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Spilyay Tymoo

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All sorts of strange looking creatures could be observed around the tribal and B.I.A. offices Halloween day. This fun-loving group made a brief appearance at the doorway of Spilyay headquarters after creeping through Council chambers. They are (from left) Joyce White, Jean Green, Charlotte Herkshan, Janet Cowden and Jim Boye. See page 3 for more Halloween craziness.

Spilyay Tymoo photo by Rangila

Committee sifting data for financial impact study

Work has begun on a financial impact study which is being done to determine just how the reservation monetarily affects the school district, Superintendent Darrell Wright reported to the Tribal Council last week.

"We've got the ball rolling," he told the Council. The eight committee members working on the study are Ernie Weber (chairman), Don Aitken (school board member), Mike Clements, Gordon Galbraith, Ray Murray (Madras Mayor), Doug McClelland, Marlin Reimer and Edith Danzuka.

"We're trying to break out both the direct and indirect impact of the reservation on 509-J," Weber told the Council. "On one side of the river some are of the opinion that the Indian people are not carrying their weight. And on the other side, Indian people feel they are."

"The point is," he continued, "that we need factual data so that perhaps we can eliminate some of those opinions which

lead to misconceptions." He said that nobody knows for sure what the final outcome will be but that the figures will be "controversial regardless" of what the committee comes up with. He said that the study committee's job will be to make the facts available.

For the Council's benefit, McClelland put up on the board some of the principle areas the committee is looking at. They include the dams, P.L. 874 money, support funds (JOM, Title I and Title IV), tribal employment, P.L. 815 funds, the reservation's employment tax base, and forest fees.

Also under scrutiny is the impact of tribal funds on 509-J, North Unit compensation, the county school fund, building transfer impact, and county services provided because of the tribes.

The committee's base figure is the \$5.7 million school operating budget.

Wright and Weber agreed that this is a large task and they

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Treaty rights stressed at N.W. Indian Education Conference

Over 600 people were in attendance at the 1979 Northwest Indian Education Conference held in Spokane October 30-November 1.

This theme of this year's conference was "Education Is a Treaty Right." Sponsors of the conference, held at the Sheraton-Spokane Hotel were the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, Spokane Tribe of Indians, and the United Indians of All Tribes Foundation.

"Treaty rights is the foundation of the tribes," said Yakima tribal councilman Roger Jim, before the first general session. "Treaties are firm in the constitution."

It was evident that attendance by tribal representatives was very low at the first general session. The two rows of tables reserved for representatives was nearly empty although chairs in the audience were filled.

People from six states and representing many Indian tribes attended the approximately 54 workshops offered over the three-day conference. Many of the meeting rooms were filled to capacity with some sitting on the floor or standing. Less fortunate ones crowded around the entrance to the room and tried listening in or went to less crowded workshops.

An audio visual festival was well attended on the first day. Some thought the films and video-tapes should've been shown at a different time than the workshops. The full agenda has as many as eight workshops going on at the same time making it difficult to decide where to go.

A video-tape of interest to many at the conference was the Boldt Decision-Indian Fishing Rights, which featured Indian reaction to the U.S. Supreme Court's decision July 2, to uphold Judge George Boldt's 1974 Indian fishing rights decision. The tape came to a sudden halt during an interview with Bill Frank Sr., fisherman from the early days of Nisqually, when different sizes of the format in the television

and tape caused it to be cutoff.

Ron Pinkham, Title IV-A counselor and Indian club advisor at Madras High School, shared his ideas with other Indian club advisors and others interested in forming a club in an 'Organizing an Indian Club' workshop. Advisors explained the purpose of their clubs, fundraising activities, and two their clubs build leadership skills.

Denver Sensibaugh, Warm Springs fourth grade teacher, was involved in examining the effectiveness of the Northwest Regional Education Laboratory's "Indian Reading Series" program.

"We work mainly on

attitude," said Joe Coburn, Director, NWRL, "we're looking at the self-image."

The reading series is 20% more popular, noted Sensibaugh. "Students want to read (the series)," said Sensibaugh, "there's no drop in interest." He said it could be because many students know the people who wrote the books, and the stories are about Indians from their area. Sensibaugh thought the series would not work in an urban setting among non-Indians.

Students from Sensibaugh's class had scored 90% or better in comprehension tests on the series. On the other hand, students scored 70-80% on

other comprehension tests, and the tests were basically the same.

"I think the series can work," Sensibaugh said. The students are asking when the books are going to come and get discouraged when the books, which are supposed to arrive in two weeks, don't arrive until four weeks.

There are 17 reservations involved in the series program.

A decision wasn't made at the conference as to where next year's conference will be held. Chemawa expressed interest in hosting the 1980 conference. It will probably be decided at the January convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians.

Weather

Oct	High	Low	Pcp
19	54	42	.13
20	49	38	.26
21	58	32	
22	60	46	.13
23	62	47	.05
24	56	48	.22
25	62	50	.15
26	65	51	
27	63	40	.02
28	55	38	
29	55	33	
30	52	40	.06
31	51	42	.09
Nov			
1	51	41	
2	45	37	.09

General Council Meeting Tuesday, November 6 Agency Longhouse

Dinner-6 p.m.
Business-7 p.m.

- Meet the adoption candidates
- Hear about the housing Projects
- Street naming