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MOTIVATED—These three participants in a motivational workshop at the August Akimel O'odham/Pee Posh Youth Conference seem to have the concept of motivation well in hand. From left to right, J.R. Cesing, Felicitas Colelay, and Brian Antone. Colelay, from San Carlos, brought her granddaughter to the conference. See conference story on Page 6.

Tribal phone company negotiating to purchase local U.S. West system

With financing expected to be approved within the next week, Gila River Telecommunications Inc. has set a Sept. 21 target date to complete negotiations to purchase the U.S. West phone system on the reservation, GRTI chairman Cecil F. Antone said.

The tribal phone company is expecting to receive word of approval of a \$3.9 million Rural Electrification Administration (REA) loan that will be used to purchase U.S. West equipment and to begin construction of new phone lines, he said.

The REA is awaiting the Bureau of Indian Affairs' approval of the tribe's plans before making a final decision on the loan, he said.

Meanwhile, GRTI and U.S. West are working to iron out a "few last items" within the final purchase agreement, Antone said.

Once that is done, GRTI will be expected to make a token down payment of \$250,000.

GRTI will pay the balance of the purchase price when it receives its

REA loan monies, he said.

After the purchase all that remains is for GRTI to obtain the approval of the Arizona Corporation Commission and the Federal Communications Commission, and then construction

can begin, Antone said. Sacaton will be the first exchange the company will work on, he said.

GRTI was created last year to take over the operation and maintenance of the reservation's current phone system.

In addition, the tribal company plans to provide cellular mobile telephone service, cable TV, and a two-way interactive video service that will provide a means for tribal members to participate in council meetings, committee meetings and instructional courses without leaving their districts.

Cost for constructing the entire system, including purchasing U.S. West equipment, has been projected at \$9 million.

Based on a survey of reservation residents, the tribal phone company could eventually provide service to 2,400 telephones on the reservation.

Earlier this year, plans for the tribal phone system were strongly criticized by some residents who thought their phone rates might increase under the GRTI system.

But Antone says rates for GRTI service will be considerably lower than U.S. West.

Under REA regulations, the tribal

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Southwest Indians in agriculture will be focus of upcoming conference

"Indian Agriculture in the 1990's" is the theme of the second annual Southwest Indian Agriculture Conference scheduled Sept. 14-16 at the Sheraton San Marcos in Chandler.

Three basic subjects will be covered at the three-day event:

financing for Indian agriculture, water for the future, and agriculture education for Indians, Ardell Ruiz, Gila River Farm Board vice chairman and conference chair said.

"In this case agriculture means both livestock ranching and crop farming," he said.

The Southwest Agriculture Association's business meeting is scheduled for Thursday afternoon on Sept. 14, along with a meeting for anyone interested in forming a SIWAA livestock committee.

The keynote speakers on Friday, Sept. 15, include Rep. Jim

Hartdegen, Casa Grande, and Dan Lewis, aide to U.S. Sen. John McCain.

Also on the program are Dr. Eugene Sander, dean of the College of Agriculture at the University of Arizona; Clark Dierks, state director

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of the Farmers Home Administration; Stuart Jamieson, representing the U.S. Department of Agriculture for Indian affairs; and Bob Moore, former executive vice president of the Agri-Business Council of Arizona.

In addition to the informational sessions, Friday's program also will include a luncheon and a dinner

dance. The educational program will continue Saturday morning, Sept. 16.

The conference is primarily for tribes and individual Indians who are involved in agriculture on Arizona reservations and those that border Arizona, said Elliot Booth, vice chairman of the Colorado River Indian Tribes and president of the Southwest Indian Agricultural

Association.

But all Indians who have an interest in agriculture, as well as non-Indians with an interest in farming on Indian reservations, are urged to attend, Booth said.

Conference registration is \$50 for

those who pre-register and \$75 for those who register at the conference registration desk. For further information, write Ardell Ruiz, conference chairman, P.O. Box 1252, Sacaton, AZ 85247, or call (602)836-2671.

Housing Authority names former Tohono O'odham inspector to post

Les Morrison has been named director of the Gila River Indian Community Housing Authority, following the July 7 resignation of Steve Jones.

Morrison, who took over the post Aug. 15, was a housing inspector for the Tohono O'odham Housing Authority.

He recently left that post after the housing construction project he was working on was completed.

The new director has more than 30 years construction experience and is a carpenter by trade.

He worked for about three years as a housing inspector for the Gila River Indian Community, and worked for 15 years as a project superintendent for the Estes Co.

Morrison says his immediate goals are to develop a troubleshooting

program to analyze housing problems on the reservation and to complete three major housing projects soon to be started.

A 94-home housing project is set to start in about a month in District 5. The other two projects are set to begin within the next three months.

Ten homes will be built in Maricopa Colony and 78 houses will be constructed in San Tan, he said.

Another high-priority item on Morrison's agenda is the hiring of a new development director.

