

Editorial E COOSH EEWA: (The way it is)



Editor's Notes

Signing Letters - II

We received a letter in response to our note in the last edition entitled "Please Sign Letters." Unfortunately it was not signed or we would have printed it.

The author disagreed with our policy, saying that if required to sign letters that are critical of local departments or programs, people would have to suffer unfair consequences from their superiors or potential employers.

Our response is this. First, perhaps more credit should be given to supervisors and their ability to judge impersonally. Second, if someone wants to register a gripe about a particular department he should probably communicate directly with whoever is involved rather than indirectly through the newspaper.

We would like the newspaper to be a forum for ideas and opinions, but problems are more apt to be solved outside the newspaper pages through direct confrontation.

Our other suggestion is that if you would like to register an opinion anonymously, write to us anyway and we'll keep your letter on file. If enough people write on the same subject we then have material for an article, editorial or investigation.

Sounds fair, doesn't it?

Before Another Child Stumbles

If you think of childhood as a slowly building crescendo, gathering momentum with the passing years, leading logically and lyrically to the quiet fulfillment of old age, it is heartbreaking when the finale comes too soon.

It is even more perplexing when a child lets the rhythm of her young life falter; when she falls out of time with the natural beat of growing and becoming. It is a denial of all that went before and everything that is to come.

A young girl spent fourteen years affirming her life. She rode her horse, dribbled her basketball and danced with moccasined feet toward maturity, loving her childishness, curious about adulthood. At some point she risked all that by inviting danger to be her friend. But her new friend distracted her, made her miss a beat, then made the ultimate demand: in exchange for her life, it offered her death.

She did not choose death. But she placed herself within its grasp and became deaf to the rhythm her life had established.

It is not for us to name villains when a life is wasted. But it is left to us to make life look a little more attractive so that the dangers are not so fascinating. So other lives can reach their climaxes. Too many have fallen short of their proper finale.

Do the young people of Warm Springs value life so little that they are willing to throw their futures over for the thrill of the moment? We may serve them everything on a silver platter, never letting them see the price tag.

Or maybe we don't give them enough of what they really need. Do we give them enough love and respect so that they will proudly guard their lives against death? Do we offer them so little knowledge that they innocently chart life-threatening courses? If we gave them more of our time and attention, would we be quicker to notice a stumble?

Before another child forgets what his life is building to, let's go with him. Schools, give him supervision. Drug program, inform him. Merchants, make the highs harder to get. Parents, help him care.

To Our Office Telephone Callers:

We have been experiencing difficulties with our phone service lately. We would like to appologize for any inconvenience this may be causing but the problem is with the telephone company.

Our phones are always answered but sometimes we cannot hear what is being said on the

other end. We report the problem to telephone repair each time this happens, but it still continues to happen. Perhaps the bad weather has something to do with it.

Thanks for being patient.

Maxine Clements
Switchboard Supervisor

School Vacancy

Title I Reading Teacher at Madras Senior High School. Starting date will be March 1, 1979. Applicant must hold a valid Oregon Teaching Credential with an endorsement in Reading preferred.

Salary range is \$10,700 - \$18,725.

Interested persons should contact John Trujillo, Federal Programs Coordinator, Jefferson County School District 509-J, 1355 Buff Street, Madras, Ore., 97741, or telephone (503) 475-6192.

Closing date is February 19, 1979.

Letters to the Editor

Being an Indian

TO THE RESPECTABLE COMMUNITY OF WARM SPRINGS!

Ever since I was about thirteen years old, I never knew ...at type of human being I was. Could you imagine my overwhelming surprise to know that Mom said I was an "Indian"!!?

Being the innocent soul that I was, I innocently asked Mom, "Mom, what's an Indian?" Mom just looked at me and said, "You really wanna' know?" I replied, (innocently) "Yeah!"

And to this day, I can honestly say, I understand why Mom said, "An Indian is something to be proud of ..." Of course she said more, but to me, that's history.

It certainly was a test of my strength, to learn how to be an Indian. What with all the elbow pains of learning how to "tip it up!" and the embarrassment of bouncing the wrong way while learning the simple straight step!

Even learning the close family ties that were knitted together was a task in itself!

