

Native drama at school

Dance and dramatic interpretations have played a vital role in the preservation of Native American rites, ceremonials and legends since the beginning of time. The excitement and color of live theatrical productions have returned to the campus of the Institute of American Indian Arts. The expansion of the Theater Arts Department is a continuing effort to meet the need for creative expression among Native American youths throughout the country.

Directing the theater program is Keith Conway (Blackfeet) who has been associated with the Native American Theater Ensemble and the Red Earth Performers. Conway, a former stu-

dent of the Institute, has multifaceted talent in all aspects of theatrical productions and plans to present both traditional and contemporary themes in American Indian life.

Juanita Barry, dance instructor, was schooled in New York and danced with the Martha Graham Company before making her home in Santa Fe. Her students have been presented in Santa Fe as well as various programs related to student recruitment in New Mexico, Utah and Washington, D.C.

The Institute, located in Santa Fe, New Mexico, is the only school in the nation devoted to the artistic training of talented Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts. The school offers Associate in Fine Arts degrees in two-dimensional arts, three-dimensional arts and museum training. The accredited 12th-grade high school program serves as a feeder school to the college program.

Courses presently being offered include: Metals, Cer-

amics, Sculpture, Painting, Experimental Painting, Printmaking, Communication Design, Art History, Indian Art History, Two-Dimensional Design, Three-Dimensional Design, Museum Training Courses, Indian Cultural Studies, Linguistics, Creative Writing, Video and Filmmaking (funded through the New Mexico Commission on the Arts), Dance and Drama.

The Institute is a part of the total Indian Education Program under the direction of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Room, board, tuition and most supplies for students of $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Indian ancestry are free to eligible students. Applications are being accepted for the third quarter which begins March 2, 1978. Interested students should write to:

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