

D.C. trip beneficial to Warm Springs travelers

"Lift your horizons beyond your own tribal realm"

Elmer Savilla, Executive Director of the National Tribal Chairman's Association

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Future Indian leaders from 40 different tribes, 17 different states gathered in Washington, D.C. to show what policies they would formulate if it were up to them. Four of those future leaders are from Warm Springs, Oregon.

Attending the Native Youth Summit Conference 1982 were Cynthia Caldera, Jason Smith, Merritt Youngdeer, Jr., and Anita Bryant. At the youth conference these students were able to participate in a representative government taking their place as tribal decision makers during the four days of learning and experiencing life in Washington, D.C.

The four Warm Springs students were selected to attend the conference because of their school achievements including a high grade point average. Johnson O'Malley funds were provided for the enrichment opportunity.

Merritt Youngdeer, Jr., whose father is Warm Springs superintendent, felt encouragement in pursuing any career he might choose especially through meeting young people who have succeeded in their careers. He felt an accomplishment of the conference was the "planting of a seed for future Indian leaders."

The leaders at the conference "tried to show us people who have done things and they



MAKING DECISIONS—Students attending the Native Youth Summit Conference 1982 in Washington, D.C. were able to practice at formulating policy for the four days while there. Those who attended the conference include: (back row) Jason Smith, Cindy Caldera, Mary Anstett; (front row) Direlle Calica, Marie Calica and Merritt Youngdeer, Jr.. Anita Bryant is not pictured.

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would tell us that we could do it, too. They let us in their front door with an opportunity to stay there." Youngdeer added.

Knowledge acquired while in Washington, D.C. included awareness of educational opportunities as well as just what processes are necessary to achieve the goals of Indian reservations. Youngdeer stressed that being Indian was

something to be proud of. This was interjected throughout the conference.

Making reservations better was the main overlying attitude at the conference according to student Jason Smith. Put in the position of a tribal decision maker in a mock government setting Smith learned about problem solving. He said, "I

learned a lot."

Bringing his experience back home Jason pointed out the importance of education. He also stressed the importance of school attracting students by being fun, to keep students interested. Sports helps to do that, he feels.

Having visited Washington, D.C. and meeting many young

people from different places Jason says, "I didn't realize there were that many reservations." He felt that meeting people, both students and leaders, made everything more real. And as far as seeing the nation's capitol Jason says, "It was exciting."

Her meeting with "Kenny" seemed a highlight of Cindy Caldera's experience in Washington, D.C. She learned a lot about what Smith did there and some of his opinions about where Warm Springs was headed.

"I learned that you have to work hard to make it big and you should be proud to be an Indian." Cindy stated that most questions she had about Indians and reservations were answered during her trip.

Stressed throughout the conference according to the participants was the need for all people to work together to strengthen their reservations. Young people, after getting an education, must return to the reservations and help their people. They should never think they are above that.

The closing words of the conference came from J.R. Cook, founder and director of United Indian Tribal Youth, Inc. He told the Indian youth, "What you have experienced here in four short days most certainly has demonstrated that many adult activities of the same kind can do a lot more in achieving defined targets."

Chaperones for the students were Marie Calica and Mary Anstett. Direlle Calica also accompanied the group at her own expense.

Accident kills one, injures three

A single-car accident May 7, 1982, claimed the life of one tribal member and injured three others.

Debbie Quinn, 21, was killed when the vehicle she was driving failed to negotiate a turn on the Kah-Nee-Ta road

approximately two miles north of Warm Springs. Quinn, her brother Jack Quinn and Mary Ross were all transferred to St. Charles Medical Center. Miss Quinn died at the hospital. Jack Quinn and Ross were listed, respectively, in serious

and critical condition when first admitted.

According to a family spokesperson, Ross received 10 broken ribs, a fractured back, a collapsed lung and cuts and scrapes. Quinn received similar injuries, except both of his lungs were collapsed and he suffered more than 10 broken ribs.

The fourth passenger, Desiree Hurtado, received minor injuries and was treated and released at Mt. View Hospital in Madras.

Acting Warm Springs Chief of Police Ray Calica said the accident occurred at approximately 11 p.m. May 7 and that speed was the major factor causing the accident. "She (Debbie) took the turn a little too fast," said Calica. Also, skid marks on the road indicated excessive speed.

According to Calica, the accident is still under investigation.

Search continues for body of Dale Tewee

A search continues on the Deschutes River for the body of Dale Tewee, a 25 year old enrolled tribal member. Following a report on April 30, Tewee was reported to have attempted to swim the Deschutes River on the afternoon of April 30 according to Acting Warm Springs Chief of Police Ray Calica.

Companiona with Tewee at the time said he dove into the river at the Old Hiram Smith house across from the Rainbow Market and when he surfaced face up, they realized something had gone wrong.

It was reported that one of the people present went into the river to help Tewee but was unable to keep a hold on him.

The search has continued with Warm Springs Police

Department, Tribal Utilities and numerous volunteers from the bridge on highway #26 for a 33 mile stretch down the river to a area down near Maupin. A helicopter was used for several days to fly the river but was discontinued due to the expense. A number of boats and rafts are now being used to travel the river. People walking the banks of the river are presently being used in the search, according to Calica.

A camp has been set up at Dry Creek Campgrounds by volunteers. The camp is being managed by local volunteers and gives the crews a place to rest and eat.

According to Calica the present plans are to continue the present plans are to continue the search until the body is located.

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Stud mill closure affects few

The closure of the stud mill at WSFPI did not cause any job shortages for the employees who worked there. All personnel were transferred into the veneer plant and the lumber mill. The shut down of the stud mill caused a surplus of small logs for WSFPI to

dispose of. Three different companies became involved to ease the tension in that area. The Coffel Brothers of Wilsonville, Oregon purchased all the white fir and the Pine Ridge Forest Products of Klamath Falls and the Klamath Trading

Company of Portland took the douglas fir logs. The Klamath Trading Company set up a portable chipping plant here in the WSFPI log stock yard, and the Pine Ridge Forest Products are taking the logs, chipping some and exporting some.