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Letters to the Editor

Enjoyed our years at resort



Mary and Dave Berry

To the Warm Springs people

The beautiful highway over Mt. Hood, Oregon, to Kah-Nee-Ta Vacation Resort on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation is a lady of grace in the late spring and summer. Crystal clear streams, tall ponderosa pines, and beautiful wild flowers display their beauty along the road. All these wonders of nature make their home in the shadows of the queen of them all, Mt. Hood, whose lofty peak towers over 13,000 feet above the plains of Central Oregon.

It was on April 25, 1970 that I made my way from Portland to Warm Springs along with my wife Mary and son Phil. Our purpose was to apply for employment at your resort located on the Warm Springs River. We had had it with the smog, rain, and traffic in the big city, and being natives of the Staked Plains of west Texas, we wanted to live where we could again breathe the clean, sweet air coming off the sagebrush and juniper trees.

The Great Spirit that holds court over this gracious land is a wonderful host in the spring and summer, but come wintertime, visitors to his domain should do so with caution. He huffs and puffs, spits snow and sleet, freezing rain, and sends the little creatures of nature in search of sheltered nooks. Some years he just won't give up on his winter habits until late April or early May.

On that day in late April a short distance east of the Bowman's resort, we started passing motorists putting on their chains. We thought they were in training to learn the art of using chains to be ready for heavy snows to come in winter. We soon found out our thinking was way off base. Just a few short miles up the mountain we began to encounter heavy snow. Cars were stalled, some crossways in the highway, hopelessly out of

action. Some were putting on tire chains, while others were just leaning on their vehicles mumbling nothing in particular, "I don't believe it! This is the last week of April." A police officer told us it was our choice to try for the summit without chains, but to expect no help from him if we didn't make it. Being the owner of a V.W. we sailed up and over the summit without any trouble.

Breaking out of the timber on the east side of Mt. Hood, we encountered Central Oregon sunshine. Occasionally a heavy black cloud would move over and sprinkle a little snow, but all in all the conditions were beautiful.

Arriving at Kah-Nee-Ta Village we found the hot mineral pool packed full of happy sunbathers and the River Room Restaurant jammed with hungry guests. After a hearty lunch, we had a visit with the River Room chef to discuss the possibility of becoming members of the food and beverage staff. The interview was encouraging so we made our way to the office of Ed Manion, then manager of the complex. We filled out our applications and were very pleased when he assured us of employment.

After giving our employer a two weeks notice, we moved and went to work at the Village May 5, 1970. I was hired as a cook at the River Room and Mary worked at the Snack Bar.

In early 1971, Mary was given a position in the Bathhouse and a few months later she was promoted to manager, a position which she still holds.

I worked happily in the River Room kitchen until 1976. When I was assigned to the Village grounds crew, I worked the year of 1976 as a groundsman until I was again transferred back to the River Room kitchen. I returned to work on the grounds in 1978 until I fell on some frozen grass. Hopefully, I can return to that

job in the near future, for the nine years at Kah-Nee-Ta have been the happiest years of our married lives. I might also add that these years have been the most profitable in the regard to the accumulation of earthly goods.

We have seen so many employees come and go at the resort that we sometimes wonder just what kind of working conditions people expect. We have never been employed by anyone where working conditions were more enjoyable. We have always been treated with the highest esteem by the management. I will say in all fairness however, that there have been occasions when we disagreed with some of the policies put forth by management. We think this is the mark of a good employee, when your disagreements are constructive and your little ideas on certain policies are for the betterment of the overall operation, and not just for your own personal gain.

I don't think this letter to the Warm Springs people would be complete without telling of a few funny little stories. One breakfast cook covered the grill with pancake batter and could not figure why the cakes were not cooking. The chef at that time, John Behrend, was called to investigate the matter and found that the cook, after a long night on the third stool at the frontier, had failed to turn the grill on and was trying to cook the cakes on a cold grill. The next morning he was given a refresher course in the art of turning on a grill.

Another cook came on the job and told us of being the chef in his last job. He told us how easy he thought the cooks had it at the River Room. This was in the slack months of early spring, and he was told to oil his skis for the upcoming summer season. Come Memorial Day 1971, he was busy packing his tools, saying in no uncertain terms that he was getting the heck out of the place.

There are many people to mention here, but we have pleasant thoughts of all the people who have worked at Kah-Nee-Ta.

Kah-Nee-Ta, you have been good to us, so we have taken this way to say thanks for a wonderful nine years. We hope your thoughts of us are as good as our thoughts are of you. We have enjoyed our stay with you so much and may our days not be numbered in your employment.

May the Great Spirit continue to bless you with His best.

Sincerely,
Dave and Mary Berry
#155 Kah-Nee-Ta Hamlet

Invitation to powwow

The Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon
Tribal Education Director

Charles and Marie Calica:

It was good to be with your people. You're an impressive group of people. We appreciated your hospitality and warmth you all gave us in our stay there.

We are formally extending an invitation to you to attend our Indian Week 1980 in February. We would be glad to hear of your talents and work in education.

During Indian week, we Indian students here on BYU's campus, have the chance to express a myriad of activities.

We host guest speakers from the Indian world, our own art work, luncheons, Laminite Generation performance, powwow, discussion groups, panel discussion groups and other activities.

I've been personally impressed with your people on how you've used your natural resources for the betterment of the tribe, including a list of other things. Would it be possible for us to contact and ask your tribal officials to respond to an invitation?

Sincerely,
The 1980 Indian Week Committee
Charlie Stewart
Brigham Young University

Thanks

To The Editor:

I would like to sincerely express my appreciation to those of you who assisted in making the "Lamanite Generation," from BYU a great success and a memorable experience for all those in attendance.

This performance was presented as an "International year of the Child" activity for both the Jr. High and high

school students. The evening performance was a highlight to those present from the Warm Springs and Madras communities.

Without all your help and participation, this activity wouldn't have been possible.

Peace, love, and happiness for a 1980 year.

Thanks,
Marie Calica

Annual Public meeting

The Title IV Part A parent Committee will hold its Annual Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center Social Hall.

Four major items to be discussed at this meeting are:
1. P.L. 874 and its impact on the school district and the Part A program.

2. Indian Student Certification-Form 506.
3. New Planning and Direction for Part A 1980-81.
4. Nominations for Part A Parent Committee members 1980-81.

Parents and any others interested are welcome to attend.

Tribal Council Agenda

January 8-10 Affiliated Tribes — Spokane, Washington

January 14 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

1. 10:00 am Education Committee-Mike Clements
2. 2:00 pm Johnson-O'Malley Committee Title IV Committee
3. 4:00 pm Culture/Heritage Committee-Olney Patt Sr.

January 15 Tribal Council meeting, 9:30 a.m.

1. 10:00 a.m. Tribal Council Priorities

January 16 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

1. 9:30 a.m. Guidelines & Procedures/Training Program-John Colosimo

January 17 25th Anniversary Dinner for Owen Panner

Agency Longhouse — 7:00 p.m.

January 21 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

1. 10:00 am Committee Task Force/Proposed Resolution

2. 3:00 p.m. Progress Report/Justice Facility

January 22 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

1. 10:00 a.m. MIS Progress Report
2. 2:00 pm Pelton Dam Progress Report-Jerry Dibble

January 28 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

1. 10:00 a.m. Realty
2. 2:00 p.m. Enrollments

January 29 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

1. 10:00 a.m. Employee Pension Sr. Citizen Benefits
2. 2:00 p.m. Management Reports