

"INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF WRITING FOR AMERICAN INDIANS"

In September, 1989, an international school of writing began in British Columbia for native students. The concept for the school was developed by the En'owkin Centre with the involvement of Theytus books and has attracted funds from government, corporations and private foundations. The En'owkin International School of Writing will offer two years of credit courses in cooperation with the University of Victoria's Bachelor of Fine Arts Program and Okanagan College. All three institutions expect formal ratification of this agreement to be forthcoming in the near future. The purpose of the school is to increase the pool of native writers and communicators who can reflect on and write about their unique experiences as natives in response to the increased demand for accurate and correct information by schools, publishers and the media. Scripts written for radio, television, and theatre will be included in the curriculum. The School has drawn the interest of well-known Canadian writers Margaret Atwood, Tom King, David Young, Joy Harjo, Maria Campbell, Minnie Freeman, Margo Kane, Joy Kogawa, Dennis Lee, Michael Ondaatje and Rudy Wiebe, all of whom have agreed to sit on a steering committee for this innovative project, the first of its kind in North America. Core funding for the school has been assured for five years by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada's postsecondary institutional and special programs support. Additional grants have been secured from the Bronfman foundation, the BC Telephone Company and the Writers Development Trust. For further information, call Jeanette Armstrong, (604) 493-7181, 257 Brunswick Street, Penticton, BC V2A 5P9.

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"TRIBAL STUDENTS HONORED AT THEIR HIGH SCHOOL IN WILLAMINA"

Willamina High School's October Boy of the Month is Billy Bobb. He is the son of Steve and Connie Bobb.

Billy is very active in Willamina's sports programs. He has participated in football, wrestling and baseball all four years. He is active in the schools Letterman's Club and was also on the All-League baseball team his junior year.

During the past summer he worked in Los Angeles for Dream Quest Images which is a company that builds movie sets.

Billy also enjoys painting cars and trucks, and likes to spend his spare time water skiing and snow skiing.

Angela Leno was selected as Willamina High School's Girl of the Month. Angela is the daughter of Reyn and Liz Leno of Willamina. She has been very active in softball for the past three years. Angela is also the president of the National Honor Society and is the Associated Student Body Secretary.

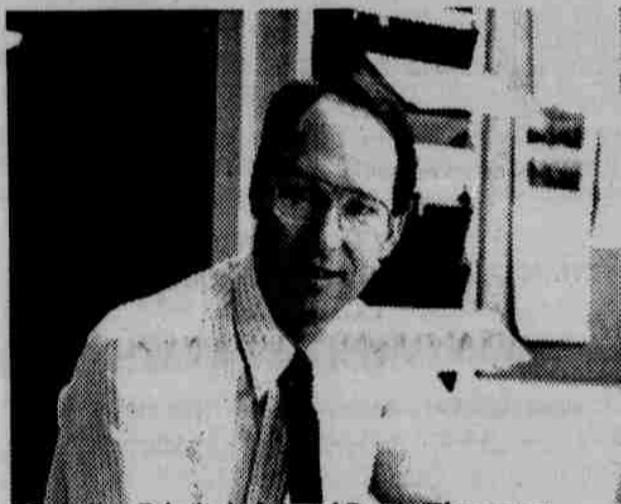
"I was very surprised and honored when they chose me as the student of the month for October," says Angie. "And I would like to take this time to thank the Student Council for selecting me," she adds.

Angie is also a member of the Pep Club and also the OSSOM club. Last summer Angela worked here at the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde in which she is an enrolled member.

Angie was also listed as an honor roll student for the first quarter at Willamina High School, good job, Angie.

"JOM UPDATE"

The Johnson O' Malley Program has been off to a good start with the 1989-90 school year. Some of the programs activities include a mentor program between the High School students and the Middle School students and other activities take place by networking with other resources available to the Indian students to provide services in an efficient manner. By networking with the Title V program, tutorial services are met for students who need extra help with their studies. This includes the new mentor program between the High School and Middle School. High School students help with a tutoring work study lab for the middle school students. The study lab is at the middle school from 3-4 every Thursday in room 608. Those students in need of tutoring assistance and encouragement in their studies. The High School students while helping with the tutoring sessions are also helping earn their way to the NW Indian Youth Conference which will be held in April. Other fund-raisers to help the students attend the conference will be taking place from now until the conference date to help earn money for registration and lodging to attend the Youth Conference.



Ray Keller, Principal of Grand Ronde Elementary recently attended an Education Committee meeting.

The Politics & Journalism Internship Program

The Politics & Journalism Internship is a program of the Washington Center for Politics & Journalism, organized to promote greater understanding of politics by journalists and journalism by politicians. The Center brings a dozen or more top college journalism students to Washington each semester and places them in news bureaus for practical reporting experience. The heart of the internship is a 16-week course in campaign, governance and interest group politics, taught in twice-weekly seminars. Seminars feature elected and party officials, political consultants and operatives, and national political reporters. Topics include media consulting; polling the role of the institutional political parties; presidential and congressional campaigns and governance; election law; fund-raising; and interest group lobbying--all explored from the perspective of a political reporter. Specific application procedures and application forms are available from participating schools. Nominations are due in early April for the following Fall semester and by early November for the following Winter/Spring term. For more information, contact Terry Michael, director, Washington Center for Politics & Journalism, Post Office Box 15201, Washington, D.C. 20003-0201, 202/296-8455.

FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT:

The next Family Science night will be held at 6 p.m.; January 16th at the Grand Ronde Elementary School library. Dean Azule encouraged the group to come back again and bring someone along with them, hope to see you there!

"PARENT COMMITTEE NIGHT & BOOK FAIR"

Take Part In Your Child's Education:

Parent Committee Meeting: January 4th, 1990 - 4:00 p.m. at the Tribal Office.

Book Fair: January 4th, 1990 - 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Tribal Office.

Topics include: Parental cost assistance for JOM, and Title V activities.

Free Books for Tribal members (limit 2 books per person).

For more information, contact Camille VanVleet at 879-5211.

Sponsored by: JOM and Social Services (Book Fair).

"FREE BOOK FAIR"

WHAT: Variety of books ranging in subject matter.

WHEN: January 4, 1990, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

WHERE: Tribal Office

WHO: Tribal members

WHY: For FREE enjoyment!
(limit 2 books per person)

Contact Camille Van Vleet/JOM Coord. for more information at 879-5211.

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"CHIEF LESCHI HIGH SCHOOL RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD"

Forty-seven schools nationwide, received 1988-89 drugfree awards from the U.S. Department of Education. Chief Leschi High School, a Puyallup Tribal School, was the only school in the State of Washington, and the only Native American School in the nation, to receive the honor. The awards were presented at the White House on June 19, 1989.

Initially, there were 223 nominations made by state Departments of Education, the National Federation of Parents for Drug Free Youths, and the Council for American Private Education. From this field, 105 promising schools were selected for site visit review. The final 47 winners represented 26 states and the District of Columbia.

U.S. Secretary of Education, Lauro Cavazos, recognized Chief Leschi's three year effort to stop drug and alcohol use on campus. The school put into place various prevention systems, such as a "Pride" a K through 12 Education curriculum, enforcement policies, counseling services, inter-agency agreements, referral systems, and alternatives to drug usage. The school has a zero tolerance policy regarding drugs on campus, which provides for a safe, drug-free zone.