



## Council Chairman's Report

Delores Pigsley

### FROM THE CHAIRMAN:

My sincere congratulations to the three individuals elected to the Tribal Council in last month's election, I am looking forward to working with them in the coming year. I also want to thank the individuals who ran but were unsuccessful in their attempt to secure a council seat. All of you should be proud of your effort to participate in the Tribal Government to create the kind of Tribe you want now and for the future. Your participation in the election process also helped focus the issues and I am sure we all learned from your contribution to the process.

In the remainder of my column, I want to describe to you the activities which took place recently on a trip to Washington, D.C. during President Reagan's inauguration. I traveled to Washington with the Tribal Planner, Jim Willis, and our Tribal Attorney, LeRoy Wilder.

While our principal purpose was to engage in a series of meetings on economic development we first attended the American Indian Inaugural Ball on January 19. During the course of the evening, we had the opportunity to meet the new Secretary of the Interior, Don Hodel and his wife, Barbara. As all of you know, the Bureau of Indian Affairs falls within Mr. Hodel's area of responsibility and we enjoyed the opportunity to meet the new Secretary. Incidentally, both he and his wife are from Oregon and they especially were excited to meet someone from "back home."

On January 20, Jim, LeRoy and I met with Louis Sleeper who was the principal staff person on the President's Commission on Indian Reservation Economies. The Commission recently submitted its report to the President. Mr. Sleeper and a colleague, William McDonald, briefed us on an Indian trade mission to Micronesia and China which will explore the possibility of exporting Indian wood products to the People's Republic. Trade with China is an area we are interested in, since the

Chinese are willing to pay more for wood products and logs than we can receive in the domestic market. We have been promised another briefing by Mr. Sleeper upon outcome of the mission from China. Our Timber Committee also has been monitoring this effort.

Following that meeting, we met with Tim Sullivan, an attorney who specializes in representing clients who engage in government procurement contracts. We are exploring the possibility of bringing some form of industry to Siletz which would produce goods for the Department of Defense or other federal agency. Tim explained the various processes we would have to go through to secure this kind of economic opportunity and offered us some ideas on how we might expedite this process.

Following those meetings, I was required to return to Oregon, but Jim and LeRoy stayed for two additional meetings. They met with William Lynn Engles, the Commissioner of the Administration for Native Americans, an agency that recently awarded the Tribe a grant to do some economic development activities. Jim and LeRoy explored with Mr. Engles the possibility of securing additional funds to assist us in a road development project to facilitate logging operations in our forest. Upon his return, Jim Willis prepared a supplemental proposal which presently is being considered by ANA and Mr. Engles.

Finally, Jim and LeRoy met with John Mayers, who presently is the head of Indian Housing Program at the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Mr. Mayers offered his advice on the direction Indian housing is headed and the steps the Tribe needs to take to improve its housing opportunities.

Aside from the meetings described above, at various times, we had an opportunity to discuss economic development with numerous Tribal leaders including Philip Martin who almost single handedly has made the Mississippi Choctaw's the country's model for Tribal economic development. He has indicated a willingness to meet with Tribal representatives to explain the various government and private contracting program operated by the Mississippi Choctaw to help us formulate more specifically our economic development efforts.

In summary, the trip was short but highly productive. We came away with a better sense of direction in terms of what Indian Tribes can do in the area of economic development and the ideas we brought back now are being explored more fully by our Planning Committee.

Delores Pigsley  
Tribal Chairman

## Smithsonian Will Select 30 Interns From High School Class of '85

### No Applications Sent After March 18

The Smithsonian Institution is offering five-week internships to 30 students who will graduate from high school this year. Seniors may apply for positions in various departments and offices in the Institution, in areas including archaeology, biology, public affairs, photography, history, veterinary science, art, carpentry, library science, and computer science.

Students chosen for the program will each receive a living allowance of \$450. The interns will spend Tuesday through Friday in the host office, learning firsthand about career and academic possibilities. In addition to these duties, the interns will tour sites that many visitors to Washington, D.C., do not see: such places as the Organization of American States and Embassy Row. As part of the program, the

interns will hold seminars to explain to the group both their assignments and the function of the host office.

Acceptance is based not as much on academic achievement as on a demonstrated interest in a particular subject area or career; the program has been designed to enable students to pursue their special interests while working with museum professionals.

In addition to the living allowance, interns who come from outside the Washington area will receive housing in a nearby university dormitory. The Institution will also reimburse their transportation to and from Washington.

INTERN '85 will offer two separate sessions of the program: session one from June 10 through July 12 and session two from July 15 through August 16.

For applications and complete information, high school seniors should telephone (202) 357-3049 or write INTERN '85, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. 20560.

Applications must be requested by March 18, 1985.

## Minority Business Week

To honor the more than 600,000 minority-owned businesses, President Reagan designates the first full week of October as Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week. In 1985 the celebration will take place October 6-12 at the Loews L'Enfant Plaza Hotel in Washington, D.C.

Tentatively scheduled for the week is a Capitol Hill reception, an expanded marketplace, seminars, a "Western" theme reception, and many other functions designed to promote business opportunities for minority entrepreneurs with the top Federal agencies and major corporations of the country.

The Federal government considers the following groups as minority: Black, Hispanic, Asian American, Native American, Aleuts, Eskimo, and Hassidic Jews.

The Minority Business Development Agency was established by Executive Order in 1969, when minority businesses numbered about 322,000. The agency promotes and encourages minority business ownership.

## NOTICE

The Siletz Housing Improvement Program is beginning an inventory survey in the 4 counties of Multnomah, Clackamas, Washington, and Clark (WA). Tim Mason and Bill Johns will be conducting the inventory. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

## BIA News

Effective 1/20/85, Mr. David Bartels, the Program Officer for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Siletz Agency, was promoted to the Program Analysis Officer. Mr. Bartels has worked for the Siletz Agency for over 3 years and for the past 2 years we here at the Siletz Agency have been trying to get the promotion approved by the Area Office and with much re-writes, hasseling, torn nerves, etc, it finally paid off. We congratulate Mr. Bartels on his well deserved promotion.

## More Committee Appointments

The Siletz Tribal Council is asking that all interested Tribal Members complete this form and return it to the Tribal Council Secretary as soon as possible. There are two new committees, and we need interested participants to fill the positions. The committees are the Education Committee and the Tribal Court Committee. The Education Committee will be responsible for monitoring, evaluating and administratively assisting the Education Specialist in the Tribe's various education programs. The Tribal Court Committee will basically be responsible for monitoring Tribal Court activities.

Council is also requesting additional applications for the Bingo Commission. This is necessary because only two responses were received previously.

If you, or anyone you know, are interested in serving on any of these committees, please complete this form and return it as soon as possible.

Please mark your preference 1, 2, or 3, in order of your preference. Return to P.O. Box 549, Siletz, Oregon, 97380. Attention: Tribal Council Secretary.

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