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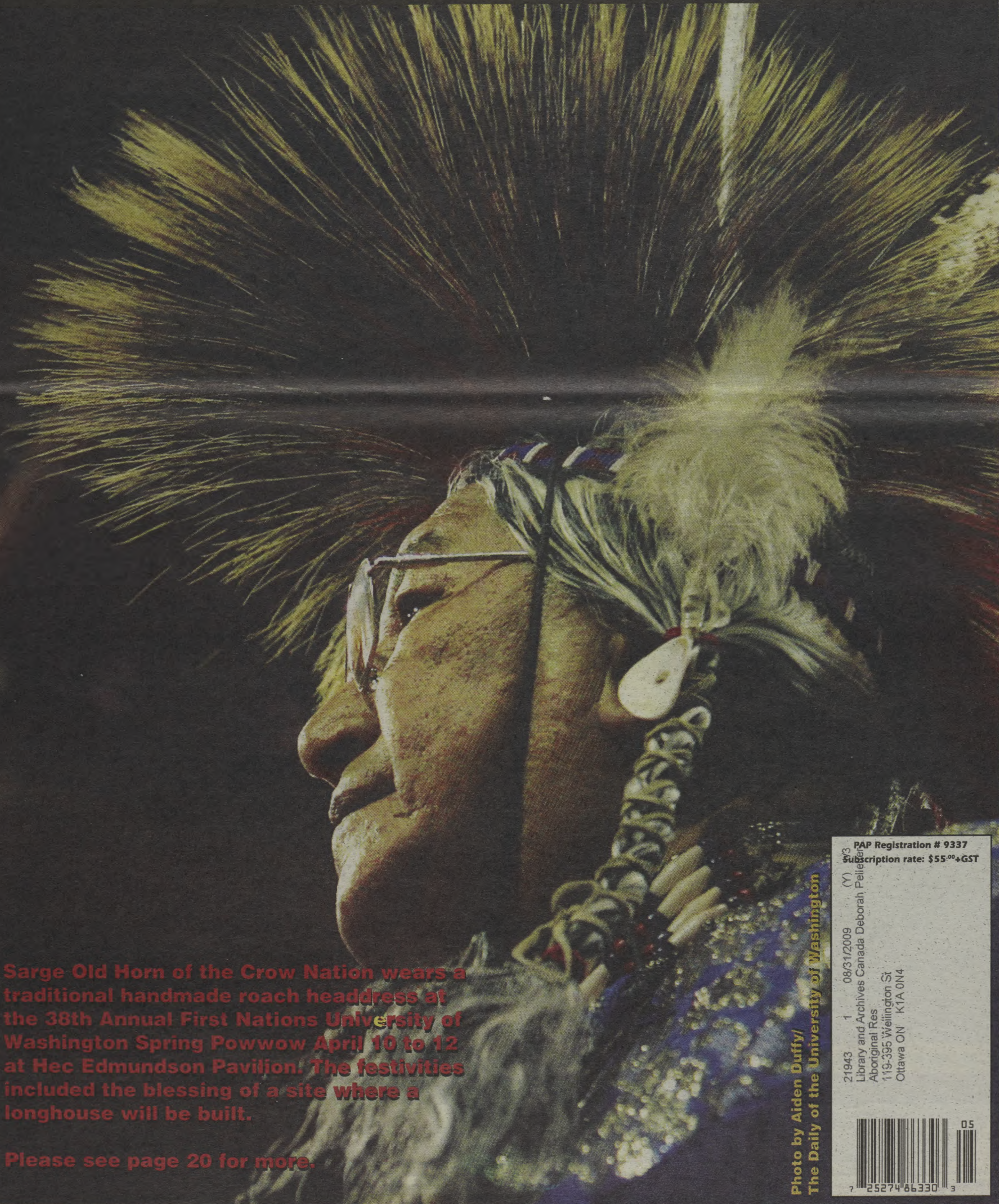
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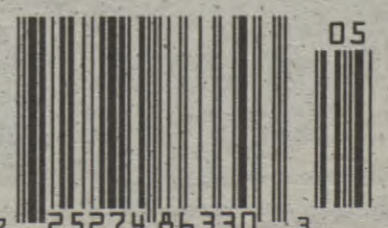
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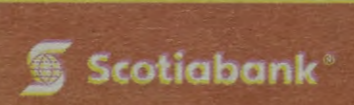
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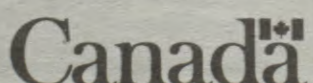
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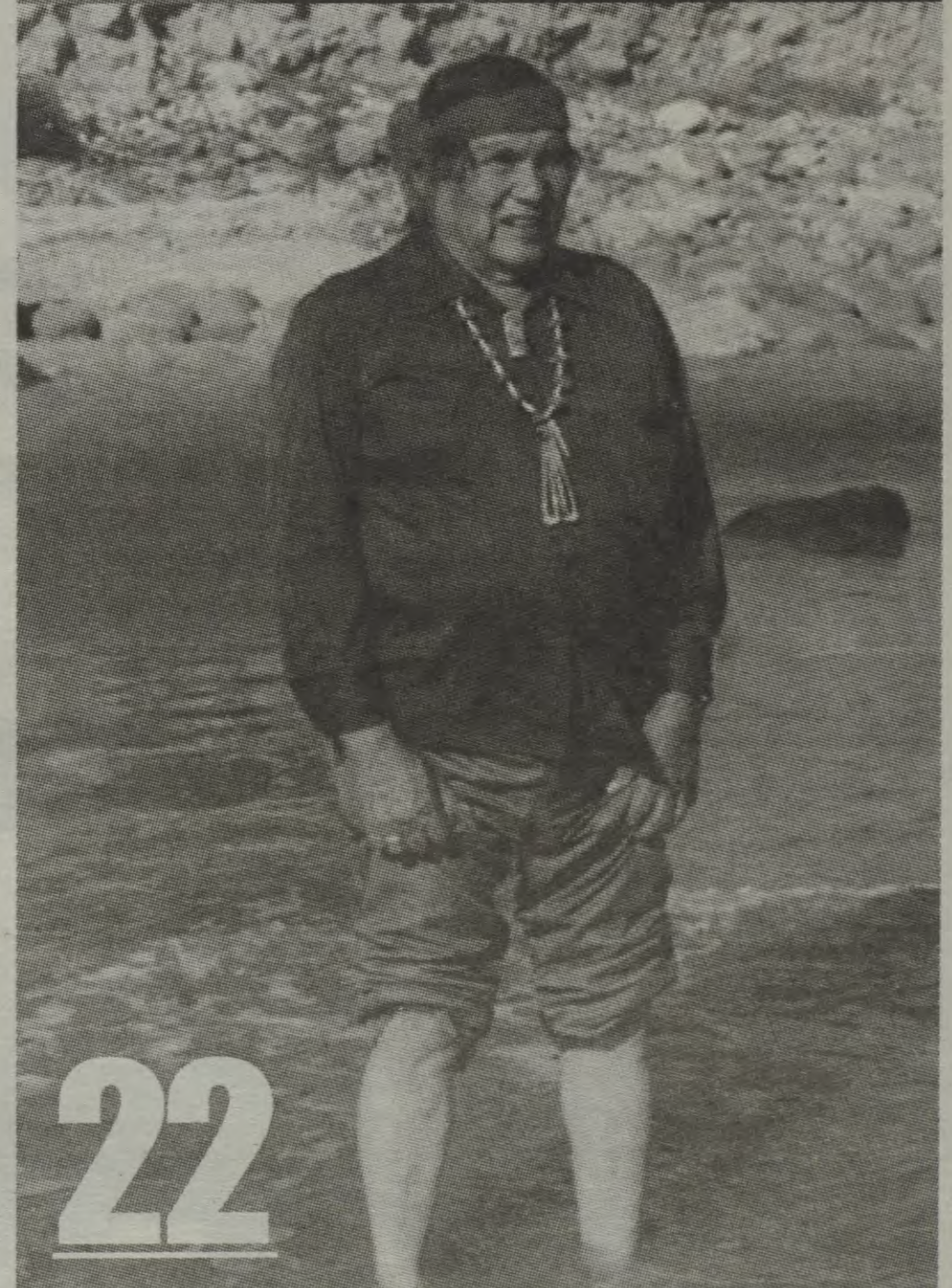
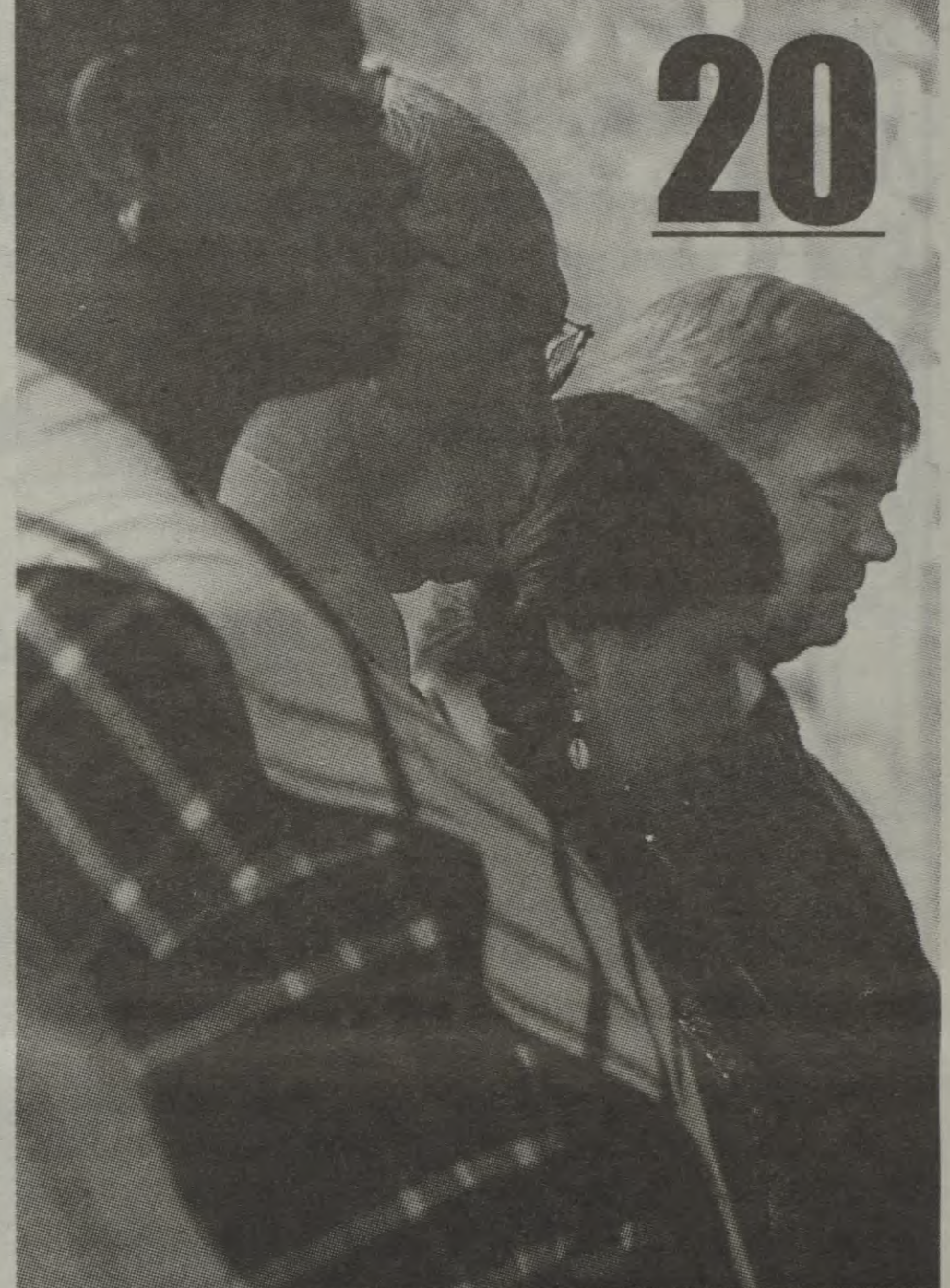
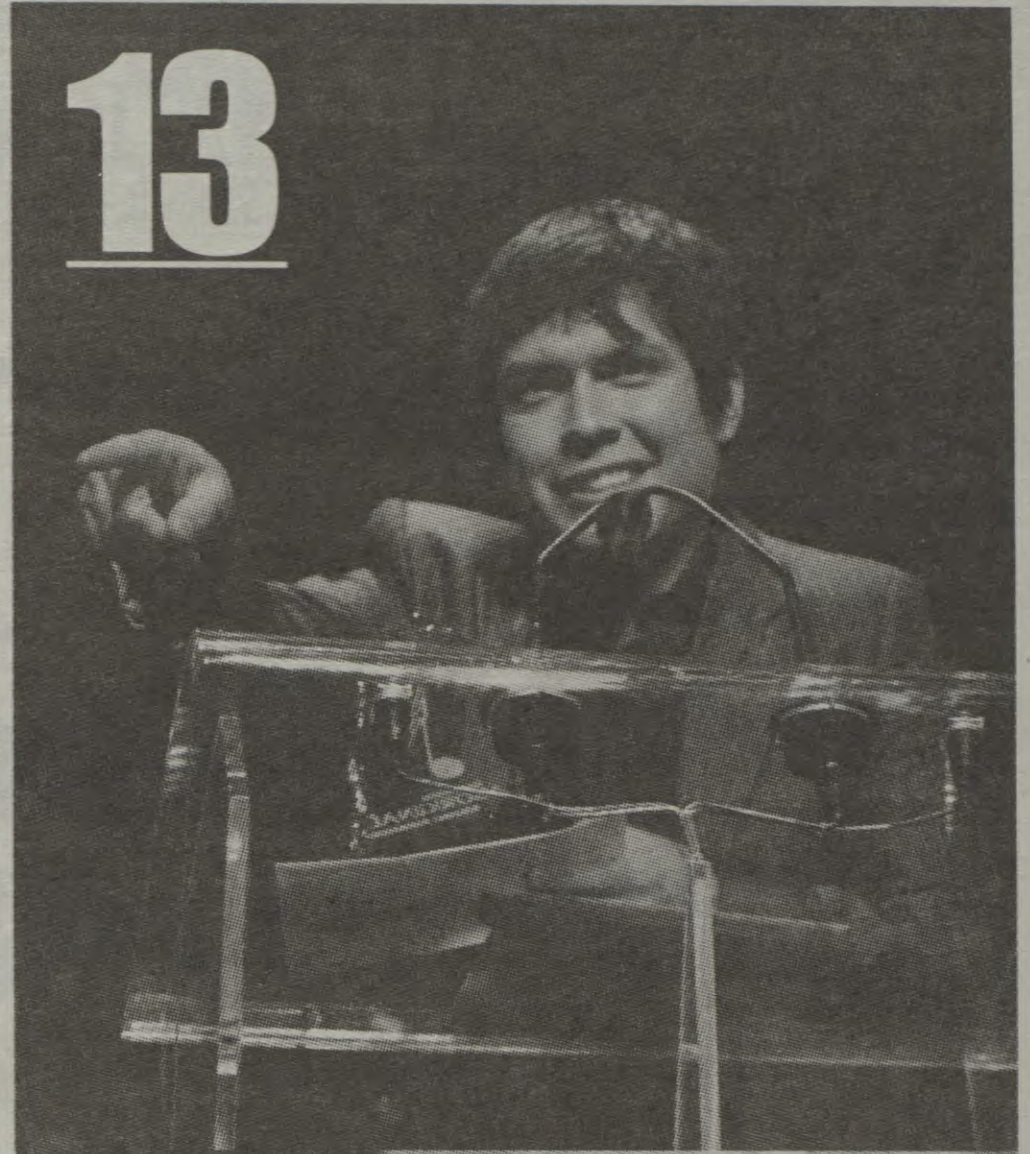
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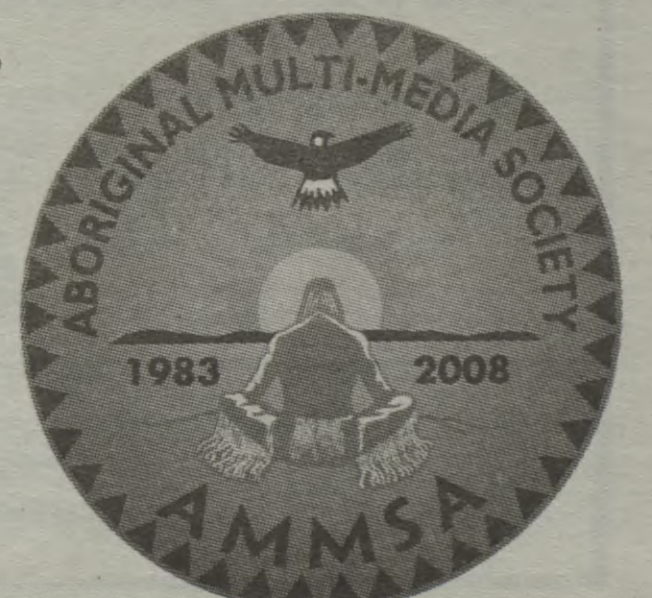
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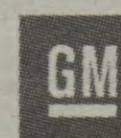
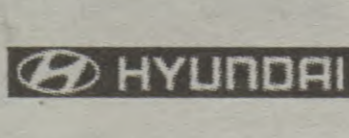


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Comment is more than a poor choice of words

When a high ranking representative of the federal government finally shows up in a remote and troubled community, and the members of that community finally have a pair of eyes to stare into, and an ear to bend, they do their best to express their concerns and give evidence of their suffering and pain.

They put their hopes in that person from government that she will hear their complaints and process them, not only intellectually, but with her heart and as a fellow human being would, whose compassion might guide her to take action to help.

A fellow human being would know that parents want a healthy place in which to raise their children, a safe environment from which to collect their food, water to drink that won't make them sick, so that they can live long and happy lives.

But the reaction of one federal government representative to hearing a community's complaints about the deplorable conditions in which they live was not that of compassion. It was belittling, and it demonstrates all that is wrong with the hard face of Indian and Northern Affairs, jaded by the results of its own ineptitude, inured to the despair that's propagated by its failures.

It has been reported in *Windspeaker's* story about the troubled Attawapiskat that they hosted the acting regional director general for the Ontario region in their isolated community. Attawapiskat is not an easy place to get to, for anyone, and it takes effort to travel there, so a visit by one of the top representatives in Indian Affairs to this community is no small thing. People take notice of such a visit.

So, seeing a rare opportunity and recognizing it might be their only chance to really lay their concerns at her feet, people brought to her their stories of loss and sickness and continuing hazard and worry, expecting some sympathy, at least, if not some downright empathy.

But instead of crying with the people in their grief, she stood with that community at arm's length.

Attawapiskat Chief John Nakogee said he heard Leigh Jessen, acting regional director general, describe the community members' emotional presentations as "venting" to a number of people at the end of the meeting.

"It made the people who had come forward feel silly," he said.

Venting. Blowing off steam. It's something the southerners do after a hard day at the office, cocktail in one hand and gym membership in another. 'My boss is a jerk.' 'These clients were a waste of time.'

It's not something you do while describing the mysterious rash on your child's arms and legs that

won't go away, or how many relatives you've buried because of a rampant cancer that afflicts a community of 1,500.

C'mon, some are saying now: Perhaps just a poor choice of words at the time, like Marie Antoinette's unfortunate 'Let them eat cake,' quip of so many years ago. Nothing to lose your head over.

Except, our guess is that the 'venting' comment is the prevailing attitude at INAC when it comes to communities like Attawapiskat that are being successful at shining some attention—media attention—on some of the difficulties their members face. It's why, no doubt, Jessen went to the community in the first place, to allow the community to vent, and to show others that something is happening.

'Avert your eyes. INAC is studying the problem. They're on it.'

Unfortunately, looking busy and getting busy are two very different animals.

By Indian Affairs' own admission, Jessen "took copious notes," and has brought the concerns of the "individuals" at Attawapiskat forward to her senior officials. But what has her trip really accomplished?

Jessen's meetings with Attawapiskat occurred March 27 and March 31. At this writing we are closing out the month of April. Unless these senior officials find a way to respond to the complaints of Attawapiskat, having a chance to vent is all the community can be grateful for.

INAC's not reporting to us that those senior officials are sitting 'round a boardroom table, sleeves rolled up and thinking caps pulled snugly over their little heads determined to chart a course to move heaven and earth and bring some relief to the community.

Instead, the federal government continues to hold the community at arm's length, denying they have a responsibility to the members there, and worse, accusing Attawapiskat of playing politics by finding a champion in the NDP to keep the community's concerns in the media spotlight.

"Our decisions are not and will not be made based on NDP photo ops and political grandstanding," said Ted Yeomans, the director of communications for INAC Minister Chuck Strahl.

Well Ted, just because the NDP are saying the federal government is failing at Attawapiskat doesn't make it less true. Attawapiskat's concerns are real and shouldn't be ignored. Go ahead, put politics aside and find a way to help this community. Now, that would be getting busy.

But let's face it: We're just venting after all.

Windspeaker

Small numbers are easier to control

Dear Editor:

I have always been impressed with our leaders' ability to speak many words, but actually say nothing. A case in point would be the constant outrage of local chiefs, councils and provincial and national leaders at the lack of consultation by the federal and provincial governments.

Consultation means that the people most affected by government decisions should be allowed a say into the destiny of their lives.

Now, if memory serves me right, I got a vote in all the elections put on by the non-Natives, in spite of the fact that I am a status Indian. But I have never been given a vote for my tribal, provincial, or national chief. At one time this was high on the national chief's agenda, which always falls by the wayside once he is in office. So, keep this in mind, and ask yourselves:

Who are these leaders representing? Whoever voted for them I guess. Certainly not anybody at the grassroots.

What's wrong with this picture? Talk about disempowerment.

This is a challenge to those running in the national election. If you're fed up with the status quo, change it and give us a vote. My vote goes to the guy who thinks about his people. This should be pushed by all grassroots people. Encourage our leadership, and don't let them side step the issue. These leaders are only doing this because smaller numbers are easier to control, and they fear the outcome.

Rick Petawanikweb
Ojibway Treaty three, Ont.

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THE PETERBOROUGH EXAMINER

calls Trent University's choice for a new chancellor, unusual, edgy and offbeat, but wouldn't stick its neck far enough out to describe Tom Jackson, (yes, actor, singer and activist Tom Jackson) as quirky, calling that word "too strong" to describe the university's "taste" in chancellors.

Jackson will take over from the out of this world Dr. Roberta Bondar, former astronaut, and what the Examiner considers a more conventional choice. (Let's face it, she's a scientist.) CBC radio host Peter Gzowski was her predecessor. No scientist, but a chain-smoking gravelly-voiced Canadian icon, nonetheless. Just as Jackson is an icon of the Aboriginal kind.

But do these men measure up?

"Consider the current office holders at the five schools that finished with Trent at the top of this year's Maclean's ranking of primarily undergraduate universities: three wealthy, prominent businessmen; an internationally recognized academic; and a Catholic bishop who holds a doctorate (at St. Francis Xavier).

"Not a Métis, country-singing social activist or chain-smoking ex-journalist among them," reads an Examiner editorial.

The Examiner thinks that Trent's commitment to social issues and Native studies may be bolstered by Jackson's reputation, but "too bad" he lives in Calgary, they lament. Jackson promises to visit regularly, and "Peterborough can look forward to experiencing first-hand the energy he has brought to so many causes." *Faint praise indeed.*

NADLEH WHUT'EN FIRST NATION

invited members from their neighboring Carrier and Sekani First Nations to learn more about the impacts of the proposed Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipeline April 6. Elders, hereditary leaders, youth and others voiced concerns over the environmental impacts and the failure of the environmental assessment process to address Aboriginal rights and title.

"We have provided independent non-biased information to our members and neighbors, and we have heard loud and clear that we cannot risk the health of our land and future generations for short-term financial gain," said Chief Larry Nooski.

Nadleh Whut'en invited representatives from the Pembina Institute, West Coast Environmental Law, and the Office of the Wet'suwet'en to provide information on environmental impacts and the environmental assessment and consultation process proposed by the federal government. In addition to learning about the potential impacts to Carrier Sekani territories, delegates also learned about the tanker traffic and oil sands development associated with the proposed pipeline.

"We stand behind the First Nations who are speaking out against the health and environmental impacts of the oil sands. We lend our hand in friendship and unity to the Fort Chipewyan and other First Nations affected by the oil sands," said Nadleh Hereditary Chief George George Jr. "We are now planning to send a delegation to tour the oil sands and meet with the affected First Nations."

The proposed Enbridge Northern Gateway pipeline would transport oil and condensate across unceded Carrier Sekani lands between Kitimat, B.C. and the Alberta oil sands. Nadleh Whut'en has voiced concerns to both Enbridge and the federal government over the lack of a legitimate process to address Aboriginal rights and title, and has proposed a parallel First Nations Review Process with other First Nations along the pipeline and tanker route.

"Our land has not been surrendered to the Crown. Enbridge seems to think that all they need is approval from the federal government, but we want to be clear that this project will not proceed without the free, prior, and informed consent of our people," said Chief Nooski.

THE EDMONTON SUN REPORTED THAT

one of the city's local radio stations, SONIC 102.9, repeatedly played a recording of someone saying teen girls from the Paul Band, located west of the city, who passed away after taking ecstasy at a party on reserve, deserved to die.

There's so much anger over the radio broadcast, said Paul Band spokesman Dennis Paul, that the band administration has put a lawyer on standby, waiting to see a transcript of the recording, wrote reporter Andrew Hanon.

Sonic programming director Al Ford said he couldn't comment until he hears back from their lawyers. Ford said the recording was taken off the air and won't be played again. It was taken from a listener feedback line and Ford said it does not reflect the views of the radio station.

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Appeals court upholds McIvor decision, narrows scope

By Shari Narine
Windspeaker Writer

VANCOUVER

The British Columbia Court of Appeal has given the federal government one year to amend Section 6 of the Indian Act that the court has decided is in violation of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Parliament must amend Section 6(1)(a) and 6(1)(c). Section 6(1)(a) preserves the status of all persons who were entitled to status immediately prior to the 1985 amendments, while Section 6(1)(c) restores the status of (among others) people who were disqualified from status under the Marrying Out Rule and the Double Mother Rule (which provided that if a child's mother and grandmother did not have a right to Indian status other than by virtue of having married Indian men, the child had Indian status only up to the age of 21).

In its 33-page unanimous decision, written by Justice Harvey Groberman, the court clawed back an earlier decision made by the B.C. lower court, narrowing the scope of discrimination in the act.

"We're disappointed in the narrow interpretation handed down," said Grand Chief Stewart

Phillip, president of the Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs.

The ruling comes from the McIvor case, which was launched in 1985 by Sharon McIvor, and her son Charles Grismer. McIvor claimed that despite amendments made to the Indian Act under Bill C-31 in 1985, women were still not being treated the same as men, which was a violation of Section 15 of the charter. Before C-31, McIvor's mother was not eligible for status because she married a non-Indian man, but when C-31 became law, McIvor became eligible for status and received that status after much wrangling with the Indian registrar, including a long and drawn out battle in the courts.

McIvor became classified as a 6(1) Indian, but because McIvor had children with a non-Indian man, her son was classified as a 6(2) and could not pass Indian status along to his children, who were also born to a non-Indian spouse. If Grismer's Indian status had come from his grandfather, down through his mother, then Grismer would be able to pass Indian status to his children.

In June 2007, a ruling by B.C. Supreme Court Justice Carol Ross agreed that the 1985 changes did not totally address all the discrimination in the act and called

for Indian status to be extended to anyone who could show that somewhere in their pre-1985 ancestry a woman had lost status through marriage. She also ruled that changes needed to be made to the Indian Act immediately.

The ruling was appealed by the federal government and resulted in this month's findings by appeals court, who limited the scope of issues to be addressed.

Ardith Walkem, legal counsel on the UBCIC Bill C-31 working group, classified the ruling as a "non-decision. The court didn't say definitively what Parliament had to do, how they had to fix this."

"The court has made some observations...(but) would not normally be directive in that regard because it's up to Parliament to decide what to do," said Mitchell Taylor, senior lead counsel for the government.

The government has until early June (60 days from the April decision) to make leave for an appeal of the provincial appellate court's decision. The decision to launch an appeal has not yet been made.

"It's an important decision, one that the government is looking at very closely," said Taylor. "We will have to decide what the next steps to take are and go from there."

Walkem doesn't see the point in a government appeal.

"They can't be too unhappy with (the ruling). They get a total choice of what remedy they want to impose."

