

Puppet, sports round out youth education



A GOOD FRIEND—The blue dolphin puppet called Duso is someone children can learn from.



A THINKING GAME—Mental activity is sometimes as stimulating as physical activity.

Education at Warm Spring elementary is a stone with many facets. Besides classroom work and exercise in the three "Rs", education involves producing a person who has skill and knowledge in many aspects of living.

Physical education is necessary to the development of a well-rounded individual. A physical education program is particularly valuable when it is organized and allows for healthy competition.

Four years ago the sports program was cut from the Warm Springs Elementary budget. Physical Education director Dave Jordan feels that organized sports play an important part in providing both skill for students and play in a competitive manner.

During lunch hour, to compensate for the lack of a sports program, Jordan directs an intermural program which involves fourth, fifth and sixth grades. Jordan says the intermural games "give the kids something to do besides fight and argue."

Soccer is the game of the season, now. Those who don't

want to play can watch. The program "has helped in discipline problems," Jordan stated. "It is the only chance these kids have to compete at this age."

Students who do not feel athletically inclined have the opportunity to use their competitive abilities in a game of chess. A chess board is provided in one of the classrooms. Both the outdoor sports activity and the game held indoors provide students with directed and organized play.

Another facet of providing a well-rounded education is a good counseling program. Puppet Duso and counselor Ed Roly work together to help students work out any problems they might have, from fighting to feelings of loneliness.

The hand-held blue dolphin puppet has become a very popular member of the Warm Springs elementary school. Any student or teacher can tell you who Duso is. To Ed Roly, simply the name Duso has meaning. Duso stands for Developing Understanding of Self and Others.

Visiting each classroom once a week Duso brings a story with a lesson. "What do you do if a bully is bothering you" or "why is it more fun to share" are some of the questions answered during these sessions.

Each student gets a chance to be the actor as he directs Duso's movements during the story-telling time. Students also sing along with Duso's recorded message. Counselor Roly holds up a story book with pictures correlating to Duso's story to enable students to see the lessons in pictures.

Students then have the opportunity to respond to questions about the story and about the lesson following Duso's presentation. They hate to see Duso go when it's time for him to leave. Success through this counseling program is easy to measure, Roly feels.

An education is many things. Learning mental and physical fitness is as much a part of the educational process as learning the essential basics of reading writing and arithmetic. Duso will affirm that.



COMPETING FOR FUN—Intermural sports provides competitive games for grades 4,5 and 6.

Spilyay Tymoo photos by Shewczyk

Legal Aide Notice

To: All Indians of the Warm Springs Reservation

Due to the budget cuts and lack of staff in the Legal Aide Department we have had to reduce the number and kinds of cases in which we can offer assistance.

As of November 1, 1981, the Legal Aide Department is no longer handling divorce or any civil cases.

In custody cases we will only represent the child or children involved. We will no longer represent parents in custody cases. Parents, grandparents, or other relatives may come in and request a spokesman for the child. The Juvenile Judge through the Tribal laws may appoint a legal aide spokesman for the child.

The underlying reason for this policy change is the fact that Legal Aide is financed by the Confederated Tribes. The children are the most precious resource of the Tribes. Therefore, it is only logical that we represent only the child.

In the future, depending upon the fate of our pending budget, further reductions in services may become necessary. If these reductions are implemented we will only be providing criminal defense in adult cases. Should this happen we will inform the community through another announcement.

Thank you for your support in the past and in the future.

Angelina De La Torre
Legal Aide Department Supervisor

Community Christmas show planned

Community members are enthusiastically pulling things together for a Christmas program to be held at the Community Center the evening of December 14.

Planning for the Christmas program began in October when interested individuals met to discuss the possibility of getting together and putting on a Christmas show. The plan began developing with two skits in mind and has now expanded to include a choir and activities to be staged by various groups from within the community.

The skits planned for the occasion are "A year without Santa Claus" and a nativity play.

Besides the presentations by

community members door prizes will be given out and Christmas treats will be distributed which have been donated by Madras merchants and local people. The entire program will take approximately two hours.

The Christmas program is being coordinated by prevention coordinator Caroline Cruz who feels that an activity such as this is beneficial to the community as a whole. She says, "By getting people to work together the communication gap is being bridged. Too often, she says, activities are planned as the result of negative events. "We never do anything for fun." She comments, "This is something for the whole community."

Any community members who are not already involved and who wish to participate may contact Caroline Cruz at 553-1161, Ext. 209. Help is needed on several different committees.

The committees have been divided as follows: Choir-headed by Anita Davis and Myrtle Adams; Skits and plays-headed by Danny Martinez, Mary Anstett and Janet Holcolm; Music committee is chaired by Sylvia Maxwell and George Koss; Decorating by Carol Muniz and Judy King; Costumes headed by Carol Allison and Judy King; Donations by Cina Sanders; Public Relations by Marsha Shewczyk; and Lighting and Props by Don Gold.