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5 UM GRADUATE STUDENTS
TO GAIN GUIDANCE, COUNSELING
EXPERIENCE ON INDIAN RESERVATION

MISSOULA--

Five graduate students from the University of Montana participating in a three-year master's degree training program through the U.S. Office of Education will receive practical student counseling experience on the Rocky Boy Indian Reservation during spring quarter.

Rick LaPointe, Rosebud, S.D., a UM graduate student and the program director under the \$20,000 pupil personnel services guidance and counseling program at UM, said the experience for the five University students during the Rocky Boy program will be the first practical experience the students have had working directly with youngsters in primary and secondary schools.

"We want the five students to have as much practical experience as possible counseling pupils in kindergarten through 12th grade," LaPointe said. "The period from March 28 through June 9 should be very beneficial for the University students and for the students they will be working with at Box Elder School and at the Rocky Boy Elementary School."

LaPointe said the \$20,000 sum being utilized by the University of Montana was awarded to the Missoula school by the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, "in an inter-institution effort" for program development and the consultant work necessary for continuation of the master's degree program in guidance and counseling for Indian students.

The five UM graduate students will live on the Rocky Boy Reservation during the 11-week counseling program. The students will work alternately with pupils at the Box Elder School and Rocky Boy Elementary School during that time.

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University students participating in the guidance and counseling program, and their tribal affiliations include Carmen Guardipee, Browning, Blackfeet; Henry Penney, Lapwai, Idaho, Nez Perce; Joe Begay, Round Rock, Ariz., Navajo; Robert Swan, Box Elder, Chippewa-Cree, and Charles Trinder, Poplar, Assiniboine-Sioux.

Several UM faculty members will commute between Missoula and the Rocky Boy Reservation during spring quarter to conduct classes for the five graduate students. Among the faculty participating will be Robert S. Van Slyke, an assistant professor of education at UM.

LaPointe said faculty participation was arranged through Dr. John M. Stewart, dean of the UM Graduate School, and Dr. J. Francis Rummel, dean of the UM School of Education.

Funds for the educational program at USD and UM are provided under the Educational Professions Development Act of 1967.

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