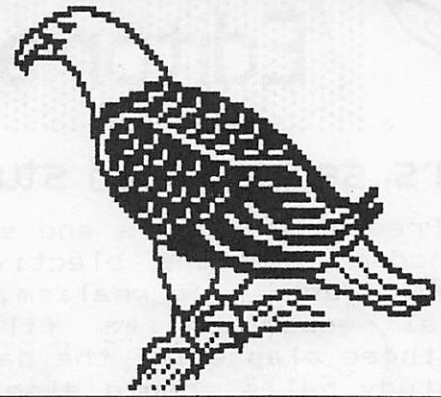


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Fond Du Lac-Higher Education Center offers a lot

by Jean Skinaway

Juniors and seniors can now attend college classes and receive college and high school credits through the new Fond Du Lac Higher Education Center (FDL-HEC).

The center offers classes ranging from Ojibway language to financial accounting. Classes started September 9, 1987, but Ojibway School students were not able to take classes fall quarter. Many details such as transfer of credits and funding need to be worked out, according to Principal Phil Minkkinen.

This is a two-year pilot program made possible by

legislative action. The program was given a funding of \$400,000 for the two years, according to Co-director Don Wiesen.

The center is an outreach program of the Mesabi Community College. At the end of the two years, it may become a community college based on its success, Minkkinen said.

The reservation is hoping the Bureau of Indian Affairs will help with funding, but this hasn't been decided yet, Minkkinen said.

A grade point average of 2.0 is required to attend and students will receive dual-credit from the classes at the Center and high
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Fall was celebrated in the Communications room by a basket full of gourds which were provided by teacher Mike Rabideaux.

Bilingual Education Program works on improvements

by Jean Skinaway

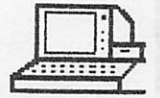
The Fond Du Lac Bilingual Education Program is working on a curriculum which makes learning easier and faster through the use of computers, tapes and textbooks.

"The real goal is to develop a strong Ojibway language program that is able to provide instruction that will restore and maintain Indian language," explained Mushkooub, bilingual education coordinator.

"Most Ojibway programs are unable to work together," he continued. "As a result each program is in an island to itself
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Editorials and Opinions



Juniors, seniors need study hall choice

Presently juniors and seniors can choose from the electives of Ojibway, art, journalism, and physical education to fill the first three classes of the day. We feel study halls should also be an elective choice for junior and seniors.

Some juniors and seniors find it hard to take long bus rides home and then find time to do homework. In some classes we don't have time to finish assignments.

Some might say this would not be fair for the younger students. We feel the older students need more

time for research and completing lessons and it will fit into our schedule with little disruption.

We know that study halls were tried in the past and were not successful, but it will work this time because it will be a choice for the older kids who are more serious about it.

The study hall could be held in the library, new computer lab or in the classroom of the teacher having prep.

Next quarter, one of the electives for the juniors and seniors should be a study hall.

In the Halls

How do you feel about not having a Library?



DuFault



Martineau

Denny DuFault (grade 8): "Pretty bad, depressed, lonely."

Karen Martineau (grade 12): "I miss the library because I used to go in there and read a book then I'd fall asleep."

Russ Diver (grade 9): "I feel pretty bad because there is no where to sit and be quite and think and do my homework."

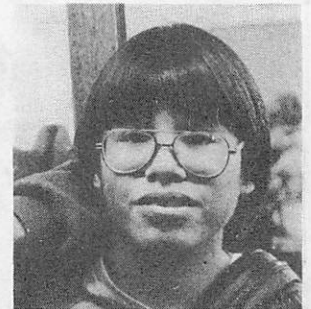
Nick Ammesmaki (grade 12): "It is no fun because there isn't no where to study and catch up on my work."

David Gitzen (grade 8): "Gee, I don't know. I never thought about it. You can't go and read any magazines or study in the library."

