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INDIAN BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

The University of Western Ontario received a grant from the Federal Government to operate a summer assistance program for Indian businesses. Two professors were appointed to hire four graduate students in Business at the University. Therefore, the program operates independently.

The program offers free assistance to businesses only owned and operated by Indians across Southern Ontario.

Presently they are assisting businesses in operation on Six Nations Reserve, Kettle Point Reserve, Christian Island Reserve, Moose Deer Point Reserve, Walpole Island Reserve and two off the reserve.

Their work has covered bookkeeping, marketing, pricing, etc. Each business will receive a confidential report upon completion.

Pat O'Callaghan, one of the graduate students said, "It is only a summer program ending August 23rd, but we hope to operate the same program next summer".

Assistance can be obtained by calling 1-(519)-679-6548.

A.I.A.I. SUBMITS REQUEST

The Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians has submitted a request to all members of Parliament that no decision be made on any amendments to the Indian Act until such time that they receive recommended amendments from the A.I.A.I. which are currently being worked on by a committee consisting of all member bands of the A.I.A.I.

At committee level they have just about completed the whole Act. From there it goes to the Board of Directors of the Association and then to all member bands who will relay their own recommendations to the Association for submission to the Department.

COUNCILLOR BY ACCLAMATION

Morris Smith, 64, of R.#2, Ohsweken was elected by acclamation Saturday

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to fill the vacant elected council seat for District four on the Six Nations Reserve.

Nominations were heard at the Council house but only Mr. Smith's name was put forward to fill the seat left vacant after the death last month of Rev. Gordon Hill.

Mr. Smith, a carpenter, has never served as councillor before. His term of office will last until December when general elections for the whole council will be held across the reserve.

* [From the Brantford Expositor]

JAIL SUPERINTENDENT MOVED



MAYNARD MILLER

Unsatisfactory methods used in the granting of temporary passes at the Brantford provincial jail led to the transfer of Superintendent Maynard Miller.

Investigation of other alleged irregularities at the jail revealed no evidence of any illegalities, Mr. Kerr, information officer with the ministry, said.

Mr. Kerr emphasized the granting of passes resulted in no serious problems but the ministry was concerned about the operations of the jail.

He said Mr. Miller had been under a lot of pressure for various personal reasons and there had been an extensive winter works program at the jail.

Mr. Miller has said he will fight the provincial government's decision to demote him to head shift officer at the Mimico Correctional Centre in Toronto.

A group of Brantford citizens is also backing him in his fight and is circulating a petition urging a thorough investigation of the circumstances surrounding his demotion.

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