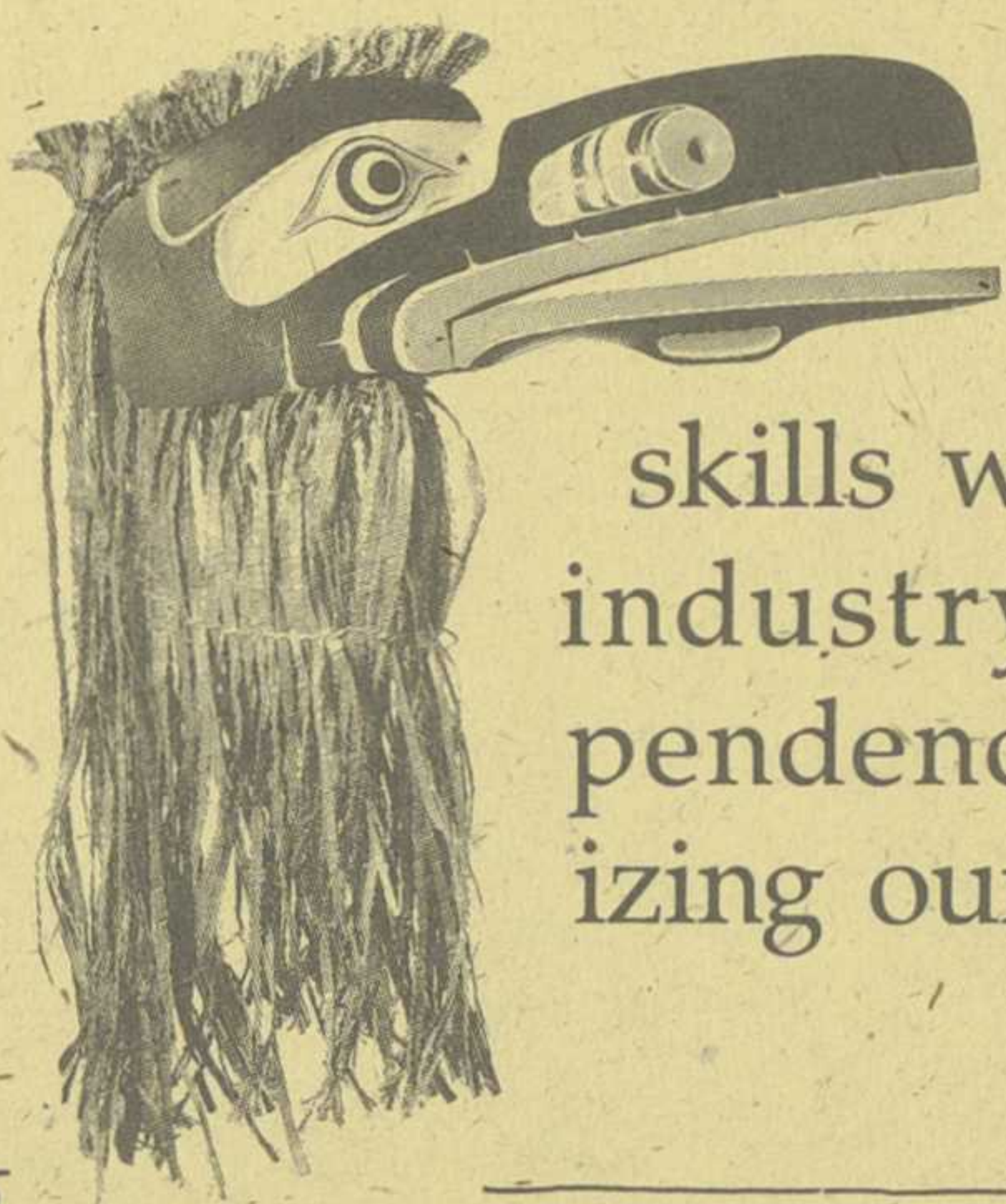


American Indians urgently need your help. Many are desperately trying to complete their education at one of the 27 tribal colleges. A tribal college is not a serene ivy-covered enclave, but more often a mismatched collection of rehabilitated buildings in the middle of a stark reservation. Books and supplies are scarce and most have no dorms. Students must drive or hitchhike many miles each way to attend classes. But still they come, because the colleges are our hope for the future, and because with education comes opportunity, self-discovery and dignity.

Our colleges give Native Americans more than a sound academic grounding—we provide practical skills which will lead to tribal industry and financial independence, and we are revitalizing our native cultures so that



we can share their lessons with others.

What can I learn from Native Americans, you ask? You can learn that all nations are equal in the eyes of the Creator, and you can think twice before misusing the forest nations, or the wildlife nations.

You can learn that we get back from the earth precisely what we give to it, and begin taking only what you need from this precious, limited resource.

You can learn, as the Blackfeet learned through their ancient Starboy legend, that if you mistreat or neglect a child, one way or another you will lose that child. You can learn that to respect women and honor the elderly is really to respect and honor yourself. And, through the example of the Giveaway

