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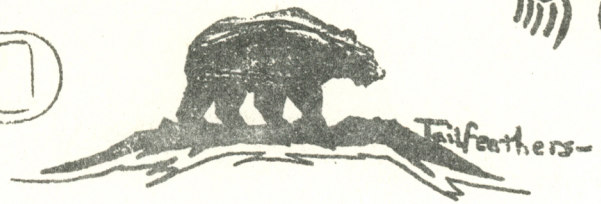
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KYI-YO



NEWSLETTER



KYI-YO INDIAN CLUB NEWSLETTER
University of Montana

Thursday, February 8, 1973

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The middle of winter quarter is here and the Kyi-Yo Newsletter is finally off the press. The Newsletter staff wishes to apologize for the lateness of this issue and we hope that our coming issues will not be on "Indian time" as this one was. We can only say that due to circumstances beyond our control, the Newsletter was temporarily out of commission, but is now alive and kicking once again.

Winter quarter, 1973 is off to a very successful start and the Indian Club is now participating in many interesting and worthwhile endeavors. The Fifth Annual Kyi-Yo Indian Youth Conference, which is scheduled for the early part of May, is off to a good start. This year's conference will be under the able direction of Ms. Cathi Dupuis, who is currently a senior in Education. The Newsletter staff is confident that Cathi will do a tremendous job as the conference coordinator and we wish her the best of luck and offer any assistance she may need. For those Kyi-Yo club members who desire to work on any aspect of the conference, Cathi may be reached at Indian Studies, 243-5831. Remember, the Kyi-Yo conference is solely the responsibility of the Kyi-Yo Indian Club and all club members are expected to help and participate in this annual ~~presentation~~ of Indian culture and beauty. Also, the First Annual All-Indian Fashion Show is on the horizon and is scheduled for the early part of March. The Newsletter staff once again encourages all club members to participate and help in this project. For more information, contact Mrs. Rosella Covington and Indian Studies, or one of the student co-ordinators who are Dean Matt, Flathead, and Stacy Nafziger, Assiniboine. Then too, the Kyi-Yo Indian Club meetings have been dropping in attendance, so students, get in gear and attend! The staff wishes to remind the students on the university campus that the Indian club is there for your express purpose and its success or failure depends entirely on your actions. The Indian club is one of the few institutions that is truly "Indian Self-Determination" in action and we must not become apathetic and allow this outstanding organization to falter. So please come and give your support. The Newsletter also welcomes the new Kyi-Yo Club secretary, Betty White, a member of the Kootenai tribe and currently a freshman in General Studies.

The Newsletter staff deeply regrets the resignation of one of our counselors, Ms. Karen Fenton, but wish her the best of luck in her new job up on the Flathead reservation. We also send a hearty welcome to Ms. Kathleen Arthur, the new secretary of the Civil Rights Desegregation Institute. Kathy is a member of the Arapahoe tribe.

The Newsletter, on behalf of the Kyi-Yo Indian club and the entire staff of the Indian Studies Program, would like to convey a message of sincere best wishes and the utmost moral support to our Red Brothers who are fighting for true and fair justice in Custer, South Dakota. The brutal slaying of an Indian man, and his assailant already out on bail only serves to prove that the American

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Indian does not receive equal and fair justice in the court system of America. Too many times have the assassins of American Indians been allowed to go free or have gotten off with light sentences. The time has come to put an end to this and we are confident that our brothers in Custer, South Dakota will see that this "murderer" gets what he justly deserves under the criminal code system of this country. To the relatives of the slain man, our heartfelt sympathy and may the Great Spirit guide you through this time of anguish and sorrow.

Preston Stiffarm, Gros Ventre
Suzanne Trusler, N. Cheyenne
 Editors, Kyi-Yo Newsletter

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR....

I am teaching two courses this Winter Quarter: IA 242--History of Indian Affairs and IA 490--Independent Study.

On January 25 and 26, 1973, I represented the University of Montana (at Vice President Taylor's request) at a two-day seminar on Federal Education Programs, at the University of Idaho, Moscow. The purpose of the meeting was to explore in-depth various provisions of the 1972 Higher Education Act. Some sessions dealt with: Student financial aid, the Indian Education Act, Veteran's programs, etc.

From February 7-10, I will be accompanying Tom Weist to the Northern Cheyenne Reservation to conduct a series of seminars with representatives from John Woodenleg's group.

