

Indian News Notes

Students invited to health career program

Applications are now being accepted for the fifth annual "Summer Enrichment Program" sponsored by the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board's (NPAIHB) Health Careers Opportunity Program. January 15, 1984 is the deadline for applications.

Selected individuals must have an interest in one of the following areas: medicine, osteopathy, dentistry, optometry, nursing, podiatry, pharmacy, veterinary medicine, health planning, health administration or an allied health occupation.

Twenty students from Eastern Washington, Idaho and Oregon will be selected to participate in the six-week program scheduled to commence on June 16 and end on July 27, 1984.

In the past three years, 73 students from Eastern Washington, Idaho and Oregon state have successfully completed the program, the majority of whom are now attending institutions of education pursuing health careers.

The NPAIHB's Executive

Director and Health Career Counselors will make the final selection on program participants. Selected individuals will be notified on March 1, 1984.

Eligibility criteria for the Summer Program is as follows:

1. The applicant must be Native American, with priority given to members from Eastern Washington, Idaho and Oregon.
2. The applicant must have completed his/her senior year in high school or have a G.E.D.
3. The applicant must have a need for the training as shown by submitted students' transcripts.
4. The applicant must show an interest in furthering his/her career in the health field (as expressed in a one-page narrative).

The NPAIHB will provide transportation cost to and from the training site in Portland, Oregon.

The six-week Summer Enrichment Program is designed to strengthen the students basic skills in mathematics, science and communication skills.

Portland State University is selected as the site for academic instruction. Dormitory arrangements will be with the

University of Oregon Health Sciences Center, which is within close proximity of Portland State.

Program curriculum includes general math (four levels of difficulty), science (biology to chemistry emphasizing problem solving), and english/writing (which includes medical terminology).

Students will attend approximately 25 hours per week classroom and laboratory instruction. Students will receive a stipend and nine college credits after successful completion of the program.

Other highlights of the summer program include health career workshops and speakers designed to encourage students into particular health professions. Field trips to orient students to professional health and to the university environment and extra-curricular activities to promote interaction amongst participants.

For more information, contact the NPAIHB at 2nd Avenue, Suite 321, Portland, Oregon 97209, or (503) 228-4185.

Smith talks about Using Tribal Bonds to Finance Reservation Ventures:

Interior Assistant Secretary Ken Smith Spoke November 8 at a seminar in Denver on municipal bond financing of reservation projects under the Indian Tribal Tax Status Act.

Smith told the audience of tribal leaders, bankers and lawyers that it was the responsibility of tribal governments to provide a healthy environment for investors in reservation projects. Describing a bond transaction as "only a fancy loan transaction," Smith said lenders consider two factors—the risk of making the loan and the return of accepting that risk. For bond financing, Smith said, you must have "good, bankable projects" and convince the lenders that they will be repaid and repaid with appropriate and adequate interest.

Good projects will emerge, Smith told the group, "if tribal leaders and tribal governments develop an environment which fosters and nurtures the entrepreneurial spirit on reservations." He then added: "The legal and business environment on the reservation must have the stability of law. It must be no more risky—or even seem to be—than the non-reservation environment...Tribal governments interested in decreasing the risk on reservations to lenders can provide the proper legal environment for business development by adopting such legal infrastructure as commercial codes—which protect lenders as well as borrowers—or corporation codes or financial codes...—or corporation codes or financial codes..."

"Finally, in order to lessen political risk—which contributes to the risk of nonpayment—the tribes may want to consider spinning off, or keeping separated from the start, the political and the business sides of economic development. Business decisions ought not to be made on the basis of political concerns, or for non-business, non-economic reasons."

Indian TV Show Celebrates 10th Anniversary:

What may be the longest running American Indian hosted television program on commercial TV in the United States has celebrated its 10th anniversary on the air.

