

## Behind the wall



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Indian community participates with Indian Club in a Pow-wow.



Children from Woodburn present a program for Chicano Club.



Inmates assist one another in the music class.



Gary Babcock, State Public Defender, teaches "writing and research law class."

### The Value of Volunteers

*Life is a mirror of king and of slave, 'tis just what you are and do, So give to the world the best you have, And the best will come back to you.*

Anonymous

Leo Hegstrom was recently appointed by Governor Vic Atiyeh as the chief of Oregon's largest agency, the Division of Human Resources.

Leo Hegstrom said it all in his first press release, that he believes in the value of using volunteers within his agencies to reduce department

budgets. This alone clearly proves that the Governor chose the right man for the job.

Speaking on budget allocations, Hegstrom said, "The amount needed can never be totally met through public funds."

Inside the walls of Oregon State Penitentiary volunteers have played an important role in answering the needs of the inmate population since the early '70s. Without them, Superintendent H.C. Cupp and his administrative staff would have found it almost impossible to generate the peaceful environment this institution has known since 1968.

Under the guidance of J.C. Keeney, Assistant Superintendent, the gates were first opened to volunteers. Keeney, a former educator, was highly criticized by many for fear that supervision and protection of the volunteers would become a burden. But there was one thing those critics did not realize. Cupp and Keeney were entrusting a responsibility to the inmates, the responsibility to show respect and a sense of dignity to anyone who wanted to destroy the myth that once a man is placed in prison he is an animal never again to be treated like part of society. It took only a short time for the inmates to the use of volunteers was a success and was rewarding at all levels.

Today, departments at OSP such as education, activities, vocational training and others depend on many services from people of different communities throughout the state. In many cases the inmates themselves have learned the rewarding experience of volunteering services to some other inmate or the community.

*"The art of giving freely of thyself can never be measured in coins and silver."*

A new era is blossoming at OSP. Under the direction of Charles Keaton, Rehabilitation Manager, inmates are volunteering their talents by working with other inmates. Music classes, law classes, and even this column "Behind the Walls" have come about by inmates volunteering their efforts to help one another.

*Doesn't it seem strange how people will give of themselves ten times more through volunteering a service than they ever would for money?*



Burt Hall and Johnny Sims tutor fellow inmates.

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- THE LOSER Is always a part of the problem.
- THE WINNER Always has a program.
- THE LOSER Always has an excuse.
- THE WINNER Says let me do it for you.
- THE LOSER Says "that's not my job."
- THE WINNER Sees an answer for every problem.
- THE LOSER Sees a problem in every answer.
- THE WINNER Sees a green near every sand trap.
- THE LOSER Sees two or three sand traps near every green.
- THE WINNER Says it may be difficult but it's possible.
- THE LOSER Says "it may be possible but it's too difficult."

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