

Voc-Rehab program targets those with disabilities



Vio Vaeth, Vanessa George, and Dan Burke work with Voc-Rehab Program. Not shown is Allen Langley, Jr.

On October 1, 1993, Tribal Social Services received a grant, totaling approximately \$310,000, from the Rehabilitation Services Administration in conjunction with the State of Oregon. A Vocational Rehabilitation Program, the first of its kind, will be established in Warm Springs, with opening expected during the first week of March.

There are currently five individuals working to set up the program.

Director is Dan Burke. Jackie Minson is Voc-Rehab counselor with Allen Langley, Jr. working as the Rehabilitation Technician and Vanessa George is Voc-Rehab Clerk. Violetta Vaeth, working in conjunction with the program, is the Independent Living Counselor and deals with tribal members with varying disabling conditions. A respite care worker will be hired in the near future to care for people who are in the process of

becoming self-sufficient and independent.

The Vocational Rehabilitation Program will be working with those tribal members and non-tribal members living on the reservation who have varying disabling conditions. To be eligible for the program, clients must have a disability and a vocational handicap that prevents them from obtaining or maintaining permanent employment. The pro-

gram may provide services such as job training, formal education, physical and mental restoration and self-employment.

With opening coming in early March, the month of February will be spent gathering names and phone numbers of those interested in program services. The first orientation will be in early March.

For further information, call the office at 553-4952 or 553-4953 or stop by the office at the Tribal Social Services and Commodities Warehouse building located in the Industrial Park.



Jackie Minson is a Voc-Rehab counselor.

Disabilities Survey--What's best?

1. Do you, or someone you know, have a disability? If so, what type? Can we have your name or that person's name to contact them later?

2. What types of services do you think we need to provide to help people with disabilities become gainfully employed or advance in their current job?

3. How would you improve current programs available to help people return to work? (COIC, JTPA, AFS JOBS, EMPLOYMENT)

4. Would you be interested in serving as an Advisory Committee member? If so, please write your name, number and address.

Please place completed survey forms in one of the drop boxes located at Macy's, the Administration Building, Post Office, Rainbow Market or the Community Center or return to the Vocational Rehabilitation Program by mail at PO Box C, Warm Springs, OR 97761.

Buff Elementary Culture Fair set

The Buff Elementary Culture Fair, a culmination of Project REACH (Respecting Ethnic And Cultural Heritage), will be held Thursday, March 3, 1994. All sixth grade classes are currently working on Fair projects. Parents are encouraged to become involved with their child in preparing their projects.

The purpose of Project REACH is to help students recognize and appreciate the rich diversity of cultural backgrounds found among Buff's students. Researching and sharing their own culture roots has proven to be a rewarding experience for sixth graders.

Student enrollment up at A/E

Some changes have taken place at Alternative Education in Warm Springs. Students now attend 1/2 days of High School and the other 1/2 at Alternative Education. They travel together as a group and work together to meet their goals.

Results are very positive in attendance and grades have improved. For more information on Alternative Education, call Rob Hastings at 553-1128.

Florendo chosen academic advisor

According to the most recent issue of "Issues", a publication out of the Office of Multicultural Affairs at the University of Oregon, James Florendo was selected as the University's half-time academic advisor for students of color. His appointment is considered an improvement in student services. Florendo is a UO alumnus and a long-time active member of the local Native American community.

Collage of Culture to be held

A major event, the Collage of Culture, is coming to Jefferson County on May 21, 1994. Twelve hot air balloons will launch from the Madras Junior High School grounds to start this fun-filled and enriching day, which will include professional ethnic music, dance, games and storytelling.

The goal for this event, named The Collage of Culture, is to make a positive difference in the interaction of our culturally diverse population, and to help us all to learn about and

respect one another more.

Your ideas are desperately needed to make this event a success. There are several different areas, such as entertainment, kid's games, publicity, security and staging, where we need to hear your thoughts.

Please attend this "Idea Mania" session that will be held on Thursday, February 17th, 7:30 p.m. at Madras Junior High School. We will have a good time. Just come and share your ideas — no strings attached!

