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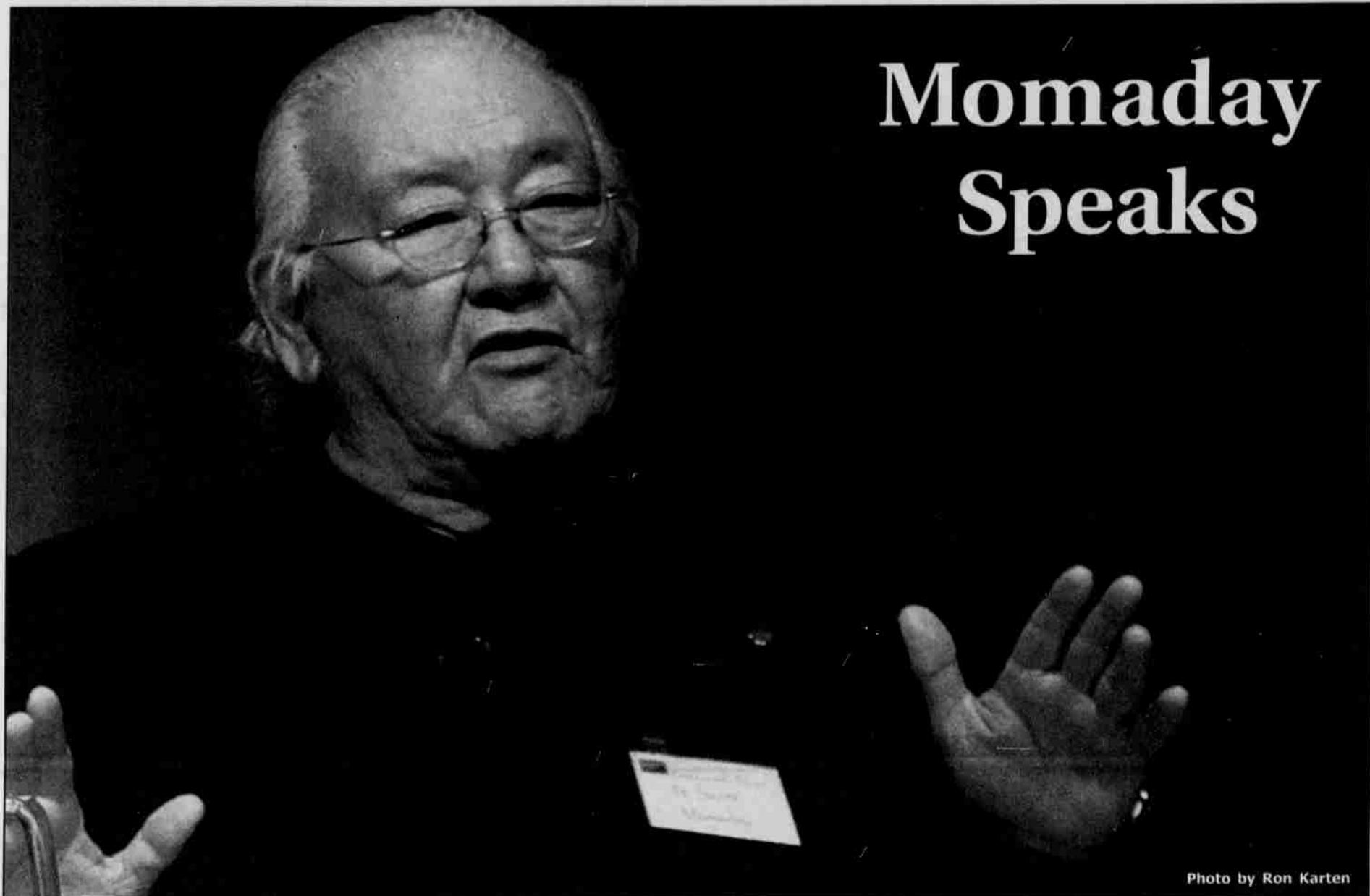


Photo by Ron Karten

Momaday Speaks

"This Story Took Place When Dogs Talked..." — N. Scott Momaday is a poet, Pulitzer Prize winning novelist, a playwright, and a Professor of English and American Literature. He is Kiowa and is probably best known for his book "House Made of Dawn," which earned him the first Pulitzer Prize ever to be awarded to a Native American. Momaday was at Oregon State University on October 28 to give a lecture on the relationship between language and mystery.



Photo by Toby McClary

Helpful — On Friday, October 29, Housing Director Carina Kistler Ginter teamed with several volunteers in the construction of the new playground area in the family housing development, Chxi Musam Ilihi. The project took close to four hours to complete, but is now safe and ready for children to play on.

Man Of The Unknown

■ Pulitzer Prize winner N. Scott Momaday is the headliner at Oregon State University's "Nature and the Sacred" Symposium.

By Ron Karten

In introducing N. Scott Momaday (Kiowa), Kurt Peters (Blackfeet and Powhatan) went on at length just to mention the incredible list of accomplishments and awards given to this man of letters.

Momaday is a Pulitzer prize-winning novelist, a poet, a playwright, a painter, a storyteller, professor of English and American literature, and was the opening speaker for the Oregon State University's (OSU) three-day symposium in October, "Nature and the Sacred." Chief among Momaday's interests are Native American art and oral tradition.

His voice — deep and confident and authoritative — said all that

needed to be said about the power of the oral tradition. Celine Rilatos (Siletz) performed an Honoring song before Peters' introduction.

Then, Momaday came onto the stage in a wheelchair. He stood from the wheelchair and stepped to the chair behind the desk from which he would speak. When he did speak, significant authority was in his voice and a history much older than his years was apparent in everything he said.

The full house attending his talk sat in rapt attention as he told stories, talked linguistics and philoso-

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