

Editorial

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(The way it is)
Letters to the Editor—



Upset over mistreatment

To the Editor,

I have mixed feelings about what I read on Yakima fisherman Mr. David Sohappay a while back. I got hold of some more articles, too, concerning how he was invaded, arms raised at him and his children mistreated.

I would like to speak as a veteran, which I have never done before.

As for Mr. Sohappay, many years ago when my family and I attended the Simnasho Longhouse he used to bring salmon, never asking for money. And during my most recent loss he again brought salmon to be fed to the people, there.

He gave my wife and family quite a bit of salmon. He didn't ask for money. He just gave it to us. We're enjoying it.

So I ask, as a veteran, where are the rights that I spilled my blood for in Korea? I was no rear-echelon boy. I was in the thick of it from the start. Although I was classified as non-combatant I was in the thick of it. On two occasions, I spilled my blood, but for whose rights?

I can imagine what that man felt when these people invaded his home and pushed his family about behind badges.

I wondered what would I have done? Would I have stood still or picked up a weapon

because my family was being mistreated?

So, in this bureaucratic government, I hear every day of spending hundreds of dollars chasing someone in the woods. He has as much right to be out there as anyone. We're slowly being stripped of our rights. We ignore it until it involves one of us.

It's very upsetting seeing our own people being mistreated by our own government right here. So, I ask for whose rights did I spill my blood in a foreign country?

Chesley Yahtin

Thanksgiving dinner was great

In-me-ma Nt-moo-ma,

I would like to thank everyone who made our Simnasho Thanksgiving dinner a success. The Cambodians and those working with the Cambodians and those working with the Cambodians were so impressed with the warmth and hospitality. Everyone I've talked to felt like we experienced the first Thanksgiving again.

They loved the food, the dancers and taking part in the dances.

The invitation to the Cambodian New Year in April will be announced later.

You all know who you are that did so much. I feel so proud to be your Ni-moo. Pie-u-mush-ah-tow-we-sha.

Love ya all,
Darlene (Darlou) Foster



Spilyay Tymoo photo by Shewczyk

Language different, cultures same

Telling a legend to the Madras Jr. High Indian Literature class Betty Lou Lucei writes difficult Sahaptin words on the chalkboard so students can see the complexity of the written language. Not only did Lucei tell the story of "The Sun Box" to students but she spoke to them from her heart relating some of her past and her belief that all cultures are really the same, focusing on the love of God, love of country and love of family. She emphasized that a special unity between people comes with seeking knowledge where all are "one mind, one soul and one spirit." She says, "When we are busy learning we have no time for hatred and prejudice."

Note From The Editor

Spilyay Tymoo welcomes articles and letters to be published from its readers. Short letters preferably 300 words or less and must include the writers signature and address. Thank You Letters and Poetry will be published at the editors discretion.

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Thanks for supporting club

To the Editor,

We would like to thank the following people for their donations for the rummage and bake sale we held before the boxing club went to Great Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pennington,

Mr. and Mrs. Orin Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Arthur, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Davis, Amelia and Carla Tewee and Hazel Tewee. We also want to thank tribal council chairman Zane Jackson, Doug McClelland for approving the use of the tribal van and credit card for our travel and Delford

Johnson.

Most importantly, we thank all of the customers of our sale. We raised about \$200 from the sale.

Thank you again.

Golden Eagles Boxing Club

SIPI offering new course

Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (SIPI) announces a new certificate program for Spring Semester 1984. Beginning in January, students may register for Data Processing in the Division of Business Education. The institute has also expanded its course offering by providing University of New Mexico Continuing Education and Albuquerque YMCA classes on the SIPI campus. In addition SIPI students may work towards an Associate of Arts of Associate of Applied Science degree through an agreement with the University of Albuquerque.

SIPI is the only all Indian post-secondary, technical-vocational school in the United

States. Under the direction of an Indian Board of regents, SIPI offers more than 48 different certificate programs in high demand career fields. The certificate programs available at SIPI are: architectural and electronic drafting, surveying, offset printing, electronics, telecommunications and optical technology. Business Education offers training in secretarial, and clerical, data processing, accounting and marketing. Food preparation program offers institutional cooking, chef's training, or fast food management. All training programs are accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Training programs at SIPI

have been approved by the Veterans Administration (VA), and complete financial aid packages are available for eligible students. Funded and operated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, SIPI serves Native Americans from over 400 tribes. To enter, a student must be one-quarter degree or more Indian blood from a federally recognized Indian tribe and a high school graduate or have received a GED equivalency certificate. SIPI is now accepting applications for the Spring Semester 1984. For more information write to Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute, Admissions Office, P.O. Box 10146, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87184.

Grand Ronde gains federal status

On November 22, 1983, President Reagan signed the restoration bill for the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Rondes Indians. The Grand Ronde tribe lost their federal status and reservation lands 29 years ago.

The bill to restore the tribe was sponsored by Oregon Rep. Les AuCoin and passed by the House of Representatives. On November 11, Senator Mark Hatfield presented the bill to the Senate where it passed without going to committee. According to Grand Ronde

Tribal chairman, Dean Mercier, "The fact that it didn't go through a committee made it a unique situation and this fact probably helped for quick passage of the bill."

The president signed the bill into law on November 22 restoring the Tribe to federal status. The law now makes the Grand Ronde Indian eligible for federal education, health care and programs.

A General council meeting has been called by the Grand Ronde Tribal Council at which time John Weddle, BIA tribal

operations and Bill Smith, BIA enrollment officer will explain what procedures the tribe will have to follow in the next 45 days. They will also discuss what general benefits will be available plus the eligibility requirements for members. There will be a question and answer period.

"This meeting is important for all tribal members," stated Mercier. The meeting will be held on December 4 at St. Michaels Cafeteria at 12 p.m. in Grand Ronde. A potluck will be held at that time.