Amendments to the two points in Section 6 would entitle an anticipated few thousand more people to be registered as Indians, said Taylor. Along with that status goes such benefits as housing assistance, social assistance, education and treaty payments.

Taylor said he hoped one year would be sufficient time for Parliament to make the necessary amendments but such work fell outside of his jurisdiction.

"During that period, our hope is that the government will come to us to assist and support the process," said Phil Fontaine, National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations.

McIvor's court case received the support from the chiefs of Canada, said Fontaine.

Walkem would like to see the government back off of defining Indian status and instead approach the issue of status the same way countries like the United States, New Zealand and Australia have tackled the issue.

"Where there's large Indigenous populations, Indigenous membership or citizenship is

defined by the laws of Indigenous people themselves," said Walkem.

It's an approach that Fontaine supports. "It should be up to our (Indigenous) government to give definition to the notion of citizenship."

Walkem anticipated the government will hold consultations but is leery about the possible outcome.

"Indigenous people have to watch that, because it may create an even bigger problem than 1985."

Bill C-31 brought about the second generation cutoff in Section 6(2), which many First Nation leaders consider the greater problem. While this section extends Indian status to a person with one Indian parent, their children can only pass on Indian status if they marry someone with Indian status.

"(Section) 6(2) creates the very deliberate erosion of the population of status Indians in this country," said Phillip.

He noted that projections indicate that if Section 6(2) remained, that within 50 years there would be no more status Indians in Canada.

"We were hoping that through (the McIvor) court case, (Section 6(2)) would be struck down. That didn't happen. That's why there's disappointment," said Phillip.

'Venting' at Attawapiskat as school stand-off continues

By Kate Harries
Windspeaker Writer

ATTAWAPISAKAT

When James Bay Treaty No. 9 was negotiated in 1905, the Mushkego Cree got a commitment for schools where their children could receive a modern education.

Attawapiskat First Nation has been short-changed on that obligation in recent decades. And this year a new low was reached when contaminants from an ancient fuel oil spill forced the closing of the community's two schools.

The situation is urgent, the Ontario Provincial Child Advocate Irwin Elman said in a phone interview from Toronto. Attawapiskat children have had unacceptable educational facilities, but now they're out of school and there's a heightened concern about health issues.

"If this happened anywhere else in southern Ontario, the government and the action would be immediate, both from the public and the people responsible," Elman said.

"The remote community of Attawapiskat, where the diesel fuel spill under elementary school is seen as a wound inflicted on the community by Canada's negligence."

"I think they should clean up the mess," said John B. Macdonald, head of the

Attawapiskat Education Authority which now runs the schools. "They were responsible when the spill occurred 30 years ago."

Demolition of the elementary school in March was followed by an outbreak of rashes and other symptoms associated with exposure to benzene, a chemical that can cause cancer.

This has crystallized residents' fears that cancer incidence in Attawapiskat is related to petroleum compounds in air and drinking water, leaked into the subsurface across the community by deteriorated pipes.

Jackie Hookimaw-Witt describes an emotional public meeting at the end of March when representatives of Indian Affairs and Northern Affairs (INAC) and Health Canada flew in.

"People were crying that had lost their loved ones; people were presenting their testimonies," she said.

Nakogee said it was unfortunate that community members falsely believed that they were addressing people who could make decisions, as was the case with local Indian Affairs officials 50 years ago.

"They made presentations thinking that INAC would be sympathetic, but INAC doesn't look at it that way," he said. "We say they're testimonials, and INAC calls them venting."

Nakogee said he heard Leigh Jessen, acting regional director general for the Ontario region,

describe community members' presentations as "venting" to a number of people at the end of the meeting. It made the people who had come forward feel silly, he said.

Jessen did not respond to a request for comment. In an E-mailed statement, INAC spokesperson Susan Bertrand suggested that "if this were the case, Ms. Jessen would not have flown to Attawapiskat on two occasions in order to ensure all community members were afforded an opportunity to express their concerns."

She added: "Ms. Jessen met with community members for five hours on March 27 and eight hours on March 31, took copious notes, verbally acknowledged the concerns of individuals and brought those concerns forward to her senior officials."

But there has been no action on Attawapiskat's March 23 declaration of a state of emergency and appeal for help with the school and a partial evacuation of around 60 homes.

"We are not accepting the declaration of emergency," Bertrand said, noting that Health Canada dust monitoring detected no problems and there had been no increase reported in the number of patients at nursing stations.

Ted Yeomans, communications director for Indian Affairs Minister Chuck Strahl, has dismissed appeals by MP Charlie Angus and Ontario MPP Gilles Bisson — both New Democrats —

that federal or provincial authorities address the educational, health and environmental concerns.

"Our decisions are not and will not be made based on NDP photo ops and political grandstanding," Yeomans said in an E-mail to Canadian Press.

The contamination saga began in 1979, when the leak was discovered under the J. R. Nakogee elementary school, at the time operated by INAC. Classes continued for two decades until, finally, in 2000, parents pulled their children out and demanded new accommodation.

Students moved into portable classrooms next to the condemned building. In 2007, Strahl cancelled plans for a new permanent school building and became the target of a student-led campaign that has spread across Ontario.

Demolition of the old school was approved this year by INAC, Health Canada and Environment Canada. A contractor did the work in the week of March 8.

The fumes from the demolition site were overpowering. A late winter storm whipped a rust-colored dust across the snow. Still, Health Canada reported that its monitoring showed no adverse effects and gave the all-clear for school to resume March 16.

But the children developed nausea and headaches. Some fell asleep at their desks. Students in the nearby high school were also affected. The Attawapiskat

Education Authority felt compelled to close the schools.

Then nearby residents got sick. "We were getting dizzy," Rose Koostachin, mother of four, said in one of several interviews recorded April 6 by MP Angus and posted on YouTube.

"We could see the blowing dust right in our yard here, and we started throwing up and getting diarrhea."

Hookimaw-Witt said people complained to federal officials at the community meetings that when they sought assistance they were turned away.

Bertrand said Attawapiskat officials are responsible for any problems.

"Since the consultant and the contractor are both under contract directly to the First Nation, not INAC, the First Nation is in care and control of the site."

"INAC's first line of defence when anything goes wrong is to always blame the First Nation," said Angus. "They simply didn't want to provide enough resources to ensure the job was done safely and properly."

"Here's what really is galling," Ontario MPP Bisson said. "INAC saw fit to destroy the old school but the remedial plan doesn't have the site finished until 2013."

Any delay to the cleanup makes no sense to school principal Stella Wesley, except in terms of the way INAC doles out funding.

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Survivors look to Pope to acknowledge suffering

By Shari Narine
Windspeaker Writer

OTTAWA

Two years of quiet diplomacy by the Assembly of First Nations through various avenues has culminated in a private audience with Pope Benedict XVI in Vatican City.

The April 29th meeting, which occurred just after Windspeaker's press deadline, was to include a discussion about Indian residential schools, and an acknowledgement from the Pope, many hoped, of the conditions suffered by Indian children in those schools.

Assembly of First Nations (AFN) National Chief Phil Fontaine was to lead the delegation of Elders, residential school survivors and others to the Vatican. Both a general audience and a private one with the Pope was planned.

"We have this incredible opportunity to finally close the

circle and, as a result, ... enable our people to do some important work in terms of healing and reconciliation," said Fontaine.

While statements for both the AFN and the Pope were still being finalized at the time of Windspeaker's interview with the national chief, he was confident that the words the Pope was to offer would not only acknowledge the suffering of Aboriginal residential school students but be words of contrition.

"We're quite mindful of the tradition here. Traditionally, the Catholic Church does not apologize," Fontaine said.

He pointed to recent statements delivered by the Catholic Church in both the United States and Australia recognizing the harm and abuse perpetrated by priests and brothers on parishioners. Statements were "portrayed as apologies by the media," Fontaine said, although they did not contain the word "sorry."

Of the approximately 130 schools recognized in the Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement, against which former residential school survivors can make claims, three quarters were operated by a Catholic Church entity. While officials from the Anglican, Presbyterian and United churches have apologized for the physical and sexual abuse carried out in the schools that they operated, and Prime Minister Stephen Harper apologized last June on behalf of the Canadian government, no apology has been forthcoming from the Catholic Church.

An estimated 150,000 Native children were taken from their families to attend residential schools operated by churches with the goal to convert the children to Christianity and take away their Indian identity. Many of the children were physically and sexually abused. Residential schools were operated until the 1980s.

(See Survivors on page 20.)

Interviews progressing for commission replacements

By Shari Narine
Windspeaker Writer

SAULT STE. MARIE

Mike Cachagee is encouraged to hear that interviews have begun already for the new chair and commissioners for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC), but he isn't pleased that he had to find out the information through a back door.

"We need to pick up things inadvertently, because nobody is formally telling us anything," said Cachagee, executive director of the National Residential School Survivors Society in Sault Ste. Marie.

The TRC fell into disarray last October when Harry LaForme resigned his position as chair of the commission citing irreconcilable differences in approach between himself and commissioners Claudette Dumont-Smith and Jane Brewin Morley.

It was initially announced that only LaForme's position would be filled, but Cachagee's organization was among a number that called for the entire commission to be replaced.

In January, Dumont-Smith and Morley announced their resignations, effective June 1. The call went out shortly after for applications for the three positions with March 20 set as the deadline.

Assembly of First Nations (AFN) National Chief Phil Fontaine confirmed that interviews were underway, saying it was a "work in progress." Fontaine couldn't offer any numbers as to how many applications for the positions were received or how many candidates

were being interviewed. Fontaine represents the AFN on the Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement, which gave rise to the TRC.

Cachagee said he heard that a shortlist of 16 was created with initial interviews held the week prior to Easter. He has also been led to believe that half of those initially selected will be invited back for a second interview.

At least one of the three members on the commission is required to be Aboriginal. Cachagee said the survivors' society had been lobbying for the chair to be Aboriginal, but that wasn't a stipulation in the call for applications that went out. The society was also lobbying for the commission to increase to five members and that the majority be residential school survivors. However, parties to the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement, which included representatives from the AFN, Anglican, United, and Presbyterian churches, and Catholic entities, agreed that the TRC would have three members.

Frank Iacobucci, who is facilitating the selection process, would not comment on the details for the application call. In an E-mail statement to *Windspeaker*, Iacobucci said "The TRC Selection Committee is proceeding expeditiously and is making good progress. I am not able to say more than that at this time."

Contentious issues noted by both LaForme, in a formal statement upon resignation, and Dumont-Smith in an earlier interview with *Windspeaker*, were consensus and decision making

powers. The job description posted online for the chair clearly states, "The Chairperson, together with the Commissioners, will at all times use best efforts to reach decisions on a consensus basis.... The Commissioners shall have an effective role in the reaching of consensus, but shall exercise that role while respecting the Chairperson's overall leadership of the TRC."

In an earlier interview with *Windspeaker*, Iacobucci said clarification of job descriptions for both the chair and commissioners had been undertaken "to make sure that the roles are as clearly defined as possible to avoid any misunderstanding."

While Cachagee is relieved that the process seems to be moving forward at a steady pace, he's still concerned over the time that has been lost since LaForme's resignation. He also questions the value of the survivors' society being required to meet with the outgoing commissioners to discuss TRC matters.

"We have to meet with them, but how much credence can you put in their role as outgoing commissioners?" Cachagee asked.

The TRC is to hold seven hearings across the country. Cachagee noted that if the commission had been in operation at least three hearings would have been held by now.

"Because we lost this year, are they going to reclaim it in some manner?" He wondered if they were going to add a year to the commissions timeline to make up for the lost year.

Appointments for the new chair and commissioners are for two years.

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IN A MEMO FROM METIS NATION OF ALBERTA

President Audrey Poitras: She invites MNA members to a Métis Rights Celebration Feast on May 3 in Medicine Hat for the start of a trial that will "put forward the Métis perspective" on hunting rights in the province.

The court will hear the cases of Ron Jones, Bruce Bates and Garry Hirsekorn beginning in May.

"Through these cases we will put forward the Métis perspective that the Alberta Métis community spans the entire province and that the trial judge should not draw arbitrary lines or create fictional "Métis communities" in Alberta," writes Poitras

"This trial is going to be about all Alberta Métis, as well as the Métis Nation as a whole. As such, Métis men, women, Elders and harvesters from throughout the province will be travelling down to Medicine Hat in order to testify and share our story.

"Métis citizens from northern, central and southern Alberta will all take the stand to talk about our family connections throughout the province, our mobility, our unique culture and language, our identity, our way of life as an Aboriginal people, and our harvesting practices. We are confident that through the voluminous amounts of historic and contemporary evidence that will be put before the court, the trial judge will see that our community should not be arbitrarily carved up and our harvesting rights throughout the province should be recognized and affirmed."

All MNA members are welcome to attend the feast to show support for Métis rights and our 'hunt for justice'. The trial will start at 9 a.m. on May 4 at the Medicine Hat Courthouse.

THE NISHNAWBE ASKI NATION (NAN)

Women's Council and more than 80 women from NAN's 49 First Nation communities took part in a peaceful demonstration to demand that Canada withdraw proposed legislation under Bill C-8 which deals with matrimonial real property (MRP) on reserves.

"We are in favor of fair treatment of women when it comes to the division of on-reserve assets in the event of a marital breakdown, however, we do not believe that Bill C-8 is the solution to this issue," said Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) Deputy Grand Chief RoseAnne Archibald who led the demonstration at the Indian and Northern Affairs Canada Thunder Bay Region Office located at Fort William First Nation.

"First Nations have jurisdiction on matrimonial real property, and the Government of Canada has to recognize that laws around MRP must be developed at the community level."

NAN believes the Bill infringes on First Nations Aboriginal and Treaty rights and jurisdiction; does not provide First Nations the capacity to resolve MRP issues and relies on provincial/territorial courts; was drafted without direct consultation with First Nations in Ontario; ignores community-based approaches already developed by many First Nations to deal with MRP; and is contrary to the recommendations of the Minister of Indian Affairs' own Ministerial Representative, Wendy Grant John, on MRP, who tabled a report that stated unilateral, imposed federal legislation was not the proper way to proceed.

THE ONTARIO POWER AUTHORITY HAS

announced the formation of a new department within its Legal, Aboriginal and Regulatory Affairs division.

Brian Hay, formerly OPA's Director of Corporate Communications, will become Director of First Nations and Métis Relations reporting to Michael Lyle, General Counsel and Vice President Legal, Aboriginal and Regulatory Affairs. John Jeza has been appointed as Manager of First Nations and Métis Community Relations. Both have worked extensively with First Nations and Métis Communities throughout their careers, the OPA reports.

"The formation of this new department is in response to the recommendations of First Nations' and Métis' organizations and recognizes the important role that the First Nations and Métis peoples have in the planning and development of renewable generation, transmission and conservation within Ontario's electricity system," CEO Colin Anderson said.

The OPA is responsible for ensuring a reliable, sustainable supply of electricity for Ontario.

THE CHIEFS IN ONTARIO ANNOUNCED

April 16 the adoption of a First Nations Water Declaration to show their commitment to water protection. After a First Nation Water Policy Forum hosted last fall, First Nations leadership, along with Elders from various regions across Ontario, voiced the need for a declaration on the importance of clean water for First Nation communities.

"Our challenge is to identify strategic initiatives that will increase water quality in First Nation communities across Ontario, while we deal with poverty, climate change and a population explosion facing First Nations," said Ontario Regional Chief Angus Toulouse. "The goal of this declaration is to ensure that our people are educated about their rights to clean and safe drinking water. This is something we need to teach our children and this is a basic human right, one that we will not let the government ignore."

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Status card needs final U.S. Homeland Security approval

By Gene Kosowan
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OTTAWA

The new version of the Certificate of Indian Status Card is slated to become available to select First Nations people by the middle of this year, but whether the card will allow its holders to cross over the U.S. border is another issue entirely.

"The card has been conditionally accepted as a valid border crossing document upon approval of U.S. Homeland Security," said Patricia Valladao, spokesperson for Indian and Northern Affairs Canada. "The new card can be used to cross the U.S. border via land or water, but it hasn't been finalized yet."

The Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative takes effect June 1 and requires Canadians entering the United States to have documentation accepted by Homeland Security, such as a valid passport, a Nexus or FAST card, or an enhanced driver's license or identification card.

The current Certificate of Indian Status Card will not be acceptable, said Valladao.

The news is disconcerting to some First Nations members living in southern Alberta. One Blood Tribe woman commented that most of the people living on her reserve and the neighboring Stoney Nation, both in close proximity to the Montana border, are considering applying for passports if the new status cards are not available by June.

An official at the Treaty 7 office in Calgary said INAC hasn't yet

informed them about the distribution of the cards.

"We haven't had any exposure to them yet," she said. "None of us here know what is really going on. We're kind of out of the loop here."

INAC is aware of the situation, said Valladao.

"The federal government is working with U.S. officials to ensure the new cards are fully accepted as cross-border documents."

The distribution of the cards, which Valladao said will cost taxpayers \$30 million, is estimated to take five years, targeting people whose status cards are about to expire. The initial rollout will also include cardholders living near the U.S. border. Otherwise, those who were recently issued current status cards will be among the last to receive the newer versions.

First Nations officials have expressed concerns about the distribution of the cards since the beginning of the year. Some have heard said the new status cards were originally supposed to be distributed April 1, but flaws in the process have delayed their arrival. Valladao claimed the discrepancy in the date had more to do with the application phase than when the cards were to be distributed.

However, in March, INAC temporarily stopped processing the applications for the new cards at a mobile station in Ohsweken, Ont., after Six Nations Chief Councillor Bill Montour complained that the staff was not adequately trained to properly answer questions concerning the

application.

Valladao admitted the forthcoming introduction of the new cards have not been without incident, but says most of the disputes were minor.

One confusion lay with whether the status cards replaced band membership cards; the two cards are separate pieces of identification.

"The new card will have security features that will make it easier for registered status people to get access to a wide range of products and services (and) will protect them from such instances as fraud and identity theft," said Valladao.

The cards contain a bar code instead of a magnetic strip and a holograph representing the First Nation status of the cardholder. Other information on the card will be the person's picture, name, card number, registration number, gender, and date of birth. A machine-readable zone contains no additional information ensuring the cardholder's privacy.

The introduction of security features is INAC's response to concerns among First Nations officials that the current status cards were not secure. INAC created a pilot project in 2001 with Treaty 7 First Nations of Alberta to develop the card's security status with a new design and sophisticated safety features.

Once it's distributed, Valladao hopes recipients of the revamped Certificate of Indian Status Cards will be impressed.

"This will be a much more durable and secure identity document," she said.

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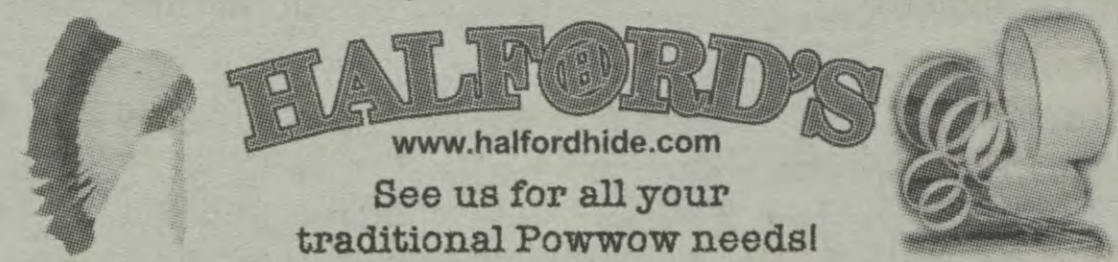
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Roots & Shoots helps heal damaged relationships

By Carmen Pauls Orthner
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OTTAWA

A new partnership between world-renowned environmentalist Jane Goodall and the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) will help First Nations youth build lasting relationships with their communities, their natural environment, animals, and other young people, both in Canada and around the world.

On April 15, Goodall joined AFN National Chief Phil Fontaine and Dr. Keith Martin, member of parliament for the B.C. riding of Esquimalt-Juan de Fuca, in Ottawa to announce a partnership that will bring the Jane Goodall Institute's Roots & Shoots global youth action program to First Nations communities across Canada.

"Wherever I travel, I meet young people who feel helpless about the future of the planet, and what we are doing to ourselves and our communities," said Goodall, who made her name by documenting chimpanzees' relationships with one another and their environment.

The Roots & Shoots program empowers them and gives them hope. It is inspired by the idea that every individual makes a difference, every day," Goodall said.

Roots & Shoots, which Goodall

started after discussions with a group of Tanzanian teenagers in 1991, now involves youth in about 100 countries. Building on the youth-led model established in Tanzania, the program helps young people take action in three areas: people, animals and the natural environment.

"This is one of the neat things about Roots & Shoots: It's not an environmental program per se. It's a very holistic program that draws on each of those three areas and brings them together, and encourages young people to understand the connections," said Jane Lawton, executive director for the Jane Goodall Institute of Canada.

"You can't look at the environment in isolation. You have to look at humans and their needs, and also their impact, and also, of course, (look at) the role that animals play, both in the environment and in their relationship to humans."

One of the distinctions of Roots & Shoots is that once a local group is established, it is up to the youth, not their adult mentors or program staff, to decide what initiatives to tackle.

Roots & Shoots provides resources on how to work effectively within a group, how to identify issues that are important and where youth can make a difference, and then — once the issues have been identified — what steps participants need to follow

when setting up and implementing a project.

As a result, Roots & Shoots can be a means of promoting youth empowerment, giving them a chance to work on a local level to benefit their communities and their environment, and to dream about a better future, for their communities and for themselves.

According to Fontaine, "one of the manifestations of poverty is this despair and lack of hope," said Gina Cosentino, a spokesperson for the AFN. "And when you get kids starting to think about a different future for themselves, it can be that spark that can break a link, that can say to a child, 'I feel empowered. I do matter, and I make a difference.'"

While the program has been experimented with in some First Nations communities, it has never taken root. Martin, in addition to his political work, is a long-time admirer of Goodall's work. He is a physician who has worked in rural First Nations communities and saw a natural link between the needs and values of First Nations, and the objectives of the Roots & Shoots program.

After speaking with Goodall about his idea, he approached both the institute and the AFN about promoting and supporting the program on First Nations reserves, starting with two communities in his own riding: Beecher Bay First Nation and T'sou'ke.

Martin sees a number of benefits to the program for First Nations youth, including strengthening self-confidence, working cooperatively with one another and with adult mentors, and being physically active outdoors. He also hopes that First Nations involvement with Roots & Shoots will strengthen Indigenous culture and language preservation; as he points out, First Nations people traditionally have strong relationships with their natural environment, and that is woven into their culture and history.

"This would enable Aboriginal people, kids in particular, to reconnect with their history, and also I hope that it connects Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal children, so that they can learn from each other," Martin said.

"If this is done right, it could really go a long way toward building cohesion between communities."

That sense of cohesion is deliberately fostered by the Roots & Shoots program, both through regional training workshops and through "Partnerships for Understanding." Groups working on a common issue are matched up, sometimes locally and sometimes from halfway across the globe.

"We wanted to highlight this program as being really beneficial for First Nations because... you can befriend (groups) from other communities, and those kids can

talk to each other and learn about what they're doing, and get excited," said the AFN's Cosentino.

It's also fostered through the projects the youth tackle, because whether they are collecting money to build shelter for the homeless, visiting housebound seniors, cleaning a river that has become too polluted for salmon spawning, planting trees to reforest a burn area, raising awareness about animal abuse, or circulating a petition on climate change, their efforts are all focused on either repairing damaged relationships, or building new ones.

"We're very hopeful that this program can inspire young people and give them a sense that they can actually, themselves, instigate change at a local level within their communities, and that they don't have to wait for external factors to change. They don't have to wait for government to act; they can start to make change themselves at home," said Lawton.

"It's really exciting to be working with First Nations communities, because these are communities that already have a very, very direct connection to the land and to the environment, and they already have an incredibly holistic view of the world," Lawton added. "They understand the connections between all of these areas. So it's going to be very exciting to bring their perspective to our other groups as well."

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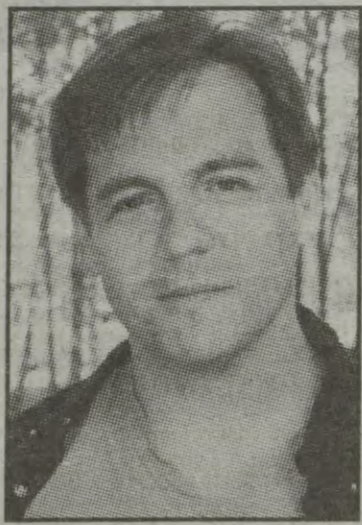
Aboriginal presence in science fiction fleeting and few

This has got to be one of my more unusual columns, but in this rapidly evolving world, you have to keep abreast of the changing times.

It's no secret to most Canadians that the image and perception of Native people that their parents grew up with has significantly changed. There is a whole spectrum of jobs open to First Nations people now, including doctors, lawyers and Indian chiefs, as the old cliché goes. Quoting the Ethel Merman song, "Anything you can do, I can do better" has now become our mantra.

It's the same with literature. Native writers, once considered as rare as a Conservative at a union meeting, are now flourishing in all mediums of literary expression. Out there on the shelves of libraries and book stores across the country are Aboriginal novels about love and broken hearts, detectives, politics, war, and even fantasy. If it can be imagined, it can be written. I think an Elder once told me that.

Yet oddly enough, there is one area that Native people haven't yet completely embraced. I am



THE URBANE INDIAN

Drew Hayden Taylor

talking about science fiction. You have to admit, there aren't a lot of First Nations sci-fi books out there. Oh sure, the few Aboriginal footprints wandering across the lunar landscape are, but for the most part, moccasins worn by white astronauts. How's that for a metaphor!

Perhaps the most well-known would be Chakotay from the Star Trek series, Voyager, though I don't know if it's the Canadian or Aboriginal in me that keeps wanting to call it Voyageur. Be that as it may, he is the second in command and sports a cool and funky tattoo on his face. They never actually say what nation he is, but I do believe it's some central American tribe. In one episode though, they find a lost branch of his people living on a planet clear across the galaxy.

They were no doubt sent there by some future non-Indigenous government intent on establishing their sovereignty. It's been done before, just ask the Inuit of Grise Fiord.

My other favorite example of Native people making a token appearance in science fiction is Aldous Huxley's Brave New World. Actually, it's more of a dystopian novel where John Savage, a severely misplaced white dude, is born on a reservation located in New Mexico, after his mother was marooned there on a site-seeing trip. It happens all the time I hear. Needless to say, the representation of our people does not come off well. They are a backwards, drunk people who squabble and are very petty. I am going to avoid the obvious joke

here.

Other than that, the literary pickings are kind of lean. Certainly writers like Tom King and a few others have contributed bits and pieces to the genre, but essentially it is not a part of the forest we like to hunt or trap much in. I think this is because Native writers, like most Native people, are still dealing with what the past has taken away and are struggling to reclaim what our ancestors had. So we are pretty much looking to the past as our future.

Other Indigenous cultures around the world are pretty much the same to my knowledge, with one notable exception. Oddly enough, the Maori of New Zealand seem to be living in the future quite comfortably, particularly in sci-fi movies. Of course the sampling is small but it is still there.

I first became aware of this when I saw Pete Smith playing the last living Maori (with two or three white people) in the cult film The Quiet Earth back in 1985. Then there was Cliff Curtis fighting an extra-terrestrial machine thing with just a Maori club (and a few guns) in the Jamie

Lee Curtis movie Virus. He also made an appearance in a cool horror film called Deep Rising, where he fought a sea monster with Cherokee actor Wes Studi.

But perhaps the best known example would be Temuera Morrison who first made his sci-fi debut in the Pamela Anderson film Barb Wire, as her ex-husband. It was a futuristic remake of Casablanca that few saw. But he is perhaps best known for his role as Jango Fett in the second trilogy of the Star Wars movies.

It's perhaps funny to mention here that George Lucas was soundly criticized for his casting decisions in the very first Star Wars. If you were paying attention, there were absolutely no people of color anywhere in the cast. It seems that in a galaxy far far away, there were only aliens and white people. Again, I will refrain from making the obvious joke.

He attempted to correct his oversight in the second film, The Empire Strikes Back, by creating the character Lando Calrissian, and so on for the rest of the series. Let's hope the future's a little... darker.

Exercise them or they atrophy—Rights that is

By James B. Wilson,
Director of Education
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First Nations in Canada have long called themselves independent sovereign nations that partnered with newcomers to develop and build Canada.

Our ancestors signed treaties with the British Crown based on a nation-to-nation relationship. Those treaties were the foundation upon which Canada was built, and shape our political ideology and relationship with the rest of the country.

