

## Slash burning scheduled September through October

by Pat Leno

The slash burning plan for the fall of 1983 will start September 12, with weather permitting, according to Bob Bolton, BIA timber sales administrator. It is a condition that Warm Springs residents need to be aware of for the sky will be hazed with smoke during the burning period.

A total of 1,850 acres will be burned this fall. Of those 1,850 acres, Warm Springs Forest Products Industries will burn 450 acres; 300 acres on the McQuinn Strip and 1,100 other acres will be burned by forestry development and the Fire Control department.

The direction of slash burning is changing. This year, broadcast burning will be the major method used in burning. This type of burn will cause less

soil and site destruction and also the burning period should be shortened. The broadcast burning is termed as the burning of slash after logging operations and the burning is done in an untreated manner. A limited amount of slash

burning will be done in the pile method.

This year's plans will be through the local discipline

area and will be coordinated by a team which consists of Fire control people, timber sales people and forestry development people.

Through the team effort, it is felt there will be a better feel for the burning and they will be able to take advantage of the weather. It is felt that there will not be the over extension of burning of any area.

People should be aware there are slash burnings located close to highway #26 and heavy smoke conditions may prevail on the highway at the time of the burning. Burning will be on favorable days when the smoke will disperse.

The important thing is not to be alarmed during the burn period. It is temporary. Burning will continue through October with weather permitting and possibly through November.



### ANTI-SHOCK TRAINING

Training in the use of MAST trousers is one of the areas in which Fire and Safety department volunteers keep current. Bruce Yeo (left) and Mark Hammond (right) practice putting this anti-shock garment on a volunteer victim.

## COCC Newslines Upcoming events reported

For anyone who has called the Mt. Bachelor Ski Report or the State Police Road Report, a recorded information message is a way of life. Central Oregon Community College joined the "instant information" ranks this week with the installation of a "newslines." The number is 382-2662.

COCC's answer-only telephone line, which by-passes their busy switchboard, gives callers current information about campus events and activities.

The newslines carries everything from registration instructions to College Board actions, says Helen Vandervort, COCC director of public information.

"Each day we feature

campus activities of interest to the public, faculty and staff," Vandervort said. "We also note up-coming events, and will give brief descriptions of Magic Circle Theatre Productions and ticket availability, plus workshop schedules and campus weather conditions when appropriate."

While the newslines can carry messages from 10-seconds to 15-minutes in length, most recordings will run one or two minutes.

"We try to anticipate what information the public and the College staff needs," Vandervort said. "This is so new that I don't even know what we will talk about...We want to make it valuable and interesting."

## Tribes propose to tax vendors

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proposed tax that could be levied against the non-member vendors that conduct business on the reservation or with Kah-Nee-Ta, WSFPI and the Tribe. The October 6 hearings will pertain to the proposed tax that could be levied against PGE.

Certain regulations apply to the testimony to be presented. Those vendors intending to present oral testimony on the proposed tax must provide to the Tribal Tax Commission, not later than September 19, 1) the name of the organization and person represented; 2) names of persons presenting testimony; 3) requested length of testimony; 4) a brief summary of the testimony that will be presented; and 5) whether or not written testimony will be presented in addition to oral testimony.

Ten copies of any technical testimony must be submitted to

the Tribal Tax Commission by the vendors in writing not later than September 23, 1983. PGE had until September 9 to provide the Commission the above information and has until September 23 to provide ten copies of any technical testimony.

Warm Springs is not alone in proposing taxation. Several Tribes have taken the subject to court where it has been determined that Tribes do in fact have the right to tax. Many other tribes are already levying taxes and others are awaiting approval from the Secretary of the Interior.

The idea of taxing is not new to the Warm Springs tribe. Not only have they required the business licenses, but the Tribe has been "self-taxing to the extent that, annually, the budget is approved by Tribal Council," said McClelland. "The tribal membership utilizes

their own funds to operate their government and has done so for over 40 years. Some tribes pay this out in dividends," he said.

