

Northern Study scholarships available

The Center for Northern Studies in Wolcott, Vermont, today announced that it will award full scholarships to two Native students to enroll in the Center's Certificate in Northern Studies Program. The successful applicants will receive scholarships covering the cost of housing and tuition (valued at over \$10,000) for the academic year 1985-1986 beginning in September and will participate in teaching about their culture and lifeways at the Center. These "Studentships in Northern Studies" are open to Alaska Natives, Canadian Inuit, Indians and Metis, and Greenlanders.

Founded in 1971, the Center for Northern Studies is a non-profit, research and educational organization in northern Vermont specializing in the study of the natural and human systems of the Circumpolar North (encompassing arctic and subarctic areas of the northern hemisphere). It is the only institution in the United States offering an integrated, intensive program in northern studies covering both the natural and social sciences. The program is open both to undergraduates, who may include it as an integral portion of their college degree programs by arrangement with their home institutions, and to

graduate students. Completion of the rigorous nine-month course of study and an original research project pertaining to the North leads to a Certificate in Northern Studies.

A small group of students (no more than 20) focus their entire academic year on northern regions in a course of study including botany, ecology, prehistory, anthropology, public policy, political economy, conflict resolution, law and community development.

The year begins in September with a three-week trip to Western Newfoundland and Southern Labrador where the group studies boreal forest and tundra plants and animals as well as issues facing remote northern communities. Fall semester courses focus on the physical and biological environment. Winter term (the month of January) is devoted to studying how plants, animals, and humans adapt to snow, ice and cold temperatures (winter ecology). The spring semester turns to cultural issues and public policy including a trip to Ottawa to meet with government officials, Native organizations and environmentalists to learn more about Canadian issues pertaining to Native claims and self-determination as well as northern resource development. Throughout the year, speakers

come from business, academia, and government to discuss topics concerning the entire circumpolar region from Alaska through Canada, Greenland, and Scandinavia to Siberia.

The Center's program prepares students for employment as natural resource and wildlife managers or northern and Native policy makers, or for graduate study. Alumni of the Center are employed by corporations, consulting firms, state and federal government agencies, and non-profit organizations.

To qualify for a Studentship in Northern Studies, an applicant must:

- 1] demonstrate successful completion of two or more years of college level study or have equivalent life experience (older students are encouraged to apply);

- 2] be fluent in written and spoken English; and

- 3] have knowledge and experience in Native northern lifeways.

Applications must be submitted by July 10, 1985. For more information and applications, write to: Studentships, The Center for Northern Studies, Wolcott, VT 05680 USA, or telephone (802) 888-4331.