

Native American week brings events to ISU

By Liz Bolland

Native American issues and culture will be promoted through several events at ISU this week. According to Arnold Williams, ISU Pow Wow organizer, the Pocatello Mayor Roger Chase designates the week of March 31- April 6 as Native American Awareness Week. On the ISU campus, the week will offer students and members of the community an opportunity to experience the Native American culture.

The events began Monday, with a Sunrise Ceremony that took place on Red Hill at 6:30 a.m., and moved to Hutchinson Quadrangle, where Mayor Roger Chase showed his support by confirming the week's designation as Native American Awareness Week. An Intermittent dance exhibition, held in the PSUB Ballroom, attracted viewers. Monday night, a Shoshone language presentation was given by Drusilla Gould and Chris Loether.

On Tuesday, an arts and crafts fair in the PSUB Ballroom displayed a variety of work that expressed the culture. An afternoon guest speaker, Viola Cordova presented a speech, titled "Native American Philosophy." An Arts Awards Banquet was held that evening, while performer Hovia Edwards played the Native American flute in the Bengal Café.

The experiences will continue throughout the remainder of the week with the following events:

Wednesday, April 3:

- * Presentation by guest speaker Sanyo Rosario, director of the Women of Color Alliance, from 10-10:30 a.m. in the PSUB Film Theatre.
- * Documentary film preview, "Removal of the 'S' Word from Idaho Landmarks," will be shown from 10:30-11 a.m., and from 8:30-10 p.m., in the PSUB Film Theatre.
- * Choker- making workshop from 5:00-6:30 p.m. in the PSUB.

Thursday, April 4:

- * Presentation by guest speaker Josephine Halfhide, representative for the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, "Indian Child Welfare Act," from 9-11 a.m. in the PSUB Bear River Room.
- * The Miss Native American Idaho contest preliminaries will take place from 5:30-8 p.m. in the Oak Event Center inside of the Pocatello Ramada Inn, followed by a spaghetti dinner and a comedians' open mike contest.

Friday, April 5- Saturday, April 6:

- * ISU Pow Wow begins at 7 p.m. on Friday at Reed Gym, and continues from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. This event attracts hundreds of dancers throughout the United States and Canada. The Host Drum is Battle River from Red Lake, Minn. Admission for Pow Wow dancing is \$5 for the entire weekend, or \$2 per session.
- * Pow Wow feast will be held at 5 p.m. in the PSUB Ballroom.
- * Pow Wow concludes from 7 p.m.- Midnight at Reed Gym.

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