The once powerful notion of nationhood, symbolized by the treaties, has however morphed into a cycle of increasingly needy demands and fruitless negotiations. Time and time again we face Canada and ask the Crown to 'Give us rights!' 'Give us self-government!' 'Give us what we deserve!'

The first time my parents left my brother, sister and I, barely teenagers, alone in charge of our farm during calving season I learned that independence is not something you ask for, or negotiate, or demand, it is something you do.

As we found out first hand, it can be very uncomfortable and scary. It is time we faced this discomfort and do it. By asserting our nationhood we can create independence that will overcome

the critical social situation we find ourselves in. Canada's largest looming social crisis will not be solved by anyone but us.

Reversing the change from dependency to self-reliance and independence cannot be done by supporting assimilation policies, championed by Widdowson and Howard in their recent controversial book "Disrobing the Aboriginal industry" or Tom Flannigan in "First Nations Second Thoughts". Nor can our historic nation-to-nation relationship be asserted by removing ourselves from our current Canadian state, as espoused by University of Victoria professor Taiaiake Alfred in "Indigenous Manifesto". His is an ivory tower model based on an anti-white, romanticized version of us as a people completely removed from reality.

Assimilation is dead, and equally, the idea of removing ourselves from Canada is dead. I like my Canadian passport, healthcare, and Tim Horton's.

By 'doing it' I am referring to asserting our jurisdiction and codifying laws to govern ourselves based on our beliefs, our priorities and our culture—our nationhood.

Joseph Kalt and Stephen Cornell from the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development hosted by the John F. Kennedy School of Governance have conducted

research with various tribes in the United States and First Nations in Canada. In their examination of what contributes to successful community-run businesses, they have discovered lessons that we can apply to nationhood.

The first lesson is that the boundary between business and politics must be clear and enforced. In Native businesses where the elected chief and councils are removed from influencing business and micro-managing operations, the businesses are five times more likely to succeed than where there is direct political control.

If a band operation becomes an employment program for cousins, or constituents, and loses its focus on profits, it will end up not employing anyone.

First Nations must move towards independent dispute resolution systems. These dispute resolution systems must be separated from political interference and influence. Nations must create legislation, codes, and acts to govern conduct. In other words we must create laws.

Laws allow a people to codify their morality. They create an agreed upon base of principles and systems in which everyone agrees to operate.

Laws remove governments from acting based on personality and move them towards acting based on rules. Currently, there

are huge jurisdictional gaps in the laws governing life on reserve. Herein lay the opportunity for First Nations to assert nationhood and build independence. And like the businesses that have a higher chance of success, once we develop codified systems to run our entities free from personality and personal gain, they will have a greater chance of success. That goes for economic development agencies, as well as social services, housing, education and public works.

In a First Nations setting we are currently governed largely by the Indian Act. The Indian Act is our law, but it's an old, outdated law that is full of cracks and voids. On reserves, generally speaking, federal laws have jurisdiction and provincial laws do not (except where there are no federal laws). Filling the jurisdictional gaps ourselves is a direct method of projecting and practicing our 'nation' status.

We can start by creating First Nations Human Rights Acts and First Nations Education Acts. A First Nations Education Act would ensure a form of legislative oversight and mandate minimum teaching days. (There is no legal requirement now). It would also legislate a governance structure, minimum teacher certification and curriculum that are congruent with First Nations culture and language.

Presently there are no legal guidelines in place in any of these areas. A newly elected chief could fire all of the certified teachers and place anyone in the job, or close down a school completely, with no legal ramifications. Likewise we can legislate individual human rights for our citizens that model international human rights codes.

The implications extend far beyond the jurisdictional realm. As Dr. Michael Chandler of UBC discovered in a study of suicide rates within First Nations, "...those Aboriginal communities in BC that have, for example, achieved a measure of self-government, or were quick off the mark to litigate for Aboriginal title of traditional lands, and that have otherwise successfully wrestled from the hands of government some measure of control over their own civic lives, have manifestly lower or absent youth suicide rates."

By asserting our jurisdiction and creating and enforcing laws to govern ourselves, we can take a dramatic step forward in exercising our nationhood. This is what sovereignty and independence is all about. It is about acting to enshrine our rights and exercising our self-determination to produce the self-government systems we deserve. It's time to be like Mike, and "Just do it."

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Scholarships help ease financial burden

By Andréa Ledding
Windspeaker Writer

Formal education isn't just an investment of time and energy – significant money is needed. Student loans are a possibility – but if you happen to qualify, they also have to be repaid, and it's easy to go into extensive debt trying to improve earning potential. This is where a scholarship can be a student's best friend. Many education costs can be covered with minimal time, research, and effort.

Criteria and eligibility vary from place to place but once you've completed a first application, the second one invariably goes faster. It is mainly a gathering and organization of information for the sponsor awarding the scholarship, so checking carefully to meet the criteria and goals listed by the organization will increase success. Applicants should keep copies of documentation, such as letters of support, to use for multiple submissions.

The National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation (www.naaf.ca) disburses approximately \$3 million a year across Canada in three main funding categories: Fine Arts and Professional Development including Cultural Projects; Health Careers; and Post Secondary Education. Education doesn't just cost time, energy, and dedication – so NAAF, and other organizations like it, provide First Nations students with financial assistance for tuition, books, and living expenses.

Dr. Noella Steinhauer, director of education for NAAF, explained the difference between scholarships and bursaries in a phone interview. "People don't apply because they think their marks aren't high enough. But bursaries are for everyone."

She added that while scholarships often focus on academics, bursaries also examine financial need – and as long as that need exists, all students should apply. "People think they don't qualify but they certainly do. They get intimidated by the process, but anyone can get a bursary."

As a student she would see the word scholarship and talk herself out of it, feeling it was meant for others. "We're often harder on ourselves than we should be – but money is available for everyone – even if they have some funding already."

Scholarships and bursaries provide opportunities for those who can use them, and any Canadian resident of First Nation (status or non-status), Métis, or Inuit heritage, of any age, is eligible to apply.

"We have two major deadlines coming up right now – May 1 for Fine Arts and June 1 for post-secondary and health services," noted Steinhauer. Typically it

takes at least 6 weeks to fully process the applications. Oil and Gas Trades dates are in April and November, and other one-time disbursements such as the Métis Health Services disbursement took place in February. Once received, they are processed in the office, and then sent to jury members. Once jurors have reviewed and convened, allocations are made and listed on the website, and cheques issued. "If they need help, students should call us – it's a big application and we recognize that – but it's also what represents them to the jury."

Besides the website, toll free assistance is also available from Rachel Hill at 1-800-329-9780, ext. 020. Steinhauer says they are more than willing to assist anyone, especially with areas like budgets.

To qualify for a bursary, students are assessed in four areas, each worth 10 points. 1. Financial need; 2. students must demonstrate community involvement, membership, and an investment in bettering Aboriginal communities; 3. must be suitable to the chosen field of study – as demonstrated by the written essay and assessment forms; and 4. academic merit through transcripts and assessment forms from instructors or teachers.

"Aboriginal people want to be generous and give everyone the benefit of doubt," she added – while NAAF is not always able to meet the total financial need of students, they try to give some money to as many students as they can. "Usually the only applications that do not receive bursaries are incomplete, missing documentation, or didn't show financial need."

She also observed that First Nations are naturally humble and "not good at bragging ourselves up" – but they need to fill out as much as possible for the jury process. She says in particular students should focus on making sure their budget is well thought out and all their documents are in and complete.

She adds NAAF's large endowment fund will continue, and expresses appreciation for public and private sector support. "These people really support aboriginal education and demonstrate it through bursaries, awards, career fairs. They've put their money where their mouth is – they're supporting our programs."

So before you get that student loan, or third job, or give up on your dreams – do a little paperwork for some free investment capital that you can perhaps one day pass on to another deserving student when you've got more than you need. There are many organizations that want your success almost as much as you do.

A comprehensive scholarship listing exists at the Aboriginal Multi Media Society webpage (www.ammsa.com).

Scholarship search tips!

- When fishing for scholarships, cast the widest net you can, focusing on your area of specialty while applying for general scholarships/bursaries anywhere you're eligible. Admissions offices will often have listings, but internet searches are also effective, and many applications can be completed online.

- One of the longest running programs of the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business (CCAB), the Foundation for the Advancement of Aboriginal Youth One form submitted there will be considered for about 145 scholarships. Their submission form dates are October, once school has already started.

- Criteria and eligibility vary from place to place but once you've completed a first application, the second one invariably goes faster. It is mainly a gathering and organization of information for the sponsor awarding the scholarship, so checking carefully to

meet the criteria and goals listed by the organization will increase success.

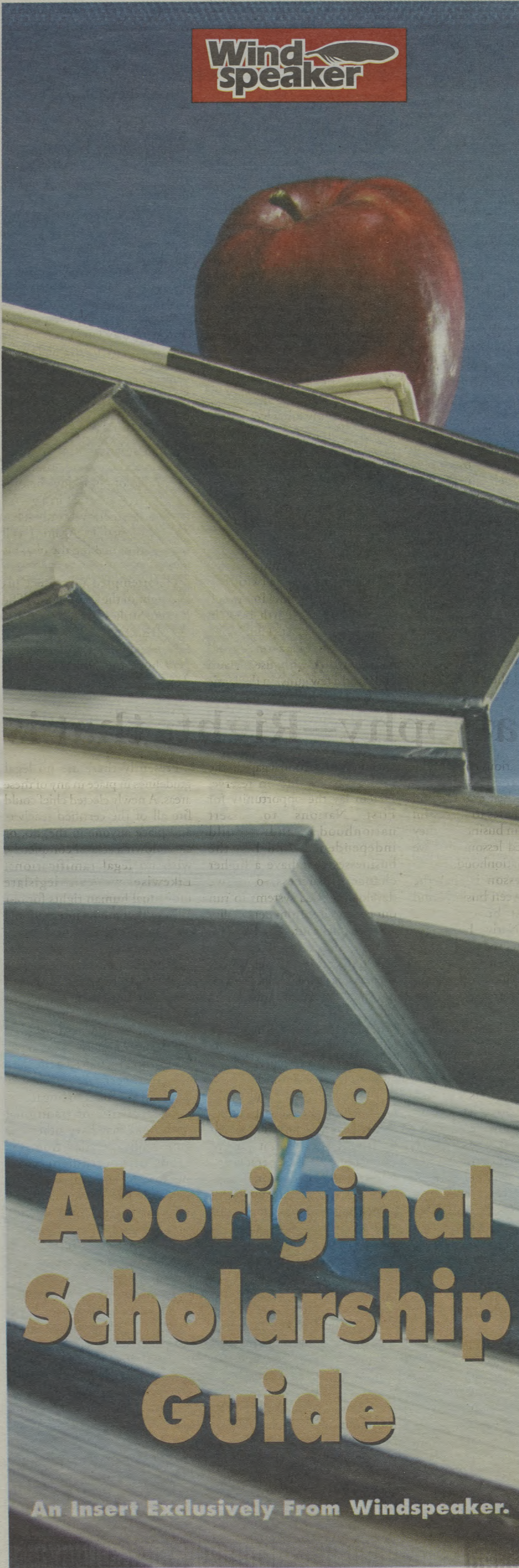
- Always try and keep copies of documentation, such as letters of support, to use for multiple submissions. Many scholarships can be completed online.

- Read guidelines thoroughly and check biographies of past winners.

- Remember to make deadlines – even the strongest candidates will be eliminated if they file too late – this demonstrates commitment and responsibility! And if you don't make it this year – your chances can only increase with time and experience for next year.

- Many sponsors learn who their students are and maintain a supportive relationship, which can even include summer employment opportunities.

- Everyone likes to back a winner! List past scholarships and bursaries received, for that "snowball effect".



2009 Aboriginal Scholarship Guide

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The following list of scholarships and bursaries has been compiled by Windspeaker with the kind assistance of participating companies, schools and foundations. For a complete and up-to-date listing of Aboriginal scholarships and bursaries please check our online listings located at: www.ammsa.com.

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Canadian Merit Scholarship Foundation (CMSF):

The CMSF Awards program was started in 1989 to identify, recognize and reward well-rounded students who combine distinguished talents with character, leadership potential, and a commitment to the community.

The CMSF National Awards The CMSF National Award is our most prestigious scholarship. It is awarded after a rigorous process, which includes the written application and extensive interviews. A description of the National Awards follows: Up to 35 National Awards are offered to students bound for one of our 25 participating Canadian universities. The top National Award is valued at up to \$8000 cash and up to \$8000 in annual tuition for up to four years of full-time study, plus up to \$7500 in summer program funding over the course of a degree.

The CMSF Finalist Awards CMSF Finalist Award are valued at \$2,500 and are one-time entrance awards tenable at any accredited university in Canada at which the recipient gains admission and enrolls in a full-time program of study. A Finalist Award is offered to every finalist who participates in National Selections but is not offered a CMSF National Award.

The CMSF Provincial Awards CMSF Provincial Award are valued at \$1,500 and are one-time only entrance awards tenable at any accredited university in Canada at which the recipient gains admission and enrolls in a full-time program of study.

All Canadian Merit Scholarship Foundation (CMSF) Awards inquires contact:
Canadian Merit Scholarship Foundation (CMSF)
53 Yonge Street, 5th floor
Toronto, ON M5E 1J3
1-866-544-2673
Website www.cmsf.ca

Garfield Weston Merit Scholarships for Colleges (GWMSC)

Deadline: March 22
Eligibility: 1) Be in the final year of study for a high school diploma OR be an adult in the work force. 2) Must NOT be university degree or college diploma graduate within the last 3 years. 3) Demonstrate an academic ability that will ensure success in their chosen course of study. 4) Demonstrate leadership potential. 5) Present a record of service to the school and/or community. 6) Demonstrate an interest in his/her selected field of study. 7) Be accepted at an accredited community college for 2-4 year diploma studies in the academic year after selection. National Award: Up to 50 available annually

For each National Award the colleges make a tuition grant of up to \$4500 per year. In addition to this, the GWMSC offers up to \$8000 per year as a stipend. The National Award is renewable for up to 4 years of diploma studies only at our participating colleges.

All GWMSC Awards inquires contact:
CMSF/GWMSC
Web Site: www.garfieldwestonawards.ca

Native Women's Association of Canada Corbiere - Laval Two-Axe Early Student Awards

Aboriginal women and be enrolled in a post-secondary institution.
Two (2) awards valued at \$1,000.00 each

For more information contact:
Native Women's Association
9 Melrose Avenue
Ottawa, Ontario K1Y 1T8
Phone: (613) 722-3033
Fax: (613) 722-7687

Gil Purcell Memorial Journalism Award - The Canadian Press

To a Native person studying journalism.
Value: One scholarship of \$4,000
Eligibility: Native ancestry.
Studying journalism at a Canadian university or community college.
Deadline: December 31 of each year.

Information: Manager of Human Resources
Canadian Press
36 King Street East
Toronto, Ontario M5C 2L9
Phone: (416) 594-2179
Fax: (416) 364-9283

The Canadian Medical Foundation Dr. John Big Canoe Memorial Scholarship

Deadline: Applications and supporting documentation for the 08/09 academic year must be received by March 31.

During each year of the program, a \$2000 scholarship may be awarded to an undergraduate Aboriginal student enrolled in the last or second to last year of study in a Canadian school of medicine who has demonstrated both strong academic performance and outstanding contributions to the aboriginal community in Canada.

Applications and supporting documentation to: Darlene Brown, Manager, The Canadian Medical Foundation,
1867 Alta Vista Drive,
Ottawa, ON K1G 3H7
Phone: (613) 731-9331 ext. 2291
Toll Free: 1-800-267-9703 ext. 2291
Web site: www.cma.ca

Canadian Medical Association Special Bursary Program for Undergraduate Aboriginal Medical Students

Deadline: TBA
The bursary is awarded based on financial need and will provide a maximum of \$4000 per academic year to each successful applicant. A total of up to \$40,000 in bursaries may be awarded in each academic year of the program. Given that financial resources are often limited by the end of the academic year, bursaries will be awarded at this time. Bursary recipients will also receive memberships in the CMA, the relevant division of CMA (provincial or territorial) and the Native Physicians Association in Canada.

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Heroes of our Time Scholarships - Assembly of First Nations

Sponsored by: Assembly of First Nations
Eligibility: First Nations Citizen
Value: TBA
Deadline Date: June 1 each year
Tommy Prince Award
Walter Dieter Award Omer Peters Award Robert Smallboy Award

James Gosnell Award
Applications submitted to:
Selection Committee -
Heroes of Our Time Awards
The Assembly of First Nations -
Education Sector
473 Albert Street - Suite 810
Ottawa, ON K1R 5B4
Toll-Free: 1-866-869-6789
Phone: (613) 241-6789
Fax: (613) 241-5808

The Banff Centre - Aboriginal Leadership and Management Programs

Special grants, which can be applied against the tuition for Aboriginal professional development programs, are available to Canadian Aboriginals or non-Aboriginals who work for Aboriginal communities or organizations.

Contact: 1-888-255-6327
Website: www.banffleadership.com
Email: leadership@banffcentre.ca

Investing in the future growth of Aboriginal Youth - Canadian National

Deadline: June 1st
CN developed its Native Educational Awards Program because of its commitment to the education and training of Aboriginal youth. Every year since 1988, we've awarded five \$1,500 scholarships to help Aboriginal students pursue university studies leading to a career in transportation. This covers a wide range of occupations - from nurses to engineers, computer experts to market analysts. For more info, contact your band office, friendship centre or college of your choice
Web Site: www.cn.ca/en/careers-offer-scholarships-aboriginal-awards.htm

CN Scholarship For Women

Deadline: October 13th
One scholarship of \$500 available to women registered in programs of non-traditional trades. Qualifying programs include Welding, Machine Shop, Heavy Equipment Mechanic, Industrial Electronics Technician/Technology, Mechanical Engineering Technology and CAD/CAM Engineering Technology. Applicants must be accepted into fall semester in specified program of non-traditional trade. Application is required by July 25; forms are available through Student Services and Registrars offices.
Web Site: www.cn.ca/en/careers-offer-scholarships-women.htm
Canadian National Educational Awards Program 935 de la Gauchetière Street West Montreal, Quebec H3B 2M9

Educational Awards Program - Husky Oil Please see our ad on page 7.

Deadline: May 31 Awards announced: July 31

Up to 7 Aboriginal students are selected each year.
Awards of up to \$3,000 per year will be granted to cover a portion of tuition, books, or living expenses.
Aboriginal people (Inuit, Métis, Status and Non Status Indians) who meet the following qualifications: * Canadian citizen* in need of financial assistance* demonstrate serious interest in furthering their educational and career development Preference will be given to applicants whose residence is located on or near one of Husky's exploration, development or operation sites Individuals pursuing academic post-secondary studies at a university, community college or technical institute are eligible to apply.

Diversity and Aboriginal Affairs
Husky Oil Operations Limited
P.O. Box 6525, Station D
Calgary, Alberta T2P 3G7
Phone: (403) 298-6780

RBC Royal Bank Aboriginal Student Awards

Deadline: January 31
Five (5) awards of up to \$4,000/ year for four (4) years at university or two years at college. Status Indian, Non-Status Indian, Inuit or Métis are eligible to apply. You must be a permanent resident/citizen of Canada.

For an application and brochure:
www.rbcroyalbank.com/aboriginal

CMHC Housing Awards: Housing for Youth

Individuals, firms, institutions and government agencies that are delivering programs that improve choice, quality or affordability of housing for youth may be nominated for a Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) Housing Award. Awards and honourable mentions are given to those individuals or groups that have achieved excellence in one of five categories: financing and tenure, technology and production, planning and regulation, concept and design, and process and management.

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation Social and Economic Policy and Research
700 Montreal Road
Room C7-417
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0P7
Phone: 1 800 668-2642
www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/

Legal Studies for Aboriginal People Program

Deadline: March 31 for Pre-Law Programs.
The Department of Justice funds Métis and non-status Indians who wish to attend law school. Through the Legal Studies for Aboriginal People Program, the Department offers scholarships for the three-year law program and scholarships for a pre-law orientation course. Value: Tuition fees, textbooks, living expenses, award based on financial need.

For more information:
Phone: 1-888-606-5111
Web site: <http://canada.justice.gc.ca>

Polaris - Northern Star Program

This awards program recognizes the creative and innovative environmental actions by youth who have had an impact within their communities.
Young people up to 25 years of age may be nominated for an award. Completed forms are due by March 31 of each year.
For more information and a nomination form, call the Action 21 National Office
Toll free at: 1 800 668-6767.

Department of Justice Canada Entrance Scholarships for Aboriginal Students

The Department of Justice Canada has made available three-year scholarships to Métis and non-status Indian students who wish to attend law school. Each year, ten or more pre-law scholarships will be made available to Métis and non-status Indians, to cover the cost of attending a summer orientation program offered by the Native Law Centre, University of Saskatchewan, in Saskatoon and a summer French language pre-law orientation program at the University of Ottawa.
In September, ten or more three-year law school scholarships will be made available to Métis and non-status applicants to defray their living costs, textbooks, tuition fees, and other costs. The Department of Justice Canada is accepting applications for the summer pre-law program

until 1 April, and applications for the law school scholarships until 1 June. Students interested in both programs must forward two separate applications.

For further information and application forms, contact:

Program Assistant,
Legal Studies for Aboriginal People Program,
Department of Justice Canada,
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H8
Similar financial assistance is available from Indian and Northern Affairs for registered Indian and Inuit students.

Chevron Canada Resources

Deadline: January 31 Number of scholarships varies, value up to \$5,000 Available to students of Aboriginal heritage interested in undertaking a period of study in public administration and/or community affairs involving drug/alcohol education and rehabilitation. Special consideration given to residents of Northwest territories and other areas of concern. Student's parent must be employee of Chevron.
Apply to: Canadian Universities for Northern Studies
#201, 130 Albert Street
Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5G4
Phone: (613) 238-3525

TD Bank and First Nations Bank of Canada Aboriginal Education Awards

Deadline: March 31 Value: Five awards of \$1,000 each Recipients will also receive consideration for summer employment and full-time employment once education is complete. Criteria: Applicants must be of Aboriginal ancestry (Status, Non-Status, Inuit, Métis); full time student at recognized Canadian post secondary institution pursuing a program relevant to a career in banking such as business, economics, computer science, math and sciences; in need of financial assistance to further educational goals.
Apply to: Award Coordinator
Toronto Dominion Centre
201 Portage Avenue
P.O. Box 7700
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 3E7
Phone: (204) 988-2800

AMEC Aboriginal Undergraduate Engineering Scholarship

Deadline: October 17th
Value: \$5,000
In conjunction with AMEC, CEMF offers up to one \$5000 Undergraduate Engineering Scholarship annually to young Canadian Aboriginal women who are proven leaders and active in their community to encourage them to pursue a career in engineering. Applicants must be enrolled full-time in an accredited Canadian undergraduate engineering program of study and be:

1. In their first year, or 2. In their second year, or 3. In the first term of their third year, immediately prior to the December deadline. Scholarships are based primarily on demonstrated community leadership and involvement in extra-curricular activities. Special emphasis is placed on leadership to recognize and encourage continued contributions to Canadian society. Work experience may also be considered.

Applicants must be willing to act as role models and promote engineering as a career choice to young Aboriginal girls - each Scholarship winner will be required to make at least one presentation to a high-school level audience of Aboriginal youth.

Eligibility Requirements
Applicants must be Canadian Aboriginals with permanent residence in Canada. In accordance with the Constitution Act, 1982, Part II, Section

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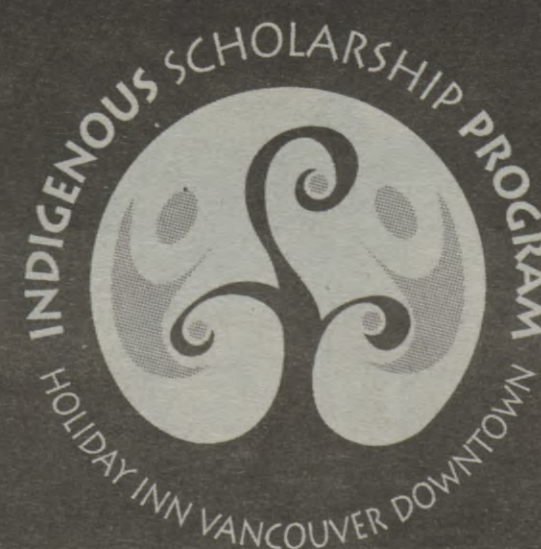
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All applications must be submitted by all applicants directly to:

The Canadian Engineering Memorial Foundation
AMEC Undergraduate Engineering Scholarship Award
P. O. Box 370, 1-247 Barr Street
Renfrew, ON K7V 4A6

The Department of National Defence Security and Defence Forum (SDF)
SDF Aboriginal Scholarship Program

Value: \$10,000

Number available: The Security and Defence Forum has set aside up to \$10,000 a year to fund Aboriginal scholars. The exact number and value awarded annually will depend on the number and quality of applicants. Scholarship funds may cover tuition fees and or expenses related to a degree program, including – but not limited to – support for distance learning.

Fields of study: Social sciences/humanities studies relating to current and future Canadian security and defence issues, including their political, international, historical, social, military, and economic dimensions. Research in the pure or applied sciences is ineligible. Applicants must explain in their proposal the relationship of their study/research plans to Canadian security and defence issues.

Eligibility: * Applicants must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents at the time of application and be of either a member of the First Nations (status or non-status), Inuit or Métis. * Applicants must, as a minimum requirement, hold an Honours Bachelor's degree (four year program) or its equivalent before taking up the award.

Duration: One academic year, and can be used to assist students in continuing their graduate

studies at university and/or to purchase technology required to assist distance learning
Eligible institutions: Graduate scholarships are tenable only at Canadian institutions. For more information: For complete information and application form please visit the DND website. **If you wish to have an application form emailed to you, please contact awards@aucc.ca**

Phone: (613) 563-1236

Web site: www.aucc.ca/dnd.html

KPMG's Aboriginal Client Services Group Awards Program

KPMG is providing five student awards of \$1,500 CDN each. KPMG is committed to building successful relationships with Canada's First Nations and Aboriginal Communities through our Aboriginal Client Services practice – a dedicated group of professional advisors serving the needs of First Nations Aboriginal clients across Canada. We also believe that we can assist First Nations and Aboriginal people through this student awards program. The KPMG First Nations and Aboriginal Student Awards Program is available to encourage and assist First Nations and Aboriginal students in the pursuit of post-secondary education in the fields of Business, Economics, Political Science, Law, or First Nation Financial Administration.

Applications must be received by May 19
KPMG Student Awards Co-ordinator
KPMG Marsland Centre
20 Erb Street West
Waterloo, Ontario N2L 1T2

Indigenous Scholarship Program - Holiday Inn Vancouver Downtown
Please see our ad on page 2.

Value: \$2,000

Number: 6

Deadline: N/A

Conceived and established in 2003 by Holiday Inn Vancouver Downtown, the Indigenous Scholarship Program sets aside program funds

for every room night spent at the hotel by a member of Canada's Aboriginal Community. Each year, the hotel will award at least one scholarship to First Nation youth that are pursuing a post-secondary education. Open to all Aboriginal students, the Indigenous Scholarship Program considers a number of criteria in awarding scholarships including financial situation, academic achievement, community involvement and career aspirations. The Indigenous Scholarship Program is managed by Holiday Inn Vancouver Downtown with recommendations from an Executive Education Committee and input from an Advisory Board made up of representatives from Canada's Aboriginal Community.

Eligibility: Any Aboriginal student currently enrolled at or, accepted to a post secondary institution.

Application form and eligibility criteria for the Indigenous Scholarship Program can be obtained by calling the Holiday Inn Vancouver Downtown at 1-800-663-9151.

Web: holidayinnvancouverdowntown.com.

MuchMusic Aboriginal Youth Scholarship

The \$5,000 scholarship is awarded in partnership with AYN (Aboriginal Youth Scholarship) to the individual who best demonstrates skill, talent, excellence and enthusiasm in pursuing a future in the broadcast industry. Open to all Aboriginal Canadians under 29. Deadline: November

Application form, scholarship criteria and other details at: www.muchmusic.com/mays
Information: scholarship@muchmusic.com

Burlington Resources Aboriginal Awards Program

The Aboriginal Awards Program has been developed to provide financial assistance to Aboriginal students pursuing high school upgrading and post-secondary education. Award amounts are designated according to the educational level you are pursuing:

Secondary School/Academic Upgrading \$1,000
College or Technical Institute \$2,000
University \$3,000

Please send your completed application along with your proof of acceptance and most recent transcripts to the following address no later than June 30th:

Diversified Staffing Services Attention: Burlington Resources Aboriginal Awards Program

100, 805 – 5th Avenue SW

Calgary, AB T2P 0N6

Phone: (403) 237-5577

Toll Free: (877) 271-7720

Fax: (403) 266-3386

Web site: www.diversifiedstaffing.com

The Canadian Nurses Foundation

Value: varies

Deadline: April 1

The Canadian Nurses Foundation is the only national foundation solely committed to promoting the health and patient care of Canadians by financially supporting nurses through study awards, specialty certification, research grants and general support of educational endeavors that advance the nursing profession.