Indian Country Today carried on Meyer Television Network, Bismarck, North Dakota, began in October, 1973 as a one-time appearance by Harriett Skye and blossomed into a continuing program. Ms. Skye, a Sioux from the Standing Rock Reservation has broadcast 246, half-hour interviews with Native American leaders and newsmakers of regional and national prominence.

Indian Country Today reaches viewers in both Dakotas, eastern Montana, and southern Manitoba and Saskatchewan, on alternate Saturdays at 12:30 p.m.

Interior Secretary-designate Comments on Indian Affairs:

Interior secretary-designate William Clark was asked at his confirmation hearings about his approach and "philosophy in relationship to our Indian reservation responsibility." His answer included the following: "...the Interior Department under...Reagan administration policy toward the Indian tribes really goes back to Chief Justice Marshall's definition...that these tribes are domestic, dependent nations, and from that basis, it is the policy of the Administration to encourage self-determination...We are talking about...roughly 750,000 members of these nations, and it is our largest of the ten bureaus...so that, if confirmed, it is going to be an area of active interest and concern on my part, particularly while the Interior budget for the Bureau of Indian Affairs has gone up some 25 percent in the past two years...I would assure Senator Goldwater who was here earlier expressing his concern in his introduction that this is an area of very high priority."

Applications accepted for energy assistance

I. What is the Program?: The Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) helps homeowners and renters with their heating bills if the total household income is 125 percent or less of Federal Poverty Guidelines. It is a Federal program funded by the Windfall Profit Tax on Domestic Oil.

II. Payment Information: A. It consists of a one-time-only payment per program and is not intended to pay all of the winter's heating bills. B. Payments are usually paid directly to fuel vendors (electric co., gas co., oil co. etc.). C. Payments may be made for emergencies such as broken windows and furnace repairs on an individual basis as funds allow and with the approval of the LIEAP Coordinator. D. Payment comes directly from Salem (to fuel vendor) and generally takes about eight

weeks after the application is made.

III. Who is eligible?: A. All low income households (homeowners or renters) who meet Federal Poverty Guidelines. B. Households in subsidized housing are not eligible unless they pay 100 percent of their fuel bill and can provide Central Oregon Council on Aging with a letter from HUD stating such.

IV. What to bring for the application: A. Proof of all household income...either the actual amount of income for the last 12 months or we will project the annual income based on the actual last three months income. Bring: months income. Bring: check stubs, bank statements, AFS statement, etc. B. Social Security Numbers of all persons over age 18 in the household. C. Any medical receipts which you have paid

in the last 12 months and did not receive reimbursement. (doctor bills, prescription drugs, etc.) D. A current

electric bill with your name on it to prove residence.

V. How is the Application process?: A. Income will be verified and application checked by Central Oregon Council on Aging personnel. B. Client copy of the voucher (or a receipt stating the amount of assistance received) will be given to the client for his records. C. Vendors will be sent a copy of the amount of assistance to be received and will generally not deliver fuel until they receive their copy. D. The completed voucher will be sent to Salem for payment. E. The check will be mailed from Salem to the vendor for credit to the client's account.

If you have any further questions regarding the fuel assistance program (LIEAP) please call 553-1161, ext 235 or Central Oregon Council on Aging at 389-3311.

The Warm Springs LIEAP program will begin December 1, 1983.



Happy Holidays

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There was this enraged diner who said, "I can't eat this garbage, call the manager." "It's no use," said the waitress, "He won't eat it either." YIKES

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One morning a wife asked her grumpy husband, "How would you like your eggs this morning?" "Scramble one and boil the other!" was his gruff reply. So she scrambled one and boiled the other and put them on a plate in front of him. He looked up and said, "You scrambled the wrong one!" YIKES

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There was this not so bright guy named John. After twenty years couldn't figure out why his wife named their child "Bill Jr." YIKES

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There was this prisoner who was about to be executed and was about to be blindfolded when the captain of the execution squad asked, "Would you like one last cigarette?" "No thanks," said the prisoner, "I'm trying to quit." YIKES

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