

# Indian dancer recognized as the best in competition

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IGNACIO, Colo. — Indian matrons danced, slowly, shuffling and bending their knees in time to the drums. At times, they clog the floor sending Abe Conklin — the champ — to the sidelines.

Conklin, who has won more traditional Indian dance powwows than anyone else, marked time on the edge of the floor, barely moving his feet to the drumbeat.

"I was just resting on the song," Conklin said. "There was a lot of women out there on the floor, and you just can't run over them."

Years ago the women didn't do a War Dance, which was then called the Man Dance. It was only done by men. Down in Oklahoma, where I'm head of the Ponca Man Dance Society, we still don't let the women dance the Man Dance."

It would not be stretching matters to call Conklin, a Ponca-Osage Indian, the Joe Dimaggio of traditional "straight" Indian dancing.

He is generally acknowledged as the best. One young Kiowa-Comanche at the Ute-Comanche Peace Treaty powwow on the Southern Ute Indian reservation called him "the one to beat."

"I've been competing in powwows 15 or 20 years and I've always finished in the money, first, second or third," said Conklin. "I started in the contests during the days of Colonel Moore and other great Indian dancers. My goal was to beat them, which I did."

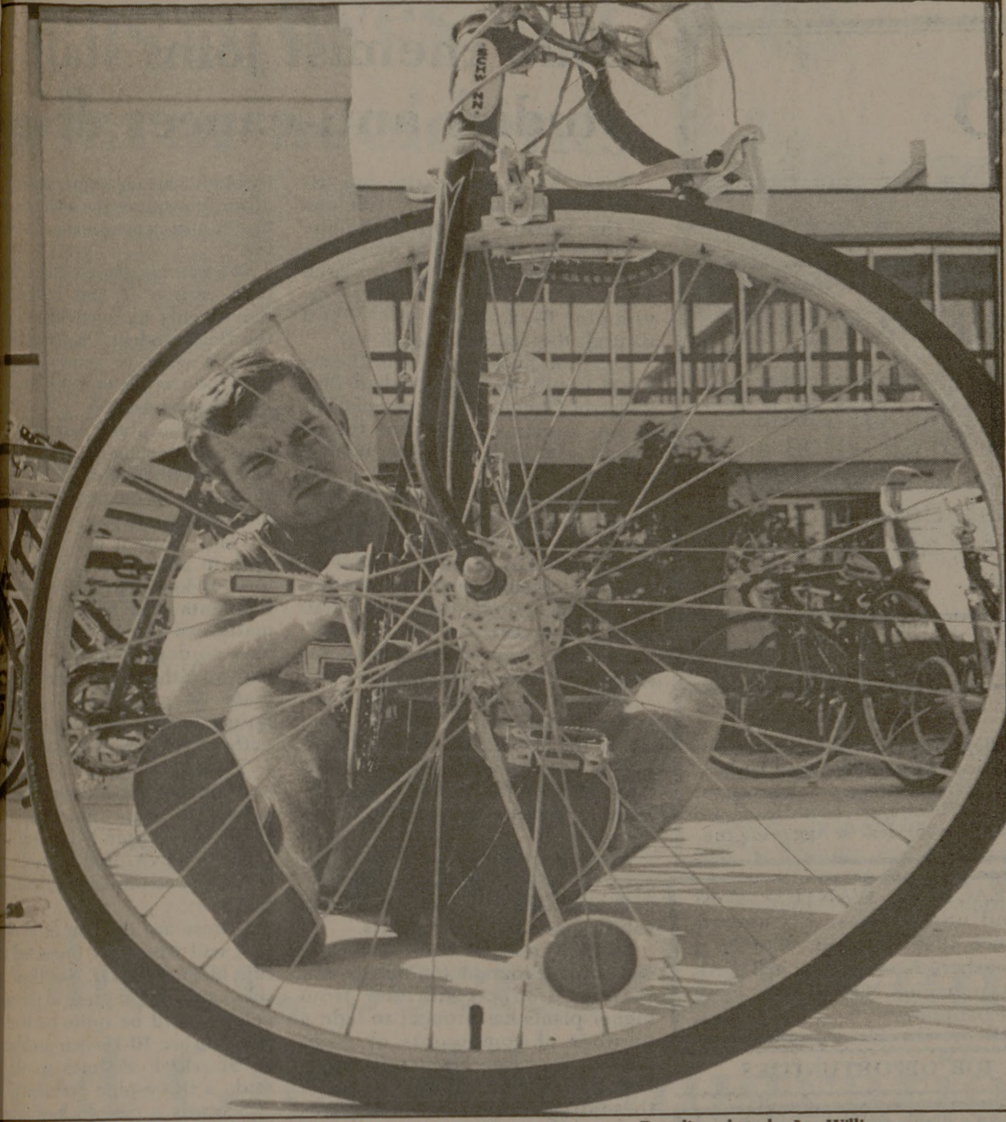
"It took me two seasons," he said. "The first season, I just watched and saw how they danced and how the dances were judged. The second season, I competed and beat them."

