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Martinez took his program on the road for a presentation in early May at Umpqua Community College and a mid-May appearance at Sam Case Elementary School in Newport.

Martinez tries to teach young people what he was taught by his Elders. He teaches them meaning, timing, songs and the proper way to do things as it was taught to him.

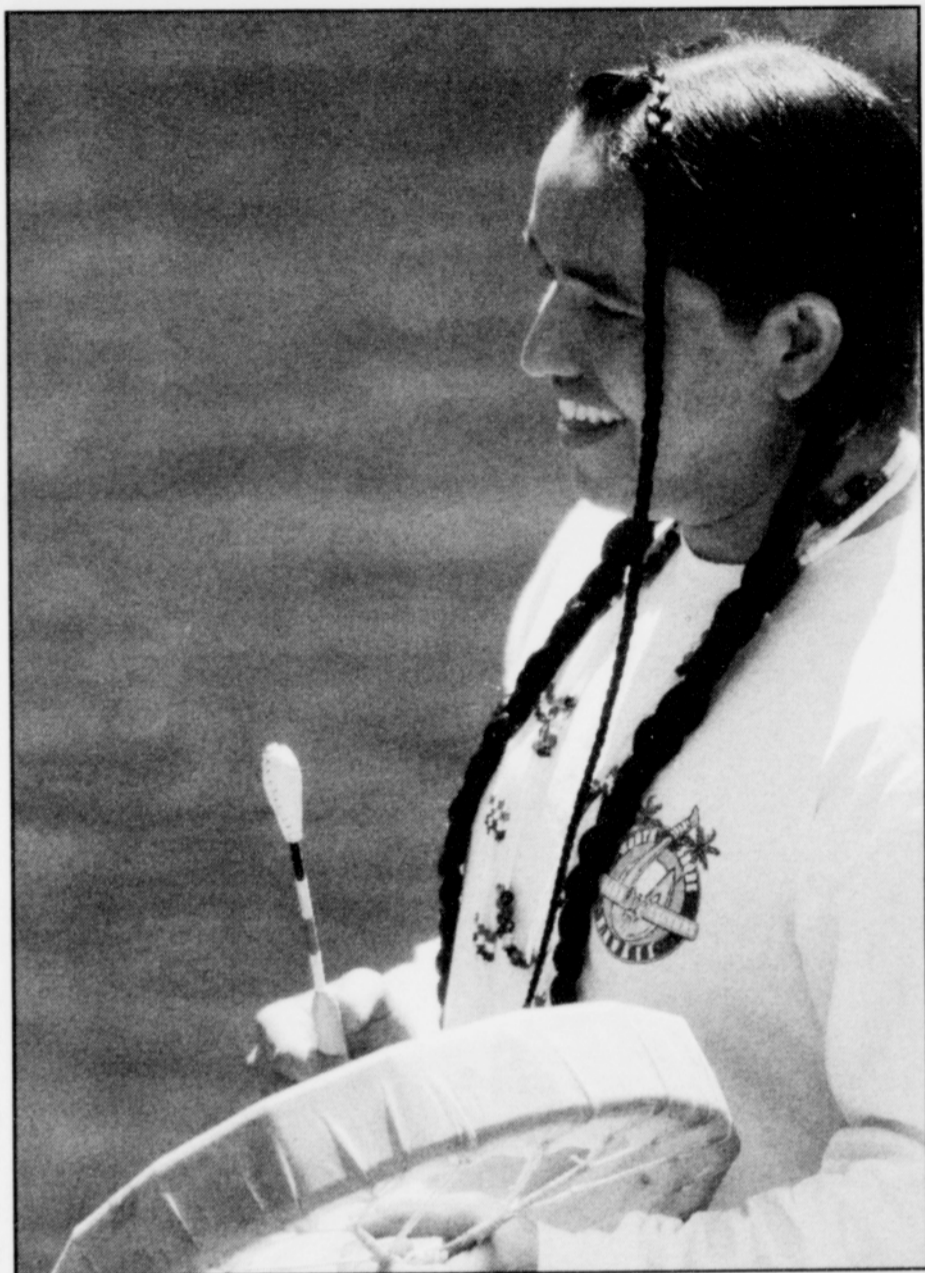
"This is a lifestyle," said Martinez. "Going to powwows, drumming, singing - this is how I was raised."

"Since he was a little boy, Fish has always been very caring to those around him," said

Fish's mom, Bonnie Petersen. "It was not uncommon for people to comment on how articulate he was. I look at him now and see how he has brought those qualities together when he interacts with others. He has a knack for finding what's good in people. The thing I'm most amazed with is at his ability to connect with kids, no matter what the age."

Martinez gets satisfaction from watching the learning process take place in the young people he spends time with.

"The thing that is really wonderful is when Grandfather drum really resonates in their life," said Martinez. "They open up and it brings kids together."



He teaches the students to respect the drum.

"When speaking about the drum, I share with the students that I refer to the drum as 'Grandfather.' I teach them that the respect that they should have for an Elder is the same with how they should carry themselves when they sit down to drum."

