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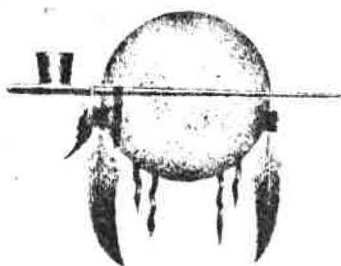
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March 1981

## A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I would like to welcome and thank all the readers of our Indian Newsletter which we publish monthly.

Since our last newsletter went to press, there have been some interesting developments on the national, city, state and reservation levels involving our Indian people. Through the efforts of the American Indian Center staff and board of directors, we shall keep you abreast of these occurrences as they happen on a monthly basis.


Within the last month, four major activities were underway:

1. SEDS Conference - American Indian Center hosting in Albuquerque, N.M.
2. Indian Child Welfare Act - Proposal being considered for \$165,055.00.
3. Youth Program - United Way
4. Fund Raising Proposal - Funded by Health & Human Services for \$13,750.00.

It is the goal of our newsletter to give a clear picture of all our activities and services your American Indian Center has to offer. It is our request to you to make your American Indian Center work for you. Stop by and have a refreshment and let's talk about your ideas and recommendations.

Until our next edition, take care!!!

Respectfully,

  
Timothy F. Woodhull  
Executive Director

AMERICAN INDIAN CENTER OF OMAHA, INC.

Member, Nebraska Indian Commission

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## INDIANS TO FIGHT FOR MINERAL RIGHTS

Lincoln (UPI) - A struggle over mineral and water rights on reservation land probably will become the biggest legal battle facing American Indian tribes, an attorney for the Black Hills Alliance said.

Jacqueline Huber, who also represents the Women of All Red Nations, said the increasing emphasis on energy development is threatening reservations.

Miss Huber was one of four panelists speaking Monday at a University of Nebraska-Lincoln Law College symposium on the legal needs of Native Americans.

Also speaking were Kurt Blue Dog, a staff attorney with the Native American Rights Fund Organization, Boulder, Colo.; Nate Merrick, Omaha, tribal court judge from Macy; and Michael Gooch, Lancaster County deputy public defender and past director of Nebraska Inter-tribal Legal Services.

## INSIGHTS ON ALCOHOLISM....

As director of the AICO Alcoholism Program, I would like to ask our American Indian community to take a careful look at the following...is there someone you know who fits this description?:

1. Anyone who must drink in order to function or to "cope" with life has a severe drinking problem.
2. Anyone who by his own personal definition or that of his family and friends, frequently drinks to a state of intoxication has a drinking problem.
3. Anyone who goes to work intoxicated has a drinking problem.
4. Anyone who is intoxicated while driving a car has a drinking problem.
5. Anyone who sustains a bodily injury which requires medical attention as a consequence of an intoxicated state has a drinking problem.
6. Anyone who comes in conflict with the law as a consequence of an intoxicated state has a drinking problem.
7. Anyone who, under the influence of alcohol, does something he avows he would never do without alcohol has a drinking problem.

Following years of professional study and experience, it has been found that one in eleven drinkers becomes an Alcoholic. This is a National Finding for all races combined. However, these statistics are even more alarming when applied to our Indian people when reflected upon by programs and services such as ours here in Omaha, Nebraska.

## Symptoms of Alcoholism:

### Early Stages--

1. Makes PROMISES to quit but breaks them.
2. Drinks to relieve tensions or to escape problems.
3. Drinks MORE and MORE for same effect.
4. Has trouble stopping drinking once he starts.

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#### DEPARTMENTAL NEWS...

##### SEDS NEWS - By Brian Victoria

The past few months have been very busy ones for the SEDS program. For those readers unfamiliar with SEDS, the letters stand for 'Social and Economic Development Strategies.' The \$55,000 grant for this program came from the Administration for Native Americans (IHS).

SEDS purpose is to promote social and economic self-sufficiency in the Indian community of Omaha. The promotion of social and economic self-sufficiency covers a broad range of activities. For example, the full-time staff and outside consultants have recently aided in writing a number of grant applications, including one for the establishment of a temporary shelter for Indian children in the Omaha area. The prospects for receiving this grant are very good.

The SEDS department also played the chief role in organizing a "SEDS Grantee Coalition Conference" to be held March 31 - April 2 at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center in Albu-

querque, New Mexico. All 17 urban and reservation SEDS grantees will attend this 3 day conference. Both the AICO Executive Director and the Economic Development Director are looking forward to attending the conference. It should be an excellent opportunity to share ideas about economic development and related areas with both fellow SEDS grantees and ANA-sponsored experts.

