

## Tribal leaders gather for mid-winter conference

Indian education a high priority at ATNI mid-winter conference which was held at the Lloyd Center Red Lion hotel, Portland, OR, February 10-14, 1992.

What role should the tribes play? What role should the parents play? What role the state plays in Indian education? Should State be involved with Title V? These were some of the concerns mentioned at the meeting. Should we have pay backs, technical assistance, adult education? What should be done different. All these are natural efforts and answers are needed. There will be a Education meeting in Bellevue, WA., at a later date to address some of these questions.

Recommendations included, more tribal involvement, local control, tribal or local control. The Indian tribes must choose the destiny of their children. Mike Clements, who was selected to represent this area from the office in Salem, OR, to attend a meeting in Oklahoma, stated the No. 1 priority is the Education of Indian Children.

Alvin Schuster, Chairman of the Education Committee stated there are several issues the Committee is concerned about and one of the biggest ones is the Chemawa Indian School. We need this school for several Indian students here in the Northwest. Problems arising from the Administration to the general work force. Lack of Communication seems to be the large problem. Management lobbying with the Committee, labor force not allowed to meet with the Committee, students not allowed to have in-put on matters concerning the school. The Chemawa issue was recommended to the ATNI group to investigate the situation there to see what the problems are.

Budgeting and allocation of funds, today the Tribes have very, very little

information on such decisions and they have no input on who controls the funds and how they are allocated and spent. There must be away to identify the resources because in testimonies to Congress only 20% of the funds get to the Tribes. The Tribes would also like to see more flexibility of shifting funds from one program to another without BIA approval. It is said that re-programming approvals are not obtained as time requires. This was also mentioned in the Re-Organization Task Force report that funding go directly from the top to the reservation level by-passing in between offices. There still needs a lot of work on this because it is difficult to abolish offices that have been set up for this purpose. The main point is to get as much money down to the reservation level as possible. It is believed too much is lost going from one level to another and by the time it reaches it's final destination a great chunk has been eaten out of the funds. Also in the decision making situation where the where the reservation Suprentendent can make decisions on matters rather than sending them up through channels as they presently are.

The Economic Development issues in the Northwest is a complex and important issue and needs a lot of attention. The Economic Development Committee has been working on a plan for the past five years to address the Economic Development deficiencies in the reservation economy.

The ATNI Economic Development Committee through studies and experience indicated that the private sector of the reservation was being neglected in current Tribal Economic programs and plans. In a survey it was found that resources from regional, state or national e=levels designed to assist individual Indian

business people or the "grassroots entrepreneurs," were not trickling down to the reservation level. The Committee has come a long way with positive plans for future developments of reservation business establishments. The Committee has been working with the grassroots entrepreneurs, on the Umatilla reservation where there is a chapter being formed for future developments, under the

guidance of Andrea Smith, who is regional coordinator for the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians. This project shows where positive results can come from this program and that others may follow in the near future.

The week long mid-winter meeting covered several issues regarding the Northwest Indian Tribes where there are positive goals seen for the future of the Indian People.



Newly elected National Congress of American Indians president Galashkibos was on hand for the ATNI winter conference and was featured luncheon speaker.

## Workshop teaches student strategies

Something new started up this winter for Tribal members who are planning to go to college. It's a series of workshops called Student Success Strategies that makes the transition

from Reservation life to college life a little easier.

In the past many students have had a hard time moving away from the reservation to go to school. They often run out of money, or they get overwhelmed by the coursework and the hectic pace of college life.

Student Success Strategies teaches these students how to manage their money so they don't run out in the middle of the school year. It teaches students how to plan their time wisely so they can take care of their studies, their classes, their families, and still have a little time left over for fun. Students learn how to apply for grants and scholarships to help meet all of their college expenses, and they learn who to go to for help with their studies and any problems they may encounter at school.

Put together by COCC and the Tribal Education Department the Student Success Strategies is already making a difference. There are about 20 tribal members who are taking the classes now to prepare them for when they go to college full-time next spring or fall.

