

# Editorial E Coosh EEWA:

(The way it is)  
Letters to the Editor



## "Spilyay Speaks"



"The kids are coming! The kids are coming!" Well, anyway, the students will soon be coming into all the departments for summer employment. This year, there are about 113 kids who will be scattered throughout the organization.

This exposes the kids to actual on-the-job experience in whatever department he or she has chosen to work. In most cases, students have interest in certain fields for future study and this helps them to decide if they really want to go into that particular field. For others, summer employment with the summer work program provides an opportunity to see how certain departments function. For others,

unfortunately, it's just a job to fill the laid-back hours of summer.

Many times there have been kids who looked toward certain fields, but after actual working experience, they changed their minds and pursued other fields. Sometimes the line staff supervisors have a large part in the outcome as to whether the student would really want to study for that particular field. There are some fine supervisors who really try to help the students by explaining everything there is about the department and what it's all about. They do their best to let the students see the entire picture of that department.

However, there are those who shouldn't be involved with kids. These people have the tendency to tease the kids until they answer back...the supervisor then says the kids are impudent, sassy and talk back. They seem to get away with this all the time but they are still involved with the students each year.

It's time for all supervisors to line up those jobs that have been put off, those unwanted jobs to be done while the students are available. List down everything that needs to be done during the next several weeks and put the students to work on those tasks. Their minds are eager for any and all information that will help them in the future. Treat the students with respect and they'll work hard. If you don't, the students may lose interest.

## Craft people wanted

The Juniper Art Guild in Prineville, Oregon is looking for interested artists, craft people, entertainers and food booth vendors to participate in their annual Pioneer Park Art and Craft Festival to be held Saturday, July 8 at Pioneer Park in Prineville.

This show is the only open show in the central Oregon area, with people coming from Oregon, Washington and California.

For more information, please

write Juniper Art Guild, PO Box 741, Prineville, OR 97754 or call Shirley Jacobson at 447-7223, or John Fagan at 447-5119.

## Register names

All tribal members are encouraged to register their Indian names with the tribal Vital Statistics office located in the Administration Building. Members should call the office at 553-1161, ext. 252 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

## Toe Ness

The Chief said to his woman: "Here comes the Indian Agent for dinner, and he has two guys with him. I guess I should have been more specific when I said to bring a couple of turkeys!" YIKES!!

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On the final day of school the teacher took her class to the zoo. She pointed to a deer and asked, "What's that, Jim?" Jim said, "I don't know."

Teacher: "What does your mother call your dad?"  
Jim: "Don't tell me, it's a louse!" YIKES

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Adam and Eve had an ideal marriage...He didn't have to hear about all the men she could have married...and she didn't have to hear about the way his mother cooked! YIKES

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SPILYAY SEZ: "A wedding ring...A tourniquet worn on one's finger to stop circulation." YIKES

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

Spilyay Tymoo welcomes articles and letters from its readers. All letters, preferably 300 words or less, must include the author's signature and address. Thank you letters and poetry will be published at the editor's discretion.

All letters are the opinion of the author and do not reflect in any way the opinion of Spilyay Tymoo. Spilyay Tymoo reserves the right to edit all copy OR refuse publication of any material that may contain libelous statements.

## Apportionment petition lacks equality, freedom

To the Editor and Tribal Council,

If tribal government is to truly uphold the peoples' liberty and freedom, we have to look to the past. We must look back to pre-Columbian times, before the appearance of civilization and to the early reservation days and then to the present and future. We must look to the past ways of the Indian. Even though our history is unwritten we still show what our ancestors wanted for future generations. If the Indian of today does not listen and adhere to the value and wisdom of our forefathers, it would be disrespect in the highest form. A generation who does not believe in the past is in contempt of its ancestors.

The chief components of tribal government, Tribal Council, Constitution, Treaty, petition and law are all political and legal developments of the white man's western civilization. Because of the forced acculturation that the United States government has placed upon the Indian people, we have adopted the politics and laws of the whites.

The Indian Reorganization Act (Wheeler-Howard Act) of 1934 saw the forming and organization of the present tribal governments within Indian country. This act is the most misunderstood piece of legislation that has been passed in this century. Many full-blooded traditional Indians across the country felt that by adopting this act, many tribes limited their sov-

ereignty, thereby giving up their aboriginal status as nations.

