

Cultural Center Much More Than Museum

by Cynthia Stowell

Many people have heard rumblings about a historical museum in the making, but how many know the details of this far-reaching project of the Mid-Oregon Indian Historical Society? The director, Mr. Harry Paget, has provided much insight into the activities and plans which will produce a cultural center for the Warm Springs Reservation and its visitors.

The concept of a museum has been discussed for years but not until two years ago did plans begin to take form. The Museum Committee was established to address the issue and the Historical Society was chartered as a tribal enterprise. Members of the committee now include: Nelson Wallulatum (Chairman), Harold Culpus (Vice-Chairman), Juanita Bourland (Secretary-Treasurer), Lillian Heath, Nathan Jim, Sam Johnson (State

Representative from Deschutes County), and Conrad Rosing (Assistant Vice President of U.S. National Bank).

Last year the committee hired Mr. Paget to head up the project. Mr. Paget has a background in film-making and communications as well as anthropology. Several months ago Felix Wallulatum joined Mr. Paget as an assistant. Their office in the old Boys' Dorm is an exciting array of photographs, maps and plans and is a good indication of the many ideas which are fast becoming reality.

Mr. Paget described the proposed cultural center as much more than just a museum. In fact there are five major components being planned.

1. Museum: One of the central features will be a collection of artifacts representing four distinct periods in the history of the native people of

vice activities. Tribal members anticipate that it will serve as the nucleus for a small business complex planned for Pawhuska.

New incomes and job opportunities are needed to combat high unemployment among tribal members, the tribe said. The tribe has begun a program of diversification with farming and cattle raising. They expect the tribal center to stimulate long-range economic growth.

this region. On display in the museum will be both purchased and borrowed items of historical and aesthetic value.

2. Archives: A permanent collection of original written documents is being assembled and will be accessible to the public via microfiche and inexpensive reproduction.

3. Performing Arts Center: An amphitheatre will be constructed for the dramatization of legends and other forms of educational entertainment. A theatre group comprised of tribal members will be developed in a series of pilot projects.

4. Publications Outlet: Publications generated by the Center will be offered for sale to the public.

5. Education: The community is expected to benefit greatly from the carefully collected materials and ongoing research. Workshops, courses and opportunities to do volunteer work will be offered.

Several sites for the Cultural Center are being considered, all of which are near Kah-Nee-Ta. This location is thought to be advantageous for two reasons: 1) Because the Center will be dependent on the general public for its financing, it would benefit from Kah-Nee-Ta's patrons, and 2) the Center would supplement Kah-Nee-Ta's in a tasteful and meaningful way.

A "museum without walls" model is being considered, utilizing a natural bowl feature for the amphitheatre. Satellite buildings are being planned for Warm Springs for the housing of educational and communications components and for storage space. The "museum without walls" concept however, goes beyond the physical plant design and implies a broad community-based approach.

Currently Mr. Paget and the Committee are busy deciding on a site and making preparations for designing and building the Center. But equally important is the long process of acquiring artifacts and documents, and thereby reconstructing the history of the three distinct culture areas to

be represented: Plateau, Great Basin, and River Valley. An inventory will be taken of the existing available artifacts and arrangements will be made to acquire those pieces which present a varied and complete view of history. Much of these acquisitions will be made on a loan basis where the donors retain ownership but are offered protection and display of their possessions. It is hoped that the collections and buildings will be ready for the use of the tribes and the public in approximately three years, although of course these will be ongoing projects.

The Trade Fair, to be held on Labor Day, will do much to arouse enthusiasm and bring to light the valuable personal collections of local individuals.

Funds for the planning and building of the Cultural Center will be provided through tax-deductible contributions private foundations such as the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Economic Development Administration. H.U.D. (Housing and Urban Development of the Department of Commerce) funds have been utilized heretofore.

Ultimately major planning and development decisions will be made through public hearings and general councils.



There are some people who say that if a fly lands on your nose, somebody has something to tell you!



Some people believe that if your eyebrows grow together you will be very rich!

EDA Grant Approved

Approval of a \$350,000 grant to help build an administrative center on the Osage Tribal Trust Lands in Oklahoma.

The tribe will use the funds to construct the administrative building at Pawhuska, where planning activities will be conducted to diversify the economy of the trust lands.

The center will be used for council meetings and for ser-



SHOWN IMBEDDING fence posts in cement are Gerald Charley (left), Lloyd Eder, and Delson Suppah, right. The workers should be finished at the Tenino Site this month.

Photo by Sandy Rangila

Cemetery Fencing Started

Fourteen Title X employees under the supervision of Bob Clatt (construction supervisor), have been hired to fence cemeteries on the reservation. The fencing program is financed by tribal funds and money from a Federal Title X Job Opportunities Grant.