A development director is vital to future housing projects, he said.

The development director would assist Morrison in applying for funding, selecting housing sites, hiring architects and contractors and overseeing construction projects.

Volunteers sought to participate in project to study thyroid diseases

Volunteers are needed to participate in a project to study thyroid diseases in the Pima population.

The aim of the study, directed by Dr. Rebecca Davis of Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital and a physician from St. Joseph's Children's Health Center, is to determine if a certain finding is present in the blood that makes it look as if people have thyroid disease when they don't.

According to Dr. Davis, the benefits of this research will be to

keep people with this condition from unnecessarily receiving thyroid medications or expensive evaluations.

Volunteers would have one teaspoon of blood drawn for analysis. Then results would be made available to each individual volunteer.

Blood will be drawn on two separate days with dates and location to be announced at a later date.

For more information contact Davis at 562-3321.

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Negotiations near end for tribe to buy reservation U.S. West phone system

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phone company won't be able to charge for running new phone lines

to homes, he added. Currently, under U.S. West, the charge to set up new service runs

from \$100 to \$7,000, depending on distance from existing U.S. West lines, according to reservation

residents who've inquired about new phone service.

Once GRTI runs a phone line to an individual's home, he or she will be responsible for wiring inside the home as well as for purchasing their own phones, Antone said.

Kits for wiring inside a home can be purchased for as little as \$20, he said.

Antone said there will be no interruption in current phone service when GRTI takes over the U.S. West system.

A transition team has already been set up to ensure a problem-free takeover, he said.

Burglars break into Casa Blanca Market and take safe

Burglars broke into Casa Blanca Market this past weekend and made off with the store's safe and an

unspecified amount of cash, Casa Blanca manager Gloria Thomas said.

The safe, which had been bolted to the market's cement floor, was found abandoned in the mountains near Casa Grande by the Arizona Department of Public Safety, she said. Non-cash items in the safe were returned.

Store workers discovered the burglary at 6:45 a.m. Monday morning. The last shift before the

break-in went off duty at 10:30 p.m. on Sunday, Thomas said.

To enter the store, burglars broke a lock on the market's front security door and then pried open a glass door that set off an alarm.

They then broke the alarm and cut the store's phone wires, she said.

Only the safe was taken. The rest of the store was undisturbed. The market was last burglarized about one year ago, Thomas said.

Native American film festival set Sept. 13 thru 15

Phoenix College is sponsoring a Native American Film Festival Sept. 13-15.

On Wednesday, Sept. 13 the film "Geronimo and the Apache Resistance will be shown."

"Navajo Code Talkers" and "Warriors—Honoring Native American Veterans of the Vietnam War" will be presented on Thursday, Sept. 14. On Friday, Sept. 15, "Windwalker" will be shown.

Movies will run from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. each day and the event will take place at Bear's Den-Hanelly Center on college campus at 1202 West Thomas Road in Phoenix.

The festival is being sponsored by the Native American Tourism Center and is funded by the Arizona Humanities Council.

For more information contact the Native American Tourism Center, 333 West Indian School Road, Phoenix, AZ 85013, 234-1340.

Tohono O'odham chairman fair after heart attacks

Angelo Joaquin Sr., Tohono O'odham Tribal Chairman, remains hospitalized while recovering from two hearts attacks he suffered in August, but his condition has improved and is now listed as fair, a Good Samaritan Medical Center spokesman said.

Joaquin was moved from the Phoenix hospital's intensive care unit last week after being listed in critical condition for several weeks.

At the chairman's request, tribal planning director Richard Ramirez is handling the day-to-day duties of the executive office.

Legislative Council chairman Edward Manuel said the council has been working closely with Ramirez to keep the tribal government operating smoothly.

Earlier this year the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council held removal hearings to oust former chairman Enos Francisco Jr. and then vice chairman Joaquin from office.

Francisco was removed from office and Joaquin became chairman. After months of conflict between the executive and legislative branches

Manuel noted that "sometimes it takes something like this to happen to bring you together."

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2,000 pounds of excess fat is shed by people in weight loss program

Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital has just completed a second 12-week segment of its weight loss program known as the HMR fasting program—total participant weight loss over the past 24 weeks has been 2,000 pounds or one ton.

According to the program's spokesperson Joanne Hurley, 52 people are now continuing with the program working toward their healthy weight.

The fasting program will have

another orientation meeting Sept. 12 at 5:30 p.m. at the hospital.

A non-fasting, free-of-charge weight loss program will also begin

Thursday, Sept. 21 with meetings at noon or 5:30 p.m.

For more information call Hurley at 562-3321, extension 373.

New employees are added to roster of Gila River Indian Community

The Gila River Indian Community welcomed the following new employees in July and August.