The United States constitution is a political development of western civilization, that found its earliest forms during the middle ages period in Europe. The tribal constitution is a prototype document of the United States constitution. The U.S. constitution was written and introduced at a time when many tribes were at odds with the encroachment of white settlers on their ancestral lands and many tribes were at war with the newly formed United States. Furthermore, at the time of the official adoption of the U.S. constitution, most tribes were enjoying the freedom of nature to its fullest, in all equality as they always had, not excluding the three tribes of Warm Springs.

The U.S. constitution was written for its citizens, Native Americans were not given citizenship until 1924, 150 years after the signing of the Declaration of Independence. This lengthy interval in years of a century and a half should make an Indian wonder where the honor is in any document produced by the United States. Under constitutions, all people have a right to petition, but what are petitions? A petition could promise safe clean streets and apple pie for everyone. But in reality, do we get safe clean streets and apple pie. Petitions must be realistic and not illusory or misleading.

The petition for apportionment initiated by the Agency district

Council members lacks any future aims at equality and freedom for the Seekseequa district people. The ideology behind apportionment isn't realistic because the Paiutes will always be members of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and will continue to grow in population. The political ideology of the Agency District Council members is a misrepresentation, hypocritical and misleading. Taking the stand that the Seekseequa District is too small of a group of people to have a say so in tribal affairs is unfair and infringes on the liberty of the Seekseequa District people.

The misapplication of the Agency District representatives ideology can be made obvious if one looks at and becomes aware of the national level of Indian politics. The 1970 census showed the larger tribal populations to be at: Navajo, (131,000); Lumbee, (45,000); Sioux, (32,000); Pueblo, (26,000); and Cherokee, (21,000). The total population of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs is far below that of the larger tribes. Nevertheless, delegations from our Tribal Council attend conferences alongside the larger tribal delegations all over the United States. The conferences table issues that concern all Indian tribes' relations with the United States and what happens within Indian country. Even with the disparity between populations, the Warm Springs people still have a voice in what happens within Indian country. The continuance to misconstrue and misapply what repre-

sentative government is all about is a regression and danger to the future growth and development of tribal government.

If the tribes are to work towards stronger, better government and remain sovereign in power, the tribal leaders have to understand and share the two origins of the freedoms we had before the coming of the whites. The freedom of nature, untainted by civilization that our ancestors had is what we must acknowledge as tribal government develops and matures.

Whatever an Indians' political ideology may be his/her instincts and intentions are good, but civilization has displaced our naturally good instincts. Indian people have become educated in the ways of the Europeans' western civilization that it has suppressed in us the spirit of freedom and living in accordance with the laws of nature, and the laws of the spirit that all our tribes' ancestors diligently lived by.

Tribal government is in its infancy and our forefathers' freedoms of nature are the fountainhead of the liberty and freedom that tribal government has its foremost obligation to uphold and ensure to the people with the least amount of encroachment upon individual rights and privileges.

With all my relations,

Sincerely yours,  
Owen James Wallulatam  
Paiute/Wasco  
Seekseequa District

## Thinking positive brings good results

To the Editor,

Well, it's me again! Guess what? I'm walking now. I sure did come a long ways. It was hard work because I was in a wheel chair for two years. I am also writing with my opposite arm. It's sloppy but at least I can write!

I've got to be positive, now, because I know why God saved my life. He does have a will for me and I've been sober 157 days. Geez, that's a long time and I'm even old enough to buy alcohol. Alcohol is the devil's tool. He'll take you to hell but God does have a will for everyone. He brought everyone here on earth for a reason. Do something positive and wait for the Lord to take you. You just have to be positive and wait for the Lord to take you, not Satan. We all have to

live and be positive. No stinky thinking!

I had to learn the lesson the hard way but God did save my life for a reason, my two boys, Floyd Frank and Avery Frank. Avery was even born on my birthday, so I call my sons my first born and my birthday present. Geez, their getting to be big boys now but I will always call them my babies because they call me mommy. Oh well, I've got to live for them, I'm their mother. They even bought me a mother's day present, a night gown and slippers and a card that says, "To our mommy on mommy's day." I love that card. My mom says that they will always call me mommy. I love my two sons and always will.

I quit smoking three months ago. I even had a favorite brand of cigarettes, like alcohol. They're

Satan's tool though. I just have to wait until the Lord takes me, in a long time, about 80 more years!