All the unjust prejudice that before I never even noticed! God! it's hard being an Indian, I feel sorry for the Bustions!

It's an experience I doubt I enjoyed!

I'll ever forget!
(Even if I wanted to!!)
Sincerely, A Person,
Jackie Estimo

Thank You

I would like to thank the many thoughtful people who gave their gifts to us after our house burned in November. The money came in very handy when I went to Portland to stay with my grandsons.

My words can't express the deep appreciation I feel towards all of you.

Hazel Suppah



Hazel Suppah counting donated money.

From The High School Counselor Indian Club Inviting Elders

by Ron Pinkham

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY of the semester. Hopefully, all the students' grades will be the best that can be earned. It is difficult for the students to realize the impact that their grades and attendance will have when they seek employment. Every effort by all persons concerned should encourage and praise the students for a job well done.

THIS SEMESTER the high school has initiated a first period class for students who need new alternatives. The intent of the class is to give the student a foundation of hope, encouragement, and skills which will be designed to respond to their unique needs. This class will not conform to usual class structure but will use a team teaching approach.

THE INDIAN CLUB students would like to meet with the elders of their tribes. It is felt our cultural heritage is being lost due to unique circumstances. Many have voiced a strong concern about the situation the

young Indian faces within the Indian community when lacking the knowledge of his culture. Cultural identity is needed for the young for it gives spiritual strength and character.

All elders are invited to share themselves with the Indian students and become involved with the cultural education of our youth. There will be a working agenda and a supper for those who attend. Please come to the meeting on January 30, from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m.

THERE IS A CONCERN about students visiting me at my office. Many of the students are placing themselves in jeopardy because the teacher feels a student is visiting the counselor just to be out of class. Certainly, the concerns of students are very important, so in order for the student and teacher to feel comfortable about visitation, a procedure must be initiated for effective use of the counselor.

BEST OF LUCK to those students who will be completing the first semester and beginning anew.

Community Calendar

JANUARY

- 4-H Beadwork club for kids 9-18 4:00 p.m. each Wednesday afternoon.
- 20 - 4-H Skating Party in Bend (meet at Extension office 12:00 noon. Bring \$2.00 for rink and skate rental - dinner will be provided.)
- 21 - Fund Raising Auction at Simnasho Longhouse, 4:00 p.m. Proceeds going to Lincoln Birthday Powwow.
- 23 - W.S. Homemakers Club at JoAnn Smith's home 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Evening session at Presbyterian Church beginning at 7 p.m. Programs will be on main dish soups and using a crock pot.
- 30 - Marcelle Straatman, OSU Extension Human Development Specialist will give a workshop on positive parenting 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Community Center. This event is approved by the Warm Springs Parenting Committee.

FEBRUARY

- 1 - Joint Education Meeting 7:30 p.m. at Longhouse sponsored by 509-J School district.
- 2, 3, & 4 - Jr. High Student Weekend here with kids from Yamhill County. Sign up at the Extension office by January 26. You need not be a 4-H member to attend.
- 5 - Beginning tonight and continuing until March 12, the Sixth Level Club will be meeting 6:30 to 8:30 each Monday evening. It's for 6th grade boys and girls who attend W.S. grade school. Topics to be discussed will be nutrition, health, exercise, dress, etc. This is a good way for you to look and feel better as well as have fun, too!
- 9, 10, & 11 - Lincoln's Birthday Powwow at Simnasho Longhouse. See page 3 for further information.

Council Agenda

- Jan. 19 - Kah-Nee-Ta Board of Directors Meeting
Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge
- Jan. 22 - WSFPI Board Meeting -
Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge
- Jan. 23 - Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
1. 10:00 a.m. - 509-J Report
2. 2:00 p.m. - General Manager-Branch Managers
Merit Increases
- Jan. 24 - Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
1. Budget Items held in Abeyance
- Jan. 26 - Tribal Energy Task Force Meeting
Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge
- Jan. 29 - Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
1. 10:00 a.m. - Irrigation Project, Rereg Powerhouse
Jerry Dibble
2. 2:00 p.m. - Management Reports
- Jan. 30 - Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
1. Unfinished Business
2. 2:00 p.m. - Cigarette Agreement-State of Oregon