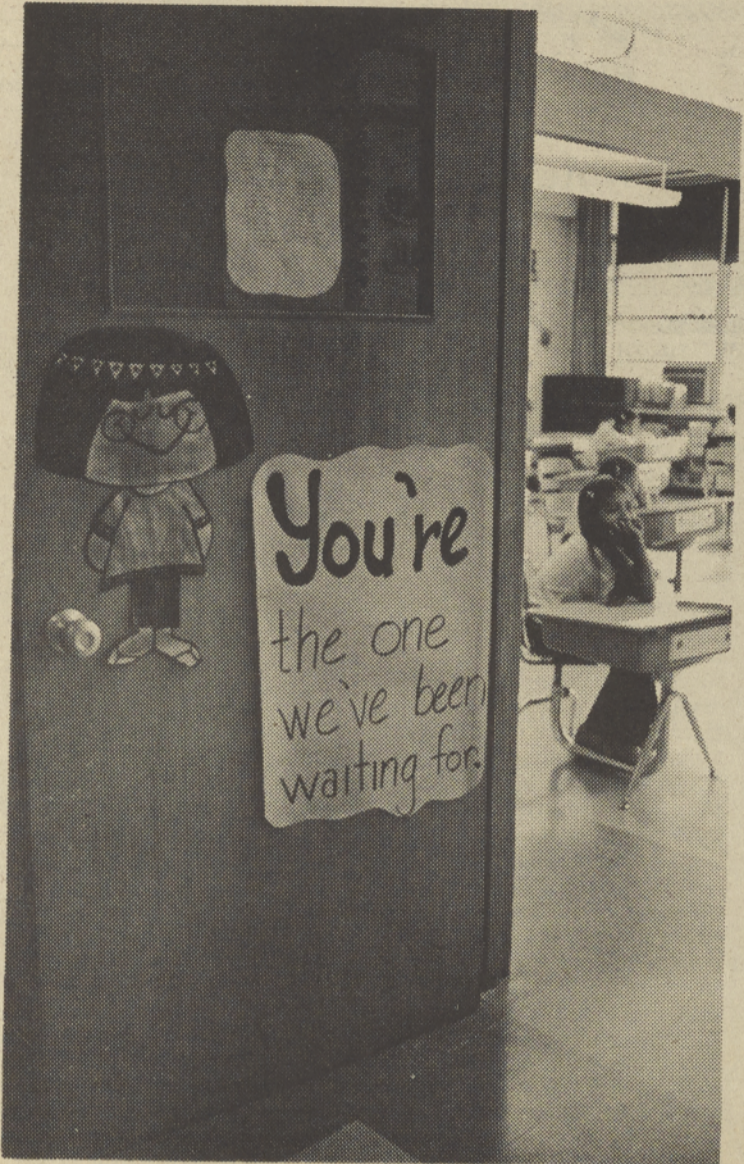


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From The Jr. High

CALICA STILL LIAISON

Marie Calica, who is in her third year as Jr. high community liaison, is excited and very eager to work with all the students and parents from Warm Springs and plans on "visiting each parent and guardian this year. I welcome any calls and questions, so please feel free to call me at the Jr. High school at 475-3405."

The beginning of the school year always brings smiling teachers, glowing students and excitement to most everyone at the Jr. High. We are all ready for a very good school year," added Mrs. Calica.

CHANGE IN AFTER SCHOOL DETENTION

Because of insurance purposes and to encourage parents and guardians to get involved in the detention program, the Jr.