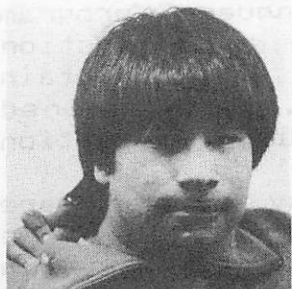
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Gitzen



Fairbanks



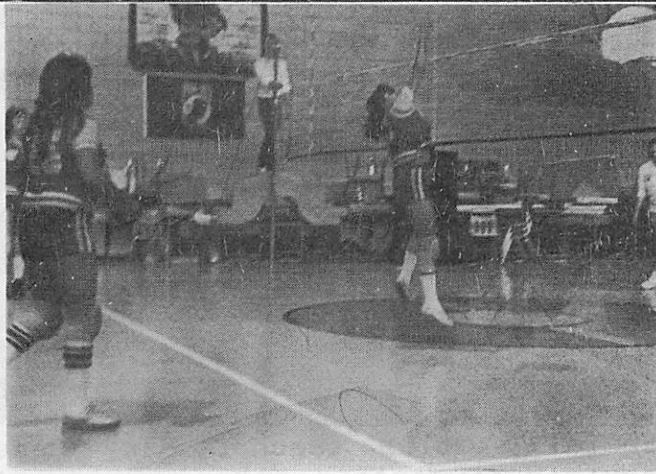
Diver



Ammesmaki

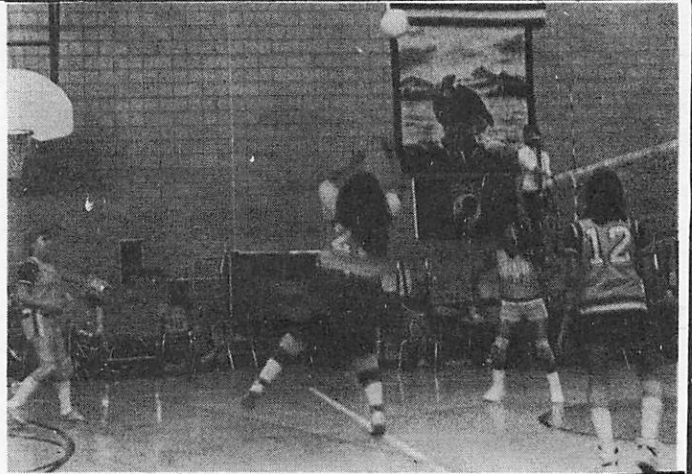
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Heads Up!

Junior Bev Bellanger goes up for the spike.



Teri LaFave watches as Renee VanNett sets up the ball for Jean Skinaway and Brenda LaPrairie who are waiting to send it over the net.

Cheerleading squad comes together this school year

by Bev Bellanger

A cheerleading squad has been chosen and began performing at the October 9 football game.

The cheerleading squad consists of Teri LaFave, Robin LaFave, Bev Bellanger, Karrie Smith, and Lori Purley. The alternates are DeAnn Chee, Bonnie Bellanger and Michelle Urrutia.

The tryouts were on September 24 at the gym. The judges were librarian Marlys Kilen, social studies teacher Mary Cane, art teacher Dale Sautbine, and substance abuse coordinator Betty Martineau.

The cheerleaders were judged on how well they knew their cheer, the movement with the cheer, voice projection, their appearance, how well they worked with a partner, and their rapport with their audience, according to Kilen.

Their advisor is Martineau. They have purchased sweatpants, sweatshirts, and turtlenecks to wear while cheering at the football games. They hope to have regular uniforms soon.

The squad has been practicing during lunch hours and after school.

Bilingual program, continued

with no standard books or no standard curriculums."

At the beginning of this year the Ojibway room was moved to the basement and given a larger room. There will be a language lab which consists of a language master, tape recorder and tapes. There will also be a computer to aid the students.

"We will be having movies once a month to help the students learn more about the Indian culture and the different tribes throughout the North American continent," Ojibway teacher Panji Gahbow said.

"We are trying to integrate having elders come and teach the students games like deertoe, dishgames, and other games of chance," Mushkooub added.

There will be beading and helping with the students' outfits. "We should be starting up the Pow Wow Club pretty soon," Gahbow said. "And we are aiming to go to the Bemidji Pow Wow if the club raises enough money."

"If I hear of any workshops, I would like to bring some students to them," she added.

