

New Portland Area Office

My name is Judy John, your new Portland Area Office Supervisor/Social Worker. As some of you might have already heard, the Tribal Council, at their December 9th meeting, directed that I be transferred from my Programs Manager position in Siletz, to the Portland office. I am an enrolled Siletz tribal member, 29 years old, and have one daughter, Holly who is 3 1/2 years old. My parents are Walter Howell and Deanna (Downey) Howell of Siletz, and my grandparents were Roy Downey and Mae (Adams) Downey. I've worked for the Tribe for several years, beginning in 1981 as the CETA Bookkeeper and later transferring to the Tribal Council Secretary position. I've been working as the Programs Manager for the last 1 1/2 years.

Also in the reorganization was the transfer of Allison Simmons from her position as Receptionist at the Siletz Central Office, to the Portland Secretarial position. Allison is the daughter of Frank and Nancy Simmons of Siletz. Many of you may already know Allison, as I understand she is related to a large number of our Portland tribal membership. This will be a big help to me, because most of my relatives live in the Siletz and Salem areas. Currently, Allison and I are looking for an apartment together, hoping to be relocated by January 5th. I am also looking for good day care for Holly, so if any of you have some suggestions, I would appreciate hearing from you.

Joining me and Allison in the Portland Area Office will be a Community Health Nurse. Regulations require that this person be a Registered Nurse. We've advertised the position twice

without success, so if any of you happen to be an RN, please contact me. We hope to fill the position very soon. We will be moving our furniture and equipment into the office during the week of January 5th, some remodeling is taking place so this is tentative. Stop by during the second week of January and have a cup of coffee with us.

You might be wondering why the Tribal Council decided to relocate Siletz staff. The Reagan Administration has proposed several drastic cuts in Indian funding. Some of these funding reductions will take place this year, but the majority of them are scheduled for implementation in FY 1988. This would have required a reorganization of staff by September 1987, which would have resulted in a disruption of any new staff. The Council felt it important to get the Portland Area office established as soon as possible. The best means of doing that was by transferring people who are familiar with tribal programs. Both Allison and I have some background in tribal programs, and hope to get services underway as soon as possible.

Tribal Council elections are almost upon us. I think it would be nice if Portland sponsor a Candidates Fair in our new office. I have invited candidates to join us in the Portland Area Office on January 24th at 7 p.m. This is the same day as the Salem Candidates' Fair which is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. Hopefully, the Salem Fair will only last 2 or 3 hours. I had to schedule our Fair on this day because all the Saturdays between now and election day are booked with other candidates' fairs or Council meetings.

Portland Area Tribal Council elections will take

place at the Portland Area Office on February 4th from 6 to 9 p.m. Thirteen people have declared their candidacy for three seats, they are:

Arthur S. Bensell.
Arthur Betts
Beverly J. Hatch
Jane John
Alfred Lane, III
Freddie L. McClintock
Martha E. McMahon
Bonnie M. Petersen
Franklin D. Simmons
Robert E. Simmons
William Towner, Jr.
Mary Service Viles
Shirley Walker

If you know of anyone who has not received this newsletter, please let me know, and I'll add them to our address list.

Judy John

Veterans Memorial Marker

The Siletz Tribal Council has set a cut-off date of January 31, 1987 for tribal members names to be added to the list for the memorial marker. This does not mean that future names will not be added, only that the memorial marker can be erected with the list that we have accumulated so far. The placement of the marker will be outside the Tribal Council chambers. More information will be issued later.

If you have any information on tribal members who have or are serving in the Armed Services, please get the information to us as soon as possible. Thank you for the responses we have received.

Contact people are: Shirley Strickler ext. 25, Tina Jones, central office, Cindy Viles ext. 30. (503) 444-2532 or toll free in Oregon 1-800-922-1399. Write to: CTSI, Veterans Memorial, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380.

Siletz JTPA News

Doris (Sissi) Johnson, was placed thru the JTPA Program into a Work Experience position as a receptionist trainee in the Tribal Administrative Office in Siletz. Sissi (as she prefers to be called) is the daughter of Raymond and Agnes (Logan) Flanary. She grew up in Newberg, Oregon and graduated from Newberg High School. She has two children, Jennifer and Johnnie who live with her in Lincoln City.

Sissi states about her Work Experience position, "I'm glad to have a chance to receive training and gain experience in this type of work. It will enable me to have an opportunity to change and upgrade my career."

Enrollment Department

Have you tried to send for a absentee ballot and been told that you cannot be found on the roll? Chances are that you have married and not informed the enrollment office of your change of name. All it takes is a letter requesting a name change on the roll and a copy of your document attached to the letter. This is then taken to the Tribal Council, approved by them and the enrollment manager instructed to make the change on the tribal roll. All requests for enrollment changes on the roll should be sent directly to the enrollment manager in Siletz, not to any area office. If you are not sure how you are listed on the tribal roll call the enrollment office and find out, it only takes a moment and will save you and the staff time when trying to locate you on the roll.

