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Engel Resigns Indian Affairs Commission Post

Austin Engel resigned his position as Executive Director of the North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission on August 4, 1971 at a Commission meeting in Bismarck, North Dakota. The effective date of his resignation was August 15, 1971. During the past 6½ years Engel stated that it was his privilege to work in State government with the Governor and with the members of the Commission. His resignation was accepted by the Commission with a sincere vote of thanks for the years of exceptionally fine services he has given.

Since that time Engel has accepted a position in the North Dakota Democratic-NPL Party as Executive Secretary.

The Commission has appointed Earl Azure as Acting Executive Director of the North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission. Azure, formerly of Wahpeton, is a graduate of the North Dakota State School of Science at Wahpeton and NDSU at Fargo. He had been an intern in the Executive Director's office since June 1, 1971.

Engel assumed his new position in the state's Democratic-NPL Party on August 17, 1971. His office is located in the Kennedy Memorial Building in Bismarck. Active in party affairs for the past ten years, Engel is presently Burleigh Co. Dem-NPL. Chm.

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Mary College Reports 42 Indian Students Enrolled

Bismarck, N. D. Sept. 16—Mary College, Bismarck, reports 42 Indian students enrolled for the 1971-72 academic year.

Enrolled from Fort Berthold Reservation are freshmen Clarice Baker, Mildred Berry Hill, Karen Boyd, Josie Chase, Ronald Deserly, Patsy Hall, Nelson Heart and Anthony Rubia; sophomores Kathryn Bateman, Sharon Blake, Melvin Hall, Wade Howard, Martin Morsette, Raymond Perkins and Willard Yellowbird; juniors Mark Baker and Sharon Holding Eagle, and seniors Paige Baker, Anna Rubia and Bennett Yellowbird.

Students enrolled from Turtle Mountain
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A "New" North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission

The newly-restructured North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission held its first meeting on August 4, 1971. The new structure provides for a more representative vote from the Indian population in North Dakota. The Commission consists of the Governor, Executive Director of the Social Services Board of North Dakota, the State Health Officer, the Director of the North Dakota Employment Security Bureau, the Tribal Chairmen of the Standing Rock, Fort Berthold, Fort Totten and Turtle Mountain Reservations or their designees, a representative of the North Dakota County Commissioners' Association who lives on or adjacent to an Indian reservation, a representative of the League of North Dakota Cities, and two members-at-large who shall be at least one-fourth degree of Indian blood and appointed by the Governor.

Section 54-36-03. Powers and Duties -- The Commission shall have the power to assist and to mobilize the support of state and federal agencies in assisting Indian individuals and groups in North Dakota, especially the four tribal councils, as they seek to develop their own goals, project plans for achieving those goals, and implement those plans. The Commission's duties shall be:

1. To investigate any phase of Indian affairs and to assemble and make available the facts needed by tribal, state, and federal agencies to work effectively together;
2. To assist tribal, state and federal agencies in developing programs whereby Indian citizens may achieve more adequate standards of living;
3. To assist tribal groups in developing increasingly effective institutions of self government;
4. To work for greater understanding and improved relationships between Indians and non-Indians;
5. To seek increased participation by Indian citizens in local and state affairs;
6. To confer with and coordinate officials

Jamerson Accepts New Position With BIA

Reprinted from The Bismarck Tribune

Theodore Jamerson, former director of the United Tribes Employment Training Center of Bismarck, has been named special assistant to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Aberdeen area director.

The Aberdeen area office has under its jurisdiction the Standing Rock Indian reservation of the Dakota, of which Jamerson is a native.

In his new duties, Jamerson will represent the area director and the Aberdeen area office in tribal affairs, working with all tribal councils, and with federal and state agencies.

He will have his headquarters at Aberdeen.

Jamerson organized the United Tribes of North Dakota in 1963. He is a former tribal chairman and councilman and was a prime organizer of the United Tribes Employment Training Center. He is a veteran of World War II and the Korean Conflict.

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Monette Johnson-O'Malley Summer Program Assistant

Bill Monette from Belcourt was hired as the Johnson O'Malley Summer Program Assistant. Mr. Monette will be employed for eight weeks and will be in charge of reviewing and evaluating the summer program being sponsored by Johnson O'Malley in the following five schools: Cannon Ball, Parshall, New Town, Dunseith, and St. John. Mr. Monette is a sophomore at NDSU Bottineau Junior College.

and agencies of other governmental units and congressional committees with regard to Indian needs and goals.

Names and addresses of the Commission's new members are available on request to the Indian Affairs Commission office located in the State Capitol Building, 18th Floor, Bismarck, North Dakota.