Anyone interested in the Student ACTION Program, a one-year internship program entitling a student to 48 Omnibus credits, can contact Cheyrl, Bob Swan or myself, for details. Application forms can be picked up next door at the Institute for Social Science Research from Dr. Arnold Brown. The application deadline is February 13th, so if you are interested, better hurry.

Henri Whiteman, Director
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Special Services

Indian Students who receive their scholarship aid through the Aberdeen Area Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs should contact Harold Gray, Director of Special Services for the 1973-74 scholarship/grant applications. Mr. Gray's office is in the Indian Studies Building, 730 Eddy Avenue.

Congratulations to Robert Brown, Bus. Ad. major, who recently won the Paul Bunyan Mustache Contest during the Annual Forester's Convocations on January 10th. Mr. Brown is one of our erstwhile Flathead brothers.

Coming Kyi-Yo Events

Tuesday - Feb. 13 - 6:00 p.m. - Fry Bread and Chili Feed
Indian Studies Basement. Rick LaPointe will be our special guest

Tuesday - Feb. 20 - Kyi-Yo Indian Club meeting at 7:30 p.m.
Indian studies basement. Main topic of discussion will be the style show. \$1.00 dues are now due for the Quarter, so leave your \$1.00 with Cheryl Bohne, Betty White, or Jack Plummage.

Tuesday - March 6 - Kyi-Yo Indian Club meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Indian Studies Basement.

Wednesday March 7 - University Center Ballroom, 1st Annual Kyi-Yo Indian Club Style Show & Dress Review. Contact Rosella Covington for additional information.

Trip to Helena

On February 5-6, Skip Baker and Harold Gray traveled to Helena to testify before the House Education Committee in favor of House Bill 343 and House Bill 501. The intent of H.B. 343 is essentially this:

"A bill for an act entitled: An act requiring American Indian Studies to be part of the educational background of Public School personnel employed on or adjacent to Indian Reservations and encouraging American Indian Studies as part of the educational background of all school personnel employed in the state."

Other people testifying in favor of 343 were Delores Colberg, Dwight Billedeaux, and Gerald Gray. H.B. 343 would require only teachers "on or adjacent to" reservations to obtain a background in Indian Studies. H.B. 501 would make this requirement statewide.

According to Skip Baker, H.B. 501 did not receive the

support that H.B. 343 did. Delores Colberg opposes H.B. 501 on the premises that it would infringe on the power of the Board of Regents. Skip also reported that testifying in Helena was a gentleman representing the Montana Federation of Teachers. He stated in his testimony that course background in Indian Studies would be much more relevant to the work of Montana teachers than are many of the present requirements for certification.

The Kyi-Yo Indian Club fully endorses the passage of both House Bill 501 and House bill 343.

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Following is a resolution drawn up by the Kyi-Yo Indian Club and presented to Governor Tom Judge and Lieutenant Governor Bill Christenson.

Whereas, the newly adopted Constitution of the State of Montana, Article X, Section 1, sub-section 2, provides: "The state recognizes the distinct and unique cultural integrity"; and

Whereas, all the people of our great state have recognized the voice of the Indian people by including the above section in Article X, Education and Public Land to further cultural pluralism in our state public education system; and

Whereas, it is now the duty of the education system to accept the mandate of the people of our state because they desire and encourage better cultural understanding; and

Whereas, this mandate cannot be met unless there are native people (Indian) represented on the State Board of Education who are capable of articulating the desires and aspirations of the native people of Montana; and

Whereas, the Governor is responsible for appointing persons to the state Board of Education;

Now, therefore Be It Resolved: That the Governor of Montana is hereby requested to appoint one person of Montana Indian descent to the Board of Higher Education and one person of Montana Indian descent to the Board of Public Education as provided by the new Constitution of the State of Montana which is to be formally adopted on July 1, 1973.

Be It Further Resolved: That the Governor shall select a person for each Board from a list of nominees recommended by organizations representative of Montana Indians.

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Letter to all Montana Indian Leaders from Jack Plummage,
President of the Kyi-Yo Indian Club, University of
Montana. This is a copy of the rough draft.

At the last Inter-Tribal Policy Board meeting in Helena, ^{on January 13 + 14} I proposed a resolution asking the Board to approach the Governor as to the feasibility of incorporating an Indian or Indians on the State Board of Regents.

A little background on the Board of Regents. The Board of Regents for the State of Montana is solely concerned with educational matters pertaining to the citizens of Montana. This includes public school concerns as well as university concerns. As citizens of this state, the decisions this board makes affects us all. However, we have no representation or input of any kind. As we all know, this is nothing new.

