

????Is Stewart About to Close?

Is Stewart about to close? This is the major question going around on campus since Good Friday, April 4. The question has been asked by both students and staff, yet, nobody seems to know the answer. Some people think that it definitely will close because the odds are against it's staying open. Others think it may have a chance of continuing if enough people fight for it to stay open.

The first news about this possibility was published in Reno and Carson City newspapers. Then phone calls to area and other offices failed to confirm anything at a definite time.

Some Carson City officials are backing the closing of Stewart. The mayor of Carson City wants the water and buildings at Stewart. The manager of Albertson's Super Market would favor closing "so he would be rid of those little Stewart shoplifters." However, despite the manager of Albertson's super market, the Carson City Chamber of Commerce members voted 17-3 to keep Stewart open. (This is not to condone shoplifting, either. Anyone guilty of this offense should be punished GOOD!)

Rumor has it that the closing of Stewart was to be debated by members of Congress April 14-15. Then more rumor said this would be done in May. Nobody seems to know the answer of whether or not Stewart will actually close. Rick Lavis, employee directly under Forest Gerard (who has now resigned from the BIA) has recommended closure--according to newspaper articles. We will all have to wait and see. Hopefully, we shall know by senior graduation--Ronnie Bircham, Co-Editor of Warpath.

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Banquet and Jr.-Sr. Prom April 21

The 1980 Junior-Senior Prom will be held April 21. The prom will be held at Ormsby House, and students will be transported to Carson City in school buses at 7:00 p.m., following a banquet which will be held in the school cafeteria at 6:00 pm. The prom will last until 1:00 a.m.

The prom is semi-formal, which means you can wear almost anything you like. There will be no live band to play, but there will be live music and a disc jockey to play disco music.

Vincent Garcia, president of the Junior class will welcome the seniors at the banquet. Henry Gonzales, president of the senior class, will give the response. Pictures will be made of couples who would like to have them made.

The theme for the prom will be "Spring" and there will be freshman and sophomore waiters and waitresses.

The Junior class hopes a lot of the employees will come to the prom at Ormsby House. Not everyone can be invited to the banquet because of space and also the expense.

They SHOULD NOT Close It!

by Debbie Dennis

I do not think that Stewart should be closed because it has done a lot for many students who have gone to school here. Take my brother Adrian, for instance. It was because of Stewart's fine boxing club that he got a chance to go to Poland to fight. And later, it was because of Stewart that my brother got to fight a Russian on Wide World of Sports in Las Vegas. Stewart has a lot of good things for people. I think Stewart is better than any other BIA school I know about. I have been here for 3½ years, and Stewart has taught me to stay out of trouble for about three years now.

I think they want to close Stewart because the government is after the land. That's all they want is land. It could be used for years and years to help educate Indian students.

Annual Indian Festival May 2-3

Stewart's annual Indian Festival will be held May 2-3 which is on a Friday and Saturday. The special guest at this year's festival will be Patty Numkena, a little Hopi girl who will crown the new queen this year. Emma Tapija was the festival queen last year, but since she graduated, the reigning queen at this time is Patty Numkena because she was first runner-up.

Sponsors for the queen contest this year are Maxine Wyatt and Olga Quintana. Alberta Mote is helping the girls with their talent, also. Contestants include Pearl Blackhat, Paiute/Shoshone; Shirley Harvey, Papago; Valarie Jefferson, Umatilla/Nez Perce; Zelda Lossing, Paiute/Shoshone; Molly Montoya, Hopi/Tewa; Anita Paxson, White Mountain Apache; and LeAnn Stone, Mohave.

Don't Mess Up at this Date

by Ronnie Bircham

The end of the school year is almost here, just one more month to go. Yet, despite that, several more students will probably end up getting dropped. This is the time of the year when a lot of students will probably start to mess up at school either by getting high, drunk,, going AWOL, or doing all three. One of the main reasons a lot of students are starting to get into trouble now is that they want to drink around or get high and have "fun" with friends here at school before they all go home for the summer, or perhaps never see each other again.

But is it really worth it to get into trouble and maybe get kicked out of school? Getting kicked out of school now at such a late time in the year will be critical to your education. It is too late to enroll in another school, and you will have to wait another year to graduate.

So think about the consequences before doing anything against the rules that might cause you to get kicked out of school.

Closed Campus for Unwary

by Valarie Jefferson

Effective April 1, Principal Mahlon Marshall decided the campus would be closed to any person having one major infraction or more.

As everyone knows, a major infraction is 25 hours for drinking, going AWOL, or fighting.

So now that everyone has been issued class "C" passes for the most part, they are expected to stay on campus unless they go somewhere with staff.

Closed campus will be in effect until May 22- Graduation.

This was done because of major increases in major infractions.



April Birthdays

by Valarie Jefferson

As march went out like a lamb, April came, and born to welcome the first day of April was Gary Antone, then came Marilyn Felix, who made her debut April 2. Coming in at a close third was Marlene Adams on April 3.

