

More Letters.....

DEAR EDITOR:

My name is John Hibbs and I was raised in Valsetz, Oregon. I am trying to locate some friends that lived there in the 1960's. Harry Burk (or Burke) was a logger and he broke his back in about 1961. His wife was Pat and I think her maiden name was Strom and I believe she had a brother named Don. They had two girls and the last I knew they lived in Moxee City, Washington.

If anyone can help me locate them, I can be reached during regular working hours at 503-753-0227 or evenings after 6 or so at my home phone at 503-787-3114.

Thank You,
John L. Hibbs

TO WHOM IT MAY
CONCERN:

I believe some apologies and retractions are in order from the recent unfortunate happenings involving our Tribal Court system. Lives were disrupted and reputations almost ruined.

Gladys M. Bolton

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

For sometime now I have intended to write this letter and now I have the time to do so.

It has been a concern of mine for years that because I live in Columbia County (not one of the eleven counties served by the federal government) I am not eligible for some of the services offered by the federal government. I think it is time that tribal members who live beyond "the eleven" be offered the same services and opportunities of those who live in the eleven counties.

I do not feel I should be excluded just because I live in Columbia County. I was born here, not more than 300 yards from where I live right now.

Is there any way the Tribal Council could have Columbia County added to the list of counties serviced by the government?

I would appreciate someone getting back to me on this. If you do not feel it is important enough to run in the Newsletter a letter from someone there would be greatly appreciated.

Virgene Blair

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE
GENERAL COUNCIL:

I am writing in regards to Tami Hickie's letter in the last Siletz Newsletter. I am having a problem understanding exactly what her problem is. The Tribe has approximately 120 employees, with Siletz tribal members filling at least 82% of positions, Native American non-Siletz Indians filling about 11 of those positions and non-Indians filling the last 28. There are approximately 4 positions available now to "qualified" tribal members, with approximately 500 new positions to be filled with the up-coming new gaming center. Some of these positions do and should require more education than a mere GED. If tribal members want to work for the Tribe, there are certainly jobs available for them. The Tribe certainly cannot leave these jobs open forever, waiting for a "qualified" Siletz tribal member to apply for them. These openings have to be filled by someone who is "most" qualified for that position.

If Tami Hickie is having some problems with the hiring practices of the Tribe, I feel they are just imaginary problems and I can't help but feel

also, that they are coming from some other personal source rather than the hiring practices of the Tribe. I suggest that if she is having problems getting along with other employees, and judging by her letter in the Newsletter, she is having problems with some or all of her fellow co-workers, maybe it's time her conduct be investigated and dealt with appropriately. In these days of mass confusion within the Tribe, the Tribe cannot function if there is someone using tribal policies to settle personal disputes at the work place. Every place I have worked there has always been a chain of command and employees were encouraged to use that chain of command to settle differences between employees and not take it out of that environment. I feel that Ms. Hickie violated that chain of command by taking her problems outside that chain. Before Tami Hickie gets excited over this letter, I would like to say that "I" am a Siletz Tribal member.

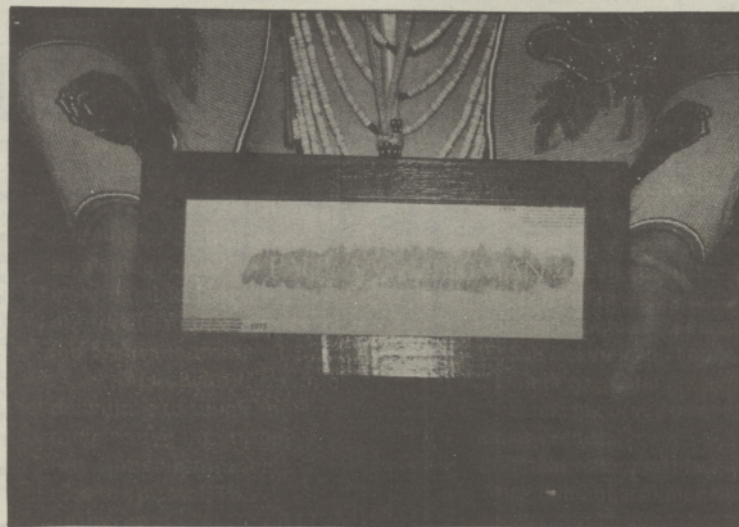
Thank you for listening to my side of this issue.

Robb Pearson
A Siletz Tribal Member

THANK YOU TO GILBERT
TOWNER:

We wish to thank Gilbert Towner for honoring Paul Youngman during the Restoraton Pow Wow on November 19, 1994. Gilbert presented Paul's family with a rubbing of his name from the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, DC framed in purple heart wood. Gilbert searched many years for this particular wood and made the frame himself.

Paul, our warm-hearted laughing boy, was killed in Vietnam in 1968, a few days before his twentieth birthday. Gilbert has never forgotten this and has



honored Paul with his remembrance through the years.

Gilbert, thank you for your own warrior spirit and your great heart, and for honoring our loved one.

We also wish to thank Dancing Again Singers for their honor song, and our friends and family who danced with us that night. Konaway Nika Tillicum
All My Relations.

The Family of
Paul Arnold Youngman:
June & Bill Austin
Randy Austin & Family
Shannon Hatch & Family
Taylor Pettit & Family
Beverly Youngman