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(The way it is)



Council Objects to Chemawa Cutback

In the wake of a recommendation by the Department of Interior that projected Chemawa Indian School enrollment be cut from 600 to 350 pupils,

the Warm Springs Tribal Council has fired off telegrams to key people in Washington expressing strong objection.

According to Olney Patt,

who is a member of the Chemawa Advisory Board, other tribes in the Northwest are also making their dissatisfaction known.

The Warm Springs telegram was sent June 7 to Sidney Yates, Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee for the Department of Interior, Mark O. Hatfield, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee, and Congressman Al Ullman.

Signed by Tribal Council Chairman Eugene Greene, the telegram stated, "Strongly object to cutback of projected student population for Chemawa as recommended by Under-Secretary Joseph and

respectfully urges serious reconsideration."

More detailed follow-up letters are currently being drafted.

The House of Representatives had already appropriated \$10 million for the renovation of the ailing Indian School when Rep. Yates requested that the BIA firm up its projected enrollment figures, reported Patt. Funds are now frozen.

The number of students who might be expected to attend a renovated Chemawa was estimated last winter by the northwest tribes. Their figure was 730, according to Patt.

The figure now being

tossed around in Washington by Under-Secretary Joseph is a little over 400. "Evidently he had been grossly misinformed," commented Patt.

Current enrollment at Chemawa stands at 225 which is about 25 less than capacity. Patt remarked, "That's all the students who care to come because of the condition of the facility."

Students at the decaying school are attending classes, sleeping and dining in mobile units. Some of the old buildings on the east side of campus are being used but most of the west side buildings are boarded up, waiting for a final decision on the size of the new facility.

Letters to the Editor

The Pi-Ume-Sha Committee would like to extend thanks to all the people who have donated food, time and money to the powwow.

Mr. and Mrs. Sharp of Mollalla have contributed a whole beef for Pi-Ume-Sha and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Butcher of Portland supplied us with 1000 buttons which will be sold at

the powwow.

Thanks also to Terry Taf-oya, Grant Wahleneka, Ernie Henderson, the Tribal Council and the Tribal Police for their support.

Pi-Ume-Sha has become what it is today with the help of such people.

The Pi-Ume-Sha Committee

Letter to the Editor

I am getting pretty angry with the people who are mis-using water coming from my well. We have a sharing system which could work to everybody's advantage if those using the water were more considerate about where the

water is coming from.

With the help to the Public Health Service I put the well in about 3-4 years ago. Since then the Tribe has installed a pump, pumphouse and pipes so that the water can be distributed to ten families.

The Tribe owns the right of way but I own the well and I have the option to use the water exclusively.

It is sad to see people leaving their hoses running outside when the reservation is facing a drought. I see this happening and my low water pressure is proof.

I am getting fed up and if this continues I will consider talking to my lawyer about what action to take.

Respectfully,
Chesley Yahtin
Simnasho

to the Editor

Dear Sir:

I am an inmate of the Oregon State Penitentiary.

Recently I received a copy of Spilyay Tymoo Coyote News from Tommy Kalama, a friend and fellow inmate.

I enjoyed this issue very much, (June 10, 1977). Each article seemed to come alive with a strong human factor. People caring about people.

I also thought the photography was excellent. The little guy holding his ears in the birthday chorus is a classic and I picked up a good hit from the little ballplayer.

I would like to congratulate you, along with your staff, for putting this paper together and making it available.

Respectively yours,
Ronald Gedenberg

to the Editor

I would like to thank the hard-working people on the Pi-Ume-Sha Committee with whom I've been working during the past year. There aren't many of you and your effort is really appreciated.

Thank you,
Art Mitchell

to the Editor

The olympic team members would like to extend their appreciation to the following people for their support: Lyle and Arleta Rhoan, Satch Miller, Everett Miller, Della Estimo, Don Sohapp, Patches Foltz, Uran Lenard, Levi Bobb, Reggie Winashut, Geraldine Jim, John and Theresa Katchia, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Scott.

The individual results will be shown in the next issue.

Thanks,
Lyle Rhoan, Sr.

to the Editor

It's Pi-Ume-Sha time again and we expect this year's powwow to be the biggest and the best in the eight years since it began.

The Pi-Ume-Sha Committee has devoted a lot of long, tedious hours to fund raising during the last year. They are pleased that the powwow is now receiving the recognition and financial support of the Tribal Council. Of course the more funds we get the more we can offer to visitors and locals in cash prizes, rations and drumming payment.

Reviving the old powwow tradition is a task that up until now the small Pi-Ume-Sha Committee has tried to undertake by itself. Many people feel that our committee does not want or need any more members, but that just isn't so.

Anyone who is interested in becoming involved in this year-round effort is more than welcome. Pi-Ume-Sha would benefit greatly from a broad-based effort by people all over the reservation.

See you at the powwow this weekend and hopefully at Pi-Ume-Sha Committee meetings in the coming year.

Nathan "Eight-ball" Jim

Indians Invited To Comment On Health Regulations

The Federal commitment to close the gap between the health status of the American Indian and Alaska Native people and that of the rest of the Nation within the next seven years is spelled out in regulations proposed by HEW's Indian Health Service.

The proposed regulations, published in the Federal Register, will implement the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. (Public Law 94-437.) The law, enacted on September 30, 1976, provides for better Federal Indian health program services and facilities and greater Indian and Alaska Native participation in the programs.

In brief, the Act authorizes the following:

Programs to increase the number of Indian health professionals serving Indians.

Increase appropriation levels over a seven-year period to

help HEW's Indian Health Service eliminate backlogs of health services needs, renovate and build health care facilities and staff housing, and construct sanitation facilities for Indian homes.

Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement to Indian Health Service facilities for services to eligible Indians.

A program to identify Indians in urban areas and their health needs, and make urban health care more accessible to them.

A study to determine the need for, and feasibility of establishing, an American Indian School of Medicine.

The regulations, as proposed, have been developed in consultation with national and regional Indian organizations, Indian leaders, and other American Indian and Alaska Native people. Representatives of HEW's Indian Health Service, tribal and urban Indians, and other interested parties have

participated in over 110 meetings across the country to discuss the Act, and to insure that Indian and Alaska Native interests are represented in the regulations and the implementation plan.

The comments and suggestions received by July 7 of proposed regulations in the Federal Register will further insure maximum Indian participation in the implementation of the programs and activities authorized by the Act. All comments received within this period will be considered. They should be submitted in writing to the Director, Indian Health Service, Room 5A-55, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857, and should refer to specific sections of the proposed regulations. The comments will be available for public inspection at Indian Health Service headquarters during regular business hours, 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekdays.

Day Camps and Special Events

DATE	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
June 22-24	No Special Event	ROLLER SKATING 1st grade and older Marla Rae (KXIQ radio)
June 27-July 1	Get ready for 4th of July Parade	LUNCH AT C/C no age limit MINI-PARADE
July 4-8	ENVIRONMENTAL DAY CONTEST - PRIZES	ROUND BUTTE 1st grade and older BOAT RIDES
July 11-15	SKATE BOARD AND BIKE DAY	LAVA CAVES 9 and older
July 18-22	HAT DAY Prizes	KAH-NEE-TA 1st grade and older
July 25-29	OPEN HOUSE Evening	JUNIOR OLYMPICS no age limit
August 1-5	CARNIVAL Evening	INDIAN PARK 8 and older