

# Editorial E COOSH EEWA: (The way it is)



## Letters to the Editor

### Leader deserved place in article

(This letter is reprinted at the request of Louise Jackson.)

Mr. David S. Boyer  
Senior Writer  
National Geographic

Dear Mr. Boyer:

As much as I have enjoyed your article on the achievement of the Confederated Warm Springs Tribes, I am distressed that no mention is made in it of the late Vernon Jackson, under whose farsighted and aggressive leadership as Tribal Secretary the Tribes first really organized themselves in the 1960's for the task of self-development.

As a native of Madras, Oregon and a friend of the family (Vern's dad Charlie and his brother Zane are still active in Tribal affairs, by the way), I knew Vern well, and in fact attended the University of Oregon with him until he graduated (the first of his tribe to do so) and returned to the reservation to begin his life's work there.

Vern was an altogether remarkable man, at once intensely a Wasco tribesman and a savvy businessman and politician in the Anglo world, and I think that it is fair to say that the present flourishing state of things at Warm Springs

would be unthinkable without him. His memory will be kept alive locally, at least —just recently the Tribes dedicated "Vern Jackson Center", a halfway house for Indian youngsters in difficulties. Vern, who was a champion of educational programs and who had great faith in the younger generations of his people, would approve of the Center, I know—and probably shrug off the honor.

Sincerely yours,

Jarold Ramsey  
Assoc. Prof. of English  
University of Rochester

## Outsiders looking in

As a tribal newspaper, we are in the business of keeping the membership abreast of issues affecting the Warm Springs community. The average tribal member is justifiably hungry for information about the activities of his elected representatives and would like to feel that he is participating in the decision-making processes, if only by being knowledgeable and well-informed.

**Spilyay Tymoo** feels an obligation to report news as it is happening rather than after the fact—when all has been said and done and it is too late for people to respond meaningfully. While we understand that the outcome of some sensitive issues can be jeopardized by ill-timed publicity, a newspaper should be a witness to events as they unfold so that when the proper time comes for presenting the information to the public, it is correct and insightful.

That is why it is discouraging for **Spilyay** reporters to be barred from certain Tribal Council sessions. It is particularly hard to understand why a recent meeting with the Kah-Nee-Ta Board was closed to the press. Kah-Nee-Ta manager Bill Pauli had apprised **Spilyay** of the water problems at the resort, and expecting negative coverage by the outside press, he suggested that a **Spilyay** reporter be present at the board's upcoming report to Council to get the story straight. The reporter was excluded from the session, no questions asked. As it turned out, the water issue did not come up, but an important progress report was missed.

**Spilyay** has always approached Tribal Council in good faith, never trying to embarrass anyone, sensationalize issues, or jeopardize sensitive negotiations. Quite the opposite, in fact. We have sought always to provide the membership with the most accurate and direct information possible, to round out the often lop-sided perspectives offered by other news sources. When we do not have access to that information, we cannot do our job properly.

Then everyone loses. As an outsider, **Spilyay** cannot hope to provide insightful coverage. The reader is cheated by learning only partial facts. And Tribal Council misses an opportunity to make its position and views known.

The newspaper should not be an insider to the point of being a mouthpiece for tribal government, and we respect the distance and latitude that Council has given us. But neither can we function effectively as an outsider looking in. Certainly tribal members deserve a closer look at decisions that affect their future, and **Spilyay** should be their eyes and ears.

We hope that Tribal Council will cease considering the newspaper as an adversary, and instead take advantage of our efforts to "get the story straight." Better communication of the paper's intent and the Council's concerns about publicity should keep the information flowing and the trust intact.

## Thanks for sundance support

To the Editor:

At this time I wish to express my deepest appreciation to all my good people. During the Pi-Ume-Sha you gave from your heart and helped make it possible for Robert Smith to attend the Sundance in Wyoming.

He completed his quest and you shall all be blessed for your gift by the Creator of all good things.

Special thanks to the Pi-Ume-Sha Committee for making known our need of support.

With the strength of brother Eagle and guidance from Grandfather, may we strive in unity, walking the good red road as brothers and sisters with our Creator.

