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Coon Come lampooned, AFN a mess

By Paul Barnsley
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OTTAWA

The Assembly of First Nations' national chief is facing a credibility crisis of mounting proportions.

The issue became very public in an article in the April 3 edition of *Frank*, a semi-monthly satirical magazine based in the nation's capital that is feared and despised throughout official Ottawa.

The article hit the streets on March 19. It states Matthew Coon Come is spending more time on matters related to his Pentecos-

tal Christian beliefs than he spends performing his \$125,000 a year duties as chief of the Assembly of First Nations (AFN).

Those who have been "Franked" invariably say the publication relies on dubious information and doesn't allow facts to get in the way of a good story, something the magazine admits to some degree by referring to itself as part of the "satirical press." But there's always at least a kernel of truth in their stories, frequently much more than that.

Something is definitely going on at the AFN. Rumors persist that AFN staff members are looking for ways to dump their leader.



Matthew Coon Come

Sources say a meeting was held at the AFN building in late January or early February where an AFN employee (who is no longer

with the organization) hosted a group of AFN rebels—disgruntled employees and former employees. The plan was to form a "shadow AFN" that could access government funding and proceed on a less confrontational track.

Some of the people who attended that meeting argued against such a move, saying it would play into the government's hands, and the attempted mutiny didn't materialize. But the fact that some key employees attended the meeting, including program directors, is a sign that morale is at an all-time low in the organization. (see Where is Matthew? page 11.)

Leaked document reveals INAC is changing direction

By Paul Barnsley
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OTTAWA

Minister of Indian Affairs Robert Nault announced the department is considering reworking the B.C. treaty process.

"The treaty and the treaty process is like anything else. It must evolve or die," Nault said.

Nault was speaking to delegates at the British Columbia Treaty Commission conference "Speaking Truth to Power III" in Vancouver on March 15.

The minister also suggested a willingness on the part of the government to walk away from treaty negotiations if First Nation negotiators don't show they're willing to make major concessions.

While some negotiations have reached advanced stages and the prospects for further progress look good, others are "stalling because of the sheer number and complexity of issues," he said.

"A third group of negotiating tables face a different set of challenges. Quite frankly, in these cases, the gap between governments and First Nations is too large to overcome at this time. . . . In this case, I have said across the country, there is no shame in taking a break. . . . I recognize that there are impediments for taking a 'time-out' from negotiations, once they have begun."

Nault said the government is reviewing the way it does business at Indian Affairs on

all fronts.

"The Prime Minister is committed to a fundamental rethinking of how we can help to improve the quality of life of First Nations."

Get ready to start hearing a lot about the "quality of life" agenda. A document leaked to *Windspeaker* titled "Renewing treaties, claims and self-government negotiation processes to support a 'Quality of Life' agenda" shows that the minister is about to change gears in a number of areas.

Indian Affairs won't confirm or deny the document's authenticity, but the minister's comments in Vancouver seem to mirror what the report details he has told his 14 cabinet colleagues in the Reference Group of the Prime Minister on Aboriginal People.

Each of the 31 pages in the 'Quality of Life' agenda report provides many interesting insights for veteran Indian Affairs observers.

The first page states the purpose for the renewal of the government's approach, as the minister sees it.

"The reconciliation of pre-existing rights of Aboriginal peoples with Crown sovereignty has been, and continues to be, a major political, legal/constitutional and socio-economic challenge for the Canadian federation," the document reads.

On page 3, the document reveals what's in store for Native leaders who stand on their rights and don't budge. (see INAC page 13.)



ANNETTE FRANCIS

International Women's Day was celebrated in the Mohawk community of Tyendinaga on March 9. A good crowd of more than 100 women were treated to facials, manicures and new hair styles. They topped off the day's activities with a turkey dinner. The pampering was sponsored by the Red Cedars Women's Shelter in Tyendinaga. Pictured above is Melissa Cook getting a new do by Gail Howard.

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TOM LONGBOAT

The Aboriginal Sports Circle celebrated athletic achievement and named four individuals worthy of national recognition. The Tom Longboat Awards were given to a male and female who had excelled in sport, and the National Aboriginal Coaching awards were bestowed to a man and a woman who had dedicated time to young athletes to improve their skills and performance in sport.

