

Talent Upstaged by Superheroes

The age-old battle between good and evil seemed to prevail at Bunski's fourth annual talent show last night as Batman, WonderWoman and other superheroes took on such villains as Penguin and Joker.

And somewhere amid the elaborate costuming, staging and dramatics were eleven serious displays of local amateur talent, some scarcely audible through a sound system that boomed for the superheroes.

The six judges politely called for the show to go on by handing superheroes big "zeroes" for their announcing and advertising efforts. It was easy to forget the real reason for the show because of the antics of Bunski's collection of caped comic strip characters.

One skit in particular riveted the crowd's attention and sparked its laughter more than any other. An over-sized Clark Kent (alias Nathan Jim, Sr.) hustled across the stage to a wooden half-mooned privy and began tossing out shirts, shorts and giant sneakers. Moments later out strutted a size-small Superman (alias Charles Calica) donning a feathered headdress.

Despite the superheroes, judges gave their undivided attention to the nervous contestants and selected six winners in two divisions.

Eliza Greene of Warm Springs won first place in the junior division with her dramatization of a narrative by Chief Dan George. In a whole different mood The Simnasho Mini-Marathon Dancers pranced to "Play that Funky Music, White Boy" with the help of adult Marathon Clowns, and won second prize.

Third place went to a solo dancer, Annette Archer of Madras, who may have set an endurance record with her upbeat "Hand Jive" routine.

Adults earned prizes with their voices, as singers took the top three places. Julie Akers of Madras overcame the handicap of poor amplification and was voted into first place with a medley of her own compositions sung to the accompaniment of guitar.

Cowgirl Lala Delude of Madras sang "The Ballad of Claude Puckett" and recited "The Song of the Warrior", both original works, to win second place.

Kah-Nee-Ta's bell captain Harmon Graff, dressed in glittery jacket and bow-tie, entertained in the old tradition, singing two ballads and "Ave Maria," thereby winning third place.

Judges clapped and stomped to Mrs. Croker's two square-dancing groups from the Warm

Springs Grade School but did not give them enough points to win. The Madras Junior High Swing Choir's talent was kept hidden by poor volume and the Leonard Family's rendition of "The Candyman" fell through when they failed to toss candy in the direction of the judges.

A new twist in the always-evolving Talent Show was the addition of commercial breaks—giving local sponsors "air time" in exchange for their cash or door prize donations.

Proceeds from the Talent Show go to the Fourth of July Community Celebration Committee which is planning more fun for later in the year.



NATIVE TALENT - Eliza Greene (above) added an element of seriousness to Thursday nights talent show which was otherwise dominated by live and painted superheroes such as "Superskin" (left). Spilyay Tymoo Photos by CDS

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systems, and the control and use of funds.

WHAT IS MIP?

The Management Improvement Program (MIP) has been Gerard's answer to criticism leveled at the Bureau's management and operations in the last few years. Such groups as the American Indian Policy Review Commission, the U.S. Civil Service Commission, the General Accounting Office, the General Services Administration, and Congressional Appropriation Committees have issued reports challenging Bureau procedures and organization and their impact on services to the Indian population.

In December 1977, the Departmental Task Force on Bureau of Indian Affairs Reorganization was established by the Secretary of Interior. Analysis of the task force's thirty-six recommendations made in March 1978 resulted in the Management Improvement Program based in the assistant secretary's office.

Gerard clearly pointed out in his December 1978 report on the progress of MIP, that "reorganization" as recommended by the Policy Review Commission and others was not the banner of MIP.

"The Assistant Secretary's prime motive," the report states, "is to make management improvements rather than to reorganize for cosmetic reasons."

WHAT IS CORNETT DOING?

Cornett and his team are identifying the functions currently being carried out by the central office with a view to streamlining operations by clarifying responsibilities.

Cornett is focusing on the offices of trust responsibility and tribal resource development.

Acting project manager Sam Adams echoed Gerard's stand on reorganization by commenting, "We are more into systems development than moving boxes around on an organizational chart." The main problem his team perceives is the unclear

separation of policy and programming responsibilities between the central office and the area offices. Program operations should be left to the area offices, they feel, while the central office should provide staff support and policy direction.