Other colleges and tribal education departments in Oregon have already heard about the Warm Springs program and have asked COCC and the Tribal Education Department to explain the Student Success Strategies program to them at their next state wide meeting.

To sign-up for Student Success Strategies, or just find out more about the classes, call the COCC center at 553-1428, or the Education Department at 553-3311.



Students participate in ski trip at Mt. Bachelor February 2.

for the groups, Sonja Kenyon, Charles Tailfeathers, Mariam Souers, and Laura Vollstedt who supervise the meetings and have gone out and collected donations to fund such activities from community groups, Tribal Council and Harmony for

children, Rick Souers also donated \$500 to help.

They will be holding a community meeting on February 27, at 5:15 in court room 1 at the WSTC, discussing possible youth clubs and activities. Any one interested please attend.

## Endangered species debate continues

The debate over listing as endangered five species of Snake River and lower Columbia coho salmon leaves the impression that we are beginning a crusade to save the first several species of salmon facing extinction.

According to conservation group Oregon Trout the fact is, if these five species become extinct, they will join the long list of species that became extinct when Grand Coulee dam was

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## Apprenticeship grants awarded

The Folk Art Program of the Oregon Arts Commission has announced the names of the recipients of the 1991-92 Traditional Arts Apprenticeships Awards. Eight of the ten recognized master artists and apprenticeship teams are from Oregon's Native American community.

The Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Programs provides small, non-matching grants to master folk artists to teach their traditional art forms to

other members of their culture groups.

The following American Indians were selected for the 1991-92 awards:

**Native American Moccasins:** master artist Priscilla Bettles and apprentices Jeanette Bettles, Leah Bettles, and Priscilla Whitcraft, all of Chiloquin;

**Native American corn husk bags:** master artist Frances Brunoe and apprentices Justine Aguilar, Deborah Scott, Edith Danzuka, and Raina Palmer, all of Warm Springs;

**Native American beadwork:** master artist Theresa Mae Eagle, Pendleton, and apprentices Ruth A. Spencer, E. Lavonne Burke, Andrea Brown, Hilda M. Alexander of Pendleton, and Rae Lynn Eagle Allstott of Pilot Rock.

**Coastal Indian shell dresses:** master artist Alfred (Bud) Lane III, of Siletz, and apprentices Mitzi Shoemaker of Newport and Selene Lynch of Siletz.

**Native American dolls:** master artist Mary Ann Meanus and apprentices Rhonda Arthur, both of Warm Springs.

**Native American Washat religious songs and interpretations:** master artist Matilda Mitchell and apprentice Wilson Wewa, Jr., both of Warm Springs.

**Native American hide tanning:** master artist Rose Marie Mitchell and apprentice Roberta F. Williams, both of Warm Springs.

**Native American root-digging bags:** master artist Margaret Pennah, and apprentice Elizabeth Woody, both of Portland.

## Resort to recruit members for employment

Kah-Nee-Ta, in its endeavor to actively seek Tribal members for employment, has appointed Kathleen Foltz, Tribal and Kah-Nee-Ta Board member, tribal recruiter. Foltz's duties will be to seek tribal members interested in employment, to pre-interview and answer questions about job opportunities and descriptions.

Job applications will be available at the Resort front desk or personnel office. The personnel office hours will be Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. beginning Monday, February 24, 1992.

Applications are now being accepted for the summer season in the following positions: Front desk clerks, bell persons, reservation clerks, room attendants, cooks, bus persons, coffee shop servers, banquet servers, snack bar attendants, gift shop clerks, golf course and groundskeepers, pool attendants and life



Kathleen Foltz

guards and recreation aids.

Kah-Nee-Ta Resort is a drug free work place with a drug and alcohol screening/testing program.

Any person interested in information or working at Kah-Nee-Ta is encouraged to contact Foltz at 553-1240 or the Kah-Nee-Ta personnel office.

## VFW meeting set for Feb. 25

The next meeting of the VFW Post and Auxiliary is Tuesday, February 25, 1992 starting promptly at 6 p.m. It will be held in the VFW Hall. This meeting will be a potluck, so bring your favorite dish to share, along with your ideas, a guest, etc.

