

Sixth annual NAIWA conference

The Self Determination Act (Public Law 93 638) will be the subject of a major workshop at the 6th Annual Conference of

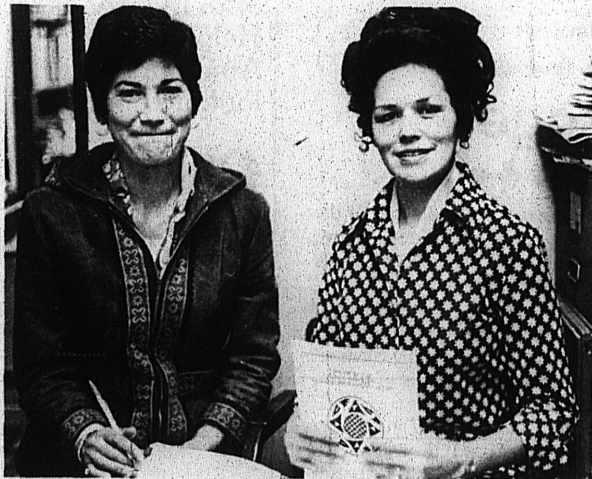
the North American Indian Women's Association (NAIWA) to be held June 23-25 at Cherokee, North Carolina.

"The tribal chiefs have been ignoring us womenfolks too long," President Mary Jane Fate of Fairbanks maintains with a chuckle. Actually her organization is not strong on "Women's Lib", but it is emerging as a powerful force on the national front.

"Self determination is a controversial issue," Mrs. Fate admits. "A lot of tribes are afraid of it because they see it as meaning termination. But we've had more inquiries on it than any other single thing and we want to learn more about it."

The theme of this years conference is "involvement and participation". Gov. James E. Holshouser Jr. of North Carolina has been invited to attend along with Thelma Thompson and her husband, Commissioner Morris Thompson of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Lou Young and her husband, U.S. Representative Don Young.

Also invited will be Emery
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DAPHNE GUSTAFSON, NAIWA secretary and Mary Jane Fate, president, prepare for the June conference.

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Johnson, director of the Indian Health Service, and representatives of the White House.

The conference will host a pannel on education and an election of directors is also scheduled.

Attending from Alaska, in addition to Mrs. Fate, will be

Daphne Gustafson, secretary of the group, and Mrs. Sally Hudson who is in charge of the invocation.

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