

## Chairman's Report

The new year has come quickly upon us and the Tribal Council has been involved in numerous activities. We planned and strategized and are determined to be seriously involved in governmental activities that will benefit every member of our tribe.

As I write this article, I am in flight from Washington, D.C. headed home after having spent 2 days in Washington, D.C. in one of the biggest snow storms to have hit the city. They had a record 19-inch snowfall that pretty much paralyzed the city. We were fortunate in having our Congressmen's office staff able to get to their office and we did have an audience with them in our effort to gain additional timber land from the federal government. I plan to present in my chairman's report at the February General Council Meeting all of Council's activities so far in our land acquisition effort.

Many of you know that the Council has taken a serious look at our tribal budget and has imposed our own spending ceiling upon the tribal government and tribal council budget. A resolution was passed by a vote of 6 for, 2 against and 0 abstaining to limit our budget growth to 2½% per year for the next forty years. This will enable the tribe to set aside a specific amount of money for a reserve fund for the tribe's future needs and to fund economic development activities that will make the tribe prosper.

We need you to come to our General Council meetings to get your input on the tribe's activities and any ideas that you may have with regard to economic opportunities. I hope to see you at the next General Council Meeting.

### Tribal Council/Government Budgets F.Y. 1987

#### TRIBAL COUNCIL

Tribal Council Salary & Fringe .....	\$ 25,000
Tribal Council Secretary (100%) .....	16,672
Tribal Council Secretary Fringe @ 18% .....	3,000
Travel .....	25,000
Telephone .....	3,000
Office Supplies .....	1,000
Training .....	1,250
Subtotal — Tribal Council Budget .....	\$ 74,922

#### TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

Mortgage — Community Center .....	63,500
Contract Support .....	15,000
Culture Program .....	41,500
Health Committee .....	1,000
Sacred Lands Preservation Committee .....	3,225
HIP Committee .....	1,000
Culture Committee .....	1,000
Tribal Attorney .....	44,000
Election Board .....	1,500
Dues .....	900
Cemetery Project .....	500
Capitalized Equipment (Word Processor) .....	4,000
Postage .....	700
Printing & Duplication .....	5,000
Gifts .....	500
Security (Salaries, fringe & mileage) .....	23,670
Indirect (Security) @ 29.4% .....	6,960
Insurance .....	2,500
Contingency .....	6,664
*Government Hill Improvement .....	10,000
Legislative Activities .....	15,000
Gerard/Byler Contract .....	13,376
Subtotal — Tribal Government Budget .....	\$ 261,495
Maintenance Budget .....	118,583

**TOTAL COUNCIL/GOVERNMENT BUDGETS \$ 455,000**

\*Pow-Wow Grounds, Water to Aldridge & Cemetery, Comfort Facility, Campground, Drinking Water Stands

## "Opinions Questions Concerns"

All letters received will be printed. Please type or write legible, no profane language will be printed. All letters must include your name and address. Send letters to: "Siletz News", P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR. 97380. Questions? Call 444-2536.

## Letters To Editor

Dear Editor,

I would like to comment on the passing of the last three Tribal Members, Calvin Simmons, Sr., Stanley Strong and Sandra Brown. I was a part of all their lives, this was probably one of the saddest weeks many of us has ever spent in sorrow.

The reason for my letter is to express a heartfelt thanks to Nancy Simmons for coordinating all the dinner arrangements.

I am really impressed to see the Siletz Tribal Staff, many Tribal Members and community people cooking and baking. This type of sharing is of great help to the immediate families. It is not only help to the families but it is strengthening the "Bond of Sharing" and bringing "Our people closer together" in time of need.

My highest regards to everyone who helped in the past and to those who help in the future.

Sharon Butler  
Tribal Member

Dear Editor,

The family of the late Calvin Simmons would like to take this time to "thank" the many friends and relatives of Cal Simmons for their kindness during our time of sorrow.

The beautiful flowers, dinner preparation, grave diggers use of the Tribal Hall, were of great help at this time.

A special thanks to Nancy Simmons, dinner coordinator, Franklin Charley Chuck Fisher, Leon Metcalf, Ron Butler, Grave Diggers and to everyone who worked as part of the clean up crews. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

Thank you again,  
Wife, Betty Simmons & The  
Calvin Simmons' Children

Thank you to all the family and friends who were so thoughtful and supportive with the passing of our beloved husband and father, Stanley Strong.

Thanks for the beautiful flowers and cards and gifts. Thank you Nancy and Sharon for putting the meal together and to all who prepared dishes for the potluck.

And a special thank you to all who helped through the miserable rain; my sons and friends who were pallbearers and to you who filled the grave, "Thanks".

Strong Family

January 15, 1987

To: Tribal Council  
Fr. Edmond A. Ben

A terrible injustice was inflicted on me and my son Rodney in the December 1986 issue of the Siletz News. Eight-seven tribal members were accused of violating the Hunting & Fishing Ordinance by not returning their deer tags. My name and the name of my son

Rodney were included in that list. On November 21, 1986 I personally hand delivered tags 4-0807456 and 4-0807324 to the same location they were issued, the Salem Area Office.

