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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Omaha Indian Community,

I would like to thank the readers of the American Indian Center Newsletter. Special thanks to Mr. Mario L. Peniska, Wayne Tyndall, Carolyn Williams, the Lincoln Indian Center, the Nebraska Indian Commission, and the Santee Sioux Tribe for their input into our monthly Newsletter.

This month's main feature is our Annual American Indian Center Picnic to be held at Hanscom Park, 30th and Woolworth Streets in Omaha. Activities for that day are:

1. Election at our Center - 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M
2. Free Dinner at Hanscom Park
   Hot Dogs
   Baked Beans
   Pop
   Potato Chips
3. Volley Ball

We have rented the Pavilion for the day, to serve food.

Everybody is welcome. We expect to see the people we serve and represent.

The American Indian Center Staff will host and serve the Indian Community.

Respectfully,

Timothy Woodhull,
Executive Director
AMERICAN INDIAN CENTER OF OMAHA, INC.
Santee High School celebrates initial graduation exercises

Santee Public School recently announces its first high school graduation exercises to be held May 19, 1978 at 7 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Graduation speaker will be Mr. Brad Bower, principal of Lila Andrew Elementary School, Ainsworth.

Mr. Bower was formerly the principal of the Santee Elementary School.

Graduating seniors will be Loren Laurence Hawk, son of Ardith Hawk and Ethel Boyd James, son of Joseph James and Vera Hawk.

Loren Hawk, son of Ethel Hawk was born January 18, 1960. His high school activities include: Indian Club, junior year; Track, senior year; Basketball, junior and senior years.

Loren's goal: He plans to attend Norfolk Technical Community College.

Santee Eighth Grade Graduates

Ken James is the son of Joseph James. He was born on February 23, 1960. Ken's high school activities include: basketball, grades 9, 10, and 12; Football, grades 9, 10, and 12; Student Council, grade 10; Student Council, grade 11; Student Council, grade 12.

He is undecided as of yet what he is going to do.

"We've Only Just Begun" was the Class Motto of the eighth members of the Head Start graduating class at Santee Thursday evening, May 18.

Headstart Director, Cora Jones, introduced the staff members: Becky Frazier, Karen Geist, Laura Rouillard, Roberta Trudell, Mike Croley, and cook, Julia Goodteacher, to those present.

She also presented the speaker for the occasion, Rev. Ronald Campbell, who told the class that this was just the first of many graduations.

The graduates, Lee Ann Brandt, Shelly Campbell, Dana DeCory, Justin DeCory, Jill Foner, Emily Goodteacher, Rhonda and Bianca White, were dressed in white gowns and blue caps to receive their Diplomas from the Director.

Special Awards were given to members of the Parent Policy Council, Rita White, Marie Harris, Barb Croley, Marge Gilpin, Ida Tuttle, and Ramona Patzer. The Council presented Headstart staff members T-Shirts with Headstart Staff written on them. The staff presented the graduates T-Shirts with Headstart Graduates on them. A popular prayer followed the graduation exercises.

Santee Headstarters graduate

RANDY FOSTER PHOTO

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**Indians Pioneer With Macy Clinic**

By Tom Allan

World-Herald Staff Writer

Macy, Neb. — It will be a
memorable day here Tuesday
when the Omaha Indian tribe dedi-
cates its $1.7 million Carl T.
uris Health Education Center.

The out-patient medical clinic
and 25-bed nursing home will be
dedicated in 2 p.m. cere-
omies. Traditional Indian dances
and a buffalo and beef feast will
follow, according to Tribal
Chairman Eddie Cline.

The brick complex, on
the hill overlooking the Thurs-
don County tribal headquarters,
represents a national
landmark in Indian history.

It marks the first time in the
United States that a nursing
home will be operated solely by
an Indian tribe, Cline said.

And for the first time in the
history of the Aberdeen Area
Indian Health Service, covering
North Dakota, South Dakota,
Nebraska, Minnesota, Michi-
igan and Wisconsin, that a tribe
will manage and operate an
outpatient clinic, he said.

