

Letters to the editor

To the editor:

I understand Tribal members have no preference in the hiring procedure lately and then it may mean it depends on who you are. We wrote the hiring procedure years ago with the intent of employing our tribal members and this was and still is one of the reasons we worked for 4 years on the restoration bill. To have to re-affirm the vote to not hire a qualified tribal members for the CEO position and to continue negotiations with the loser does not make sense, but then what does for the past seven months. It is to bad the pride and dignity that we share has to be forgotten or set aside for the personal reasons. The adage of "what comes around goes around" still works. Right now were being laughed at by many Tribes and our own tribal members are becoming concerned. Take a look back and we can see what we have gained for the members of our tribe—Health care, employment, Housing, Education opportunities. These 4 items used to be important to 1995. Tribal Council elections are coming up in February of 1998, there are 3 seats that will be open. I ask you to check the campaign letters and determined if they are being carried out for the past three years. You may be surprised at the devastation and disregard of those remarks that we see and hear lately.

Respectably, Dolly Fisher

I would like to write this letter regarding the "Gathering of the People" Pow-wow. It was held in the Agness, Or. area Sept. 19-21. This was the 5th year and it's getting bigger and better each year. Twenty-two tribes attended, they came from 36 different cities in Oregon. Seven from out of state, and one from Austria! Two to four hundred people attended. A good time was had by all! I would like to thank all of the people who donated money raffle items, salmon and their time to make this a success. Also a big thank you to the runners from Siletz OR. who ran the "reverse" "Trail of Tears". And a special thanks to Victor and Ron Fry. Hope to see you all next year.

Sincerely, Chairman: Donald L Fry
United Chetco/Tootootoney Tribes

Dear Tribal members:

If you read the tribal newsletter you have an idea of what's been happening in the tribal government. I have seen and felt the humiliation, embarrassment and total disrespect tribal members have shown our tribal council.

Acceptance of change is all it takes. We do not need to run down the tribal council for doing what they think is right. We do not need the tribal newsletter editor writing his personal political beliefs in our paper, an editor who is an tribal employee, should be looking out for the integrity of the tribe and make the newsletter a meaning piece of information. He needs not, make

people look ignorant.

I have been a big advocate for change, we are due for change, we are seeing things happen that are overdue, it's wrong, to hear former tribal council members discrediting and belittling themselves over petty personal feelings. Holding meetings, talking of re-call. How sad they cant accept they lost an election and someone else is making decisions out of their control. Tribal members take a good look of what you seen and heard. It's time to find your own way. What do you believe in? What do you stand for? It's not family, It's the future of the tribe. Should our children and grandchildren have trust funds, should our casino been paid for with our timber money we lost to Stedco? Should our land accusation efforts been dropped? Should we have been more successful? our time is now make your own way, know what you want, know what you believe in. Are millions and millions of dollars just a drop in the bucket to you? Who is accountable for this? Who has been on council for years and years?

I am thank full for the tribal council we have, someone finally has the backbone to make changes and stand behind the decisions to do so. They are being harassed and humiliated continuously and still doing what must be done. Tribal council members. I commend you, for giving of yourself for us, a future and something to believe in again.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon Case

To General Council

Jessie Davis sold her soul to get Gary Daniel's, the Director of Entertainment, his contract back. How? She agreed to fire Nelson Witt. Gary is getting \$100,000 per year, plus 10% of what the entertainers charge us. Why? Plus Gary is directly under Council, instead of Burgess Harmer. Why? Could it be that Gary is giving some Council members unlimited free money? Jessie voted against Brenda Bremner for an interview for GM. Reggie Butler is quoted as saying in the minutes, "they could put any Butler in any job they wanted." They preach Indian preference but 4 tribal members were laid off at STEDCO based on personal issues against Phil Rilatos. Our tribal chairman, Lillie Butler, has no idea what to do. She relied on Nelson for her answers. She was in the CEO office for 2 months trying to get a cram coarse regarding the tribes programs and what the tribe is doing. She has no control of the meetings. In regards to the hiring of the GM; tell me this isn't a personal issue and family issue. My dad, Phil Rilatos, ran the tribe for 7 years. He ran the Pacific Fleet

of the Navy and has run an entire Job Corps Center. He has 45 years in management yet they chose a non-tribal member who has hardly any experience in this field. He is a lawyer. Compare the two. Reggie's and the rest of council, said their reasons for not hiring him was bad past job performances but his evaluations are all positive!!! He began turning STEDCO around until Lillie, Reggie, Clifford, Geneva and Denise Peterson chose to tie his hands on STEDCO projects. Before he left our mill was up and running and had two shifts. Then the five council chose to blame STEDCO problems on him. Yet Lillie was the Council Representative to STEDCO when they supposedly lost all this money!!! They tried to discredit Brenda's Chemawa experience. If she is not qualified, how come she is acting CEO and has been for 6 weeks? Council has broken the Ethic Code and the Constitution. They are forming a committee to see what they are going to do with Ray Blacketer for writing his article. Council has no business in personnel issues!!! Ray printed the truth the 5 council members didn't want General Council to hear, so they want to reprimand him! General Council need to stand by him and make council accountable!! I am limited to space but if you want to talk, I am willing to inform you of much more! I expect to NOT be reprimanded or harassed over this letter when I return to work !!!!

Sincerely, Denise Jordan--Roll # 2563

Greetings; To whom it may concern,
We the Lakota Oyate Native Brotherhood of the Oregon State Penitentiary are currently involved with a crime prevention Youth speaking Panel. We are honored to announce that one of your tribal members, or a member of your community has been involved with this Speaking Panel. Rosalee Jurado, Rocky Gonzaley, Donald Treffen we are thank full for the effort and respect shown, by the participation. It is clear that the troubles that are within our communities, and we as a people must strive to confront the many issues that is a daily occurrence. We are thank full to all people that work to help the youth, as it is the youth that shall be the future. Once again we express our gratitude to all participants.

Lakota General Council, On behalf of he crime Prevention Youth Speaking Panel.

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