

# Editorial E Coosh EEWA:

(The way it is)  
Letters to the Editor



## "Spilyay Speaks"



How time flies. Just six years ago we were hustling around here making last minute arrangements for our first annual Native American Press Association (NAPA) convention which was held at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort. One of the biggest headaches was arranging transportation from Portland International Airport. At that time there were several younger editors, photographers, writers, reporters and students eager to get into the workshops. Of course there were a couple or more who had "snagging" on their mind... and some even wondered if there were armadillos here.



Well, through these past six years there are several memorable events that linger in my mind. The first get-together in College Town, Pennsylvania, on the Penn State College campus, where everyone looked a little uneasy at first arrival, each wondering if the other person would bite. But after everyone met each other it's been like one big family since.

One name always comes to mind when NAPA is mentioned and that's Professor William Dulaney, the head of the School of Journalism at Penn State. Dulaney contacted some leading newspapers, put together a mailing list and invited them to Penn State to see what could come out of a meeting such as this. From there NAPA got its start and when this is mentioned to him, he always wants to be in the background, won't accept any well-deserved credit for what he has created. This gives all the glory-seekers the chance to say they were the ones who started NAPA, while Dulaney sits back and asks for nothing. There have been some who have done a lot on their own funding and never requested to be reimbursed for their efforts, just as long as NAPA got started was all that mattered to them.

For some time it was touch-a-nd-go, trying to establish a home port. Meetings were called where accommodations were available but the gang roughed the storm and today the organization is growing and hopefully some day they will fit into the mainstream news source. (I said, some day!). Our travels became great, getting to each meeting, cutting expenses here and there in order to make it to those important meetings at the start. We set up offices in various parts of the country, meeting in remote areas until we were able to establish an office in Scottsdale, Arizona, and finally transferring the office to Boulder, Colorado. This site was more centrally located with good access to air transportation.

Well, so far we've had our annual meetings at Kah-Nee-Ta in Warm Springs, Oregon, Phoenix, Arizona, at Albuquerque, New Mexico, at Denver, Colorado, Tulsa, Oklahoma and now this year at Fife, Washington.

At present time we have some good people who have come and gone and we have had some who have been with the organization right from the start and still are hanging tough, keeping the organization going. NAPA is still a relatively new organization and still can increase a lot as soon as the outside world finds out who NAPA is. If everyone just hangs in there and keeps plugging away, who knows what can come of an organization like this. (Nigh)

## Toe Ness

This guy told his friend he went to the race track to do some betting on the feature race. "Well," his friend asked, "How did you do?" His friend answered, "It took all 12 of the other horses to beat him." YIKES

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This guy said in college his roommate was a champion shot putter. He could put away a shot better than anyone else. YIKES

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John told Paul: I just got a physical and asked the doctor, "How do I stand?"

The Doc said: "That's what puzzles me." YIKES

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Tom said: "I can't lose weight. I go jogging and I gain weight. I keep running into restaurants." YIKES

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Golfer: "I don't seem to be playing my usual game today."

Caddie: "And what game do you usually play?" YIKES

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### EDITOR'S NOTE

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## Tent meeting will be held as scheduled

To the Editor:

This letter is to the person(s) who started the rumor that we aren't having a tent meeting this year. This information is untrue. Because of this gossip, a meeting and another following have been scheduled during the time we usually have ours. To be honest, if we wouldn't have had a tent meeting it would have been last year due to the death of our son but we keep going in spite of everything. We understand that Woodburn was mentioned. As in the past, Merle Williams has had his tent meeting following ours, he plans to have one at Woodburn but we do not have his final dates yet.

Yes, we are all working to get souls saved! And our vision is for the lost and dying but would it have been so much trouble to pick up the phone to call us and verify the rumor, or stop us at the post office or store. People know where we both work and where we live. We did a lot of praying to get our dates. The Lord even showed us that particular spot to set up the tent when we still lived in Portland.

We will move our dates to another time this year but next year we are planning to have it as scheduled as before.... starting the day after (Monday) Pi-Ume-Sha and during that week. There are visitors that know when we hold our meetings and probably will be calling or coming to Warm Springs, its too bad that our own people don't know.

Not so long ago, christian people used to go to houses to pray for people, or check why they hadn't been to church. It was then a real concern for the lost was there, the first love was felt, other people could see and feel the spirit of God within a person. **People, time is too short**

**to be fooling around with God! We need to reach the lost!** Don't wait for them to come to "church", be ready always, Jesus might come and there we will be.... left behind.

and of those that aren't listening to your invitations thru your Word, and bring in the sinners, the sick and the ungodly. This is our prayer...amen. Lord bless you all.

