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INDIAN CENTER DIRECTOR APPOINTED

Elizabeth Morris will assume her duties as director of the Seattle Indian Center May 1st, replacing Pearl Warren, who resigned on February 1st. Dorothy Lombard has been acting director.

For the past eight years Mrs. Morris has been a member of the American Indian Women's Service League, which sponsors the Seattle Indian Center, now located at Boren and Stewart. An Athabascan Indian from Alaska, she grew up in the Indian community of Holi-kachuckn near Fort Yukon, and came to Washington State in her teens. She is a graduate of Oak Harbor High School and took business and vocational training at the old Edison Technical School in Seattle and later attended Seattle Community College.

Active both politically and in the Indian community, Mrs. Morris ran for the legislature last year as a Democrat in the 43rd district and last fall coordinated the successful campaign to raise more than \$23,000 for the Ernie Crowfeather kidney-machine fund. One of her current activities has been to manage a home for Alaskan students continuing their education in Seattle.

The new director was chosen from six candidates whose names were considered by the league's personnel board, consisting of the four officers and two members of the Indian Center's Operating Committee. She was their unanimous choice.

Elizabeth Morris said that her program goals would focus first on larger facilities and increased income for the Indian Center, program development including alcoholic rehabilitation, youth activities, orientation and cultural heritage development, and coordination with other Native American Organizations.

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REPORT FROM JOYCE REYES, PRES.

Activities for the League officers have been many and varied. Their most important charge, however, was serving on the Personnel Board for hiring the new Indian Center Director. This committee was elected by the AIWSL Council. Serving with them were Mrs. Jessie Krueger and Mr. Lester Pontius. We thank them for their cooperation and volunteer hours.

At the last meeting of the American Indian Women's Service League Board of Directors, it was unanimously decided that the old Operating Committee for the Indian Center be reinstated as the body which helps the director with the day-to-day business of the Center. This is recommended to insure continuity in operation of the Center, until such time as the new director is established in her new position. Pending approval of this recommendation, Mr. Lester Pontius has been named as the

new Operating Committee Chairman.

The league earned \$50 for conducting a sensitivity session for a group of 70 teachers from Tacoma. Participating were Jeanne Halliday, Julie Johnson and Lola Buxton.

A food drive has been organized through the Greenwood Elementary School PTA through the efforts of Julie Johnson who works with many of the children at this school, and as a gesture of thanks for the services the Indian Center has given these children.

Great effort as regards Talent Search funding has been put forth by many members of the community, League members and officers. Meetings have been held with Congressman Meeds; Adams; a representative of Congressman Pelly; HEW officials; Mr. Ernie Stevens, and many others. Talent Search director Letoy Eike made personal contacts with many officials during her recent trip to Washington, D.C. Letters of support for the Talent Search program have been sent including one letter from Mayor Wes Uhlman addressed to the Commissioner of Education, Mr. Marland.

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OTHER NEWS

Mrs. Jessie Krueger has accepted the invitation to act as the League Parliamentarian.

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At a seminar at the U. of W. Frances Svensson, Jeanne Halliday, Marilyn Bentz, and Joan Lupson participated in a panel discussing social workers and para-professional social workers vis-a-vis the Native American. The League received \$100.

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As a result of a unity meeting held at the Indian Center, Susie Pittman, Wanda Adams, Seattle Indian Health Board, Marilyn Heitz

and Elizabeth Morris would be working cooperatively to see that the Indian Center News continues to be issued through the summer months.

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Gloria Huntington, Associate member, Ramona Bennett, League Vice-President, and Mary Jo Butterfield are working on the nominations for the positions of League Secretary and League Vice-President -- elections to be held in September.

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Work has been progressing on a new location for the Indian Center. Lola Buxton has been arranging many meetings with the Port of Seattle. Gary Bass has offered his services as legal questions need answering, and Lawney Reyes, designer, is reviewing the floor plans. The League officers will be working with the new director to try to work out funding arrangements for the rental fee. The American Indian Women's Service League Board of Directors gave its approval to pursue the matter.

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Mrs. Julie Johnson and Mrs. Jean Halliday are co-chairman of the Miss Indian Center Contest. They will be working with Mrs. Joy Doctor and her modeling class. The new Miss Indian Center will participate in all Seafair Activities.

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The League accepted the offer of the Modeling Class to stage a fashion show at the May 13 meeting.

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The class has been a great success and Mrs. Doctor is to be commended for her efforts. The initial enrollment was 15 girls and has since doubled that number.