The criteria and 2004 application forms are presently on our website

www.canadiannursesfoundation.com

We would appreciate your promoting these scholarships on your web site.

Canadian Nurses Foundation

50 Driveway

Ottawa, Ontario K2P 1E2

Toll Free: 1-800-361-8404

Fax: (613) 237-3520

email: info@cnursesfdn.ca

Web: www.canadiannursesfoundation.com

The Weather Network — Pelmorex Inc.

Value: One award of \$500.00

Deadline: May 30

The Weather Network educational incentive

award is to create interest among Aboriginal peoples in the Canadian Broadcasting industry.

Eligibility: A status or non-status Aboriginal full time student who demonstrates financial need. The applicant is enrolling in a Third or Fourth year Canadian Journalism or Radio and Television Arts program at a recognized College or University and has received passing marks (60% or better) in their previous year of study. Applicants are committed students with proven leadership ability, and enthusiasm for their chosen career path.

If no students entering are eligible, the award may go to an Aboriginal student in another reputable program specifically, Business Administration, Meteorology, Computer Science, Graphic Design or Engineering Technology.

Requirement: Resume, official transcript from most recent year of study, successful interview with Pelmorex and good references.

Information: Pelmorex Inc.

Human Resources

1 Robert Speck Parkway Suite 1600

Mississauga, Ontario L4Z 4B3

Phone: 905-829-1159

Fax: 905-566-9696

Alliance Pipeline Aboriginal Student Awards Program

Number: One

Value: Cost of tuition, books and supplies to a maximum of \$4,000 per academic year.

Deadline: April 30

Eligibility: Aboriginal students who are: residents of Saskatchewan, Alberta or British Columbia; enrolled in, or have applied to a technical school, college or university, in a program relevant to the oil and gas industry; relevant programs include: mechanical engineering technology, instrumentation engineering technology, electrical engineering technology, power engineering, mechanical engineering or business administration.

Coordinator, Aboriginal Student Awards

National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation

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Bursary and Scholarship application deadlines:

May 1:

Fine Arts

Ontario Federation of Indian Friendship Centres (OFIFC)

June 1:

Post Secondary Education

Aboriginal Health Careers

For more info: 1-800-329-9780 x 020

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Aboriginal Awards Program

In keeping with our commitment to provide educational support to the Aboriginal community, TransAlta will present four educational awards (two college and two university) in 2009 to Aboriginal (status, non-status, Métis and Inuit) students who meet the necessary qualifications.

To be eligible, you must meet the following criteria:

- You must be of Aboriginal ancestry
- You must have lived in Alberta for at least one year immediately prior to applying for the award
- You need financial support to pursue your education
- You possess promising academic qualifications (record of academic excellence)
- You maintain the required course load in your chosen program
- You must provide proof of enrollment in one of Alberta's accredited universities or colleges

Applications must be completed and returned by June 15, 2009. Your transcripts, which include all diploma exams written in June, must be received by July 15, 2009. A letter of acceptance and proof of enrollment from the educational institution is also required to complete the application.

For further information and application forms, please contact:

TransAlta
110-12 Avenue SW Box 1900
Calgary, Alberta T2P 2M1
Phone: 403-267-7570

Application forms may also be found on: www.transalta.com

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Phone: (403) 517-6511

Imperial Oil Aboriginal Scholarships Awards Program
Please see our ad on page 6.

Value: \$3,500 (maximum for college) and \$4,500 (maximum for university)
The awards are designed to cover tuition, textbooks, supplies and other compulsory fees.
Deadline: June 30 of each year
Imperial Oil Resources offers four individual education awards each year to any person of Aboriginal ancestry entering post-secondary studies. The purpose of the awards program is to encourage people of Aboriginal ancestry to pursue undergraduate post-secondary educational studies in disciplines relevant to the petroleum industry. Applicants must reside in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Northwest Territories or the Yukon for at least one year immediately prior to applying for the award.

Application form, full program guidelines and eligibility details can be obtained by calling Imperial Oil Community and Aboriginal Affairs at 780-639-5194.

Jennifer Robinson Memorial Scholarship - Arctic Institute of North America

Value: One scholarship of \$5,000.
The Jennifer Robinson Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a graduate student in northern biology who best exemplifies the qualities of scholarship that the late Jennifer Robinson brought to her studies at the Institute's Kluane Lake Research Station.

Eligibility: Applicants must submit: a brief description of the proposed research (two to three pages), including a clear hypothesis, relevance, title and statement of the purpose of the research, the area and type of study, the methodology and plan for evaluation of findings. A collaborative relationship or work should be briefly identified; three academic reference letters; a complete curriculum vitae with transcripts; and a list of current sources and amounts of research funding, including scholarships, grants and bursaries.
The scholarship committee looks for evidence of northern relevance, and a commitment to field-oriented research.

Deadline: January 7
Executive Director
Arctic Institute of North America
University of Calgary
Calgary, Alberta T2N 1N4
Phone: (403) 220-7515
Fax: (403) 282-4609

Association of First Nations Women Scholarship

Value: Two awards: one in the fall, and one in the spring.
Scholarships are awarded twice a year. The successful applicants are presented with their awards at the Blanche MacDonald Memorial Dinner and the Native Indian Teacher Education Program Graduation Dinner.
Eligibility: Applicants must: be of First Nation ancestry; be registered as full-time students at a post-secondary institution; and include with their application proof of registration at a post-secondary institution, a copy of their transcript(s), a professional reference, a personal reference, and a support letter from a major Aboriginal organization.

Deadline: Open
Association of First Nations Women
#1 -245 East Broadway
Vancouver, B.C. V5T 1W4
Fax: (604) 872-1845

Canada Post Aboriginal Education Incentive Award

Submissions accepted from May 1st to July 31st of the current year.

Are you - a First Nations (status or non-status), Métis or Inuit - person with a treaty or membership number? - a Canadian citizen? Have you - returned to school after a prolonged absence? - completed one full year of educational/vocational or trade skills training? You are eligible to apply for Canada Post Aboriginal Education Incentive Award.
For more information about this award and submitting, please visit Canada Post's website
English: www.canadapost.ca/Aboriginal
French: www.postescanada.ca/Autochtones

Intelligent Sensing For Innovative Structures (ISIS) Canada Research Scholarship for Aboriginal People in Engineering

Value: One scholarship of \$5,000 per year.
Intelligent Sensing for Innovative Structures (ISIS Canada) is a Network of Centres of Excellence funded by the federal and provincial governments, the university communities and the private sector. The mandate of ISIS Canada is to develop a new generation of sophisticated civil engineering structures for the 21st century.
Eligibility: In order to be eligible, applicants must be graduates in engineering or applied sciences at a Canadian university or be currently enrolled in a degree program, and must be registered in, or intending to proceed to, graduate study in engineering or applied sciences. The scholarship is awarded for a 12-month period and may be renewed for a second year at the

discretion of the awarding committee.

Deadline: March 31
President ISIS Canada
227 Engineering Building
University of Manitoba
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3T 5V6
Phone: (204) 474-850

Intelligent Sensing For Innovative Structures (ISIS) Canada - Research Scholarship for Women and Aboriginal People

Value: One scholarship of up to \$5,000.
Eligibility: Applicants must: be women or be of Aboriginal ancestry; be engineering graduates or currently enrolled in a degree and intending to pursue graduate studies; be seeking solutions to the deterioration of steel reinforced concrete; and be in third year civil engineering or above.
Deadline: March 31
Intelligent Sensing for Innovative Structures Room 227 Engineering Blvd.
University of Manitoba
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3T 2N2
Phone: (204) 474-8880

Magna For Canada Scholarship Fund

Value: Various scholarships of \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Eligibility: Applicants must: be full-time students; and submit a proposal (maximum 2,500 words) on "If I was Prime Minister of Canada, I would do the following to improve living standards and unite the country."

Deadline: May 15
Magna for Canada Scholarship Fund
36 Apple Creek Blvd
Markham, Ontario L3R 4Y4

National Union Scholarship for Aboriginal Canadians

Value: One scholarship of \$1,000.
Eligibility: The award is open to all Aboriginal Canadian students who plan to enter the first year of a public post-secondary education institution full-time, and who are children of, or foster children of, a National Union member.
The award is given to the writer of the best 750-1000 word essay on "The importance of quality public services in enhancing the quality of life of Aboriginal Canadians."

Deadline: June 30
Scholarships National Union of Public and General Employees
15 Auriga Drive
Nepean, Ontario K2E 1B7
Phone: (613) 228-9800
Fax: (613) 228-9801

National Union Scholarship for Visible Minorities

Value: One of \$1,000.

Eligibility: The award is open to all visible minority students who plan to enter the first year of a public post-secondary educational institution full-time, and who are the children, or foster children, of a National Union member. The award will be given to the writer of the best 750-1000 word essay on "The importance of quality public services in enhancing the quality of life of visible minorities."

Deadline: June 30
Scholarships National Union of Public and General Employees
15 Auriga Drive
Nepean, Ontario K2E 1B7
Phone: (613) 228-9800
Fax: (613) 228-9801

National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation (NAAF)

Please see our ad on page 3.

Deadlines:

Fine Arts: Two deadlines annually on March 31 and September 30

Aboriginal Health Careers: One deadline annually on May 1

Post-Secondary Education Awards: One deadline annually on June 1

Aboriginal Health Careers Program Scholarship:

Deadline: May 1
Provides support for students who are pursuing accredited health studies leading to employment in the health professions and who have demonstrated the potential for academic success.

Eligible fields of study: medicine, nursing, dentistry, biology, chemistry, physiotherapy, pharmacy, clinical psychology, laboratory research and technology and any other health field in which a study of the hard sciences is a pre-requisite.

Aboriginal Veterans' Scholarship Trust - Canada (NAAF)

For students engaged in fields of study that support and contribute to Aboriginal self-governance and economic self-reliance. For more information check out the web site Aboriginal Veterans Scholarship Trust.

Business, Sciences and General Education Program (NAAF)

Value: Varies from \$1,000 to \$8,000
Eligibility: Aboriginal ancestry (Status, Non-Status, Métis, Inuit) attending a Canadian Community College (CEGEP) or university (first year or returning students); registered in programs such as business, health sciences, new and advanced technologies (not limited

to these). Priority is given to students enrolled in business and sciences.

Deadline: June 1

Diane Fowler LeBlanc Aboriginal Social Work Scholarship (NAAF)

Value: The amount of each scholarship is based on the individual needs of each candidate (tuition, course materials, living expenses, daycare, travel) up to a maximum of \$10,000 per year for three or four years, depending on the institution's course requirements.

The Alberta Museology Internship

Value: Varies.
Two four month internships at the Provincial Museum of Alberta for Aboriginal students pursuing a career in ethnology, natural history or Canadian history.

Arts Scholarship Program (NAAF)

Deadline: March 31.
Value: Based on Budget needs. All areas related to the visual, performing, media, graphic and literary arts. Award decision based on merit of project, quality of training and financial need. Art work samples will need to be sent with application.

Petro Canada Education Awards for Native Students (NAAF)

Deadline: June 15
Five education awards of up to \$5,000 are available to native students of Canadian or Inuit ancestry entering or enrolled in post-secondary programs where studies can be applied in an industrial setting in the oil and gas industry. Selection is based on financial need, academic performance and potential, appropriateness of studies to industry, and future aspirations. Contact individual schools for application forms.

Shell Canada Aboriginal Scholarship Program (NAAF)

Preference will be given to studies in business, science and engineering.

CIBC Achievers (NAAF)

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TransCanada Pipelines Leadership Awards (NAAF)

With these awards, TransCanada Pipelines is helping Aboriginal students prepare themselves to play leading roles in the fields of engineering, business and commerce, law, science and technology, environment and communications.

BP Canada Aboriginal Young Achievers Scholarship (NAAF)

Priority for these scholarships may be given to students who are pursuing careers in business,

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Husky Energy

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Husky Energy's Aboriginal Education Awards are available to anyone of Aboriginal ancestry in Canada, who possess suitable academic qualifications, is in need of financial assistance and demonstrates a career interest in the oil and gas industry. Individuals pursuing academic upgrading at a secondary institution or post-secondary studies at a community college, technical institute or university are eligible to apply.

Bursaries will be awarded in the following categories:

Institution	Award Level
University (maximum four years of funding)	\$3,000
Community or Technical College (maximum two years of funding)	\$2,500
Secondary School (maximum one year of funding)	\$1,000

Application forms are found on the Husky website www.huskyenergy.com. Applications must be completed and returned to Husky Energy by May 31, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.

Husky Energy Inc.
Aboriginal Affairs Department
707 - 8th Avenue S.W.
P.O. Box 6525, Station D
Calgary, Alberta T2P 3G7
Phone: (403) 750-1427 • Fax: (403) 750-1666
Email: aboriginal.affairs@huskyenergy.com

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This scholarship was created to help Aboriginal students from across Canada to succeed in the areas of business and entrepreneurship.

TD Bank Financial Group Scholarships (NAAF)

Through its support of the scholarship program, TD Bank Financial Group is helping to make it easier for Aboriginal students to realize their educational goals.

UGG Agricultural Scholarships (NAAF)

UGG is pleased to provide scholarships to encourage Aboriginal students from the Prairie Provinces to pursue careers in fields related to agriculture.

Imperial Oil Aboriginal Scholarship Awards Program

Imperial Oil has formed a partnership with the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation (NAAF) to manage its Aboriginal Scholarship Awards Program (ASAP).

The purpose of the awards program is to encourage and assist people of Aboriginal ancestry to pursue post-secondary educational studies in disciplines relevant to the petroleum industry.

The CN Aboriginal Scholarships (NAAF)

These scholarships provide funding assistance to Aboriginal students from across Canada who are engaged in studies that will prepare them for careers in the transportation industry such as engineering, business, computer science, communications and technical studies.

Suncor Energy Foundation "Shared Achievements" Aboriginal Scholarships (NAAF)

These scholarships were created to assist Aboriginal students who are pursuing post-secondary education in business, teaching and science, particularly engineering, earth sciences, natural resource management, environmental studies and computer science. Preference will be given to students from Central and Northern Alberta, Northeastern and Southwestern British Columbia and the North West Territories.

3M Canada Aboriginal Health Education Awards (NAAF)

With these awards, 3M Canada is making a positive contribution to the lives of Aboriginal students who are pursuing careers in fields related to health care.

Sun Life Financial Careers in Health Awards

(NAAF)

With these awards, Sun Life Financial is providing increased opportunities for Aboriginal students to receive training and education for careers in health care.

Weyerhaeuser Aboriginal Scholarship (NAAF)

Weyerhaeuser is pleased to offer scholarship assistance to Aboriginal students who are pursuing careers in business and science. Contact individual schools for application forms.

National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation Head Office

P.O. Box 759
2160 Fourth Line Rd.
Six Nations of the Grand River
Ohsweken, ON, NOA 1M0

Toll free: 1-800-329-9780

Phone: (416) 926-0775

Fax: (416) 926-7554

Foundation for the Advancement of Aboriginal Youth (FAAY)

Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business' Foundation for the Advancement of Aboriginal Youth (FAAY)

Number of Awards: The number of awards is dependent on the sponsors of the program. In 2008 we disbursed 140 awards, 95 were scholarships and 45 were bursaries.

Award Amounts: Scholarships for post-secondary applicants range from \$2,500 - \$5,000. Bursaries for high school applicants are \$750.

Eligibility: Canadian residents of First Nations (Status or Non-status), Métis and Inuit Heritage attending High School or a Post-secondary Institution full-time within Canada. Mature students and adult education programs are included.

Supporting Documents Required:

1. Letter of introduction: introduce your-self, mention education goal and career plan, any challenges, any successes, contributions to family, school, community, and answer why you think staying in school is important.
2. Proof of Heritage includes: copy of Indian Status Card; copy of Métis membership card; copy of Inuit beneficiary card; parent/grandparent heritage information & documents showing your relationship to them (long-form birth certificate, baptismal records.); letter of acknowledgement from First Nation, Métis Association or Inuit Agreement Administrator.
3. Original, signed letter from a school/academic representative: teacher, instructor, guidance counsellor, principal, faculty member, teaching assistant, sessional lecturer, practicum

supervisor.

4. Original, signed letter from someone, not related to you, who can speak to your commitment to your community: volunteer organization, aboriginal group, sports rep, camp leader, work supervisor.
5. Copy of most recent official Transcript or Report Card.
6. Copy of acceptance letter to program or proof of continued enrolment.
7. Recent photo in either digital or hard copy format.
8. Completed application form, signed and dated.

Deadline: Application must be postmarked on or before October 15th of each year. No Faxes!

Applications are available for download from Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business (CCAB) website (www.ccab.com/faay) or contact CCAB office for a hard copy.

Contact Information/Mailing address:

FAAY Coordinator
Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business
250 The Esplanade, Suite 204
Toronto, ON M4C 1Y4
1-866-566-3229
faayinfo@ccab.com
www.ccab.com/faay

The Canadian Aboriginal Science and Technology Society CASTS Scholarship Programs

Deadline June 15

CASTS scholarships are awarded to post-secondary graduate and undergraduate students for leadership and academic achievement. Awards are made possible by individuals who wish to support the advancement of Canadian Aboriginal people. Recipients cannot receive more than one scholarship per year. Students who are members of CASTS will be given first priority, however, all students are encouraged to apply and submit application by June 15 of each year. CASTS Scholarship/Chief Crowfoot Professional Health Careers Scholarship/Duval House Communication Careers Scholarship/Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists Scholarship

CASTS Scholarship

This scholarship is made available to students pursuing academic programs in the sciences, engineering, health-related fields, natural resources and math and science secondary education. Programs of study may be two to four years or longer.

Chief Crowfoot Professional Health Careers

Scholarship

Administered for the Deb C. Crowfoot Professional Corporation, this scholarship is made available to four students pursuing professional health careers. The four scholarships are to be awarded in the following manner:

1. must be a member of the Siksika Nation or one of parents must be a Siksika Nation member;
 2. must be a member of Saddle Lake First Nation or one of parents must be a Saddle Lake First Nation member;
 3. must be a member of the Ermineskin, Samson, Louis Bull or Montana First Nations or one of parents must be a member of the four bands;
 4. must be a professional Health Careers student of Canadian Aboriginal Descent.
- Note: Professional health career programs are those that require four or more years of university training.

Duval House Communication Careers Scholarship

This scholarship is offered to students entering fields related to communications such as journalism, graphic design, television and radio arts.

Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists Scholarship

Students pursuing academic programs in the earth sciences are eligible for this scholarship. The program of study must be at least two years in length and the student must have completed the first year of their studies.

When applying for a scholarship please send your applications to:

CASTS Scholarship Committee

P.O. Box 5635
Fort McMurray, Alberta T9H 3G6
If you require assistance or to request an application form please contact the Treaty 7 Offices
310-6940 Fisher Road, S.E.
Calgary, Alberta T2H 1W3
Phone: (403) 258-1775
Fax: (403) 258-1811
www.casts.ca/scholarships.htm

REGIONAL LISTINGS

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Aboriginal Graduate Scholarship in Economics - University of Victoria

Application deadlines: Graduate Students - January 30. Undergraduate Students - May 30

Terms of Reference: A scholarship of \$1,000 is awarded to an Aboriginal Graduate student entering the Department of Economics. If there is no eligible graduate student then the scholarship will be awarded to an Aboriginal undergraduate student entering the Department of Economics (that is the undergraduate student has declared Economics as their Major, or Honours, programme).

Applications can be requested from the Department in person, by phone (250) 721-8532 or email: njixon@uvic.ca.

First Citizens Fund - Student Bursary Program

Objective: To provide financial assistance to eligible Aboriginal students enrolled in post-secondary education programs.

Number: Varies

Value: Maximum \$2,000 per year (Students receiving assistance from their Band or Tribal Council are eligible for a maximum of \$700 per academic year.)

Criteria: Bursaries are available to assist Aboriginal post-secondary students that are normally a resident of BC and are attending a recognized university or college on a full-time basis.

Applicants for the bursary program must be registered in a minimum two-year academic program and must maintain an average of C+ or 2.5 GPA.

Bursary levels are determined by the financial needs of each student but the maximum bursary students can receive is \$2,000 per academic year, and this is paid only after the receipt of official transcripts.

The BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres (BCAAFC), under contract with the Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services, currently administers the Student Bursary Program.

BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres

200 - 506 Fort Street
Victoria, BC V8W 1E6
Phone: 250 388-5522
Fax: 250 388-5502
Toll Free: 1-800-990-2432

Robert Allison Bursary for Non-Status Indians - Okanagan University College

Description: Enables deserving students to begin or continue attendance at Okanagan University College. Value: The annual income from a bequest may be divided or awarded to a single applicant at the discretion of the selection committee. Eligibility: Native descent Applicant's circumstances make it necessary to be self-supporting. Available to students at any College Centre. Duration: N/A. Deadline: August 14, 2009




Aboriginal Awards Program

1 Aboriginal Scholarship Award

Imperial Oil has formed a partnership with the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation (NAAF) to manage its Aboriginal Scholarship Awards Program. Please apply online at NAAF's post-secondary education bursary awards program (www.naaf.ca) or contact NAAF at 1-800-329-9780.

2 Cold Lake Education Award


One award of \$1,000 and consideration for summer employment will be given to an aboriginal member of regional descent* attending a petroleum related post-secondary program in 2009. For eligibility details and application forms contact 780-639-5195. Deadline for applications: June 30, 2009

*Cold Lake First Nations, Elizabeth Settlement, Region 1 and 2 Métis Nations of Alberta, Kehewin, Frog Lake, Fishing Lake, Saddle Lake, Goodfish Lake, Beaver Lake, Buffalo Lake, Kikino, Heart Lake




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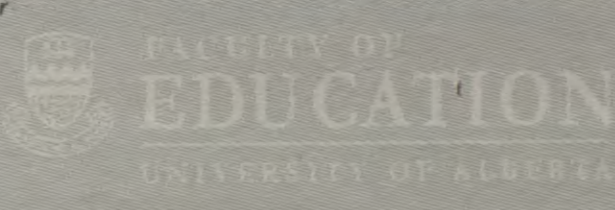
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For further program information contact:

Dr. Evelyn Steinhauer, Director
(780) 492-3187
or
Anna-Leah King, Co-Director
(780) 492-2467



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The University of Manitoba has Elders-in-Residence who support, connect, and help students transition into university life. It is a unique program at the University of Manitoba and the first of its kind in Canada.



Not just a number

"The University of Manitoba really is the university of choice for Aboriginal students and people interested in Aboriginal health! The Centre for Aboriginal Health Education offers me resources that are vital to me during my Medical career and helps anyone looking for knowledge in Aboriginal health. The centre gives me a place to study, meet other people, and make friends as well as colleagues. I am staying true to my Métis culture and am staying close to the people that helped me get to where I am today. I want to give back and pay it forward to the next generation of Aboriginal students." – Ashley

The Aboriginal "U" Crew

Attending university can be daunting, especially moving from a small community to a big city, but the Aboriginal "U" Crew is there to support you. They will help you connect to other Aboriginal students, the Aboriginal community, and provide you with the resources to succeed in your first year.



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Aboriginal House

Committed to student success

"I am working on obtaining my Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) Degree and the Aboriginal Business Education Program (ABEP) has been a large factor of my success towards reaching this goal. Coming from up north I found the adjustment to city life a bit difficult. ABEP provided me with an environment that helped me adjust and make some new friends." – Sarah



Aboriginal Student Centre

"At the Aboriginal Student Centre everyone is so helpful. They have things like photocopying, faxing, and computers for us to use and they will at any time answer our questions about courses, schedules, and scholarships. The Centre also has an Aboriginal Lounge that helps new students, like me, meet other Aboriginal students. Even though the university is big, the centre is a small community." – Clayton



Focused on you

The University of Manitoba fosters a learning environment consistent with Aboriginal values through its variety of programs and cultural and academic supports. With more than 90 degrees to choose from, students have the choice and flexibility they need to succeed. Students can choose from a wide range of academic programs including management, engineering, medicine, music, nursing and education.

Programs include:

Access Programs offer academic and financial support, counselling, advocacy, instruction and tutoring for anyone who has not had an opportunity to attend university because of social, economic, or academic reasons. Students in the program may obtain any degree offered by the university or may choose to enter the specialized Education and Health Careers programs.

Aboriginal Focus Programs (AFP) respect the history, cultures and development goals of the Aboriginal participants and communities they serve. AFP programs offer off-campus degree credit courses, certificate, and diploma programs in such fields as counselling, education, community wellness, child and family services, environment, health career and transition year.

Aboriginal Business Education Program (ABEP) If you're interested in learning about business and gaining valuable skills that will help secure your future, the Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) program at the Asper School of Business is for you. ABEP provides academic, personal and financial support for students applying or enrolled in this degree program.

Academic Support Program, Faculty of Law This program provides academic, personal and financial support. Priority is given to Aboriginal students based on "individual consideration" applicants, and/or to first-year law students.

Engineering Access Program (ENGAP) is the most successful program of its kind in Canada. It offers an opportunity for Aboriginal students who may initially not meet the normal engineering entrance requirements, to receive academic upgrading and personal and financial support. The ENGAP program offers programs in Biosystems Engineering, Civil Engineering, Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Manufacturing Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering.

Faculty of Nursing Joint Baccalaureate Program First-year nursing and general studies courses are offered in Norway House. The Bachelor of Nursing program is also offered in partnership with the University College of the North (The Pas and Thompson), where students can focus on Aboriginal and Northern health issues.

Faculty of Social Work at Thompson This program is designed for Northern Manitoba residents who have not had the opportunity to attend university because of social, economic, cultural reasons or remote residence barriers. Designed to meet the unique needs of Northern social work students, the program includes a field placement in Northern communities.

Visit: umanitoba.ca/aboriginal

or contact:

Christine Pierre, Aboriginal Student Recruitment Officer

Phone: 204-474-9983

Email: christine_pierre@umanitoba.ca



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Vicki Hitchen Memorial Scholarship - Okanagan University College

Deadline: April 30, 2009

If you are a member of the Adams Lake Indian Band, Neskonlith Indian Band, Little Shuswap Indian Band, Spallumcheen Indian Band or Okanagan Indian Band and if you are planning to continue University or College education next year, you may wish to apply for the Vicki Hitchen Memorial Scholarship. This is a \$1,000 scholarship* available to an Aboriginal Canadian currently attending OUC. Applications are available from the Financial Awards Office, or at any OUC campus office.

*Amount may vary slightly depending upon interest actually earned by the endowment fund.

Interior Aboriginal Endowment Fund Award - Okanagan University College

Deadline: August 14, 2009

The Interior Aboriginal Endowment Fund Award has been established by the Interior Aboriginal Business Services Society to provide annual awards for Aboriginal students. Recipients will be permanent residents of B.C. and will be enrolled full-time in any year of a degree, diploma or certificate program at any centre of OUC. Selection of the award recipient will be based on a combination of academic achievement and financial need, with emphasis on financial need.

Information: Financial Awards Office Okanagan University College
1000 K.L.O. Road
Kelowna, British Columbia V1Y 4X8
Phone: (250) 862-5419
Fax: (250) 862-5466

McCarthy Tétrault Annual Scholarship - UNBC

One (1) valued at \$750 Available to full-time First Nations student enrolled in Northern Advancement Program. Recipient must be resident of northern British Columbia as defined by UNBC Act.

Bank of Montreal Aboriginal Scholarship - UNBC

One (1) valued at \$1,500 Available to full-time First Nations student enrolled in Northern Advancement Program. Recipient must be resident of northern British Columbia as defined by UNBC Act. Must have completed at least 60 credit hours towards Bachelor of Commerce degree.

Canfor Corporation Scholarships - UNBC

Three (3) valued at \$3,000 Must have completed at least 60 credit hours towards Natural Resources and Environmental Studies program. Preference to dependent relatives of Canfor employees or to First Nations students.

For information on all UNBC Scholarships please contact: UNBC Financial Aid Office 3333 University Way, Prince George, BC V2N 4Z9

BC Hydro Aboriginal Scholarship Program

To encourage and financially assist Aboriginal people to pursue post-secondary education in disciplines relevant to BC Hydro and, where possible, to provide recipients with work experience.