Neither my son nor I was contacted to verify the damaging information before it was published. The dis-service inflicted on me and my son may be only a portion of the problem.

It is inconceivable to me that the number of tribal members reported in violation of the Hunting ... Fishing Ordinance can be correct. I make this simple observation since the 87 violations account for more than one-third of all available deer tags. If all available tags were not issued then the percentage would be quite a bit higher. I believe my people to be more law abiding than has been reported.

Some of you stood with us during our efforts to gain Restoration and Reservation lands when we were constantly confronted by the special interest groups making unfounded accusations of habitual game law violations against our people. Those special interest groups dogged our representatives all the way to Washington D.C. If we believe those red-neck special interest groups no longer exist to seek methods to discredit Indian People we are fools. Unfortunately for us, the accusations of the special interest groups we were able to overcome has been validated in our official tribal publication.

If the policy of the Tribal Council is to publish information damaging to individuals or the entire tribe, common sense should dictate that the information be valid.

I demand the Tribal Council take the following action:

(1) print a retraction in the next publication of the Siletz News to acknowledge that my son Rodney and I are not in violation of Tribal Ordinance.

(2) contact all 87 listed members to verify the validity of the published information and take appropriate corrective action where invalid information is discovered.

(3) review the tribal policy that subjects tribal members to public ridicule without having an opportunity to be heard.

(4) publish this letter in the next publication of the Siletz News.

cc: Sam Werth, Fish & Wildlife Committee  
Editor Siletz News

The following poem appeared in the American Poetry Anthology, Volume 6; A Collection of short, choice poems of varied authorship by the American Poetry Association of Santa Cruz, Calif.

The author, Sharon A. Porter is the daughter of George and Eileen Baker of Siletz and the poem depicts

her memory of her brother "Rod" who gave his life in Vietnam in the 1960's.

TO ROD:

I remember  
Blonde hair  
A few freckles scattered  
across your nose  
A shy smile  
Ragged and tattered clothes.  
A remember a boy chasing a  
frog

A special birthday wish  
Your first girlfriend  
Catching your first fish.  
I remember  
Much excitement and vitality  
Your uniform, such pride  
True bravery and loyalty  
In Vietnam you died  
And though the world forgets  
I remember.

Sharon A. Porter

## Engagement



Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wagner of Toledo and Mr. and Mrs. George Baker of Siletz wish to announce the engagement of their children, Tammy Kay Wagner to Roy Lee Baker, both of Reedsport. A March 14th wedding is planned.

## General Manager's Report

I had intended to publish the Administration 1986 Accomplishment Report, however they are not ready and will have to wait for the next Newsletters.

In the January Newsletter we published a list of names of tribal members that had not returned their deer tags. Four (4) tribal members' names were included on the list that had returned their tags and who were not in violation of any tribal ordinance. They were Edmond Ben, Rodney Ben, Eugene Williams, and Elvin Butler. I would like to publicly apologize to Ed Ben, Rodney Ben, Eugene Williams and Elvin Butler for any embarrassment caused as a result of erroneously publishing their names in the Newsletter. I assure you that there was no malicious intent behind publishing the list. We, in Administration, always strive to do our jobs better. We work under numerous state, federal and tribal rules, regulations and laws and they sometimes conflict with each other. All of this, coupled with budget constraints and conservation of funds, provide ample opportunity to make mistakes. In our quest to do a good job for the Tribe, we sometimes overlook the obvious. It is always our intent to serve our tribal people better.

## Grants Match

### 1986 — Combination for Tribes and Individuals

BIA Grant	25%	Not to exceed \$100,000
* In-Kind	25%	Individuals and
** Other Sources	50%	\$250,000 for Tribes
Total Project	100%	

### \* In-Kind — Cash

Property — Land (no more than 10%),

building, equipment, inventory currently not not being used in normal business.

\*\* Other Sources — Other federal monies, including BIA Loan Guaranty money (as a last resort), Joint venturer money (partnership), Bank loan, Tribal Loan.

### 1987 — Allowable match for Individuals and Tribes

BIA Grant (up to)	40%
& applicants resources	
Other Sources	60%
Total Project Cost	100%

Grant applicant has to provide 60% match before a grant can be considered.

### Individuals and Tribe

BIA Grant	
Applicant's Cash	40%
* In-Kind (Assets)	
** Other Sources	60%
Total Project	100%

\* In-Kind is acceptable in the form of cash or assets to be used in the business. But it reduces the 40% grant.

\*\* Other Sources — excludes BIA monies as part of the match. The following are acceptable:

- 1) Bank loan
- 2) Other Federal monies
- 3) Joint venture — cash
- 4) Tribal lending (for individuals)
- 5) Tribal loan
- 6) Gifts, private loans, contributions

### Sample: Individual

Grocery Store total project cost	\$250,000
Applicant must obtain at least (60%) equals	150,000
Applicant's Share (40%) equals	100,000
Cash	\$10,000
In-Kind	50,000
BIA Grant	\$ 40,000