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Johnson-O'Malley News

The FY 72 North Dakota JOM program will include the same ten schools in last year's program and one new school, Trenton. Trenton is located near Williston and has 67 Indian students in school, which is about 40% of the total school enrollment. A number of other schools are making application for JOM support, but they will have to meet the state JOM eligibility requirements before they will be considered for JOM funds. The schools participating in this year program are: St. John, Rolla, Rolette, Dunseith, Devils Lake, Maddock, Solem, Halliday, Twin Buttes, Parshall, New Town and Trenton.

The total state Indian enrollment in JOM schools is expected to exceed 2,000 students compared to 1800 last year.

The FY 72 North Dakota JOM guidelines and school eligibility requirements are similar to last year's requirements with the exception of the new requirement on local Indian education advisory boards. Each school receiving JOM funds must have a local Indian education advisory board consisting of 3-5 members and each member must have children in school. The members are elected by the Indian people within the community to a two year term. The board members will meet four times per annum with the State JOM Director and monthly during the school year. Each member will be paid for attendance at meetings.

The duties of the board will be:

1. Make an initial assessment of the needs of Indian children in the community
2. Participate in negotiation of school JOM contracts.
3. Participate in planning, development, evaluation and monitoring of the school's JOM program.
4. Hear complaints by Indian students and their parents.
5. Determine what fees will be paid under parental costs and who the recipients are for such cost.
6. Work closely with the school board, Superintendents, and teachers in improving the education of Indian children.

The eligibility requirements for North Dakota schools receiving JOM support are:

1. The school must have at least ten Indian students (average daily attendance) or three percent of the total school enrollment whichever is the larger.
2. Educational opportunities and programs are provided for Indian students on the same basis as for other students in the same school.
3. The local school district recognizes and makes provisions for the special needs of disadvantaged students including Indian students when applicable.
4. Indian students are accepted as citi-

zens of the United States, the State, and the school district.

5. Eligible Indian students are those Indian children possessing 1/4 or more degree Indian blood, unless excepted by law and who are enrolled in an eligible participating JOM school. (All eligible JOM schools must have large blocks of Indian owned tax-free land within the school district boundaries).

6. The local School District JOM Program and budget request must be approved by the Local Indian Education Advisory Board.

The method and extent of JOM expenditures includes basic support which would include payment for instruction services, transportation and tuition; parental cost which pays for the Indian students activity and related fees, books and book rent, material and supplies, rentals (band, athletics, etc.) phy-ed supplies and special transportation; special services or special programs such as guidance and counseling, remedial and special education, teacher aides, custodian and bus driver; kindergarten which includes supplies and teaching staff; and last in-service training for school personnel and teacher aides.

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New Careers Program Begun On North Dakota Reservations

The New Careers Program has begun to move in each of the four North Dakota Reservations.

New Careers is a federal program funded for 15 months by the Labor Department in which 40 enrollees, ten from each N. D. Reservation, will be trained in field of Law Enforcement for two years. In the third year they will have completed their training and will be community Service Officers.

Thusfar, each reservation has been informed of the program and job descriptions have been posted for the applicants.

Judicial Committees have been organized to screen the applicants. Within two weeks the applicants will be chosen and will begin their training.

A New Careers Workshop will be held September 13 and 14 at the G. P. Hotel in Bismarck. The Special Officers of Law and Order from each reservation and staff members from the cooperating agencies are involved in the New Careers Program. Jim Chase, Manpower Specialist (Denver) and Bob Hunter, professor of Sociology at the University of Colorado, will attend the workshop to discuss problems and explain the New Careers Program.

The Staff of the New Careers Program includes Ted Ankle, Project Director, Donald Bruce, Project Coordinator, Jerry Keller, Counselor Coordinator, Tom Wallner, Job Development Officer and Sandra Dravland, secretary.

Frank Annette New Director Of Indian Programs at NDSU

University News, Fargo, N. D., Aug. 19. —A Chippewa Indian has been named Director of Indian Programs at North Dakota State University. The appointment of Frank Annette, 30, was approved Thursday by the State Board of Higher Education at its meeting in Wahpeton.

Annette will supervise the State VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) program and, along with reservation leaders, will direct the activities of 20 volunteers this year at Standing Rock, Fort Totten and Fort Berthold Indian Reservations. NDSU was designated as headquarters for all North Dakota VISTA programs beginning this fall after having cooperatively sponsored eight VISTAS last year at the Standing Rock Indian Reservation, Fort Yates.

Because of growing concern about economic development on the three reservations, Annette drafted job descriptions specifically requesting 1971-1972 VISTA volunteers with backgrounds in business, agriculture or social work. Volunteers will apply their training by assisting in economic development, including development of agricultural cooperatives, and in educational counseling and recreational programs for reservation youths.