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Meredith Mummey (Makah) who has served on the Council of Aging board received a certificate of appreciation for her participation.

On Sunday, March 14, a "Thank You" Banquet was held honoring Pearl Warren. A great many of her friends from all parts of the state state came to thank her for the many years of service to the Indian Center. It was held at the Sea-Tac Motor Inn.

Fred Paul, Tlinget, was Master of Ceremonies. The invocation was given by Morris Dan (Swinomish). He also sang a Thank You song.

A letter from Harvey and Nellie Davis was read by Zena De Lorm (Munsee). A copy of this letter was published in a previous Indian Center News.

Joycelle Smythe (Makah) presented her with a carving from the American Indian Women's Service League.

Joyce Reyes (Yakima) presented Pearl with a Life Membership in the Service League.

Nettie Showaway (Yakima) sang a prayer song.

Tributes were paid to Pearl by many others including Raynette Morris, Miss Indian Center (Lummi), Hattie Ferguson from Vancouver, B.C., Sub Williams (Tulalip), Bruce Wilkie (Makah), Lottie Fenton (Yakima), Jesse Epstein from the Operating Committee, Eddie Claplanahoo (Makah), Hillary Irving (Makah).

Harry McCarty (Makah) danced a special dance for Pearl.

Frances Paul DeGermaine (Tlinget), read a letter from her father, William Paul, Sr., and presented her with a halibut hook.

The Makah traditional dance took place presenting Pearl with gifts of money.

Her family presented her with a shawl.

Thanks again, Pearl, for your devotion, hours, months and years of work for the Indian Center & what it stands for. May your efforts

of starting the Indian Center be an inspiration to those who will be following in your footsteps.

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POTLUCK DINNER APRIL 18
Chairman Aloma Danley

I want to thank all the workers and all those who contributed money and food. Thanks to Faithful Ida Dahl, Lee Crispino and family, Alma Chastain, Lola Buxton, Bob Shelton, Alex Jackson and Sue Clark from Longview, Wa. who's become an active member in some of our activities. There were many compliments on the food and comments on the price of the dinner. \$1.75 was not too much. Everyone requested that the 1st Sunday be reconsidered and continued next fall. A lot of time and work is put into this Fund Raising project. Utilizing time and energy and money and improving the magic formula to perfection will make our Pot Luck dinners a success. Not to mention the good fellowship enjoyed by all.

Thank you all !!

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BLOOD BANK APPEAL

Aloma Danley, Chairman, is asking each League member to call five people to get to the Blood Bank and give a pint of blood. Credit the American Indian Women's Service League. We need 100 pints in our account. If anyone needs a ride, call Aloma at Su 4-0810.

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League members who are interested in participating in the Speakers Bureau, contact the President, Joyce Reyes at EA 5-3667 or at work: 344-4040.

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FACT SHEET ON INDIAN HEALTH

The following data has been generated from the operation of the volunteer Indian medical and dental clinics in the Public Health Hospital. It reflects eleven months of operation of the medical clinic and two months of operation of the dental clinic. The data is preliminary and will be refined and supplemented as the clinics continue operation and as volunteers have the time to work with the data.

- 1) The clinic has now treated over 875 different patients in over 2,000 patient visits. Patients represent more than 100 tribes and Alaskan villages.
- 2) Patients come from extremely diverse locations within the city. There is no concentration of Indians in one locality.
- 3) Eighty-one percent of the patients treated have no third party health care coverage. Most of those with coverage (only 19%) have D.P.A. or Medicaid.
- 4) Many patients make ten or more visits to the clinic, such is their need for health care.
- 5) In the eye, ear, nose and throat category alone, the clinic has had over 75 visits by 34 patients and have treated or referred 15 people with otitis media which required surgical or medical attention.
- 6) The clinic gives primary treatment to approximately 75% of the people who come to the clinic and has given drug prescriptions to nearly all patients.
- 7) The clinic has provided acute treatment of minor surgical trauma, referred acute psychological problems, provided counseling to people for abortion and sterility and have helped obstetric patients obtain emergency prenatal and obstetric medical care.

- 8) The dental clinic treats patients from four to ten major dental caries. Many of the patients have never seen a dentist. Between one and four teeth are extracted on the first visit. The clinic now has to make appointments three months in advance after only two months of operation.

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Indian Health Clinic Hours are from 6 to 9 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Located at Public Health Service Hospital.