Remember your dues if you have not paid them yet for this year. You can contact Kathleen Foltz at 553-1240. Or, mail to her at P.O. Box 4, Warm Springs. Let's get 100%!!

There is need to seriously start thinking of election of new officers, which is coming up this April. If you would like to proudly volunteer serving as one of the officers, contact Walter "Spud" "Kum-Kum-Lee" Langnese, Kirby Heath, Sr., or Louis Arripa for the Post; Jeannie Danzuka, Kathleen Foltz, or Beulah Calica for the Ladies Auxiliary. They would be

glad to assist you by providing a list of officers and the duties.

Anyone is invited to come to the meetings....Veterans, Veteran's spouses, Veteran's children, family. There are a lot of fun projects that can be sponsored by VFW, but participants are needed. One of the projects proposed for this year is coordinating a "Voice of Democracy" contest for our students on the Reservation. This would be a very educational opportunity for our students as it will give them a chance to learn more of our country. This contest consists of students composing a speech of a different aspect of our country. Each district will pick a winner, then they will go on to state, and then nationally, where they will go to Washington, DC. Everyone come to the meeting on February 25th!!!

## Governor appoints members

Governor Barbara Roberts recently appointed Warm Springs Police Chief Jeffrey Sanders, Sr. to the board of the Oregon Alcohol and Drug Commission. The nomination was confirmed by the Oregon Senate in a formal session in mid-November.

Sanders, who enjoys an enviable reputation among State and national law enforcement groups, joins a very small number of Oregon Indians who have been asked to serve state government on boards and commission.

Chief among those is warm Springs member Louis E. Pitt, who has been appointed as a member of the Columbia Gorge Commission. Mr. Pitt is highly respected among Indians and non-Indians alike for his intelligence, common sense, and ability to work with competing interests.

Warm Springs archaeologist Scott Stuemke also has recently received gubernatorial appointment to the State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation. This committee spot is reserved by law for persons who are Oregon Native and American Indian. Stuemke is a self-identified Cherokee Indian. He will represent the spiritual and technical concerns of Oregon's native people on cultural resources issues.

## Nurse educator hired

The Warm Springs Diabetes Program has hired Susan Mathew, RN, BSN, as a Nurse Educator to help patients understand their diabetes. Susan recently moved here from Barrow, Alaska where she worked with the Alaskan Native population concerning diabetes and their health care needs.

Many of you will meet Susan during the Diabetic Clinic held every second and fourth Thursday of the month. She invites your phone calls with any questions you may have about diabetes and looks forward to meeting patients with diabetes and their families.

Susan is accepting appointments to meet with patients with diabetes either individually or with their families during regular clinic hours. She can be reached at the clinic at 553-1196.

## OSHA provisions not applicable to WSFPI

The September, 1991 report of the Indian Law Reporter contains the summary and full text of a recent Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals decision relating to the application of the federal Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) to an Indian tribal enterprise.

In that decision, the three-judge court has ruled that the provisions of OSHA do apply to the tribal sawmill owned and operated by the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation of Oregon.

First they found that the reach of the act is not restrained by the principle of an exclusive right of tribal self-governance. They came to this conclusion based on a holding in a previous case, and because the Warm Springs enterprise employs a significant number of non-Indians and sales are mostly non-Indians.

Then, the court rejected the tribal argument that its historic treaty right, permitting general exclusion of non-Indians, served as a bar to enforcement of OSHA provisions. This was

the main question in the case. The judges found that since OSHA permitted only a limited investigation, the conflict between tribal right and federal action was so minimal as to not rise to the level of a prohibition.

And finally, noting that the tribe did not argue the point, they found no authority for a contention that Congress intended to exclude tribal enterprises from the coverage of OSHA.

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New Home

The new commodities warehouse, located at the Industrial Park, is home to several programs as of January 13. Social Services director Gayle Rodgers, tribal welfare program director Joel Munn, state of Oregon Adult and Family Services personnel and a Life Skills instructors are all housed in the new metal framed building. Most offices are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the AFS office open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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