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Tribal member wins first Hatfield fellowship

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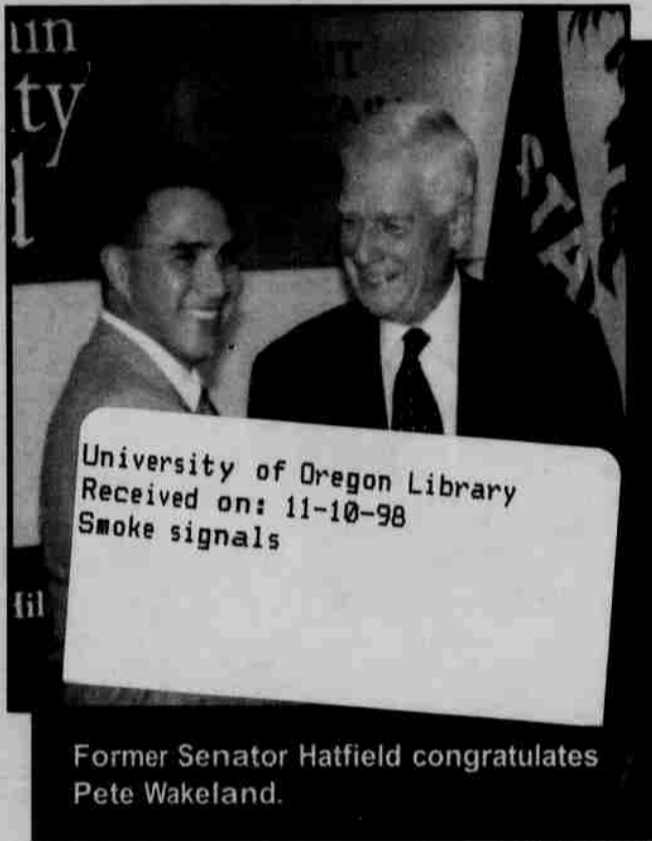
Pete Wakeland has about two months to get himself packed and moved to Washington D.C.

The Tribe announced that he is the winner of the first Hatfield Fellowship, created by the Tribe as a living tribute to former Senator Mark O. Hatfield and in the memory of Susan Long, one of his aides who helped advocate for Oregon tribes.

Hatfield introduced Wakeland at a press conference and photo shoot at the Portland Hilton on October 14.

"This is a tremendous honor," said Wakeland. "I couldn't be happier. I have had the chance to visit Washington before, when I was in college. It was exciting and crazy — and I loved it."

Wakeland, who lives in Salem with his wife Bonnie and their two kids, has worked for the Tribe for several years as a Forester, and although loves working in Natural Resources and spending time on the Reservation and in the woods, has always wanted to make a difference for tribes



Former Senator Hatfield congratulates Pete Wakeland.

through the political process.

"This is the opportunity I have been waiting for," said Wakeland. "A chance to work politically for Oregon tribes."

Wakeland will spend his nine-month fellowship working in Senator Ron Wyden's office. One of his many duties will be to serve as a liaison for Oregon tribes.

A graduate of Oregon State University, Wakeland travelled to Washington D.C. as an ambassador for OSU during his undergraduate years. He is the recipient of OSU's Kelly Axe Award, and served on the Dean's Committee for Women and Cultural Diversity. In 1994, Wakeland interned

in Washington for a semester as an assistant in the Natural Resource Conservation Service.

Since he began working for the Tribe in 1995, he has been a valued employee of the Natural Resources Division, Fish and Wildlife, and Timber committees. He has traveled throughout the West with other Forestry staff, helping to put out wildfires during the summer months.

As far as working in Sen. Wyden's office, Wakeland says that he has always admired the Senator and his ability to get things done.

Wakeland's family will remain in Salem during his fellowship, but he will travel back to Oregon as often as possible.

"I just want to thank Tribal Council, the Community Fund staff, and all of the folks who supported me with letters of recommendation and references," he said. "I am really grateful and excited about this opportunity."

The Hatfield Fellowship begins in January of 1999, and ends in August.

Council votes to change back to "Smoke Signals" until survey is complete

On October 21, Tribal Council voted to change the name of the tribal newspaper back to "Smoke Signals." In the last issue, a survey coupon was printed for folks to have the chance to vote on the newspaper name they prefer. So far, the response has been great. Tribal Council still wants to make sure that members have a part in the decision-making process. Council and staff still want everyone to vote on what they feel is the best name for the paper. At the end of November, all the votes will be counted. If the majority of the members want "Smoke Signals," then it will stay the same. If the majority want "Grand Ronde Review" or another name beside "Smoke Signals," it will be changed at that time. But for now, we are going back to the original name. Your vote does matter to Tribal Council and the newspaper staff! Please take time to fill out the survey on page 4 and send it in!



FROM LEFT: Pete, his wife Bonnie, Kathryn Harrison, sons Brooks, 13, Torey, 12, and Hatfield.

Vote on Nov. 3

Ballot Measures

Here is a brief description of ballot measures. Don't forget to vote on November 3. Public polls located at the Community Center.
Measure 54: Authorizes the state to incur debt beyond the current limit in order guarantee debts and credit loans to education, school and community college districts.
Measure 55: Authorizes the state to incur debt beyond the current limit in order to guarantee prepaid college tuition trust funds, allowing payment of undergraduate tuition prior to enrollment.

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Part Two:

The Kalapuya

In this issue of *Smoke Signals*, we feature part two of our five-part series of Grand Ronde's five tribes. On pages 6-7, you will find the story of the Kalapuya. Pictured: Chief Peter Chafean, treaty signer for the Kalapuya, 1855.