Value: Eight scholarships of \$1,000 each. Eligibility: Status Indian, Non-Status Indian, Inuit or Métis. Has successfully completed the first year of a full time post-secondary program in a discipline relevant to a broad range of BC Hydro careers.

Good academic standing (preferably 75% grade point average) in addition to good written communications skills. Balanced lifestyle (i.e., fitness, community involvement, hobbies and interests). Supported by a British Columbia First Nation or Native organization.

Deadline: Mid-January
Information: Outreach Programs

BC Hydro
16th Floor, 333 Dunsmuir St.
Vancouver, B.C. V6B 5R3

Grant MacEwan College Foundation - Alberta

Please see our ad on page 3.

Robert C. Carson Memorial Bursary
Sylvia Schulze Memorial Bursary for Alex Taylor School
Alberta Indian Arts and Craft Society Scholarship
Alberta Health Careers Bursary
Aboriginal Leadership Development Awards
Canative Housing Corp. Award
CFCW Ltd. Scholarships
92.5 CKNG FM Scholarship
Claudette Rendall Award
CN Bursary
Dreamcatcher Scholarship
Eagle Feather Award
Oldies 1260 CFRN/CFRB-The Bear Scholarship
Robert Markle Scholarship
Social Services Bursary Program

Information:
Student Awards Office
Student Advising Centre
Room 7-112A City Centre Campus
Grant MacEwan Community College
P.O. Box 1796
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 2P2
Phone: (780) 497-5063

Apeetogosan (Métis) Development Inc. Scholarships

Apeetogosan (Métis) Development Inc. has announced that they will provide six \$1,000 cash bursaries to any qualifying Métis individuals that are in their first year of Post-Secondary education. All the applicant needs to do is go to our web site at www.apeetogosan.com to receive a copy of the details and application.

Michael Ivy, General Manager
Apeetogosan (Métis) Development Inc.
#302, 12308 - 111 Avenue
Edmonton AB T5M 2N4
Phone: 780-452-7951
Toll Free: 1-800-252-7963

The Belcourt Brosseau Métis Awards

Value: \$2,000 - \$9,000
If you are a Métis residing in Alberta and need financial help to pursue your education or upgrade your skills, a Belcourt Brosseau Métis Award can help you take the next step. It will give you the opportunity to continue your education by covering a portion of your tuition costs.

Deadline: March 31 of each year. We are now accepting applications throughout the year from students entering the trades.

Applicants are advised to apply early.
For more information call:
1-866-626-0015

Web site: www.DollarsForLearners.com

TransAlta Aboriginal Awards Program

Please see our ad on page 3.

TransCanada has been a long time supporter of educational initiatives focused on Aboriginal people. By encouraging and supporting Aboriginal people to obtain an education, we can help increase the number of Aboriginal professionals and trades people in the workforce. We are proud of our long-standing commitment to education and we will continue to enhance and find new ways of furthering our support. The TransCanada's Aboriginal Awards Program is designed to encourage and assist Aboriginal people (status and non-status Indians, Métis and Inuit) to obtain undergraduate post-secondary education.

Closing Date: Administered by the colleges

Value: Variable (based on interest earned on the endowment)

Eligibility: Aboriginal ancestry; maintain full course load in chosen program; possess promising academic qualifications; require financial support.

Available to students attending: Grande Prairie Regional College; Lakeland College;

Laurence Decore Awards for Student Leadership (AHSF)

Eligibility: Applicants must be Alberta residents who are currently enrolled in a minimum of three full courses at a designated Alberta post-secondary institution. Applicants must also be involved in either student government or student societies, clubs, or organizations.

Additionally, candidates may be involved in student organizations at the provincial or national level or in non-profit community organizations.

Selection: Applicants must be nominated by fellow students from their institution.

Each institution is responsible for the formation of a Selection Committee to review nominations and recommend recipients.

Award: A total of 100 awards are divided among eligible Alberta post-secondary institutions.

Awards are valued at \$500 each.

Jason Lang Scholarships (AHSF)

Background: These scholarships were named in memory of Jason Lang, a 17 year old high school student who was killed in a school shooting. They are designed to reward the outstanding academic achievement of Alberta post-secondary students who are continuing into their second year of an undergraduate program.

Eligibility: Nominees must be residents of Alberta who continuing in the second year of a full-time program. Students must be attending an Alberta institution.

They also must have completed one year of an undergraduate post-secondary program that is at least two years in length.

The nominee must have been enrolled in at least 80 per cent of a full course load in their first year and have earned a grade point average of at least 80 per cent.

Selection: Students will be nominated by the Awards Office of the Alberta institution where they completed their first year. The nominee must take at least 60 per cent of a full course load in their second year of the same program.

Students are not allowed to receive the Jason Lang Scholarship and the Louise McKinney Scholarship for the same period of study. Post-secondary institutions may establish additional requirements for their nominees. Award: Scholarships are valued at \$1,000 each. Deadline is August 1.

Theodore R. Campbell Scholarship (AHSF)

Deadline is June 1.
This scholarship was created to reward the accomplishments of an aboriginal student from Blue Quills First Nations College. The scholarship was established by the family of Ted R. Campbell through the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund Endowment Program.

Eligibility: Applicants must be Alberta residents who have completed the first year of an Education degree (university transfer) at Blue Quills First Nations College. Applicants must have completed a minimum of 24 credits with passing marks in all courses. The applicant must be continuing in the Education program.

Selection: Blue Quills will determine the qualifying applicant based on their 1st year grade point average.

Award: Each year 1 scholarship of \$1,500 will be awarded.

Application forms are available from the Research and Planning Office at Blue Quills College

OR
Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund (AHSF)
9th Floor - 9940 106 Street
Box 28000 Station Main
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 4R4
Phone (780) 427-8640
(In Alberta, but outside Edmonton dial 310-0000)

Robert C. Carson Memorial Bursary

Deadline: Students should contact the financial aid office of their institution.

Value: \$500 Number Available: Five Eligibility: Awarded to Aboriginal students without sponsorship enrolled full-time in their second year of the Law Enforcement, Criminal Justice Diploma or Faculty of Law programs at Lethbridge Community College, Mount Royal College, Grant MacEwan Community College, University of Calgary or University of Alberta.

Applicants must have been a resident of Alberta for a minimum for three years prior to applying. Application forms are available from the institution's Student Awards Office.

NAIT Aboriginal Student Club

Value: \$800
Number: 1
Eligibility: Available to students of Aboriginal Heritage who are enrolled in the second year of the Forest Technology program. Conditions: Awarded on the basis of academic achievement.

Deadline: September 30th
Office of the Registrar Student Awards and Financial Aid The Northern Alberta Institute of Technology
Suite 1000 11762-106 Street N.W.
Edmonton, Alberta T5G 3H1

Syncrude Aboriginal and Women Education Awards Program

Deadline: June 30
Two awards of \$2000.00 each for Aboriginal people attending post secondary educational institutions in programs related to the oil sands industry (i.e. engineering, computer science, technologists etc.)

Two awards of \$2000.00 each for Aboriginal people attending post secondary educational institutions pursuing studies in the Finance/Accounting/Business disciplines.

Two awards of \$2000.00 each for women attending post secondary institutions pursuing a degree in Science & Technology.

Eligibility: Aboriginal peoples (Indian, Inuit & Métis) Women pursuing studies in science & technology

You must: have lived in Alberta for at least one year immediately prior to applying for the award, or formerly long-term residents; meet the academic requirements for the program of study; maintain a full course work load leading to a recognized degree or diploma; provide proof of acceptance into accredited colleges or universities within Canada (must be provided before awards are received)

A selection committee, comprised of Syncrude employees and community members will evaluate applications and its decision will be final. Criteria to be used in selecting award recipients are: financial need, academic performance and potential, and appropriateness of the discipline of studies to Syncrude.

Syncrude Canada Ltd. will notify all applicants, in writing, of the results no later than mid-August.

How to apply: Application forms are available from the address listed below. Please send your completed application form along with the required transcripts and proof of acceptance to the address outlined below. Please note that if proof of acceptance and/or transcripts are not available at that time, then it must be

produced prior to receiving the award.
For further information regarding this award program contact Lana Agecutay at Phone: (780) 790-6356
E-mail: agecutay.lana@syncrude.com
Syncrude Aboriginal/Women Education Awards Program
P.O. Bag 4023, M.D. 1200,
Fort McMurray, Alberta T9H 3L5

Alberta Energy Company Limited Native Scholarship Award

Value: Five (5) \$3,500 scholarships each year. Must be accepted into the oil and gas industry at an accredited technical school, college or university. Candidates must have resided in Northwest Territories, British Columbia, Alberta or other areas where AEC has an operation interest.

Applications are available by contacting: Alberta Energy Company Ltd.
3900 - 421 - 7 Ave S.W.
Calgary, Alberta T2P 4K9
Fax: (403) 266-8212

Senator James Gladstone Memorial Scholarship - Alberta Indian Investment Corp.

To recognize excellence and achievement by a Treaty Indian and to encourage and assist Treaty Indians in the pursuit of post-secondary education in the area of business, finance or economics.

Amount: Maximum of \$750 for students enrolled in colleges and technical institutions. Maximum of \$1,000 for students enrolled in universities.

Eligibility: Treaty Indian and resident of Alberta.

Enrolled full time at a college, university or technical school in one of the following programs:

1. Commerce 2. Business 3. Administration 4. Accounting 5. Small business.

Personal and academic objectives, particularly as they relate to Aboriginal economic and business development in Canada.

Application Deadline: Varies

Information: General Manager
Alberta Indian Investment Corporation
P.O. Box 180
Enoch, Alberta T7X 3Y3
Phone: (780) 470-3600
Fax: (780) 470-3605
www.aicbusiness.org

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Pre-Medicine Awards for Aboriginal Students
Chase Memorial Scholarship
Louis Riel Scholarship
Aurora Awards

Gordon McCormack Memorial Scholarship
Harvey Bell Memorial Prize
Roger Carter Scholarships
Henry Favel Scholarship
Diana Leis Bursary
Siberman Filer Bursary

Nexen Awards for Aboriginal Students
Entering Awards - Business Economics
Continuing Awards - Business Economics
Entering Awards in Land Use and Environmental Studies (LUEST) or Environmental Earth Sciences (EES)

Continuing Awards in LUEST or EES:
Information: Scholarships and Awards
Office of the Registrar
University of Saskatchewan
105 Administration Place
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7N 5A2
Phone: (306) 966-6748
Fax: (306) 966-6730
E-mail: awards@usask.ca Jake

SaskPower Diversity Awards Program

Award description: There are two awards categories:

Entrance: up to seven awards will be presented in each academic year for students entering first-year studies. Continuing: up to eight awards will be presented in each academic year for students entering second-year studies and beyond. Award value is \$1,500

Application deadline: No later than September 30. Awards are presented on a one-time only basis and recipients may only receive one SaskPower post-secondary award during their studies.

Although students are eligible to apply for the SaskPower Diversity Awards Program and the SaskPower Scholarship Program, the same student cannot receive both awards.

Incomplete applications will NOT be considered.

Application forms are available from SaskPower on-line at www.saskpower.com/careers/students/ps_awards.shtml

SaskEnergy Aboriginal Scholarships

In support of Saskatchewan Aboriginal youth, SaskEnergy provides 14 post-secondary scholarships each year.

Students must attend Saskatchewan Indian federated College (SIFC), Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies (SIIT), Gabriel Dumont Institute and Dumont Technical Institute.

Value: Varies from \$1000 to \$5,000

Eligibility: Aboriginal; Saskatchewan resident; Saskatchewan high school graduate; achieve 80% average in grades 11 and 12; demonstrate financial need; register full-time for the fall or winter semesters.
Phone: (306) 777-9079
Contact each institution for application forms.

City of Regina - Henry Baker Scholarships

The City of Regina offers six scholarships to students at the University of Regina including one at SIFC in Regina

Value: 2 @ \$1000 and 4 @ \$2,000 Eligibility: Varies

Deadline: August 1st
Information: Phone: (306) 777-7800
Application form: www.cityregina.com

Return completed application to: City of Regina Public Affairs Division
City Hall, 14th Floor P. O. Box 1790
Regina, Saskatchewan S4P 3C8

Eugene Lavallee Memorial Scholarship

Deadline: June 15 One valued at \$500 Awarded in preference to First Nations students whose home community is in the Touchwood File Hills Qu'Appelle area.

Subsequent preference will be given to First Nations students from Saskatchewan.

Award based on highest average marks and then based on experience in the field of additions. In the event of two or more students having similar marks the scholarship will be awarded based on experience.

No student may receive this scholarship two years consecutively.

Apply to: Executive Director
New Dawn Valley Centre Box 400
Fort Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan S0G 1S0

SaskTel Scholarships and Bursaries

SaskTel Scholarship
Every year, SaskTel awards eleven scholarships of \$3,000 to post-secondary students in Saskatchewan. To be eligible, you must be a Saskatchewan resident; be enrolled in full-time studies related to telecommunications at a post-secondary education institution in Saskatchewan; have achieved a minimum average. SaskTel encourages students from employment equity groups to apply; however, scholarships are not limited to equity candidates.

Deadline to apply is September 15.

SaskTel and Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies (SIIT) Scholarship

The Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies (SIIT) and SaskTel jointly established six scholarships valued at \$1,500 to encourage Aboriginal students to pursue post-secondary education in fields directly related to telecommunications. There is an Entrance Scholarship for students who have successfully completed High School requirements or the Adult Secondary Education program and a Continuing Scholarship for students who successfully complete the first year of study of a two year diploma program. Check sasktel.com for all eligibility details. Deadline to apply is November 1.

A.E. Blakeney Sasktel Bursary

The recipient of the A.E. Blakeney Bursary is awarded \$10,000 annually for a period of four years, for a total value of \$40,000. You must be a first year post-secondary student and preference will be given to students from designated employment equity groups. Check sasktel.com for full criteria.

Deadline is June 9 of the awarding year.
Visit www.sasktel.com/about-us for more information and to apply on-line.

Areva Resources Inc. Scholarships

Deadline: June 30 Ten (10) \$5,000 University and Five (5) \$4,000 Technical Available annually to Northern Saskatchewan residents for courses of study of future benefit to the north.

Information and application forms: Manager, Northern Affairs Cogema Resources Inc. P.O. Box 900,
La Ronge, Saskatchewan S0J 1L0
Phone: (306) 425-6880
Fax: (306) 425-6886

Napolean Lafontaine Scholarship Trust

To encourage Saskatchewan Indian people to pursue full-time education training in fields related to the economic development of Aboriginal peoples.

Entrance Scholarships
Value: Up to \$300 for each eight-month period of full-time studies. The number of scholarships and amount depend on the number of applicants in relation to the funds available. Eligibility: Métis or Non-Status Indian. Has resided in Saskatchewan for at least five years.

Gabriel Dumont Graduation Scholarships

Aboriginal Scholarship & Bursary Guide

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Check online for Aboriginal scholarship/bursary updates at www.ammsa.com



Value: Up to \$200 for each year of full-time studies to a maximum of \$1,000 for any one recipient. **Eligibility:** Métis or Non-Status Indian. Has resided in Saskatchewan for at least five years. Completed a diploma, certificate or degree program at the Gabriel Dumont Institute which required a minimum of eight months of full-time study. Enrolled in a public or Aboriginal education institution in Canada providing a recognized diploma, certificate or degree program. Nominated by Institute staff based on academic achievement, contribution to the student body and commitment to Aboriginal peoples. Achieve a B average in the most recent months of full-time studies.

Graduate Scholarships

Value: Up to \$2,000 for each award period, granted on the basis of 12 consecutive months of full-time studies. The number of scholarships and the amount are determined by the number of applicants in relation to the available funds. **Eligibility:** Métis or Non-Status Indian. Has resided in Saskatchewan for at least five years. Engaged in any graduate degree program at the masters or doctoral level or accepted into a masters or doctoral program at a recognized Canadian university.

Loan Remission Scholarships

Value: Not to exceed 50% of the outstanding loan balance to a maximum of \$3,000. Will not be paid before the date on which interest on the outstanding loan becomes payable. **Eligibility:** Métis or Non-Status Indian. Has resided in Saskatchewan for at least five years. Has an outstanding loan balance through the Canada Student Loan Program and/or Saskatchewan Student Loan Program after the receipt of any other loan remission awards available to the applicant through the governments of Canada and Saskatchewan.

Special Scholarships

Value: Varies depending on whether funds designated for other scholarships have been used or unanticipated revenues received. **Eligibility:** Métis or Non-Status Indian. Has resided in Saskatchewan for at least five years. Enrolled in a public or Aboriginal educational institution in Canada providing a recognized diploma, certificate or degree program. Committed to the needs of Aboriginal people. Achieve a B average in the most recent eight months of full-time studies, over a period of 12 consecutive months.

Undergraduate Scholarships

Value: Up to \$500 for each eight-month period of full-time studies. Number of scholarships and amount determined by the number of applicants in relation to the funds available.

An individual may receive up to three consecutive or non-consecutive undergraduatescholarship awards.

Eligibility: Métis or Non-Status Indian. Has resided in Saskatchewan for at least five years. Completed a minimum of one academic year of full-time studies at a recognized Canadian public or Aboriginal educational institution.

Duration: Annual
Application Deadline: October 1 and May 1 each year.

Information: Napoleon Lafontaine Scholarship Fund
**Room 210 College West building
University of Regina
3737 Wescana Parkway
Regina, Saskatchewan S4S 0A2
Phone: (306) 347-4100
Fax: (306) 565-0809**

Bill Hanson Bursary/Scholarship Program

Sponsored by: Treeline Association of I.A.N.E. **Eligibility:** Aboriginal ancestry student enrolled in post-secondary or Adult Basic Education who has indicated a preference in commerce, bookkeeping, receptionist/secretarial, clerical accounting, business administration, accounting, or data entry
Value: Two at \$150

Criteria: Have demonstrated proficiency in academics, involvement with extra-curricular activities and community volunteer organizations, leadership qualities, proven dedication and perseverance in overcoming educational barriers, intent on continuing studies at a recognized university or technical institute for the next academic year.

Deadline: May
Applications available from:
**Royal Bank
1135 Central Avenue
Prince Albert, SK
Fax: (306) 953-5766**

Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation Post-secondary Scholarships

Eligibility: Saskatchewan resident who is enrolled or about to be enrolled in full-time studies at a post-secondary education institute in Saskatchewan and must be taking a program related to the following: recreational and leisure studies; business administration; hospitality management; electronics and computer technologies; or communications.

Value: Six (6) \$1000 scholarships for university degree programs; Eight \$500 scholarships for certificate/diploma programs
Deadline Date: May 31
Applications submitted to:
Saskatchewan Gaming Scholarship Committee 3rd Floor,

1880 Saskatchewan Drive
Regina, Saskatchewan S4P 0B2

Donald R. Simmons Memorial Scholarship

Eligibility: Indian or Métis ancestry
Value: Two \$500 awards
Criteria: Enrolled in first year of approved institution, Grade 12 graduate; General Proficiency Award applicants excluded
Deadline Date: October 15

Applications submitted to:
**Saskatchewan Education,
Training and Employment Student Financial Assistance Unit
Ground Floor, East Wing, Walter Scott Building
305 Albert Street
Regina, Saskatchewan S4P 3V7**

Gabriel Dumont Award

To assist Aboriginal students enrolled at the Kelsey Institute in furthering their education. One award is designated to each of the following divisions: Adult Basic Education (ABE), Industrial Engineering, Health, Science and Community Services
Value: Three awards of \$250 each
Eligibility: Aboriginal student enrolled in a full-time, on-campus program at Kelsey Campus. Academic achievement. Involvement in student life activities. Participation in and contribution to the community.

Deadline: May 31 each year for ABE. February 28 each year for Industrial Engineering and Health, Science and Community Services.
**Information: Director,
Student Awards
SIASST Kelsey Institute
P.O. Box 1520
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7K 3R5**

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Louis Riel Institute - Bursary & Scholarships - Manitoba

Deadline: Due dates vary, check with university directly
All Métis students planning to attend one of the four (4) provincial universities in Manitoba are eligible to apply for an award. Bursaries are awarded primarily on the basis of economic need. Scholarships are awarded primarily on the basis of academic merit. The value & number of each award varies at each university and is best obtained directly from the University.
**Application: Louis Riel Institute
103-150 Henry Avenue
Winnipeg, Manitoba**

Sokoloff Family Bursary - University of Manitoba

Deadline: June 30
One (1) \$700 to \$1,000 annually available for Aboriginal students at the University of Manitoba. One Student shall be selected by the Director of Financial Aid and Awards.
**Application: Financial Aid and Awards
University of Manitoba
Suite 422, University Centre Building
Winnipeg, Manitoba**

Abraham McPherson Memorial Scholarship Award

Award provided by Manitoba Aboriginal Education Counselling Association Inc. to Aboriginal students pursuing post-secondary education in the counselling field.
Value: Four scholarships annually \$250 each
Eligibility: Aboriginal ancestry (Status, Non-Status, Inuit, Métis); Manitoba resident, high school graduate with overall 70% average in graduating.
Procedure: Applicants are available from the Student Services Centre Awards Office, from any Tribal Council, Band Education Authority in Manitoba.
Deadline: May 31
**Manitoba Aboriginal Education Counselling Association Inc.
305-352 Donald Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 2H8
Phone: (204) 947-0421**

Manitoba Hydro's Awards Bursaries and Scholarships

Employment Equity Bursary
Deadline: October 1
Value: 11 bursaries of \$1,500 awarded plus summer employment
Eligibility Criteria: * Member of an Employment Equity Designated Group** Entering first year of studies at a Manitoba University studying: Engineering, Computer Science or Commerce OR Entering first year of studies at a Manitoba College studying: Civil, Computer, Electrical or Electronic Engineering Technologies* Academic history

Trio Award

Deadline: December 1
Value: * 1 award of \$200 awarded to a student in Senior 2 * 1 award of \$300 awarded to a student in Senior 3 * 1 award of \$500 awarded to a student in Senior 4 Potential opportunity for summer employment or full-time employment in one of Manitoba Hydro's Trades Training Programs***Eligibility Criteria:*** Aboriginal ancestry* High school student in Senior 2 to

Senior 4* Academic performance

Northern Student Award

Deadline: December 1
Value: 3 awards of \$300 awarded to Junior High or High school students living north of the 53rd parallel * Potential opportunity for summer employment or full-time employment in one of Manitoba Hydro's Trades Training Programs***Eligibility Criteria:*** Aboriginal ancestry* Living north of the 53rd parallel*

Mathematics Award

Deadline: May 15
Value: 1 award of \$200 granted to a student in Senior 1
Eligibility Criteria: Aboriginal ancestry Highest provincial achievement in the Pascal Math competition
Application Process: Math teachers or competition coordinators will forward the name of their most successful student who is willing to self-declare as being of Aboriginal Ancestry.

Science Fair Award

Deadline: May 15
Value: 1 award of \$200 granted to a student in Junior High or High school
Eligibility Criteria:* Aboriginal ancestry* High achievement in a Science Fair competition
Application Process: Science teachers or coordinators will nominate Aboriginal Science Fair participants.

First Year Information Technology Bursary

Deadline: October 1
Value: 2 bursaries of \$1500 awarded plus potential opportunity for summer employment
Eligibility Criteria:* Aboriginal ancestry* Accepted into the University of Manitoba, University of Winnipeg or Brandon University studying: Computer Sciences or University One Computer Science curriculum OR: Accepted into Red River College or Keewatin Community College studying: Computer Analyst/ Programmer or Computer Systems Technology* Academic performance

Second Year to Final Year Information Technology Bursary

Deadline: October 1
Value: 2 bursaries of \$2500 awarded * Potential opportunity for summer employment available to recipients returning to full time studies in the fall. * Potential opportunity for full-time employment in the Information Technology Training Program for students in their final year.
Eligibility Criteria:* Aboriginal ancestry* Students in second year to final year at the University of Manitoba, University of Winnipeg or Brandon University studying: Computer Sciences OR: Students in second year to final

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Value: 6 bursaries of \$1500 awarded * Potential opportunity for summer employment available to recipients returning to full time studies in the fall * Potential opportunity for full-time employment in a Manitoba Hydro in-house Trades Training Program for students in their final year*

Eligibility Criteria: * Aboriginal ancestry* Students in second year to final year at Red River College, Keewatin Community College or Assiniboine Community College studying: Electronic, Electrical, Computer, or Communications Engineering Technologies.* Academic performance

Certificate Program Award

Deadline: December 1 for July to December programs and July 2 for January to July programs. Value: 2 awards of \$500 awarded plus potential opportunity for term or full time employment.

Eligibility Criteria: * Aboriginal ancestry* Enrolled in one of the following programs: Administrative Assistant, Human Resources Assistant, Network Support, or Contact Centre Representative at a recognized Educational Institution in Manitoba. * Academic performance

Application Process: Pick up an application from your educational institution's awards office or visit our website at www.hydro.mb.ca.

Submit completed application to:

Community Relations Advisor,
Employment Equity Department,
Manitoba Hydro,
P.O. Box 815,
Winnipeg, MB, R3C 2P4

Scholarships and Bursaries at the University of Manitoba

The University of Manitoba offers a wide range of scholarships and bursaries for Aboriginal students.

By self-declaring as a person of Aboriginal descent you will automatically be eligible for a number of awards. Self-Declaration forms are available from the Aboriginal Student Centre, or you can check the box that applies to you on your University of Manitoba application form.

*Bursary awards are based primarily on financial need; students must submit the University of Manitoba Bursary Application.

*Academic scholarships will be automatically given to the students who meet the criteria. Specific applications are not required unless otherwise noted.