Anne Warfield, youth basic education GED classroom instructor, Employment and Training program; Gregory Howard, youth rehabilitation staff, Juvenile Rehabilitation Center; Garren Manuel, youth rehabilitation staff, Juvenile Rehabilitation Center;

Alvin Enis, youth rehabilitation staff, Juvenile Rehabilitation Center; Doris Allison, youth rehabilitation staff, Juvenile Rehabilitation Center;

Iva Lee Domingo, youth rehabilitation staff, Juvenile Rehabilitation Center; Steven Pedro, laborer, Water and Sanitation Division; Abel Miguel, solid waste system worker, Water & Sanitation Division; Mitchell Losey, water and sanitation worker, Water and Sanitation Division;

Marthalene Reed, receptionist/telephone operator, Tribal Administration; Marvin Johns, court baliff; Tribal Courts; Leslie Morrison, director, Gila River Housing Authority; Glenna Harper, social

worker, Tribal Social Services;

Linda Sepulveda, secretary II, Student Services; Cornelius Lewis, residential treatment counselor II, Alcohol & Drug Abuse Program; Suzanne Acunia, secretary, Blackwater Community School;

John Wolf, program evaluator, Office of Planning & Evaluation; Carlos Johnson, police officer, Sacaton Police Department; Deborah Ludlow, police dispatcher/jailer, Sacaton Police Department;

Phyllis D. Austin, child welfare worker, Social Services Office; Nathan Allen, service center coordinator (temporary), District 2; Martha Miller, service center coordinator (temporary), District 7; Erna Mills, receptionist/secretary, Behavioral Health Clinic;

Theresa Lujan, teacher assistant, Blackwater Community School; Joanne Miles, Supervisory Teacher, Maricopa Colony Headstart; Angie Acunia, cook, Maricopa Colony Headstart; Adrian Hendricks, teacher aide, Maricopa Colony Headstart; Duane James, skilled laborer, Physical Resources.

Job openings are announced by tribal Personnel Services Office

The Gila River Indian Community Personnel Services Offices has announced the following job openings.

- Bus Driver/Teacher Assitant, District 6 Headstart Center, \$7,500 to \$8,112 for nine months, Job No. 099.
- Service Center Coordinator, District 7 Service Center, \$13,773 to \$17,579 per year, closing date 9-8-89, Job No. 100.

- Tribal Council Standing Committee Secretary, Tribal Council Secretary's Office, \$12,492 to \$15,945 per year, closing date 9-11-89, Job No. 101.

- Maintenance Mechanic I, West End Housing, \$10,791 to \$13,773 per year, closing date 9-11-89, Job No. 102.

- Cook, District 6 Headstart, \$8,000 to

\$8,112 for nine months, closing date 9-12-89, Job No. 103.

- Bus Driver/Teacher Assistant, Santan Headstart, \$8,112 for nine months, closing date 9-13-89, Job No. 104.

- Security Officer, part-time, on-call, four positions open, Juvenile Rehabilitation Center, \$6.15 per hour, closing date 9-19-89, Job No. 105.

- Livestock Officer I, state-funded, Gila River Indian Reservation, \$15,364 per year, closing date 9-21-89.

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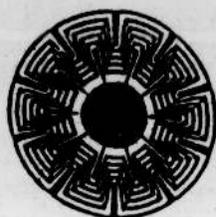
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College students from Gila River and Ak-Chin get fall semester send-off

Former superintendent of state education for Arizona, Carolyn Warner, was the keynote speaker at the Student Services Department's orientation session for college students held at the Ramada Inn in Chandler July 28.

Students from the Ak-Chin and Gila River Indian Communities listened as Gila River Gov. Thomas White and Ak-Chin Chairman Delia Antone spoke to the gathering about the importance of education and the economic outlook for the future.

Students received tips on how to budget and how to get the most out of financial aid from Arizona State University financial aid officer Julia Emmons.

Antonio Chavez, coordinator of minority recruitment and retention at Mesa Community College, spoke about various services available on

campus.

And, according to Carol Chiago, Gila River Higher Education Counselor, Warner delivered a highly motivational speech, spiced with a little humor.

Students broke into small panels for an informal discussion of experiences, goals, difficulties and strengths they've experienced as students.

Chiago says students came away feeling they were not alone, and knowing they could cope. They also learned how to seek out help when needed it, she said.

Perhaps most importantly, some contacts and friendships were developed that should carry on to the various campuses once school begins, Chiago said.

Financial aid officers, counselors, and special program personnel from

the University of Arizona, Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University, Scottsdale, Mesa, Gateway, Phoenix, Chandler-Gilbert, and Central Arizona community colleges also met with the students in

small groups for the closing session.

Door prizes were donated by Gila River Arts & Crafts, the Ak-Chin Community, the University of Arizona, and Chandler-Gilbert Community College Center.

Career Center secretarial program featuring automated office training

A general secretary skills training program, featuring automated office functions, will be available Oct. 2 at the Gila River Career Center.

The 700-clock-hour program is designed to provide intensive hands-on training. The program's duration is less than one year.

Students attend classes 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday in room 208 of the GRCC in Sacaton.

