

BIA strengthening Indian Education Office

The Bureau of Indian Affairs is strengthening its Office of Indian Education Programs, Commissioner of Indian Affairs Morris Thompson announced July 27.

Under a new organizational structure, approved July 13, the authority of the office will be extended and some major functions transferred from field units to the Washington headquarters.

Commissioner Thompson said, "We are determined to effect needed improvements and provide the best possible leadership in this most important area of Indian education. We made the first step when we hired Bill Demmert to run the education programs. Now we are moving to give him the staff and organization he needs."

The appointment of Dr. Wil-

liam G. Demmert as director of Indian Education Programs was announced by Thompson in March of this year. Demmert, who is Tlingit and Oglala Sioux, was the first deputy commissioner for Indian Education in the U.S. Office of Education.

Under the new structure, Demmert's staff is expected to be enlarged.

Functions that will now be centralized in the Washington office include the administration of the Johnson O'Malley funds for public school programs, higher education assistance programs and the ESEA Title program. Funding for these programs in 1976 was more than \$80 million.

The Washington office will also have line authority over the bureau's three post-secondary schools: the Haskell

Indian Junior College, Lawrence, Kansas; the Institute of American Indian Arts, Santa Fe, New Mexico; and the Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The Office of Indian Education Programs will have in Washington a management support staff, planning and program development staff, division of elementary and secondary education and a division of post-secondary education.

The Indian Education Resources Center at Albuquerque will continue as part of the central office structure with five divisions. The functions of these divisions are primarily field-oriented—providing technical assistance, monitoring and evaluation for education programs throughout Indian country.

Dr. Demmert described the organizational changes as "responsive to the request of Indian leaders and in accord with sound administrative principles."

Committee approves new programs

Ten new programs have been approved by the State Committee of the Alaska Humanities Forum, according to chairman Ron Inouye. The awards, totaling \$216,477, range from \$5,170 per grantee to \$15,150.

Among the recipients of the awards is "Raven Magazine," a non-profit poetry journal, which will utilize the funds to bring three poets to Alaska, including 1975 Pulitzer Prize winner Gary Snyder.

Arts Alaska Inc., which is funded jointly by the Alaska State Council on the Arts and the Alaska Humanities Forum, will hold a conference on native art and literature. The conference is slated for August 16-20 in Anchorage.

A replay of Alaska's Constitutional Convention will be sponsored by the University of Alaska's Institute for Social, Economic and Government Research. Involved in the event will be the original members of the convention who hope to discuss the past effectiveness of the state's constitution as well as its future.

Funds will also assist Nunam Kitlutsisti of Bethel in providing information to the public on native land claims settlements.

The third conference on bush justice will be held by the Alaska Federation of Natives,

another award recipient.

Canadian northern land policies and the impacts they will have on Alaska's natives will be studied by Arctic Research of North America.

Institutional Development and Economic Affairs Services, Inc. will hold a conference on secondary school education in rural Alaska. The conference, to be held in Anchorage, is slated for the end of September.

Other recipients of the awards include the University of Alaska, Anchorage, and Independent Public TV, Inc.

Advertisement for Perdue Jewelry featuring a portrait of a man and the text: "Mail orders welcome", "Custom made nugget jewelry", "Watch repair", "Perdue Jewelry", "706 Noble • 454-5105".

Advertisement for Big Country Radio 970 featuring a cartoon character and a list of personalities: Pete VanNort, Bill Burrows, Bill Purcell, Bill Weeks, Dale Horn, Jim Heim, Diane Weeks. It also includes a schedule of programs like "Mutual News, live, 24 hours, 7 days per week" and "Pipeline of the North, 6:45 a.m./p.m., 8:45 p.m., Mon.-Sat."

ANNOUNCEMENT: Isabella Edmonds, enrollment enumerator, is now available to help outlying villages and individuals with their application forms for enrollment or re-enrollment under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. You can contact her at Doyon, Limited, 209 1st Street, Fairbanks, or phone 452-4755 or 452-4756.

Advertisement for Hoover Nashers, Dryers & Vacuums, Also Parts & Bags, GULL'S. It includes images of a washing machine and a vacuum cleaner, and contact information for Fairbanks (911 Cushman, 452-3202) and Anchorage (1010 1/2 W. Fireweed Lane, 272-3326).

Large advertisement for Alaska Airlines featuring the headline "We're The Tops in flights to Seattle." and a flight schedule table for Fairbanks to Seattle. It also includes the slogan "Nobody knows Alaska like Alaska knows Alaska" and an illustration of a moose.

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