

Some Changes to be Made on Campus Soon

Every student must know about the empty room behind the cafeteria. Well, ARA is planning to open up a snack bar in this space during the second semester. They will be selling such things as hamburgers and hot dogs, and the room will also have pinball machines for students' enjoyment.

The cafeteria will undergo remodeling during the holidays with new tables to be installed in a different arrangement, and ARA will also install a stereo so students can listen to music while they eat their meals.

Since Stewart Indian School now owns all the buildings on campus, arrangements have been made with Peter Hunter, Superintendent of the Western Nevada Indian Agency, to remodel the roads equipment building (behind the present shop building) and turn it into a classroom for Stewart's heavy equipment classes. These classes have previously been held at the school ranch.

Other plans include the remodeling of the old Post Office building as headquarters for the Security Guards on campus.

Negotiations are also underway for funding to build a new football field ~~back of~~ the gym. When funds are available, this will be done and it will have lights so football ~~games~~ can be played at night instead of in the afternoon, officials said.

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Leon Cowan Retires

Leon Cowan, teacher supervisor for the Title I program at Stewart for the last several years, retired last week after 27 years of service at SIS. He first came to Stewart in September of 1951 and began teaching Navajo students 16 to 18 years of age who could speak little English. They had an interpreter in class where Cowan taught English, math, and social studies.

Cowan became teacher supervisor in 1968 and Title I co-ordinator in 1972.

Born in Paris, Tenn., Cowan learned early in life how to cut down trees, build log cabins and split shingles. His father and uncle taught him carpentry and bricklaying. He graduated as valedictorian of his high school class and attended Fisk University in Nashville, Tenn.

A retirement dinner was held for Cowan Nov. 28 in a Carson City restaurant. Cowan entertained the guests with a speech and original song entitled "Title I Blues." Several have asked to have the lyrics printed in Warpath, but Cowan said it was just a fun thing for the occasion.

Ralph Hart, on behalf of Title I and other co-workers, presented Cowan with a brief case as he said he planned to travel. Isabelle Yellowhair and Carol Smith co-hosted the party.

Personnel Changes

Bernard LeClair, senior English teacher at Stewart for the past three years, resigned last week to accept a transfer to Everett, Washington as Vocational Development Specialist there.

In addition to senior English, LeClair also taught stagecraft and orthographic spelling. He and his stagecraft classes have worked many hours repairing the auditorium and getting it in shape for stage productions. LeClair also showed films during the evening in the auditorium for various groups and organizations.

A farewell luncheon was held for him Nov. 29 at a local restaurant.

When employees leave, some others are always coming. Recent additions to the school staff include Ms. Laurie Crawford, school nurse who arrived Sept. 25. She is a Paiute Indian from Fallon and a former Stewart graduate. She attended nursing school at the Hollywood Presbyterian School of Nursing, Los Angeles, Calif. She and her son live in Carson City.

Another employee which Warpath neglected to mention is Vincent R. LaPointe, Department Head of Plant Management. LaPointe, a Sioux, transferred to Stewart from the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota. He now lives in the house vacated by William C. Whipple, former superintendent of Stewart. (Whipple retired as EPA for the Western Nevada Indian Agency.)

Norma Moyle, wife of plumber Augie Moyle, is a new employee in the girls' department, replacing Sue Ryser, and Ramon Oseguera is the new Physicians Assistant who directs the PHS clinic.

CHANGE IN SEMESTER DATE

By Sonia Stone

As you know, the first semester of school does not end at Christmas like it used to!! We all have to return after Christmas and go to school for two more weeks and THEN take finals.

I feel that it doesn't help the students much at all. You know, schools are to help students learn, but here it's a boarding school and everyone really looks forward to seeing friends and family at Christmas. I, for one, really don't want to waste my vacation studying for a test that I know I will be taking when I return.

I should think the Christmas holiday won't be very merry if kids are worrying about taking finals when we all return.

Another reason is that students will be having a lot of fun, supposedly. When everyone returns, they will have forgotten just about everything and have to start all over again. I would prefer to do all my finals before I go home and then I could enjoy my Christmas merrily.

Another big hassle is that a lot of kids don't want to come back, but in order to get their credit, THEY HAVE TO!

So everyone will be forced to come back, and then they will have to pay their own way home if they return. Then, if they can't pay their own way, the students will probably be getting into a lot of trouble so they will get kicked out. That only makes Stewart look bad. The administration should think of Stewart's reputation when making big decisions like this and let the students as well as the teachers help decide whether the semester should end before or after the Christmas holidays.