For more information on any awards, please contact:

Financial Aid & Awards

422 University Centre,
Winnipeg, MB

Ph: 474-9531, Fax: 474-7543

email: awards@umanitoba.ca

Visit: www.umanitoba.ca/student/awards

The following awards at the University of Manitoba are available to Aboriginal (First Nation, Status or Non-Status, Inuit, and Métis) students:

All Faculties at the University of Manitoba Marguerite and John Burelle Memorial Aboriginal Scholarships
- four awards of \$3,000

Mary and Louis Finkle Aboriginal and Immigrant Scholarship & Bursary
- \$450 (per award) - application required

Sonia and Ralph Kaplan Aboriginal and Immigrant Scholarship & Bursary
- \$450 (per award) - application required

Winston Samlalsingh Scholarship
- one renewable scholarship of \$1,175 for the student entering the University of Manitoba from high school with highest average

Frances E. Ross Bursary
- \$500 (estimated) available for a Métis student in any program

Louis Riel Bursaries at the University of Manitoba
- 84 awards at \$1,500 for any student in any program who holds membership in the Manitoba Métis Federation

Louis Riel Bursary
- \$150 (estimated) offered every two years to a student in any program

Honourable Mitchell W. Sharp Bursary
- \$3,425 available for multiple awards for U1 students

Cyril Tobias Memorial Bursary
- \$2,875 available for multiple awards for students in any program who are from

Manitoba, Saskatchewan, or Alberta

Farm Credit Canada Scholarship
- one award of \$1,500 for a student in either the I.H. Asper School of Business or the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences

Joan and Dean Sandham Scholarship in Aboriginal Health Professional Leadership
- \$6700 available for multiple awards for medical doctors and nurses in any undergraduate or graduate program who demonstrate leadership skills and a commitment to developing a career in medicine or nursing

Johnston Bursary
- \$5,200 available (variable numbers and values) for students in Law or Medicine

Centre for Aboriginal Health Education Student Support Fund
- \$5,000 to offer multiple emergency bursaries (\$50 to \$500) to undergraduate students in Dentistry, Dental Hygiene, Medical Rehabilitation, Medicine, Nursing, and Pharmacy

Wiciwawin Aboriginal Alumni Emergency Bursary
- \$2,125 available for multiple awards for students in any program

School of Art George Swinton Memorial Scholarships
- \$750 for a student in the B.F.A. (Honours), B.F.A., or Dip. in Art

Architecture (Environmental Design) Frank and Marjorie Silver Bursary
- \$800 bursary for a student in Master of Architecture, City Planning, Interior Design, or Landscape Architecture program

Allan Waisman Aboriginal Architecture Scholarship
- one award of \$4,950 for a student in Master of Architecture, City Planning, Interior Design, or Landscape Architecture Program

Asper School of Business Aboriginal Business Education Program (ABEP) Awards
- multiple scholarships & bursaries of \$500-\$2,000 to ABEP students

North West Company Aboriginal Student Scholarship in Management
- one award of \$1,125 for U1 student who intends to enter Management - must submit letter of intent

Vision Quest Steve Prince Memorial Bursary
- \$1,000 for a student in the I.H. Asper School of Business who has demonstrated community involvement

Enterprise Rent-A-Car Foundation
- two awards of \$1,150

Linda K. Park Memorial Bursary
- two bookstore credits of \$200 available for students in ABEP

Faculty of Architecture Allan Waisman Aboriginal Architecture Scholarship
- one award of \$4,000 for Master's student

Faculty of Education Manitoba Association of School Superintendents Bursary
- one award of \$600

Manitoba Teachers' Society Aboriginal Bursary in Education
- one award of \$2,400

Faculty of Engineering Engineering Access Program (ENGAP) Awards
- multiple scholarships based on grade point average and multiple bursaries from \$500 - \$2,500

Faculty of Graduate Studies Right Honourable Brian Dickson Graduate Fellowship
- one award of \$5,350 for Masters of Law student who is Aboriginal or whose focus is Aboriginal rights

Ph.D. Studies for Aboriginal Scholars (PSAS) Fund
- variable amount of \$5,000-\$20,000 for students in first four years of any Doctoral program

President's Graduate Scholarship for First Nations, Inuit, Métis Students
- *beginning in 2009-10 - for a student in first four years of any Doctoral program or first two years of any Masters program

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Human Ecology
- one award of \$2,900 for student involved in Aboriginal community

Faculty of Kinesiology and Recreation Management
NFL/Budweiser Recreation Services Aboriginal Student Development Award
- one award of \$670

Faculty of Law
Michael and Joy Phelps Bursary
- one award of \$1,000

Petro-Canada Manitoba Law Foundation Bursary
- one award of \$1,675

Faculty of Medicine
Jack Armstrong Memorial Bursary
- \$1,475 for a student in the Faculty of Medicine

Faculty of Social Work
Elizabeth Hill Scholarship
- \$5,450 available for one or more awards

Esther Seidl Scholarship
- \$4,875 available for one or more awards for graduate students in Social Work

MASW Affirmative Action Bursary
- three awards of \$1,000

Margaret Mary Burns Award in Social Work (Scholarship)
- \$16,425 available to offer scholarships for Masters and Doctoral students in Social Work

Margaret Mary Burns Award in Social Work (Bursary)
- \$8,075 available to offer bursaries for pre-Masters and Masters students in Social Work Awards Related to Aboriginal Studies (open to non-Aboriginal students)

Aboriginal Issues Press Scholarship
- variable number and value; for graduate students with research focus on Aboriginal Issues

James Gordon Fletcher PhD Fellowship
- one award of \$16,000 for student researching Aboriginal communities and persons - submit application

D.A. Thompson, Q.C. Prize for Aboriginal Peoples and Land Claims
- one prize of \$100 for student graduating from Law

D.A. Thompson, Q.C. Prize for Aboriginal Peoples and Law
- one prize of \$100 for a student graduating from Law

Oakes-Riewe Aboriginal-Environmental Studies Research Award
- \$10,750 to offer multiple awards of \$500 to \$5,000 for master's and Doctoral students conducting interdisciplinary environmental research within an Aboriginal context

George A. Schultz Bursary in North American Native History
- \$2,000 for a Masters or Doctoral student in History whose research focus in North American Native History

External Awards Available for Aboriginal Students
Manitoba Hydro Bursaries in Business, Engineering and IT
- multiple awards (\$1,500 to \$2,500 each) plus offer of summer employment with Manitoba Hydro for students in Business, Engineering, Computer Science, and University 1 (with a focus on IT) October 1st application deadline

Manitoba Hydro Employment Equity Bursary
- multiple awards of \$1,500 each, plus offer of summer employment with Manitoba Hydro for students entering first year Business, Engineering, or Computer Science who belong to an Employment Equity Designated Group (see website for definition).
October 1st application deadline. Visit Manitoba Hydro at www.hydro.mb.ca for applications and more information.

MB Business Council Bursary
- multiple awards of \$3000 each for students who demonstrate financial need and are in good academic standing. March 30th application deadline. Visit Manitoba Business Council at www.businesscouncil.mb.ca for applications and more information.

For more information on any University of Manitoba awards, please contact:
Financial Aid & Awards

422 University Centre,
Ph: 474-9531, Fax: 474-7543
email: awards@umanitoba.ca
Visit: www.umanitoba.ca/student/awards

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Ontario Crafts Council Awards, Scholarships & Supply Grants

The Ontario Crafts Council Awards and Scholarships program is open to Student and Craft Professional members of the Ontario Crafts Council. This year approximately \$15,000 is available. All craft disciplines are considered. Awards, scholarships and supply grants will be presented at the Crafts Council's Annual General Meeting in June.
Deadline: Monday, April 17, 5:00 pm.
The Council is delighted to offer two new awards: Craft Curatorial Award sponsored by Jean Johnson C.M. and James McPherson Woodworking Award.
Also the supply grants have been significantly increased for this year and the Tommiea Vaughan-Jones Award was increased to \$1000.

Applications available from the OCC
Web site: www.craft.on.ca/info/member_prog_awards
For more info: (416) 925-4222

Casino Rama Aboriginal Scholarships

Awarded in the spring from applications received in the fall.
Undergraduate and graduate studies
Full time students must be of First Nations status and must be in second year of their post-secondary studies or higher in an accredited college or university.
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Person must be a Native resident of Ontario.
Judging of applications includes consideration of student volunteered community service.

Corporate Affairs Department
Casino Rama RR#6
Box 178
Rama, Ontario L0K 1L0
Phone: (705) 329-5256

Ontario Hydro John Wesley Beaver Awards

The John Wesley Beaver educational award is

equal to one year's college or university tuition, made available to one male and one female person of Aboriginal descent, enrolled in targeted post-secondary programs and selected by the Ontario Hydro Native Circle. Based on academic achievement and financial need.
Deadline: June 30 of each year.

For more information:
Phone: (416) 592-6748
Fax: (416) 592-4190.
Awards are available to Ontario residents.

Sam Odjick Scholarship - University of Ottawa

To further the interests of Aboriginal peoples in Canada by assisting Aboriginal law students who have demonstrated commitment toward the advancement of law as it relates to Aboriginal peoples. Value: \$1,000
Eligibility: Preference given to Aboriginal students. Full-time study in the LL.B or LL.M program at the University of Ottawa. Financial need. Good academic performance. Experience with Canadian Aboriginal groups.
Information: Education Equity Office
University of Ottawa
Faculty of Law, Common Law Section
57 Louis Pasteur Street P.O. Box 450,
Postal Station A
Ottawa, Ontario K1N 6N5
Phone: (613) 562-5800, ext.3290
Fax: (613) 562-5124

Alma Mater Society Native Student Awards - Queen's University

Established by the Alma Mater Society for Native students entering Queen's. If no entering students are eligible, the awards could go to upper-year Native students.
Value: Two awards of \$1,000 each
Eligibility: Native student entering Queen's. Academic standing. Financial need. Deadline: April 30 of each year.

Inuit Bursary - Queen's University
Value: One award of \$100
Eligibility: Inuit student at Queen's. Financial need.
Deadline: December 1 each year.
Information: Student Awards Office
Victoria School Building
Queen's University

Kingston, Ontario K7L 3N6
Phone: (613) 533-2216
Fax: (613) 533-6409

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University of King's College

Deadline: February 15, 2008 for September 2008
Alumni Association Scholarship - \$6,000
ATV/CTV Media Scholarship - \$6,000
Rogers Broadcasting All-News Scholarship - \$5,000
Daily News Journalism Scholarship - \$1,000
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Details and application forms available on-line at www.ukings.ca/kings_3975.html
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Value: 2 awards at \$5,000 per year for 4 years.
Students who are seeking admission to an undergraduate programme in arts, science or journalism at the University of King's College are eligible for to be considered for this award. Applicants may request consideration by completing an application form, available on our web site:
Eligibility: Open to Aboriginal Canadians and African-Canadians only, the award is tenable for four years based on satisfactory academic performance. Final selection is based on interviews of leading candidates.
Information: Office of the Registrar
University of King's College
6350 Coburg Road
Halifax, Nova Scotia B3H 2A1
Phone: (902) 422-1271 ext 108
E-mail: admissions@ukings.ns.ca
Web site: www.ukings.ns.ca
Fax: (902) 562-0119

First Nations & Indigenous Black Students Entrance Scholarship - Dalhousie University

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Deadline: March 15
Information: Awards Office
Dalhousie University
Halifax NS B3H 4H6
Phone: 902-494-1432
Email: Awards@Dal.ca

Transition Year Program - Dalhousie University

The Transition Year Program (TYP) is a one-year program designed for First Nations students who wish to enter university but who may not yet meet standard entrance requirements. The TYP was established to redress the historic educational disadvantage experienced by members of Aboriginal communities.

Amount: Non-Status and Métis students accepted into the program may qualify to receive a tuition waiver and bursary funding to attend Dalhousie's Transition Year Program. If the qualifying year is completed in good standing, continued financial assistance will become available. Eligibility: Non-Status or Métis. Deadline: March 15 each year.

Morris Saffron Award - Dalhousie University

For a Status or Non-Status Aboriginal graduate of the Dalhousie University Transition Year Program. Amount: One award of approximately \$100. Eligibility: An Aboriginal graduate of the Transition Year Program who is recommended for acceptance in the first-year level at Dalhousie University or another university. Duration: Annual. **Information: Director Transition Year Program**
Dalhousie University
1459 LeMarchant Street
Halifax, Nova Scotia B3H 3J5
Phone: (902) 494-3730

NORTHERN SCHOLARSHIPS

Sahtu Renewable Resources Board

Value: depends on which year of post-secondary study the student will be in while holding the scholarship.

First Year \$2000 Second Year \$2500 Third & Fourth Year \$3500 Graduate (MSc/PhD) \$5000

The Sahtu Renewable Resources Board (SRRB) was established as part of the Sahtu Dene and Métis Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement, 1993. The SRRB serves as the main instrument of wildlife and forestry management for the Sahtu Settlement Area. The SRRB has established a scholarship/bursary program for students pursuing post-secondary education in a field related to the SRRB's mandate.

Deadline Date: None

Information:

To obtain an application form, contact:

Sahtu Renewable Resources Board

P.O. Box 134

Tulita, NT X0E 0K0

Phone: (867) 588-4040

Fax: (867) 588-3324

E-Mail: director@srrb.nt.ca

Web site: www.srrb.nt.ca/scholarship.html

Canada Post Bursaries

Value: Varies.

These bursaries were established by the Canada Post Corporation to encourage promising northern Aboriginal students enrolled in diploma programs in Management Studies at Aurora College (Western Arctic) with campuses in Yellowknife, Inuvik, and Fort Smith; and Nunavut Arctic College (Eastern Arctic) with campuses in Iqaluit, Rankin Inlet and Cambridge Bay. These bursaries are administered and presented by the colleges on behalf of Canada Post Corporation.

Eligibility: Applicants must: be of N.W.T. Aboriginal ancestry; be enrolled in the second year of study at one of the above-mentioned colleges; and demonstrate excellence in the first year of study. To apply, students must submit a brief biography and an official transcript from their first year of study along with references.

Information: Aurora College Head Office

P.O. Box 1290

Fort Smith, NT X0E 0P0

Phone: (867) 872-7012

or Nunavut Arctic College

P.O. Box 160

Iqaluit, NT X0A 0H0

Phone: (867) 979-4111

Web site: www.nac.nu.ca

Department of Municipal and community affairs, Government of the Northwest Territories Igal Roth Memorial Community Planning Scholarship

Value: Three scholarships of \$1,000.

The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs, Government of the Northwest Territories, is offering assistance to northerners who wish to pursue a career in community planning. These scholarships are to assist qualifying students obtain post-secondary education in planning for potential employment in the Northwest Territories.

Eligibility: To be eligible for this scholarship, applicants must: have resided in the N.W.T. for at least two years; be attending an approved undergraduate university or college planning program; and show proof of acceptance into an approved planning program as a full-time student prior to commencement of classes.

Information: Igal Roth Memorial Scholarship
Community Planning Division
Department of Municipal and Community Affairs

Government of the Northwest Territories

Yellowknife, NT X1A 2L9

Nunavut Implementation Training Committee Nunavut Beneficiaries Scholarships

Value: The award for each student in a full-time program will be allocated as follows: 1. Full-time degree program away from home \$2,400 per year 2. Full-time diploma away from home \$1,500 per year 3. Full-time degree or diploma program at home \$1,000 per year

As an integral part of implementing the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement and building Nunavut, several Inuit organizations initiated a scholarship program to encourage Land Claims beneficiaries to pursue advanced education in selected fields related to business, management, resource management, community development, culture and the social sciences. The allocation of the scholarships is done on a regional basis based upon the proportion of the beneficiaries and contributions received. If the region does not allocate all seats in that region, unused seats are allocated by the Nunavut Implementation Training Committee on the regional needs basis.

Eligibility: To be eligible for these

scholarships, applicants must meet the following criteria: be enrolled as a beneficiary in the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement; be enrolled in (or accepted by) a recognized, full-time, accredited university or college degree or certificate program of at least two years duration; be considered a full-time student in a chosen program; maintain a full course load for the program; have maintained an overall average of 70% in the previous year of academic studies undertaken; and maintain an overall average of 70% while receiving the scholarship.

Accepting applications starting June 1st with Deadline of September 7th

Information: Nunavut Implementation Training Committee

P.O. Box 469

Rankin Inlet, Nunavut X0C 0G0

Phone: 1-866-337-3310

to request an application form

Web site: www.niitc.ca/english/programs-scholarship.html

Skookum Jim Trust Fund Education Bursary - Yukon College

Value: Four bursaries of \$500.

Eligibility: Four bursaries are awarded based on financial need as well as good standing. A signature from one of the Admissions staff is required to confirm your standing. Applicants must: be students of Yukon Aboriginal ancestry; be enrolled as full or part-time students; be enrolled in a developmental studies or pre-employment training/trades; and include a breakdown of personal budget with completed application. (Budget to show total monthly income and monthly expenses.) Deadline: February 28

Information:

Registrar's Office

Yukon College

500 College Drive

Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 5K4

Phone: (867) 668-8720

Chief George Kodakin (Behcho) Environment Scholarship

Award: \$1,000 / year (2 awards at \$500 each)

Deadline: None.

Eligibility: Student of Dene descent entering or continuing post-secondary education in science, environment or resource management field. Based on satisfactory academic performance, school and community

involvement, and financial need.

Information: Phone: (867) 873-4081 for more information.

Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies/Association Universitaire Canadienne d'Études Nordiques (ACUNS/AUCEN)

Canadian Northern Studies Trust Awards Program

Award opportunities vary from year to year. Award opportunities are posted to the website in October. Guidelines and applications are available from the website: www.acuns.ca. Only current applications are accepted. Deadline for all applications is January 31.

Canadian Northern Studies Trust Awards include: Canadian Northern Studies Trust Scholarship (\$10,000) Canadian Polar Commission Scholarship (\$10,000) Research Support Opportunity in Arctic Environmental Studies (In kind support) Caribou Research Award (\$1,000) Royal Canadian Geographical Society Studentships in Northern Geography (Masters \$5,000, PhD \$5,000) Special Bursary for Northern Residents (\$2,000) Northern Resident Scholarship (\$10,000)

Information and applications:

Email: awards@acuns.ca

Web Site: www.acuns.ca

Windspeaker's Aboriginal Scholarship Guide only lists the portion of the funding currently available to Aboriginal students. There are many more listings that, unfortunately, we did not have room to include in this year's Guide.

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W: How do you hope to be remembered?

D.M.: Fondly. I'm sorry if I have wronged you. Forgive Me. Until we meet again.

A chance meeting with his grandfather's warp-necked Fender, languishing in a forgotten closet until someone handed it to the 13-year-old, launched Derek Miller's astounding music career.

"It was as though my grandfather's spirit was saying 'take this, talk to your mystery through it and everything will be fine,'" says Derek.

The teen, born in 1974, discovered what that old guitar could do by listening to Muddy Waters, Stevie Ray Vaughn and Eddie Van Halen tracks from his mother's record collection. Putting his own fingers to the strings, it wasn't long before he was playing in pick-up bands and local outfits, practicing and writing music until he released an EP called *Sketches* in 1999. The production was impressive, but due to its independent release it didn't amount to many sales.

Touring with Buffy Sainte-Marie and winning a Canadian

Aboriginal Music Award followed, as would a move to the United States. Leaving his Six Nations of the Grand River, Mohawk Territory behind, Derek made a career move to Arizona, where he worked with Keith Secola and The Wild Band of Indians. He co-produced Secola's award-winning *Fingermonkey* CD and developed his touring chops as he traveled with the group to dates across America and Europe.

It was the release of 2002's *Music is the Medicine* that earned Derek status in the blues-rock world. He won a Juno with it and hit the road with a vengeance, performing in festivals and opening for the likes of George Thorogood and David Clayton Thomas' Blood, Sweat and Tears.

But by 2005, as Derek began to record a new CD called *The Dirty Looks*, he felt he had "lost my soul completely" as the perils of touring caught up with him. Exhausted, he knew he needed help so he went through rehabilitation and "wrung out the laundry."

"Through native culture, ceremony and trauma recovery I felt I'd won my soul back and you can hear that torture on that record. I'm just grateful I lived through it. I am very grateful."

When *The Dirty Looks* finally debuted in 2007, it cemented Derek as one of the finest musicians of his generation. According to one reviewer "the songs as part of his spiritual

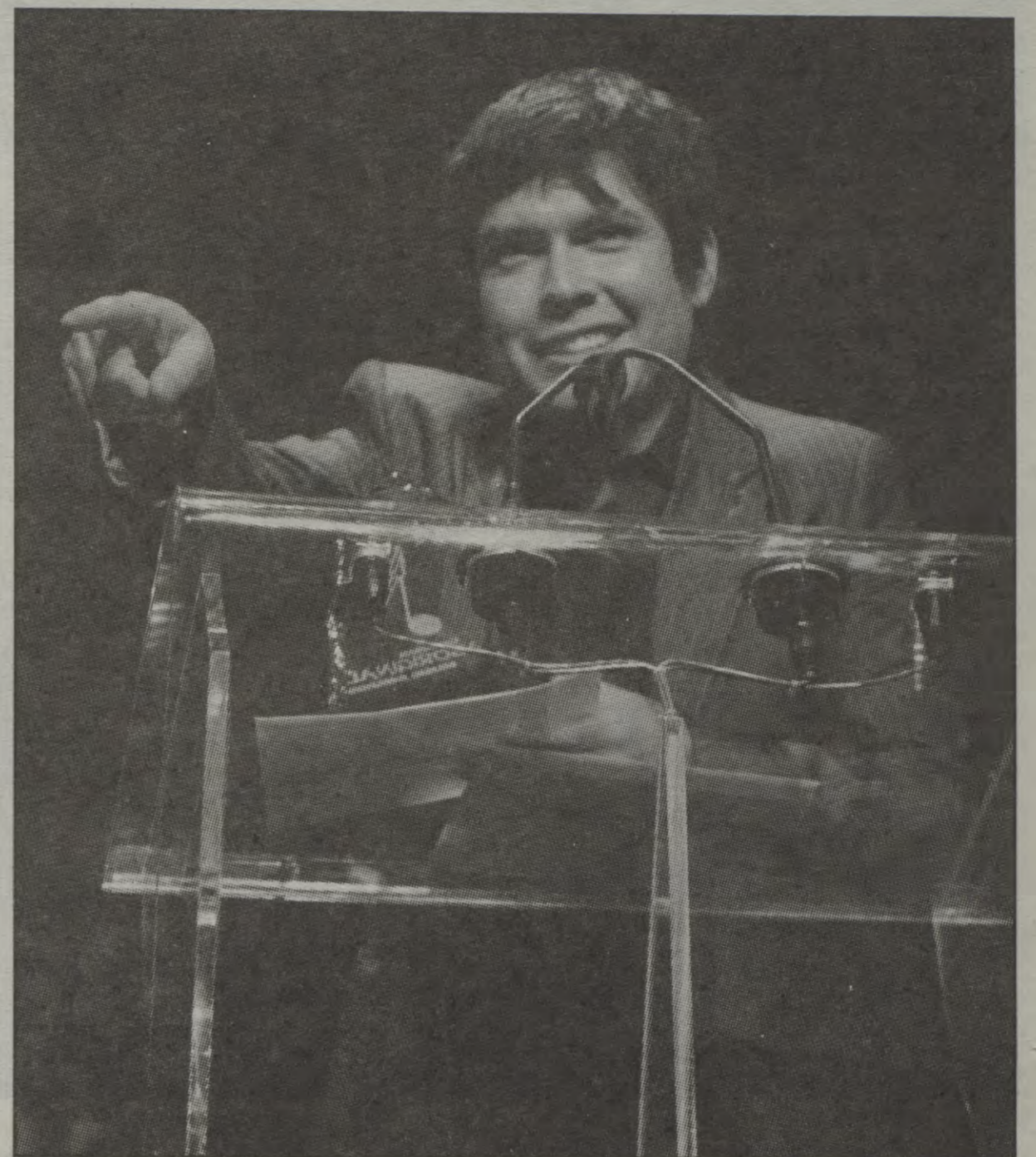


PHOTO: BRAD CROWFOOT

Derek Miller accepts award at the Canadian Aboriginal Music Awards held in Toronto in November 2008.

journey serve as a catalyst for the curing of a troubled soul." Another said the mood on this CD may be somber but his guitar playing is all fire and brimstone.

Derek is also adding to his resumé the role of entrepreneur with his project *Derek Miller Enterprises "DME"*, a multi-media entertainment company. He's excited about helping future performers and is "confident the

business ventures I am committed to will help build an infrastructure to benefit the generations to come."

Just how much of a blues-rock virtuoso is Derek? He's been touted in the *Year's Best for New York's Village Voice*, on the heels of his making the *Top Ten of the Year in the Detroit Metro Times Critics* poll, alongside the likes of Alice Cooper and the White Stripes.

OUR PICK

Artist—Phyllis Sinclair
Album—Fathomless Tales From Leviathan's Hole
Song—My Fishing Hole
Label—Independent

Subtle yet complex describes new single

To this day I've never had the opportunity to go to a beautiful lake and fish. To be honest I don't know the difference from angling to netting. I have never heard a song about fishing besides Nitty Gritty Dirt Bands 'Fishing in the Dark'. How's that for irony?

Phyllis Sinclair is a Cree Canadian Folk Singer and Songwriter who resides in Alberta. She brings her stories of life growing up with pure integrity and uniqueness — one of which being, 'My Fishing Hole,' from the album "Fathomless Tales from Leviathans Hole".

Her voice soft yet expressive blends together with the youthful feel of the guitar strumming like the days of old. The blend of drums and the synchronicity of the guitars have a Cajun feel to the song, which complements the element of the chorus. Subtle yet complex is the perfect way to describe this beautiful melody.

When we get to a point in our life where we reminisce of the days we never had to worry about bills, rent, work and family we appreciate more of what we have accomplished now than we did back then. All we have is memories and a reminder to never let go of our youth.

For more info on Phyllis Sinclair go to: www.phyllissinclair.com

Review by: Angela Pearson

[radio's most active]

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ARTIST	TITLE	ALBUM
Nadjiwan	Close My Eyes	Philosophy For The Masses
Jana Mashonee	Carousel	New Moon Born
Mitch Daigneault	I'll Never Forget (What's Her Name)	Driving All Night
Crystal Shawanda	Dawn Of A New Day	Dawn Of A New Day
Nadine Gagne	My Moccasins	Aboriginal Children's Songs
Ry Moran	No Good Reason	Groundwater
Tegan Littlechief	One Woman	Single Release
Feedback	She's My Babes	Everything You Got
Don Amero	I'm Just Me	Single Release
Lawrence Martin	Casino Heaven	Dancing For Life
Darrellyne Bickel	Eddie's Got A Mustang	M.I.A.
Kimberly Dawn	Burn For You	Built That Way
Chris Barker Band	Six String Highway	Six String Highway
Sierra Noble	Try Anything	Possibilities
Phyllis Sinclair	My Fishing Hole	Fathomless Tales Leviathan's Hole
Edward Gamblin	Cree Road	Classics 1984-2008 Vol. 2
Inez f. Jason Burnstick	Sto:lo Strong	Sing Soul Girl
Diezel	We're All Here	Single Release
Pappy Johns Blues Band	Can't Wait To Get Back Home	Havin' A Good Time Now Vol. 3
Richard McKay	I Will Never Let Go	My Awakening

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Raven's Eye: Special Section providing news from BC & Yukon



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Huu-ay-aht Chief Councillor Robert Dennis holds the Maa-nulth Final Agreement over his head in triumph April 9, as it is signed by all the five nations of Maa-nulth, the province of British Columbia, and government of Canada. It is the first multi-nation treaty agreement reached under the BC treaty process. It will now go through the federal system for ratification and, if passed, it will receive Royal Assent and become law.

The federal government was in Port Alberni April 9 to sign the Maa-nulth Final Agreement, a treaty settlement that involves the Huu-ay-aht, Ucluelet, Toquaht, Uchucklesaht and Kyuquot-Checklesah nations. These groups are part of the wider Nuu-

chah-nulth nation that occupies the West Coast of Vancouver Island.

The Maa-nulth agreement is the first modern multi-nation treaty finalized under the BC treaty process.

It will transfer 24,550 hectares

of land in fee simple to the nations, plus \$73.1 million in cash over 10 years. There is also resource sharing provisions and recognition of traditional governance in the settlement.

Four of the five nations had signed the final agreement in July

of last year. Huu-ay-aht was the only hold-out, waiting until the final arguments in the Nuu-chah-nulth fisheries litigation against the federal government were completed in court. The final day for the Nuu-chah-nulth nations in court was in March, allowing

Huu-ay-aht to finally sign the Maa-nulth agreement, and both their head hereditary chief, Tyee Ha'wilth Naasiismis, Derek Peters, and their chief councillor, Robert Dennis, did so on behalf of the nation.

Federal Minister of Indian Affairs Chuck Strahl attended the ceremonies. "This is a great day to be here. It is the beginning of the end of Indian Affairs," he said. Strahl lauded Toquaht hereditary chief Bert Mack, who had been working on getting a treaty for his people for 67 years, since taking over the traditional chieftainship from his father. The chief is now in his 80s and has passed his seat on to his daughter Anne.

Mike de Jong, provincial minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, said the province had decided not to wait for the treaty to go through the legislature, where it will go through three readings before receiving Royal Assent and become law.

de Jong announced that British Columbia will begin the transfer of six parcels of land to the Maa-nulth nations immediately.

"Folks, we're getting on with it," he said.



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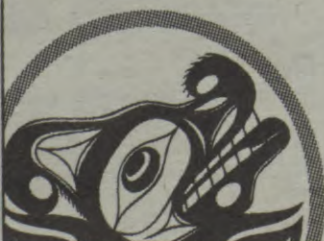
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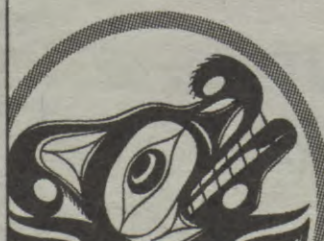


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FOR GENERATIONS

Heroes of the sea become the victims of disaster

By Thomas J. Bruner
Raven's Eye Writer

Hartley Bay, B.C.

On March 22, 2006, the Queen of the North, a ferry carrying 101 passengers and crew bound for Port Hardy, sank near the Gitga'at territory. Thanks in large part to the efforts of the Aboriginal community at Hartley Bay, who rushed through the black of the night to the rescue, all but two of the people aboard were accounted for, the tragedy now only a frightening memory. But for the people of Gitga'at First Nation at Harley Bay, the ferry sinking remains a very real danger to them.

Three years later, many are waiting for the ferry to be removed from their waters and a full public inquiry into the incident to be called.

"We had discussions with B.C. Ferries when it first happened and, of course, they came to our community and they were very concerned and they had told us that they would do whatever was necessary to protect the environment from the sinking," said David Benton, band manager for the Gitga'at First Nation.

Benton said the discussions led to a deal that would see the Gitga'at monitor the Queen of the North for upwelling in the water.

"There continues to be hydrocarbons that float to the

top of the water and get dispersed and it's a very real cause for concern for us," said Benton.

Benton described it as if "someone threw a bag of garbage into your refrigerator. That's where we get our food from."

"Where it sank is a very active, prolific seafood area and, of course, where the upwelling can get to, that includes our clam beds," said Benton.

Benton said the General M.P. Zalinski, a ship that was used in both the First and Second World Wars, sank in the area in 1946.