Currently, five cemeteries will be fenced. They are: Tenino-West Hills cemetery, Seekseequa I and II, Dry Creek, and Red Lake cemetery. Others will be done at a later time.

The first cemetery presently being fenced is the Tenino-West Hills cemetery. The workers are mainly concerned at this time with the Tenino cemetery because all the fence-

ing for it has been purchased and is on the site. Fence posts are being imbedded in concrete and the job should be completed by the end of the month.

"Fencing will provide security from livestock, horses, and motorcycles, as well as lending a stronger identity to the cemetery," according to tribal planner Ray Rangila. The type of fencing being used is galvanized chain-link fencing.

"All the cemeteries have been surveyed for expansion," said Clatt, "and fence post holes have been dug on all five." The fencing has been ordered for Seekseequa II, which will probably be the next cemetery to be fenced.

Commission Conducts Hearings

The American Indian Policy Review Commission will conduct hearings on the structure of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, May 8 and 9 in Denver, Colo. These hearings are being held in accordance with the Commission's mandate to "review...the policies, practices, and structure of the federal agencies charged with protecting Indian resources and providing services to the Indians." The Commission Task Force on Federal Administration will also participate in the BIA hearings.

Senator James Abourezk (D-SD) the Commission's Chairman, will Chair the hearings, which will begin at 9:00 a.m. each day at the Hilton Airport Inn, Interstate 70 and Peoria, Denver, Colo.

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Testimony will be given by Indian tribes, organizations, and individuals. Representatives from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Department of the Interior will testify at a later date in Washington DC.

Specific issues to be dealt

with include: tribal - agency program and budget relationships; BIA and Department of Interior trust administration of Indian resources; contract administration; policies of eligibility for services and employment preference; line and delegations of authority.

All those submitting testimony should make five copies to be available at the hearing. Any amount of written testimony and additional documents may be submitted for the record. There will be time limits on oral testimony, to be determined by the number of witnesses appearing. The Commission will first hear scheduled witnesses and will then hear testimony from others as time permits.

The American Indian Policy Review Commission was established by Public Law 93-580 to conduct an in-depth investigation of the current state of Indian affairs, to compile data necessary to understand the extent of present and future Indian needs, and to make recommendations for modification of existing laws, procedures, policies and regulations affecting Indians.

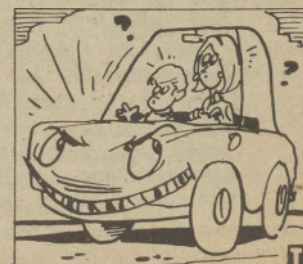
Bravettes Softball Classification Upgraded

During the annual A.S.A. (Amateur Softball Assn.) meeting in Eugene, Or., March 20, 1976, the Warm Springs Bravettes (Fast-Pitch), softball team was reclassified from class "B" to class "A" by action of State A.S.A. commissioners, Garland R. Sprick, Jack Moore, David Smith and Dick Henbest, and representatives from various teams that the Bravettes regularly competed with. This upgrading will obviously mean stiffer competition for the Bravettes; in related action, the Junction City Merchants, the Eugene Kay Jays, and the Portland Columbia Fence Teams were moved up to "Majors" classification also.

After cold weather delays, practice finally got underway this past Monday. Player turnout so far has been light with veterans Julie Mitchell, Fran Moses, Lyly Ann Moses and Liz Suppah, "Bucket" Wini-shut, and Sandra Tanewasha to our practice. Other veterans expected back inside "Buttons" Miller, Wanda Charley, Auralyn Stwyer, Lisa Suppah, and possibly Jan Farley, and Dora Goudy.

The Bravettes will be out to defend their NIAA (National Indian Activities Association), softball fast pitch championship. Besides winning the NIAA tournament in Seattle last year the Bravettes won tournament championships at Lummi and Yakima, Washington, and Yerington, Nevada. During the past six years the Bravettes have lost a total of four games to other Indian competition. Two of those losses were Yelm, Taholah and Lapwai last summer when the Bravettes had to use a number of non-regular players due to the absence of regular players. The loss was to a very outstanding team from Namino, BC, in the NIAA tourney at Seattle. The fourth loss of the Bravettes to an Indian team happened in 1970, in Los Angeles.

This year the Bravettes are considering participation in the following tournaments: Madera, Calif., June 2-3; the Warm Springs Fun Daze, July 3,4,5; Portland Rose City Invitational July 9,10,11; Lake Oswego Invitational July 16,17, 18; Oregon class "A" tournament July 23,24,25; and various Indian tournaments. Also this summer, the Bravettes will play the Hillsboro Rebelettes in a special benefit exhibition game for the Meadow Wood camp which is an Elks outdoor camp for handicapped children somewhere near Pendelton and LaGrande.



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