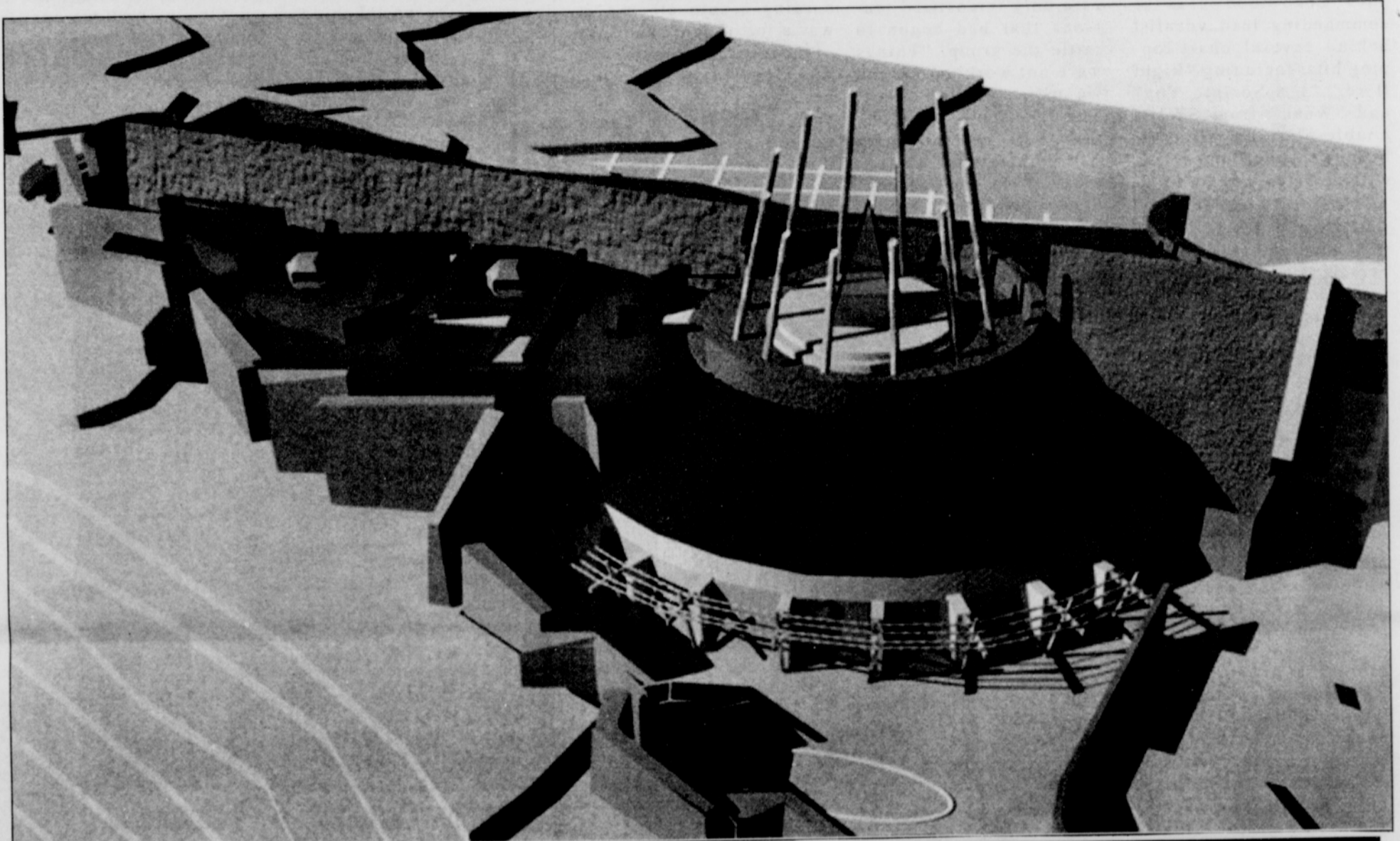


NATIVE AMERICAN

# Native American Center at PSU



The Native American Center at Portland State University will serve the greater Native American community, including Oregon's nine tribes and several Native American organizations in the region.

Portland State University serves Native American students from around the country. In creating a place that speaks to these students as well as the community, the architects designed a structure that references universal symbols, is sensitive to traditional ways, and is flexible and lasting.

A line of light filters in daylight and provides a beacon at night. The center has a civic side and a wild side. The civic side responds to the brick tradition of the campus with a courtyard and walls punctuated by glass modulated to the rhythm of the drum. The wild side is organic, constructed of stone walls, which provide acoustic separation from the freeway noise, yet allow light to penetrate in mysterious ways. The building tells many stories; referencing tips, Columbia River fishing scaffolds,

longhouses, mound houses and rolling hills.

**NEED**

The Center will offer the Native American community, including Oregon's tribes, a culturally-appropriate site for conferences, lectures, art exhibits, cultural ceremonies and other activities. The Center will also serve the general community through tours, including K-12 tours, and exhibits, and is expected to expand general understanding and knowledge of Native American culture, history and issues.

Nationally, Native students are less than half likely as non-Natives to earn a degree. We know from our work with tribal communities that Native Americans are more likely to pursue their education in a setting that recognizes and honors their culture. The Native American Center will serve as

a focal point for many academic and cultural activities, and encourage students to remain engaged in the educational process. In the words of one student, "This will be a place where we live in both worlds - where we can practice culture and traditions, but look to the future."

**BENEFITS/IMPACT**

The Native American Center is expected to:

- Strengthen the cultural connection of Native Americans on campus, and help them make a successful transition to University life;

- Assist in enrolling and graduating greater numbers of Native American students;

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A Non-Profit Organization

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