The fourth day of April brought JOJO Dorchester for the fifth was reserved for Tonita Howard and Tim Salcido.

The Easter Bunny on April 6 brought two baskets of goodies--Calvin Soke and Maynard Talahaftewa.

Patricia Wescogamie missed the Easter train by one day, so she arrived April 7.

Then on April 9, Frances Antone and Dean Lopez entered this world and Elva Sign came April 10.

Quentin Juan and Herbert Mike shared the 11th day of April. Rebecca Lopez was born April 12, and Bruce Enriquez- came April 13. Jose Valenzuela joined the April Birthday clan on the 15th.

What month of birthdays could be complete without Martin Talayumptewa Jr. being ushered in on the 16th? With April half over, Vincent Garcia and Jacob Thinka appeared. Then came Daniel Enriquez on the 18th and Nadia Mansfield and Robin Talas April 19.

On April 20, a bright sunny day, Darleme Miles appeared and she was followed April 21 by Brian Garcia and Milo Dick. Jacob Garcia spent the day celebrating April 22, as Tina Canner and Clifton Saunders shared one big day, April 23.

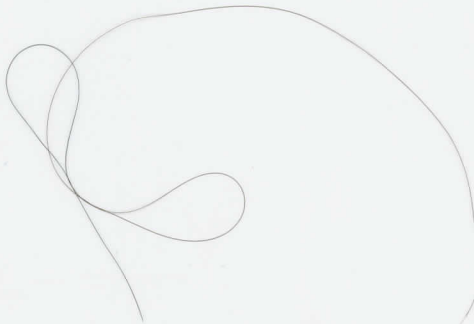
April 24 saw David Murphy having his first breath of spring, and then on the last day, April 30, Imogene Pablo and Randell Valisto ended the month with their birth waiting for the May flowers.

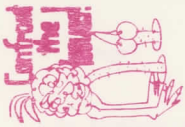
I Don't Think it Should Be Closed

by Ronnie Bircham

I don't think they should close Stewart. It would be depriving the Indian kids of an education, and many of the staff here at Stewart would be jobless. The U. S. needs all the boarding schools it has, and to close Stewart would be a low blow to the American Indians. Many students consider this place their home away from home. They do not want to leave until they graduate. Stewart is one of the original Indian schools opened in 1890 and some of the buildings here are over 50 years old.

One teacher told us this situation is typical of what has been going on for centuries with the Indians. It's a case where Indians have something good going for them, and the white people want it. If Stewart is as dangerous as they are telling us, why does Carson City or the state of Nevada so anxious to get the Indians out of here and take over? This place is worth millions, one teacher told us. To keep Stewart open is the least the U. S. Government can do for us considering what this same government took over the years.





Ask Aunt Mini

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Dear Aunt Mini:

I feel real bad about the proposal for closure of Stewart. I don't think it should be closed because it is a great school, and I don't want to see it closed. What would it be like if you come back in a couple of years and saw it was a zoo or something else? I hope that writing letters and having committees to save Stewart is a good idea, but is it going to work?

Concerned

Dear Concerned:

Isn't Stewart a zoo already? Some people think so when they see so many little monkeys running loose, banging on somebody's door, breaking out windows, throwing flatware all over the campus, behaving in ways that are not conducive to an education. This may be a "trial balloon;" that is, a rumor to get people to get their heads together to clearer thinking, and if they get with it, the whole thing will be just a nasty rumor. Let us hope so. If it is the real thing, then we better put up some mighty good reasons for staying open, or we shall surely close--if not right now, in the not too distant future. Aunt Mini

Dear Aunt Mini:

I'm one of the people of this world who have had a bad time in life. I've stayed in different homes and gone to different schools. I don't know if I can change schools again if Stewart closes. What shall I do and where do I go from here?

Wondering

Dear Wondering:

We all have to cross the bridge when we come to it. Let us hope officials change their mind and keep Stewart open. If it is closed, then you will have to go elsewhere. Wherever that is, make up your mind you can make it and I think you will.

Good luck,
Aunt Mini

Dear Aunt Mini:

Are you going to go to the prom?
A Student

Dear Student:

Yes, of course I'm going to the prom. Oh, I could change my mind the last minute if my date doesn't show up on time, but I think I will be at the prom. How else would I be there to see all, hear all, and know all and tell all about the good times we are all going to have there.?

Aunt Mini

Dear Aunt Mini:

I'm really bored and depressed and I have no desire to finish school. Can you suggest something to help me out?

Can't Hack It

Dear Can't Hack It:

Yes I can. As you can see it is spring when every young man's heart turns to thoughts of love as well as every young girl's--and every bird and every bee and flower and deer and grasshopper.