Remodeling project takes place at FDL Ojibway School

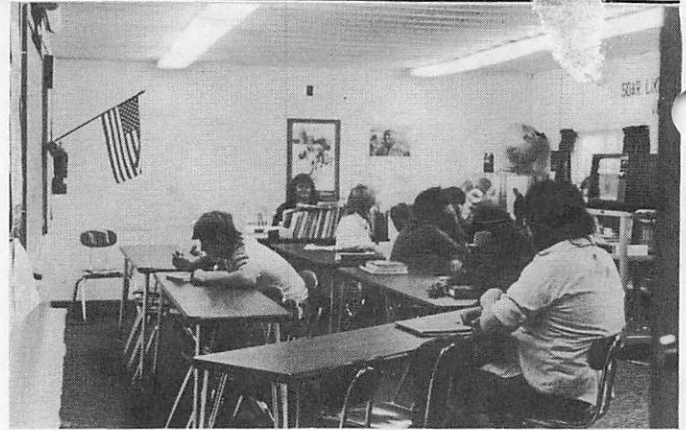
by Gail Du Fault

A major remodeling project was undertaken by the Fond Du Lac Ojibway School during late summer and the first part of September. The project included enlarging classrooms, providing more office space, and making changes to meet health and safety codes.

All together, the remodeling will have cost approximately \$120,000. The funds came from the Bureau of Indian Affairs facility management division and the school operation money.

As part of the remodeling project, a new library and computer lab will be added onto the existing building. The new part will be 40 by 28 feet. The library will be much larger and more spacious.

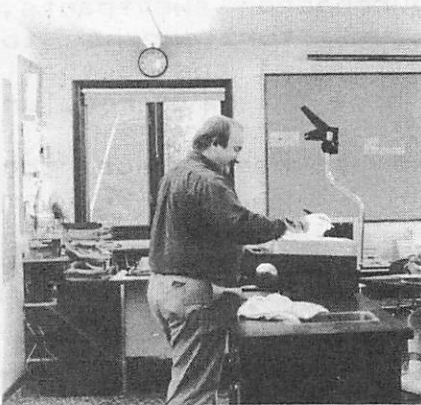
The new addition should be finished by the middle of November.



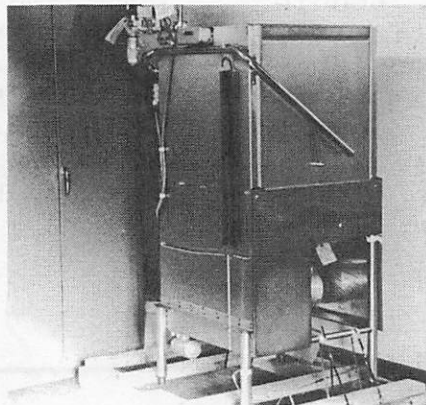
Social studies teacher Mary Cane advises students in the new social studies room.



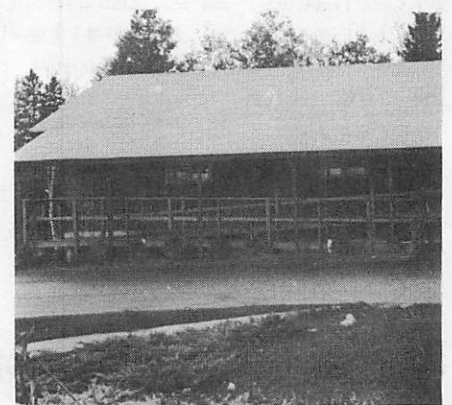
The library is now just a corner of the cafeteria.



Science teacher Charlie Karp enjoys his bigger room.



The cooks received a new and improved dishwasher.



The ramp was covered with a roof.

FDL-HEC, continued

school, according to Wiesen and Minkkinen.

The HEC is a step down from a college byt the credit system is set-up the same as state colleges. Credits are transferable, they explained.

There are over 255 students

enrolled ranging from 18 years-of-age to mid 50's, Wiesen said.

Anyone, Indian or non-Indian, can enroll. Classes are being held at Garfield School in Cloquet and at the FDL gym.

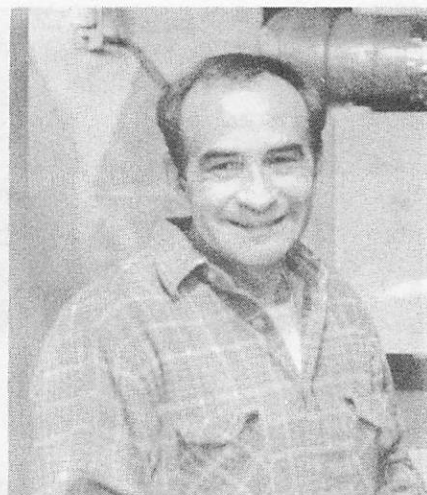
Ojibway School welcomes new staff



Wabaunsee



Rabideaux



Wick

by Bev Bellanger

There are several new staff at the Ojibway School.

