

Five tribal leaders sought for Masters program

The First Nations Financial Project which began in 1978 as an alternative approach to tribal economic development is sponsoring a three year program for tribal leaders to obtain a Masters Degree in public and Private Management.

FNFP with the Yale School of Organization and Management is searching for five tribal leaders with experience in existing tribal entities who believe that things can be done better. FNFP says these people should have the understanding to look at the long range goals of a tribal economy or Indian organization and be able to devise and pursue the means by which to achieve those goals.

The kinds of people the Tribal Commerce and Enterprise Program is seeking are varied. These include: financial assets managers, business professionals, future tribal government leaders, council members, policy analysts, health clinic administrator, school superintendents, housing and other Native leaders.

In the application process, each Native leader must have a tribal sponsor which will submit a written statement supporting the applicant and that will support the applicant in his or her research work about the sponsoring tribe.

The applicant must meet several general requirements. These include: meeting Yale admission requirements, being a documented tribal member and meet both TCEP and Yale application requirements.

FNFP will support successful applicants by providing full tuition costs for the two years at Yale and will cover hospitalization and major medical coverage. In addition, the group will provide a living expense and stipend of \$10,000 per student or \$12,000 per family and provide a travel allowance of \$2,350 for both years.

Since its founding, F.N.F.P. has grown from its early small-

scale work with individual tribes into a national grassroots organization and an important force behind an innovative strategy for tribal control of the reservation economy.

F.N.F.P. facilitates a mutual self-help network among tribes, providing technical assistance, community organization, and economic strategies through its field operations. F.N.F.P.'s "advocacy initiatives" expand upon the field operations and self-help network to build the policy and research apparatus needed for the analysis and solution of economic problems directly from the reservation. As with all F.N.F.P. projects, the Tribal Commerce and Enterprise Program is a direct link to the field operations and will serve as a powerful reinforcement of skills for the mutual self-help network. Unlike traditional MBA programs, Yale's MPPM program address the interrelated public, private and non-profit sectors in a coherent curriculum that is appropriate to the diversity of reservation economies and demands. The distinctive MPPM curriculum combines the fundamental concerns of business management with those of public administration and policy analysis in a comprehensive general management program that includes finance, accounting, marketing, data analysis, production, decision theory, economics policy analysis, organizational behavior, and human resource management.

Moreover, at SOM there is a distinct emphasis on teamwork, community spirit, cooperation, and mutual respect, offering a non-competitive educational atmosphere of exceptional value to the Tribal Person's outlook and way of learning. For more information, please call the T.C.E.P. Coordinator at (703) 371-5615 or the Yale School of Management Admissions Office at (203) 436-3006.