

The Indian Child Welfare Act Project of Eugene, Oregon: Maria Tenario, Dir., sponsored a two-day Workshop concerning the Indian Child Welfare Act at Lane Community College on February 12, 1982 and at the University of Oregon Longhouse on February 13, 1982. The first day, Atty. Craig Dorsey of Oregon Legal Services and Atty. LeRoy Wilder(Karok) of Portland, Oregon, presented their views but, gearing them towards Social Workers, both Indian and non-Indian. On Saturday, I was able to attend and saw the video high-lights of Friday's activities ; then, heard the main speaker, Evelyn Blanchard, a Laguna-Yaqui, the Community Development Specialist for the Indian Health Service, and President of the American Indian/Alaska Native Social Worker's Association. She spoke about her experiences with the Indian Child Welfare Act; the Budget cuts effecting Urban Indian programs in 1983, and answered questions as to how to help the Eugene Program survive these proposed budget-cuts. A Scrumptious luncheon was served, buffet-style, which included sandwiches, a vegetable tray, dessert and coffee.

There is a lot going on in Indian Country and the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde are gaining more and more exposure with each slide presentation as well as the personal representation that goes along with it. This is good that there is a better understanding of our plight and our struggle for Restoration but, that road is still long and sometimes seems to be all up-hill.

Kathryn Harrison,
Community Organizer

FROM THE COUNCIL

As you can see on the front page, there have been some recent changes made in the Tribal Council. Due to the conflict of interest created by Marv Kimsey and Jackie Colton serving on the Tribal Council and also the staff, the Tribal Council accepted their resignations at a meeting held February 4, 1982, at the tribal office in Grand Ronde. Council action at that meeting resulted in Merle Holmes being moved to the Chairman position and Kathryn Harrison to fill the position of Sec./Treas. Marv and Jackie stressed that they will continue to work, as they have in the past, with the Tribal Council to reach the goals set in 1975. Marv has served on the Council since the tribe reorganized in 1975 and was Chairman for the last 5 1/2 years. Jackie served on the Council for 5 years as Sec./Treas.

RAPTOR REHAB PRESENTATION

We are looking forward to the presentation tentatively planned for the March General Meeting. Jeff Cooney is scheduled to make the presentation.

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