Francis Wabaunsee is the Chapter I math teacher and is team teaching with Jeanette Olson, the regular math teacher.

Wabaunsee went to college at Bemidji State University. Her major in college was elementary education. She came to Fond Du Lac from Bug School.

"This my first year teaching high school students," explained Wabaunsee. Her major goals are "to give each student what he or she needs."

Another new staff person at

the Ojibway School is the new communications and Chapter I teacher Mike Rabideaux. He also is the assistant football coach.

"I'm teaching at this school because it gives me the opportunity to work with people that share a common interest," Rabideaux said. "I enjoy teaching very much," he commented.

Rabideaux's major goal is to someday teach in a junior college.

The custodian, Dave Wick, is also new. Wick said that he really enjoys this school very much and plans to stay here. "I'm at this school because I like to be with my own people."

Students elect student council representatives

by Gail DuFault

This year, like last year, the student council's new representatives are planning many activities for the 1987-88 school year.

This year's representatives are seventh graders Fred Isham and Opitchee Aubid; eighth graders

Madeana Housley and David Gitzen; ninth graders Michelle Urrutia and Ardene White; tenth graders Rick Benjamin and Dan Aubid; eleventh graders Yvonne Misquadace and Damion Suttan; and twelfth graders Nicole Ammesmaki and Junior Bird.

This year's officers are Yvonne Misquadace, secretary; Nicole Ammesmaki, vice president; and Junior Bird, president.

Social studies teacher Mary Cane is the student council advisor.

This year's goals and objectives are to provide activities and to get kids involved in student activities.

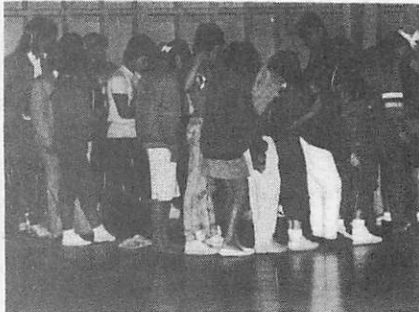
Letters welcome

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Homecoming Week: Fantastic, cheers, games, dancers, singing,



The new cheerleading squad of Bonnie Bellanger, Bev Bellanger, Robin LaFave, Lori Purley, Karrie Smith, Teri LaFave, and Tara Kangas showed their moves during the pepfest.



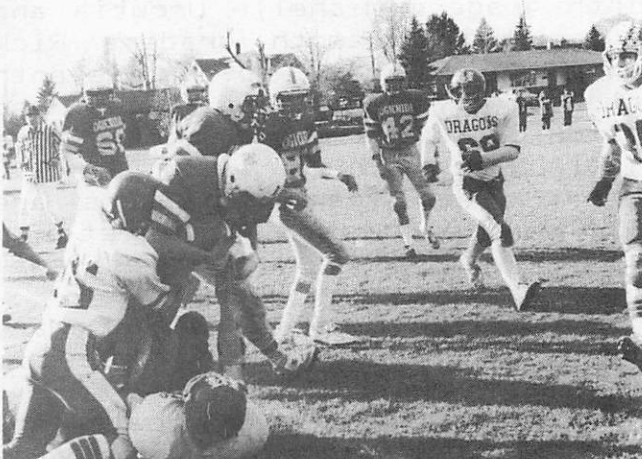
The football and volleyball players try to sit while standing up during a pepfest activity.



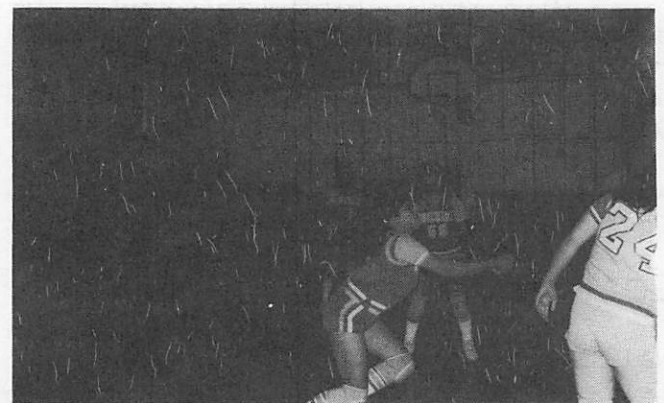
Teacher Mary Cane works with students to get the cafeteria ready for the dance.



