

Indian journalism is not an easy endeavor



NAPA president Tim Giago, publisher of the Lakota Times, gave words of encouragement to Indian journalists at the recent conference held at Kah-Nee-Ta.



NAPA board members (left to right) vice president Loren Tapahe, Navajo Times Today; Anita Austin, NARF; Adrian Lewis, college instructor and; Mike Burgess, Talking Leaf, prepare for the day's workshops.



Rob Armstrong, CBS radio correspondent, advised Indian journalists to avail themselves to mainstream media sources for accurate, non-stereotyped minority news.

Approximately 75 Indian journalists, editors and publishers gathered at Kah-Nee-Ta March 13 to 16 for the first annual Native American Press Association (NAPA) convention. Featured were well-known speakers and various workshops.

In his opening luncheon address, CBS radio news cor-

respondent Rob Armstrong stated "The Native American Press Association is a long over due entity. If nothing else, it tells you that you are not alone. Your choice... each of you at each of your publications... is critical. You are serving communities that have been under-

served, if they have been served at all." But being an Indian journalist is not easy, said Armstrong. "Some tribal officials in the past, especially where the tribe owns the paper, have solved the problem of probing reporters by firing them... (It's the) ancient Roman notion, if you don't like the message, kill the messenger."

NAPA vice president Loren Tapahe, publisher of Navajo Times Today, stated that NAPA has big potential for getting into mainstream media. "A lot of ideas or misconceptions have grown and changing those misconceptions about Indian journalism and Indian life is the overall goal of NAPA."

He continued, stating that NAPA hopes to provide technical assistance, and news services and provide internships for college and high school students providing a job bank for available positions. "NAPA hopes to help Indian journalists receive the recognition they need and deserve."

NAPA mentor Bill Dulany of Penn State University stated that NAPA will be strong as its

members. "NAPA will succeed because I think they want it to succeed. I think it will have a strong future in strengthening the Indian press and helping the non-Indian press report in a more sensitive, meaningful manner the concern of Native American today."

At an awards banquet several newspapers and individuals received recognition for meritorious service. The Sho-Ban News received a general excellence award in creative advertising and an honorable mention for best news and photo series and editorial writing. The Wotanin Wowapi received the honorable mention for creative advertising and a general excellence award for best news or photo series and the Smoke Signals received an

honorable mention for hard news story. The Hownikan also was recognized for overall general excellence as did Spilyay Tymo, Ammsa, Siletz and the Seminole Tribune.

Ammsa, a Canadian publication, was also recognized for their layout and design and editorial writing. The Native Nevadan was awarded for its feature writing and the Ute Bulletin was recognized for best column writing. The Oglala Wacahpi received an award for the best general photo.

Mark Trahan, Mike Burgess, Navajo Times Today and the Lakota Times were all recognized for outstanding contributions to NAPA.

Clan chooses representative

by Pat Leno-Baker

Early last winter the Queahpama clan and their extended families met to select one of their members to be considered for the position of sub-chief of the Warm Springs tribe. The clan elected Pierson Mitchell as their representative for the sub-chief position.

The sub-chief position has been vacated since Delvis Heath became the Chief of the tribe last year. Delvis filled the chief's position following the death of Chief Amos Simtustus. Heath had served in the sub-chief position for a number of years.

Mitchell stated that the position of the sub-chief is much like the office of vice-president as the sub-chief works to assist the chief and helps the chief to fulfill certain obligations. So it is important and traditional position, according to Mitchell. "In the traditional way, the Queahpama family would like their selection to be considered as next in line by the new Chief Heath," said Mitchell.

The Queahpama clan is a very large family and a number of chiefs of the Warm Springs have been of the Queahpama clan, according to Mitchell. This is the family's way of keeping the Queahpamas in line for consideration of the chief's position. Frank Queahpama was the chief in the early 1900's and at the time of his death a member of the Simtustus family was selected to fill the position.

The announcement of the selection of Pierson Mitchell was made at the Lincoln's Birthday Powwow held in February. At that time, an honor dance was held for Pierson as the chairman of the powwow.