OSU Powwow

Oregon State University's Native American Student Association is having their Annual Spring Powwow at the Gill Coliseum May 21, 22, 1994. Grand entry Saturday will be at 1:00 p.m. and another at 7:00 p.m. Sunday's Grand Entry is at 1:00 p.m.

For more information contact Native American Longhouse at 737-2738.

Halliday makes Dean

John Halliday, son of Jeannie Thomas received word from the University of Montana for accomplishing a place on the Dean's Honor List with a 3.85 GPA. Halliday is to graduate from University of Montana on May 15, 1994.

Minority journalists to meet in July

Unity '94 Board announces more than \$344,000 in sponsorships following joint Board meetings in Atlanta.

The UNITY '94 board of directors emerged from a series of meetings in Atlanta to announce more than \$344,000 in sponsor commitments for a historic convention that will join four of the most influential minority journalist organizations in the nation.

UNITY '94, which takes place at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta July 27-31, is the first joint convention held by the Native American Journalists Association, the Asian American Journalists Association, the National Association of Hispanic Journalists and the National Association of Black Journalists.

During the January 7-9 joint meetings of all four organizations, Cox Enterprises announced a \$244,000 grant that will underwrite the cost of student broadcast and print

projects at the UNITY 94 convention. The grant includes a \$100,000 scholarship fund that will be divided equally among the four organizations.

The New York Times Co. has also emerged as a major sponsor in its commitment to support one of four plenary sessions. Details are being finalized.

"We now have firm anchors for UNITY '94" said UNITY President Paul DeMain, who also sits as president of NAJA. "We hope this will encourage others to step forward as well."

Other major sponsors include Gannett Inc./USA Today, which is underwriting a Town Hall meeting and the Freedom Forum, which provided \$100,000 in general support. The Washington Post, Knight-Ridder Inc., the Chrysler Corp., and the Ford Foundation have also committed substantial funds.

The convention is expected to be the most closely watched industry

even this year, attracting an estimated 5,000 to 6,000 journalists and affiliated professionals to Atlanta.

"UNITY also had two purposes: To challenge our industry and to dialogue with and learn about each other," said Dorothy Butler Gilliam, UNITY '94's immediate past president, who serves as president of NABJ.

Plenaries are planned on provocative topics confronted by the Fourth Estate in a rapidly changing world. They include sessions that tackle "political correctness," stereotypes in the media, technology and jobs in the future and the impact of past civil rights leaders and the movement.

The January joint meetings of AAJA, NAHJ, NABJ and NAJA marked the first time the full boards of all four organizations have met since October 1988, when the UNITY '94 concept was mapped out in Baltimore.

Indian graduate aid available

The American Indian Graduate Center is accepting application requests from American Indian and Alaska Native graduate students who will be pursuing masters and doctorates as full-time graduate students in the 1994-95 year. The AIGC program has been providing fellowship grants to Indian graduate students since 1969 and has aided over 3,000 students in the past 24 years. For the 1993-94 year, AIGC is assisting 575 students from 130 tribes who are working on graduate degrees at over 200 colleges throughout the United States.

To be eligible for consideration, an applicant must: (1) be an enrolled

member of a federally recognized tribe or be at least one-fourth degree Indian; (2) be attending an accredited college or university in the U.S.; and (3) be a full-time graduate student admitted into their first masters or first doctorate program as a full-time graduate student in any field of graduate study. The application deadline for 1994-95 is April 30, and applicants must begin applying for campus-based aid for 1994-95 at their college financial aid office in February. Eligible applicants can request an application packet by contacting: AIGC, 4520 Montgomery Blvd. NE, Suite 1-B, Albuquerque, NM 87109, (505) 881-4584.

Madras High School recognizes honor roll students

The Madras High School First Semester Honor Roll students are:

SENIORS
4.00 Honor Roll
Sarah Badten, Christina Candland, Rachel Clowers, Brooke Earnest, John Gallup, Stephanie Harris, Erin Luchtenberg, Manda Neilson, Rin Potampa, Jody Roff, Melanie Schulz, Rachel Ward, Daniel Wright, and Rafe Wysham.

Top Honor Roll
Nicole Alexander, Amy Anderson, Courtney Barker,

Marcella Brunoe, Jennifer Butler, Benjamin Christensen, Kelly Jackson, Timothy Mennealy, Anthony Read, Karen Riley, Casey Ring, Christian Sorgenfrey, Lindsay Sundberg, Sarah Vibbert, Todd Vibbert.