The thrust of the central office team, according to Adams, will be to develop a plan for decentralizing operations and beefing up the policy-making and oversight functions of the central office. It should be the job of central office staff to "plan, direct, monitor, evaluate, control and coordinate," said Adams. Good management is no longer measured by the amount of paper pushed across desks, but by effective policy setting, he observed.

Contrary to the Policy Review Commission's recommended abolishment of the area offices, the twelve field officers may be invested with even more authority to match their program responsibilities, said Adams. This delegation of ad-

ministrative authority is expected to extend down as far as the agency level.

THE OTHER TEAMS

At the same time, a field-based project team is looking at the area offices one by one, beginning with the Minneapolis office, and recommending action plans for improvements. A key to the decentralization of administrative responsibility may be the Administrative Service Center concept. The use of automatic data processing technology being considered as a means of combatting the problem of duplicated and fragmented functions at different levels and the lack of administrative control at the service delivery level.

Adams noted that such administrative streamlining in other government bureaus has reduced costs by 60 per cent, making more money available for local programs.

The Field Operations team, headed by Jim Cannon of the Billings area office, as well as the Training and Professional

Assistance team headed by John Artichoker in Phoenix, are due to take their initial recommendations to D.C. by the end of March. A couple of weeks will then be spent matching these ideas with those of the central office team.

Cornett's responsibility will end just short of the implementation phase. Adams foresees a long training and orientation process as changes are instituted in the Bureau during the coming year. He does not expect any massive reduction in personnel since the Bureau has already suffered as many personnel cuts by OMB as it can handle — from 18,000 to 13,000 in the last five years. The key will be realigning staff and supplying enough direction so that the "so-called incompetents" or "deadwood" will start producing, said Adams.

Ultimately, MIP efforts in the Assistant Secretary's office are expected to result not in superficial shuffling but in improved services to the 496 tribes represented by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Police Report

Burglaries and Thefts Keep Police Busy

Two burglaries and the theft of the tribal group home van are under investigation by Tribal Police following the night of February 16.

Sometime during the night of the 16th, someone broke into the Burger Inn. The person entered by breaking out a window and the only thing reported missing was the keys to the cash register. Although the person was seen by a policeman, he escaped on foot.

The same night, someone entered the Public Health Clinic after breaking out a basement window. Some prescription medicine was taken but most of it was recovered outside where it was stashed.

The group home van was

next in line for the person whom police believe was the same one who broke into the Burger Inn and Clinic. The person entered through the front door, which wasn't locked, and found the keys to the van, which was parked outside. The van was driven through the school playgrounds and demolished a teeter-totter and tore out a section of a Cyclone fence which surrounds the school. Front end damage to the van was reported as a result of hitting the fence. The van was recovered the following day near Bishop Frank's at Miller Heights.

Ray Calica said there is one suspect for all three crimes but refused further comment.

On February 19, the Tribal station wagon was reported missing. Police report that it was taken some time between January 20 and February 12. Police fed the report through the computer which rejected it. The computer said it was impounded by Portland Police. Tribal Police learned that it was impounded on February 12 for parking in an unauthorized zone in Northeast Portland. Investigation is continuing and there are no suspects at this time.

Calica also said an assortment of vandalism involving breaking of windows in vehicles has stepped up and burglaries continue to be high in Warm Springs.

Weeks sentenced to four years

Stoney Vernon Weeks, who entered a plea of guilty to charges of "theft on a reservation - larceny" in January, was sentenced to four years in a Federal penitentiary, February 20, 1979. In March 1978, Weeks was apprehended while attempting to

sell twelve head of cattle belonging to Herb Stwyer Sr., at the Madras Auction Yard.

U.S. Attorney Bill Youngman anticipates Weeks will serve time at McNeil Island in Washington or Terminal Island in California.

Graybael Arrested

A young Warm prings man was arrested February 17, 1979 on charges of criminal mischief in the first degree, after he and two juveniles allegedly damaged a car belonging to Terry Starkle of Madras.

Brent Graybael, 18, "in pursuance with common intent and with two juveniles did unlawfully damage the vehicle belonging to Terry Starkle by breaking all the windows with tire irons," stated

the complaint against Graybael. But because the other two boys are involved are juveniles, District Attorney Mike Sullivan could not divulge names or any particulars of the incident.

Feeling is running high between the two communities following this incident and because of past racial clashes in Madras. The district attorney said he did not want to jeopardize this case by releasing any information.