"It is a pioneering venture," said
Bruce Johnson, service
unit director for the Public
Health Service Indian Hospital
at nearby Winnebago. "The
Omaha tribe is to be con-
Folded for a lot of courage in
taking it on."

For the Omahas, it is another
step in self-determination un-
der Public Law 8038.

Johnson and tribal leaders
signed a contract under terms of
the law with the Indian
Health Service in mid-May
in Aberdeen, S.D.

The health center "will be
strictly tribal managed and
operated," Johnson said. "All of
the tribe's medical-service pro-
grams will be housed there."

The Winnebago hospital will
continue to provide inpatient
care, as it has in the past for
both the Omaha and Winnebago
tribes. But Macy's new facility
will handle medical outpatient,
dental and optometric needs.

Cline said the tribal council
 voted just a week ago to name
the facility in honor of Sen.
Curtis.

"He's a pretty good old dude,
and he helped us a lot," Cline
said.

Curtis will be honored at the
dedication. Both he and Emery
Johnson, assistant U.S. sur-
gen general and head of the In-
dian Health Service in Wash-
ington, will be featured speak-
ers. Other Public Health Servi-
ces and IHS officials will par-
ticipate.

Technically, the Tuesday
dedication will mark just the
completion of the center. It is not
expected to be operational until
later in the summer.

A major task remains in ob-
taining sufficient qualified per-
sonnel for an ultimate staff of
21 — including two physicians,
two physician assistants, a den-
tist, an optometrist, and X-ray
and laboratory technicians. A
recruitment program has been
started.

Already at work is adminis-
trator Nancy Herrod. The Okla-
oma native of Cheyenne-Ara-
pahoe-Potawatomie heritage is
a graduate of Oklahoma's
Southwestern State College and
has a master's degree in public
health administration from the
University of Oklahoma.

She has been involved in
planning the 37,000-square-foot
center for more than a year.

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**ATTENTION: EXPERIENCED NATIVE AMERICAN FILMMAKERS**

The Institute of American Indian Arts is compiling a
list of all Native American people who have been in-
volved in 16 mm or 35 mm filmmaking in any capacity.
We are interested in planning future Indian film pro-
juctions which would use Indian producers, directors,
crew members, editors, writers, technicians, etc.

Please send them your name, address, tribal back-
ground and a short description of your experience in
working with films.

Please send any information to:

**MEDIA CENTER**

Attn: Rae Mahar

Institute of American Indian Arts
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

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**REMEMINDER**

The State patrol will be accepting
applications for the September training
camp until June 23. Applicants must be
21 years of age and be a high school
graduate or equivalent. For more inform-
ation, contact the Nebraska State Patrol
or the Commission Office.
The Commerce Department and many Indian tribes are finding that the tourist business can throw you faster than a mustand. In a program designed to help the tribes, the department's Economic Development Administration since 1967 has poured about $61 million into development of 63 tourist facilities on reservations in 19 states. The EDA reasoned that resorts blossoming in the hinterlands would generate cash and jobs for hard-pressed tribesmen. Instead, the Indians have been left holding a sackful of operating losses.

In a study sponsored by the Ford Foundation and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Harry Clement, a tourism consultant, estimates that the tourist projects already have rolled up operating deficits exceeding $20 million and are still losing; he believes the operating losses of the 12 largest projects total $10,000 a day. Tribal investments of $15 million also are in jeopardy.

If you are a Federal employee and your boss has been looking at you strangely the past few weeks he (or she) may be trying to decide if you are black, white, Hispanic or an Eskimo. Many US agencies are updating secret racial-ethnic check lists they keep on employees to determine how many minorities they think they have on the payroll. The material will be used for both new and renewed "affirmative action" programs. The numbers, which officials say are not linked to names, now are used to monitor the promotion progress of minorities. That data will become even more important this June when the US Civil Service Commission launches the so-called Sugarman Plan. It will permit agencies to hire persons outside normal civil service merit channels if they come from racial or ethnic groups that are "underrepresented" in certain occupations in government.

