

Community Liaison job requires lots of energy

The job of community liaison at Madras Junior High School is not a simple one. It requires a lot of energy, most of which must be given to the students. Parents and other school personnel require some of it also. Fortunately, Pat Darcy has enough energy to go around.

The community liaison in a school basically attempts to bring the community and the school together in a cooperative effort to educate the children. The community liaison tries to reinforce positive attitudes towards school and to increase understanding of any problems or cultural differences that may exist on the part of teachers, counselors, students and parents.

Pat is one-half degree Indian being Northern Cheyenne and Chippewa. Her uncle, she says, is tribal chairman of the Northern Cheyenne in Lame Deer, Montana. Even though not full-blooded Indian, she feels completely so when she tells a student, "I know you can do better, I really care about you. You're doing it for all of us."

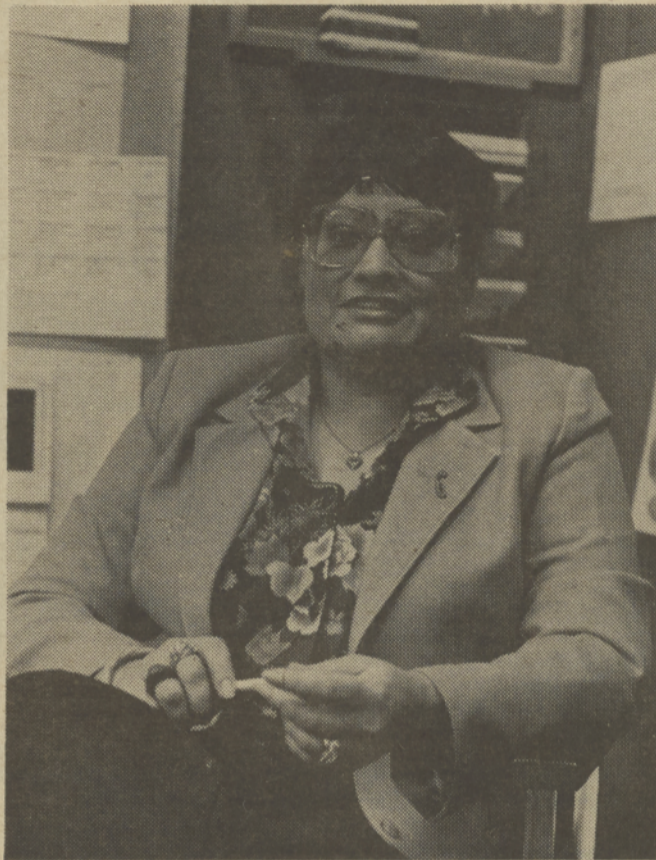
Working with Indian students is not a new experience for Pat. She has been recognized many times in the past for her efforts and achievements. For several years Pat worked in the David Douglas School district in Portland as student counselor and Indian resource counselor for the 362 Indian students in

the district. She was instrumental in starting the first Indian program there and was involved in the Indian club as their advisor. During this time she began an Indian cooking club and became secretary of the Title IV committee.

Pat was elected secretary of the Oregon Indian Education Association and held that position for three years. In 1977 she was elected Outstanding Young Woman of America for her work with Indian children. She was awarded in 1978 an Outstanding Oregon Indian Educator by OEIA.

After her work in education Pat joined the Indian Health Board in Portland for one year. She married Mike Darcy, now Warm Springs elementary school principal and moved with him to Warm Springs. She has remained active in cultural activities and has often acted as substitute teacher and aide at both Warm Springs elementary and Simnasho elementary schools.

Having come in contact with parents and students while residing and working in Warm Springs, Pat's position as community liaison is a little easier. She feels comfortable in contacting parents of students who might be having problems at school. She says, as part of her job, "I am trying to get out in the community and visit the homes of students." She says the parents of students are very cooperative and genuinely



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concerned in seeing that their children graduate from high school.

Other school personnel are also concerned about the counseling needs of Indian students. Pat claims to be especially lucky in having a

principal who backs her and understands the needs of the school in regards to Indian students.

Since she started as community liaison, Pat says that she feels parents are becoming more and more

concerned about their child's school life as contact with them increases. "I invite them to come in and they do," she says. Cooperation between parents and the school has increased, she feels, because people know there is someone here who cares about the students. Evidence of this could be indicated by the 61 parents from Warm Springs who were in attendance at the last parent-teacher meeting at the Junior High.

As community liaison there is a lot of hard work involved. Pat says, "there is no idle time to be fooling around." On her desk are books she must read to better prepared to deal with any student problems that might arise. She finds that the job requires continuing education within herself.

Pat will remain community liaison until spring vacation when Marie Calica returns from an education leave. Pat says, "I want to do as much as I can before spring vacation." She says she wants to make special things happen for the Indian students.

