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(The way it is)



Warm Springs Extension Agent In Costa Rica

Nutrition education in rural Costa Rica will be the focus of two Oregon State University graduates for the next 18 months.

Janet Bayly and Susan Gangler have gone to San Jose, Costa Rica, for three months of language training and orientation before starting to work directly with 4-H members and their families. Janet and Susan will have a chance to work

briefly with two other volunteers who will end their tour of duty in December. They are Kay Rodriguez, Madras, and Debra Druclslag, OSU student from Chicago.

The assignment of Janet and Sue to Costa Rica marks the beginning of the third and final segment of an agreement between the OSU Extension Service and the Kellogg Foundation to provide two volunteers a year

to assist the Costa Rican Extension staff in developing nutrition education programs, Also cooperating in the program are the National 4-H Council and the Costa Rican Ministry of Agriculture and National 4-S Foundation.

Although this marks the final stage of the current formal agreement between the OSU Extension Service and Costa Rica, young Oregonians have

worked as YDP representatives in Costa Rica annually since 1967.

Janet Bayly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bayly of Buhl, Idaho, received her degree in foods and nutrition, with an emphasis on community nutrition, from OSU in June. She has worked with nutrition education programs through the Migrant Health Care Services clinic in Jefferson County.

Susan Gangler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gangler, 6337 44th Ave., NE, Seattle, also received her degree from OSU in foods and nutrition. After graduating, she worked as an OSU Extension agent in Crook County and on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation. She is now on leave without pay from the Extension Service.

Affiliated Tribes Elect New Officers

by Cynthia Stowell

Warm Springs chief Amos Simtustus rose a notch from second to first vice president of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians at their semi-annual meeting held in Spokane August 22-25.

Simtustus is joined by President Joe McDonald (Flathead), Second Vice President Lionel Boyer (Sho-Ban), Third vice President Marie Starr (Muckle-shoot), Secretary Jim McKay (Makah), and Assistant Secretary Gina Kling (Cowlitz). Skip Skanen (Coeur d'Alene) was retained as Executive Director.

(Outgoing) president Roger Jim issued a plea for unification, reminding members of the power to be gained from a centralized effort and calling for the active involvement of all elected officers, not just the handful who

now attempt to represent the 41 tribes.

The Warm Springs delegation, which included three from the Council and eight from the tribal offices, introduced two resolutions that were passed by the assembly.

One recommended that funding be withheld from the National Tribal Chairmen's Association to the satisfaction of all tribes." The NTCA has been beset by internal problems for some time, losing the support of many tribes nationwide.

A second resolution called for the President of the United States to issue a water policy statement supporting and explaining Indian water rights as separate from federal reserved rights. In order to assist the President with this task, ATNI committed itself and the National Congress of American Indians to preparing and distributing a

position paper on the subject of Indian water rights.

It is the Affiliated Tribes' opinion that the distinct status of Indian water rights — "at a much higher plane than" federal reserved rights — was not clarified in Carter's water policy introduced last June. That policy statement contained four paragraphs on Indian rights, wherein the President recommended that the negotiation of Indian water claims be pursued outside of court.

The NCAI immediately took the position that the policy message did not place Indian water rights in their proper trust context and that tribes were not consulted in formulation of the policy.

Who Speaks For Indians?

A very controversial resolution that was proposed at the ATNI meeting, tabled, and later approved in modified form, had a twofold message to bear. Not only did it reaffirm ATNI's unconditional opposition to the proposed transfer of BIA education programs to a new Department of Education (S.991), but it also censured those individuals and organizations that had expressed unauthorized opinions to the contrary. The original resolution stated that "only the American Indian tribes and other Indian organizations that are eligible for educational benefits from BIA have the right to express and promulgate decisions and policies that are made by tribal governments."

The words "federally recognized" were inserted before "American Indian tribes" in the modified and approved version.

"All other individuals and organizations," the resolution continued, "must cease and desist from the temptation to speak for the tribes unless specifically designated to do so by resolution or other tribal authority."

Such statements from unauthorized sources have been responsible for misleading congressmen and federal officials, noted the resolution. In particular, support for the Senate bill offered by American Indians for Opportunity and the American

Indian Education Association has aroused concern among tribes.