In the last two years, I've had to learn to live with death. My favorite singer, Andy Gibb, killed himself last year and my last grandma (Kussa) died last year. I really loved her too, but I am glad she never died from alcohol or drugs.

I often wonder why Jesus Christ saved my life. But now I know why, because of my two sons.

I invite anyone who can to call me or write to me. My phone number is 548-5066 in Redmond. My address is Redmond Health Care Center, 3025 S.W. Reservoir Drive, Redmond, OR 97756.

Sincerely,  
Evetta Patt

## Thanks to you

To the Editor,

The Class of 1989 Parent Committee wishes to thank the following people for their help with the graduation party.

Kah-Nee-Ta, Kah-Nee-Ta Board of Directors, Spilyay Tymoo, J.R. Smith Logging, WSPFI, Rainbow Market, Deschutes Crossing, Maria and Bob Macy and Warm Springs Apparel Industries.

Thank you!

Jewell Minnick, chairman of Warm Springs donations  
Dotha Patterson and Eileen Hackman, party co-chairpersons

## Happy Birthday! Pat Curley Smith

From your family  
and Friends

## Senior girls! Pick up your gift

M. Jacobs Furniture would like to congratulate all central Oregon graduating senior girls of 1989 by inviting them to pick up their Lane cedar jewelry boxes as a graduation gift. Gifts will be available through June 30. M. Jacobs is located behind Bend River Mall at 2994 N.E. O.B. Riley Road in Bend.

## Wedding announcement

Virgilena Jeri Walsey would like to announce her wedding to Everett White of Teenospee, Arizona. The couple was married April 12, 1989 in Farmington, New Mexico.

The bride is the daughter of Anita Hunt Totus of Satus, Washington and Richard Walsey, Sr. of Warm Springs. She is also the

granddaughter of the late James Walsey, Sr. and Watson Totus, a past Yakima tribal leader.

The groom is the son of Larry and Mary White of Teenospee.

The mothers of the bride and groom as well as the couples' son attended the wedding.

The couple is currently making their home in Satus.

## Daughter born

Virgilena (Walsey) White would like to announce the birth of her new daughter, Disba. Disba was born May 29, 1989 at 4:45 a.m. and weighed 9 lbs., 2 oz. She joins a brother, Colby.

Maternal grandparents are Anita Totus of Satus, Washington and Richard Walsey of Warm Springs. Paternal grandparents are Larry and Mary White of Teenospee, Arizona.

## Tent meeting begins June 26

The fifth annual "Crusade for Christ" tent meeting will begin June 26, and end on July 2, 1989.

Several key speakers will be preaching nightly beginning at 7:30 p.m. The tent will be located across from the Community Center.

Bring your sleeping bags and tents because housing is limited. Everyone is welcome (non-denominational). For more information write: Easton and Tina Aguilar, PO Box 934, Warm Springs, Oregon 97761.

## Happy birthday, Mom!

I hope ya' have a great birthday Monday and many more in the years to come!

Love,  
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## Items for sale

For Sale: Two roll-a-ways, one double bed, one Frigidaire refrigerator for more information call: 553-1550.

## Tribal Council Agenda

Monday, June 19—Columbia River Gorge Commission Symposium in Hood River

Monday through Friday, June 19 - 23—National Congress of American Indians in Tampa, Florida

Wednesday and Thursday, June 21 and 22—Water Negotiations Meeting at Kah-Nee-Ta

Thursday through Sunday, June 23 - 25—Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days Activities

Monday, June 26—Tribal Council Meeting

9 a.m.—Business  
10 a.m.—Tribal Council May 1989 Minutes  
1:30 p.m.—Conference Call/Mark Phillips  
2 p.m.—Committee Review

Tuesday, June 27—Tribal Council Meeting

9 a.m.—Business  
9:30 a.m.—Realty Items  
1:30 p.m.—Enrollments  
2:30 p.m.—Reorganization Update  
3:30 p.m.—Salary Administration Program

Wednesday, June 28—Tribal Council Meeting

9 a.m.—Business  
9:30 a.m.—Overview Economic Development Plan  
Annual Report and Agency "Campus" Plan

Thursday, June 29—Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge

11 a.m.—Wasco Electric Coop Board Members