

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

To the editor;

Not to many years ago we were a happy and contented tribe and we had nothing but 3600 acres of timberland. Now everyone is up in arms, griping about their jobs which they did not have a few years ago. Training was and still available but that was abused by one person (a tribal member) in particular, a plane ticket was used for training in the Culinary business but that person did not attend the training, yet he is still upset for lack of training, but has a joy ride to Reno.

Some of the current council members, Chairman included have stopped Economic Development in Lincoln City. We spent thousands of dollars on plans for a hotel, RV park & parking structures, now that is all for naught. These structures would enhance our Gaming Center, the tribe's economic stability and the city of Lincoln City. More jobs would have been created.

The Gaming Commissioners were trained to the tune of over \$50,000 a piece in a little over one years time. Now two of those Commissioners have left the Commission to pursue other jobs where politics and abuse of required work hours do not exist. Too bad we have to lose devoted personnel to please a few that feels they must mangle everything we have. We have managers for all departments, let them do their job. They are well qualified and have the skills to accomplish a purpose.

All I hear is fire this one and that one, without one minute of using common sense or adult smarts. Maybe the tribal Council needs to take a test on using sound judgment, common courtesy and considerate behavior before they can enter in to the election process and if that is abused, you are out of there quick.

I am totally embarrassed by what is going on. Some of us worked very hard to get where we are, why do we put up with the gross misconduct? Perhaps the promise of per capita payment had something to do with what is happening the past few months.

The one year anniversary of Chinook Winds gaming and Convention center is coming the 28th of June, we have many things to be thankful for. Why do some not grasp and comprehend how far we have advanced since the 1950's?

One item of clarification-I named Chinook Winds, I did not receive \$5000.00 and several days in Las Vegas for doing so in fact I received nothing and expected nothing. This vicious rumor has to stop, I know where it started and am confronted with it often but I tell them the truth and they say "so and so said" and it is always the same person's.

A deeply concerned Tribal Member,
Mary "Dolly" Fisher

We, the Native Brotherhood of Lakota Oyate-Ki, are asking for your help. Our goal is to raise consciousness for crime prevention. Our main focus is to be on the Native Youth.

We, the captives of O.S.P, are well-versed of the realities of criminal behavior, and seek to offer points of concern that may in some way help or assist any of the youth to avoid the same fate. This compels us to call attention to this plight. We are now reaching out to the Native Community asking you to recognize this very important issue: the preservation of our natural resource. Our Youth.

The Lakota Oyate-Ki is now able to offer a "Youth Speaking Panel". We want to focus on the Youth, the need to communicate amongst the Native Community is at an all-time high. Alcohol, drugs, Suicide these all being criminal activity need to be confronted in a good manner.

The views that are shared from personal experience as native men that have fell prey to criminal activity. In many cases the criminal activities start at a young age and escalates... with the introduction of Alcohol & Drugs.

Within native communities you shall find human existence under abject poverty, better known as manifestations of oppression. In this state of affair abnormalities are rampant.

The realities that are dealt with silently by individuals include, forced sterilization, born addiction, adoption, melancholy, the many forms of depression, all direct or indirect avenues into substance abuse that eventually leads to inevitable incarceration.

There is no glorification to any of the actions taken by these men that represent the incarceration of native peoples here in Oregon. It's very important that our youth understands we are prisoners, captives of society, and there is no glamour.

We have a social problem that needs tending to; many people shall experience the wrath of incarceration. As it's known the youth at one time or another shall thrill seek, it's the development of psychosis brought upon by television, radio and the illicit behavior of the baby boomers.

The violent behavior condoned by American society, the manifestations of outward anger developed from inward anger, the overwhelming pure pressures that's entrenched in dominate capitalistic society there is desperate need of revelation as identity crisis is evident.

This speaking panel encourages the youth to participate in community functions, cultural nights, pow-wows, and sweat-lodge ceremonies. As Measure 11 in Oregon shall find many youth incarcerated for a moment of thrill seeking: 5,7,10 and 25 years shall be done day for day, our youth are not expendable, the call to consciousness is now.

Robert VanPelt # 5629878

Little grandma, uncle Bristo, uncle Sam, Dad (Happy Fathers Day) Rick, Hedi, Tod, Tad, Shelia, Kristi, Trevor, Bonnie, Fish, Ariessa and everyone else I love & think about, HELLLO!!
Love Manuel Bayya

Happy Birthday to Patrick Pullam of Corvallis. Best wishes for many more happy, looooooong years!!!!!!
Tina, Darcy & Alison.

Slick,
I just wanted to let you know your on my mind and in my HEART!!! I Love You Always!!! Sweet Dreams With The Angel's, Me.