Emphasis will be placed on

microcomputer word processing, dictation and transcription, records management procedures, typing, telephone techniques, human

relations, and receptionist duties.

For more information on the program, on available financial aid, or for career counseling call 562-3349, 723-5522, or 964-8786.

The Gila River Career Center is operated by Central Arizona College.

Two Gila River Community residents earn training certificates from CAC

Two Sacaton residents recently graduated from programs at the Signal Peak Campus of Central Arizona College.

Celestine Apkaw received an associate of applied science degree

in heavy equipment operation during Signal Peak's 20th annual graduation ceremony in May.

Jeanell Ventura received an early childhood education certificate at the conclusion of the Spring semester.

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Reminder that clinic hours are changing this month

Community members are reminded that clinic hours at Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital in Sacaton will be changing in mid-September.

Patients who seek treatment through the walk-in clinic are asked to sign in from 11 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Monday through Friday.

Patients in need of emergency medical treatment will be seen at any time.

Hospital officials say the change in clinic hours should mean patients will spend less time waiting to see a

doctor.

Indian Health Service clinical director at the hospital, Dr. George Ting, said the mornings will be used solely for appointments and emergencies, a move that should improve service to patients.

He added that the hospital staff is looking forward to the change in an effort to reduce patient waiting time and to improve service.

Tohono O'odham are sued for \$1,000,000

A former police chief for the Tohono O'odham tribe has filed a \$1 million lawsuit against that tribe saying that he was fired from his job without cause, violating his constitutional and employee rights, and causing him irreparable harm.

The suit filed by Robert Goodnight names Tohono O'odham Tribal Chairman Angelo Joaquin and personnel director Max Atwell as defendants, both as tribal officials and as individuals.

It claims that because of the firing, Goodnight's "reputation as an outstanding law enforcement agent in Arizona has been harmed and besmirched."

Goodnight is asking for \$500,000 in compensatory damages and \$500,000 in punitive damages, according to tribal court records.

Since Joaquin and Atwell are being sued as tribal officials, the tribe would be liable for the judgement amount if a decision is made in favor of Goodnight.

Goodnight was fired in May soon after Joaquin learned that the Tohono O'odham Police Department was investigating allegations of sexual misconduct against the chairman.

The chairman denied the charges of sexual misconduct and said Goodnight's firing was in no way connected with the investigation.

The dismissal was just part of a "cleaning house" process in the executive branch, Joaquin said.

The FBI conducted an investigation of the firing for possible obstruction of justice, but the U.S. Attorney's Office declined to prosecute saying there wasn't enough evidence to do so.

According to court documents filed by Goodnight's attorney, Rod Lewis, the former police chief says the chairman gave him no reason for his termination.

Goodnight said he requested a grievance hearing in May but was denied one by the chairman and Atwell.

This, Goodnight says, violated his right to equal protection and due process under the Indian Civil Rights Act and the Tohono O'odham Nation's constitution.

Lewis declined to comment on the case and Goodnight couldn't be reached for comment.

Tribal attorneys filed a motion to dismiss the suit Aug. 28 saying the tribe can't be sued because of sovereign immunity.

The motion to dismiss also states that under the constitution the chairman has the right to terminate any tribal employee and to deny a grievance hearing.

DUI conviction puts O'odham judge in jail

A Tohono O'odham tribal court judge spent a day in jail after a Phoenix Municipal Court jury found him guilty of driving while intoxicated.

Judge Malcolm A. Escalante was found guilty June 30 of a charge of driving a vehicle with a blood alcohol concentration of .10 percent or higher, and of a charge of driving a vehicle under the influence of intoxicating liquor, Phoenix Municipal Court staff attorney Charlotte Berry said.

He was sentenced Aug. 8 and received a suspended sentence of one day in jail and a fine of \$413 on the first charge, and a sentence of one day in jail and a fine of \$413 on the second charge.

The second sentence wasn't suspended, Berry said.

Escalante wasn't convicted on a third charge of failure to drive in one lane.

Tohono O'odham Chief Tribal Judge Hilda Manuel says she will not recommend that Escalante resign.

However, Manuel has taken Escalante off the criminal bench and assigned him to administrative and civil cases only.

"He is a good judge who exercised poor judgement and made a mistake," she said.



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Minnesota tribe takes over management of local BIA agency

The Bureau of Indian Affairs has signed a landmark agreement with the Red Lake Band of Chippewas in Minnesota transferring to the tribal government day-to-day management authority over all the agency's programs on the reservation.

The three-year agreement, effective Aug. 1, is a model for other tribes to follow, BIA director Eddie Brown said.

"This is the first of its kind and the direction we want to move in promoting tribal self-sufficiency... With this historic agreement, we are fulfilling our trust responsibility and recognizing the self-determination interests of the tribe," he said.

Under the agreement the Red Lake Band will have executive direction for the BIA's Red Lake Agency and about 90 BIA employees.