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Day Care Center available to residents of the model cities area. 200 Broadway Bldg., Ma 2-9056. 1 month old to 12 yrs. (homes); 2½ to 5 yrs (Day Care Center). Cynthia Doney, Director.

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WHO ENJOYS GARDENING?

Mr. & Mrs. Kirk Smith, Box 177 Fall City, 98024, phone 222-5641, offer use of their 2 acres of land for gardening to grow fresh vegetables for our clients. Call Indian Center, Ma 2-4980.

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HONORS TO EX-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Pearl Warren, ex-executive director of the Seattle Indian Center will be one of two Honorary women who will be initiated into the state organization of Delta Kappa Gamma Society, Women Educators' Honorary which will hold their annual state convention May 1 and 2 at Washington Plaza Hotel.

Mrs. Sumiko Kuriyama, State President will preside and Mayor Wes Uhlman will greet more than 300 delegates and members from 52 chapters across the state.

CONGRATULATIONS PEARL!!

TRADE FAIR-FREE ADMISSION

On May 13-23 at the Seattle Center there will be a SeAlaska Trade and Travel Fair, featuring displays and exhibits from the far North; including handicrafts demonstrations, blanket tossing, etc.

Native dancers will perform in full regalia. Scheduled to appear are the Alaskan Chilkat Indian Dancers.

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NEWS OF KINATCHETAPI
Susie Pittman, Director

Kinatchetapi has given priority to job placements. If you are looking for a job contact Jim Simpson, Employment Specialist at PA 3-4311.

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Suzie has been working with SOIC in starting an Indian OIC Program (training program for employment) There will be staff who will recruit.

This project will start about May 20 and Suzie is accepting applications for: Recruiter; Counselor Instructor; Counselor and Clerk-typist for the Indian OIC program.

Contact Kinatchetapi if interested.

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Beginning next week (May 5-6) they will have an Indian desk at the Concentrated Employment Program (CEP) at 1519 12th Avenue. Rita Ortez will be at the desk and she will assist Indians in getting into whatever they want, and help them with any problems. This office will operate only on Wednesday and Thursday 1 to 5 p.m. If the need arises that more days will be needed, the program will be

expanded. Call Kinatchetapi if you have any questions.

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Every Tuesday 1 to 5 p.m. Joan La France will be at Kenatchetapi to assist anyone in getting assistance or if they have any problems, she will advise.

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They will help any Canadian interested in a training program or who have been discriminated against in jobs because they are Canadian. Call Susie, she has been working to get the State to change its policy concerning status of Canadians.

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Another service provided is Housing. This includes rentals, emergency housing and contacts for buying.

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DONATIONS NEEDED

The women at Purdy Treatment Center (near Gig Harbor) are in the process of organizing a Cultural and Heritage Club there with assistance from Steve Robideau, Assistant Probation Parole Officer.

They need all sorts of materials such as beads, thread, needles, art supplies, etc. If you are interested in helping contact Steve at:

1712 East 42nd
Tacoma, Washington
Phone: 475-6469

All Indians are also invited to attend a pow-wow at Purdy on Sunday evening, May 9 at 6:30 p.m. Bring your costume a pot-luck dish(food) & come join in the fun and meet the ladies.

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INDIAN EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH
SEEKS STUDENT APPLICANTS

In the February issue of the Indian Center News there was a detailed explanation of the Talent Search program. As was pointed out there, our main objective is to encourage and assist Indian youth to apply for financial aid and admission to post-secondary schools such as any of the community colleges, the University or the Vocational Training Schools.

Another objective is to encourage drop-outs to return to school or to enter into some other kind of training.

As many of you already know, the Talent Search program has undergone several major changes. Namely, in personnel, the program has a new director - Letoy Eike - and also, a new Tacoma counselor - Mr. Chuck Person.

Chuck, in the immediate future, will be working Seattle, as well as Tacoma.

We are reorganizing the filing system, with the view in mind that by being more organized in this area, we can better serve Indian Youth.

With all these changes, our main objective is still to help as many Indian students as possible to enter college and to stay there until they achieve their goals.

We realize we do not do this job successfully alone, and we invite you to take an active and responsible part by asking for education for your Indian youth. Education has always been among the long list of the White man's promises to the Indian and in many treaties, it was our first condition.

We, as Indian adults, have a solemn responsibility to set aside all personnel conflicts -- to join hands and hearts -- and to step forth and claim (and keep on re-claiming) these promises for our

Indian youth.

