



Smoke Signals



On the track of Conclave '98

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Sunday Morning Edition

May 31, 1998

Dance Competition

by **Derek Semsick** and **Andrew Hoffmaster**



Today, I attended the dance competitions. The individual dance competition opened with a grand entrance by all the dancers. Next, the drum performed a flag song to show respect for our nation's flag. Finally, they concluded the opening with a veterans' song to honor those who

fought for our country.

Then, the real competition began. The first dance was a Grass Dance. Next, there was a traditional, non-competitive intertribal dance. Following this, there was a Sneak-up Dance. Finally, the competition closed with a Traditional Dance.

The team dancing competition was an excellent example of Native American culture and lodge spirit. The dance competition consisted of three dances, the Flaming Torch Dance, The Grass Dance, and The Lenape Stomp Dance.

The Flaming Torch Dance was performed by Wyona Lodge #18. This dance consists of a group of less experienced dancers entering the circle first, followed by those more experienced. The experienced dancers then have a contest, light their torches and finish the dance.

The Grass Dance, done by Wunita Gohkos Lodge #39, was a traditional dance done by the Plains Indians. The dancers start with a freestyle dance, then enter into a synchronized dance, then the dancers close with two freestyle dances.

Kittatinny Lodge #5 performed a Lenape Stomp Dance. The dance performed had two elements, a Friendship Stomp and a Challenge by the lead dancer.

The dance competition was a fascinating look at a cultural legacy which has been entrusted to the Order of the Arrow to maintain.

Theme Show

by **Steve Dibler**

Kittatinny Lodge 5 presented a wonderful theme show on a muggy Saturday night. As the lightning flashed through the sky as a backdrop, we all enjoyed the program, which began with a dramatic flaming arrow fire



Jessica Cobb performs a Fancy Shawl dance at the Theme Show.

lighting. The program opened with singing and drumming by **Rich and Travis Welker**. An exciting Fancy Shawl Dance by **Jessica Cobb** followed. The program continued with a presentation emphasizing the significance of the Ordeal. The program closed with the Song of the Order. Everyone was impressed with the program and we all left the campfire circle with touch of inspiration in our

hearts.

Mr. Richard Welker of Kittatinny Lodge 5 dances.



Section Officer Nominees

Chief

Vice Chief

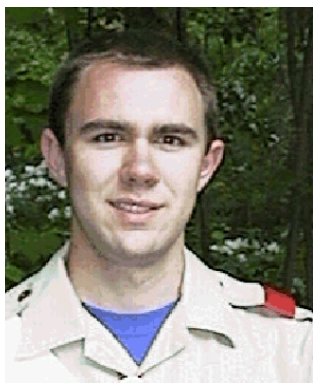
Sam Kieffer



A Vigil Honor member of Woapeu Sisilija Lodge 343 and an Eagle Scout, Sam will serve for his fourth year on Camp Staff. In the past years, he has served as Lodge Treasurer, Ceremonies Team, Ordeal and Lodge Pow Wow Chairman. Sam is currently serving his second term as Lodge Chief, which ends in August, and

as Section Vice Chief. He has attended the Nation Leadership Seminar, Section Officer Seminar, and has coordinated the Lodge Leadership Development Seminar for Lodge #343. He has been chosen to work on the OA Trail Crew. Immediately after his service at Philmont, he will be attending NOAC. Sam looks forward to the opportunity and hopes to serve as Section Chief for 1998-99 in NE-4A.

Dave Sargent



Currently serving his second term as Lodge Chief of Wunita Gohkos Lodge #39, Dave has served in many different positions since his induction into the Order of the Arrow. He has completed the National Leadership Seminar. His Scouting highlights include Eagle Scout and going to Philmont with the Trail Crew Program. Since

he has attended conclave in other Section, he feels that he can bring some new ideas to the section. This section has a history of great conclaves and Dave would like to continue to build on that history of success

Jordan Hitchens



A Vigil Honor member of Kittatinny Lodge #5 and an Eagle Scout, Jordan has served on Summer Camp Staff for the past three years. He has served as Ordeal Chairman for the past four years and will be serving as Lodge Vice Chief. Jordan has attended four conclaves and NOAC

along with the National Leadership Seminars. Jordan is looking forward to serving the Section as an officer.

Secretary

Steve Smith



A Vigil Honor member of Woapeu Sisilija and an Eagle Scout, Steve is currently serving in his second term as 1st Vice Chief and has served on the Executive Committee for the past 5 years. He has served

with the Ceremonies Team for several years and has worked on camp staff for the past four years. He has participated in and staffed the Brownsea J.L.T. He has attended the National Leadership Seminar and will be attending NOAC this year.

Sunday Schedule

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| 7:00a | Reveille | |
| 7:30a | Vigil Fellowship | Dining Hall |
| | Brotherhood Rededication | Archery pavilion |
| | Ordeal Rededication | Waterfront pavilion |
| 8:00 | Colors | Parade Field |
| 8:15 | Breakfast | Dining Hall |
| 9:15 | Non-Denominational Religious Service | |
| | | Campfire Circle |
| 10:15 | Lodge Caucus | Campfire Circle |
| 10:30 | Business Meeting | Campfire Circle |
| 11:30 | Checkout | Ad Building |