Honor Roll
Richard Alexander, Christopher Anstett, Darcy Baggett, Brad Bendele, John Boyle, Teresa Campbell, Scott Cavender, Annette Dickey, Izaak Esquiro, Angela Gervais, Edward Hagedorn, Christopher Huggins, Mandy Hume, Kelly Jasa, Trevor Johnson, Allison Kirsch, Michael Leecy, Stacey Long, Sunmiel Minnick, Amanda Nasset, Jeremy Nilles, Amanda Peterson, Rebecca Short, Wade Simmons, Tammy Williams, and Chandra Wilson.

Special Honor Roll
Michelle Zamora

JUNIORS
4.00 Honor Roll
Jennifer Broker, Emmalee Brown, DeAnn Cordes, Brandon DuRette, Krystal Filbert, Kristina Granby, Rebecca Grote, Crystal Guiney, Erika Harris, Becky Harrison, Holly Jasa, Stephanie Merritt, Gary Richards, Eric Samsel, Ryan Stewart, Julie Utter, Jennifer Williams.

Top Honor Roll
Micah Anderson, Erin Conway, Jennifer Cooke, Betsy Cordill, Jennifer Howell, Jamie Johnson, Marie Long, Brook Luther, Melissa Lindley, Margarita Luviano Cordova, Lisa Matheny, Angela McConnell, Amy McNamee, Robert Norton, Norma Thompson, Adriana Ward.

Honor Roll
Kelli Catherwood, Ke'li Danzuka Palmer, Andrew Espenel, Luis Gonzalez, Douglas Green, Jason Hagen, Curtis Hall, Carrie Hawes, Joelle Hosford, Jeremy Jacks, Phillip Miller, Keith Norleen, Eric Runge, Kristin Samson, Allison Sites, Marlene Spencer, Melissa Weisen.

SOPHOMORE
4.00 Honor Roll

Jonathan Klos, Melissa O'Meara, Lisa Pollard.

Top Honor Roll
Kainan Bodenlos, Beth Candland, Heather Lindley, Abby Nyara, Amy Prince, Marcella Ramey, David Rapoza, Katie Richards, Kimberly Wysham.

Honor Roll
Michael Alexander, Anthony Anderson, Benjamin Anderson, Shannon Baker, Melanie Binder, Melissa Campbell, Christine Carroll, Robin Casey, Shevon Davenport, Linda Edgerton, Misty Eichholz, Malissa Ferguson, Ka Do Gorman, Alyson Graves, Daniel Green, Amy Hawes, Jason Johnston, Michael Kirsch, Katie Koolhaas, Jacklyn Langley, Tama Langnese, Byron Leisek, Toni Lewis, Christine Locke, Denise Manneback, Jesus Olivera, Amorita Patterson, Wade Phelps, James Roff, Yesenia Saucedo, Kate Scarlett, Boone Shampung, David Walker, Brett Williams, Elizabeth Williams, Jennifer Wright, and Garth Wyatt.

Special Top Honor Roll
Bradford Courtney

Special Honor Roll
Caleb Jagels, and Amy Robertson.

WSE seeks craftspeople

Warm Springs Elementary is seeking interested persons to come to the school to demonstrate or teach arts and crafts projects to students. If you are interested in doing this, or would like more information, please contact the school to leave a message for Laura Fuentes.

Scholarships available

Education Services Programs received word this week from the IHS Portland Area Office, they are now accepting applications for the 1994-95 Scholarship cycle for three scholarship programs authorized by the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (PL 94-437) and its amendments. The scholarship covers full time and part time students. They are: Health Profession Preparatory Scholarship, Health Professions Prerequisite Scholarship and Health Professions Scholarship Program.

Please contact Darlene Marcellay, Scholarship Coordinator, Portland Area Indian Health Services, 1220 SW Third Ave. Room 315, Portland, Oregon 97204 Telephone: (503) 326-2019 for more information, or the Tribes Education Services Programs office, 553-3311/3312.

