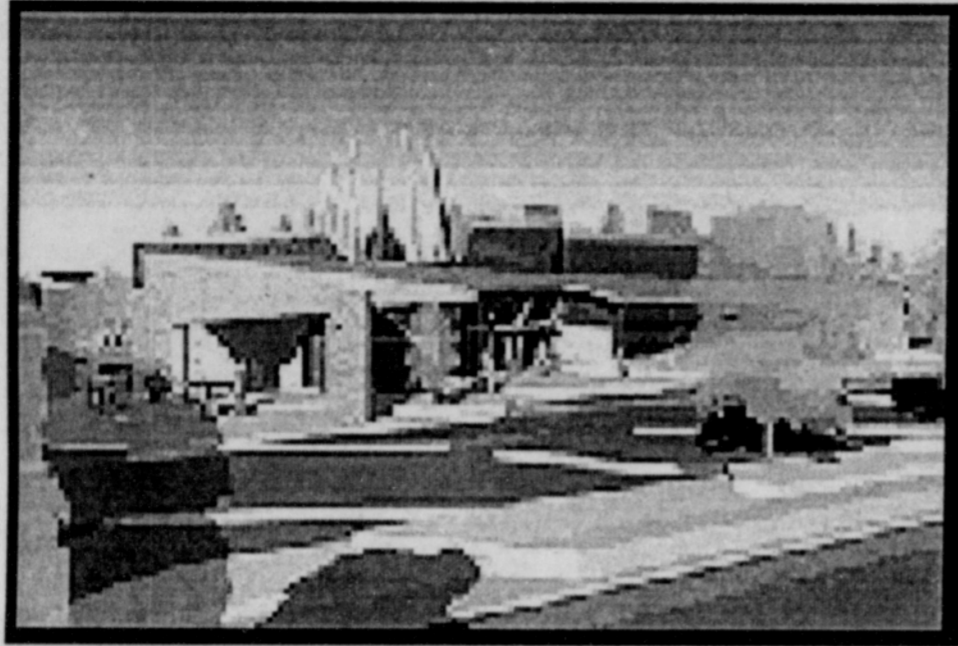


PSU to Break Ground on American Indian Center

Portland State University will host a ground breaking ceremony for the new American Indian/Alaska Native Student and Community Center. The program will include Native dancing and ceremonies, followed by a traditional feast.

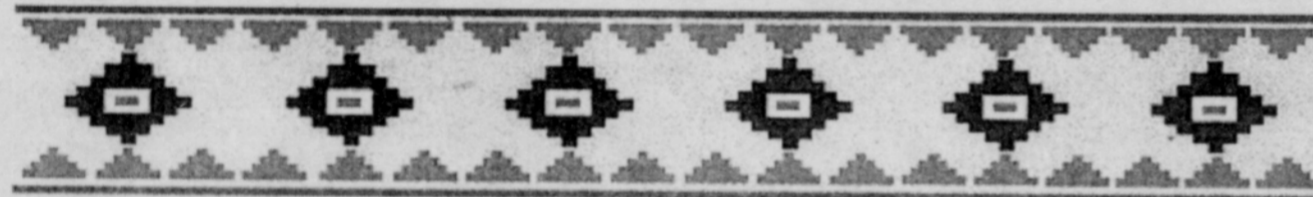


The event takes place April 5, 2002, at 10 a.m. on the PSU campus at Southwest Broadway and Jackson Street in Portland, Ore. It starts with a Native blessing ceremony, followed by a grand entry and the ground breaking program.

The event is free and open to the public. Community members and Native people across the country are invited to participate in the day's events.

The Siletz Tribe donated money to the center through its charitable contribution fund. The center will be the only facility of its kind in the Portland-metropolitan area, where 14,000 American Indian/Alaska Native people reside. It will offer a variety of learning and cultural opportunities for the community.

The center will serve as a cultural home for Native students, supporting their enrollment at PSU and enhancing their academic studies. It also will provide hi-tech classrooms for students, meeting and conference space for tribes, and an opportunity for all who visit to learn about Native traditions and contemporary issues of importance to indigenous people.



American Indian College Fund Receives Grant

The American Indian College Fund received a \$32,000 grant from the UPS Foundation, the charitable arm of United Parcel Service. The grant will be used for scholarships for Native American students attending tribal colleges across the United States.

"We are deeply appreciative of the continuing support from UPS," said Richard Williams, executive director of the Denver-based non-profit organization. "This funding will enable students attending tribal colleges to pursue their goals in higher education, which will in turn have a direct impact on native communities."

The American Indian College Fund, established in 1989, has spent more than a decade helping to increase educational opportunities for Native students. With its credo "educating the mind and spirit," the non-profit distributes scholarships and support to tribal colleges across the country.

This aid directly supports more than 5,000 students in achieving their college education. The college fund also supports endowments, developmental needs, and public awareness, as well as college programs in Native cultural preservation and teacher training.

Founded in 1951, the UPS Foundation identifies specific areas where its support will clearly impact social issues. The Atlanta-based foundation's major initiatives currently include programs that support family and workplace literacy, prepared and perishable food distribution, and increased nationwide volunteerism.



Call to Conference

Indian Education - Strong Partnerships Make a Difference

7th Annual Northwest Indian Education Summit

May 21-23, 2002

Portland State University
Smith Center - Portland, Ore.

Registration - Bev Youngman, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, 541-444-8290, e-mail bevy@ctsi.nsn.us

Workshops - Lou Farrow, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation, 541-966-2248, e-mail loufarrow@ctuir.com

Sponsored by Oregon Tribal Education Leaders, the state of Oregon, and Portland State University's Education Equity Programs and United Indian Students in Higher Education

TRIBES Program Wants Seniors

The Tribal Resource Institute in Business, Engineering, and Science (TRIBES), a summer program for high school graduates on their way to college or post-secondary education, is now accepting applications for the 2002 program. It is sponsored by the Council of Energy Resource Tribes (CERT).

The program runs from June 13 to July 26. Approximately 30 students will attend the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque for six weeks and can earn up to nine transferable college credits in math, English, and Native American studies.

In addition to the three courses, students live on campus, learn how to succeed in college, and participate in a number of field trips and activities designed to enhance their awareness of social, cultural, political, and environmental issues in Native communities.

Upon completion of the program, students are eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship for five years of college or post-secondary study.

To apply, write or call the numbers below or e-mail tslee@unm.edu for an application packet, which includes the application form, a personal statement, and three letters of recommendation.

Applications must be received by May 1, 2002. Contact the following for more information: TRIBES Program, Attn: Native American Programs, Office of the Provost, Scholes Hall, Room 226, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131; Telephone: 505-277-5725; Fax: 505-277-0228.

Leave Water Sources Alone

The Siletz Tribal Police have received several reports in recent weeks of young adults climbing on Siletz-area water storage tanks. The tank on the hill behind tribal housing has been tampered with, as well as the city of Siletz tank on Government Hill.

Norman Counts, Siletz tribal police chief, admonishes all people in the area of those water sources to stay away from and off of the tanks. Criminal charges will be filed against those failing to do so. Everyone needs to adhere to state of Oregon and the federal Clean Water Act restrictions.

Please keep our water sources unhampered and report any trespass violations to the Siletz Tribal Police.