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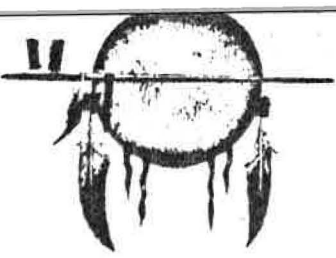
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HONGA

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AMERICAN INDIAN CENTER OF OMAHA, INC.

February 1982

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Indian Community:

I have been named permanent executive director of the AICO by the board of directors having competed with other applicants for this position. I want to sincerely thank the board of directors, the staff and the community for the entrustment placed in me. I will do all in my power to discharge my duties in accord with the bylaws, policies and procedures and job responsibilities as prescribed.

I'm happy to report that the revised bylaws and policies and procedures manuals are now ready for final board action (adoption). These two documents have been on display at the AICO headquarters for corporate membership review. The board together with Mr. Marshall Pritchard, former executive director of the Lincoln Indian Center and now a consultant met to amend/revise the corporate manuals. Later, Mr. James King, consultant from Tulsa, made the final draft copies of the two documents which in turn were subsequently turned over to Mr. Ralph Keen, a practicing Indian attorney from Oklahoma, for review from a legal point of view and any final changes for legal compliance. The board, staff and myself will adhere to the foregoing manuals once adopted.

The alcoholism program director, Mr. Elmer Necklace has been working in close concert with IHS officials from Aberdeen, South Dakota, and the state of Nebraska in conjunction with the alcoholism program start-up. It is indeed difficult to comprehend the complexities of getting a treatment and halfway house facility certified by the city and state for occupancy.

Mr. Al Milk, SW, Indian Child Resource Center director, is now writing his FY 83 proposal for submission through Winnebago Agency to BIA, Aberdeen.

Recent visitors to the AICO have been: Mr. Russell Bradley, Superintendent, Winnebago Agency; Mr. David Ritchie, MSW, Winnebago Agency; Mr. Alfred Gilpin, Scholarship Program, Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, Macy, Nebraska; Mr. Charles Lane, Executive Director, Greater Omaha Community Action; and Mr. Fred Wilson, Field Representative, CSA Kansas City. Mr. Dick Lasley and Mr. Wes Parker from Macy stopped by the Center while on official business in Omaha.

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It has been a long cold winter and a lot of our people are needing assistance. Our staff always does an intake on all clients who seek help but there is only so much we can do within limitations, therefore please bear this in mind.

Sincerely, *Wayne Sigurdall*

ALCOHOLISM PROGRAM UPDATE

The cosmetic renovation of our new facility is nearly completed, thanks to the hard-work and dedication of Mr. Bill Donovan's CETA crew. We extend our appreciation to Bill and his group.

The new program staff is composed of Elmer Necklace, Director; Elizabeth Black Hawk, Counselor; Ralph Preston, Counselor; Alvin Cox, Week-night Manager; Curtis Alexander, Week-end Manager; and Marian Warman, Administrative Assistant. All but one of the new staff have notable experience in the field of alcoholism which will prove to be valuable to the program. Before actual operations begin on March 1, 1982, the staff will undergo intensive in-service training to brush up on their skills. A new treatment schedule is currently being developed for the first group of clients.

As mentioned in other editions of the HONGA, Indian Health Service (IHS) is now funding the alcoholism program. Supplemental funds have also been acquired from the State.

The AMERICAN INDIAN CENTER OF OMAHA ALCOHOLISM PROGRAM needs a more appropriate and hopefully shorter name. In order to have the best name possible, we are offering an Incentive Award of \$25.00 to the person (s) who submits the best name for the program. Please send all "entries" to:

THE AMERICAN INDIAN CENTER OF OMAHA
ALCOHOLISM PROGRAM
3483 Larimore Avenue - Suite 2
P.O. Box 11490
Omaha, Nebraska 68111

All entries should reflect the philosophy of the American Indian Center Alcoholism Program, which states: "The program is dedicated to minimizing the disease of alcoholism and chemical dependency among American Indians so that each person can enjoy a life of fulfillment and happiness."