HOW LUCKY WE ARE

by Curtis Martinez

I think we are all lucky to get to go home for Christmas. A long time ago, the students here at Stewart were not able to go home because the school didn't have the money to send them. The Christmas holiday lasted one day only, and the day after Christmas, both students and teachers had to return to the classroom.

Of course, there was a religious Christmas program at school or at one or more of the churches on campus, and sometimes the casinos treated the kids to a Christmas dinner with gifts such as Christmas stockings, but Christmas had to be spent here at good old S.I.S. and they had a big dinner for all the students.

See how lucky we are!

IT'S THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY

by Adrian Bankowski

Some of the students at Stewart have demonstrated a lack of responsibility while registering for field trips such as disco dancing, bowling, roller skating and swimming.

Many students have registered for a field trip and didn't take the effort to show up or tell the group sponsoring the trip why they couldn't attend. When we have less than half the students show up, it's a strain on making final preparation for transportation, food, number of staff, and cost of the program.

Also, when you sign up, make sure you haven't committed yourself to something else such as varsity practice, cheerleading, cadets, or the many other extracurricular activities on campus.

If you register for a field trip, show up. If you can't commit yourself or if you are uncertain, don't sign up.

STAFF

WARPATH is published bi-weekly by students in the Publications classes. It is distributed without charge to all students and staff, and to others who request it.

Two special editions of WARPATH are also published. One at Christmas time is called the CHRISTMAS EDITION, and it contains many essays, poems and features from the English classes as well as work of the publications students. The other special edition is published at the end of the year, and it features a biography of all the seniors.

SIX VISIT CHICO COLLEGE

Six Stewart seniors visited Chico State University which is in northern California Nov. 19-21. Chico State is a large university with approximately 13,000 students, and the city is populated with a majority of them. When it is the year to vote, the students' votes are always in the majority, so they get their candidates elected to office, officials said.

Chico is an academic college and it is well known for this. Stewart's students toured the campus and were amazed by how big it was. Chico has the longest city park, called Bidwell Park, in the entire United States. It is 28 miles long and about one mile wide. It has two very large swimming pools that are filled up by the stream that runs through the park.

The movie, Robin Hood was filmed in the forest at Chico, so someone must have thought it looked like Sherwood Forest.

The six students who visited Chico included Robert Mahkewa, Sonia Stone, Pauline Franklin, Henrietta Jose, Nadine Boney, and Tracey Valdez. They reported the visit to Chico was very exciting and they believe everyone benefited from it.

National Indian Health Board Here

Approximately 15 members of the National Indian Health Board visited Stewart Indian School November 29. Their purpose in coming was to visit an off reservation boarding school, and Stewart happened to be the one selected.

Superintendent Van Peters briefed the visitors about the school and introduced Principal Mahlon Marshall, Administrative Officer Dan Allen, Special Education teacher Jill Barney and Dr. Carl Cooley, director of the Model Mental Health program on campus.

Representatives on the board came from Alaska, Nevada, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Minnesota, Florida, North Carolina, Montana, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington and Oklahoma.

Christmas Holidays Dec. 14-Jan. 4

Students will return home for the Christmas holidays December 13 and 14. Those living in Truxton Canyon, White River and Ft. Apache will leave on buses Dec. 13 and all others will leave December 14.

Destinations have been made up in the dormitories, and officials said any requests to change destinations must be in writing from the parents, directed to home living, and the deadline for this information to be received is December 8.

Phoenix Field Solicitor Visits

Bob Moeller, attorney for BIA schools in the Phoenix office, also known as field solicitor, visited Stewart December 1 and held a training session for the school staff to discuss the due process system for student discipline.

Moeller also discussed the legality of students' rights and responsibilities, and he also held a training session for the Review Board which is headed by Ralph Hart.

Jill Magee in Carson City Contest

Jill Magee, a senior, was the only Stewart student to compete this year in the Miss Carson City pageant sponsored by Soroptimist International. For her talent, Jill did a simulated Eagle dance with two eagle feathers. She was dressed in her tribal costume which consisted of a buckskin dress decorated with pinenuts and sea shells.

Maurice Harris, home economics teacher, helped Jill with her wardrobe and talent presentation. She did not place in the contest, but as a result of her efforts, both she and Miss Harris were selected to go with the Stewart band to Intermountain Indian School, Brigham City, Utah Dec. 10 to perform her dance when the Stewart band presents a concert there. They will return to Stewart Dec. 12 and present an assembly in the school auditorium for the students before they return home for the holidays.

CLASS NEWS

Girls' P. E.

