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# KYI-YO '93

## **Kyi-Yo Conference: *Uniting Minds and People***

In the early 1950's, a small group of American Indian students formed an informal organization for the purposes of mutual support and promoting awareness of American Indian issues. In the 1960's the club grew and became more active. In a show of school and cultural pride, the club members chose to call themselves "Kyi-Yo", the Blackfeet word for Grizzly bear. In 1968, with twelve dollars in their treasury and fifteen students, Kyi-Yo sponsored an educational conference to bring high school students to visit the university. 1993 marks the 25th Annual Kyi-Yo Youth Conference and Pow-wow. Each year the conference focuses on issues important to American Indians and the pow-wow has become one of the oldest and largest student sponsored pow-wows in the nation.

In the winter of 1969 Kyi-Yo members became lobbyists in Helena. Through their efforts a Legislative Committee was established to study the problems of Montana Indians. A bill written by a student was passed, extending the Montana Indian Fee Waiver to all Montana Indians.

By 1970 the University of Montana had recognized the value of its American Indian students and hired an Indian counselor in Spring 1970 followed a few months later by the creation of the Native American Studies Program.

With an average enrollment of over 250 American students, the University of Montana consistently has the largest enrollment of American Indian students in the Montana University system.

Representing 300 students in 1993, the Kyi-Yo student organization continues to play an integral role in promoting a feeling of pride and positive identity with American Indian culture and history among our students and the public through educational and cultural events.

The Kyi-Yo student organization welcomes you to the 25th Annual Kyi-Yo Youth Conference and Pow-wow at The University of Montana.

## ***AISES: The American Indian Science and Engineering Society***

The American Indian Science and Engineering Society, or AISES, was formed in April 1977 by a small group of dedicated American Indian scientists and engineers who had gathered in Windrock, Arkansas. They decided to combine their efforts and create an organization whose purpose was to significantly increase the number of American Indian scientists and engineers in the US and to develop technologically informed leaders within the Indian community.

American Indians live on lands that have considerable natural resources and potential for development. If these lands could be properly managed-assisted by Indian technological graduates-tribal nations could take giant steps, not only to educate the people on wellness, higher education and the importance of our traditional heritage, but towards self-reliance and self-determination.

The University of Montana's AISES chapter is three years old. The chapter has grown tremendously and continues to exhibit the quality of student leadership established by the Kyi-Yo student organization. During the Kyi-Yo Conference AISES will be sponsoring the Scholastic and Collegiate Bowls. There will be workshops on chapter formation and maintenance. AISES joins Kyi-Yo in welcoming you to the 25th Annual Kyi-Yo Conference.



# Agenda

## Tuesday, April 27, 1993

- 7pm Early Check-in and Conference Registration
- 8pm Student/Advisor Orientation
- 9pm Film, Urey Lecture Hall

## Thursday, April 29, 1993

- 8am Conference Update UC Ballrm
- 9am Jon Reyhner
- 10am Ellen Swaney
- 11am Debra Earling
- 12noon Lunch UC Ballroom
- 1pm Henrietta Morton-Mann
- 2pm James Welch
- 3pm Deborah Wetsit
- 4pm AISES Workshop
- 5-7pm Sam English
- 7-9pm Banquet, UC Ballroom
- 9-1pm Dance, UC Ballroom

## Wednesday, April 28, 1993

- 7-9am Conference Registration (Late), UC-Third Floor
- 8am Opening Ceremony
- 10-4pm Workshops
- 9-5pm GTE/AISES Scholastic Bowl
- 3-8pm AISES Collegiate Bowl
- 12-1pm Lunch, UC, 3rd floor
- 5-7pm Dinner on your own
- 7-11pm Film Festival

## Friday, April 30, 1993

- Saturday, May 1, 1993
- 25 Annual Kyi-Yo Pow Wow
- Harry Adams Fieldhouse

### HOUSING ACCOMODATIONS

The hotel of choice by the Kyi-Yo committee is the:

Campus Inn  
744 E. Broadway  
Missoula MT 59801  
(406) 549-5134

As you make your reservations let the Campus Inn know you were sent by LENA for a discount.

### OTHER ACCOMODATIONS WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE

- Red Lion Inn  
100 Madison  
(406) 728-3100
- Ponderosa Lodge Hubbard's  
800 E. Broadway  
(406) 543-3102
- Clark Fork Inn  
1010 W. Broadway  
(406) 543-6619
- Creekside Inn  
630 E. Broadway  
(406) 549-2387

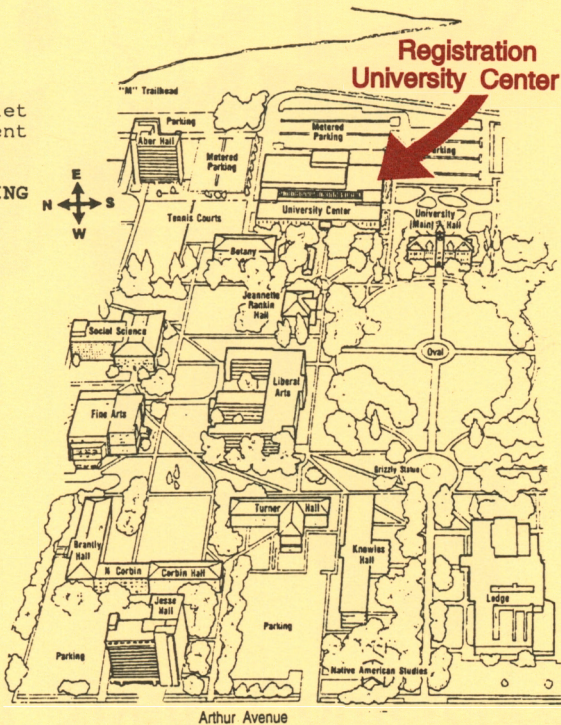
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