Tribal Members & Readers:

I remember back in the late 1960's, our family would go out to the bean yards. During the summer, we would work with other tribal families and migrant workers.

The housings were not that good, the outhouses had an unpleasant odor, I doubt if the farm owners ever buried it or put any deterrent for odor.

Many summers, our family picked beans and strawberries and lived in these camps. At home, it was blueberries.

As I watch the news, read the newspaper, I see that the migrant workers are fighting for better living conditions, wages and the places that they stay in.

They have a leader, one that once worked the farms, lived at the camps and knows what the needs of the people are. The people rally behind this leader. He can say, "I can walk the talk and talk the walk."

I always wondered what it would be like if we (Siletz) had a leader. You know what? It's a scary thought.

Can our leaders "Walk the Talk, let alone, Talk the Walk?"

Just where did they come up with 15% straight across the board? What are the needs of our people? Who decides the needs? Did Council go amongst our people to see who needs what?

To me and me alone, Tribal Council needs to be more involved with our people, that's at the workplace, whether it's involve the Casino or the Administration.

They need to know if there are any kinds of trouble, whether it's intoxicated Tribal Members harassing Social Workers about GA to harassment and taunting of co-workers.

Tribal Council should try to make it harder for Tribal Members that come to the Office intoxicated and those that harass co-worker (by suspending them for a year and fire those that continue to harass others).

Speaking of the Casino, a couple Tribal Members and I went out to watch two other Tribal Members play softball in West Salem.

While we were there, we heard that Chinook Winds had a baseball team. We asked each other who they were because the ones that were playing for Newport plays for our Siletz Tribal Team.

Come to find out, that team was Grand Ronde Tribal Members. Why don't Spirit Mountain sponsor their own Tribal Members? Our Tribal Members had to complain to Chinook Winds for sponsorship.

What's wrong with this pitcher? I mean picture.

It's sad what goes on in our Tribe, for some people, their only communication of what is happening is through our newsletter. Some are told what they want you to hear, not both sides, others just plain gossip and spread stories, just to cause problems.

William Stanley Strong

URGENT!! PRODUCT RECALL
EVENFLO INFANT CAR SEAT.

Evenflo Company, Inc. recalled the following seats: Evenflo Champion Car seat with the model numbers beginning with the digits 224 and manufactured between June 1,1993 and November 22,1996 and Evenflo Scout Car Seat with the model numbers beginning with the digits 229 manufactured between June 1,1993 and December 16,1996. The Car Seats have been recalled because they fail to conform with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 213 (FMVSS213).

This recall is due to the concern that the occupant of the child restraint may be subject to acceleration forces in excess of 60 G's during the course of a severe automobile collision that may cause injury to the occupant. Testing has demonstrated that the higher G's are associated with the restraint's degree of recline. Therefore, the manufacturer has replaced the upright position bar with a shorter upright position bar to meet the requirements of FMVSS213.

This recall involves one car seat at the Center, the Evenflo Scout Car Seat stocked under NSN 7210-00-000-1003. If you have any of the recalled car seats in stock please call Evenflo directly at 800-490-7497 so a retrofit kit (a shorter upright position bar) can be sent to you at no cost. Until families receive the kit, Evenflo recommends using the seats ONLY in the recline position even in the FORWARD-FACING position. Ideally, all forward-facing seats need to be in the UPRIGHT position, however, Evenflo claims it is acceptable to have them in the reclined-position forward-facing.

All car seats at the Center have been manufactured after December 1996 and are available for immediate issue.

O MOTHER EARTH
Never will I plow the earth..
I would be tipping open the breast of my mother.
Never will I foul the rivers. I would be poisoning the veins of my mother.
Never will I cut down the trees. I would be breaking off the arms of my mother.
Never will I pollute the air..I would be contaminating the breath of my mother.
Never will I strip mine the land.. I would be tearing of her clothes, leaving her naked.
Never will I kill the wild animals for no reason.. I would be murdering her children, my own brothers and sisters.
Never will I disrespect the earth in anyway.
Always will I walk in beauty upon the earth my mother,
Under the sky my father, In the warmth of the sun my sister,
through the glow of the moon my brother.

Lawrence William O'Connor
Chicago, IL

Andea- Congratulations on your graduation from Linn-Benton Community College. Best luck next year at OSU. We're proud of you---
Dad & Tina

Congratulation's to Darcy Jones for receiving her letter in Drama at Toledo High School!!!

By Amy Hellickson
Taken from: Oregon State's Student Guide

Melissa Butler strides out from meeting in Oregon State University's Native American Longhouse beaming with enthusiasm and big plans for fall term. As the new co-coordinator of the Longhouse, Butler is looking forward to monthly events, social gatherings and the annual Native American Pow-Wow in May. A student who is working hard and achieving personal success, Butler has become a role model for students.