"Now that more than 60 years have passed, there's great concern that that vehicle is about to corrode to the point where it releases its cargo of oil into the Grenville Channel," said Benton.

There are great efforts taking place now to ensure that does not take place, but Benton believes it is all the more reason not to stall with raising the Queen of the North.

"Our concern is that for the future, for future generations in 60 or 70 years time, they're going to be having more major problems with the Queen of the North," said Benton.

"Who will be there to remove the Queen of the North? Who will be there to take responsibility for it? What impacts will there be for the people of Hartley Bay, and in fact for the people of British Columbia who have made great strides in trying to protect the Great Bear Rainforest?" asked Benton.

The Great Bear Rainforest is

the largest intact, coastal temperate rainforest left in the world and it's where the Gitga'at First Nation calls home. The Gitga'at view themselves as stewards of the land and have retained a firm grip on their traditions and customs.

With enough severe damage, the Gitga'at way of life will be irreparable.

"Since the sinking and since that statement by B.C. Ferries, there really hasn't been anything substantive on their part in terms of protecting the environment," said Benton. "We would like the Queen of the North to be removed."

Benton said B.C. Ferries has suggested that it would be even more dangerous to move the Queen of the North, but he has yet to see any science proving that theory. Benton also suggested that B.C. Ferries may be avoiding the hefty price tag attached to moving the vessel.

"Our guess is that they do not want to essentially have an insurance claim in the amount of money that would be required to remove the vessel," said Benton. "We do know it's very deep in the water and it would be very costly to remove, but that's why you carry insurance."

However all the criticism from the community isn't reserved for B.C. Ferries. The provincial government has been accused of dillydallying for three years as well.

"Gordon Campbell, the premier, promised the day it sank

a thorough investigation and the premier has failed to follow through on that," said MLA Gary Coons, opposition critic for ferries with the NDP.

"A lot of people were puzzled as to why there's been no investigation. Lives were lost, families deserve answers and we think there should be a public investigation," said Coons.

Benton agreed that "it should be made public and, hopefully, as a result of that, other government agencies would be held accountable to deal with the aftermath."

B.C. Ferries held its own investigation, which was released on March 26, 2007, and the results suggested that the accident was caused by human error.

"The Transportation Safety Board did their investigation and they basically said in their final report that B.C. Ferries services actions placed the vessel, its passengers, its crew at risk and it said that eight times in their final report," said Coons.

He pointed to a previous incident 15 years ago that set a precedent that, in the case of the Queen of the North, has not been honored.

"In 1993 a ferry in Nanaimo went off the dock and three lives were lost and a public inquiry was held and within six weeks there were answers to what happened and recommendations that we still follow to this day," said Coons. "So that's a model that we should have used today,

an immediate investigation and that failed to happen."

Coons points to 2003, when Gordon Campbell and the B.C. Liberal government put in the Coastal Ferry Act, which Coons explains was a step towards privatizing the ferry service.

"Basically, what we've seen, there's no public scrutiny, there's no accountability for B.C. Ferries, there's no freedom of information access to finding out the workings of this new quasi-privatized corporation," said Coons, adding that the new system operates under a veil of secrecy.

"This government doesn't want to face the reality of what they've done in their privatization scheme," said Coons.

Windspeaker contacted B.C. Ferries, however, was informed that no comments can be made due to the fact that the matters are now before the courts.

The Gitga'at First Nation is also embroiled in another battle with Enbridge with their Northern Gateway Pipeline project. Benton describes it as more looming damage for their pristine territory. Benton points to the sinking of the oil tanker Exxon Valdez that took place in Alaska nearly 20 years ago.

It has been described as one of the worst man-made environmental disasters ever to occur in the sea. Benton said that some species will never recover and some are only now beginning to recover.

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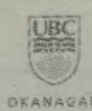
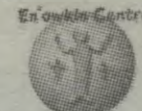
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Aboriginal tourism continues to thrive in BC

A residential school turned First Nations-owned resort in the Kootenays serves as just one example of how B.C.'s Aboriginal community is changing the face of tourism in the province.

St. Eugene Golf Resort and Casino took home two of the 10 awards presented at the Sixth Annual Aboriginal Tourism BC Awards gala held March 19, including one for Strength in Marketing and one for Tourism Conservation.

The awards event is organized by the Aboriginal Tourism Association of BC (AtBC).

This year's recipients represents the innovative and enterprising ideas making B.C.'s tourism future look so bright.

"At a time when tourism is such a competitive industry in Canada, it's very exciting to have

so many incredible First Nations-run businesses giving B.C. its competitive advantage," said Sophie Pierre, chair of AtBC.

The Aboriginal tourism industry in B.C. is anticipating market growth of up to 50 per cent over the next three years, driven by an increasing international demand for more meaningful, culturally rich travel experiences.

Visitor spending on Aboriginal tourism is projected to reach \$50 million by 2012, up from approximately \$35 million today.

This year's award winners included Stephen and Cynthia Dennis of Duffin Cove

Resort (Inspirational Leadership Award).

The Dennis' opened Duffin Cove Resort in Tofino in 1996 and soon expanded to include

adventure tours, like bear watching and Hot Springs Cove tours. More recently they opened a restaurant and started an international tour company called Pacific Wilderness. Being one of the first Aboriginal owned tourism business in the Tofino area, the Dennis' have acquired a wealth of knowledge and experience which they share in a leadership capacity. They've collaborated with other First Nations (and non-First Nations groups) to build community partnerships. They provide more than 80 per cent First Nations employment and offer job training and management training programs in the community.

Joshua Anderson and Willie Lewis, Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre (Young Adult

Achievement Award).

In just one year, Joshua and Willie have contacted over 10,000 people including government organizations, NGOs, media outlets, and special guests in an effort to raise awareness about Aboriginal culture. Whether it's delivering homemade bannock to local companies, evaluating programs, or running large events like The Terry Fox Run or the Whistler to Blackcomb Peak to Peak, these young men are making significant strides in maintaining the vitality of their culture.

Culture Shock Interactive Gallery (Cultural Authenticity Award).

This is the first of its kind in Alert Bay and continues to engage visitors with the cultural heritage of the Namgis First

Nation. The gallery, co-owned by Barb, Donna and Andrea Cranmer, offers guests a chance to partake in authentic salmon barbecues, cedar jewelry weaving, and scenic nature tours in traditional ocean canoes. This is all in addition to the locally designed First Nations clothing, jewelry and visual artwork it showcases.

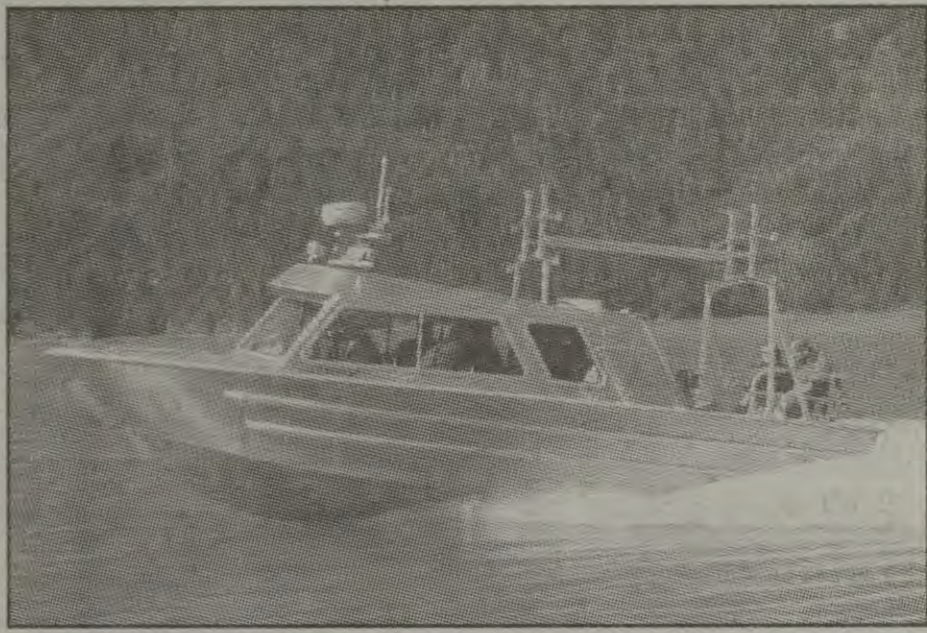
Other award winners were:

Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge, Cape Mudge Resort, (Excellence in Customer Service Award). Coast Hotels and Resorts Ambassador Award: Peter August, Capilano

Suspension Bridge). Power of Education Award: Upper St.at.imc Language, Culture and Education Society. Industry Partner Award: FortisBC. Media Award: Julie Ovenell-Carter (www.theseboots.travel).



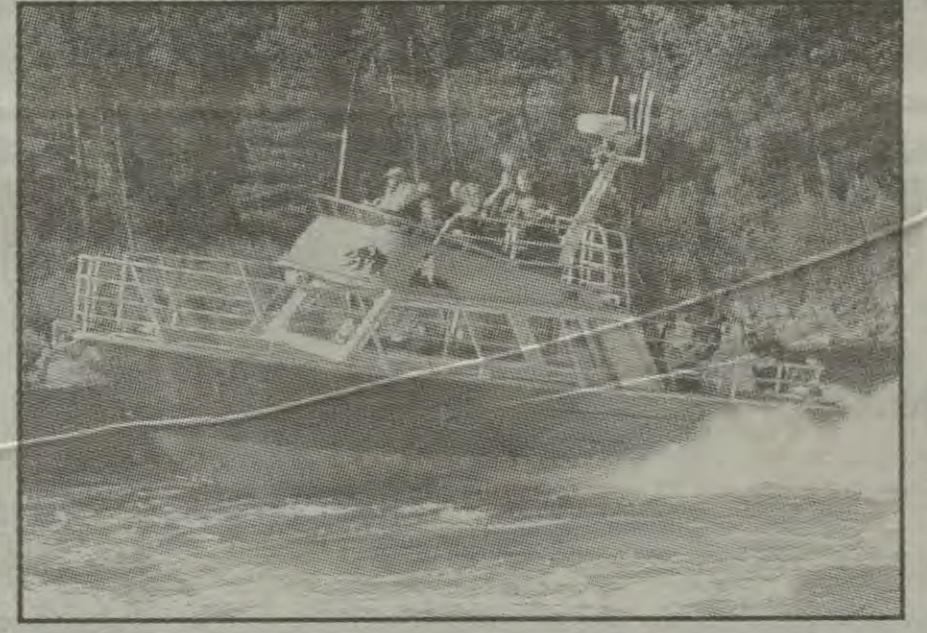
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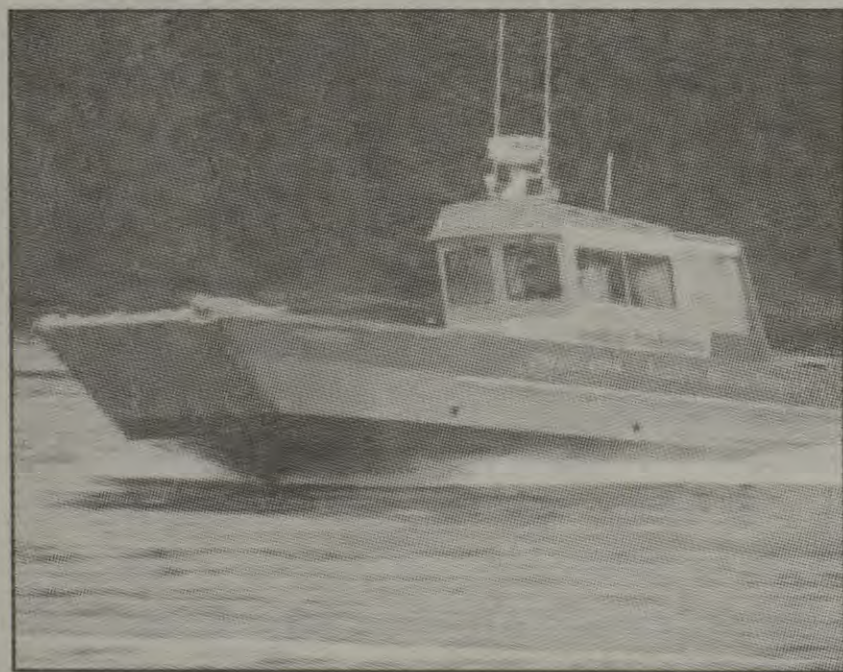


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Warning cry on HST comes from the east

By JENNIFER ASHAWASEGAI
Birchbark Writer

Ontario's move to harmonize the eight per cent provincial sales tax with the five per cent federal goods and services tax could be cause for concern for First Nation citizens with status cards. It could be the start to the erosion of tax exemption rights.

A Harmonized Sales Tax has been in place in several other provinces in eastern Canada for years, including in Nova Scotia where they've had HST for about a decade.

Alexander MacDonald, former chief of Shubenacadie, near Truro, N.S., said "it's the worst thing possible that could ever have happened to First Nations."

MacDonald has an HST warning for First Nations in Ontario: "Be careful with that, because once it goes through, and you don't fight it, it's going to stick and you're going to be sorry."

For starters, the Mi'kmaq points out, retailers have the right to refuse courier slips at point of sale, because status cards cannot be used because taxes are blended.

MacDonald said when the HST was first introduced in Nova Scotia, Mi'kmaq entrepreneurs quickly decided to set up courier businesses on reserves and it didn't take long before they found out they couldn't exercise their treaty rights, with retailers refusing to exempt the tax from goods being delivered to reserve.

That's just one of the issues the Anishinabek Nation is trying to address with a petition to the government and in their discussions about HST policy development before the 13 per cent blended tax is implemented in July 2010.

Anishinabek Nation spokesperson Bob Goulais said the organization has a good relationship with Minister of Revenue Dwight Duncan. Duncan is responsible for taxation, and Goulais said "the minister is open to concessions to ensure First Nations are a part of the process in the province."

Goulais says "First Nations need to be involved, and need to be involved in all decisions that affect them."

Goulais said the HST may also provide an opportunity to address

other issues of tax exemption. He said the Anishinabek Nation wants to make sure point of sale exemption continues and to also include GST.

Goulais maintains tax exemption is not only Indian Act legislation, but is also a treaty right. And he said "we don't want to see that right relegated to a rebate system," as it currently is with the GST. The rebate system is something, Goulais said, they strongly oppose.

"There's a lot of people having problems trying to claim their GST rebates, because they don't have a driver's license or proof of residency" on reserve. Those barriers are something that should be removed, and Goulais said, as far as they're concerned, "tax exemption is portable anywhere on the territory."

MacDonald recommends that harmonized sales tax policies be closely studied, so that the issues the Mi'kmaq face in Nova Scotia can be avoided.

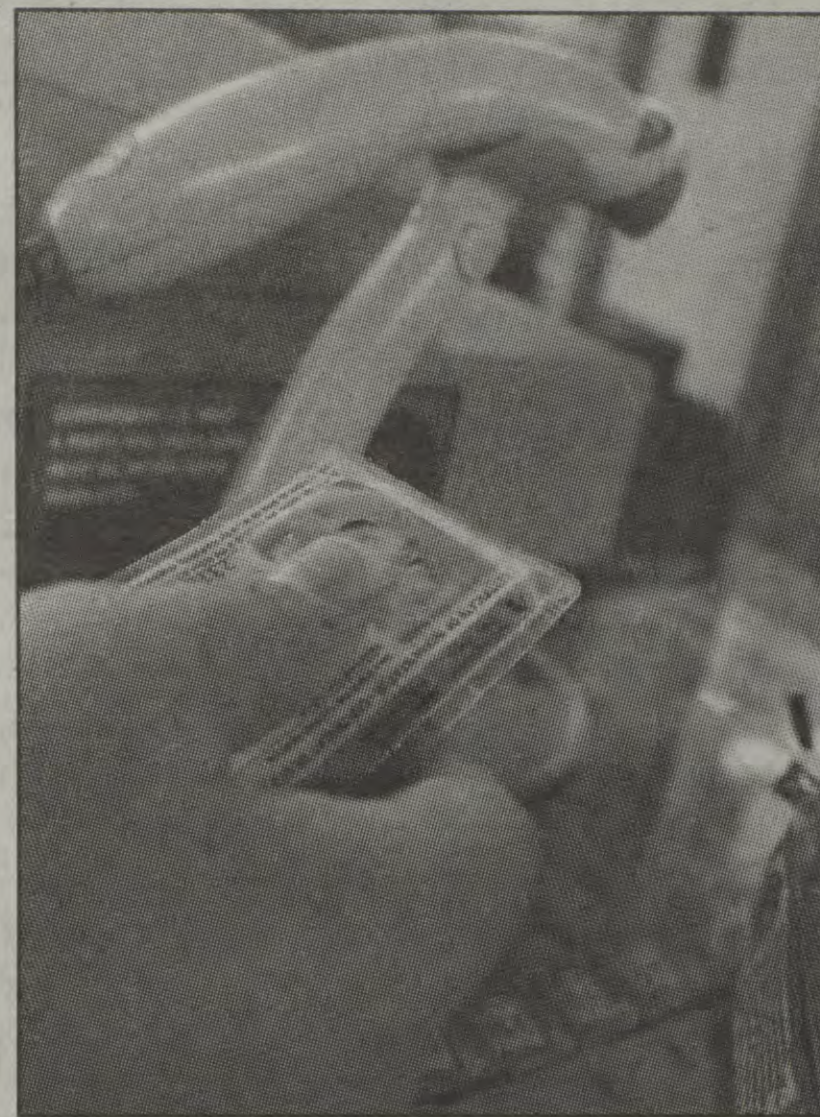
Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, Brad Duguid believes there is lots of time for consultation with First Nations about the HST, and confirmed "the province will be

honoring the PST exemption." He said there's "no question" about that.

There is a question, however, on how it will be administered. That part, he said, is something that needs to be worked out with the federal government, and "it will be done with consultation with First Nations."

When asked about what the government may be leaning toward, a rebate system or a point of sale system, Duguid said, "Those are the details we still have to work out and we still have a long way to go before this single tax is implemented."

Goulais said it will be months before they find out what's in store. Depending on how the government develops its HST



It still may be a few more months until First Nation citizens with Status cards find out how the new Ontario Harmonized Sales Tax will affect them.

policy, Goulais said there may have to be changes, including legislative ones. Right now though, he said they're hopeful point of sale tax exemption will continue to be honoured.



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More Aboriginals Are honoring their health

By Thomas J. Bruner
Windspeaker Staff Writer

VANCOUVER

The 2009 Vancouver Sun Run took place on April 19 and, due to the very successful Honour Your Health Challenge, the Sun Run saw a notable increase of Aboriginal runners.

With the Sun Run the end goal of the Honour Your Health Challenge, the program welcomes all ages into a world of health and fitness.

This is the third year of the province-wide, community based, and provincially funded program and since its inception it has seen remarkable growth. By many it is seen as a program that is run for the people, by the people.

"I think it's because it's a grassroots program and I think it's done on a small but a strong level and it's implemented by people like me, and it can be implemented by anybody who doesn't have big credentials and it's on a frontline basis," said participant Barb LeBeau, describing why the Honour Your Health Challenge is so successful.

The Honour Your Health training lasts 13 weeks and goes from January to April.

"What the participants do is they meet with me once a week and we train as a group and then they have to do two additional training sessions on their own for a total of three times a week," said leader Mary McCullough, adding that the program is tried and true.

McCullough explained that she takes her team walking for 45 minutes, followed by a brisk walk in order to prepare them for the ten kilometers of the Sun Run.

"It allows people who maybe don't exercise a lot or who have a low activity level to start out at a pace...so they can get to the walking 10 K," said McCullough.

"I'm definitely feeling better about myself. I have more energy. I have lost a bunch of weight," said participant Evie Maitland who has been a part of Honour Your Health for three years.

Maitland found out about Honour Your Health through her mother, and although she said she has always been an active person, "Honour Your Health has made me more so."

LeBeau, who works in her local school district, went as far as to get her peers and her students involved and with much success.

"(We) used the grant money for health, nutrition, physical activity and prizes and a poster contest and all that kind of stuff. It was so successful and I took it to the school district as a whole for our First Nations program," said LeBeau, who said that the program is now very well supported by the school district.

McCullough was amazed at what the program has provided for the elderly that wish to stay young at heart.

"I have one lady who's 75 and I was just speaking to her...and she was talking about how she just

decided over the last couple of years that she was just getting old. She was old and she couldn't get out and do a lot of exercise and throughout the training she's realized that that's not the case anymore," said McCullough, adding that she feels better and has incorporated daily walks into her lifestyle.

McCullough said that it was inspiring, not just for herself, but for the whole community that this elderly woman was among those who would participate in the Sun Run.

Certainly the program serves as a powerful starting off point for healthy living, however, with the program lasting 13 weeks out of the year, the concern is that the enthusiasm will wane in the remaining 39 weeks of the year.

"I think it's good if they can stick to it, but I see a lot of people come out to join the Honour Your Health and then when it's over it's done. Then they start up again the following year," said Maitland.

To encourage a less enthusiastic crowd during the off-season, McCullough makes sure there is follow up.

"I didn't want this to be a 13-week training program, woohoo everybody walked 10 kilometers, let's all go home and lay on the couch kind of thing," said McCullough. "I wanted it to be the starting point of something that would be permanent in their lifestyle."

In order to ensure that some permanent lifestyle changes would happen, McCullough actually did some prescreening tests, which included blood sugar, blood pressure, height, weight and cholesterol and that would show everybody what their levels were at and what their risk of cardiovascular disease was.

Following the program, the participants would go through the same screening process, which would display how all of the levels have improved and the risks have been lowered. McCullough believes that having something on paper will have a strong impact and provide the much needed motivation.

McCullough will continue to have conversations, and follow ups, and even start a community walking groups.

McCullough, much like the other leaders and participants, appreciates the amount of organization, enthusiasm and much-needed support goes into the Honour Your Health program.

"I think that's huge because it gives you the support you need," said McCullough. "I don't think I could have done it without that."

"It's so much fun and the energy and the positive atmosphere that comes out of this program, it's really exciting to be a part of that. It's an honor to help promote that," said LeBeau.

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By Sam Laskaris

New poster athletes chosen

Three more young Aboriginal athletes have been selected to be featured in an inspirational poster series.

The series, produced by the Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games (VANOC), is called Find Your Passion in Sport.

Those who will be included in the series are Travis Jones, Leah Sulyma and Sammy Kent. They are aged 18, 19 and 20, respectively.

Jones, who is from Pouce Coupe, B.C., is a curler. Sulyma, who hails from Inuvik, N.W.T., is a hockey goalie. And Kent, who is an alpine skier, is from Whitehorse, Yukon.

Besides trying to inspire other Canadian youth, the poster series is also part of another campaign to achieve massive Aboriginal participation in the planning of Vancouver's Olympic and Paralympic Games. Besides VANOC, the poster series will be produced in partnership with the Canadian government and the Four Host First Nations.

The three posters will be distributed to elementary and secondary schools across Canada.

Aboriginal communities and health organizations will also receive the posters to hand out to children.

The goal is to have more Aboriginal youth participate in sports and for them to set their own goals and dreams to reach.

The posters will be written in English, French and the Aboriginal language of each athlete.

The Find Your Passion in Sport series was introduced in 2007. The first three Aboriginal athletes who were featured in the series were snowboarder Chelsie Mitchell, speedskater Aqpiq Peter and Mareck Beaudoin.

One less Ontario Team

For the first time in the eight-year history of the National Aboriginal Hockey Championships (NAHC), the country's most populous province will be sending just one male team.

Ontario has traditionally iced two squads – Ontario South and Ontario North – for the annual tournament featuring bantam- and midget-aged players.

This year's NAHC, which will be staged in Winnipeg, runs May 3 to 9.

Six Nations' Chandon Hill, who will be coaching the Ontario boys' entry, said he believes the reason there will only be one male club from the province competing in Winnipeg is because nobody had indicated they were interested in coaching an Ontario North team until after an imposed deadline.

By that point, officials had already decided to go with the one Ontario team.

A total of six training camps were staged throughout the province. Hill said there ended up being an equal representation on the team. There are 12 players from southern Ontario on the roster and another dozen from the northern parts of the province.

Hill is hoping that this will be the only year that Ontario has just one male club at the NAHC.

"There's enough talent in Ontario for two teams," he said.

The fact Ontario is only icing one male squad this year makes things easier for NAHC organizers. That's because there will be an even amount of teams – 10 – in the boys' category.

The other divisional entrants are Saskatchewan, Quebec-based Eastern Door and the North, Alberta, Manitoba, Team Atlantic, Newfoundland and Labrador, British Columbia, Northwest Territories and Nunavut.

Meanwhile, there will still be separate Ontario South and Ontario North entries in the nine-team girls' category.

Pro career still alive

It's probably not how Craig Stahl had envisioned his professional hockey career would transpire, but more than a dozen years after he was drafted by a National Hockey League team, the 32-year-old, who never played a single game in the NHL, can still boast he is a pro player.

Stahl, a Métis who was born in Cranbrook, B.C., was chosen by the Detroit Red Wings in the 1996 NHL entry draft.

Since then he's played for various clubs in a handful of minor pro leagues, including franchises with catchy monikers such as the Austin Ice Bats, Pensacola Ice Pilots and New Mexico Scorpions.

For the past five seasons, however, Stahl has toiled in the not-so-famous Southern Professional Hockey League with the Georgia-based Columbus Cottonmouths.

He appeared in 55 games with the Cottonmouths this season and earned 23 points, including six goals.

Stahl, a forward, has never really been a high scorer, even during his four-year junior career, which he spent with the Western Hockey League's Tri-City Americans.

Yet he is still very much a leader with the Cottonmouths. He's been the team captain ever since he joined the organization five years ago.

Stahl helped the Cottonmouths register a 31-22-7 record this past season, good for a second-place finish in the six-team SPHL.

Columbus though was upset 3-2 in its best-of-five, semi-final series with the Fayetteville FireAntz, a squad based in North Carolina.

Bum knee blows championship hopes

By Sam Laskaris
Windspeaker Contributor

WINNIPEG

Arthur Cook would love to get another chance to fight for a Canadian championship belt, but the 30-year-old Aboriginal boxer can only sit back and wait now to see when, and possibly even if, he'll be able to resume his professional career.

Cook, who is from Manitoba's Peguis First Nation, squared off against the Canadian heavyweight champion Greg (The Steel Pole) Kielsa in a match held at Ontario's Casino Rama on March 20.

That bout came to an abrupt end in the eighth round when Cook fell to the mat screaming in agony; his right knee blew out while he was trying to avoid a punch.

Though he knew he had a torn ligament in his right knee, more than a month after the injury Cook was still waiting to hear whether he should have surgery or simply let the injury heal.

Cook, who for past five years had lived and trained in Minot, North Dakota, moved back to Winnipeg to be with family while he recuperates.

"Right now my goal is just to heal," he said. "If I can get back, I believe I can be a champion."

It's been a long time since Cook has actually lived in Canada. Before moving to Minot, he spent two years furthering his boxing career in Detroit.

Cook was born and raised in Winnipeg, but his mother moved him to the Peguis First Nation at age 15, primarily to keep him out of trouble in a big city. He believes that Peguis culture changed his life, both in and out of the ring.

Had it not been for his freak

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I believe I was winning that fight. believe if the knee did not give out, I could have beaten that kid.

—Arthur Cook,

boxer from Peguis First Nation

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injury, Cook believes he would have won the fight against Kielsa, who saw his undefeated record improve to 9-0 with the victory.

"I believe I was winning that fight," said Cook, who now has a 14-5-2 pro mark. "I believe if the knee did not give out, I could have beaten that kid."

Besides losing the fight against Kielsa and getting injured, shortly afterwards Cook also broke up with his long-time girlfriend, who was living in Minot.

"Family helps me heal," Cook said of his decision to return to Canada.

Since he's not able to go to the gym and train, and with no fight on the horizon, Cook said he is also putting on some undesired weight.

"I'm being spoiled by my family here," he said. "They're giving me a lot of ice cream."

Cook estimates he's put on about 20 to 25 pounds since his fight and he tips the scales at around 280 pounds.

Though he had dropped almost 30 pounds before his fight against Kielsa, Cook still tipped the scales at 256 pounds for that bout, or 16 pounds more than his ideal fighting weight.

Cook's manager Richard Calavera, who lives in Minot, said it was understandable why his fighter returned to Canada

for his rehabilitation.

"To do it in the States is just too expensive," he said.

Calavera believes Cook will return to the ring.

"His heart is still in it," he said. And Calavera said Cook might still be a dominant force in the weight class.

"It all depends," he said. "He's only 30 years old. In the heavyweight division, your career is not really over until you're 32, 36."

Calavera said Cook's toughness was displayed following his injury in the fight with Kielsa.