BIA Minneapolis area director Earl Barlow will retain line authority over the employees, who will also maintain their full status as civil service employees.

According to Brown, the Red Lake agreement is the first where the tribe is allowed to assume directorship over BIA programs.

"We think this agreement can serve as a prototype for future, similar agreements with other tribes across the country," Brown said.

Among the programs the tribe will now be directing are community fire protection, law enforcement services, financial trust services, roads construction and maintenance, forestry, agriculture, and fire suppression.

Other programs operated by the tribe under contracts with the BIA are housing improvement programs, natural resources development, and the tribal court system.

Indian museum bill draws debate on bones issue

U.S. Rep. Ben Nighthorse Campbell chaired a joint hearing of three House panels last month to hear testimony on his bill to establish a Museum of the American Indian on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

The committees heard testimony from Indians, including many tribal elders, members of Congress, archaeologists, and officials of the Smithsonian Institution, which will build and manage the new national museum if it's built.

However, witnesses disagreed about a section of Campbell's bill that provides funds for the Smithsonian to identify the origins of thousands of Indian skeletal remains and the formulation of a policy on the return of the remains.

Indians who testified wanted stronger provisions that require the repatriation of both Indian remains and objects that were buried with them.

On the other hand, the Smithsonian and archaeologists testified that the remains are valuable to the expansion of scientific knowledge of early inhabitants of America and that new techniques are being developed that will extract even more information from the bones in the future.

"There are many trails of tears, and

one of these trails leads directly to the door of the Smithsonian," said Walter Echo Hawk, an attorney for the Native American Rights Fund.

His organization is calling for the reburial of all native remains now in the hands of the Smithsonian, and the return of sacred burial objects.

The group also wants an independent group to conduct the study of the origin of the remains.

"These people were tenderly buried in accordance with the best Indian traditions, not donated to science," he said.

The Smithsonian's top official, Robert Adams said the institution would return remains if they could be identified with living descendants or tribes, but he said the rest are considered "scientific resources" that will be kept for study.

Stanford University to return skeletal remains to Indian descendants

Stanford University has decided to return the skeletal remains of about 550 Indians, which are now part of its museum collection, to the elders of the Ohlone Indian tribe.

It may be the first major university to take such an action, and university officials say the decision was a difficult one.

"Because universities place great value on freedom of inquiry, the decision to support reinterment has been difficult," James N. Rosse, vice president and provost of the university, said in a letter to the elders.

But in its operational plan for the reburial of the skeletal remains the university emphasized its commitment to "maintaining a community in which diverse religious beliefs and cultural traditions are respected by all."

The plan also states that the university recognizes "that traditional Indian religious beliefs hold ancestral remains to be sacred, and we acknowledge that Indian groups have the right to determine the final disposition of those remains. We understand the curation of the remains in our possession is in conflict with traditional beliefs."

Although the final decision about the timing of the reburial was left up to the Ohlone, the university did request that it be allowed to complete an inventory and research assessment of the remains. That project is set to be complete this year.

Nebraska enacts Indian burial legislation

The state of Nebraska has enacted a precedent-setting law that requires state-sponsored museums to return Indian skeletal remains and associated burial goods to tribes for reburial.

According to the Native American Rights Fund, Nebraska is the first state to pass such a law expressly requiring the return of all tribally identifiable skeletal remains and linkable burial goods to Indian tribes for reburial.

The controversial measure was sponsored by Nebraska Senator Ernie Chambers, who said during first-round floor debate, "What we are talking about with this bill is nothing less than human dignity...What we

are asking for is common decency. We didn't need a bill like this to protect the ancestors of white people or any other group."

Although the bill was controversial among legislators, a scientific poll, conducted in February by the "Omaha World Herald" revealed that 69 percent of those polled in the state favored the reburial of Indian skeletal remains and burial goods.

The new law requires Nebraska institutions to return all skeletal remains and burial goods within one year of the date of a tribal request for their return.

The new legislation also prohibits the unnecessary disturbance of unmarked burials and establishes criminal penalties for trafficking the contents of burials located within the state.

In the event unmarked Indian graves must be disturbed in instances such as road construction, the law requires state authorities to contact Indian tribes and comply with their decisions as to reburial.

The legislation is the result of a prolonged struggle by present-day Nebraska tribes to secure equal protection and treatment of Indian dead.

Similar bills were defeated in 1987 and 1988. The 1989 lobbying effort was led by the NARF on behalf of the Pawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, in conjunction with the Nebraska Indian Commission and affiliated tribal representatives.

According to NARF, the battle for passage of the law pitted the constitutional religious freedom and equal protection rights of Indian peoples against the interests of science and history in retaining and studying Indian skeletal remains and burial goods.

During the 1989 legislative session, the controversy focused on a year-long dispute between the Pawnee Tribe and the Nebraska State Historical Society, which had rejected numerous requests to return the remains of more than 300 Pawnee dead.

