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Northern Michigan University

CHIPPEWA EDUCATION & CULTURE CENTER COMMITTEE

Progress Report

The Chippewas of the region have indicated a strong interest in efforts made by the University to establish an Education & Culture Center.

We have already carried out a Language Arts in Reading workshop this summer which included Indian participants (who received special assistance) through the efforts of Mrs. Hope Dunne, with assistance of Dr. Roland Strolle and the R&D Office.

Dr. George Javor and the Rev. John Hascall of Baraga, who is an Indian, have begun working on compilation of an Ojibway (Chippewa) grammar-dictionary--the first ever attempted, with possible funding from the U. S. Office of Education.

Dr. Lewis Peters is working closely with area Chippewa leaders and the U. S. Public Health Service in an attempt to begin a health-related research project among them.

Mrs. Hope Dunne is organizing a sub-committee of several Indians which will make a collection of Chippewa legends for possible publication by the University.

Miss Helvi Walkonen will soon begin working on a complete bibliography of Indians materials in our library, as a preliminary step toward expanding library offerings in this field.

The NMU Area Training Center has had a longstanding policy of assistance for Indians, and many have been helped through the Center training courses. This program will receive new emphasis.

Mr. James Hoffman, director of admissions, and Mr. Robert Pecotte, director of financial aids, will be meeting with Indians in the near future to help develop a more meaningful recruitment and assistance program for Indians.

Thus, Northern has made a real start toward helping the 25,000 Indians in Michigan and others in neighboring states. It is of prime importance that Indians be involved in the planning at all stages of program development, and we have tried to implement this policy to the fullest.

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