"Any Indian who makes it through higher education is a success story", said Michael McCanna, coordinator for OSU's Indian education office. "But Melissa has been working hard at OSU and finding the area at OSU and finding the she's comfortable in the Native American Student Association."

Butler, 20, graduated early from Toledo High School and now is majoring in elementary education, psychology and sociology and hopes to pursue a career in teaching and counseling.

A member of the Siletz tribe, Butler said she enjoys the freedom of college but keeps close ties with her family back home. The Longhouse offered her a place where she could get the best of both worlds. "We're like a big family here," she said. "The Longhouse is the place we come to between classes to hand out or watch TV. It becomes a place where you have your closest friends, those you take home with you for holidays and schedule classes with."

The Native American Longhouse, chartered in 1970, provides a study center for student use and meeting area for various Indian organizations on campus. Located next to Moreland Hall, the Longhouse is associated with the Native Student Association and the American Indian Science and Engineering Society, which both meet on a weekly basis. Butler is active in both groups. Though both Lane Community College and the University of Oregon have similar Native American groups, Butler said OSU has the largest active Indian community. "Most universities have Native American groups, but they're not as big as us or as well used," she said.

Butler is also in charge of planning events such as three tribal visitations scheduled for fall term. Visitations are set up through the Longhouse for Native American high school students interested in OSU. Members of the Longhouse contact these students from Oregon and Washington, give them an in-depth look at campus, feed them lunch and answer questions. "It's a great way to recruit more students and give them a real feel for our campus," said Butler. Butler also coordinates other social gatherings, celebrations and potlucks. Friends and families who attend make the event like a family reunion, she said. At the top of Butler's list is the Native American Pow-Wow, sponsored by the Native American student Association. The Pow-Wow hosts Native Americans from all tribes in Oregon and Washington. Last year, Butler was in charge of inviting various dancers, publicity, organizing raffle items and T-shirts and setting up for the event.

This year's event, scheduled for the third weekend in May, will be held in Gill Coliseum, marking the first year the event has been held in such a facility. Butler said she was thankful for the donations from different departments, students and the Corvallis community for the Pow-Wow.

Butler hopes to see more involvement in the Longhouse this year, especially in support of a new building to house their facilities. "The place we're in now is an old army building, and it's not that stable," she said. Butler plans on putting much of her efforts this year finding funding for a new building. "The ground our facility is on now was blessed by a sacred tribal leader making this ground sacred, hoping to get enough funds to tear down the old building and replace it with a traditional Longhouse." With no funding available through OSU, Butler said they are looking to outside organizations and grants for help. "It's going to take a few years to even submit a proposal, though," she said. As for herself Butler is looking to get back to her roots.

"I haven't dressed down and danced the traditional dances I learned when I was young in a long time," she said. "I'd like to start doing that again." Butler is working on her own "regalia" or traditional costume to wear for such occasions. "These dresses usually cost a lot of money, so I'm making my own even though it's a long process," she said. When Butler looks to the Longhouse, however, she is hoping students, regardless of ethnic background, will utilize the facility to satisfy their curiosity and become a part of the organization. "I'd like to see students come in and get involved in our activities, not because their teachers have sent them in to gather information and leave," she said.

"We're not a report, and we need more active involvement with the Pow-Wow, for example," Butler will serve as co-coordinator along with Travis Wells through June 1997. She hopes to share with newcomers her insight and confidence in the Longhouse and its growing family.

To Every-One that knows Manuel (Slick)
I just wanted to express my feeling's to all his friend's and family. A person we all love and care about is locked-up and has no-one there to really talk to or confide in or just to let him know he is a wonderful human being and that he is TRUELY LOVED!!!! Not very many people take any of there time to write or go see him. How many of you sent back your visiting forms? I'm not trying to make any-one feel guilty or mad I just want you to realize that even though he is not here in Siletz doesn't mean he is gone for good. So please take the time to let him know that your thinking about him!! I Love You Slick!!
Here's his address if you don't already have it.
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S.E. Salem,Or. 97310

Clifford Case Sr. proudly announces that Leroy Case age 10 took a respectable 6th place in Coast Hills mountain bike race and Levi Case age 9 took a respectable 7th place. They were the only two kid's that placed under the age of ten.
Levi Case took 1st place in a bike-limbo contest. CONGRATULATIONS!!!! We are proud of you!!

To the ENTIRE Williams family and the Metcalf family Jason, Willie, Leon, Jen, and the Molina family Tony, Tavi & Tracy and Jessica Parr & family and the rest of the BUNCH!! I'm thinking of ALL of you. See you in 1999.
Slick