

# Summer work program employs students



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With summer comes the employment of high school and college students. Michelle Wells, left and Jimmy George, right, are working in Fire and Safety.

Tribally funded, the Student Summer Work Program is providing approximately 140 jobs to the youth of the Warm Springs community, with the main criterion for hiring being that the students will continue their education and use the money they earn to help themselves financially with their education. The program began in 1954.

During the work orientation Summer Work Program director Jeanne Thomas gave the opening address. Her main emphasis was placed on promptness and attendance. She stated, "Indian Time' is a misused word given to us by the white man. Indians are taught discipline when they are young and 'Indian time' is being at work at 8 a.m. on time 'Indian Time' is our time." She then continued to say, "Traditionally our people had to be on time with the seasons. We had to dig roots when they camp up. If we didn't our tribe would not be here today."

After the opening address. Thomas introduced a list of speakers. Among them were Lloyd Smith Sr. tribal personnel director, Norma Smith, accounting supervisor, who replaced Rudy Clements because he was unable to attend the orientation. The next speaker was Alice Knight, Kah-Nee-Ta housekeeping supervisor, who spoke of the way the program used to be and expressed to the students, "All of you are our tribes future."

Tribal Chief of Police Jeff Sanders gave an in depth speech on the topic "Right Decisions Can Affect Your Future." On this topic, Sanders stressed that a positive mental attitude will help the students accomplish anything they want. He also spoke highly of planning ahead and continuing into a higher education. "You all have the capabilities to become tribal leaders," said Sanders.

When speaking of drug related problems Sanders stated that "no single thing is

more devastating to the Indian people than drug and alcohol abuse as we know it today."

The student employees then broke into small groups to prepare a role-play skit with each group performing their own skit. The topics involved were: attendance, important to me and my job; respect my job, my supervisor and me; nothing to do, what next?; communication, youth to supervisor and supervisor to youth; and rules and regulations. Everyone seemed to enjoy the group participation very much.

Rounding up the afternoon session were speakers Caroline Cruz, who spoke of problems involving drugs and alcohol and Harvy Yordy, an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) who gave a brief course in first aid. Several supervisors who are supervising student employees came in to give a more personal in-depth view of the students job descriptions.

The main purpose for the student workers orientation was to introduce the students to tribal operations and procedures. Most students began working that day and the orientation was a perfect way to get the ball rolling.

Most of the students are placed in departments which are atune to the student's chosen career field. Tony Torres, a freshman at Central Oregon Community College, last school year is majoring in

Business Administration and is currently working in the purchasing department. He says working under the program will help him get by financially at school. After he graduates from college he hopes to start a business of his own here on the Warm Springs Reservation. Torres states, "I want to help the tribes and myself out. It's a lot easier to start a business here because I'll have the tribes support."

Sonja Bryant, a 1983 Madras High School graduate, also plans a major in Business Administration at Mt. Hood Community College. She has been placed in the personnel department. Sonja says that she has wanted to work in an office since she took a typing class in junior high school. I like business and working in the office. I like everything about my job and it keeps me busy," said Sonja.

From her job she hopes to gain "better understanding on how a business is run."

Jimmy George, for the third consecutive summer, is working with the Fire and Safety department.

Just one of Jimmy's responsibilities as an experienced "cadet," is helping the other student workers understand what their responsibilities are. Jim says; he still gets "a little nervous" when there is an emergency call, but when they arrive at the scene of the emergency "the nervousness goes away because there isn't any time to get nervous."

The reason Jimmy chooses to work at the Fire and Safety is, in his own opinion, he can learn more than from any other summer job and I learn how to respect other people," said Jimmy. Jimmy will be senior this year at Madras High School. After he graduates he would like to enlist in the U.S. Army.

In her first year as a summer worker, Eliza "Hot Dog" Green has been placed in the Headstart/Day Care as a teacher's aid. She is helping the three-year olds learn to count.

say their ABC's, sing various songs, learn the days of the week and the months of the year. She is also teaching them coordination with scissors and teaching the children how to recognize their names on paper.

"Teacher," as some of the children know her, says, "I like working with the kids, they're fun to work with, I like spending time with them and each child is unique."

Another summer worker is Olivia Kirk. She is now a senior at Portland State University majoring in Fine Arts with a minor in Teacher's Education. She has been placed with the Cultural and Heritage department.

She is currently learning to use a work processor to update all the information at the Cultural and Heritage department. Miss Kirk says that this is good in that "It can be used as a job skill later."

Although Olivia is a tribal member she hasn't lived on the reservation since she was a resident here 15 years ago and adds, "It's nice to be back home."

Donna Sutterlee, a 1983 graduate Madras Senior High is going to be attending Southern Oregon State College this year as a freshman her major will be in the field of Date Processing Management. Donna decided this is what she wanted to do when she first started working with the Student Summer Work Program years ago at the Warm Springs Forest Products Industries, where she was given a chance to work with computers. Sutterlee said "When I was working with the computers, I decided that's what I wanted to do." She is now working at the Tribal Court office and says "I like the atmosphere, my boss Marsha and everything is organized."

The Student Summer Work Program ends, for the high school students, August 12th. The SSWP staff would like to wish good luck to everyone on their new jobs.

## Calica appointed to committee

Warm Springs tribal member Marie Calica has been appointed to the state Juvenile Justice Advisory committee by Governor Vic Atiyeh. Her name was submitted to the governor by Senator Ken Jernstedt.

The committee assists and advises the state about how to distribute federal funds to 20 individual juvenile program throughout Oregon.

Calica's appointment came after the resignation of Jim St. Martin who was recently named manager of the Siletz tribe.

Calica has an extensive background in juvenile experience. She is a member of the Jefferson County Juvenile Advisory committee and works as community liaison at Madras Jr. High school.

## Yikes Yikes Toe Ness Yikes Yikes

Since the flight of the Space Shuttle was a success these two Pollocks thought they could out do this by putting the first man on the sun. One said, "don't you think he may burn up?" the other said "No, because we'll send him at night." YIKES

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The phone rang in the maternity ward and a very excited male voice said, "I'm bringing in my wife to have a baby!" The nurse said, "Now slow down and give me some information, is she having any pains?" "Yes, this is Mr. Smith. My wife..." "Is this her first baby?" "No," replied the distraut man, "this is her husband." YIKES

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This guy on a bicycle had a bag of sand with him and he was trying to get into East Germany. "What do you have in the bag?" the border guard asked. "Sand." "Empty it," so he does, this happened five days in a row. One day he met the guard who is now on a different job, the guard asked, "when you came through with your bag of sand what was it you were really smuggling?" "Bicycles!" YIKES

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A family had just finished dinner in a restaurant and the father asked the waiter to put the unfinished portions in a bag to take home for the dog. His little son jumped up excitedly, "Oh, daddy, are we getting a dog?" YIKES

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