Indians have a great deal to contribute toward a better world, and we must encourage our youth to stand tall and make that contribution.

We would like to call your attention to several new scholarships available at this time.

One is at the Cornish School of Allied Art. Do you know a senior interested in pursuing a career in any of the arts?

Call us ... Ma 3-0272

We have several places open for students in the Lakeside school, grades 5 to 12. Do you know students willing to make a change, and willing to accept an opportunity toward a better future? The Lakeside School offers a curriculum that is challenging and designed to bring out and develop hidden abilities and talents of each individual.

Call us ... Ma 3-0272

I have been invited to serve on the steering committee for the planning of a three day conference on Minority Affairs. It will be held at the U. of W. later this school year. If you have specific topics that you wish presented at this conference -- call us.

Ma 3-0272

In all sincerity, I say: We of the Talent Search program are here to serve you and to help Indian students reach out toward a higher goal.

Letoy Eike
Project Director

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A Directory for Bay Area Organization for Indian Services is available at Indian Center if anyone is planning a visit to that area.

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ARTS AND CRAFTS

The new buying hours for Arts and Crafts will be from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. However, the committee will not be buying for the next two Saturdays, May 1 and May 8.

The Indian Arts and Crafts will participate in the following:

May 1-2 Market Limited, Vaugh, Wn.

YMCA Nat'l. Y-Indian Guides Convention, Seattle.

Internat'l. Bazaar, Immaculate Church, Seattle.

Also: St. Joseph's Bazaar May 8
University Street Fair

The Arts and Crafts are available for loan for exhibits or sale. Please call Marirose Morris, Ea 5-6269 for information.

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KEEPING IN TOUCH

NEW CHAIRMAN

Congratulations to Tandy Wilbur, Jr., who has been elected as chairman of the Swinomish Indian Senate.

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Elizabeth Morris has been appointed member at large to the board of Central Seattle Community Council.

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Mr. & Mrs Si Baker of North Vancouver, B.C. invite us to visit their shop, KHOT-LA-CHA COAST SALISH HANDICRAFTS, located at 270 270 Whanoak Drive, N. Vancouver, B.C., tel. 987-1625.

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We're tracking down slowly, but surely, and with good results, Indian people with a real flair for writing. Please help -- we need stories, poems, essays -- anything for publication of an anthology of Indian writings. We know you're there -- no use hiding any longer! Give yourselves up and send your material to:

Lou Zahir
Seattle Indian Center
1900 Boren Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98101
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INDIAN AWARENESS CONFERENCE

The American Indian Student Association, U. of W. cordially invites everyone to the Indian Awareness Conference May 12th to 15th at the

Vine Deloria, Jr., and Lehman Brightman are guest speakers on Wednesday, May 12 at Ballroom of HUB.

Thursday, May 13th there will be discussion on "Contemporary Indian Problems" (tentative at HUB)

Friday, May 15th- "American Indian movement". Speakers will be Dennis Bank & George Mitchell (at HUB)

Friday evening - Concert. Floyd Westermann and others will sing. tentative at the HUB

Saturday May 15th - Feast - Guest Speaker, "Chief Dan George" at Filipino Community Center.

Evening -- Big Pow-Wow!!

EVERYONE COME AND PARTICIPATE

INDIAN'S FORT LAWTON
APPLICATION ACCEPTED

United Indians of All Tribes Club has gained equal status as contenders with the City of Seattle for a portion of surplus land at Fort Lawton. The applicants seek two tracts that now has 17 buildings.

According to Bernie White Bear he assures the City, United Indians will continue to work out plans with the city.

The Indian proposal for an Educational and Cultural Center was accepted by the Department of Health Education and Welfare, Region 10 and passed to the General Services Administration.

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CONFERENCE PLANNED

The Steering Committee of the Indian Ecumenical Conference will be held July 18-21, at the Stoney Reserve near Marley, Alberta, Canada. The Stoney (Assiniboine) are hosting the conference, near Marley which is about 40 miles west of Calgary. They are providing accommodations and meals.

All American Indian religious leaders of all faiths are earnestly invited to attend. They would particularly wish to encourage younger Indian youth to participate.