With prayers,  
Janis Tashwick  
and  
Robert Smith

## PATH class on parenting

The PATH-Foster Care program will begin Parenting classes on September 26 at 9 a.m. in the basement of the Vern Jackson Home. These classes will be held the second and last Wednesday of every month. They will deal with all phases and stages of raising a family. Please contact us at 553-1161 Ext. 291 or 292 if you have any questions.

## ATNI Annual Conference Agenda Kah-Nee-Ta, August 27-29

### August 27, 1979

- 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Registration (\$10 - everyone welcome)
- 9:00 a.m. Call to order-Joe McDonald, President  
Flag Song  
Invocation-Chief Amos Simtustus, Sr.  
Welcome to Delegates:  
Eugene Greene, Chairman  
Warm Springs Tribal Council  
Art Bensell, Chairman  
Siletz Tribal Council  
Sally Rhoan, Miss Warm Springs  
Committee Appointment-Chief Amos Simtustus  
Credentials  
Resolutions & Finance
- 10:30 a.m. Presentation by ATNI's Small Tribe members:  
Their issues and concerns
- 12:00 noon Lunch/Presentation by Commission on Indian Services, State of Oregon
- 1:30 p.m. Panel: Treaty Rights & Trust Responsibility  
Dr. Charles Wilkinsen  
University of Oregon  
Olney Patt Sr., Warm Springs  
Johnson Meninick, Yakima Indian Nation  
Martin Seneca, Office of Trust Responsibility, BIA, Washington D.C.
- 4:00 p.m. Federal Regional Council-Helen Peterson
- 6:00 p.m. Personality Adjustment Hour-Upper Lobby
- 7:00 p.m. Delegates' Banquet, Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge  
Keynote Speaker: Sidney Mills,  
Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs Washington, D.C.

### August 28, 1979

- 8:00 - 12:00 noon Registration, Upper Lobby
- 9:00 a.m. Call to Order  
Panel:  
Indian Water Rights  
Bob Nash, Tribal Attorney  
Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs  
Delbert Frank, Sr., Warm Springs  
Russell Jim, Yakima Indian Nation  
Joe McDonald, Salish-Kootenai

- 12:00 noon Lunch/Invocation-Rev. Stephen Brown  
Film Presentation, Siletz Tribe
- 1:30 p.m. Health Concerns: Question & Answer Period  
Felicia Hodge, Executive Director  
Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board  
Mel Sampson, Chairman, NPAIHB
- 2:30 p.m. Panel: Education  
Georgianna Tiger  
NTCA, Washington D.C.  
Charles Calica, Warm Springs  
Roy Stern  
Area Office, Portland  
Maxine Edmo, Ft. Hall
- 4:00 p.m. Chemawa School Report - Advisory Board
- 7:00 p.m. Traditional Dinner, Special Events and Pow-wow  
Agency Longhouse, Warm Springs

### August 29, 1979

- 9:00 a.m. Call to Order  
Credentials Committee Report  
Roll Call  
Resolutions Committee
- 12:00 noon Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. Panel: Supreme Court Decision and  
Fishing Rights;  
Dennis Karnopp, Tribal Attorney  
Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs  
Jim Redden, Attorney General  
State of Oregon  
George Dysart, Attorney  
U.S. Department of Justice
- New Business  
Incorporation  
By-Laws  
Constitution changes  
Political Strategies of ATNI  
Elections  
Nuclear Power Plants  
Election Committee: Election Of Officers
- 5:00 p.m. Adjournment
- 6:00 p.m. Attitude Adjustment Hour-Upper Lobby
- 7:00 p.m. Banquet for Delegates, sponsored by Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Honored Guests: Victor Atiyeh Governor, State of Oregon

## Poster and essay contest for kids

Kids, begin now to work on your entry for the poster-essay contest being sponsored by the P. A. T. H.-Foster Care Program. Age limit is grade 5-8. Art displays are to be 8" x 10", essays 100-150 words.

Theme of the contest is "Year of the Child—what it means to me to be a child." All entries will be displayed at the Year of the Child conference to be held at Kah-Nee-Ta in September. Art displays are to be 8" x 10", essays 100-150 words.

Deadline for the contest is September 7, 1979 and entries are to be turned into the P.A.T.H.-Foster Care office located in the Vern Jackson Home.

Ribbons will be presented in each category. There are many talented young people here in Warm Springs so this is an opportunity to show off your talent.

For more information, contact Mildred Kirk at 553-1161 Ext. 291 or 292.