

In 1984 and 1985, high school guidance counselors, who work with Native American students, attended seminars (sponsored by the Burlington Northern Corporation) at Dartmouth. These counselors possess a positive first-hand experience of Dartmouth College, and will readily "sell" Dartmouth to their high school students. Therefore, the Committee recommends that the Admission's Office personally contact these counselors annually to target potential applicants.

Native American newsletters and newspapers reach a large Native American audience and readily publish press releases at no charge. Given the various events and exciting accomplishments of the Native American's at Dartmouth, the Committee recommends that the Admission's Office submit press releases to these newspapers as a consistent reminder of Dartmouth's presence and role in educating Native Americans.

Office of Residential Life. In 1992, the Committee and Native American students understood that the Sherman House may be available as a replacement for the current Native American house. According to Dean Pelton, this opportunity has been sidetracked by another possible and more ideal location – the Occom Inn. Since the Committee has been recommending a larger facility since 1991, and since the Native American population has grown from 60 to 120 in the past 10 years, we recommend that a facility be designated such that the students can occupy a new facility by Fall, 1994. Furthermore, the Committee recommends that the Development Office designate this facility as a Capital Campaign "gift" opportunity– a highly marketable giving opportunity.

Native American Studies. The Committee was pleased to meet with Acting Chair Ms. Elaine Jahner and the newly-appointed Native American Studies professor Russell Thornton. The Committee also had the opportunity to meet with Dean Wright, a long-time supporter of the Native American Program and former Chair of the Visiting Committee. We were excited to learn that a Native American pre-doctoral student will be attending this fall, and that a Native American Visiting Professor will also be on-campus one term per year. However, the Committee is concerned about the discord between the Dean's Office and Native American Studies and the adverse affect that it could have for the Native American Program and students. We hope that both parties can resolve their differences quickly, and ask that you give this matter your personal attention.

Despite the fact that Native Americans comprise 3% of the student population, there is only one Native American on the faculty of 300. Professor Thornton and Dean Wright share our view that the College needs a larger Native American presence in its faculty. We commend both of them for their efforts to improve the number of Native American faculty and support their efforts to fill any faculty opening with Native Americans.

Native American Visiting Committee In closing, several member's terms have expired, including Mr. William Yellowtail, Mr. Raymond Rasenberger as well as my own. A listing of members and their terms expiration are attached. The Committee will need replacements and we can provide you with some suggestions at your request.

We believe that these recommendations can be easily implemented and look forward to continued progress in supporting academic excellence amongst Dartmouth's Native American students.

Sincerely,



Nancy Jemison
Chair

Enclosure