The girls' PE classes are starting into gymnastics. We are learning our forward rolls and backward rolls, and also the headstands. It's hard for some of the girls, but they will work it out.

We will be getting into the uneven bars after Christmas vacation. Yvonne Hale is teaching this class.



HUMAN RELATIONS

Lorri Lippy's human relations classes are studying about personality. The idea of this is to be able to accept people the way they are. It is to better our understanding of ourselves.

One of the main rules to learn about personality is to be able to accept yourself before you can accept others and the natural turn of events that are sure to happen.

Junior English

The students in Ruby Shannon's junior English classes have finished the novel, Johnny Tremain and now they are looking into figurative language, and learning about the dictionary. After this unit, they will read several plays in class by American playwrights Arthur Miller, Tennessee Williams and Thornton Wilder.

Indian History

Rudy Lovejoy's Indian history classes are studying Indian treaties that were broken and the class is discussing what the Indians should be doing to improve their life in this world we are living in today.

The things stressed include education: everyone should try to get a good education and learn as much as possible about everything, and then help their people on the reservations to have a better life.

Another thing stressed was the ability to speak up and defend your rights so you would not get run over by politics and politicians who want something from you. But education was the thing considered most important to Indians of the future.

Mathematics

In Douglas Colbert's math classes, the students are learning how to find the area of such things as circles and boxes, and the students are learning by making concrete drawing of the shapes they are measuring. In addition to areas, they are learning about volume and other similar measurements.

U. S. History

Robey Willis is teaching his U. S. history students about this nation when slavery was legal in many of the states. This was also an era when women were first beginning to speak up and get equal rights in such matters as holding property, being allowed to vote, and getting the pay for their job that was comparable to male workers. All these things have come about by a constant struggle. Getting a law passed to give these rights did not always mean the law was upheld just as giving the slaves their freedom did not mean that all blacks had the freedom and privileges of other people. They had to work for it and are still in the process of pushing for equal rights and opportunities.

Mr. Willis stresses current events in his classroom, and frequently the history class is concerned with the front page of a newspaper or a news magazine.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS



Dear Santa:

For Christmas, I would like to stay with my boyfriend FOREVER without any fights or arguments, plus no cheating on each other during Christmas vacation.

Love,
Angie Johnson

Dear Santa:

All I want for Christmas is for you to wish me and my friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I know that you're very busy now that it is time for Christmas, and you probably have a terrible headache.

I Love you, Santa
Frankie Romo

Dear Santa:

All Stewart needs is some more new teachers and staff, and we will give you some of our students for your elves if you'll just stop by.

Sincerely,
Mahlon Marshall, Prin.

Dear Santa:

I would like to ask you one big favor: Could you give Stewart a new Recreational Hall and I'm sure the students will give YOU a gift one day.

Yours truly,
Stewart Student Council

Dear Santa:

There is this one teacher who is nice and kind to everyone. She has been good and she should get a chance to ride with you all over the world in your sleigh and be your wife.

Ah, you know me! Mrs. Leaper

Dear Santa:

For Christmas, I have always wanted a big pink and green mouse that could stay in my dog house, and I always wanted to know how come your hair and beard never fall out! And I have always wanted a stocking that is filled with lots of luck to make me lucky.

Thank you in advance, Santa
Thomasa Ortiz

Dear Santa:

This year for Christmas, the things I want include a ten speed bike, an eight track stereo, and an FM-AM speaker five foot tall. If you can get these for me, I'll be the happiest man in the whole wide world. But I want more than these things, too. I'm 18 years old and in the 12th grade, and I hope to finish school this year.

When I was a little boy, I used to get a lot of toys like cars and trucks. Now that I got a son of my own, I'd like to get him what I used to get on Christmas day.

But one thing I still remember is that about two years ago, I got drunk on Dec. 24 and landed in jail and I never made it home for Christmas. That's why I'm planning to stay sober this year until after Christmas.

Love you,
Guess Who?

Dear Santa:

I would like to have a live boy doll that could make me happy. Let him be chubby and have a belly like yours. He must have two deep dimples and a little mustache that I can shave when I get mad.

Make his arms move so we could play all kinds of games and when he gets me mad, we could box each other. Make his lips soft so we could kiss each other every night before we go to bed. Please, Santa, I love you, Santa.

Needs Company

Dear Santa:

My name is Richie and I'm seven years old. I had a little puppy that I called Burgy and he was a swell dog. We used to chase each other around the house, and on good days, we went outside in the grassy fields and played like it was a jungle. My dog was an imaginary lion.