"When he broke his knee, he didn't want to go out on a stretcher," Calavera said. "He didn't want us to shackle him to the stretcher. He got up from the fight. He limped his way out. He's a warrior."

The Cook/Kielsa bout was part of the Rumble at Rama series. It was the seventh time a card was staged at the First Nations casino. It was also the first time an Aboriginal boxer was duking it out for a championship belt in the Casino Rama ring.

"He really wanted that fight," Calavera said. "But what can you do? His knee blew out."

So Cook can now only look ahead.

"I'm saying by the end of the year I'll be back in the gym and getting into shape," he said.



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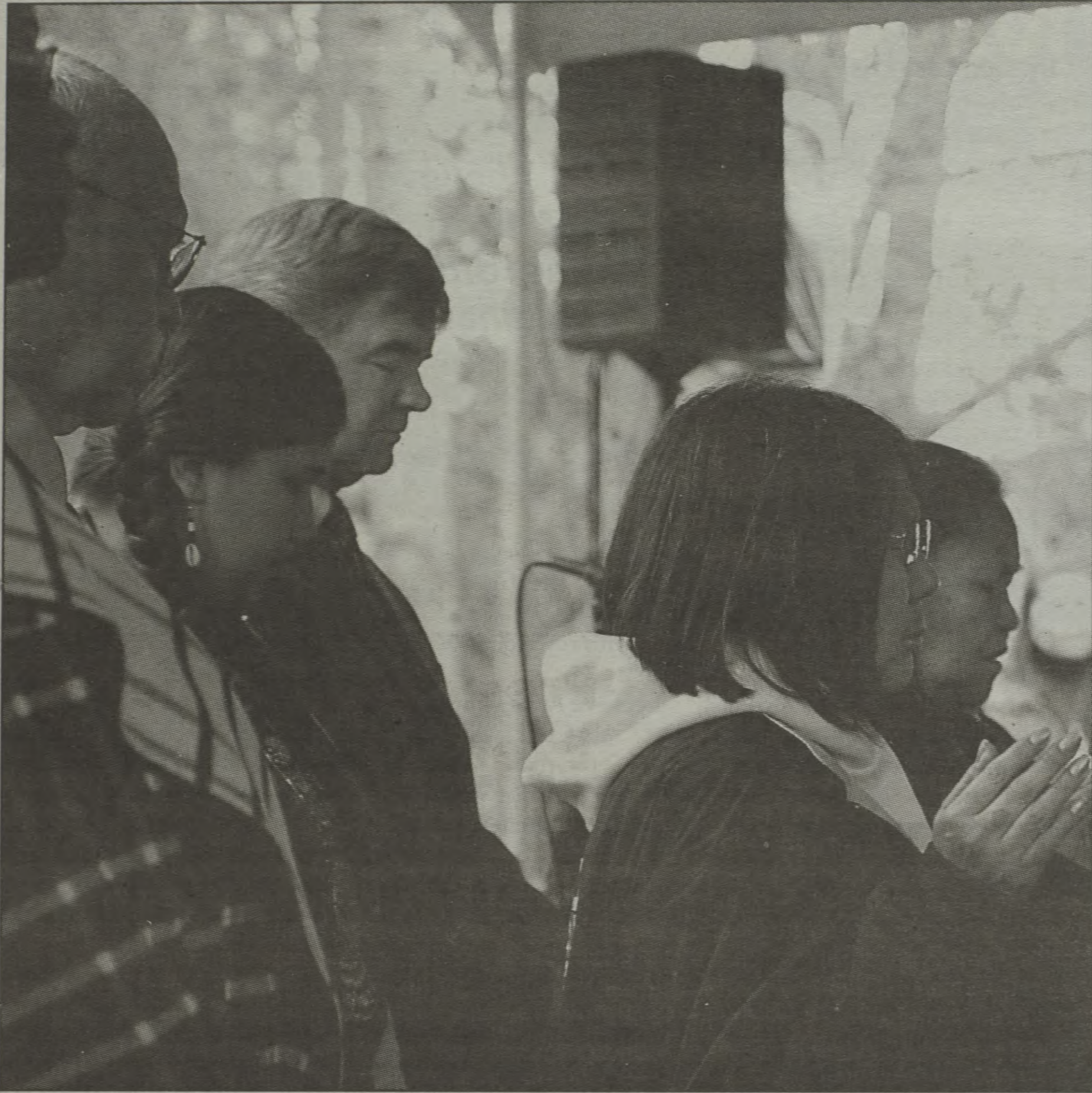


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University of Washington community members attend a ceremony held to dedicate the site of a future longhouse-style building near McMahon Hall called the House of Knowledge. It is intended to be a learning and gathering place for Native American students on the campus.

By Serena Solomon

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Tyson Johnston, general manager for First Nations at the University of Washington (UW), has few fond memories of his early college days.

"One class in Kane Hall was the size of my village," he said.

Johnston came to the UW from a small village that is part of the Coast Salish tribes.

Often, Native American students come from close-knit communities where culture is a pillar of strength, but there is little evidence of Native American culture on the UW campus. The UW is hoping to change that.

On April 10, a ceremony was held to bless the ground on which a Native American longhouse-style building will stand—if plans stay on schedule—within four years. Construction is to begin in late 2011.

"People have been talking about this for 30 years," said Charlotte Coté (Tseshah), assistant professor of American Indian Studies.

Friday's blessing ceremony was the first step in creating a home away from home for Native American students at the UW.

"We want to bring different generations in to see we are

encouraging their culture," said David Iyall, assistant vice-president for advancement for the Office of Minority Affairs and Diversity (OMAD).

Named the House of Knowledge, the structure will be similar in design to a traditional longhouse with a large gathering hall, but will also accommodate facilities such as a computer lab and kitchen.

The longhouse blessing ceremony was followed by the annual Tribal Leadership Summit, where leaders focused on a new partnership between the UW and the 22 local tribes.

Later the same evening, the Hec Edmundson Pavilion was transformed into the host site for the biggest student-run event on the UW calendar—the three-day First Nations at UW Annual Spring Powwow.

The powwow included traditional dance and drumming competitions, showcasing not only Native American culture, but performances by the Polynesian Student Alliance, Filipino American Student Association and UW Capoeiristas.

"Since our community is not here, we create it ourselves," Johnston said.

According to statistics from OMAD, Native Americans make up 1.2 per cent of undergraduate enrollment at the UW, with only

54 per cent going on to graduate. This is compared with a university average graduation rate of 74.8 per cent.

Sheila Edwards Lange, vice-president for minority affairs, said there are many reasons for these low figures, including poverty and a historically difficult relationship between Native Americans and educational institutions.

"In part, higher education was a way to separate Native Americans from their culture," said Lange, referring to instances in which boarding houses and universities were sometimes used to forcibly assimilate Native Americans into a standardized American culture.

The powwow, summit and longhouse are all part of an effort to demonstrate that young Native Americans are being encouraged to find support in their heritage while continuing their education.

Kris Hohag, admissions outreach counselor for OMAD, is hopeful that events such as the powwow and the construction of a longhouse-type building on campus will help unify and strengthen the bond that already exists in Native American culture, helping students finish college.

"I hope to see a long, healthy, strong balance between UW and the tribes," Hohag said, "where the university learns from us, and we learn from the university."

Survivors to meet Pope

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Fontaine said that two years of "diplomacy and quiet conversations" were made possible by Catholic Archbishop James Weisgerber from the Archdiocese of Winnipeg, who will also be part of the Vatican delegation, and Catholic Church entity legal counsel Pierre Baribeau. In September of last year, Fontaine was invited to make a presentation to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. At that time he talked about the treatment Aboriginal children suffered at the hands of Catholic clergy, missionaries and laypeople.

The April trip to the Vatican will mark the second trip in six months to include residential school survivors. In October, survivors of the Shubenacadie Indian Residential School in Nova Scotia went to the Vatican and were part of the general audience.

While the April delegation will also be part of the general audience, they will specifically be addressed by the Pope, unlike their earlier counterparts. Both the AFN and the Pope will make statements about the residential school experience.

The general audience will precede the private audience. Fontaine did not expect the private audience with the Pope to be a long affair, but he hoped that it would be one more step toward healing.

"It's important for us, whatever His Holiness decides to say in response to our statement, that it is seen by survivors, our community and Canadians as an opportunity to move forward in the spirit of reconciliation and solidarity and we will be able to carry on with healing," said Fontaine.

He noted that many Aboriginals "remain committed Catholics."

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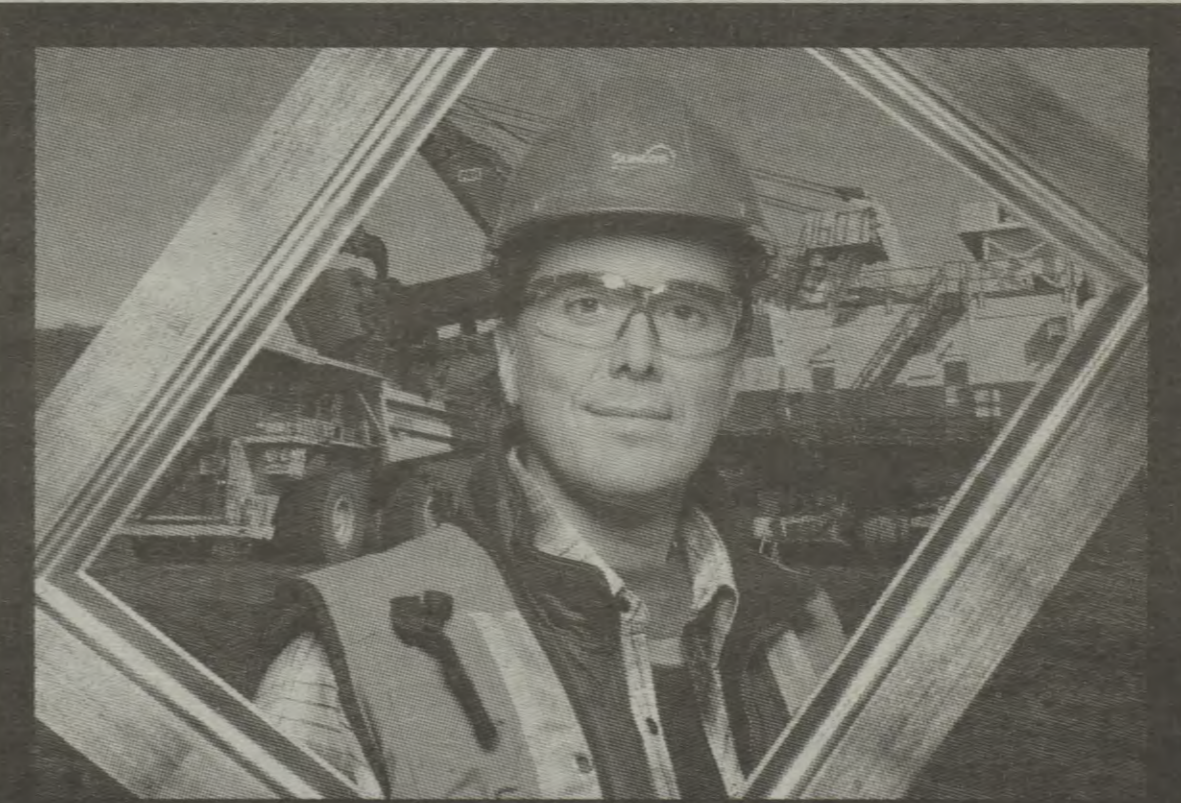
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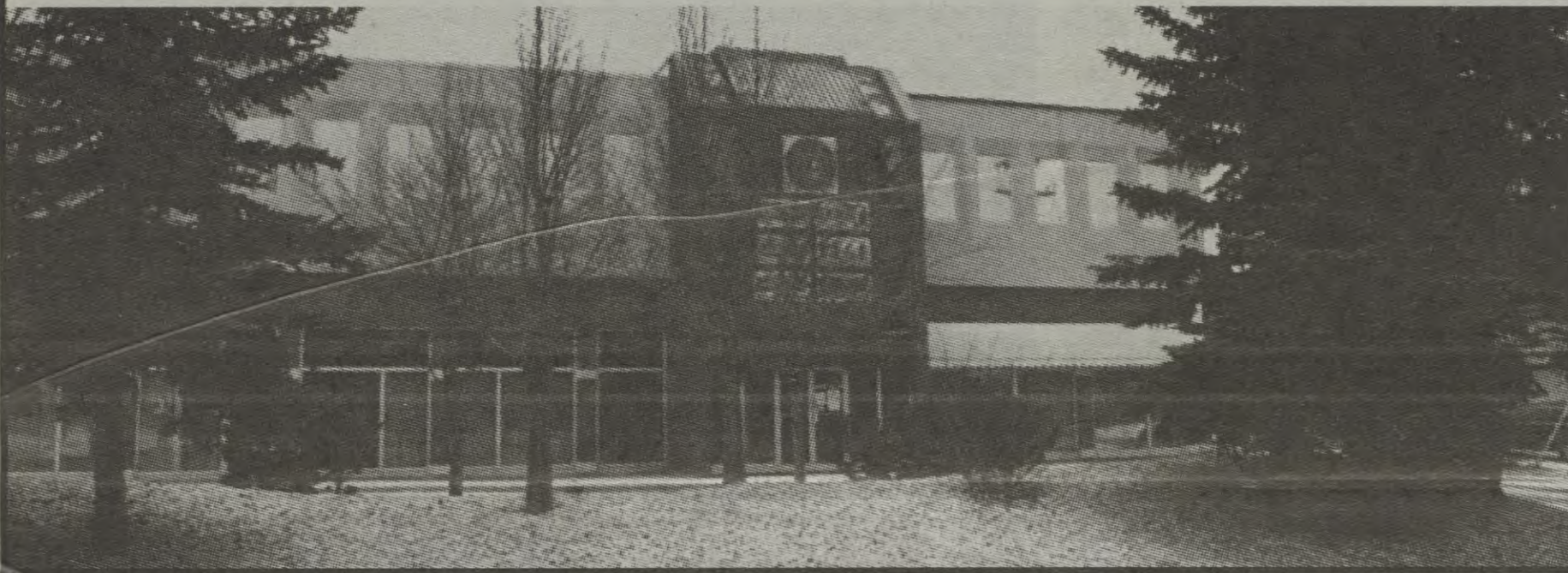
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Stand-off continues

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"We're only given pennies at a time," she said. "That's one of the reasons why it takes too long to do something."

Nakogee said the demolition company should have bought soil to cap the site until the contaminated soil is removed.

"To us, the project isn't complete." But the contractor won't return unless there's more funding, which so far INAC has

refused to provide, Nakogee said. Spokespeople for the provincial government have said that as reserves are under federal jurisdiction, the province will not respond unless it's invited in by Canada.

Elman, the child advocate, said Jordan's Principle should apply.

"The closest level of government could respond and worry about jurisdiction and who's going to pay later."

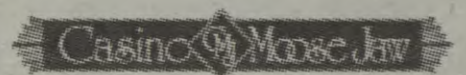
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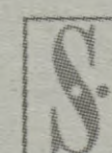
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[footprints] – Thomas Banyacya

Elder helped popularize Hopi prophecy

By Dianne Meili

Originally fleeing to the desolate, rocky mesas of northern Arizona to defend themselves and live peacefully, the Hopi nation, to which the late Thomas Banyacya belonged, is inscrutable and still, for the most part, wholly faithful to their religious traditions.

But, with the approach of 2012, a year some prophecy observers say will bring with it transition, possibly even the “end time,” the Hopi continue to be in the global spotlight, just as they were in the 1980s at the dawning of the spiritual new age, thanks largely to Banyacya.

Many seekers were ready to listen to Banyacya after the Harmonic Convergence in 1987, which correlated with the Mayan Calendar and signalled a global awakening to love and unity. He was one of many to whom people expected “sacred information” and guidance to flow through regarding the current state of earth and the necessity of transformation if mankind was to survive.

Almost all of what Banyacya shared remained a secret oral tradition until 1948, when his elders saw pictures of mushroom clouds made by atomic bombs. The image reminded them so much of the “gourd of ashes” foretold in their prophecies that they decided to reach out to the outside world. Banyacya was named one of the last four messengers by Hopi elders to warn the world of impending doom.

According to a 900-year-old religious tradition, the Great Spirit Maasau’u, Guardian of the Earth, assigned the Hopi the duty of preserving the natural balance of the world. The deity also entrusted them with a series of ominous prophecies warning of specific threats and providing guidance on how to avoid them.

Though Banyacya is gone,

since 2012 marks the end of the Mayan Calendar and, many believe, an end to life as we know it on earth, his presence is significant with his message found on multiple Web sites calling for global change. Many feature photos of him standing next to a pictograph, known as Prophecy Rock, which depicts the different paths the Hopi can take. One is to turn away from spirituality and become seduced by the white man’s path of glamor and materialism. The other is the straight Path of Life wherein the people turn back to nature and survive the Great Purification, after which the corn will grow in abundance when the Great Spirit returns.

Banyacya was an obvious choice to become a Hopi spokesperson because his allegiance to his culture surfaced early. As a youth he was sent to the Sherman Indian School in Riverside, Calif., where he became angry at having to use the English name of Jenkins. Even though his father accepted the name, Banyacya later insisted on using his Hopi name.

When he attended college in Oklahoma, he helped establish the first Indian lodge where students could sing and perform traditional ceremonies.

While many Hopi were accepting the ways of the white man, Banyacya tried to remain true to ancient values. He spent seven years in jail rather than fight in the Second World War because, as he so often explained, the word “Hopi” means “peaceful” or “virtuous” ones.

For almost 50 years he warned that an endless striving for material wealth would destroy the balance of the world. He accepted some modern conveniences, but he spoke out strongly against uranium mining and other industries that harmed the earth.

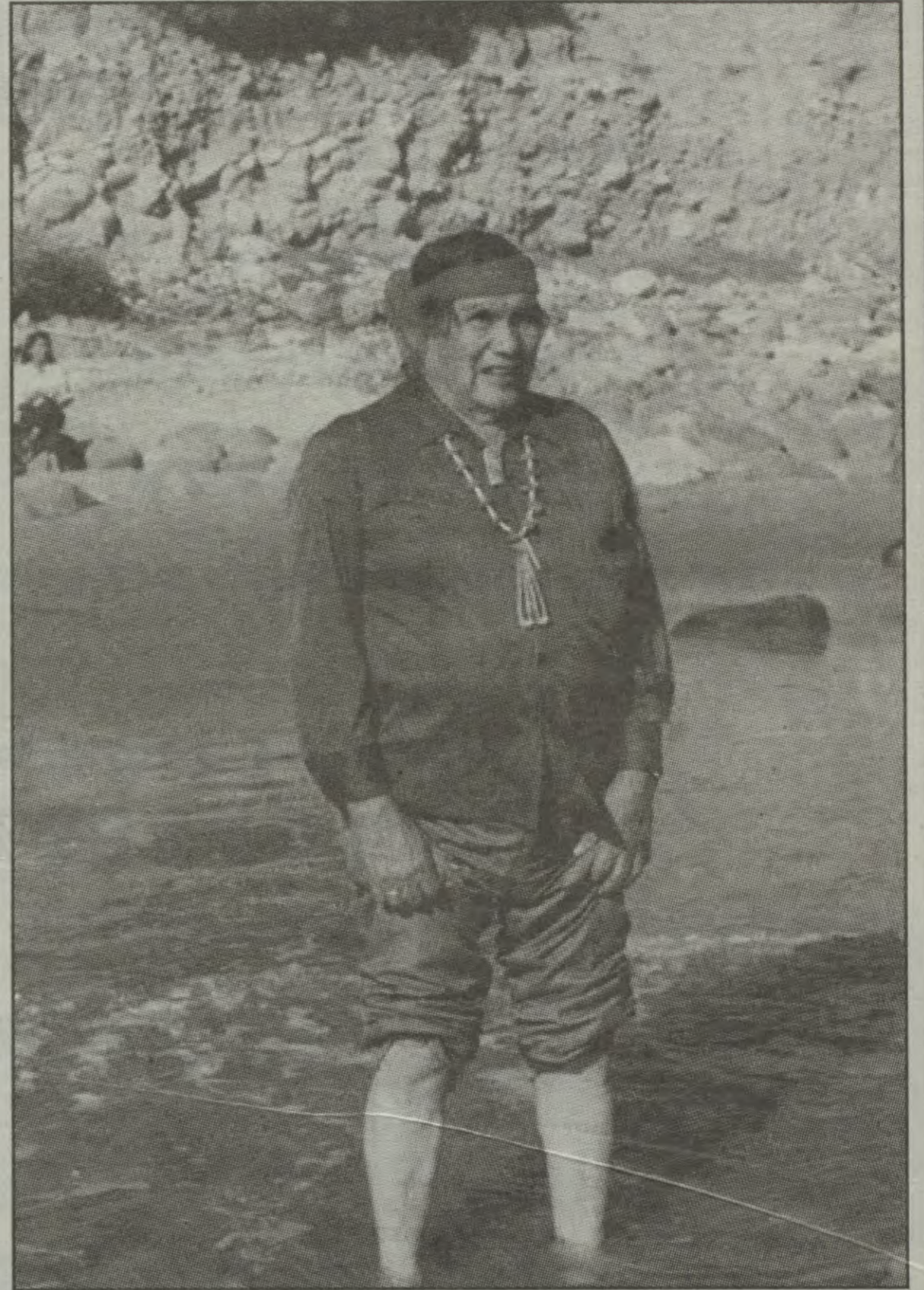
Banyacya was likely the only Hopi to reach celebrity status, a stark contrast to his mostly reserved and secretive nation. He travelled widely to deliver his spiritual message to save the planet from greed and materialism, even attending several foreign conferences. No small feat since he refused to obtain an American passport. He is credited with reviving interest among American Indians in their Native cultures.

In accordance with the prophecies, which foretold a Hopi would take the message of peace “to the Great House of Mica on the Eastern shore where the nations come together to solve world problems without war,” Banyacya focused on gaining an audience at the United Nations.

Three times he was refused the chance to speak, but he persevered because the elders told him he would have to “knock on the door four times.” Finally, on his fourth attempt, in 1992, he made a brief speech in the General Assembly hall on a day when most delegates were away on recess. Still, he sprinkled sacred cornmeal on the podium and delivered his message purporting simple living in accordance with nature.

As a traditionalist, Banyacya was a controversial figure to many of his own “progressive” people. For example, in the early 1970s he strongly opposed a housing project slated for development on the desert floor below the Hopi village of Shipaulovi, claiming the site was sacred and belonged to the people of Shungopavi, not Shipaulovi.

Meanwhile, the tribal council, whom Banyacya said were all influenced by the Mormon religion, claimed there was no more room on the mesas for the additional houses needed for a growing population.



Thomas Banyacya seen here sprinkling a cornmeal offering on the Colorado River

The “progressives” observed wryly that, while the two factions battled it out, government grants quietly dribbled away.

And, interestingly enough, the Prophecy Rock Banyacya was so closely associated with is looked upon by many conservatives today as merely a boundary marker, according to Gary Tso, a Hopi cultural guide who takes interested outsiders on tours of his people’s historical village of Orabai.

Still, Banyacya was an incredibly well-intentioned and dedicated messenger. He encouraged nations to come together in harmony, prayer and

meditation to clean up the mess; only then, would mankind resist bringing a third world war upon itself. If people ignore the spirituality that surrounds everything, which helps them correct themselves when they err towards each, and if they use inventions destructively, then nature will turn against them with extreme weather, volcanoes and big winds, he claimed.

Though Banyacya, who passed away at 89 in 1999, may have failed to bring about the change in people he hoped to during his lifetime, today his message seems more poignant than ever.

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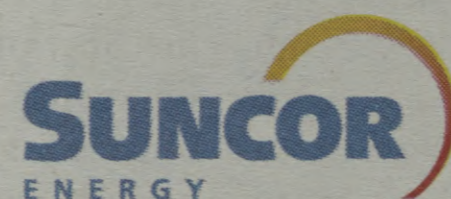
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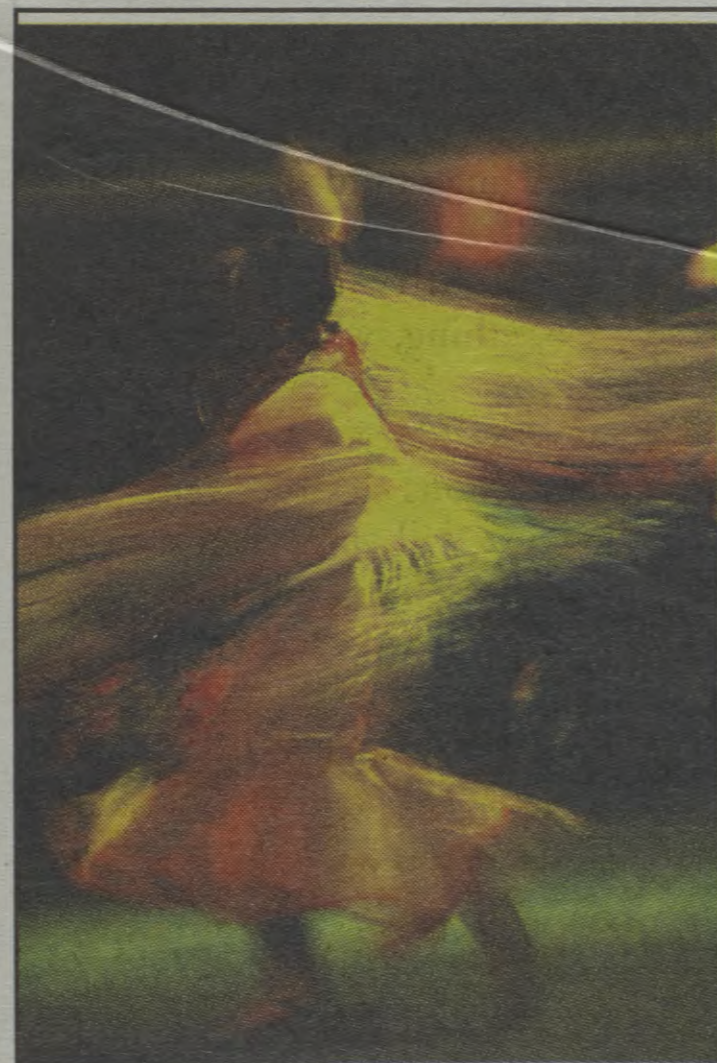
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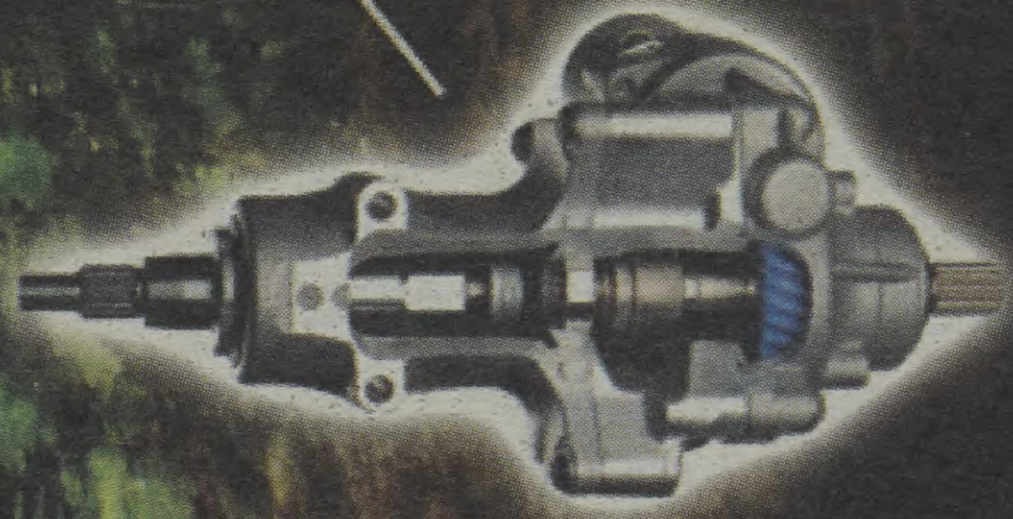
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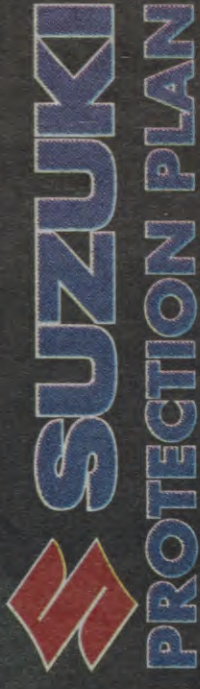
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