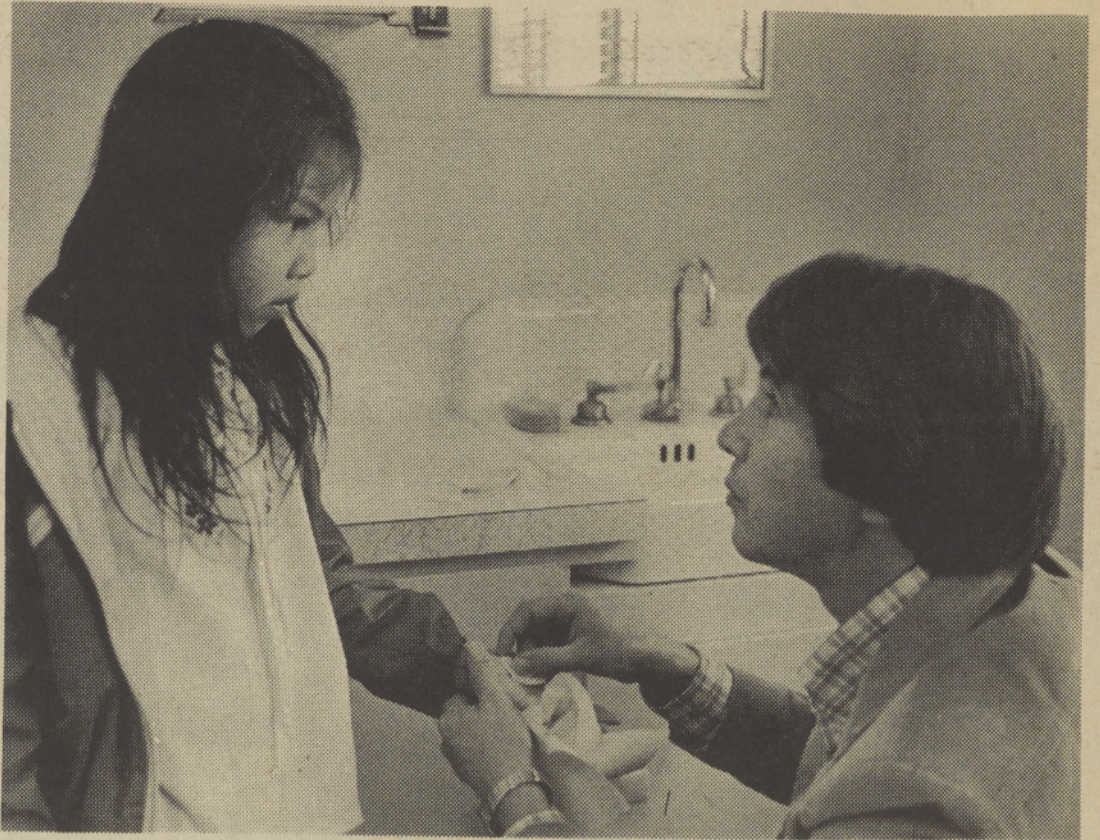
High staff will no longer be available to deliver students home after detention. Parents will now be responsible to pick up their child and it is hoped that all parents will understand and support this new ruling.

ATHLETIC INSURANCE

As was decided by the school board last February, the Jr. High school will no longer pay for the athletic insurance that is required for each participant in sports. The parents must secure their own health insurance.

OPEN HOUSE

All parents of Jr. High students are welcome to attend the open house on Tuesday, September 19, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Parents will be taken through an abbreviated schedule and given the opportunity to meet their child's teachers.



ANANA - (above) New principal Michael Darcy treated his first playground "owie", an old cut that 2nd grader Shauna Craig re-opened while frisking before the first morning bell.

WHO, ME? - (left) Students in Mrs. Henry's third grade room were greeted with this sign on the first day. Laurie Danzuka waited for her classmates. CDS Photos

New Year, New Counselor

by Roger T. Stwyer

"Who's that guy with the long braids?" many students have been asking about a young fellow roaming the halls at Madras High School.

That guy is Ron Pinkham, 30, a member of the Nez Perce tribe and formerly of Kamiah, Idaho. Mr. Pinkham is the new Title IV-A counselor for Indian students at Madras High School.

Many people feel that Pinkham, who is already quite a familiar face at school, was the best thing that happened since the Title IV-A Parent Committee started a summer school. In the past five years, the high school has had five counselors. Pinkham has a number of guidelines set up, so it appears he intends to be at Madras for a long time.

"One thing I found out while working with Indian students (is) they need someplace to go when they get in trouble," said the new counselor. He wants to find a place in school which feels like home. Although school isn't

home, a counseling room would work. When a student gets in trouble, they just want a place to sit, that's all. Let's get rid of that cabinet and bring in more chairs."

