



Japanese Culture visits Indian Culture



Students from Okinawa tour America and come to Grand Ronde.

Photos by Justin Phillips



Two Worlds — Students from Okinawa, Japan who are attending school at Marylhurst College in Marylhurst, Oregon recently visited Grand Ronde and toured the Tribal offices and the day use park on the Reservation. The students, who traveled here on an interesting school bus, also performed for the staff and the second grade classes at Grand Ronde Elementary School. The performance was a mixture of song and dance in traditional Japanese culture. The elementary school students just happened to be studying Japan at the time of the Okinawan students' visit.

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A different culture with different surroundings embarked on Tribal grounds on March 15.

Hosted by the Tribe's Public Information Office, approximately 25 Japanese students toured Tribal facilities and the Reservation.

The Japanese college students were on a spring break vacation here in the United States for three weeks studying different cultures and tourism.

The students performed a dance in the Tribal Governance Center's Atrium. Several Tribal staff and two second grade classes from Grand Ronde Elementary watched as they danced to Japanese music.

Willie Mercier, Web Designer, videotaped the performance. In the near future, this is something that will be featured on our website.

"It was really interesting to watch them dance," said Ed Larsen, Tribal Council. "They really loved the (Tribal) pins that we handed out to them."

The students did not speak English very well, so they had brought with them two translators.

The students were armed with cameras, both video and still.

While here in Oregon, they stayed with host families. The students are currently attending Marylhurst University in Marylhurst, Oregon — part of the Pacific International Academy — where they are also studying the English language.

A second group of 20 high school students toured the Rez on March 27.

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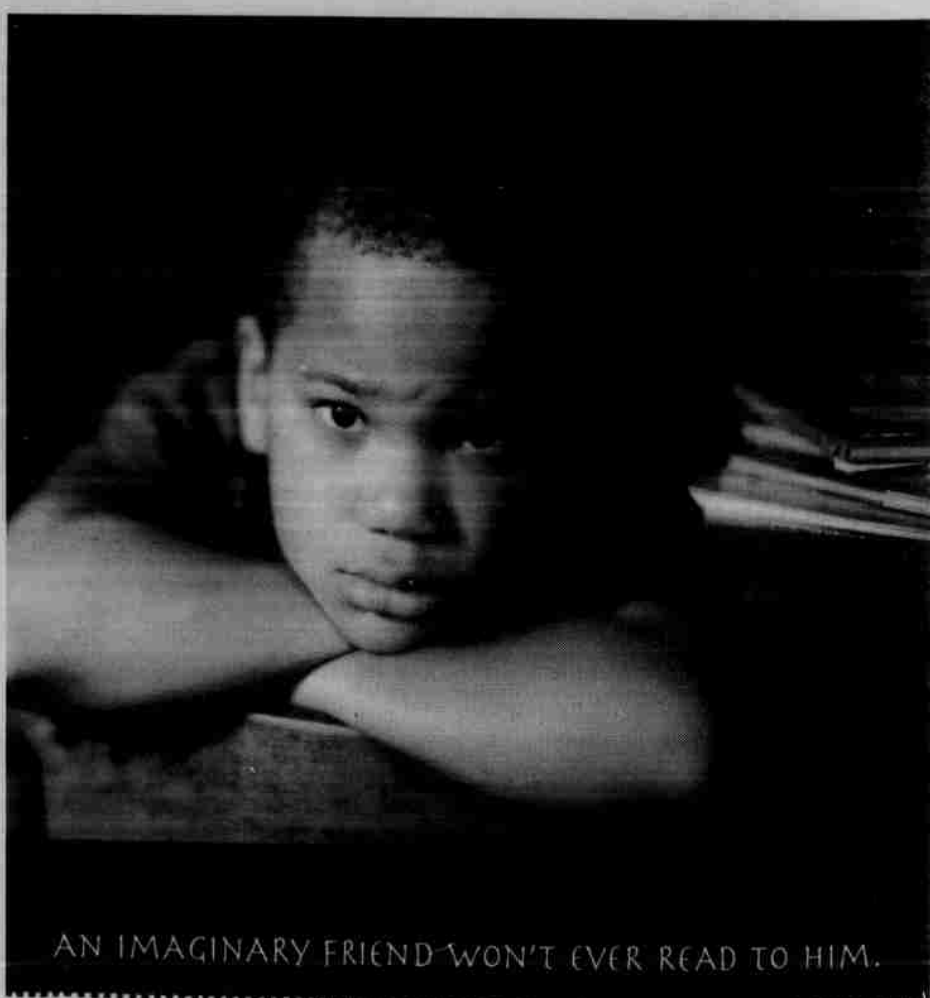
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