More information can be obtained by writing:

Neshnawbe Institute
11½ Spadina Road
Toronto. 179. Ontario, Canada

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Camp 36 of the Alaska Native Sisterhood is having a fish dinner, June 5, 1971. Price has not been set yet. For more information call Marilyn Heitz, Sh 6-5101

INDIAN EDUCATION WORKSHOP

The 3rd Annual Indian Education Workshop will be held June 13-19, 1971 at Willpinit, Wash., Eastern Washington State College will conduct the workshop at Willpinit on the Spokane Indian Reservation.

Participants earn 3 residence credits in Anthropology, Sociology, or Education 497. Tuition is \$36 (\$12 per credit hour).

For full information and application forms write to:

John A. Ross
Department of Sociology/
Anthropology
Eastern Washington State
College
Cheney, Washington 99004

Camping/recreational facilities provided.

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EDUCATION COMMITTEE

This year has not only been a disaster employment-wise but scholarship-wise too. We thank everyone for the \$900.00 we got to help us out.

This quarter we had three loans two grants and introduced four people to classes at Seattle Community College. These are people who have not considered higher education and I must admit, the Education Committee was truly overjoyed to be able to help in our small way.

We had our G.E.D. graduate this month. Darlene Olson got her test all over with and passed. Congratulations Darlene, and the rest of you -- keep up the good work and pretty soon it will be all over and we'll be congratulating you too.

May I take this opportunity to thank all the tutors that have been so faithful all year. Without wonderful volunteers like these we could not be as successful as we are.

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INDIANS PETITION UNITED NATIONS

A group of Indian fishermen from the Columbia River area have petitioned the United Nations to establish a permanent delegate to the body chosen from among American Indians.

They are asking for a representative to come to Cooks Inlet to mediate differences that cannot be resolved by United States Supreme Court rulings which have been held in contempt by the two states. They also seek financial assistance to carry their case to a hearing before the World Court at The Hague.

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SEATTLE URBAN HEALTH CLINIC

There are an estimated 12,000 urban Indians in the Greater Seattle area, but official census and BIA figures state a population of 5,000. A more accurate figure would improve the possibility of obtaining funds to help solve our serious social, economic and medical problems. We also need to establish a rapid and complete mailing system so that information can be quickly spread. To date 2600 names have been gathered. To get on this list please fill out the coupon below.

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____
TRIBE _____
MARRIED YES _____ NO _____
AGE OF HUSBAND _____ AGE OF WIFE _____
NUMBER OF CHILDREN AT HOME _____
AGES OF CHILDREN _____

Fill out and mail to:
Kinatchetapi Health Clinic
3004 S. Alaska Street
Seattle, Washington 98118

FROM ARGUS APRIL 16

Found: A Legislator Who Listens

It is not every day that a U.S. Congressman comes to the Argus office to talk with a group of young people about education - or more properly the lack of adequate funding and concern for it - so let us tell you about Rep. Brock Adams (Dem., 7th Dist.).

Looking fresh, eager (for the governor's race?) and sincerely concerned Congressman Adams displayed that most welcome of skills, the ability to listen. Speakers were a living testimony to the wonderful multiplicity of Seattle's population. Dignified, eloquent, and eager to have a hand in directing the destinies of their people, the seven have affinities with seven different Indian tribes, but they spoke as one in asking for two kinds of help: (1) Continued funding for the Seattle Indian Center's important Talent Search educational program for high school youth, as well as (2) continuation and hopefully expansion, of the American Heritage program in Seattle Public Schools, now in its second year of minimal funding through the state's URRD (urban, racial, rural disadvantaged) program.

Congressman Adams listened and made notes as he heard from Gary F. Bass (Colville), John Emhoolah (Kiowa), Letoy Eike (Oglala Sioux), Joyce Reyes and Jeanne Halliday (Warm Springs), Veronika Irwin (Chippewa-Cree), and Phil George (Nez Perce). Typical of the new Native American leadership, the group quietly but effectively made points with the new leadership in Washington. It was a gratifying hour for all, and a good omen.

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The American Indian Women's Service League membership increased when 14 Blackfeet ladies joined. It was like "old times" when we met & talked to Goldie "Aubrey" Scott - ex Chemawa student.

News from the Indian Press Assoc.

INDIAN STUDENTS DISSENT AT FORT
LEWIS COLLEGE, DURANGO COLORADO

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Indian students at Fort Lewis College have been beating tom-toms in an around-the clock demonstration against a pending bill in the Colorado legislature, which will limit tuition waivers for Indian students at the school.

Student unrest has been smoldering several months and was intensified by a recent opinion of the Colorado Attorney-General that the State of Colorado does not have an obligation to admit Indian students free of tuition to that institution. The Colorado legislature immediately introduced a bill to limit tuition waivers to Indian students who are residents of Colorado.

