

By Marion Mercier

The **NATIVE AMERICAN CLUB INDIAN EDUCATION GROUP** meets on the third Thursday of each month at the Willamina High School. We have averaged about 15 students per meeting. At the February 20 meeting the group discussed having/electing executive officers and we discussed the process of structuring an agenda for the meetings and how the group would like to organize activities. At the January 23 meeting we began a "tracking" booklet that the students can record information throughout their high school career. Information will include: classes, grades, and school, community and tribal activities. The students will then be able to use the information in their tracking booklets when they start filling out college and scholarship applications. Our next club meeting will be held on **March 20**. We will hold elections at the March meeting.

The **INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS** are available now for the Health Professions Preparatory and Pregraduate Scholarships Programs. **Application deadline is April 1, 1997.** Applications are available by calling Darlene Marcellay at (503) 326-2019, at the Indian Health Service office in Portland or by calling the Tribal Education office, Marion Mercier, at 1-800-422-0232. Only "complete applications" will be considered for the scholarship. You are encouraged to submit your application at least two weeks early to the following address so that it can be reviewed for completeness: Scholarship Coordinator, Portland Area Indian Health Service, 1220 S.W. Third Avenue, Room 315, Portland, OR 97204.

Health Professions Preparatory Scholarship awards are made to American Indians or Alaska Natives who have successfully completed high school or equivalency, and who have been accepted for enrollment in a compensatory, pre-professional general education course or curriculum. Scholarships are for Pre-Accounting, Pre-Dietetics, Pre-Medical Technology, Pre-Nursing, Pre-Pharmacy, Pre-Physical Therapy, and Pre-Social Work (Jr. and Sr. undergraduate years).

Health Professions Pregraduate Scholarship awards are made to American Indians or Alaska Natives who have successfully completed high school or equivalency, and who have been accepted for enrollment or are enrolled in an accredited pregraduate program leading to a baccalaureate degree in Pre-Medicine or Pre-Dentistry.

Indian Health Scholarship may be awarded only to an individual who is a member of a federally recognized tribe. The eligible individual must be enrolled in an appropriately accredited school and pursuing a course of study in a health profession. Scholarships are for Accounting, Associate Degree Nurse, Chemical Dependency Counseling, Counseling Psychology, Computer Science, Dentistry, Dietician, Health Education, Health Records, Medical Tech., Medical Social Work, Medicine, Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Midwife, Nurse, Optometry, Para-Optometric, Pharmacy, Physician Assistant, Physical Therapy, Podiatry, Public Health, Public Health Nutrition, Radiologic Tech., Respiratory Therapy, and Sonography.

CAREER PLANNING WORKSHOP will be held at Chemeketa Community College, Salem Campus on six Mondays, beginning **April 14**. The classes will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. and participants must attend all six sessions. Participants will learn about themselves, research various careers and labor market trends, and create their own plans of action. Registration is required and you must make arrangements to complete the Byers-Briggs and Strong Interest evaluation tools prior to April 4. If you are a high school junior or senior, or recently out of high school and want to participate in this workshop series please call Marion Mercier at 1-800-422-0232. We will provide transportation to the class for up to five people. Cost is \$25 per person, and this fee can be paid by the Education Program through Leadership Development or the Short Term Training Program. You must plan now! For more information, call Advising and Counseling Center at Chemeketa at 399-6561 or call Marion Mercier.

CAREER EXPO 97 will be held at Chemeketa Community College, Salem Campus on **April 17** from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. Career Expo will focus on high school students in the morning sessions, and will focus on the needs of those over 18 years old in the afternoon sessions. Benefits will include interview practice, learn about people in non-traditional careers, learn about businesses in this region and talk to actual employers. Some of the activities scheduled are workshops and seminars, tours and demonstrations of Chemeketa programs, Employer booths and Education booths to learn about college opportunities. High school students please call Marty Branch or Marion Mercier at the Tribal Education office to register to attend.

PLACEMENT TESTING FOR CHEMEKETA COMMUNITY COLLEGE can be administered at the Tribal Education Office. Testing can be arranged on an individual basis by calling to schedule a time to take the placement test.