In the more distant future, the SEDS department is working toward the development of a new 3.5 million dollar American Indian Cultural Center in Omaha. Several sites, either in Downtown Omaha or along the Missouri River near Abbot Drive, are under active consideration. Mr. Ken LaDeaux, a representative of American Indian Consultants of Scottsdale, Arizona recently visited Omaha to take the first steps toward a full-scale feasibility study for the project. The new Cultural Center is scheduled to give employment to upwards of 50 American Indians and will undoubtedly become a major tourist attraction. The long-term goal is to use part of the profits generated by the proposed Cultural Center to support and expand the social service program of the AICO.

The new Cultural Center offers the Indian community its first real opportunity to become economically self-sufficient. We will be writing more about our plans in future issues. In the meantime, we urge our readers to support this project in any way they can, with voluntary labor, tax-deductible contributions, etc.

Let us all work together to make our Indian community proud and strong!

##### INDIAN CHILD WELFARE PROPOSAL REGIONALLY APPROVED - By Clyde Tyndall

On March 9, 1981, the Indian Center received word via telephone from the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Aberdeen, that our Indian Child Welfare Proposal had been regionally approved. We scored a 92, which was second in our region among reservations and urban centers from Nebraska, South Dakota, and North Dakota. The proposal now goes to Washington, D.C. for final rating and approval. We have high anticipation for the awarding of this proposal. It represents a needed service to our community and has been a long time in coming.

A lot of hard work went into the preparation of the proposal and staff and consultants spent many "brain-storming" sessions together developing the contents. If we receive all the services that we asked for, we could have one of the more complete Indian Child Welfare Programs in the region.

Our thanks and appreciation to the Indian community who supported us and to the local human services agencies who wrote Letters of Support for our proposal. Without this segment of our population behind us, we may not

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have gotten as far as we have. Once again, when the Indian community was asked for help, they came forward...thank you!

#### CETA MANPOWER PROGRAM INFORMATION-Fred LeRoy

The American Indian Center of Omaha, Inc. CETA Manpower Program began operations on February 24, 1981. During the first two weeks, twenty-six native Americans have applied.

The program is being administered by Fred LeRoy, Employment Outreach Worker.

#### Eligibility Criteria for CETA are:

1. Must have Social Security Card.
2. You must have been unemployed for 7 days.
3. Must meet income criteria guidelines.
4. Must not have been terminated from or have quit the CETA program in the last year.
5. Must have parent or legal guardian accompany you, if 18 or under.

CETA has a wide range of Vocational and Clerical Training to fit client's needs. The Intake Process will be from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon, Monday through Friday only.

For further information, contact Fred LeRoy at 344-0111.

#### HEALTH & NUTRITION DEPARTMENT MARCHES ON FOR FOOD PROGRAMS - By Eilan Cunningham

On February 17, 1981, I attended a Nebraska United For Food (NUFF) meeting at 3012 Grant St. The meeting was held to organize various organizations interested in food programs to stage a rally and march on the State Capitol in Lincoln. The Reagan Administration has voiced their views toward drastically cutting or even eliminating federal food programs. This is going to cut into everyone's already tight budget. At the meeting the AICO Health & Nutrition Department pledged their support for the rally. The following is what took place:

March 16, 1981 (Monday), Joan Garey, AICO Health Representative took a small delegation of Indian community members to Lincoln and they joined the march and chanted slogans against the Reagan cuts. There were approximately 200 people in the demonstration.

Those attending the demonstration and march were: Frances Parker, Lucy Preston, Libby Merrick, and Vanessa Russell. Many thanks to our little army of Food Advocates!!!

#### STAFF PROFILE...

Marian Warman is the AICO's newest volunteer. She is working here to complete requirements for a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work at Dana College in Blair, Nebraska. She works on a part-time basis three days a week.

During her years at Dana, she has been active in the area of human rights. For three years, she was Director of the Human Rights and Concerns Committee on campus. In this position, she was responsible for bringing guest lecturers to campus to speak on important issues. Marian is an active member of Nebraskans for Peace and, as such, has attended rallies in Omaha, Lincoln, and Denver.

Marian was employed by ENCOUR in Blair for a year and a half. She was in charge of medications for two retarded women with whom she worked. She was involved in creating behavior modifications programs for one of the women and was responsible for implementing behavioral programs for both women.

This summer, Marian attended the Black Hills International Survival Gathering, sponsored by the Black Hills Alliance. At the gathering she was exposed to many different attitudes and ideas. After attending the Gathering she decided to return to college and direct the human rights group for a fourth year, only to return and find out that the Student Senate planned to dissolve the organization. She still attempts to inform others of various problems of the "real" world and involve them.