About 200 Indian students are presently enrolled tuition free at Fort Lewis under provisions of 1910 agreement between the federal government and the State of Colorado when the Federal Government donated 6 thousand acres for establishment of the school.

The students are asking for support from all their Indian brothers and sisters in the United States to have their right to free tuition continued. Write to the Colorado State Legislature, Governor of Colorado, the State Board of Agriculture and the Administration of Fort Lewis College. Your support of the Indian Students position on free tuition.

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NEW AREA DIRECTOR APPOINTED

Anthony P. Lincoln (Navajo) has been appointed as the BIA's area director for the Navajo's, the bureau's largest field office operation. His area covers 26,000 square

From Vivian Gaboury's Letter from Olympia, April, 1971

HB 1001 provides that the state shall turn civil and criminal jurisdiction over Indian reservations back to the Federal Government when asked to do so by the Tribal Council. This bill is being asked for by the Colville people, because the state has shown that it is prejudiced and discriminates against Indians in the enforcement of laws. Property is not protected by the state and Indians are harrassed for minor offenses which others are not even cited for. Support this bill if the legislature is still in session.

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HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS:

Are you interested in attending College? Do you need money to get there? If you meet the following qualifications: $\frac{1}{4}$ quantum Native American Indian, Aleut or Eskimo. Belong to an enrolled tribe that is served by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and have either enrolled or been accepted by an accredited college, contact immediately the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office at Portland, Ore. The sooner you do this the more chance you have of being considered for one of their scholarships. The address is Bureau of Indian Affairs; 1425 N.E. Irving Street; P.O. Box 8785; Portland, Oregon 97208.

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miles of reservation serving more than 150,000 Navajos. His office is in Window Rock, Arizona and Mr. Lincoln is the first Navajo to serve as director.

VICTOR, CHOCTAW EDUCATOR, APPOINTED
MORTON AIDE - WILL HELP MONITOR
FEDERAL INDIAN PROGRAMS

A strongly increased effort to find solutions to the problems of American Indians was promised here this week by Secretary of the Interior Rogers C.B. Morton. The pledge was tied to the announcement of the filling of a new key position in Indian Affairs in the Federal Government.

In a statement released at a reception to introduce Miss Wilma Victor, widely known Indian Educator to the new position of assistant to Morton for Indian Affairs, the Interior Secretary declared:

"President Nixon has called the Indian people 'the most deprived and most isolated minority group in our nation'. Our challenge today is to assure these people justice and equality in this decade.

"To this end, the resources of this department and the energy of this secretary will be applied to alleviating the problems of American Indians as never before."

Morton's remarks on Indian Affairs were the first of broad importance he has made since he was named to replace Walter Hickel as Interior Secretary.

Morton said he will face this challenge "with the assistance of a well known and respected Indian leader, Miss Wilma Victor, who has accepted the position of assistant to the secretary for Indian Affairs. The new appointee is a 26 year employee with the BIA.

In response to the Secretary's remarks introducing her, Miss Victor said: "During the many years I have worked with the BIA, I have witnessed many phases and much progress in service to Indian people. I believe that no era is as exciting or potentially beneficial to Indians as that of the 1970's".

"The Department of the Interior, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Indian people are seeking new ways and new approaches which will be both realistic and progressive. I am pleased that I will have an opportunity to assist in carrying out the new policy which has been designed to make the department and Bureau totally responsive to Indian needs."

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SURPLUS LANDS

Headlines from the New York Times report President Nixon's address on March 31st stating he would begin transfer of Surplus U.S. Lands to local units. State and County governments would have first chance to federal surplus lands worth billions of dollars for recreational and other public use.

Indian Tribes and Indian Organizations are urged to write to President Nixon; the Vice-President; the BIA; NCIO; or your congressman asking them to sponsor a bill or resolution placing Indian Tribes or Indian Organizations in the top priority category for surplus lands. These lands could be used for Indian Centers; Health Clinics; Day Care Centers and reservation areas, etc.

A nationwide committee is being formed to "Return Surplus Lands to Indian People." The purpose of the group is to check out surplus sites and make the information available to local Indian Tribes and Organizations. If you are interested in joining "RSLIP" contact them at 4339 California Street, San Francisco, California 94118.