HEALTH & NUTRITION NEWS

Joan Garey, CFNP Coordinator will be attending a Legal Aide Training Session on February 18th and 19th. This training is to allow the Indian Center to be better equipped to deal with Food Stamp, Welfare and semi-legal problems facing the community.

On another note, Ms. Garey would like to pass on a helpful tip concerning food coupons. Food Stamps can be used with food coupons to purchase food at local supermarkets, taking into account the federal restrictions as to what products may or may not qualify as food stamp purchases. Should you have a problem at the checkout, contact the manager of the store.

In this age of inflation, food coupons can be used to cut down on food costs considerably. For example, in the February 3 issue of the Omaha World-Herald, over \$5.55 of coupons were listed throughout the pages. Over the course of one year, food savings can be very important to your household. Use them!

MONEY FOR MIND POWER CUT BACK

Educational Director from the Omaha Tribe, Mr. Alfred Gilpin, visited with American Indians United, a group of Native American students enrolled at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Mr. Gilpin met with about eight students at UNO on Tuesday, February 2, then visited with Executive Director, Wayne Tyndall at the American Indian Center of Omaha.

Some recommendations were passed on for our benefit. Mr. Gilpin encouraged university students to concentrate on academic studies, maintain as high an academic standing as possible, and apply early for financial assistance. He noted, however, that funding for BEOG programs and other supplemental aid was also being drastically reduced.

"The Reaganomics Crunch," as Alfred Gilpin calls the current economic environment, "has hit, and it hurts." Cutbacks in his own appropriations were cited as follows:

APPROPRIATIONS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
(Omaha Tribe)

FY 1980	\$119,455.87	
FY 1981	\$140,625.54	148 students funded
FY 1982	\$ 60,265.00	105 students funded

Funding for five additional students is still pending for FY 1982.

Gilpin related his own personal feelings about these current conditions. "Always," he said, "if a student came to me who was serious about his or her education and had the ambition to work hard, I would do everything necessary to help. Now, for the first time, I am forced to say NO. I am forced to tell people I cannot help them."

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With a 43% cutback in educational funds at Macy, no support funding will be available for the upcoming second semester this spring. Eight graduating Seniors will be affected.

When asked about his contingency plans, Alfred Gilpin simply said, "we're just looking for ways to bring in more funding at this point."

WRITER OF NATIVE AMERICANS TO BE IN OMAHA

Mr. James Welch, author of "Winter In The Blood" and several other books on Native Americans will be at the American Indian Center on Thursday, February 18 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Welch will also speak to UNO students on February 17th and 19th at UNO.

Mr. Welch was past visiting Professor of English and American Indian Studies at the University of Washington in 1981; past member of the literature panel of the National Endowment for the Arts. He has just completed his latest novel entitled, "The Death of Jim Loncy" (Harper & Row). Mr. Welch will be at the AICO Classroom area (upstairs).

THE INDIAN CHILD RESOURCE CENTER HAS BEEN LICENSED BY THE STATE OF NEBRASKA AS A CHILD PLACING AGENCY.

ARE YOU QUALIFIED TO BE AN INDIAN FOSTER PARENT?

- ***ARE YOU OF INDIAN DESCENT?
- ***INDIAN PARENTS?
- ***ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE FUTURE OF INDIAN CHILDREN?

IF YOU MEET ONE OF THE ABOVE, YOU QUALIFY.

NEED HELP????

- ***ADVICE TO INDIAN FAMILIES IN INDIAN CHILD CUSTODY PROCEEDINGS
- ***GUIDANCE
- ***LEGAL ADVICE
- ***WELFARE PROBLEMS (ADC, ADC-FC, SOCIAL SECURITY)

CONTACT: THE INDIAN CHILD RESOURCE CENTER
at 344-0111, ext. 13.