Why don't you go sit down on the grass and start looking at the little life around you--the tiny flowers, ants, bugs--everything. See how they are motivated by the nice weather to survive--to continue to do their thing to the best of their ability.

Then you come back into the school room and continue to study and to learn to the best of your ability. I guarantee you that you will no longer be bored. Aunt Mini

Dear Aunt Mini:

If Stewart does close, where do you suppose all the students and employees will go next year?

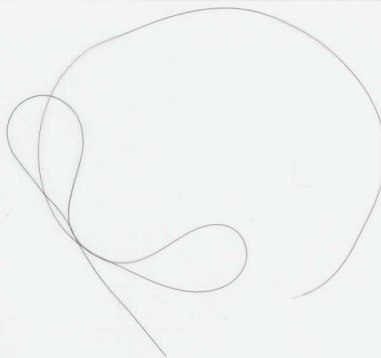
Real Interested
to Know

Dear Real Interested:

I heard Carla say she might be able to live with relatives in Flagstaff, Az. and attend public school. Some may return to public schools on or near the reservations. Some may go to Riverside, California, and some may go to Brigham City, Utah. Some may never go to school again. I would hope nobody would take this path, but it could happen. As for the employees, a few will retire early; a few will get other jobs, a few will transfer to other schools, and a few may be left without a job. The federal government is usually concerned about placement of its employees when they are forced out of their jobs by a reduction in force (rif). If you have faith in some supernatural power, then you must have faith you will survive. Maybe not in the same manner, but I, for one, am not planning to starve to death if I can help it.

I think we should cheer up about the whole situation. The very fact that no definite date has been set for closure indicates to me this whole thing may be just a rumor to see how the public would accept the proposal. If the public remains at peace with it all, then the real proposal with a definite date may be set soon. Let's not let it happen by cleaning up our house and getting it RIGHT. A.M.

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# Classroom News

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Morris Agnew's metal shop classes have been making many projects to sell to different people. They are finishing barbecue stands that will be sold to the Stewart student body and also to the Kiwanis club downtown.

Incidentally, the Kiwanis club is supporting Stewart to keep the school open.

Mr. Agnew said he had not had a single cut in his shop classes this year. A few students have been on leave, but no deliberate cuts. Congratulations!

This week, the metal shop classes are starting a project for the boxing club.

Jerome Joaquin, one of the more musical shop students, will be going to Washington, D. C. in June of this year to a traditional music festival. The Joaquin family are all interested in music.

## Girls Join Mechanics Class

Harold Hill's auto mechanic classes are having a busy year. They have been donated a differential that will be used for the basic mechanics classes.

Larry Tom is re-doing the body work for a customer in Gardnerville. Clayton Kizer is using a steam cleaner to cleanse engines.

Beginning this coming Monday, four girls will be going to the basic mechanics classes to learn the basic functions of a car. They will learn to check oil, the radiator, and how to put anti-freeze into a car. This will be the first girls who have enrolled in these classes.

## PE Learns Tennis & Badminton

The girls in Yvonne Hale's PE classes are finishing up their unit on badminton, and tennis. They are learning what all the little phrases mean, and also what tennis is all about.

Maybe one of them will be another Tracey Austin.

In Miss Fisher's PE classes, the girls are doing free exercises. The next unit will be everyone's favorite---S O F T B A L L!

Archery is Ed Mike's game, so his boys in PE are practicing how to be good bowmen. They started at a short distance so they could get the hang of it, then they shoot again from a greater distance. Many of the boys are proud of their ability, so they do their best to get a good shot at that target.

As Ed Mike said to one of his boys who hit the target, "Geronimo!"

## Human Relations Class Busy

Mrs. Lorri Lippy has been in Washington, D. C. the past two weeks with her husband who transferred to a job there recently. During her absence, a substitute teacher has been passing out the lesson plan booklet compiled by Mrs. Lippy before she left. The students work daily on a project which covers such things as VD and birth control. Sometimes a film is shown to the students, and they also have reading matter from which they find the answers to the many questions in the booklets.

## Driver's Ed Going Places

The driver's education classes are now starting to drive half-way to Reno. This is done after school. Each student who goes to class gets to drive by himself or herself with Mr. Schriner also in the car. Before school ends, Mr. Schriner plans to take each of his classes to Circus Circus in Reno to eat out. ..that is, if they score around 100% on their driving test.

One of the things the class is learning to do at this time is how to park. They learn how to park in a parking lot and also how to park between cars. Also, they are learning how to park on the side of a hill, going either up or down. Soon, each student will get a chance to do some night driving. Only one student at a time will do this.

## All Spring Sports in Full Swing

The spring sports now being played include baseball, softball, and track. Track teams are competing regularly, and Stewart is showing up quite well. As this newspaper is being typed, a home baseball game is being played. If you want to know who is playing and what the score is, go to the baseball field and watch. There is no charge, and the baseball players need a supporting audience just as any other sport does. See you there.