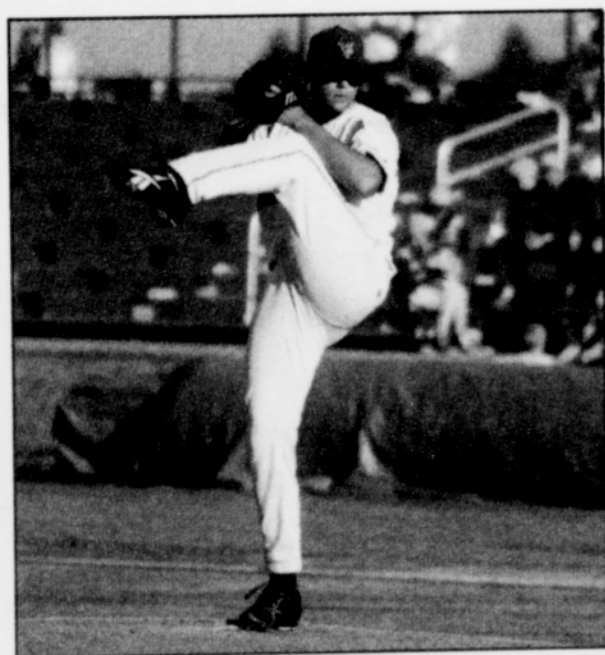
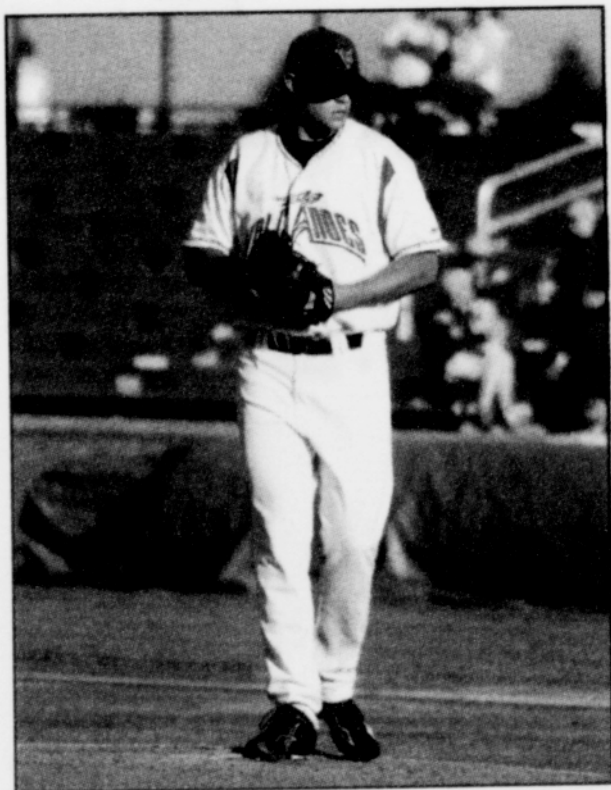
"We try to make it fun and we have a lot of crowd interactions," said Martinez. "This is a nice way to bring our community together. I try to bring culture to academics. It is good for the students."



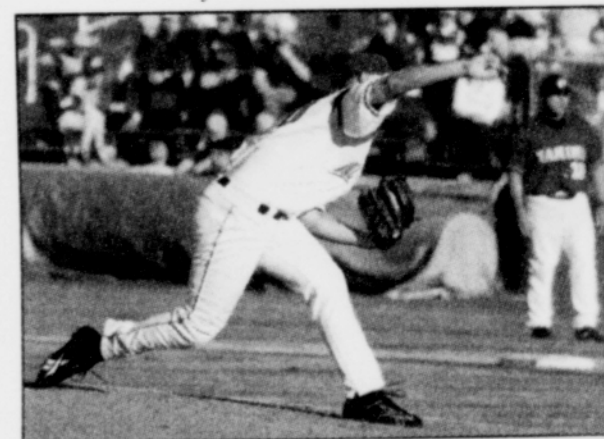
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Gib Hobson delivers a pitch to home.



## Siletz Tribe Renews Sponsorship with Salem-Keizer Volcanoes

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The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians has renewed its sponsorship deal with the Salem-Keizer Volcanoes for the 2008 Northwest League Baseball season.

Once again this season, Tribal families will be able to attend games at Volcanoes Stadium in Keizer with family members free of cost as a provision of

the sponsorship agreement between the two-time defending Northwest League Champion Volcanoes and the Siletz Tribe.

Tribal leadership is happy that families will again have the opportunity to take their children to healthy, positive activities.

"The Confederated Tribes of Siletz is very happy to again this year have the opportunity to be a major sponsor of the Salem-Keizer Volcanoes baseball team," said Tribal General Manager Brenda Bremner.

Team owner Jerry Walker is happy to see the relationship between the Tribe and the team be an ongoing one.

"We are very pleased to continue our relationship with the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians," said Walker.

Walker said it's a shared belief system that makes the relationship work.

"We are proud to be associated with such a great group of people who share

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