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3RD SPRING HEALTH CONFERENCE FOR INDIAN STUDENTS IS APRIL 9-10

MISSOULA --

A total of about 60 high school students from Montana's seven Indian reservations will participate in the third annual Spring Health Conference focusing on careers in the health professions Friday and Saturday, April 9-10, at the University of Montana in Missoula.

Stanley Strom, <u>Bigfork</u>, a Metis Indian, will be keynote speaker at the conference dinner at 6 p.m. Friday at the 4B's Restaurant, 301 E. Broadway. He will discuss the "Master's in Public Health Program" offered at the University of California at Berkeley, where he received his master's degree in public health in 1975. Strom, who was awarded the bachelor of science degree in education at Northern Montana College, <u>Havre</u>, in 1962, specializes professionally in the environmental sciences and Indian health services.

The two-day program, sponsored by the Indian Health Society of UM, is funded by the Native American Careers in Health Program at UM.

Conference registration will be from 3-10 p.m. Thursday, April 8, at the offices of the Indian Careers in Health and Native American Careers in Health facilities, 730 Eddy Ave.

Ralph F. Fulgham, <u>Great Falls</u>, a UM senior in premedicine, who is assisting in the conference, said the main purpose of the conference is to provide information for the Indian students about the various health careers available to them.

Conference sessions involving the high school students will include visits to local health facilities, including Community Hospital and St. Patrick Hospital, and departments at the University.

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Recruiters from the University of Oregon Medical and Dental School and representatives of the University of California at Berkeley will keynote sessions for the students at 10:15 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Friday at 730 Eddy Ave.

Various groups of high school students will meet with UM representatives Saturday to discuss the drug abuse program and experiments in microbiology.

Drug abuse discussions will be in Montana Rooms 360 F-G of the University Center, and various experiments in microbiology will be shown in room 411 of the UM Health Science Building at the following times Saturday--8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2:45 p.m.

Several UM representatives will meet with the high school students at 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday in 360 H-J of the University Center. University participants will include Raymond S. Carlisle, project director for Indian Careers in Health; Barbara Olson, project director for Native American Careers in Health, and Donna L. Booth, coordinator of academic advising at UM.