Pierson stated, "that taking the selection is a responsibility and more than just being recognized as sub-chief. Knowing this,



Pierson Mitchell, the Queahpama clan's choice for sub-chief, leads a young boy in an honor dance at the Lincoln's Birthday Powwow.

I accepted the honor and with this honor there will be a number of duties I must fulfill."

In the event that anything should happen to Pierson before a new chief is needed the clan has chosen Calvin Queahpama as their next choice.

Pierson, 52, works in the Tribal Court system as the public administrator trainee. He is married to Rose Dick Mitchell. He and his family live in Upper Dry Creek. He is the son of elder Matilda Mitchell and the late Louis Mitchell.

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clients. No one will be considered for the program if they are ordered by the courts to undergo treatment and disagree with that order; each person must desire treatment.

Another stipulation is that each client will be required to pay ten percent of the treatment cost, either through cash payments or in-kind services or both. In addition, family members of the clients must become involved and participation in aftercare is required.

Health Branch manager Bob Jackson explained that each client will have a choice of treatment facility. "Site selection will be individualized based on each person's particular needs." Four treatment facilities are currently being used, Serenity Lane, Community Intensive Residential Treatment Services (CIRTS) program in Baker, a similar program in Ontario and the Puyallip

program.

The reason for obtaining the treatment monies not only lies on these severity of the problem in Warm Springs but also the "unhealthy attitudes" relating to alcohol and drugs in the community. "To impact that," said Jackson, "we had to develop a five to ten year community alcohol education project. We were not able to get funding for this, but we are still making efforts to attain money," said Jackson.

He stressed that just because funding was not received for alcohol and drug education, "there are many things we can still do." Much time has already been spent presenting workshops for supervisors within the tribal organization as well as at the mill. Kah-Nee-Ta supervisors will be offered workshops next month. "Eventually, we'll work through the entire tribal organization," said Jackson. Addi-

tionally, education is being provided in the Warm Springs elementary school and hopefully in the future, Headstart-age children will be taught abuse education with the use of elders.

Jackson attributes improved attitudes toward alcohol and drug abuse in the last few years to Tribal Council leadership. He also pointed out that mortality statistics have been compiled from the past ten years. In 1983 and 1984, approximately 50 percent of the deaths on the reservation were alcohol- or drug-related. The average age of death is about 40 years of age. "The problem is severe, but it's slowing down," stated Jackson. (1982, 84 percent of reservation deaths were alcohol- or drug-related.)

For more information on the alcohol treatment program, contact the community counseling department at 553-1161, ext. 205. A needs assessment will follow the initial interview.

Local girl competes for Tiinowit title

"Support a local girl for the Tiinowit title by buying your raffle tickets from Queida Colwash," is the appeal from her father Sammy Colwash. Queida, 15, will be selling tickets for the powwow that is held the second weekend of June in White Swan, Washington.

She is the daughter of Sammy and Amelia (Johns) Colwash of Warm Springs. The fifteen-year old miss lists her special interests and hobbies as basketball, softball, traveling to powwows, meeting new people, learning about her culture, beading and school sports.

Queida is of Warm Springs and Yakima descent. She is an enrolled member of the Confederated of Warm Springs. She attends school at the Madras Junior High.

Queida would like to win the Tiinowit title because it would give her a good opportunity to represent her people and the powwow during her travels.

Queida says that she would like to join the Navy, then enter college to earn her certification in education and then return home to teach the young people of her tribe.



Queida Colwash



Here's the menu for the brunch.

- Cheese tray and assorted Danishes
- Relish Tray and six different salads
- Scrambled Eggs
- O'Brien Potatoes
- Spanish Sauce
- Rice Pilaf
- Chicken Livers
- Cheese Blintzes
- Belgium Waffles with five assorted toppings
- Ham and Leg of Lamb, carved
- Assortment of muffins, bagels and croissants
- Various desserts including petit fours, tarts and chocolate mousse
- Champagne will be served at your table

Kah-Nee-Ta will once again be having their annual Easter Brunch Buffet. The five-hour buffet will be served beginning at 9 a.m. in the Junior Dining Room. Cost is \$12 per person and \$6 for children up to 10 years of age. There will also be an Easter Egg Hunt for children up to six years of age beginning at 1 p.m.