Currently there is only one board. However under the new constitution which goes into effect July 1, 1973, two boards will be created - ^{one} ~~2~~ for the public school system and ^{one} ~~2~~ for the university system. I believe that now is the opportune time for the Indians of this state to approach the Governor of Montana and request that an Indian be appointed to both boards. Appointments to these boards are strictly political and about the only qualifications necessary are that the person be a citizen of the state and that there is no conflicting interests involved. (e.g. A person could not be working for the state in the area of education, etc.) My reasons for believing that the Governor should be approached are as follows:

1. The clause in the new constitution that refers to the "cultural integrity" of the Indian people in the State of Montana.
2. I have talked to ^{Mike} ~~Mark~~ Fitzgerald about the possibility of an Indian appointment to these boards and he seemed to think that the Governor would look favorably upon such a request. ^{Mike} ~~Mark~~ Fitzgerald is the Governor's Aide handling matters concerning Indian affairs. He can be reached at 406-449-3417.
3. The Governor himself - Governor Judge seems to have a very real and legitimate interest about the concerns of the Indian people in this state. In his campaign he referred to them specifically on numerous occasions.

Enclosed is the resolution that the Kyi-Yo Club has passed and is forwarding to the Governor's office. Also enclosed are the resumes of two Indians we

believe would be highly qualified for appointment to the boards. However, we realize these are not the only two names that could be submitted. We are submitting them merely as examples of the type of people we would support. Hopefully, you will endorse our resolution and send it along with additional names to the Governor.

Thank you for your time and if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Charles "Jack" Plumage
President, Kyi-Yo Indian Club
University of Montana

THESE ARE THE TWO LEGISLATIVE BILLS THAT ARE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT PERTAIN TO THE NATIVE AMERICAN IN MONTANA±

House Bill No. 501

"AN ACT REQUIRING AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES TO BE PART OF THE EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND OF PUBLIC SCHOOL PERSONNEL EMPLOYED IN MONTANA."

House Bill No. 343

"AN ACT REQUIRING AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES TO BE PART OF THE EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND OF PUBLIC SCHOOL PERSONNEL EMPLOYED ON OR ADJACENT TO INDIAN RESERVATIONS AND ENCOURAGING AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES AS PART OF THE EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND OF ALL SCHOOL PERSONNEL EMPLOYED IN THE STATE."

Special Election

At the last meeting of the Kyi-Yo Indian Club, a motion was made to amend Article XII- Elections, Section 6-"Nominations and elections shall take place in the Fall Quarter of the School Year. Nominations shall be made orally at the first meeting of the Club during that Quarter" to read, Section 6- "Nominations and elections shall take place in the Spring Quarter of the School Year. Nominations shall be made orally at a Special Meeting which will be called two weeks before Final Week of Spring Quarter." and Section 7 which reads"The Executive Council for the previous school year shall be the officers at the first meeting of the Club during the Fall Quarter for the purpose of the elections. In the event of the graduation, non-return or other reason for absence of the Chairman at the first meeting of the Club, the Vice-Chairman shall act in his stead." shall be deleted.

THEREFORE ON THE BASIS OF THIS MOTION WHICH WAS PASSED AT THE LAST MEETING, WE WILL ACT UPON THIS MOTION OFFICIALLY AT THE NEXT MEETING WHICH WILL BE FEBRUARY 20th AT 7:30, INDIAN STUDIES STUDENT LOUNGE.

Notes from the Civil Rights Desegregation Institute

Staff changes: Jackie Craft, Assiniboine from Wolf Point, resigned last month to accept a new position with the Fort Peck Tribes at Poplar. Jackie's new position is assistant community planner for the Tribe. The CRDI staff wishes to congratulate and wish Jackie luck in her new position.

Kathleen Arthur, Arapaho from the Wind River Reservation, was recently hired as secretary for CRDI. Ms. Arthur is a recent graduate of the Modern Business College, Missoula, Montana. The CRDI welcomes Kathleen aboard and extends to the Indian students at the University of Montana an invitation to meet and visit with Ms. Arthur when they drop by Indian Studies.

CRDI Visitations and Staff Briefs:

The CRDI staff have conducted workshops at the 10 target schools since the first of the year and plans are now under way for further workshops at the 10 target schools.