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PEN PALS WANTED

Girl Scout Troop #354 of 4505 W. Mercer Way, Mercer Island, Wash 98040 are looking for pen pals (girls 9-12 yrs. old) from any Indian Community to correspond with, particularly Indian Girl Scouts-there must be someone out in readerland willing to write to these girls.

POW-WOW

"Walter Lasley Day", 4th Annual Pow-Wow will be held on June 6, 1971 at San Quentin sponsored by the American Indian Cultural Group. There will be Indian singing and dancing, Arts and a Princess contest. Only a limited number of guests can attend so get your name in soon to be assured a reserved seat for the Pow-Wow.

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MORE POW-WOWS

An invitation is extended to all Indian friends to join the Lone Feather Indian Council of Colorado Springs, Colorado at an Encampment and Pow-Wow to be held June 16 to 20, 1971 at their "Garden of Gods".

Bring your own tipis. Daily staples and fresh meat will be distributed. \$2 per day will be given for each teepee and \$2 per day for each woman dancer with cradle board & baby.

Over \$5000 in prizes will be awarded winners. The point system will be used by 7 judges for the National Championship. These judges will be from 7 different tribes.

There will also be an "Indian Maid Contest".

For more information write:

Lone Feather Council
Box 904
Colorado Springs, Colorado
80901

or come see the poster at the Seattle Indian Center.

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You are invited to attend the May 24 - 29 Indian Encampment at McCauley Pt., Victoria, B.C.

Every day a special tribe will be recognized.

Camping space is available. There will be canoe races and on Monday a parade downtown.

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July 16, 17, 18: Indian Culture Days sponsored by the Northwest Indian Culture Society -- will take place at the Brocton Oval in Stanley Park.

They are hosting the National Indian Princess of Canada. A parade on Saturday, the 17th, in the a.m. in downtown Vancouver.

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WAR DANCE CONTEST

The Native American Indian Club of Eastern Washington State College, Cheney, Wash., will present their 1st War Dance Contest May 7th and 8th, 7 to 11 p.m. at the E.W.S.C. Fieldhouse or Stadium.

There will be a potluck dinner Saturday May 8th 2:30 p.m. The Master of Ceremonies will be Ben Pease. Judges will be selected and prize money totals \$500.

Good luck to these industrious young people!!

For additional information contact:

N.A.I.C.
The Long House
513 C Street
E.W.S.C.
Cheney, Washington 99004

Phone: 235-6016

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ANNUAL FAIR

Everyone is invited to attend the Choctaw Fair and Pow-Wow which will be held July 14-17 at Philadelphia, Mississippi.

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FROM THE TEEPEES

Matrix Table honorees were Pearl Warren and Joyce Reyes.

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Glad to say Ione Bowechop is off the ailing list and back to work after a week's absence.

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Thanks Eunice Carney for volunteering a week's time at the Indian Center. It is greatly appreciated.

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Adeline Garcia has enjoyed 6 days off as Secretary to the Talent Search program.

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Lucky Virginia Lambert is vacationing in the Hawaiian Islands.

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Fifty students from the Clyde Hill School, Bellevue, visited the Center, spending 1½ hours viewing the Arts and Crafts and hearing about the Indian programs.

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Sympathy to Gus Bowechop and family at the loss of his wife, Hannah, who died after a serious illness. Services were Saturday, April 10th in Hoquiam.

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REMINDER TO ALL A.I.W.S.L. MEMBERS

Annual meeting May 13th is a potluck. 6:30 p.m. Come and bring your favorite dish of food.

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May 5,12,19,26 GED Classes 7:00 pm Indian Center

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Many job bulletins are posted at the Indian Center. Come in and look them over.

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Future models (young Indian maids) under the direction of Joy Doctor will model clothes for the members of the American Indian Women's Service League at their Annual Meeting on May 13th. Southcenter J.C. Penny's store will provide the clothes for the show.

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Get well wishes to Minnie Stevens who is recovering from Surgery & to Lydia Neidenger who is recovering from her second broken leg.

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Marvin Mousseau, Community Coordinator, attended a conference in Washington, D.C.

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Johnny Sampson, (Yakima) will appear in four different series of "High Chapperell". They will be shown in the fall and if you watch very closely you will observe Johnny in "Little Big Man". He is the one who picks up the flag and carries it up the hill and back during one part of the battle scene.

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Dorothy Lombard would like to express her appreciation and thanks for the support accorded her while filling in as Acting Director of the Indian Center, and special thanks to Jessie Krueger for her help with our budget.