Marian has lived in Blair twenty of her twenty-one years. She was born in Beatrice to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Warman. Both of her parents work at Dana College, her mother teaches Freshman Composition and her father is Head of the History Department and teaches Anthropology, Geography and Political Science classes. She has three brothers, ages 26, 23, and 13. Her future ambitions include possibly going into the Peace Corps or VISTA, and remaining active in human rights issues and also to gain experience as a Social Worker involved with minorities and/or "disadvantaged" children.

#### VOTER REGISTRATION-By Joan Garey

The American Indian Center of Omaha, Inc. will be registering people to vote beginning March 24 to the 27th. We will resume voter registration on April 7th.

Persons to contact will be Mr. Nate Parker at the Alcoholism Program and Ms. Joan Garey at the American Indian Center downtown office.

Registration will be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

We can only register Douglas County residents.

Remember, your vote can make a lot of difference toward the Indian community's cause. Come out and register to vote!!!



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#### Middle Stages--

1. Tries to deny or conceal drinking.
2. Drinks in morning and alone.
3. Drinking becomes a daily necessity.
4. Harder to get "feeling good" regardless of quantity.

#### Final Stages--

1. Lives to drink -- liquor comes before job or family.
2. Loneliness -- avoids and distrusts people.
3. Loss of ambition -- less efficient, loses time at work.
4. Poor health -- never seems to eat, suffers malnutrition and "the shakes."

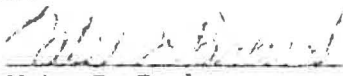
#### Hits Rock Bottom--

1. Social and personal ruin.

Each month the American Indian Center Alcoholism Program will share with the community and HONGA readers, a variety of messages on drinking and alcoholism...perhaps, this can save a life.

It looks like Spring is upon us, bringing with it joy and good feelings. I hope each of you will share in the blessings of this season.

Before closing, I would like to thank the "mysterious donor" who recently mailed our program several packages of brown sugar for our in-house baking class. The finished products were the best ever.

  
Nate J. Parker  
Alcoholism Program Director

#### TITLE IV PICKS NEW PARENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS - By Rick Gillin

Elections were held at the South Annex on March 11, 1981 at 7:30 p.m. These are the new officers elected by the Indian Student Parent Education Committee:

Chairman	Wayne Webster
Vice Chairman	Paige Parker
Secretary	Joan Pappan
Treasurer	Jim Hogner

We are looking forward to a very successful year. We wish to thank all the parents who came to the meeting and hope to see them at all future meetings. The meetings are the second Wednesday of every month.

This is your program and these are your children...please come to the meetings and help us serve your children better!

#### BIRTHDAY DANCE FOR VIRGINIA WALKER - GOURD DANCE AND WAR DANCE.

Held at Lincoln Indian Center, 11th Military Road. Time: 2:00 p.m. April 4, 1981.

Head Man \_\_\_\_\_ Wallace Coffey - Lincoln  
Gourd Dancer

Head Man \_\_\_\_\_ Howard Wolf - Lincoln  
War Dancer

Head Lady \_\_\_\_\_ Jane Wray - Kansas City, Mo.  
Dancer

Head Girl \_\_\_\_\_ Delima Esau - Omaha, NE  
Dancer

Head Boy \_\_\_\_\_ Tony Thomas - Sioux City, Ia.  
Dancer

Head Singer \_\_\_\_\_ Mike McCauley - Sioux City, Ia.  
M.C. \_\_\_\_\_ Clifford Wolf, Sr. - Macy

#### AMERICAN INDIAN CENTER OF OMAHA, INC. BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT IN MAY.

The American Indian Center of Omaha, Inc. will be sponsoring a 16 team Basketball Tournament to be held on May 2 and 3.

Entry fees will be \$85 per team and each team will be limited to 10 players.

Interested teams can contact Clyde Tyndall or Edward Warner at the American Indian Center: 613 S. 16th St., Omaha, NE 68102.

Trophies will be given for first five teams and All-Tournament Selections plus Most Valuable Player and Top Scorer.

#### MIKE BOYLE SPEAKS UP FOR OMAHA INDIANS.

On February 16, 1981 at the College of St. Mary's, Mike Boyle, Candidate for Mayor of the City of Omaha was asked at a political rally whether he would revive the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women were he to be elected. He replied, "No, I wouldn't, for if anyone deserves to have their voice heard in City Hall, it should be the Omaha Indians."

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"My hand is not the color of yours,  
but if I pierce it, I shall feel pain..

If you pierce your hand,  
you also feel pain.

The blood that will flow from mine  
will be the same color as yours.

I am a man.  
The same God made us both."

CHIEF STANDING BEAR  
OF THE PONCAS -----

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