CSA Suit

ATNI approval was given to a resolution supporting Region Indian Grantees in their suit against HEW's Community Services Administration for its failure to establish regulations regarding the use of its Indian Set-Aside Funds. The resolution also called for a halt in the granting of funds to all CSA grantees until the problems of Indian grantees are solved. (see story page 1)

Other action

ATNI also recommended by resolution that September 22 be set aside as National American Indian Day. The concept of a special day to honor the original "Americans" will be presented to the NCAI convention in Rapid city, South Dakota, September 18-22. "After all," said Tribal Council chairman Gene Greene the resolution, "pickles get a

week."

In the way of internal business, there was discussion about the possibility of acquiring funds from the Portland and Billings area offices of the BIA in order to support a full-time staff for ATNI. It was also suggested that the BIA provide a pool of secretaries for future ATNI meetings, an arrangement that would provide necessary services as well as expose the secretaries to tribal government and its workings.

Plans were made for the upcoming NCAI meeting. The ATNI is preparing resolutions on Carter's Water Policy, Indian Education, Health and Welfare, Protection of Natural Resources and Tribal Lands, and other concerns to be presented to the national assembly later this month.

(Much of the information for this article was obtained from the notes and reports of Gene Greene)

To The Editor Why Our Columbia River is Not Safe For Boaters

I am the survivor of the boat vs. barge accident that happened the night of July 4 at Cascade Locks on the Columbia River. Do I think another accident under the same circumstances could be avoided? Yes I do.

Who owns the Columbia River? Are there any laws that state what hour of the day or night we are permitted to go out onto the river? Yes. We are by law compelled to have running lights attached to our boats and to observe safety precautions. Has your outboard or other type of motor ever quit, leaving you at the mercy of the unknown in the middle of the river in the passage way the River Transportation Companies use?

Does this give anyone the right to run over you because you are in their way or they didn't see you? Why can't they see what's directly ahead of them? Is it because they aren't required to have a permanent light on at all times to shine on the river ahead of them? Yes, they use their spot light to spot their navigation buoys and river markers for their own safety to avoid hitting permanent objects in their path.

Yes, they are required to have running lights on their barges. How far are they visible? Look sometime. Can you see the

barges before you see the lighted tugboat? Even if you could see them what could you do without a means of getting out of their way? If they could see you they could slow their motors causing less of an impact and certainly not push you 20 miles up or down the river at their mercy before you are able to stop them.

Yes, I am concerned with the laws governing our safety on our river. I lost a very dear friend who I considered to be one of the most capable and safety-conscious persons to ever launch a boat in the Columbia River. He didn't make it — I did. Who knows why?

Just maybe it's because it has left me to attempt in some way to try to prevent such a tragedy happening to anymore of his people. I have many more dear personal Indian friends who depend on our river for their livelihood. Do they need to lose more lives because of our lack of interest in the safety of all of us on our river?

Let us all give this some thought and all attempt in our own way to alter the evident danger we face on our river at night.

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Kah-Nee-Ta Restaurants Rated "A"

Three Kah-Nee-Ta restaurants left "unrated" by the Wasco County Health Department, were given "A" ratings September 7 when official Dennis Illingsworth re-inspected the facilities.

Illingsworth found the River room at the Village and the Juniper and Appaloosa Rooms at

the Lodge in fine condition. "The River Room is in better condition than I have ever seen it," he remarked.

The health official noted that the snack bar at the Village and the main kitchen at the Lodge still need major improvements which Kah-nee-Ta management plans on tackling this fall.

Tribal Council Agenda

- Sept. 11 -- Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
 1. Juvenile Code (proposed) - Law & Order Committee - Bob Nash
 2. 2:00 p.m. - 1979 Tribal Budgets
- Sept. 12 -- Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
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- Sept. 13 -- Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
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- Sept. 14 -- 1. MIC-Contracts-Budgets
 2. 2:00 p.m. - Garnishment Policy on Employees' Wages - Dennis Karnopp
- Sept. 18-22 NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS
Rapid City, South Dakota
- Sept. 25 -- Tribal council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
 1. 10:00 a.m. - Adoption of 1979 Tribal Budget for Posting
- Sept. 26 -- Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
 1. 10:00 a.m. - Enrollments
Proposed Resolution-Funeral & Death Benefits for those Married into the Tribe
 2. Appointment of Kah-Nee-Ta Board of Directors
- Sept. 27-28 HEALTH LEGISLATION WORKSHOP
Community Center
- Sept. 29 -- T-C and Forrest Gerard, Assistant Secretary,
Dept. of Interior - Time to be scheduled

NOTICE

Friends and relatives are invited to attend memorial services in honor of Joseph Loren Teeias Holliday on September 9, 1978 beginning at 11 a.m. at the Simnasho Longhouse.