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5 STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN UM PERSONNEL SERVICES PROGRAM

MISSOULA --

Five Indian students will participate in the pupil personnel services guidance and counseling program at the University of Montana beginning this fall.

The three-year training program, funded under grants totaling \$45,000 from the U.S. Office of Education under the Educational Professions Development Act of 1967, provides for a full-time academic program resulting in a master's degree in guidance and counseling for the participants.

Alonzo T. Spang, director of the UM Indian Studies Program, said the purpose of the personnel training program "is to provide more trained personnel who are oriented to the cultural differences and unique needs of the Indian."

Spang said that under the program the University could produce within three years a would minimum of 13 graduates in guidance and counseling who/have a sensitivity to cultural differences.

The five students, selected for the 1971-72 academic year by an advisory committee, will receive full academic-year stipends to participate in the program.

Participants and their tribal affiliations include Carmen Guardipee, <u>Browning</u>, Blackfeet; Henry Penney, <u>Lapwai</u>, <u>Idaho</u>, Nez Perce; Joe Begay, <u>Round Rock</u>, <u>Ariz.</u>, Navajo; Robert Swain, <u>Box Elder</u>, Chippewa-Cree; Jerry Lankford, <u>Harlem</u>, Gros Ventre; and Charles Trinder, Poplar, Assiniboine-Sioux.

Presently the students are attending a summer session training program at the University of South Dakota, Vermillion.