She has them involved in making cultural-oriented posters for the visiting Lamanite Generation, paying visits to the tribal council office and meeting with her just to let them know she is there. She says, "The kids are using their own brains to develop their ideas. I'm only here to give ideas. I'm only here to give them a little direction."

Learn math, law—

COCC Spring credit classes

There will be plenty of opportunities to earn college credits this spring through Central Oregon Community College—right here in Warm Springs.

New this term will be **American Indians and the Law**, a two-credit course to be taught by Doug Hutchinson, legal adviser to the Tribal Court. Hutchinson will cover such topics as the treaties, the trust relationship, land, and tribal vs. individual rights in this comprehensive look at the legal history of Indians.

The individualized **Math Lab** will be offered again spring term by Jack Gallagher, Madras High School math teacher. Gallagher will help students through their chosen level of math—from Basic Math to Intermediate Algebra.

Both Mary Donahoe's **English Composition** and Darla Grubman's **General Psychology** will continue spring term for those students who have been enrolled in earlier classes or who have fulfilled the prerequisites.

Following is a schedule of spring term credit classes to be

held in Warm Springs Reservation will start March 28 from noon to 4:00 at the Adult Learning Center.

American Indians and the Law
Doug Hutchinson
Tuesday 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Tribal Court Room
Starts 3/31
2 credits — \$30.00

Math Lab (Basic math, Algebra I and II, Inter. Algebra)
Jack Gallagher
Monday, Thursday 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Adult Learning Center
Starts 4/2
3 credits — \$45.00

English Composition (WR 122)
Mary Donahoe
Monday 5:00-7:00 p.m.
W.S. Elementary Rm. 18
Starts 4/6
3 credits — \$45.00

General Psychology (PSY 203)
Darla Grubman
Thursday 3:30-6:30 p.m.
W.S. Elem. Rm. 15
3 credits—\$45.00

COCC Community classes

Branch out this spring with a community education class. Central Oregon Community College can help you grow with its schedule of ten classes ranging from vegetable gardening to pilots ground school.

Browse through the schedule printed here and if you have

any question, call Cynthia Stowell at 553-1428 or 553-1402. Preregistration begins Saturday March 28, 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Adult Learning Center and continues the following week, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. daily. Classes begin the week of April 6.

Parent committee elects new members

The Part A Parent Committee met on March 3, 1981, and nominations for new committee members were conducted. The following people were nominated to serve on the Part A Parent Committee:
Marcia Soliz
Jerald Smith
Liz Rhoan
Bernice Mitchell
Arlita Rhoan
Harry Phillips
Delson Suppah
Linda Henry

Mike Darcy
Geneva Smith
Alley Smith
George Clements
Dan Moore
Rob Hastings
Benson Heath
Kathy Alexander
Mary Histake
Jerry Sampson
Orthelia Miller
Fabian Sutterlee
Rich Little
Pat Crocker
Jeff Henry
Pat Darcy

Jamie Smith
Janice Clements
Larena Tunison
Steve Rankin
Larry Larson

The election of new committee members will take place at the next committee meeting on Tuesday, March 31, 1981

Anyone interested in serving on the Part A Parent Committee can contact Fabian Sutterlee for information.

COCC Spring term community classes

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Trad. Cornhusk Bags Kathleen Moses 7:00-9:00 p.m. Community Center 4/6 - 6/1 \$12.80	Auto Tune-up/Maint. Kenneth Lydy 7:00-9:30 p.m. Tribal Garage 4/7 - 5/26 \$18.20	Private Pilots Ground School Jay Lohner 7:00-10:00 p.m. W.S. Elem. Rm. 18 4/8 - 6/10 \$24 (Supplies \$60)	Italic Calligraphy Nancy Garrison 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Community Center 4/9 - 5/14 \$9.60
Western Tack Repair John Leavitt 7:00-9:00 p.m. Baptist Church 4/6 - 5/11 \$9.60	Indian Beadwork Caroline Tohet 7:00-9:00 p.m. Learning Center 4/7 - 6/2 \$14.40	Native Foods Preparation Ada Sooksoit 7:00-9:00 p.m. VFW Hall 4/8 - 5/27 (One Saturday field trip to collect moss) \$14.40	Photography II Cynthia Stowell 7:00-9:00 p.m. W.S. Elem. Rm. 16 4/9 - 5/28 (Saturday morning trips to shoot every other week) \$17.60
Vegetable Gardening Martin Zimmerman (Co-sponsored by O.S.U. Extension) 7:00-9:00 p.m. W.S. Elem. Rm. 19 4/6 - 4/27 \$6.40		Western/Disco Dance Bonnie Souers 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Community Center 4/8 - 5/6 (Free-style and partner dancing)	

REGISTER SOON!
Sat. 3/28 12-4 p.m.
M-F 3/31-4/3 10a.m.-2