

Parents as Partners in Career Planning

The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde's Education Division is sponsoring a "Parents as Partners in Career Planning" workshop on Monday, December 6, from 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. The workshop will be held in the Tribal Community Center in Grand Ronde. Focus of the workshop is targeted for JOM (Johnson O'Malley) Title V, parents, parent committees, and Indian Education staff who work with high school and junior high school aged children, and will prepare participants to lead parents in career planning groups. Participants will receive materials that focus on values and interests which are geared toward the year 2000 workforce. The session will help parents develop communication skills necessary to facilitate their children's career planning.

Featured presenter is Ms. Heather Alberts, who is part of the Center for Educational Development staff and directs the New Frontiers Project, in Tucson, Arizona. New Frontiers is a Southwest equity program that trains educators, students, and community members in preparing for a new future. Ms. Alberts has presented at conferences throughout Arizona, Nevada, California, and Texas. She has a Master's degree in Counseling and Guidance from the University of Virginia.

The workshop is free, and open to all JOM, Indian Education programs, and parents. For more information or a registration form, contact Dean Azule in the Education department.

Help Available For FAFs

On Friday, December 10, the Grand Ronde Tribal Education Division will host a FINANCIAL AID HELP SESSION for high school seniors who are considering or definitely planning on attending school for the 1994-95 year. The workshop is also for JOM, Title V Indian Education Program staff who work with students, and for parents who generally do most of the work in completing financial aid forms.

The workshop will help students and parents "walk through" the financial aid application process. Time will be allowed for questions and answers. Additional information will be presented regarding scholarship information. The new 1994-95 Federal Students Aid Application forms will be available at this workshop.

Presenters will be Ms. Patricia Galligan, Director of Financial Aid Office, Chemeketa Community College and Ms. Barbara Dunn, Associate Director, Financial Aid Administration of Oregon State University.

Come join us for a financial aid review and help session on December 10. Call Dean Azule for more information.

Thanks From Student: Peter Wakeland

To all involved with the selection process for the Grand Ronde Trust Fund Scholarship:

It is with many thanks that I write you this letter. Your recognition of me, and your support of me is so very valuable. Without such support, attaining my degree here at O.S.U. would be considerably more difficult.

My goals have not changed. It is my sincere hope that I can show you a return in your support and that my education will be of benefit to our people. We seem to be breaking new ground in Grand Ronde, and I am excited for us all.

I am taking 18 hour again this fall at school. My scholastic schedule, coupled with having been selected an O.S.U. Ambassador, and my participation as a member of our tribal Student Advisory Committee will most certainly keep me busy. Yet with all the upcoming excitement, I assure you I am still very focused.

So once again, thanks to you all. My wife Bonnie and I are truly grateful.

The SMILE Program

In the Grand Ronde community, there is a special program that allows up to sixty students to explore the world of science and mathematics in an interesting, non-threatening manner. The hands-on activities are conducted by six teachers, two each from the elementary, middle school, and high school. SMILE (Science and Math Investigative Learning Experiences), reaches rural minority students in grades 4-12. The program's goal is to increase the numbers of under-represented minorities entering professions related to mathematics, science, and engineering.

Eight School districts currently have SMILE programs: Willamina/Grand Ronde, Klamath County (Chiloquin), Lincoln County (Siletz/Toledo), Woodburn, Jefferson County (Madras/Warm Springs), Ontario, Nyssa, and Pendleton. Approximately 480 students and 48 teachers are now involved in the program.

SMILE students participate in after-school activities that help

blend mathematics and science. Development of the skills and attitudes necessary for success in higher education is part of these activities. Field trips to local sites of scientific interest are also scheduled for the students. At least once each year, the students visit a campus for science-related activities and tours of campus facilities. These activities and tours allow contact with college faculty and students. Elementary students will meet people from a nearby campus in their own school. Middle school and high school students will visit the campus of Oregon State University for the weekend.

Student Application Deadlines

Attention! If you plan to attend school, Higher Education, or Adult Vocational Training during the 1993-94 school year, you must submit your application to the tribal office by these dates:

Winter Term, 1993—NOVEMBER 1, 1993

Spring Term 1994—FEBRUARY 28, 1994

Summer Term, 1994—APRIL 30, 1994

Also, a reminder to current students: AVT and Higher Education students please submit your class schedules to the Education office as soon as possible.

Some current students have not provided their Spring 1993 Grade Reports. Grade Reports must be submitted to the Education Program prior to Winter Term assistance being provided.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS:

Jennifer Garble, received her Legal Assistant degree
Valarie Sheker, received her Medical Assistant degree

SPRING/SUMMER
GRADE POINTS

AVT STUDENTS
Anthony Borquez—4.00
Karen Harrison—3.00
Arthur McGee—3.71

HIGHER EDUCATION
Darron Houk—3.25
Perri McDaniel—3.06

SCHOLARSHIP
RECIPIENTS
Melanie Duggan—3.80
Kathleen Feehan—3.23
Chadwick Stryker—3.21
Shelby Olson—3.29

Elementary students will also attend a three-day Outdoor Science Camp. They will participate in field studies, data collection, and data interpretation. Learning about the environment is an important part of the lessons. Middle school students have the opportunity to attend a three-week Summer Science Camp at Oregon State University. The emphasis of the camp is physics and math.

During the Senior Challenge Weekend at O.S.U., high school students will participate in a bridge building contest conducted by the College of Engineering. Their bridges are built during their SMILE club meetings and



Students from Willamina Middle School participate in the SMILE Program.

brought to O.S.U. to be tested. High school activities in the communities include building and studying tidepools (Toledo High School), and weather stations (Willamina, Woodburn, Pendleton, and Chiloquin High Schools). Two of the weather stations have been in operation for several months, and the other two will be set up this year. The SMILE Program conducts workshops three

times each year for the teachers who lead SMILE groups in their communities. The teachers learn about new developments and approaches in science. They also spend time sharing ideas with each other. Ways to involve parents and help students and teachers understand and deal with cultural differences are also explored. Most workshops are on the Oregon State University campus. This year, the fall workshop is being held in each community, dealing with specific needs of the teachers in that community. Learn more about the SMILE Program next month.

Kids & Parents: Info About the HANTAVIRUS

Some tribal members in the Southwest have been victims of a "mystery illness" known as the Hantavirus. It is also responsible for the death of one known Oregon resident.

People who have Hantavirus RDS may have some or all of the following symptoms: fever, muscle aches, chills, dry cough, headache, nausea & vomiting, and shortness of breath.

It is believed the Hantavirus is carried in the urine, feces, and saliva of Deer Mice and possibly other wild rodents. A person gets Hantavirus by coming into contact with the droppings, urine, or saliva or other things that have come into contact with them. This illness is not suspected to spread from one person to another. Although the Hantavirus is most frequently found in Deer Mice, all rodents should be treated as if they carry the virus until there is a better understanding of the disease. This includes mice, chipmunks, squirrels, and wood rats.

Avoid direct contact with rodents (live or dead), or their droppings, urine, saliva, nests, or other items which could be contaminated. Make your home less attractive to rodents by not leaving garbage or open containers of food outside. Keep garbage cans covered. Keep animal feeds and grains in rodent-proof containers and at least 100 feet away from your home. Try to keep woodpiles or anything else that may act as a shelter for rodents as far away from your home as possible. Keep all food either in covered containers or in the refrigerator.