Following two months of periodic visits with Indian leaders on the three reservations, volunteer activities have been outlined cooperatively. Anette will conduct a two-week training program with the VISTA volunteers beginning September 1 at Standing Rock, and will work closely with the youthful college graduates during their year-long stay in North Dakota.

Annette has served as Director of Indian Work for the North Dakota Lutheran Social Services Office in Fargo since July of 1970.

Recently appointed to the Governor's Indian Affairs Commission, Annette is one of two urban Indians, along with the tribal chairmen of the four North Dakota Indian Reservations, responsible for advising the governor and other top state officials about legislation and programs relating to the Indian people of the state.

He is also president of the Fargo-Moorhead Indian Association, Inc. The non-profit association of 150 Fargo-Moorhead area Indians assists Indian students in finding housing, provides a job placement service, maintains active contact with the reservations and generally assists Indians in making the difficult transition from reservation to city life.

As a member of the NDSU Indian Affairs Commission created by NDSU President L. D. Loftsgard in 1970, Annette will play a major role in collecting resource materials and developing academic courses in Indian history, culture and heritage. The commission is responsible for coordinating all ND-

VISTA Volunteers Arrive In North Dakota



The initial training group of VISTA volunteers have completed their training at St. Elizabeth's Mission in Wakpala, South Dakota. The four trainees in the group, Charlotte Morse, Joe Racine, Tom Mugglestone and Jim Thomas, will be assigned to the Standing Rock Reservation. Their training included briefings by tribal planners and agency heads and visits to the districts within the Standing Rock Reservation. They will also be working as staff for the Wanbli' Woyake, a bi-weekly news release. Their training is under the direction of Miss Peggy Canady of VOLT Information Services and Mr. Fran Annette, the new VISTA supervisor for North Dakota.

A total of twenty VISTA volunteers will eventually be placed at Standing Rock, Fort Totten and Fort Berthold Reservations.

SU programs affecting Indian students, including any "services that appear necessary to make university life rewarding for these young men and women," according to Loftsgard.

Fall 1972 is the target date for introducing the first six courses of the Indian Studies program at NDSU. The courses will be designed to acquaint both Indian and other NDSU students with the Indian of the U. S., particularly the Great Plains and North Dakota Indian," said Annette. He will serve as a counselor to NDSU Indian students and seek acceptance of the Indian Studies program during visits to North Dakota Indian Reservations.

"We're interested in building up the Indian student population at NDSU through the Indian Studies Program and also in expanding university programs on the reservations", said Annette. He indicated the main thrusts of the reservation efforts would be in the areas of economic development, social services, and education.

The importance of higher education for the young Indian of North Dakota is closely tied to the economic and social development of the Reservation Indian, according to Annette.

Annette will work closely with Dr. Robert

C.A.I.M. Establishes Headquarters in Bismarck

The Council for American Indian Ministry has established their headquarters in Bismarck at 202½ North Third Street. Mr. Robert Fox, formerly of Fort Berthold, is the Executive Director.

The C.A.I.M. group organized in March, 1970 when it was decided by the Indian Caucus group of the United Church of Christ that they should have total control of funds designated to Reservations - their church groups, people, and other groups in North and South Dakota, a portion of Nebraska, and Wisconsin. These funds have, in the past, been completely controlled by the Board for Homeland Ministries Office in New York and the State Conference Office.

After the initial organization in the early 1970's C.A.I.M. was given \$160,000 which went to the support of local churches based on budgets presented to the Board of Directors of C.A.I.M. The Board, which consists of 10 Indian members representing the above mentioned states, then hired Mr. Fox to administer these funds and direct the organization. The local churches receiving these funds are the Fort Berthold Council of Churches, the Dakota Association, and the Winnebago Indian Mission.

The goals of C.A.I.M. are to bring about self determination in the local Reservation churches, to give the Indian people the right to set their own priorities, and above all, to make their own decisions.

On September 1, 1971, Mr. Fox hired an assistant, Mrs. Juanita Helphrey, formerly Secretary/Administrative Assistant in the Economic Development Administration Planning Staff Office of the United Tribes of ND Development Corporation, and the former editor of UTN. Mrs. Helphrey resigned from the United Tribes on August 16, 1971, after having been with them since their organization three years ago.

Another first for our Indian people!

It also should be mentioned here that August Little Soldier, also of Fort Berthold, was the first Indian person ever to be elected into the Executive Council of the General Synod of the United Church of Christ in their June, 1971 meeting at Grand Rapids, Michigan!