The Pawnee believe the spirits of their ancestors will wander and never be at peace if the remains of their deceased and grave goods are disturbed or separated.

Supreme Court rules on prosecution of non-Indian crimes

Ruling without comment, the U.S. Supreme Court let stand rulings by lower courts that the federal government has exclusive authority to prosecute non-Indians for crimes against Indians that take place on reservations.

The ruling involved the case of Conrad Marion Flint, a school teacher on the Navajo reservation accused of molesting young Indian boys.

An Arizona state judge twice threw out indictments against Flint, and the Arizona Court of Appeals upheld the judge's ruling last year.

The appeals court cited a 1946 Supreme Court decision, and said Flint is "charged with serious sexual crimes against several young Indian males, thus creating a strong tribal interest."

The state court said that in such

cases "state officials lack authority to act."

Business development grant awards increase

Proposed amendments to The Indian Business Development Program (IBDA) that would raise grant awards for individual Indians to \$10,000, and for tribes to \$250,000 have been published in the June 26 edition of the Federal Register.

The program had been without funds since fiscal year 1977, but operated as the Special Grants for Economic Development Program in fiscal years 1983 through 1985.

The new proposals would reactivate the program to ensure that competent management and technical assistance is available to grantees in preparation of the application.

The grants are made to help establish new economic enterprises and are given to businesses when financing is available from no other source.

Amounts of the grants are limited to 25 percent of the cost of the project. The remaining 75 percent must come from sources other than the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Questions or information may be obtained from Richard Nephew, BIA Division of Financial Assistance (202)343-3660.

New BIA head outlines action plan

New Bureau of Indian Affairs director Eddie F. Brown this month outlined an action plan for the next 90 days that focuses on improving education programs, addressing tribal development on reservations, and improving the BIA's own management at the central office and at the agency level.

Brown said that in keeping with Interior Secretary Manuel Lujan Jr.'s and the Bush administration's goal of putting education at the top of the agenda, he'll move quickly to seek out the best qualified educator he can find to fill the job of the bureau's director of education programs.

"During our search I will be meeting with Intertribal groups and elected tribal officials around the country to get their ideas on the ways that we can improve our relations and meet their needs in helping them attain self-sufficiency," Brown said.

Brown said he would especially look to the tribes for their assistance in laying out what they see as their needs in order to improve the economies on reservations.

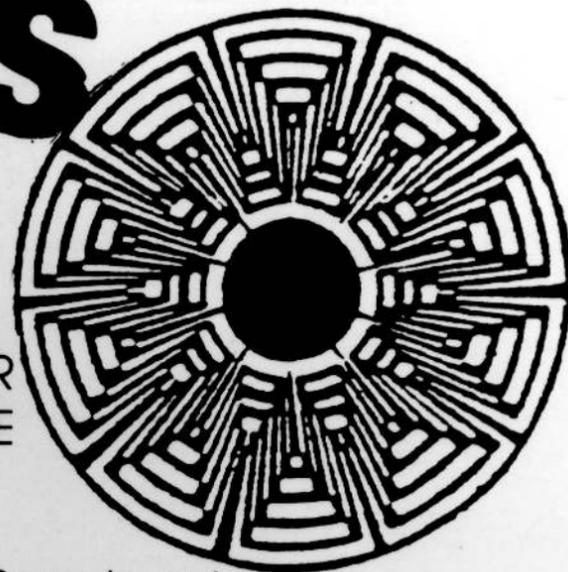
He also said he would have an orientation and planning team look at the organization of his office, the BIA central office, the current and future bureau budgets, and the BIA's methods of communicating with elected tribal officials.

"I feel confident we will move ahead in all of these areas," he said.

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Orientation readies Gila River, Ak-Chin students

The Student Services Department held an orientation for college students from the Ak-Chin and Gila River Indian Communities at the Ramada Inn on July 28, 1989.

Gila River Governor Thomas White, and Ak-Chin Chairperson Delia Antone spoke to the gathering about the importance of education and the economic outlook for the future.

Ms. Julia Emmons, Financial Aid Officer from Arizona State University, gave the students tips on how to budget (don't bring your spouse and children grocery shopping), and how to get the most out of the financial aid officer (be persistent and assertive).

Mr. Antonio Chavez, Coordinator of Minority Recruitment and Retention at Mesa Community College, spoke about the various support services available on campus.

He also regaled the audience with tales of his own college years.

The lunch was great, but they forgot to bring out the dessert. Mrs. Carolyn Warner, former head of the Arizona Department of Education, addressed the lunch crowd with a highly motivational speech, spiced with a little humor.

The group broke into two smaller student panels for an informal discussion about experiences, goals, difficulties, and

strengths.

Individuals came away feeling like they were not alone, knowing they could cope, learning how to seek help, and feeling more enthusiastic about the upcoming semester.

Perhaps most importantly, some contacts and friendships were developed which should carry on to the various campuses once school begins.