At a formal feast men served the food. The offering to Wako^{da} was made by the man of highest rank present. Etiquette demanded that after the food was placed before the company a prominent man should say to the servers, "Have you provided for yourselves?" On the occasion of a formal feast, the host, the one who gave the feast, never partook of the food. (THE OMAHA TRIBE, Vol. II, Fletcher and La Flesche)

CETA EMPLOYMENT NEWS

G.E.D. classes at the Indian Center have been canceled until spring of 1982. The reasons for cancellation were the lack of attendance by students (Omaha Public Schools require that a minimum of 8 students be enrolled in classes), and the incimate weather.

Five clients have been placed in the business community through the Work Assessment Training Program. Later in the year, more will be placed.

Mr. Fred LeRoy, Employment Director has been appointed to the Mayor's Economic Development Committee. The Committee will deal with economic problems of Omaha and also the Block Grant funding process.

On Tuesday, March 16, 1982, the CETA Program will have a two-hour session on the techniques of employment. Offered will be:

- 1) methods of filling out Job Applications and Resumes,
- 2) interviewing techniques,
- 3) the objectives of finding employment and staying employed.

Classes start at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

BRIGHT EYES TRADING POST NEWS

The Trading Post is badly in need of your arts and crafts work. We were hoping to have a larger response from our community by putting crafts on consignment. We are appealing to the community to help us fill our shelves with your crafts.

Beading classes are being held in the Trading Post on Mondays from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tom Harlan and Myrna Red Owl are the instructors. Be sure and call first if the weather is bad.

SPORTS NOTES

January was a month full of activities. The Youth Basketball Team is 3-3 thus far. The team has a lot of talent and shows good potential. Brian Parker leads the scoring for the team with a 24 pts. per game average. This is basically a rookie team. With the same players around next year, the future looks very bright indeed. The talent is there and all they need is the experience.

A Girls Volleyball Team has been formed and play their league games at the Benson Community Center (6008 Maple) on Wednesday nights. The team has considerable talent but lacks the team experience.

The Midget Youth Basketball Team opened their league season with a bang by blowing out their opponent Hartman 28-5. They were led by Nate Parker, Jr., Lance Morgan and
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Jason Walker. The season has just begun for them but their success looks very promising.

The Youth Program is in critical need of transportation. Oftentimes, the outcome of a game may hinge on having enough players at the game. With one car available, the task of picking up all the players proves impossible. If you're a parent or community member, please help support these teams by offering to pick them up or coming to the games to cheer them on, afterall, whether in victory or defeat, these teams represent you, the Indian community.

If your children would like to be a part of this program, they should contact Tom Harlan. The softball season is approaching and your kids should start to sign up now so we can meet the registration dates of the various leagues.

Beading classes are being held for children and adults and a Sewing Class will begin soon. If you're interested, call the Center at 344-0111 and ask for Tom Harlan or Myrna Red Owl.

FILMORE WALKER TAKES THE BIG STEP

Tuesday, February 2nd, Filmore Walker left for South Carolina to begin 9 intense weeks of Basic Training in the U.S. Army.

Veterans Wayne Tyndall (USN), Clyde Tyndall (USN), Elmer Necklace (USA), Fred LeRoy (USMC), and Al Milk (USMC) encouraged Filmore and offered advise on the rudiments of surviving Boot Camp.

Filmore was a former staff member of AICO and was volunteering with the Youth Program as a coach. Filmore will make a good soldier and carry on the good name of the American Indians who went before him.

He promised to write to us as soon as he is allowed to.

We wish him the best in his new field!

OTLALA SIOUX LOSE CLAIM TO BLACK HILLS

Washington (AP) - The U.S. Supreme Court Monday rejected an attempt by the Oglala tribe of Sioux Indians to regain possession of the Black Hills of South Dakota.

The court, without comment, let stand a ruling throwing the lawsuit out of lower court.

In 1980, the Supreme Court awarded the Sioux Nation, including the Oglala, \$105 million for the government's seizure of the Black Hills in 1877.

The Oglala tribe of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation said it was not bound by the
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1980 decision, and then filed the lawsuit acted on Monday.

