

# Pi-Ume-Sha—A time for celebration, festivities, good time



**TALLYING**—Judging dancers is always a part of Pi-Ume-Sha. Spectators are called upon to score the various dance competitions, making for objective judging.



**COMPETING**—A young dancer showed his skill during dance competition.



**SHARING**—Liz Doney, of Klamath Falls, has long been acquainted with Governor Vic Atiyeh. The Governor has made it a habit to attend Pi-Ume-Sha, much to the pleasure of all powwow-goers.

Pi-Ume-Sha, the annual event which increases the population of Warm Springs by hundreds for three or four days, is over. Pi-Ume-Sha is held in celebration of the treaty which was signed on June 25, 1855 between the U.S. Government and Columbia River Tribes.

Pi-Ume-Sha, which means "have a good time," consists primarily of competitive dancing in several categories. But, at the same time, other events such as a fun run, a rodeo, a golf tournament and women's and men's slow-pitch softball tournament occur. Pi-Ume-Sha offers something for just about everyone.

This year, Pi-Ume-Sha-goers combated heat, high humidity, rain and cold. Friday evening the temperature dropped into the 30s as the dancers and drummers powwowed under a full moon. Saturday, the temperature jumped into the 80s—with rain.

Sunday, the temperature again reached the high 80s, this time accompanied with "too little

bit" rain and hail. Dancers and drummers scurried for cover as the grounds turned white and slick with weather. Some blamed the adverse weather conditions on a Navajo drumming group, others blamed it on the "Wanna Bes" and their dance on Saturday afternoon. Whoever was responsible, the weather made the event interesting, to say the least.

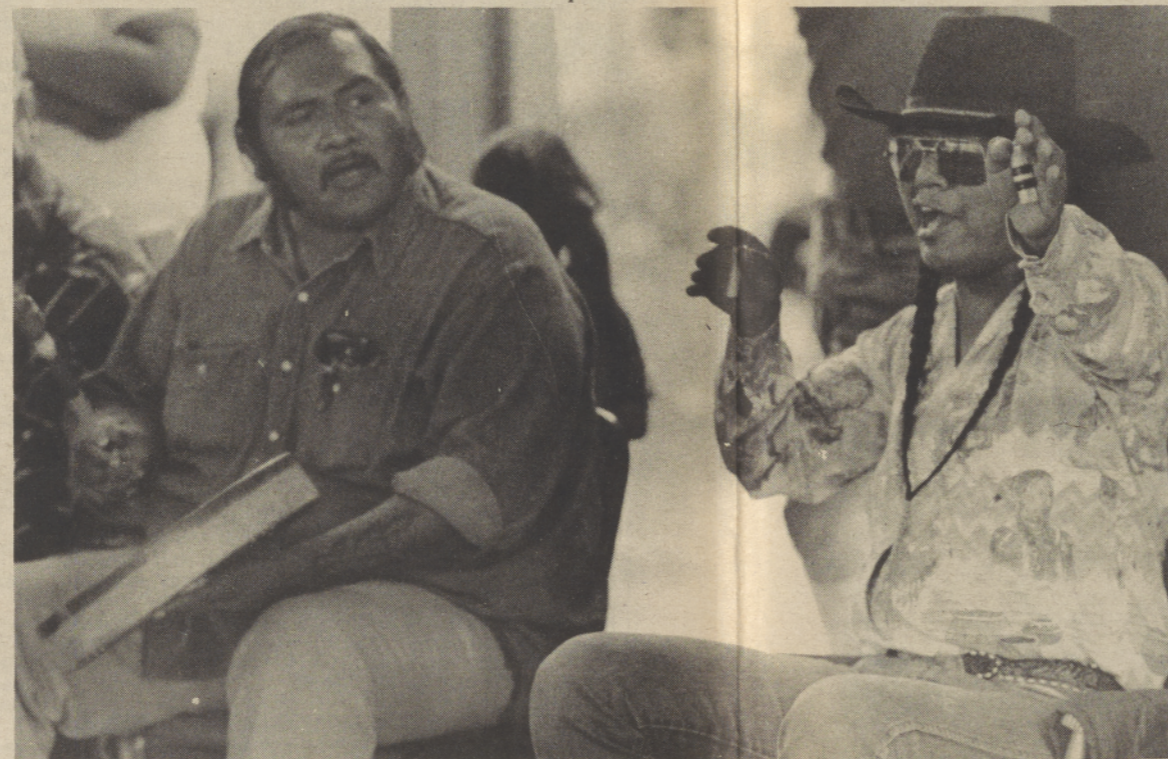
After the deluge of rain on Sunday, dancers, drummers and spectators alike ventured to the Agency Longhouse to attend the last of the dance competitions. Though the Longhouse wasn't as spacious as the Pi-Ume-Sha grounds, all seemed to enjoy being in out of the rain. The powwow was officially over at about 2 a.m. Monday morning.

As this year's Pi-Ume-Sha ended, plans for next year's powwow are already underway. As always, plans include making next year's powwow bigger and better than years before. Hopefully next year, the powwow won't include bad weather. We could all do without that.

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**POSING**—This year's grand marshal for the Pi-Ume-Sha parade was Herb Stwyer, Sr., one of Warm Springs' elders. Herb rode in a convertible driven by Robert Stafford accompanied by great-grandson Farley Eaglespeaker Jr. and granddaughter Aurolyn Eaglespeaker.



**RALLYING**—Stick games are not only great fun to watch but also great fund in which to participate. Wilson Wewa, Jr. showed his skill at the slight-of-hand game.



**SETTING**—Warm Springs' usual quiet environment is set on its ear at Pi-Ume-Sha time. Hundreds set up teepees and bring in campers for the event.