Conklin, 51, dances only the "straight" tra-

ditional dances, unlike younger powwow competitors, who dance the Fancy Dance. The Fancy Dance brings more prize money, but is a modern development in Indian dance, compared to Conklin's traditional dances.

Conklin has won hundreds of competition — nobody knows exactly how many. He dances every weekend in one social club or another, and is on the road all during the summer in powwow competition. He is forced to change his dance rendition often because other dancers copy his style.

Conklin danced in the \$7,410 Powwow on the reservation in southwest Colorado. An eagle feather sticking straight up, black leggings, silver shirt and head moccasins — every experienced eye followed him across the floor.



Battalion photo by Jan Williams

## Repair time

A quiet weekend gave Dale gears on a 10-speed bicycle behind the Commons area.

## Income may determine if employe files return

A student or other summer employe may earn up to \$2,350 before paying income taxes, according to Internal Revenue Service regulations.

An employe does not have to file an income tax return unless he earns more than this amount, has more than \$750 unearned income such as dividends, or is being claimed as a dependent by a parent according to a release from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

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If any time after this form is filed the employe does earn more than \$2,350, then a regular tax withholding form may be filed and standard deductions will begin.

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The program is not to identify or explore issues, but to help identify tools and techniques that will be dependable and defensible in making statements on ecological problems today," said Patil.

The group will explore areas such as: assessing the abundance of fish, birds and insects in a certain area; analysis of ocean fisheries; forestry problems; fire spread; rodent problems; the environment of the world's cities; oil spill studies; and the management of the environment.

They have turned out about 2,500 pages of scientific material so far.

The meeting at Texas A&M is the first half of the program which will continue at the University of California-Berkeley.

"The object is to bring together ecological statisticians and statistical ecologists so that they get to talk to each other on the problems of ecology," Patil said.

"Perfect communication between the statistician and the ecologist is a necessary condition," said Dr. H.O. Hartley, head of Texas A&M's Institute of Statistics.

"Put in a more blunt form, the statistician must be willing to tell the ecologist, 'Look, I am not an expert in your area, so you have to allow me to ask you stupid questions about your problem and I will allow you to ask me stupid questions about statistics.'"

The NATO Scientific Affairs Division and the ISEP are jointly sponsoring the institute and research workshop along with A&M's Engineering Experiment Station, Agricultural Experiment Station, Center for Marine Resources, Institute of Statistics and Office of Continuing Education.

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Movie, "Dial M For Murder."

Tuesday  
Day For Dropping Courses  
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Wednesday  
Movie, "Giant." 8:30 p.m.

Thursday  
Senior Yell Practice, Front of the Commons, 8:30 p.m.  
Theater, "The Apple Tree," 201 8:45 p.m.  
Concert, Grace Bible Church, 8:30 p.m.  
Movie, "One Of Our Spies Is Missing." 8:30 p.m.

Friday  
Theater, "The Apple Tree," 8:45 p.m.  
Movie, "Oliver." 8:30 p.m.

Saturday  
Energy Equipment Demonstration  
Hubler Tower 301 and MSC Mall, 9  
Movie, "Westworld." 8:30 p.m.

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