

# Berkeley has course for Native journalists

BERKELEY, Calif.—A nationally recognized journalism program has opened its search for Native Americans and other minority persons seeking to become newspaper reporters.

The Summer Program for Minority Journalists (SPMJ) will select about 20 candidates for its

1980 class, train them intensively for 11 weeks and then place them as full-time reporters on U.S. daily newspapers and wire services.

The 1980 Summer Program will be held June 22 through September 5 at the School of Journalism at the University of

California, Berkeley. The deadline for completed applications and accompanying writing assignments is January 30, 1980.

Requests for applications or information should be addressed to SPMJ at the School of Journalism, UC Berkeley, 607 Evans Hall, Berkeley, CA. 94720. The

SPMJ phone number is (415) 642-5962.

The program began in 1969 at Columbia University and moved to UC Berkeley in 1976. In this time it has trained more than 135 aspiring journalists and placed them in newspaper jobs. Even with this infusion, only about 4% of the reporters and editors on U.S. dailies are minorities. A 1978 survey found only about 50 Native American journalists — or about .1% of the total number of reporters and editors on U.S. dailies.

Applications for the SPMJ

Class of 1980 are welcome from all minorities—Latinos, blacks, Asians and Native Americans—with a strong determination to succeed in print journalism.

Applicants must be at least 21 years old, demonstrate a marked potential for journalistic reporting and writing, have a basic knowledge of grammar and a typing speed of at least 35 words a minute. Eligibility is also limited to those with little or no professional experience and to newspaper reporters with less than a year's experience.