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NBC at Root Feast

Halfway through the Washat services at the Agency Root Feast April 8, an NBC television crew appeared at the doorway of the longhouse. They were there with permission of the Tribal Council and longhouse leaders for the purpose of documenting on film how Indians use salmon. The film footage will be aired nationwide when the United States Supreme Court makes a ruling on the Boldt decision which could impact Indian fishermen on the Columbia River. A five-minute segment will be shown on NBC's Today Show as soon as the Supreme Court ruling is announced.

Spilyay Tymoo Photo by Rangila

## Rights, Survival and Unity Affiliated Tribes Meet at Ft. Hall

by Cynthia Stowell

The reservation setting for the spring conference of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians April 4-6 was a "first" for the veteran organization. The dramatic dome room of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes' new business center on the Ft. Hall Reservation in Idaho proved to be a fitting backdrop for the Affiliated Tribes' theme of "Rights, Survival and Unity."

That theme was also underscored by the impressive turnout of tribal delegates. For the first time in five years, the spring conference boasted a quorum of member tribes, making it possible for eighteen resolutions to be passed.

In less than two hours, the 22 tribes present passed resolutions ranging from health and education to the honoring of a past commissioner. The rest of the three-day conference was spent sharing information and raising concerns about such "Indian Country Issues" as

water rights, resource development, jurisdiction, trust responsibility, and backlash.

The issues were not new, but the atmosphere in which they were discussed reflected the positive developments the host tribes are making on their reservation. Every panel was sprinkled with Shoshone-Bannock speakers who recounted efforts launched locally to establish a strong economic and social base from which to combat threats to treaty rights.

Siletz delegate Pauline Ricks, whose tribe was recently restored to federal status, expressed appreciation to the Shobans for hosting the conference, noting that tribes may not realize what they have until they lose it, as the Siletz did.

Tribes can become preoccupied with their own affairs, however, said Yakima representative Roger Jim, and lose sight of the importance of other tribes' struggles. "We're drawn

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## Sally Rhoan Chosen "Miss Warm Springs"

Out of a field of three 18-year olds, Sally Rhoan was selected as the new "Miss Warm Springs" during a special pageant and powwow at the Agency Longhouse Saturday night, April 7. She is the daughter of Lyle and Arlita Rhoan.

It was apparent that holding the pageant at the longhouse and combining in with a powwow made the selection of Miss Warm Springs seem more of a community affair than in previous years. An estimated 200 people were present.

The other two candidates were first runner-up Colleen Seelatsee of Warm Springs and second runner-up Jana Henry of Pendleton.

Sally, who is currently working as a Title I reading aide at

the grade school, said that it will be an honor to represent Warm Springs for the next year. She said she was happy with the judges' decision but that she was a bit surprised she was chosen because she was so nervous.

"I thought it was unfortunate that the girl from Pendleton didn't receive the pageant information in time," Sally said compassionately. "I felt badly about that."

Until her first appearance as Miss Warm Springs, Sally will be studying up on the Warm Springs Reservation, "learning everything I can about it," she said. Sally will be coached by the successful 1977-78 Miss Warm Springs, Aurolyn Stwyer. Aurolyn won recognition for Warm Springs by winning the title of "Miss N.A.I.C.A." two years ago and by being selected as runner-up in the "Miss N.C.A.I." contest.

"I had planned to wait until next year to try out for "Miss Warm Springs," Sally remarked. "I wanted to learn more about the reservation, but I was talked into running this year because you never know what's going to happen in a year."

In her bid for the title of Miss Warm Springs, Sally performed the graceful Butterfly Dance, spoke about her hobbies and interests, explained the history of her regalia, and spoke about why there should be a Miss Warm Springs. She also sang "I've Decided to Follow Jesus" in both English and Sahaptin.

She briefly touched upon the subject of the Warm Springs

Reservation and why she would like to represent the Tribes.

As to her future plans, Sally is interested in attending either Oral Roberts in Oklahoma or Grand Canyon Christian College in Arizona. "I've sent away for catalogues from each school," she said, "but I haven't decided whether or not to enroll this

coming fall." She said it will depend upon her schedule as "Miss Warm Springs." If there is a conflict she said she will wait another year.

Noting that the new format of this year's Miss Warm Springs pageant was running a bit long, emcee Nathan "Eightball" Jim said that next year the pace would be more upbeat.

The four judges keeping tabs on the contestants Saturday night were Grant Waheneka, Kathleen Foltz, Andy Lucas and Eva Montee.

Miss Warm Springs committee members appointed by the Tribal Council are Iris Smith, Frances Allen, Verbena Greene, Annabell Clements, Sam Colwash and Nathan Jim, Sr.



NERVOUS CANDIDATES — Just before the announcement that Sally Rhoan (right) had been selected as the new "Miss Warm Springs", the three candidates smiled for the cameras. Left is first runner-up Colleen Seelatsee, second runner-up Jana Henry, and the 1979-80 Miss Warm Springs Sally Rhoan.

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### Weather

	High	Low	Precip.
March 29	52	36	
30	53	32	
31	62	38	
April 1	54	38	0.03
2	57	40	
3	58	37	
4	67	38	
5	76	35	
6	61	49	0.21
7	67	35	
8	58	42	0.03
9	52	34	0.01
10	50	26	0.02
11	56	35	0.04