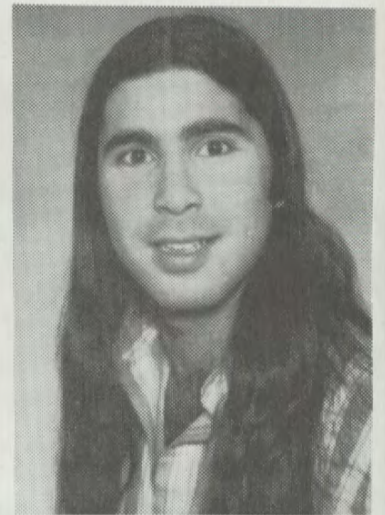


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Dear Friends,

I have the privilege of being the first American Indian college student in Michigan selected for the Africa "78" team.

The Africa project is a YMCA World Service effort with general purposes of "building international understanding and world peace". Selected students from the United States travel to Africa, at our own expense, to serve as summer volunteers for the YMCA's of Senegal, Ghana, Kenya, and Egypt. Most of our six weeks will be spent working with rural/urban development projects and in work camps.

As you may know, I am a graduate of Milford High School. Presently, I am a sophomore at Northern Michigan University majoring in mass communications. I participate in the Work-Study program to earn my living expenses at NMU. Also, I work with the campus radio station as well as the Nishnawbe News, a student newspaper project serving Great Lakes area Indians.

At Milford High School I was a member of the Vocal Ensemble and Choir. I also worked as a tutor in the reading program at Highland Junior High School. Last summer I worked as a counselor at Camp Ohiyesa (Detroit YMCA) in Holly. Currently, I am an active member in the NMU organizations of Feed The People, the Human Rights Commission, and the Rap Session Committee, as well as serving as Vice-president of the Organization of North American Indian Students.

I am looking forward to giving my time to help others through the African program. A part of the condition for the project is my willingness to raise the travel and living expenses abroad (\$1975). I am willing to handle as much of these costs as possible, but it is impossible for me to finance the whole project.

It is my hope that friends, organizations, and local businesses will help me defray some of these expenses so I can give my whole summer for this project. Your help is needed and appreciated. I will report to your club, organization, etc. upon my return next fall from Africa.

Your check, payable to the State YMCA of Michigan, is tax deductible. Please indicate that your contribution is for the AFRICA project--Mark Williams. Please mail checks to: State YMCA of Michigan (see address below). Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark Williams