CRDI have invited 50 CRDI participants to participate in a 3 day "Cultural Workshop" in Billings on February 17-19, 1973. Twenty teachers from throughout Montana that are participants in CRDI plan to attend this workshop.

Mr. Robert Swan will be assisting Mr. Dale Goode, University of Wyoming, in conducting a workshop on cultural differences in Lander, Wyoming on February 14 and 15, 1973.

Ms. Rosella J. Covington has been named by Vice President Mitchell to a faculty committee on Equal Employment Opportunity. Ms. Covington along with four other faculty members will screen and review applicants for the position of Equal Employment Opportunity Officer.

Ms. Covington is teaching an extension course this quarter on Monday evenings from 7:00-10:00 p.m. The course is "The Reservation Indian" with 28 students enrolled in the course. Rosella wishes to emphasize the importance of attendance to those students enrolled in her course because this is a short quarter due to two holidays on Mondays.

CRDI have been working on curriculum development materials, papers about different facets of Indian life, and materials that are relevant to Indian study classes for the 10 target schools and future use for the Indian Studies Program. The CRDI staff would welcome all students to come in and discuss any problem you may be having in developing research papers about Indians for your classes. Some of the material we have developed may be of use to you in your research papers or oral reports you may be required to give in class.

Thought for the Month:

"The best thing that ever come from North Dakota was an empty bus." Sorry Skip.

Sports Beat from PeeWee "MVP" Bigby

The Kyi-Yo Indian Club currently has four teams competing in the University Intramural League. In this reporter's mind each team has the capability of going all the way. Former high school stars dot the line-up of the competing "Skins."

The "Fort Pecker," consisting mostly of players from the Fort Peck area. Maurice "Showboat" BigHorn is the squads player-coach. The rest of the team members are, Merle Smith, Ivan Roberts, Pete "Curly" Williams, Leonard Smith, Larry LaCount, Gabe "Long-Shot" Grant, and any other clown who happens to be standing around. At press time we couldnt get an interview with the coach as he was planning next week's strategy. The teams standing after five games is 3 wins and 2 losses. If you need an evening of laughs come and see this team play.

"Buckeyes" sort of remind basketball fans of the great Big Ten school, Ohio State. This team certainly plays like it's Big Ten counterpart. Led by Pat Head, his invincible crew has yet to be beaten after five games. Levi Labuff, Joe Bohne, Ellis Knows Gun, Vern Larson, Steve Comes At Night, and three other players who the reporter doesn't know as they are of White Ancestry make up the nucleus of this powerful cage group.

The next outfit is what the Kyi-Yo Club members call humorous basketball. Skip "Red" Baker happens to lead this group everybody's proud of. The rest of the team members are, Max Small, Bill "booze" Wilkinson, Dennis Dahl, Bruce Myers, Steve Bigby, Roy McNabb, and Hymn Alexander. The teams record is one win and five losses. Skip told this reporter, "with a little luck and the right break we could of been 6 and 0." This reporter has been pondering that statement merely because of the fact that they are in the league with the El Tah Tankas.

Words cannot describe this conglomerate of former All-Staters throughout the State of Montana. They compromise the "El Tah Tankas" whose brand of ball is exciting and crowd pleasing. Jack "Jocko" Plumage a hustling 5' 8" player-coach is what every team wants. He can shoot, pass, and dribble with the best of them. Being a modest Gros Ventre Jack commented, "I've a fine group of boys who come to play ball every time we take the court." Wes "ace" Stiffarm, Bernard "Bad-news" Azure, Emery "Sure-shot" Gray, George "GG" Kipp, PeeWee "MVP" Bigby, Woody "Kangaroo" Kipp, Steve "Stilt" Stiffarm, Danny "Double-dribble" Decker, and Kevin "Two" Howlett are the prospective team members. Standing 2-2 in league play is misleading as the team was upset twice. The fans still get a brand of ball that's equal only to the University's Big Sky competition.

Our Indian boys are energetic and love to engage in sports as you readers can see. So come out and see this fine talent of boys test their skill and fortitude against opposing teams. I'm sure they would appreciate it.

The Newsletter staff wishes to congratulate the El Tah Tonkas on their great victory in the first annual "Toilet Bowl" and to the losers, the Eddy Street Pilgrims, "Better Luck Next time!"

NOTICE!!!!!!!!

There will be a Chili Potluck,
Tuesday, February 13, at 6:00
p.m. at the Indian Studies Base-
ment. All staff and students are
invited.

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