Copies of your **FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS** were due at the Tribal Education Office by **February 15** for all continuing Higher Education Program and Adult Vocational Training Program students. **Please submit this required document NOW.** Only 9 of the 52 students in these two programs have submitted this document so far. Also, the majority of Program students have not sent a copy of their class schedule for Spring Semester/Winter Term 1997. This also is required. Several students have not submitted grade reports for Fall 1997 Term/Semester. This will cause a delay in funding next term as award checks will not be mailed to the school until all grade reports are received.

CONGRATULATIONS to all the students

who successfully completed

Fall Term/Semester 1997.

The Tribal Education Office is proud of all of you.

Don't forget True Colors

Sign up is still available for the True Colors workshop to be held on **March 7**. Activities will focus on YOU and how you operate, interact with others, what motivates you, and why you might have that unique personality in comparison to others! The trainers promise to make this activity fun and meaningful! To sign up, call Hollie Larsen at 879-2275.

Making our Visions a Reality: Strategies for 2000

The National Coalition for Indian Education (NCIE) and the Tribal Education Contractor's Association (TECA) issue their **CALL TO CONFERENCE** for the 2nd Annual Joint Conference, "Making Our Visions a Reality: Strategies for 2000" will be held at the Red Lion Hotel, Sea-Tac, Washington, on **April 30 through May 2, 1997.**

Purpose of NCIE & TECA is to promote tribal community education; support educational excellence; work with agencies and institutions to improve educational opportunities for Indian people; network and exchange ideas; promote exemplary educational activities and programs; and keep informed of federal legislation affecting tribal education. The NCIE & TECA invite you to join us as we gather in Seattle! Additional activities include a trip to the Puyallup Tribe's River Boat Casino, and a tour of Chief Leschi School.

For conference information and registration packets contact: Mr. Bob Tom, Oregon Tribal Education Contractor's Association, P.O. Box 21056, Salem, OR 97307 or call him at (503) 390-9494.

Many scholarships available to tribal members

Grand Ronde Tribal Education Trust Fund Scholarship applications are available at the Tribal Education Office for the 1997/98 academic year for **FULL-TIME** tribal member students:

■ **EULA PETITE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (1):** Applicants must be seeking a degree in Education to teach Elementary, Secondary, Early Childhood or Special Education. Applicants must be currently enrolled students, must be at a Junior class standing, and must possess a cumulative Grade Point Average of a 2.75.

■ **UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP (3):** Applicants must be a high school graduate or possess a GED. Applicants must enroll in a four year degree program.

■ **ADULT VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP (2):** Applicants must be a high school graduate or possess a GED diploma. Applicants would be pursuing a vocational or technical program of one to two year duration.

■ **GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP (1):** Applicants must possess a Bachelors Degree at time of application or prior to Fall Term/Semester entry of the year application is for.

The following scholarship applications are available for students who plan to attend **PART-TIME**. Applicants must provide explanation of why they can only pursue their program on a part-time basis, and will be required to enroll in credit hours for no less than 1/2 time status.

■ **UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP; PART-TIME (3):** Applicants must possess a High School diploma or GED diploma.

■ **ADULT VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP; PART-TIME (1):** Applicants must possess a High School diploma or a GED diploma.

■ **GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP; PART-TIME (1):** Applicant must possess a Bachelors Degree at time of application or prior to Fall Term/Semester entry for the year application is for.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT A COMPLETED APPLICATION TO THE TRIBAL EDUCATION OFFICE IS APRIL 30, 1997. Late applications will not be accepted! Please pick up your application early, as it does take a while to compile all the required information and documents. Call Marion at 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2284, to get an application mailed to you, or stop by and pick one up.

■ **OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS:** Cascade Policy Institute is offering scholarships to Oregon high school students. The **Third Annual Independence Essay Competition**, organized by Cascade, will award up to \$5,000 for the best essays on the Bill of Rights. Private, public and home schooled students are eligible to compete. To receive guidelines, call the Competition Hot-line at (503) 224-1737. The deadline to submit essays is **MARCH 3, 1997.** The Independence Essay Competition is an opportunity for Oregon students to be recognized and rewarded on the basis of academic talent. Other scholarship information is available at the Tribal Education Office.