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Alcoholism, job training discussions slated for University of Montana meeting

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Representatives of seven Montana Indian tribes and others from scattered groups of Montana's Landless Indians will discuss alcoholism and job training during an Intertribal Policy Board Meeting on the University of Montana campus Thursday (Jan. 11) through Saturday (Jan. 13).

Registration for the three-day meeting begins at 10 a.m. Thursday (Jan. 11) in the Territorial Rooms of the Lodge on the Missoula campus. Discussions will be in the Territorial Rooms.

Also included on the program is a bus tour of the Kicking Horse Job Corps Camp, Ronan, at 10:45 a.m. Saturday, following the last discussion session at the University.

In separate addresses following welcoming remarks by UM President Robert T. Pantzer Thursday afternoon, several UM faculty members will discuss University research as applied to Indian studies and they also will talk about the UM Adult Training Center and other items. Participants will include Dr. Carling Malouf, UM professor of anthropology; Dr. Allen Pope, director of the UM Adult Education Center; and Dr. James Hall, director of extension and continuing education at the University.

From 9-11:30 a.m. Friday (Jan. 12) the tribal representatives will tour the UM Adult Education Center.

Barney Old Coyote of Washington, D.C., who is with the Office of Economic Opportunity, will discuss "OEO Indian Training Programs" at 1:30 p.m. Friday. Dr. Benjamin Wright, UM sociologist, will discuss "Alcoholism Among Indians" at 2 p.m.
There will be a panel discussion concerning alcoholism at 3 p.m. Friday. Moderator will be Bob Howard, director of the Blackfeet Reservation Community Action Program. Other panelists will include Dr. Richard B. Urich, Billings, Public Health Service; Alex B. Stevenson, Helena, State Highway Patrol; Edward Gendel, Warm Springs, Montana State Hospital.

Special guest at a banquet at 6 p.m. Friday in the Lodge will be William Carmack, Washington D.C., assistant commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs. James Canan, Billings, area BIA director, also will participate in the banquet program.

On-the-job training will be discussed at 9 a.m. Saturday. Participants will include representatives from the State Employment Service, the BIA and the Flathead Indian Reservation C.A.P.

The three-day meeting, which ends following a dinner hosted by the Job Corps at Ronan, was planned by Leo Sias, Ronan, secretary-treasurer for the IPB; Fred Houle, Pablo, tribal secretary of the confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes on the Flathead Reservation north of Missoula; and Thomas J. Collins, UM director of public services.

Other tribes represented at the meeting include those from the Crow Reservation, Hardin; Fort Peck Reservation, Wolf Point and Poplar vicinity; Fort Belknap Reservation south of Harlem; Rocky Boy Reservation near Box Elder and the Northern Cheyenne Reservation, southeastern Montana.