Then, one day my mother and father decided it was too much bother to have my dog in the house all time, so they decided to take him into the city and put him in the place where they keep stray dogs. She kept saying she would bring him back to me, but she never did.

Now, Santa, can you try and bring him home to me this Christmas? I'll be waiting.

Love,

Richie Sears Tso

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY, HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYBODY!

SPORTS

Intermountain Wins Lettermen's Tourney

There was a lot of excitement at the fourteenth annual Lettermen's Basketball Tournament held at Stewart Nov. 30-Dec. 2. The five other schools besides Stewart which competed included Intermountain Indian School, Brigham City, Utah; Chemawa Braves of Salem, Oregon; Manogue Miners of Reno; Virginia City Muckers of Virginia City, and the Lovelock Mustangs of Lovelock, Nev.

Stewart's JV's lost their first game to the Lovelock mustangs, but Stewart's Varsity won their first game against the Chemawa Braves.

Chemawa won over Virginia City and Intermountain Eagles beat Manogue by a close game. All these games were played Nov. 30.

The second day of the tournament began at 3:00 p.m. when the Stewart JV's played the Chemawa JV's with Stewart being the winner. The Manogue miners won over the Virginia City Muckers and Stewart's Varsity won their second game against Lovelock. Intermountain also won their game against the Chemawa Braves.

In the finals played on Saturday, the Virginia City muckers won over the Chemawa Braves and Stewart's JV's played Manogue for the consolation with Manogue taking the victory.

Chemawa and Lovelock played for third place. Chemawa won.

Last of all was the championship playoffs. Stewart Braves lost to Intermountain Eagles after Frank Walema pulled ligaments in his leg, and the Eagles won the championship trophy.

Howard Watahomogie won the individual trophy for All-Tourney, Stewart. The most valuable player award went to Ladd Edmo from Intermountain. The all-tourney for Intermountain was Curtis Oldbull.

Before the final game was played, the Stewart Hall of Fame held induction service for Max Wellington, basketball 1968; Ronald Edwards, basketball 1966; Edward Juan, cross country 1966; Armstrong Victor, football 1963; Joe Rivers, football 1954; Dr. Jack Ridley, basketball 1950; Francis (Doc) Shaw, golden gloves 1950; and Claude Parazoo, cross country 1926.

Intrasquad Draws Crowd

A crowd of 788 spectators were present in the Stewart gymnasium to see the tenth annual Intra-Squad boxing matches. There were 22 bouts and Frank Romo was voted winner of the best bout for the second straight year, this time by decisioning Randall Lanza.

Two other outstanding bouts were fought between Eldon Tabee and Alvin Myers and Raymond Cornpeach and Whitney Smart. Eldon was down three times and Myers once with Eldon winning, and Cornpeach and Smart put on a war with Cornpeach getting the edge. However, Smart had beaten Louie Lopez earlier in the evening.

Plans are underway to hold the Pacific AAU Novice Tourney at Stewart Dec. 8-9 when boxers from all over Nevada and Northern California will compete. Stewart won this meet last year.

Stewart's first squad includes Frank Romo, squadleader; Chris Nish, asst. leader; Burton Uqualla, Raymond Lanza, Corey Carlyle, Richard Honga, Keith Torres, Henry Moreno, Avery Lopez, Leonard Mota, Duane Allsion, Troy Kaska, Alvin Myers, Berkley Wish and Tobey Chapella. All these men weigh 132 lbs. and under. The second squad, 139 pounds and over, include Russell Marks, squadleader; Louie Lopez, asst. leader; Bennett Havier, Jacob Garcia, Robert Mahkewa, Brady Scott, Mike Corella, Merlin Schurz, Edwin Jones, Loren Coby, Ervin Lopez, Raymond Cornpeach, Randall Lanza and Whitney Smart.

The Taxi squad includes Terry Naha, squadleader; Calvin Soke, asst. leader; Lean Lopez, David Leon, Wallace Navasie, Andy Santio, Tyrone Kalka, Terry Silversmith, Orlando Dick and Anthony Harvey. Robey Willis is again head coach for the boxers. He is assisted by Everette Williams, Ben Barnette and Merle Montoya.

Four to Race at Haskell

Stewart's AA Cross Country champions for the seventh straight year will not end their season until next week when four harriers and coach Ken Cavin go to Haskell Junior Indian College in Lawrence, Kansas to compete in the NIAA Tournament.

They will leave Dec. 6 and return Dec. 12. Leroy Honyaketewa, Corey Carlyle, Stanford Mattuck and Patty Numkena, a freshman girl, will make the journey. The three men are all seniors and veteran runners.