Missing Moccasin List

When comprising a missing moccasin list for the newsletter, the enrollment manager uses the tribal roll. All changes of addresses are made on that roll plus the rolo-dex for the voters list.

The manager may not remove anyone from that roll unless removal is documented and then taken to the Tribal Council for approval. Deceased tribal

members may not be removed until documentation is received by the manager even though she may know the tribal member is deceased. Therefore that tribal

member's name will remain on the roll until documentation is received and the manager is instructed to remove that name by the Tribal Council. The tribal member's name will be put on the missing moccasin list until she receives notification from a family member. Documentation used consists of death certificate, if that is not possible, a newspaper obituary (with present date), a letter listing date of birth and date of death. If you would like more information please call or write the enrollment manager. Your help would be more than appreciated on shortening the missing moccasin list. (503) 444-2532 ext. 25, or toll free in Oregon 1-800-922-1399 ext. 25. Shirley Strickler, Enrollment Manager, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380.

BIA To Limit Scholarships

Students who are not serious about attending school should not apply for assistance from the BIA, according to Assistant Secretary of the Interior Ross Swimmer.

Swimmer said that the BIA currently spends \$25 million annually for undergraduates and \$2 million for graduates who receive BIA scholarships.

"We need to be more selective about which students are funded and which institutions are selected to serve the students. If attending school, they should not apply," he said.

Swimmer said the BIA will soon put a ceiling on how much a student can receive from BIA to attend college.

"I know that some Indian students need more time in which to complete their education and so we have began writing new rules on funding. They will be coming out next month (January) and will allow a student to be funded for five years. I feel five years is enough time for students to earn enough credits for graduation", he said.

Swimmer said that in the past students would take the minimum of classes required to keep the scholarship and end up staying longer than necessary in college, sometimes up to 10 years.

On other subjects, Swimmer believes that he will be able to work well with the new Democratically-controlled Senate. "The Senate bi-partisan manner, when handling Indian affairs and I have full confidence in Senator Daniel K. Inouye of Hawaii who will be the new chairman of the committee (Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs). Whether it be a Democratic or Republican controlled House or Senate, I feel we will still be able to get our budget through," he said.

Swimmer said he has been in contact with Congressman-Elect Ben Nighthorse Campbell, (D-Colo.) and said it's a great victory for Indians to have a Congressional role model, but tribes shouldn't expect Campbell to handle all their troubles. I know Ben and think a lot of him. I feel he will be faced with every tribe wanting him to handle their problems and I told him that. He told me that he has already come under some pressure from tribes on some issues. I feel the Indian people and tribes from throughout the nation need to realize that he comes from a district that only has a small number of Indians and he still has his own constituents that he needs to serve first," said Swimmer.

On health care matters, Swimmer believes alcohol and drugs have and continue to be the major problem facing Indian Country. "Alcoholism is the major health

problem facing Indian people today. The cost to tribes and Indian people, not only for health care, but lost work time and accidents, and most importantly joblessness, is high. I have talked to several people in private enterprise that are not willing to locate businesses on the reservation because of the alcohol problems. I feel it will take a long-term commitment from not only the bureau but tribal leaders and health care officials to lick the problem," he said.

Swimmer said that the administration has set aside money for combating drug and alcohol abuse and would like to see more education and treatment programs set up to handle the problem.

Earlier this year Indian News Notes was discontinued but Swimmer said he was looking at starting some type of newsletter so BIA news can be disseminated to the Tribes.

"We are looking at combining the Indian News Notes and the Highlights and coming out once a week along with press releases. I have a budget of \$180,000 for two staff people and the entire information system so we had to cut back on the amount of information distributed. We have been updating our mailing list and so far at least 500 people were no longer at the place where we had sent the materials and addresses had changed. We are seeing some saving here," he said.

CHEROKEE WOMAN NAMED MISS INDIAN USA

Julie Hill, a 19-year-old Cherokee woman, was named "Miss Indian USA" in the second annual pageant on November 16 at the John F. Kennedy Center.

Hill, a native of Claremore, Okla., competed with contestants representing 16 tribes.

Hill said she plans to use her title to work with Indian youth and set an example for them to follow.

"With so many problems, there's a lot of apathy among Indian young that needs to get out," said Hill. "I want to impress on them that if I made it, there's no reason they can't."

Her poise and ability to "carry the heritage" of Indian nations, was cited by Kit Fox, a pageant judge and member of the Comanche tribe as the reason for her victory.

Hill's prizes include a \$27,000 scholarship to Pennsylvania State University, a \$20,000 cash award, the use of an Arabian horse and a round-trip ticket to anywhere in the Caribbean.

Last year's pageant winner was Martha Moore, a Quapaw and Osage Indian.

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