McClelland stated that the Tax Commission, with the assistance of the legal, accounting and management staffs are currently reviewing comments, and following the hearings and the economic impact study, will determine what amount should, if any, be levied. "The Tribe has a need to be self-sufficient and has a range of needs that need to be fulfilled," he stated. In addition, the Tribe is "continuously expending funds, without reimbursement, that benefit tribal members as well as non-tribal members."

At this time, it is unknown when a tax could be imposed. "I presume some of the tax could be effective this year," concluded McClelland.

# NICC covers many concerns

by Lenora Starr

Approximately thirty people from the Warm Springs Community, including Miss Warm Springs Lenora Starr, attended the fifth annual National Indian Child Conference which was held at the Sheraton Hotel in Spokane, Washington August 21-24.

Save the Children, a non-profit organization, sponsored this year's conference as well as the four previous conferences.

The purpose of the conference was to focus on the positive, model programs being implemented throughout the country and learn from them and also to exchange ideas on how to meet the needs of the Indian child.

Many of the workshops and keynote addresses were centered on the conference theme, "The Indian Child: Our Pride and Our Promise."

Strong emphasis was placed on getting a quality education and the passage of the Indian Child Welfare Act. Emphasis was also placed on promoting

the health and safety awareness of the Indian Child and developing strong family units.

In speaking of the Indian Child Welfare act, Evelyn Lance Blanchard, from the American Association of American Indian and Alaska Native Social workers, stated, "The Indian Child Welfare Act passing into law is a victory, but is also a shame in that when there is only 1,500,000 of us left, that we should have to pass such a law to protect our Indian people."

Dr. Kenneth Ross, former president of the National Indian Education Association, has been concerned with education for over 20 years. In his keynote address, Dr. Ross talked about the Indian Child needing a quality education. He states "Education has exposed top priority among most Indian tribes, but yet, when you look at it on the priority list for financial, it ends up toward the lower part of the list."

Concluding his keynote address Dr. Ross said, "We need to rekindle a personal

thirst for knowledge and demand quality educational programs and facilities which are necessary to achieve success."

Harvey Anderson, a member of the Quinault tribe and a 16-year-old student attending North Beach High School, states his opinion during a general assembly. He theorized, "A lot of times, we (Indian people), tend to be passive and not speak outwardly of our feelings. I feel that this is not all together right. We need to get more involved so that we can have a fair representation of our people." He continued, "I'm really afraid that if we don't (participate), that the world will just pass us by and our people will disintegrate into the sand and become another extinct tribe." Anderson, hopes to become an attorney with interest in entering into politics. During the past summer, Anderson returned from a Political Science Seminar in Washington D.C.

Washington Governor John Spellman, David L. Guyer,

President of Save the Children, and a female star of the T.V. show "Fridays," were some of the special guests attending this year's conference.

Many workshops were offered throughout the conference, each offering a wide variety of information. Some of them were very serious, while others were entertaining. However, not all workshops had good news, which is why conferences such as this one are offered so that ideas can be shared with one another to put views in perspective.

The Warm Springs tribal members were active in many of the events that were offered. Not only with the workshops but in the recreational activities as well such as, the Northwest Feast to which tribal council donated 200 pounds of salmon.

Tribal members helped prepare the salmon for the feast. Geneva Charley was especially helpful in preparing the salmon and the elk meat for the Northwest Feast. Miss Warm Springs, Lenora Starr, represented the tribes in the

talent show and powwow. Janell Smith served on a youth panel during the general assembly, while Uren Leonard offered a workshop entitled "Johnson O'Malley, Technical Assistance to Parents."

Not all from Warm Springs were financially assisted by the Tribe or specific committees to attend the conference. Since last October the Daycare staff had many fund raising events such as bake sales and car washes so that they could sponsor six members of the staff to attend the 5th annual N.I.C.C. Next month The Daycare staff will start fund raising again so that they can attend next year's conference as well.

Ending the conference was an awards banquet and dance, with Congressional Hearings being held on Thursday.

During a closing remark, Evelyn Lance Blanchard stated, "I look forward to the day we are applauded, not for the survival of our Indian people, but for the quality of life we will have."