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Guides Trio-Program

Under a \$505,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, AFN, Inc. is administering the combined (TRIO-PROGRAM) Talent Search, Upward Bound and Special Services. These programs are conducted by the Alaska Student Higher Education Services.

Talent Search focuses on the identification and encouragement of students with exceptional potential for post-secondary education, from the 7th grade on and, who are of financial or cultural isolation.

The thrust is to stimulate and assist those students with a genuine desire for post-secondary training and who lack the finances to pursue their studies.

This year, Talent Search programs (3 components) are being carried out under contract with Tanana Chiefs Conference (Fairbanks), Tlingit-Haida Central Council (Juneau) and the A.S.H.E.S. Central Office (Anchorage).

Upward Bound (3 components) programs are operated on the campuses of the University of Alaska, Alaska Methodist University, and the Sheldon Jackson College.

Upward Bound aims to generate the skills and motivation necessary for success in education beyond high school for enrollees from low-income backgrounds and with inadequate secondary preparation such that they would not have been likely to have sought admission to, been admitted to, nor successfully pursued a program.

A four week residential session, within an academic year component, accommodating secondary school programs is the current norm of operation.

Special Services to Disadvantaged Students in College (4 components) are in operation on the campuses of Alaska Methodist University, Anchorage Community College, Sheldon College and the University of Alaska.

Special Services provides for remedial and other special ser-

vices for students with academic potential who: (a) are enrolled or accepted for enrollment at an institution which is the beneficiary of a contract, and (b) who, by reason of deprived educational or economic background or physical disability, or cultural difference are in need of such services to assist them to initiate, continue, or resume their post-secondary education.

Project components include: (a) counseling, tutoring, or other educational services to remedy such students academic deficiencies; (b) career guidance, placement, or other student personal services to encourage or facilitate such students continuance for re-entrance into higher education programs, or (c) identification, encouragement, and counseling of any such students with a view of their undertaking a program of graduate or professional education.

Within the program structure are four student boards on the campuses of the University of Alaska, Anchorage Community College, Alaska Methodist University and Sheldon Jackson College.

These boards determine the specific direction and policies of their individual programs whereas the A.S.H.E.S. Board determines and sets the overall direction and general policies.

A.S.H.E.S. BOARD

On October 20-21, 1973 the A.S.H.E.S. Board met in the BIA conference room of the Kaloa Building, 1675 "C" Street. This was the first of two full board meetings for this year's grant period, June, 1973 to May 31, 1974.

The main topics of consideration were to elect officers to the Board; to determine the final resolution on Board make-up; to adopt constitution; and to hear reports from Central Office and the campus directors.

Albert Kookesh, of Tlingit-Haida Central Council was selected Board Chairman; Jim LaBelle, Chugach Native Association, was elected 1st Vice-Chair-

man; and Bob Hilliard, U of A's Dean of Students, was elected 2nd Vice-Chairman.

The remainder of the Executive Board were voted in by secret ballot. The A.S.H.E.S. Board elected Robert Clark - B.B.N.A., Bill Walsh - Tanana Chiefs Conference, Hank Eaton - K.A.N.A., Chuck Katass - UAA representative, Darrell Moore - SJC representative, and John Moses - AMU representative to sit on the Executive Board.

The Board discussed regional representation and decided that although the Aleut League and Arctic Slope Native Association are not members of the Federation, they should be represented on the A.S.H.E.S. Board.

John Reimer, new Statewide Project Director for A.S.H.E.S., was appointed to write letters to the presidents of these regions, Mike Swetoff and Joe Upickson respectively, inviting them to participate by sending a member to the next Board meeting.

Along these same lines, the Board voted to add another student representative from each of the institutions of higher education; making a total of eight students with full voting power.

The University of Alaska's Special Services program has an extreme space shortage which Lou Whitmore commented on. He suggested the Board write a letter to Lewis A. Haines (Provost, South Central Region) with a carbon copy sent to Dr. Robert Hiatt (President, U of A) about the problem of space.

A.S.H.E.S. STAFF MEETING

On Saturday, October 27, 1973, the A.S.H.E.S. Staff held the second of its four scheduled workshops in the Alaska Methodist University's conference room.

Their agenda included the following topics: Multi year funding; OE reporting; a seminar on proposal writing - presented by Jim Milne (Director of Adult Education, S.O.S.); reporting written progress reports; and open discussion.