Warm Springs Elementary news

WS Elementary Calendar Update

February 21st-NO SCHOOL- President's Day Holiday

March 25th-NO Kindergarten - Early Dismissal-Grades 1-5. End of 3rd Quarter.

March 26-April 3rd-SPRING BREAK!

April 4th-Back to school after Spring Break.

First Semester Perfect Attendance!

The following students have had perfect attendance (no absences or tardies) since the beginning of school: Alysia Aguilar, Mayanne Aguilar, Jerrold Brunoe, Frank Fuiava, Lee Hellen, Tallulah McGill, Natalie Mitchell, Armina Moody, Ralph Radford, Sergio Rodriguez, Wynter Sky Smith, Jess Stevens, Charles Stwyer, Chris Suppah, Kamala Tewee, Gerald Wallulatum, Ashley Aguilar, Lonnie Caldera, Manuel Greene, Taima Smith, Georgiana Aguilar, Esten Culpus, Charlene Moody, Marjean Alonso, Cody Miller, Casey Lillie, Verna Mitchell, Anthony Torres, Mary Wolfe.

January Students of the Month!

Ms. Rodgers (Grade 1): Rodney Adams, Jaydean Gilbert, Bernadette Winishut, Steven James.

Mrs. Graham (Grade 1): Edward

Weaselhead

Mrs. Fuentes (Grade K): Leonardo Cuevas, Rachel McKinnis, Rachelle Begay, Erland Suppah, Dora Payne, Kista Flores, Sirena Medina.

Ms. Gurganus (Grade K): Melissa Debiaso.

Mr. Kaiser (Grade 1): Katie Allen, Kaylyn Wolfe, Promise Lawrence.

Mrs. Cook (Grade 1): Desrai Wells, Ross Reidl, Robert Thomas, Jr., Robert Cortez, Taima Smith, Jennifer Clements.

Mrs. Oppenlander (Grade K): Desirae Boise, Cory Johnson, David LeClaire, Janice Jackson, Roberta Martinez.

Ms. Miller (Grade 2): Samuel Danzuka, Tasheyana Sohapp.

Ms. Adams (Grade 2): Sara Winsor, Austin Smith, Jr.

Mrs. Hensley (Grade 3): Joaquin Dixon, Frank Sahme, Tallulah McGill.

Miss Ohman (Grade 3): Richard Rowe, Avery Frank, Scott Kalama, Davey Culpus, Kaylie LeClaire

Mrs. Hawes (Grade 2): Dennis Halliday, Henry Jackson, Talon Stormbringer, Danni Lawrence.

Miss Soliz (Grade 2): Mary Ann Brito, Felicity VanPelt, Christina Wolfe.

Miss White (Grade 3): Francisco Pedraza, Lavonne Boise.

Mr. Nelson (Grade 3): Robert Heath, Gibson Danzuka, White Dove

Cooper, Monica Cuevas.

Mrs. LaPage (Grade 4): Charles Stwyer, Victoria Tufti, Elmer Sampson.

Miss Moore (Grade 4): Melvin Stahi, Cassandra Wolfe.

Mrs. Espenel (Grade 5): The entire class room 22, CaSandra Frutos, Krysta Rhoan, Joe Stevens.

Mr. Phillips (Grade 5): Bobby Berry, Andrew James, Chasan Walker, Hester Scott.

Mrs. Comment (Grade 4): Amanda Sanchez, Christina LameBear, James Wolfe III.

Ms. Davidson (Grade 4): Rachel Savala, Hazel Anderson, Shana Radford, Greysun Jack.

Miss Bagley (Grade 5): Janell Tailfeathers, Ralph Radford, Matt Arthur.

ALL-STAR Students as of 1/31/94

Ms. Adams: Candi Rhoan, Jordan Stacona, Tashayla Martinez, Harold Charley.

Mrs. Hensley: Erica Parra, Joseph Wahsise, Khenyen St. Germaine.

Ms. Moore: Marjorie VanPelt, Mayanne Aguilar.

Mrs. Espenel: Joseph Aguilar, Jerry Brunoe, CaSandra Frutos, Gena Smith.

Miss White: Hattie Hart.

Miss Ohman: Louisa Fuentes

Miss Comment: Lucinda Stwyer

Miss Bagley: Janell Tailfeathers.