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ALCOHOLISM, JOB TRAINING DOMINATE CONFERENCE DISCUSSION

MISSOULA--

Alcoholism and job training are the main topics of discussion at the Intertribal Policy Board Meeting now in progress on the University of Montana campus. Representatives of seven Montana Indian tribes and others from scattered groups of Montana's Landless Indians are attending.

From 9 to 11:30 a.m. today (Friday) 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. today in the Territorial Rooms of the Lodge. Dr. Benjamin Wright, UM instructor in sociology, will discuss "Alcoholism Among Indians," at 2 p.m.

At 3 p.m. today a panel will discuss alcoholism. Bob Howard, director of the Black-foot Reservation Community Action Program, will moderate. Other panelists include Dr. Richard B. Urich, Billings, Public Health Service; Alex B. Stevenson, Helena, State Highway Patrol; and Edward Gendel, Warm Springs, Montana State Hospital.

Today's activities will close with a banquet at 6 p.m. in the Lodge. Special guest 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 by representatives from the State Employment Service, the BIA and the Flathead Indian Reservation C.A.P. A tour of the Kicking Horse Job Corps Camp will follow at 10:45. A dinner hosted by the Job Corps at Ronan marks the end of the 3-day meeting.

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