AICO ON THE AIR

Listen to Z-92 on Sunday morning, the 21st of February, from 8 - 9 p.m. Helen Hiatt and Matt Little Moon will be hosting the American Indian Center Radio Show. Various topics of importance to the Indian community will be discussed and Indian personalities will be interviewed.

KETV-Channel 7 is now featuring a 30 second spot on IN TOUCH, a program on Minority Affairs. The American Indian Center is one of the topics.

WORLD PEACE MARCH TO ARRIVE IN OMAHA

A group of 18 Japanese Buddhist Monks, nuns, Native Americans and others walking from San Francisco to New York calling for nuclear disarmament will arrive in Omaha this Monday February 8. They will be at the American Indian Center, 613 S. 16th St., to speak on nuclear disarmament and related issues and will show slides of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The Center is asking community members to help out with food and some of your time to serve a Pot-Luck to this group and other individuals who will be attending the engagement. Don't forget! The time is February 8, at 6:00 p.m. at the American Indian Center.

For more information, contact Brian Victoria or Joan Garey at 344-0111.

PUBLIC NOTICE

A person calling himself John Lone Eagle is alleged to have ripped-off the AICO.

Beware of this person if he should come to your Center with fake credentials. He does not in any way represent the AICO. He claims to be a Karate expert among a host of other occupations.

Please contact the AICO if you know of his whereabouts. There is a modest reward.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs was transferred from the Department of War to the Department of the Interior.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

John Pappan reports that Friends of Yellow Thunder Camp will be meeting at his house at 4329 Lake St., Sunday, February 22nd at 6:00 p.m. Bring something for Pot-Luck!

Methods of providing community support to the people at Yellow Thunder Camp will be discussed.

For more information, call John Pappan at 453-8228.

INDIAN ATHLETE PREPARES FOR TRIATHLON

This Saturday (February 13) in Honolulu, Hawaii, one of the most trying athletic events in the world will take place---- the Triathlon. Composed of a 2 1/2 mile swim in the ocean, a 112 mile bike ride, and a 26 mile marathon. All this in one day.

Such efforts can only be attempted by Marines, Super Athletes or crazy men.

Clare Saint Arnaud is none of the above, however, he has been called an Iron Man. Mr. Saint Arnaud, an American Indian living in Santee, Nebraska says that the Triathlon is a personal challenge to him, he is 44.

The eyes of all the Indian world will be upon him this Saturday.

AICO EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE

As most of you know, our Center has just undergone major renovation and expansion. For the first time we have adequate office space for our current social services programs as well as room to expand in the future. Additionally, we have opened the "Bright Eyes Trading Post," the only Indian owned and operated business in omaha. Our new Indian Elders Center will also begin operation as soon as adequate financial support is found.

Now the time has come to ask a very important question: "Where do we go from here?" The Board of Directors and staff of AICO are presently developing plans for the Center's growth over the next one to five years. We cannot succeed, however, without YOUR input and support. AICO EXISTS TO SERVE YOU!

Please fill out the questionnaire on the following pages and return it no later than Monday, February 15th. It is already addressed and stamped, so just detach it from the HONGA, fold it in thirds, and fasten the edges with a piece of tape or stapler before dropping it in the mailbox. Remember, YOUR OPINION WHETHER INDIAN OR NON-INDIAN IS VITAL to our future growth. PLEASE RETURN THE QUESTIONNAIRE TODAY!!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- MONDAYS Beading Classes conducted by Tom Harlan and Myrna Red Owl every Monday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the American Indian Center Bright Eyes Trading Post, 613 South 16th St. Contact Tom Harlan or Myrna Red Owl at 344-0111, ext. 6.
- TUESDAYS AICO Youth Basketball Games every Tuesday at the Omaha Home for Boys, 4343 N. 52nd St. Time of games vary so call Tom Harlan for schedule and opponent at 344-0111, ext. 17.
- WEDNESDAYS Indian Foster Parent Training Classes conducted at the American Indian Center every Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. For more information contact Al Milk at 344-0111, ext. 13.
- AICO Girls Volleyball Games every Wednesday at the Benson Community Center, 6008 Maple St. Time and opponent vary so call Tom Harlan for details.
- A.A. Meetings for Women at the Alcoholism Program, 3483 Larimore Ave, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Contact Elmer Necklace for more information at 453-6377.
- THURSDAYS Monthly AICO Board of Directors Meeting at the American Indian Center Conference Room, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Public invited.
- FRIDAYS Open A.A. Meetings every Friday at the Alcoholism Program, 3483 Larimore Ave., from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- SATURDAYS AICO Midget Basketball Games every Saturday at the Kellom Community Center, 1125 N. 23rd St. Contact Tom Harlan for times and opponent.
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SPECIAL EVENTS

