

## Vocational Training

The Seattle Indian Center's Education Department is immediately open-

ing its doors to Native Americans who are interested in taking advantage of the Northwest Indian Vocational Training Program opportunity. This pro-

gram offers four training courses: (1) Retail Cashier from Feb. 16 to April 24, (2) Office Skills from June 15 to Aug. 21, (3) Certified Nurs-

ing Assistant from Aug. 24 to Oct. 30, and Custodial/Building Maintenance from Nov. 2 to Dec. 31. Enrollment criteria requires that each

person is an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe and that each possess a high school diploma or GED certificate.

In addition to friendly instruction provided by both the Seattle Indian Center staff and private training companies, the program includes: an incentive stipend

of \$25.00 per week, bus tickets, extensive counseling, employment readiness training and job search

assistance and placement.

A limited number of slots are available for this vocational training program, so recruitment begins im-

mediately. Interested members are encouraged to apply now at the Seattle Indian Center, 2222 Second Avenue in downtown Seattle. Call Ruth Tovar at (206)

728-8700, ext. 68 if further information is needed.

The Northwest Indian Vocational Training Program is funded by the United States Department of Education.

## Weatherization Assistance

The State Home Oil Weatherization (SHOW) has a program to assist renters, landlords and homeowners. The program is available to oil, propane and wood heated

homes.

The SHOW program offers a free energy audit for your

home (wood heated homes must have the audit done by their electrical utility). The audit consists of checking

the home's current insulation, windows, furnace, ductwork, water heater and potential for solar energy.

The auditor will give an estimate of the cost of improving energy efficiency and let you know how much energy and money the improvements will save. Call 1-800-452-8660 (231-7071 in Portland) to request an audit.

The SHOW program can assist you with weatherization in two ways: 1) A 50% cash rebate. There are income limits depending on

family size and county. Call the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) for income information. You must get approval from ODOE before you get the weatherization work done to be eligible.

Your home must be a one to four-unit dwelling and heated with oil, propane or wood only. Maximum rebate is \$1,218.00. 2) Low-cost loans. You can get a 6½%

loan through local banks with up to ten years to repay. There is no income limits for the program if applying for a low-cost loan.

For further information on the SHOW program, contact ODOE at 1-800-221-8035 toll-free, or, if you live in Salem, call 373-7662.

## Swimmer Carries Budget Message To New Mexico

Ross Swimmer, the Interior department's assistant secretary for Indian affairs, told tribal leaders, state officials and his own employees in New Mexico and Arizona that the Bureau of Indian Affairs is looking for a new way of doing business.

Swimmer began a four day speaking tour Jan. 12 in the two states to explain several major initiatives being proposed in the BIA's 1988 budget request.

The assistant secretary met on Jan. 12 in Albuquerque with the All Indian Pueblo Council and several other New Mexico tribes. He met later in the day with New Mexico Governor Garrey Carruthers in Santa Fe. Swimmer also discussed his plans with the editorial boards of the *Albuquerque Journal* and *The New Mexican* newspaper.

Swimmer attended the Jan. 13 inauguration of Navajo Chairman Peter MacDonald in Window Rock, AZ, briefed BIA employees in the Navajo area office, toured the *Navajo Times Today* and met in Phoenix with tribal leaders from Arizona, Nevada and Utah.

Swimmer spoke on Jan. 14 to BIA employees in the Phoenix area office and met with Arizona Governor Evan Mecham and state education officials.

The BIA, which educates only about 10 percent of the nation's Indian children, is not providing the quality of education available in local systems like the public schools and often times duplicates existing educational facilities, according to Swimmer.

"What I am proposing is that the BIA contract with another system to provide education for that 10 percent of the Indian population," Swimmer told tribal leaders in Albuquerque. "First and foremost we will contract with tribes."

"We can't get any closer to the people than the tribal government," Swimmer said.

"It is not my position to say how things are going to be done. It is my position to offer a proposal to you, the tribal leaders. During 1987 we will work with tribes. We will ask them to take responsibility for their children by contracting their local BIA school. If the tribal governments choose not to, they are leaving that responsibility to me and I'm going to find the best local delivery system available," he said.

Swimmer told Indian leaders in Phoenix that he was talking with state leaders only to explore their willingness to manage BIA schools if the tribes opt not to contract.

Also among the education

initiatives are plans to charge a tuition for students attending the BIA's two post-secondary schools and a proposal to require recipients of BIA graduate scholarships to serve one or two years in their possession with the Bureau or a tribe.

Tribes also listened to plans for a new self-assistance initiative that would require able-bodied recipients of BIA welfare payments to work or train in order to receive their grants.

"The expectation is that this will lessen the dependence on federal programs. If recipients of general assistance are going to be providing community service or other forms of work they're going to ask, 'why not get paid for this?' As they move off the welfare roles it will allow the bureau and tribal contractors to redirect those funds to more positive causes," Swimmer said in New Mexico.

Swimmer said the initiatives are not budget cutting efforts. They were proposed in the 1988 budget to allow for planning and consultation during 1987.

The BIA is requesting \$985 million for 1988, a one percent decrease from the 1987 appropriation.

## Cornell University Job Opportunity

Cornell University has recently appointed a new Director of its American Indian Program. It now seeks to hire a second faculty member at either the assistant or associate professor level for this program. The position will be jointly shared by the American Indian Program and the academic department of the successful candidate. We would be particularly interested in applicants from the areas of anthropology, education, literature and the social sciences, as well as applications whose academic expertise lies in the native societies of the Northeast. Applications from individuals in other fields and with other regional interests will be accepted. The successful candidate will be expected to teach, to advise students, and to be involved in the research and/or outreach activities of the Cornell American Indian Program in New York State. Please send vita, names of three references and an example of recent scholarly work by March 15, 1987, to Isaac Kramnick, Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, 236 Goldwin Smith Hall, Ithaca, New York 14853. Equal Opportunity Employer/Affirmative-Action Employer.

## Attention Tribal Members

### MAINTENANCE/CLEANING POSITIONS

The Siletz Tribal Economic Development Commission (STEDCO) is seeking applications for a cleaning person. This will be a part-time position that entails the cleaning of vacant apartment units owned by STEDCO.

STEDCO is also forming a list of those who wish to be considered for landscaping maintenance and/or building maintenance work. This work will be awarded on a bid basis with preference being given to qualified tribal members or immediate family of tribal members.

For further information, contact Ted Werth at 444-2532, Ext. 45.

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## Help The Elderly

In recent weeks, we have heard several tribal members voice a concern over a lack of services for our Tribal elders. A lack of funding in all our tribal programs has created many areas where we will have to either cut back or cut out services to tribal members. Tribal Administration has begun plans for a volunteer "HELP THE ELDERLY" Program and we need your help.

We are looking at matching volunteers with elders needing assistance. Types of assistance we might be able to provide include housecleaning, providing firewood, transportation, typing services, and a host of other services depending on the volunteers. If you have some free time + one hour, one day, one week + please contact the Central Office at 444-2532 or 1-800-922-1399.

Initially we will begin by lining up volunteers and will then be able to take requests for assistance. Please give us a call and donate some of your time to our tribal elders.