Financial aid officers, counselors, and special programs personnel from the University of Arizona, Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University, Scottsdale, Mesa, Gateway, Phoenix, Chandler-Gilbert, and Central Arizona community colleges met with students in small groups for the closing session.

The students reported that the college representatives were very supportive.

Many very nice door prizes donated by Gila River Arts and Crafts, Ak-Chin, the University of Arizona and Chandler-Gilbert Community College Center were given out with the comic, outrageous help of comedian Bert Emmett.

Forty-nine students have been awarded Tribal Grants under the Higher Education Program for the 1989-1990 school year.

Good luck to all the students, and enjoy the semester!



FOCUSING—Monica King, a graduate student at Arizona State University, goes one step further than being a good listener during a speech by Carolyn Warner, she even took notes. King, along with other students from Gila River and Ak-Chin, attended an orientation day in Chandler. More photographs on Page 3 of Challenges.

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Each year members of the Gila River and Ak-Chin Indian Communities register for classes at various trade or technical schools. An individual may be approached in the parking lot of a grocery store, K-Mart, or on the street.

The school representative will tell the tribal member that he or she is conducting a survey and will ask for the person's name and phone number. Eventually, the school representative will attempt to enroll the individual in school and will offer the person a loan to cover his or her expenses. This article was written to protect tribal members from this high-

pressure, unethical practice.

What is Financial Assistance all about?

Before you decide to apply for financial aid, you need to learn about as many sources of financial aid as you can.

Contact the financial aid administrator at each school in which you are interested in attending. If you are in high school, talk to your guidance counselor.

Contact the Tribal Office of Student Services. The Office of Student Services provides financial assistance and counseling to

students wanting to attend colleges, universities or technical schools.

Assistance may be through tribal scholarships or other funding sources. Both financial counseling and career counseling are offered to individuals to assist in their decision making.

Types of Financial Aid

There are many different types of aid which may be available to students. The U.S. Department of Education offers five major student financial aid programs.

■ PELL Grants

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So you think studying is a mystery? Well just try this

Studying can rattle your nerves, challenge you, and yes, sometimes bore you.

But because you're a student, studying can't be taken trivially. It's part of every day life, and it's a key to future opportunities. Learning to study efficiently will make you a winner.

To think clearly and study efficiently, you must be able to concentrate. You can think about only one thing at a time, so do away with distractions—turn off the radio and television.

Eliminating distractions may actually help you to finish your studying faster. One hour spent concentrating only on your studies will accomplish more than two hours spent alternating between your books and the television.

Set A Schedule

Here are some more tips:

- Reserve a quiet space to study in your room, apartment or home, away from distractions.
- Set a study schedule and stick to it. If you study at the same time every day, it becomes second nature. You won't waste time deciding when to study, and you're less likely to put it off.
- Studying right after your classes, or in the early evening, allows you to relax at the end of the day.
- If you have little or no homework for a particular class, use your study time to read for pleasure, or to review your classwork.
- Reference books are very important. You should have a dictionary. A thesaurus is very helpful when writing essays and reports. An almanac can also be a useful research tool. Inexpensive thesaurus and almanac paperback versions are available.
- An atlas and a set of encyclopedias are valuable research tools too. They are available in the college or university library.

Strategy For Studying

After reading a few pages, nothing is more frustrating than realizing you don't remember what you've just read.

Before you begin reading or studying a new lesson, it's a good idea to have a game plan in mind to help you retain information.

Several study methods have been created by educators to improve understanding and the ability to remember.

One of the most widely known formulas is SQ3R—Survey, Question, Read, Recite and Review.

Here's how the SQ3R strategy works.

- **Step One - Survey.** First, skim through the reading material and illustrations to get a general idea of the topic. Read headings, questions and summaries.
- **Step Two - Question.** Once you generally know what the lesson is about, jot down some questions. Make questions out of the chapter headings. Read any questions written at the end of the chapter by the author.
- Try to answer your questions before reading the material. Having questions in mind gives you something to look for while reading. It improves your concentration by giving you a goal or purpose.
- **Step Three - Reading.** Read, actively looking for answers to your questions. While reading, compare the actual facts to the answers you predicted.

Keep alert. Read as if you're having a silent conversation with the author—challenge, question or agree with what you're reading.

- **Step Four - Recite.** After reading a section, try to restate what you've just read without looking at the book.
- **Step Five - Test.** After you've read the entire assignment, test your memory. Go back. Try to remember the important facts in each section. Jot down major

ideas on scratch paper without looking at the book. Then check your answers.

It's Not

A Game Of Chance

Remember, you have control over whether you do well in school—it has nothing to do with luck or chance. You also control your future.

Work hard in school and you are likely to reap the rewards of a good education later in life. Becoming a doctor, lawyer, teacher, engineer, carpenter or electrician doesn't happen overnight.

All these careers require training. And entering college, professional school, or trade school requires a solid educational base on which to build.

So challenge yourself—don't just aim to pass, aim to excel.



