

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
BY DELORES PIGSLEY**

At the last general council meeting the Chemawa School Superintendent, Gerald Gray and individual Chemawa students discussed the curriculum and current student activities. The presentations were well received, the students did a nice job.

Many of our tribal members have attended Chemawa since the creation of the school in 1880. When alumni speak of Chemawa it is always with fond memories. Even those of us who never attended Chemawa had mothers, fathers, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins who did. It was a home for those who needed a home.

Recently Chemawa School has come under criticism from a group of employees. These are staff members who for some reason chose to air their concerns to the public rather than deal with them internally. In doing so, the bad publicity has painted a somewhat negative picture of the students to members of the community and to the entire non-Indian population that reads the Oregonian and the Statesman Journal. Students have been depicted as drug addicts and alcoholics.

The news articles indicated that a full report of all of Chemawa's problems would be given to Oregon's congressional delegation as well as the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians and the Chemawa School Board. The report was prepared by the union President. It can only be hoped that the Affiliated Tribes of the Northwest and the Chemawa School Board will take a position in support of the Chemawa administration. Northwest tribes have always been supportive of the school. Tribes supported the school during those years when closure of the school was imminent, more times than I can remember. School administrators have come and gone, times change, staff changes, programs change, but the need for Chemawa as an off-reservation boarding school never changes. Chemawa alumni will always be affected by their training, education and life at Chemawa.

Chemawa has never been totally free of problems, and probably never will be. Every school in the nation would like to say that they were without problems. Every school would also like to say that their students were alcohol and drug free, maybe someday that will be true. The problems Chemawa has encountered in the past have always been solvable problems. The problems facing the school today, and I'm sure there are some, can be solved just as they were in the past. Chemawa does not need the negative publicity. The students will end up paying the price for a few disgruntled employees, the students deserve much better treatment than that. Hopefully in the future, legitimate concerns can be addressed through the Administration, Chemawa School Board or the Affiliated Tribes. Indian people don't need negative publicity.

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TO THE LANE FAMILY:

The Community Center has been reserved for the evening of August 4th and all day on August 5, 1990 for the family reunion. The grounds will be available for over night camping also.

There will be a General Council meeting beginning at 1:00 PM on August 4th for those of you who would like to attend.

We are trying to organize activities for everyone and plan the weekend. It would be real helpful for everyone who plans to attend to drop a card in the mail and let us know who all plans to come. We hope that all of the family can come. We don't have address' or phone numbers for many of you, especially the Scott Lane family so please let us hear from you. Hope to see you in August.

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**TRIBAL COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE
Section 15: Tribal Council Officers**

At the Regular Council Meeting on March 17, 1990 by Resolution # 87, Council elected to modify Section 15 of the Tribal Council Rules of Procedures to elect Tribal Council Officers annually instead of whenever a vacancy exists. Section 15 presently reads as follows:

"The Tribal Council shall elect from its members three officers, a Tribal Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, at a regular or special meeting whenever a vacancy exists in any such office. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall preside over the Council and have all the powers and duties of the Chairman. In the absence of the Vice-Chairman, the members of the Council present shall elect a presiding officer by majority vote. In the absence of the Secretary, the Chairman shall appoint a member of the Tribal Council to act as Secretary."

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
JANUARY 20, 1990**

Transcribed and Submitted by Robby Robertson

MEETING: Regular Council Meeting
DATE: January 20, 1990
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Siletz Tribal Community Center

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Manuel Rilatos	Delores Pigsley, Chairman
Jessie Davis, Secretary	Jane I. John (9:15 a.m.)
Mary "Dolly" Fisher	Pat Morrell
Gladys Staggs	Frank Simmons (10:35 a.m.)
Alfred "Bud" Lane, III,	Vice-Chairman

OTHERS PRESENT:

Phil Rilatos, General Manager
Tina Retasket, Programs Director
Judy John, Health Director

Sharon Edenfield, Business Manager
Craig Dorsay, Tribal Attorney
Teresa Miller, Newsletter Editor
Robby Robertson, Council Secretary
Nelsen Witt, Superintendent BIA
Shirley Strickler, Enrollment
Teresa Miller, H&F Liaison
Selene Lynch, Tribal Member
Emma Russell, Tribal Member
Mike Darcy, Principal Siletz School
Jack Retasket

Chairman, Delores Pigsley, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call was taken with 7 Council members present and 2 absent. Andy Viles will not be here, he requested time on the February agenda. Craig requested time on today's agenda.

MOTION #1 - Bud Lane moved to approve the amended agenda, with the deletion of Andy Viles, and addition of Craig Dorsay. Seconded by Jessie Davis. Motion approved, 7-0-0.

MOTION #2 - Bud Lane moved to approve the amended minutes of the December 16 and December 20 Council meetings. Seconded by Dolly Fisher. Motion approved, 7-0-0.

TRIBAL COUNCIL INITIATIVES - Jessie reported that Harold Knudsen will be doing a performance at the Performing Arts Center on February 4th at 2:00 p.m. He is donating the proceeds to the Siletz Tribe's Pow-Wow. Some of our tribal children will dress down and be ushers at the performance. Jessie reported that the Pow-Wow Committee intends to prepare a tribal cookbook to sell for fundraising. Anyone wanting to submit recipes should send it to the Pow-Wow Committee by March 1st. The Health Board requested input from tribes on anonymous sampling for AIDS. When tribal members are screened for other things, they would be screened for AIDS. Bud mentioned that advance notice for meetings need to be posted. Dolly suggested the election process be started earlier to enable candidates to declare sooner and for word on who is running to get out sooner. Dolly suggested candidates declare by August. Dolly suggested the candidate fairs should be stopped altogether. Bud stated the candidate fairs would probably happen anyway, but questioned whether the tribe should facilitate them. Jessie supported the candidate fairs because they provide tribal members with an opportunity to meet candidates they do not know. Dee felt they were better controlled than they were before. Jessie suggested they not be on the same day. Jane felt it was good to get it all done in the same day. Phil noted that following this election, the Election Board will be holding a meeting to discuss changes. Pat suggested that a run-off procedure be instituted in the election process to break a tie vote. Craig will draft a procedure for Council review. Pat requested July 28th & 29th to use the Tribal Center/Facilities for a Brown family reunion. By letter to the Council, Kelley Ellis requested use of Government Hill for her wedding ceremony on July 21, 1990. Pat urged the Council to attend the ATNI winter conference. Dee noted the Council has already spent over half the travel budget within the first three months. Council travel will need to be closely monitored.

MOTION #3 - Bud Lane moved to approve the use of Government Hill and facilities for the Brown Family Reunion on July 28 and 29, 1990, pending availability. Seconded by Jane John. Motion approved, 7-0-1.