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The Division of Education at Indiana State University Evansville has been awarded a Health, Education, Welfare funded grant of \$115,776 for in-service training in human relations. The grant will allow for a workshop to acquaint local school personnel with necessary tools to identify minority needs and problems in the classroom.

The grant was announced by Roger Zion, Indiana Congressman from the 8th district on July 2, 1973. Congressman Zion, in announcing the Title IV funding, commented on the significant progress of the ISUE, Division of Education who in competition with schools throughout the state of Indiana, received the grant. The Division of Education, one of five academic areas at ISUE, began in 1969. It has been headed by Ted D. DeVries since that time.

There exists a need in Evansville to sensitize, develop empathy and establish rapport among staff and student and to develop an understanding and appreciation for our multi-ethnic society. The Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation implemented a school reorganization and desegregation plan in September, 1972. The plan involved the transfer of black children into formerly white schools and white children into a school that was formerly all black. The plan also involved racially balancing the teaching staff. Therefore, there are white teachers teaching black students for the first time as well as black teachers

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teaching white students for the first time.

The in-service training program, which hopes to meet the above need, will offer a six week summer workshop to equip teachers and counselors with necessary tools to identify minority needs, problems, and areas which need increased attention as the schools continue the integration process. The workshop will begin at ISUE on July 16. It will be open to counselors, teachers and administrators in the local school system. The workshop will concentrate on intensive training in Negro History and Literature, Methods and Materials for Culturally Different Youth, and training in human relations, conflict prevention, conflict management and problem solving techniques. Ten workshops will be held during the 1973-74 school year to further the work of the summer institute.

The goal of the program is to allow a greater participation in both curricular and extra-curricular activities and to increase communication from faculty to student and student to student.

Albert A. Woll, former Evansville-Vanderburgh School Board president, explained that setting up boundaries for desegregation is easy. "It is easy to juggle students from one school to another in trying to integrate, but how do we make teachers aware of the problems inherent in such a step? This in-service training will be a fine step forward."

Glenn Kinzie, Professor of Education at ISUE, is the Program Director. Dr. Kinzie earned his Ed.D. at the University of Nebraska in 1965. He has been on the faculty of Indiana State University Evansville since 1970. Prior to his appointment at ISUE, Dr. Kinzie was Associate Professor of Education at Wisconsin State University. At Wisconsin, Dr. Kinzie coordinated and taught a television course "Education and Minority Groups" and developed integrated social science semester under U. S. Office of Education grant to train elementary school teachers for inner city schools and educationally disadvantaged.