Bud McGreger, was a country singer with a message.



The Ogichida and the Dragons took the field for the Homecoming game.



Bev Bellanger keeps the ball in play as Shannon Mullen, Jean Skinaway, and Stacie Porter look on.

work, recognition, exciting, suspense, roses, crowns, music, fun



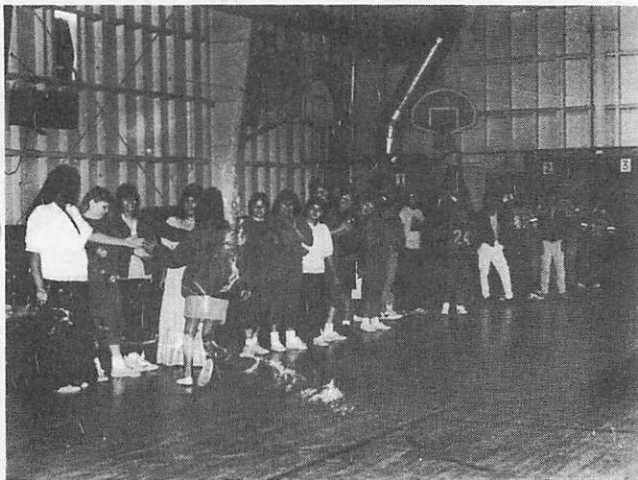
Lori Purley and Spud Fairbanks were crowned princess and prince.



Nick Ammesmaki was the chosen king.



Last year's queen, Carolyn Wakemup congratulates the new queen, Brenda LaPrairie.



The football and volleyball players were recognized during the pepfest.



Robin, Tara, Teri, and Bev cheer on the team.



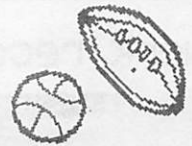
Work began on the library foundation during Homecoming week.



Willy Reponen, Nicole Ammesmaki and Brenda LaPrairie were willing servants during slave day.



SPORTS



1987 Ogichida football team hangs in there despite set backs

by Robin LaFave

The Ogichida's first football game, September 4, was called at halftime because of a new Minnesota State High School League ruling. The ruling states that if a team is 45 points or more ahead, the game is stopped at halftime. By halftime Little Fork/Big Falls had a 52-0 lead over FDL.

Despite the score, Coach Joe Curran was pleased with the performances of quarterback Damion Suttan and defenseman Woody O'Leary. "Woody did a very nice defensive job," Curran said.

Curran explained that Little Fork/Big Falls is probably the second best in the conference.

There were a few minor injuries. Sophomore Don Petite hurt his hand, and O'Leary hurt his back. Senior Renee VanNett was also injured.

Ogichida vs. Hill City

Even though the score was 46-0 when the Ogichida met Hill City September 11, there was a great improvement in the performance, according to coach Joe Curran.



An Ogichida football player tries to gain yards.

There were great performances performed by quarterback Damion Suttan and receiver Willy Reponen. They each had interceptions. Receiver John LaPrairie and Suttan each had quarterback sacks also.

Considering what the team was up against there was only one minor injury which was Don Petite. He hyper-extended his elbow.

Ogichida vs. Tower-Soudan

The football team came away from the Tower-Soudan game September 18 with the losing score of 34-16 and several injuries.

Junior John LaPrairie suffered a minor back bruise. Senior Junior Bird discovered that he had broken a rib during the earlier Chief Bug O'Nay Ge Shig football game. He found out during warm-ups of the Tower-Soudan game.

Despite these injuries, there were some great performances turned in by Fond Du Lac players. Nick Ammesmaki was picked as the offensive player of the game. Louis Barney, Damion Suttan, and Woody O'Leary all had honorable mentions.

According to coach Joe Curran, the team improved greatly. The offensive passing and running game equalled nearly 300 yards.

Ogichida vs. Cromwell

During the game between Cromwell and Fond Du Lac on October 2, a new quarterback was called into action. Woody O'Leary rose to the occasion and gave a great performance, according to coach Joe Curran. O'Leary had never played quarterback before.

The score was 46-0 in favor of the Cardinals.