

White Swan Students Enjoy Visit

by Roger Stwyer

Nineteen White Swan students from the White Swan Indian Club, along with their advisor, Furman Wheeler, chaperones Grace Ambrose and Marge BeeBee, and bus driver Rubin Brost, visited the Warm Springs Indian Reservation in an inter-tribal exchange trip, Nov. 6-9. This was the sixth time that the Indian Club had come over.

The trip was funded partly by Johnson O'Malley (JOM) and the students. The purpose of the trip was to study the Warm Springs Indian Reservation and compare it to the Yakima Indian Reservation.

According to Wheeler, a student must have passing grades and also be in good standing in the Indian Club to be able to come.

The visit was arranged by Nathan Jim Sr., cultural-heritage director, Charles Calica, Director of Education on the reservation, and Furman Wheeler.

The group arrived at Kah-Nee-Ta late Sunday afternoon and checked into their cottages. Six students stayed in each cottage and they all shared cooking responsibilities. At 10:00 p.m. curfew was set for all students.

After a good night's rest, the group was introduced to Nathan Jim, who gave a brief overview and look at Warm Springs. Then they visited and listened to various people who told what they knew about the reservation.

One of those people was Satch Miller, Community Center recreation director, who told about the recreation programs offered at the Community Center. Also, Charles Calica spoke about the education issues on the reserva-

tion. Then towards the end of the day, the group met the Warm Springs Tribal Council and toured the Administration Building.

Tuesday was started off with plenty of action when they visited the Warm Springs Forest

Products Industries and toured the mill. Don Williams, Jr., along with the other kids agreed that this place was the most interesting.

The students also had a chance to see how the Recovery House and Tribal Group Home operate. Shortly after lunch, a tour of the Tribal Jail and Tribal Courts was conducted. While walking from the jail to the court, Bobby Haggerty, freshman, was overheard saying, "Oh wow, just like Adam-12."

Grace Ambrose, one of the chaperones was very pleased with this group of kids. She said that this was one of the best groups of kids yet to come.

The last day of the visit, the students went to the Madras High School. Each student was paired off with a local student and went to the morning class with them.

When asked what she thought of Madras High, Sophomore Tina Howard exclaimed, "It's big!" Mike Andy Jr. pointed out that their school was single "A" while Madras is double "A".

After they visited Madras High School, all students went home, confident that they could write a 500-word essay with ease now that they had actually toured the Warm Springs Reservation.



Bobby Macy explains what is happening to a fascinated group of White Swan visitors who are watching thin veneer come off the lathe during a tour of WSFPI. The students who spent three days here will write essays comparing the Warm Springs Reservation with the Yakima Reservation.

Sandy Rangila Photo.

Women Form Local NAIWA Chapter

Warm Springs women are gearing up for their first meeting as a chartered chapter of the National American Indian Women's Association (NAIWA) on November 22 at 6:30 at the Community Center.

On the agenda for the combined business and educational meeting are the election of officers and a presentation on drugs, given by local resource people.

The Warm Springs chapter was born at the statewide conference held at Kah-Nee-Ta November 5, at which time a state chapter was also formed. Marie Calica was named acting chairman of the Oregon association.

NAIWA is a national educational organization dedicated to promoting "the well-being of Indian people." Through local groups NAIWA serves communities throughout the country in the areas of home and family life, health and education and awareness of Indian culture.

At the Kah-Nee-Ta conference twenty-two women from Warm Springs and a handful from Prineville, Bend and Portland reaped the benefits of the Washington State Chapter's experiences. Talulah Pinkham and other women from the Yakima Chapter described their beginnings and offered ideas for goals and projects at the local level.

Celeste Smith, who has been active in organizing the Warm Springs group, was pleased with the participation of Warm Springs women in the conference.

"It was pleasing to see women come out and verbalize what they're concerned about," she said. Celeste noted the variety of women who helped plan and carry out the conference — some working women, some housewives, some old, some young.

The fledgling Warm Springs chapter, which now has fifteen members, earned \$49 from conference registration fees and the raffle. (Agnes Nathan won the raffle prize, a beaded medallion made by Maxine Switzler, depicting the NAIWA emblem. Future funding will come from garage and bake sales and other local affairs.

Warm Springs women have decided to concentrate on educational activities — "to educate ourselves and the community," said Celeste. Among the issues that the NAIWA chapter expects to address at their meetings every two weeks are: the schools (especially tardiness and the quality of education) with planned visitations, single parent households, birth control, abortion, rape, depression, parenting and family life, home crime prevention and venereal disease.

The group also plans to honor elders on a regular basis.

Celeste stressed that the NAIWA chapter "doesn't want to take women out of the house and destroy the family." Instead they will plan family activities in an effort to preserve that vital part of the community.

The NAIWA women also

hope to coordinate some of their activities with the local Lions club.

The meeting on Tuesday November 22 will be a potluck dinner to which all Indian women are encouraged to come and "bring a partner." The drug portion of the program will be presented by Jeff Sanders, Chief of Police, Dick Montee of the Juvenile Justice program, and the Tribal Court.

Other upcoming NAIWA activities will be a planning meeting this month for a state chapter meeting slated for Portland in February or March. At that time officers will be elected.

The next NAIWA annual national conference will be held in Phoenix next April. Northwest chapters are already beginning to think ahead to the 1979 conference to be held somewhere in the three-state area.



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Orthelia Miller (left) plays grease monkey every Thursday night when she takes a COCC auto tune-up class taught by Leon Maxwell. Phyllis Tohet (right) proudly shapes her dough at a COCC yeast bread class taught by Susan Gangler.

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