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Western Oregon University Multicultural Student Union's 13th Annual **POW-WOW** February 4, 2006

Brother — Warm Springs Tribal member Willie SittingHorse Kirk competed in the men's grass dance competition held at Western Oregon University's 13th Annual Multicultural Student Union's Pow-wow on Saturday, February 4.

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Willamette University Celebrates Indian History On Founders' Day



Photos by Toby McClary

Reference Material — Roberta "Bobbie" Conner, Director of the Umatilla Tribe's Tamastlikt Cultural Institute, was the keynote speaker at Willamette University's 164th Anniversary of Founder's Day.

■ Umatilla Tribal member Roberta "Bobbie" Conner puts Tribal history in perspective.

By Ron Karten

Tribal Elder Bob Tom of Salem was moved to stand and applaud the last time he heard Umatilla Tribal member and historian Roberta "Bobbie" Conner speak. Conner is Director of the Umatilla Tribe's Tamastlikt Cultural Institute and a well-regarded expert in Northwest Tribal history.

She spoke again at the 164th anniversary of the founding of Willamette University (WU), at the second installment of the uni-

versity's "Indian Country Conversations" series announced last year as part of an effort

by the school to "build positive relationships," in the words of WU President M. Lee Pelton.

Pelton acknowledged in his introduction to Conner that school founder Jason Lee "was unable to communicate effectively with Native Americans."

The school was initially a

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Building Relationships — Bobbie Conner was introduced by Willamette University President M. Lee Pelton.



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