Lord, have mercy on the person(s) spreading this gossip. Touch the hearts of those that turned hard

Sincerely,  
Easton and Tina Aguilar

## Information about Rowena requested

To the Editor,

I am gathering information that I can include in a book I am writing about the community of Rowena and wish to include at least one

chapter about the Indians who lived here before the whiteman stole their land and fishing grounds. I have been told there is still a patch of timber on the mountain behind our home that belongs to an Indian tribe.

I am hoping there might be a descendant of the people to whom Lewis and Clark referred to as "coming down from the mountain" when they were forced by wind and rain to spend a miserable night on the sand dunes at Crates Point, someone who might like to tell me about their ancestors and their lives at Rowena. I have been told they were sent to Warm Springs.

Hopefully someone might be interested in telling me about their great-grandparents who had the good fortune of living in this beautiful area before it became cluttered with railroad, highways and homes.

Please phone or write me and I will plan a time for interviews either at Warm Springs or at my home here in Rowena.

I think it only appropriate that I include the Indian's side of the story in a book about this area.

Very truly yours,  
Dorothy Beckley  
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## Powwow candidates wanted

To the editor,

We are writing to let the people of your community know that we are going to hold the Annual Celilo Wyam Salmon Feast and powwow, April 13-15, 1990.

The powwow committee has changed and we are looking for girls 12 years of age and older for senior queen and junior princess candidates. They will receive 20 percent of their sales in tickets.

We know that it is a late time to ask for candidates, but we were told not too long ago that the former committee will not be doing it this year.

For more information, you can contact: Melinda Jim at (503) 296-

1531 or Lucille Jim Begay at (503) 298-1559.

Memorials will be on Friday morning.

Celilo Wyam Committee

## Good work, son!

To our son,

We're very proud of all your achievements in the past 18 years. From your entrance into this world until the present you have two sets of parents that love you very, very much along with many friends and relatives. Keep up the good work and Happy 18th birthday!

Love,  
Mom, Easton, Perry,  
Shanell, Dad and Joann

## Shepherd's rod used to guide sheep

THE GOOD PARENTS

My parents are my shepherd,  
I lack nothing.  
In warm beds they let me lie.  
They provide me with water and food.  
They nourish my body and soul.

They lead me along straight paths  
for the sake of our family name.  
Even though I stray into dark valleys,  
I fear no harm,  
for they are always there for me.

Their rod guides me and their staff  
lifts  
me when I fall.\*  
I am comforted.

They model the behavior which I  
should follow,  
even in front of my adversaries.  
They touch me with warm hands  
and fill my cup  
of life with kindness until it runs  
over.

Surely, their goodness shall follow,  
all the days of my life.  
I shall cherish the home of my family  
as long as I shall live.

\*The good shepherd's rod was used to guide (not beat) his sheep, keeping them on course or in a defined

area. The staff had a curved end and was used to lift sheep out of crevices or holes into which they might fall. Beating one's sheep with the rod, or staff, did not result in a close, warm relationship between the shepherd and his flock, which was most important, lest they rebel and stray.



Look back on days gone by in the Spilyay Tymoo calendar. Calendars for 1990 are available at the Spilyay office in the basement of the Old Girl's Dorm between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$2.00.

## Workers wanted

Help wanted: Cook and counter positions. No experience necessary. Must be willing to work evenings and weekends. Apply in person at the Burger Inn.

**CHAMPS  
Community  
Meeting  
Tuesday,  
March 27  
7 to 9 p.m.**

**C/C Social Hall  
To be discussed:  
CHAMPS campaign  
orientation and  
Community Resource  
Manual**

## Tribal Council Agenda

**Wednesday, March 21, 1990—Tribal Council Meeting**  
9 a.m.—Business  
9:30 a.m.—Housing Proposal Follow Up  
1:30 p.m.—Gas Spill Update  
2 p.m.—Columbia River Gorge Update

**Monday, March 26, 1990—Tribal Council Meeting**  
9 a.m.—Business  
9:30 a.m.—EPA Recognition Application  
1:30 p.m.—Mark Phillips/Conference Call  
2 p.m.—Litigation Report  
3 p.m.—Senior Citizen and Scholarship Funds

**Tuesday, March 27, 1990—Tribal Council Meeting**  
9 a.m.—Business  
9:30 a.m.—Realty  
11 a.m.—WSAI Update  
1:30 p.m.—Enrollments  
2 p.m.—Adoptions

**Wednesday, March 28, 1990—Tribal Council Meeting**  
11 a.m.—Tour—Kah-Nee-Ta  
12 noon—Lunch/Kah-Nee-Ta  
1:30 p.m.—Meeting with Kah—Nee-Ta Board  
**GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING—AGENCY LONGHOUSE**  
6 p.m.—Dinner  
7 p.m.—Meeting  
**AGENDA: KAH—NEE—TA ANNUAL REPORT**