Pinkham added, "The door is always open." After a brief pause, Pinkham said, "I don't want to be heavy — that's Doug's (Vice-Principal Doug Henry) job. If anyone is in trouble and needs someone to talk to, I'll help him."

One student recalled when Mike Clements was a counselor. "He (Mike) always left the door open, even if he was gone. We just went in there when we wanted to. (Small-Fire) Hawk was the same way. Then when there was no counselor, the door was always locked," was the observation of one student.

Pinkham also stated that he's going to try and spend most of his time in the office. He believes he isn't needed any place else but in the office helping students. One way he's

going to be helping them is by having formal group sessions. The purpose of the sessions, which Pinkham plans to hold weekly, will be "to assist in resolving any school-related difficulty."

The different types of group sessions will be:

1. **Communications difficulties** - Students will learn to become self-aware, seeing himself as others see him. The student will then learn communication skills which will be useful in class to overcome shyness and backwardness.

2. **Study methods and habits** - Students will learn survival skills such as: listening, note-taking, reading, involvement in class discussions, student-teacher relations, and test taking. Any teacher, when required, will be asked to assist in this project.

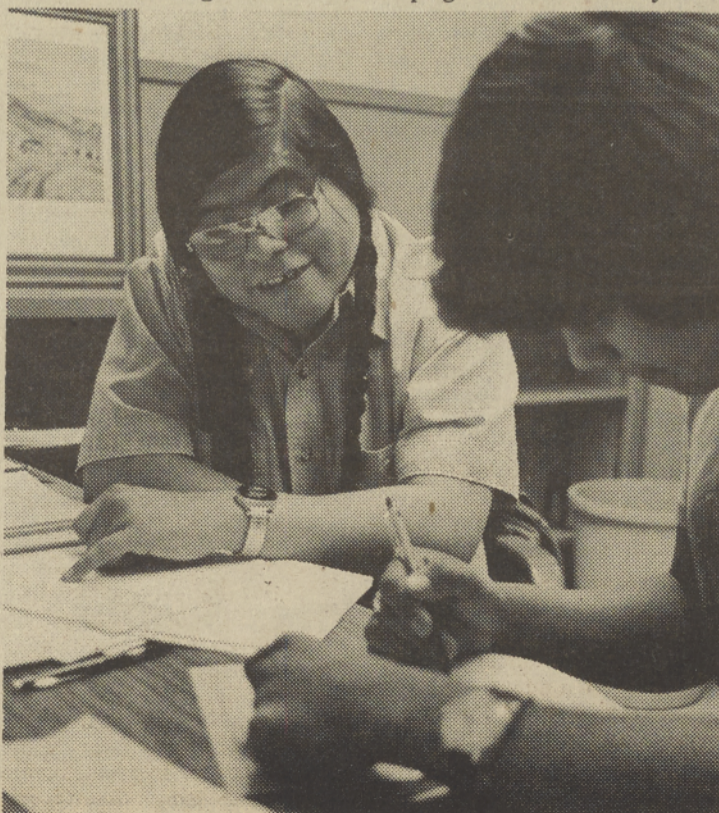
3. **Career information** - Student will be shown how to make a career life decision, how to look for jobs, how to gain admission into college, what resources are available, and testing interest tests.

Ron will also be addressing the problem of absenteeism among Indian students. "I don't want to be dealing with absenteeism among Indian students. "I don't want to be dealing with absenteeism all my life," said Pinkham. He plans on cracking down on the attendance problem before he does have to make it into a lifetime job.

Although nobody wants to do it, truant students will start being referred to the courts, and hopefully it will cut the attendance problem. Also, if any Indian student is seen walking around in Warm Springs, Tribal Police will pick them up, write a complaint and send it to the tribal court, where action will be taken. School officials define truancy as four unexcused absences within a 20-day school period.

Besides being a counselor, Pinkham will also be advisor for the Indian Club.

"I hope everyone comes to see me," stated Ron Pinkham, with his door ajar.



RON PINKHAM, HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR.

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