Sullivan, Director of the NDSU Center for Economic Development and chairman of the NDSU Commission on American Indian Studies, out of offices in the NDSU Administration Building.

Originally from Ponsford, Minn., and the White Earth Indian Reservation, Annette left the reservation in 1961 when he entered the U. S. Marines. After completing college at Moorhead State, he served as director of Employment Services for the Minnesota Division of Manpower Services in Detroit Lakes from 1968 - 1970.

Mary College (continued)

Reservation are freshmen Mary LaFromboise, James and Roy LaRocque, Anita McGowan, Norma Parisien, and Leslie Wilke; sophomores Marsha Massey (Azure) and Eugene LaFromboise; and juniors Susan Malaterre, Gene McGowan, Janice Monette, Imogene Rousseau, Emil RaRocque and Ronald Laverture.

Fort Yates students enrolled are Terry Yellowfat, freshman; Joette Agard, sophomore; Claudia Vermillion, junior; and Priscilla Shelltrack, senior. Enrolled from Fort Totten Reservation is John Cavanaugh, a sophomore.

Three students from South Dakota Indian reservations are studying at Mary College. All freshmen, they are Belinda Rencounter, Lyle Walker and Wylie Big Eagle.

Mary College has a number of special programs designed to recruit and assist Indian students, most of them administered by Indians. Fred Baker, director of special services at Mary College, is from Fort Berthold Reservation. A graduate in education of Bemidji State College (Minn.), he has done graduate study in public health and public administration at the University of Michigan and the University of California, and was most recently with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Los Angeles, Calif., and Fairbanks, Alaska.

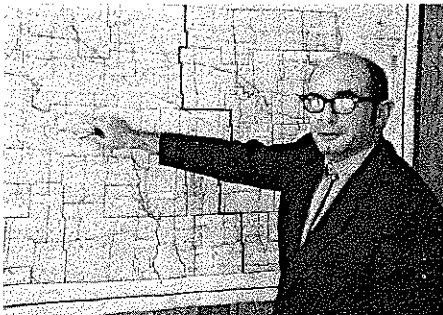
The special Services program at MC is funded by the Office of Higher Education in Washington, D. C. Assisting Baker in the program, is a student counselor, Eugene LaFromboise.

Special Services are divided into three areas: recruiting students, assisting with financial aid through Bureau of Indian Affairs and Office of Economic Opportunity grants, tutorial service and counseling. ---

The program assists students with high capabilities to achieve a college education, despite possible socio-economic deterrents. In the program, students who wish counseling are assisted by persons who basically share the same background, according to Baker.

A second program at Mary College assists in providing special academic and tutorial assistance for Indian students and is

Engel Digging Into New Job



Austin Engel, former Executive Director of the N. D. Indian Affairs Commission, points to the Ft. Berthold Indian Reservation on the large map in his new office, explaining that part of four Legislative Districts exist within the Reservation's boundaries. In his new position as Executive Secretary of the N. D. Democratic-NPL Party, Mr. Engel will be working closely with the Dem-NPL leaders in each of the 39 Legislative Districts shown on the map. Mr. Engel takes this opportunity to say "Thank You" to all the Tribal leaders across N. D. with whom he had the privilege of working during his six and one half years with the Indian Affairs Commission. He invites everyone to stop in and "cool coffee" with him at the Kennedy Memorial Center, 1902 E. Divide, Bismarck, N. D.

financed through a private Hill Foundation grant. The Hill Foundation also provides a four-week summer orientation session at Mary College for freshmen students. In this program, special attention is given to basic college courses in which the students will enroll during the fall semester. An adult Indian counselor is assigned to this program.

The Talent Search project is another federally funded endeavor through Mary College. The primary objective of this program is to identify persons in a 15-county project area who have interrupted their formal education at any level, and to assist them in continuing their education. This includes high school and college dropouts and high school graduates who have no further train-

ing. Many students are placed at the college level at Mary College, or at other institutions of higher education throughout the state.

Carol Davis, Berthold, is Talent Search Director, and field counselors for the program are Imogene Blibins, Fort Yates; Gertrude Cavanaugh, Fort Totten, and Sherman Brunelle, Belcourt.

Each summer, Mary College sponsors an Indian Institute of Higher Education, which is attended by persons involved in Indian education from throughout North Dakota and other states.

Indian students interested in attending Mary College and wishing further information, should write to Fred Baker, Mary College, Apple Creek Road, Bismarck, N. D. 58501.

Mary College's enrollment this year totals 639 students, including 545 full-time students. This is more than a 25 per cent increase over the fall, 1970, semester figure. The school is a four-year private coeducational college, located seven miles south of Bismarck on a hill overlooking the Missouri River.

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