He teaches students to be thankful. "Each time that we place tobacco on the drum before we start a presentation, I remind the students that we use it as a reminder to be thankful. Thankful for the family who made the drum, thankful to the animal that gave its life for us to make the drum and we also talk about the tree who gave its life to allow us to have



Above: Young Siletz Tribal dancers, representing several dance styles, help Fish Martinez with his presentation at Sam Case Elementary School.  
Below: Fish Martinez sings at Sam Case Elementary as he and his drum group lead another dance. (photos by Diane Rodriguez)  
Left: Fish Martinez by the Siletz River (photo by Brent Merrill)



the frame of the drum. Finally, we use the time to also reflect on family or friends that we would like to be mindful of."

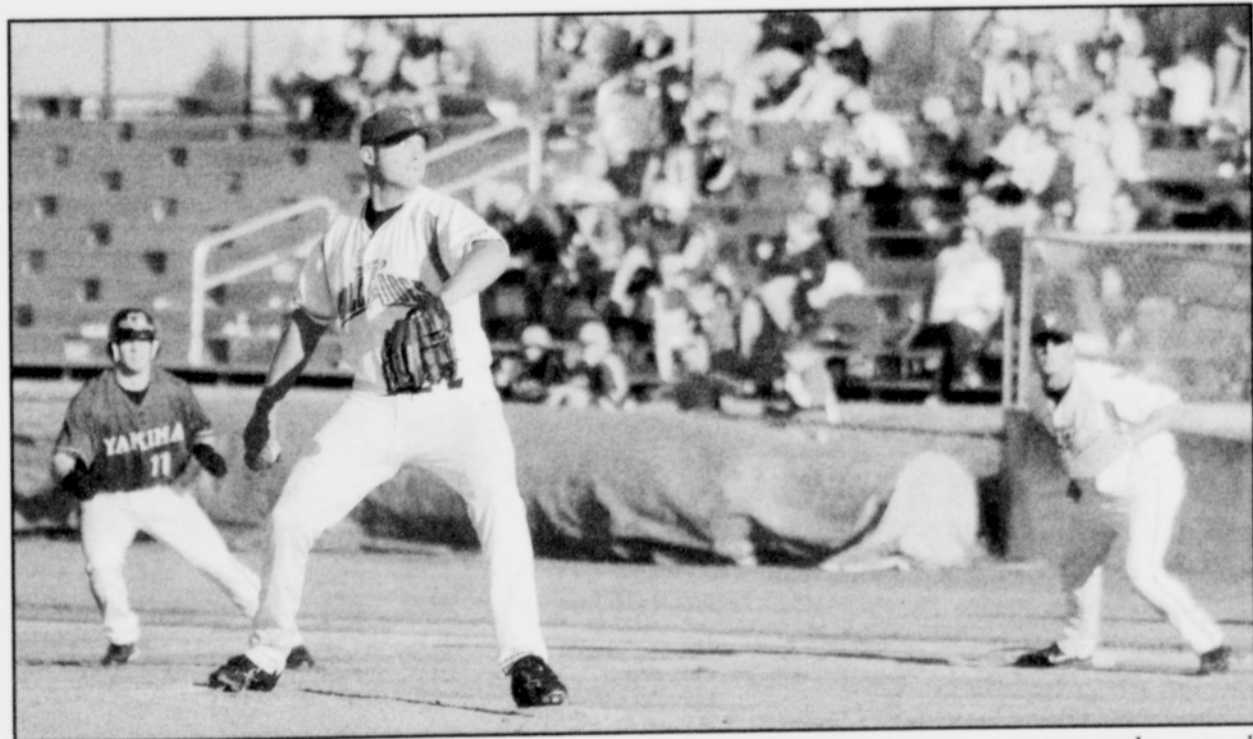
Martinez likes to follow up on the youth he works with and make sure they are doing okay.

"I work with them closely," he said. "I track their grades and I will work with students in small groups or one-on-one."

Martinez said he is doing something he enjoys and he takes pride in his ability to work with young people.

"I love doing this," said Martinez. "I love drumming. I love singing. I'm looking forward to being part of the Indian Education Program and I look forward to making our program stronger."

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The Volcanoes pitcher throws home as the Yakima baserunner moves toward second.

many of the same values that our organization strives to attain," he said.

In return, Bremner pointed to the team's contributions to Tribal youth and young

people as a whole as a shared value.

"The team's involvement in the local community is visible as a positive example of success to youth in the area

and in the State of Oregon," said Bremner. "The Tribe values the importance of education and having youth involved in healthy activities.

Bremner also sees the sponsorship opportunity as a way to continue sharing the Tribe's history with people throughout the area.

"This sponsorship agreement gives us the opportunity to share the Tribe and our successes with the community of Keizer and its team so that people are aware of our story over the years and our rich history in the Willamette Valley," she said.

The Volcanoes are the Class A minor league affiliate of Major League Baseball's San Francisco Giants. The Volcanoes have won the last two Northwest League Championships and were voted Minor League Baseball's Team of the Year in 2007.

The team began play on June 17 with a home stand against the Yakima Bears. For schedule information, call 503-390-2225 or go online to [www.volcanoesbaseball.com](http://www.volcanoesbaseball.com).

To reserve your tickets for home games, please contact the Tribe's Public Information Office at 541-444-8293. Your names will go on a list and you will pick up your tickets at the Will Call booth at Volcanoes Stadium in Keizer.

The team is led this year by former Major League manager Tom Trebelhorn. Former Volcanoes manager Steve Decker was rewarded for the team's success with a promotion to manage the San Jose Giants.

Siletz Tribal members are invited to make Volcanoes Stadium your home away from home this summer.

"We look forward to hosting the Tribe and its members this summer," said Walker.