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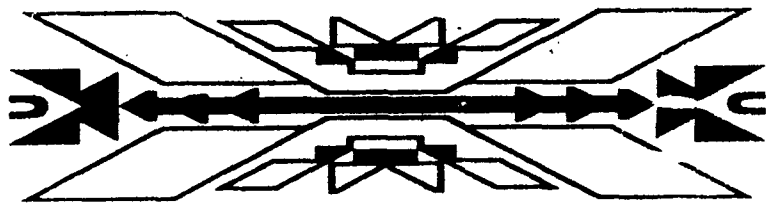
PARENTS LEARNING TOGETHER INFORMATION FAIR

Approximately 1,500 children in the Tri-County area have special education needs. The Special Education Advisory Committees (SEAC) of the SD&G Public and Separate School Boards invite parents of these children to a one day information fair call "Parents Learning Together" on April 20, 1996 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm at General Vanier/St. Joseph's Secondary Schools, 1500 Cumberland St., Cornwall. A representative of the Ministry of Education and Training will give a presentation of Identification, Placement and Review Committees (IPRC) and Individual Education Plans (IEP).

Parents attend workshops on how to represent your children at IPRC meetings and meet other parents. The following organizations which offer services to chil-

dren with special education needs will set up information booths and answer questions: The Easter Seals Society, Ottawa Children's Treatment Centre, Children's Rehabilitation Program, Early Childhood Resource Teacher's Service, Canadian National Institute for the Blind, Canadian Hearing Society, Association for Bright Children, Attention Deficit Disorder Support Group, Ontario Association for community Living, Epilepsy Association, Spina Bifida Association, Medical Electronic Services and Developmental Services.

For more information on this event and on "Parents Learning Together" or to arrange an interview with a SEAC member please call Vince Fiorito at (613) 932-9971(h) or (613) 936-5223 (w).



OU Youth Wellness and Leadership Institute Slated

NORMAN—Native youth from across the United States and Canada will gather in Glorieta, N.M., May 19-22 for the University of Oklahoma's 1996 Youth Wellness and Leadership Institute.

Sponsored by Health Promotion Programs at the OU College of Continuing Education, the three-day skill-building institute will help prepare youth to become healthy role models and leaders for the future.

More than 150 native youth from the United States and Canada attended last year's conference, the first presented by Health Promotion Programs. The theme "If You Have It In You To Dream, You Have It In You To Succeed," led to ideas to increase proactive support from adults and tribal leaders in their communities.

Through the 1996 conference, participants will meet their peers from across the country and learn skills from Native American trainers experienced in working with youth. The curriculum will include group action planning and strategies to implement positive change in participants' communities.

Conference participants must be 13 to 19 years of age, alcohol-, violence- and drug free and

making passing grades in all school courses.

All youth must be accompanied by a community sponsor of the same sex with a ratio of four youth to one adult sponsor. Sponsors must be good role models willing to participate in activities with their youth. In addition, they must be alcohol- and drug-free and refrain from smoking during the conference.

Institute training topics include "Wellness 101," "Effective Communication Skills," "Stress Management," "Conflict Resolution, Spirituality," "Self Esteem" and "Sexuality;" "Characteristics of leaders," "Developing Vision," "Drug/Alcohol/Gang Prevention" and "Team Building;" and "Suicide Prevention," "Racism," "Strategies for Living with Unhealthy Situations" and "Community Impact and Action Planning."

The conference will be presented at the Glorieta Conference Center in Glorieta, N.M., just southeast of Santa Fe.

For more information or to arrange accommodations on the basis of disability, contact Health Promotion Programs at (405) 325-1790 or write the department at 555 E. Constitution, Norman, OK 73072-7820.

U Wellness and Native Men Conference Slated in May

NORMAN — Native men from across the United States and Canada will continue their journey toward health and wellness with the University of Oklahoma's fifth annual Wellness and Native Men Conference in Glorieta, N.M., May 6-10.

The 1996 conference will be held at the Glorieta Conference Center in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains in Glorieta, N.M., just southeast of Santa Fe.

Featuring the theme "Healthy Men, Healthy Change: A Vision of Well Warriors," the conference is sponsored by Health Promotion Programs, a division of Public and Community Services at the OU College of Continuing Education.

The keynote address, "A View of Well Warriors" will be presented by Marcellus Williams (Creek) from Rio Rancho, N.M. An elder, Williams will discuss the changing image of the warrior over time and the need for native men to focus on culture and tradition to bring back positive images for themselves and future generations.

Workshop topics include "Change from Within," presented by Frank Whitehead, "The Stature and Mobility of the Tipi," with Charlie Stewart, and "World Peace Begins at Home," presented by Victor LaCerva, M.D.; "Shadow Boxing or Spiritual Awakening," with Tex Joey, "A Leader's Vision of Wellness," with Albert Scott of Canada, and "Reclaiming the Male Role: I Don't Have to Get Perfect — I Have to Get Real," presented by Kevin Peniska.

Other highlighted topics include "All Our Relations/The Steps We Took," with Daniel Bejar, "Honey Are You Awake?"

Relationships/Sexuality," presented by Delmar Boni, "Youth 2000, Empowering Native Youth," with Bob Cassa and "Anger Management: Introduction to Group Process," with Louis Jacco of Canada.

In addition to more than 35 workshops, activities promoting native culture will be encouraged. Stick ball, running, clan sharing, a powwow, sweat lodge building and daily sweats will be offered. Other conference activities include a health fair/well men's clinic and a talent show. Arts and crafts will include medicine bags, dream catchers, stick ball painting and medicine wheels. Outdoor recreation will include an archery contest, hiking, volleyball, three-on-three basketball and tennis.

The cost for attending the conference is \$190 per participant if registering by April 26. Participants registering after April 26 will be charged \$290. Special group rates of \$165 per person will be offered to organizations sending eight or more participants. Group registration must be made at the same time and by the deadline to receive the discount. The registration fee covers transportation from the Albuquerque airport, all conference sessions and workshops, health fair and clinic assessments, handouts and resource materials, arts and crafts materials, 3.0 CEUs, a reception and breaks.

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The Akwesasne Employment Development Agency and F&L-Designs are offering an open information course about the Internet. This course is open to anyone interested in learning how to successfully use the Internet, the World Wide Web, e-mail, and Internet Home Pages. The course will be held Monday through Thursday, beginning 18 March at the AEDA office in Sweet Grass Manor. The course will be held during the evenings, from 6 PM to 10 PM. Seats are limited to ten, however the course will be repeated each month through the spring and summer. There will be a small tuition charge for administration and an Internet user's manual will be available for purchase. Participants will have free Internet access during the period of the course. Details and registration may be obtained by calling F&L-Designs, (518) 358-9061. This course is funded by a grant from the Akwesasne Area Management Board.

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