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Sunday Dinner 1-4 p.m. Last one till Fall.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

- 8 Indian Market Day
Saratoga High School
Sunnyvale High School
San Jose, California
10 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Special Dances/Craft Show
- 13-23 SeAlaska Trade/Travel Show
Seattle Center
- 14-17 Smoo-Kin-Shinn Days
High Bridge Park
Spokane, Washington
- 24-29 Indian Encampment at
McCauley Point
Victoria, B.C.
- 29 Outboard Races
Lake Quinault
- 29,30 Chehalis - Treaty Day at
Chehalis

JUNE

- 4,5,6 All Indian Rodeo
White Swan.
- 5 Alaska Native Sisterhood
fish dinner. Holly Park
Rec. Center. For more
info. call Marilyn Heitz
Sh 6-5101.
- 11-12 Portland Pow-Wow
- 19-20 Lummi Stommish at Lummi
Reservation North of
Bellingham. Features ca-
noe races, Salmon Bake;
name band; and famous
Indian star who will
crown Queen.
- 16-17 Indian Pow-Wow. Colorado
18-19 Springs Colorado. Camp in
20 "Fabulous Garden of Gods"
26 to Pacific Coast Indian
Sept6 Exhibit at Pacific Science
Center; Seattle Center.
- 27,30 LaGrande Festival of Arts
at LaGrande, Oregon.

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JULY

- 1-4 Pawnee Homecoming & Pow Wow
Pawnee, Oklahoma
- 3 Toppenish Pow-Wow
- 4 Parade and Indian Dances
Warm Springs, Arizona
- 4 Outboard Races at Taholah, Wa.
Quinault Indian Reservation
- 10-17 Calgary Stampede
- 15,16 Blackfeet All-American Indian
17,18 Days. Browning, Montana.
- 16 State Banquet; Annual event
sponsored by A.I.W.S.L.
- 16,17 Indian Culture Days at
18 Brocton Oval in Stanley
Park, Vancouver, B.C.
- 17,18 Annual War Dance
Seattle Center Arena
- 22,25 Suds N' Sun Celebration
at Soaplake, Washington
- 22-24 Banff Indian Days - PowWow
Canada.

AUGUST

- 6,7,8 All American Indian Days
Sheridan, Wyoming
Miss Indian America
Contest.
- 8 Annual Indian Center Sal-
mon Bake. Alki Park.
(tentative)
- 4,5,6,7,8 Indian Encampment. Mary-
moor Park (near Redmond)
- 12,13 Inter-tribal Ceremonial
14,15 at Gallup, New Mexico
Write: Box 1029 Gallup,
N.M. 87301
- 13 Omak Stampede & Suicide
Race. Omak, Washington
- 27-29 Makah Celebration.
Neah Bay, Washington.

SEPTEMBER

- 1-2 Rodeo and Indian dancing
HeeHee Longhouse
Warm Springs, Oregon
- 15-18 Pendleton Round Up
Pendleton, Oregon

ALL DATES SHOWN ABOVE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

SKAELAKS, THE TRANSFORMER

Skaelaks was a lone-wolf, so to speak. When he wasn't hunting or fishing for his family community, he simply wandered throughout the island forests and lakes. This solitude in hunting and fishing experiences strengthened his magic powers. It was some time before he obtained the power of transformation. He was very diligent in his quests for spirit powers.

People sometimes talked of Skaelaks with very awesome feelings since he had become a legend in his time. Skaelaks was a very tall, and strong Indian man, with power unsurpassed. He was now "Master of the Clubs" since he had obtained a magic club during his major quest of spirit. This club was known to have created a mystic fog that hid the arrival of his murdered brother's avengers.

Once, while wandering through the woods, he spotted a young boy. The young boy was concentrating intensely on his newly created weapon-- he had planned secretly to kill Skaelaks and become the strongest man himself. Skaelaks stood silently. Soon he asked the boy sullenly, "What are you doing?" and the boy, with vicious enthusiasm replied, "I'm going to kill Skaelaks with my new weapon". He didn't even bother to look up to see who he was talking to -- then, Skaelaks, in sudden reaction to the boy's threat, grabbed the boy by the thumbs. The boy immediately became a deer and bounced off into the forests.

To this day, the deer has a single claw-like thumb on his hoofs, representing the vicious young boy's thumbs. This claw is generally taken from the dead deer's body and used with all power clubs, spears and costumes. It is a very highly treasured decoration for all Indian costumes.

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