- February 7 W.A.R.N. Meeting at the American Indian Center (Pot-Luck) from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- February 11 Special Hand Game, at the Nebraska State Penitentiary from 5:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.
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TAX ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Mr. Paul F. Stacoffe, AICO Accountant and Mr. Wayne Tyndall, AICO Executive Director are now offering tax assistance to the Indian Community, free of charge. Their hours will be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. They ask the community to bring all necessary supporting documents. Individuals must come to the Center in person, no assistance will be given over the phone. Most assistance will be given regarding the Short Form. Individuals requesting help with their Long Forms should have all supporting papers with them when coming to the Center.

This will be on a first come, first serve basis.

1. Please identify yourself by category: (Check appropriate line)

- AICO Staff Member
- AICO Board of Directors
- Indian Community member in greater Omaha
- Indian Community member outside of Omaha
- Non-Indian Community member in greater Omaha
- Non-Indian Community member outside of Omaha

2. How well acquainted are you with the progress and activities of AICO?

- Very well acquainted
- Fairly well acquainted
- Casually acquainted
- Little or no knowledge

3. How necessary do you believe AICO is to the welfare of the Indian community in the greater Omaha area?

(Use this space for additional comments)

- Very necessary
- Fairly necessary
- Not too necessary
- Unnecessary

4. How effective is AICO in meeting the social service needs of the Indian community in the greater Omaha area?

(Use this space for additional comments)

- Very effective
- Fairly effective
- Not too effective
- Ineffective

5. In your opinion, has AICO made progress this past year?

(Use this space for additional comments)

- Very much progress
- Some progress
- Little progress
- No progress

6. Overall, how would you rate AICO as an organization?

(Use this space for additional comments)

- Very good
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

7. Please rate the effectiveness of AICO Departments: (1=Very Good; 2=Good; 3=Fair; 4=Poor; 5=No opinion)

- Administration (Executive Director and Assistant Director)
 - Accounting
 - Alcoholism Program
 - CETA Employment Training
 - Health & Nutrition
 - Indian Child Welfare
 - Socio-Economic Development
 - Youth Program
- (Use this space to explain Fair or Poor ratings)

8. (For Indian Elders over 55 only) Do you plan to utilize the Indian Elders Center once it has been opened?

- | | |
|---|-------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, if so, how often? | Will you need transportation? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regularly | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

9. Do you support self-sufficiency for AICO through the development of its own business enterprises?

(Use this space for additional comments)

- Yes
- No
- No opinion

10. Do you support the creation of a theme park ("OmahaLand") dedicated to the preservation and presentation of Plains Indian cultures?

- Yes
- No
- No opinion

(Use this space for additional comments)

11. In the future, what additional services do you believe AICO should provide? (Name three)

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

12. Do you believe Indian community members in greater Omaha have an adequate voice in determining AICO's programs and activities?

- Yes
- No, if no please explain what corrective measures should be taken.

13. What suggestions for improving AICO's current programs and activities do you have?

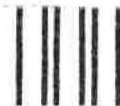
14. Would you be willing to volunteer your time in support of AICO activities?

- No
- Yes, if yes please give name, address, phone no. and availability.

PLEASE ADD ANY ADDITIONAL REMARKS BELOW.

ALL PERSONAL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN SHALL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL.

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