### Bills to Watch For

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Not all is Bleak

It wasn't the political, ence-mending thing to do - but Vice President Walter Mondale said to Indian tribal leaders at a January 10 meeting in Albuquerque that the administration would back Indian treaty claims to scarce resources. Mondale said that a proposed national Indian policy being prepared by Interior officials, with his assistance, would support negotiated settlement of Indian claims as opposed to an legislative abrogation of treaty rights as proposed in some pending legislation in Congress. Mondale said that fair and honest dealings with the Indian people would be part of "out Indian policy." Mondale had no other meetings with Indians scheduled on his five-day trip through the western states.

**Not likely**

Michigan sports fisherman and state and local officials were told that there is little chance that Congress would abrogate Indian treaty fishing and hunting rights to which exempt the Indians from state regulation.

Representative James Oberstar, Minnesota, who presided over the hearing, told a reporter: "Abrogation of treaties by legislation would undoubtedly engender the most heated and impassioned debate in modern times. It would open up highly speculative questions of compensation that could run into in calculable amounts of money. That, in itself, would be a deterrent."

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**Santee Kindergarten Graduates**

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Until non-Indians who break the law on Indian reservations can be prosecuted by Indian courts, they will not be allowed on the Fort Hall, Idaho Reservation, the reservation's business council says. The council has ruled that hunting, fishing and trapping by non-tribal members no longer will be permitted on the reservation. The US Supreme Court ruled in March that non-Indians who break the law on reservations may not be tried in Indian courts for criminal offenses without specific congressional consent. The Snake River and other streams on the reservation have been used extensively in the past by non-Indians for hunting and fishing. A proposal to ban preferential treatment for minorities and women in schools and jobs ran into heavy opposition at its first hearing at the California State Capitol in Sacramento, and its author conceded its chances were dim. The proposed state constitutional amendment, ACA 68 by Assemblyman Stan Statham, R-Chico, got only one vote out of five members present in the Assembly Postsecondary Education Subcommittee...
The American Indian Services at Brigham Young University has an offer you can't turn down—a vacuum-packed gallon can full of garden seeds is being offered to American Indian families for $7.00— but worth considerably more.

Each can contains 16 kinds of garden seeds which have been tested to have a germinating life span of 5 to 10 years. The seeds will plant a half-acre garden plot with such items as corn, peas, beans, squash (Zucchini), carrots, radishes, cucumbers, melon, beet, tomatoes, onions and other vegetables—or save seed over for future plantings. Indian families from all over the country have already bought hundreds of these cans.

The cans of seeds can be purchased from: Dr. Dale Tingey, American Indian Services, Brigham Young University, Room 234, HRCB, Provo, Utah 84602. Additional information is available by calling: (801) 374-1211 Ext. 4364.

The Santee Roadrunners and Coach Jim Jones with their medals and ribbons they won at the AAU track meet at Ainsworth. The team took fifth place with 29 points in the meet.

Santee Roadrunners fifth in AAU

Eight young people from Santee up to and including the age of 13, competed in the Ainsworth Invitational AAU Track Meet Sunday, May 14 at Ainsworth. They came away with a total of 29 points and placed fifth overall while competing against such towns as Lincoln, Scottsbluff, Ralston and Creighton. There were approximately 400 competing in the meet.

Duane Whipple, competing in the nine and under division brought home three ribbons and one medal. He placed fifth in the 100 yard dash and the 220. He came in third in the mile and was a member of the 440 yard relay team that placed third. Other members of the relay team were Todd Runnels, Junior LaPointe and Darren Rederth.

In the ten and eleven year old group, Junior LaPointe came in third in the 440 and Todd Runnels placed third in the mile. Darren Rederth placed sixth in the Shot Put. Myles Jones ran in the finals of the 100 yard dash in the twelve and thirteen year old group.

Corrine Jones, the only girl from Santee competing, also ran in the 100 yard dash finals in the nine and under girls.

Others competing in Coach Jim Jones Santee Roadrunner AAU Track team were Jimmy White and Colin Jones.

Their next competition will be the Junior Olympic District Meet to be held at Bassett, May 27. The Junior Olympics are sponsored by Sears and anyone can compete.