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AMERICAN INDIAN-ENERGY STUDY IN PROGRESS

The University of San Diego in cooperation with Navaho Community College, Shiprock Campus, is presently conducting an Institute on Southwest Energy Development and the American Indian Perspective. The campus program will close June 26. Forty community college teachers and American Indian community leaders are attending the two week conference.

The Institute focuses on the role of the Southwest in providing essential energy resources. Since significant amounts of resources in this area are on tribal lands particular emphasis has been placed on the perspective of the American Indian. Estimates of "known resources" (economically accesible minerals) on Indian land range to 3.9 billion tons of coal and one-third of the uranium deposits in the United States.

The director of the Institute, Dr. Donald Peterson of USD, has been active in energy issues since 1971, including stints as Energy Consultant to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (Pasadena) and Special Consultant to the California Energy Commission.

Subject to be covered include:

June 24	8:30-10:00	Economics of Energy Development on Tribal Lands
	10:30-12:00	Social and Political Aspects of Development
June 25	8:30-10:00	Tribal Ownership of Energy Resources
	1:30- 3:00	Navaho Traditional Land Use