Information compiled from a project of the Indian-Oasis Baboquivari School District, Sells, Arizona

Employment Assistance funds 25 students for fall

A total of 25 students have been funded by Employment Assistance for the Fall Semester.

Students who are interested in applying for the second semester (Spring), must apply now. Applications for a training program at a vocational, technical or proprietary school are taken on a regular basis.

Students are encouraged to call in for appointments. The counselor is stationed at the West-end of the Gila River reservation on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, and at Ak-Chin bimonthly on the first and third Mondays at the service center.

You And Your Advisor

An advisor's job is to help you plan your program; to understand and interpret college policy and procedure; to assist in referrals to appropriate campus services; to tell you about your field of interest; and to be interested in you as an individual. But remember, **ADVISING IS A TWO-WAY PROCESS. YOU HAVE SOME RESPONSIBILITY TOO.**

It is the student's responsibility to:

- communicate your educational goal - for example, do you plan to transfer, are you undecided?
- acknowledge any personal or academic difficulties/limitations i.e., are you weak in reading; do you have limits to your time; can you only attend at night?
- be honest about your interests, fears, concerns, needs, etc.
- ask questions
- make the final decisions about your program
- tell the advisor if you are receiving financial aid, V.A. or other funding which may dictate course load
- disagree with the advisor if you feel a suggestion isn't right for you.

Take Responsibility For Your Action

If you don't know, ASK!! Then ASK again if necessary! Remember, the ultimate responsibility for meeting graduation requirements rests with you, the student.

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CAROLYN WARNER—Delivers her message with much energy.



SURROUNDED—Donna Gal, from the financial aid office at Phoenix College, is surrounded by students and representatives from other colleges as she listens to Carolyn Warner.

Loans... Loans... Loans...

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- Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG)
- College Work-Study (CWS)
- National Direct Student Loans (NDSL)
- Guaranteed Student Loans (CSL PLUS Loans)

Grants are awards that you do not have to pay back. Work-Study gives you the chance to work and earn money to help pay for school. Loans are borrowed money that you must repay with interest.

Repayment of Loans

In general, an educational loan is no different from any other kind of loan. A person borrowing the money enters into a contract with the organization or institution that is lending the money.

Ordinarily, EVEN IF the student does not complete the school semester or school year, he or she must repay the money that was borrowed.

The obligation to repay a loan arises once the student has been awarded the loan, the promissory note has been signed, and the check has been disbursed to the educational institution.

However, the addition of interest to the loan and the actual repayment of the loan does not start until the student stops his or her education, either by quitting school or graduating. As long as the student attends school halftime, the repayment of the loan does not become due and no interest is added to the loan account.

When a student leaves school, he or she will have a nine month grace period before the repayments start if the loan is a National Direct Student Loan (NDSL), a six month grace period

if it is a Guaranteed Student Loan (GSL). Payment may be made monthly or quarterly until the loan and interest is repaid in full.

In summary, if you are interested in going to school, go to the various schools and talk to the school representatives. If you want financial aid, see a counselor at the Office of Student Services BEFORE enrolling in or beginning classes. Avoid representatives in parking lots.

Do not sign anything for financial aid until you know what your obligations will be under the contract. Get copies of anything you sign.

The school papers and loan papers usually contain important information about your rights and obligations to the school and to the lending institution. If you should have problems with the school or with the loan in the future, you will need to have those papers.

Deciding to go to school after you have completed high school is a big step. It is one that should be considered carefully.

If you apply for financial aid, do so only after carefully reviewing the loan papers and the payment schedule to make sure

that you will be able to repay the loan.

If you have any questions, talk to someone at the Office of Student Services. They are there to help you make these decisions.

This article was prepared by the Office of Student Services and Four Rivers Indian Legal Services for the use of community members. It is not intended as legal advice. If you have a legal problem related to educational enrollment or student loans, talk to an attorney.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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					JOM/Title IV Meeting Gila Crossing Gym 6 PM-9 PM	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Education Standing Committee 9 AM, Azule Rm.		Employment Assistance, Dist. 6 9 AM-Noon			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Employment Assistance Ak-Chin, 9 AM-Noon		BIA, JOM Meeting Reno, Nev.	BIA, JOM Meeting Reno, Nev.		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Education Standing Committee 9 AM, Azule Rm.		Employment Assistance, Dist. 6 9 AM-Noon	ASU Student Lunch (Tentative)	Higher Education deadline for Fall Semester Awards	

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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	Education Standing Committee 9 AM, Azule Rm.		Employment Assistance, Dist. 7 9 AM-Noon			
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	Employment Assistance, Ak-Chin 9 AM-Noon					
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Education Standing Committee 9 AM, Azule Rm.		Employment Assistance, Dist. 7 9 AM-Noon	Higher Education Picnic (potluck) Kiwanis Park, Tempe		
29	30	31				
	TENTATIVE GILA RIVER COLLEGE FAIR AT ASU, END OF DEC.					