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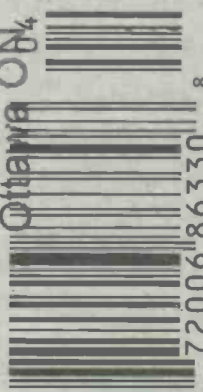
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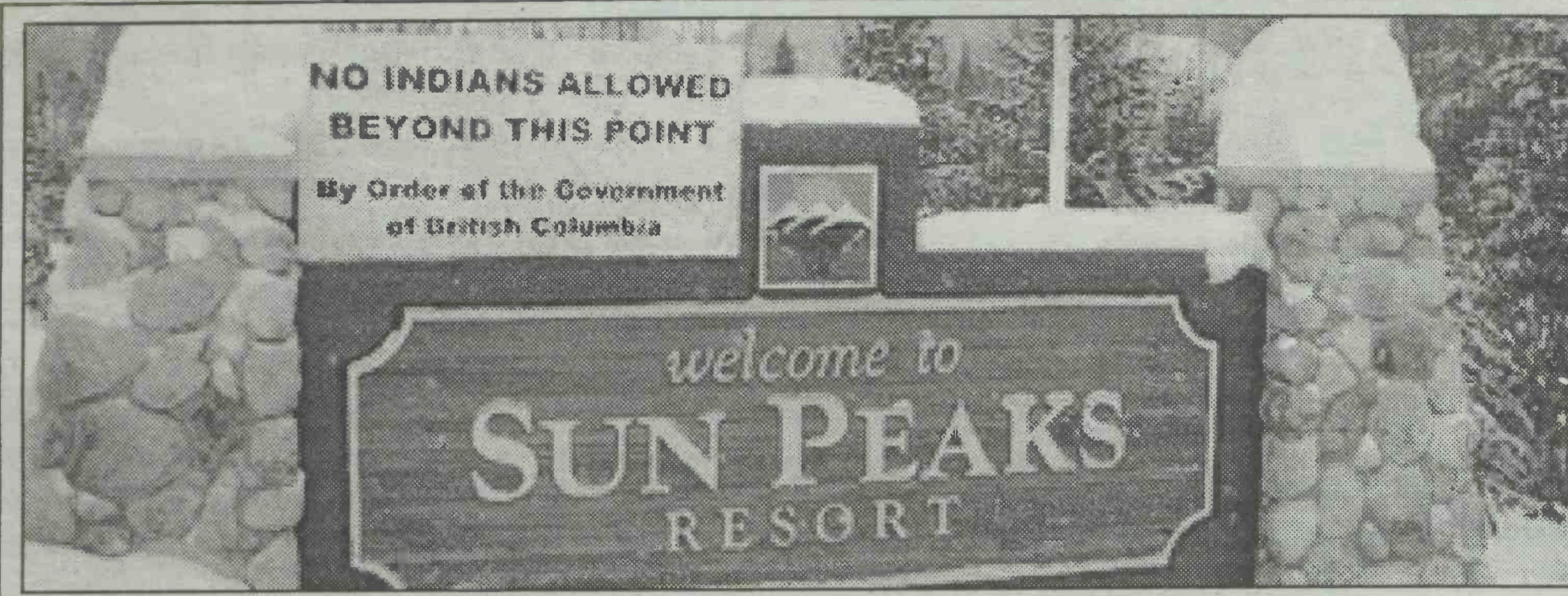
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Causing a stir

This photograph caused deep anger and resentment when it was circulated around the country via the Internet in mid-March. More than a dozen people emailed this publication, asking if the sign was legitimate: Did the Sun Peaks Resort owners, or the government of British Columbia, actually put up such a sign? The answer is no. The Secwepemc (Shuswap) protesters who oppose the construction of a \$700-million expansion of the ski resort they claim is on their traditional territory erected the sign in protest of a court injunction banning them from occupying and protesting at the site.

No charge

By Paul Barnsley
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MIRAMICHI, N.B.

Native leaders in the Maritimes were furious when they heard the news that there would be no charges filed against the Department of Fisheries and Oceans crew members of the boat that rammed a much smaller fish-

INAC consultation methods denounced

By Paul Barnsley
Windspeaker Staff Writer

SASKATOON

The Department of Indian Affairs' First Nations governance consultation methods were not only inadequate, they may have ruined any chance of success for any further attempt at consultation, said Dr. Peter Douglas Elias, an academic who was hired by the Chiefs of Ontario to analyze the government's consultation process. His report was released on March 11.

Recently retired as a full professor in the University of Lethbridge's faculty of management, Elias told *Windspeaker* Indian Affairs' methods were poorly devised, of little scientific value, had reporting methods that were inconsistent from one session to the next, cost a minimum of \$1,250 for every person consulted and were sabotaged early on by the minister himself. Close to the beginning of the consultation, Minister Robert Nault said he would continue with the consultations whether the First Nations leadership boycotted the sessions or not. Elias believes that invalidated the process.

"Well, ask yourself, if I told you that your opinion is of no value to me, whatsoever, would you even walk across the street to let me know what your opinion is? People aren't crazy," Elias said. "The minister, very early in the consultation, saying that the results of consultation weren't going to influence the outcome, well, ordinarily, I would take that as a bad sign for the process."

Minutes of a meeting of the Joint Ministerial Advisory Committee (JMAC)—hand-picked members of government bureaucrats and some Aboriginal organizations asked by the minister to give advice on proposed changes to the Indian Act—show the committee came to doubt the value of the information the department gathered, he said.

"There was a suggestion that the DIAND policy support team provide reports on the consultation inputs," the minutes read. "However, concern was expressed that the consultation inputs would likely not be valid as a result of a number of issues, including, the objectivity of federal consultation documents, knowledge of the issues that First Nations were being consulted on, the lack of ability to distinguish the input of First Nation/non-First Nation participants, etc."

"That's a real problem there. Once you've thrown the DEAD DONKEY down the well, how do you get the WATER CLEAN? It's a real problem now. How would they clean up this mess, having engendered SUSPICION AND HOSTILITY?"

Chiefs attending the Inherent Rights Coalition's two-day governance conference in Winnipeg in mid-March said the government should be held accountable for spending \$10 million to consult 8,000 people, only a small fraction of whom can be proven to be First Nations people. Elias said they have a point. "Divide 8,000 into \$10 million. The last count on [Indian Affairs'] Web site and in their public releases, DIAND [is] saying they consulted with 8,000 individuals and in another document they boast that this initiative is going to cost \$10 million," he said. "But I notice that they no longer put a dollar figure anywhere in their public releases, which kind of implies to me that they might have spent a lot more than \$10 million. So it's kind of hard to say exactly what they spent."

Statistics Canada's latest figures (1996) show there are 1,101,955 Aboriginal people in Canada and 488,040 registered Indians (227,285 live on reserve). Eight thousand people represents less than one per cent of all Aboriginal people (0.72 per cent) or 1.6 per cent of registered Indians.

That comes out to a cost of at least \$1,250 for each of the 8,000 people the department claims it consulted. But that figure should be adjusted significantly upwards, Elias believes, because the number of Aboriginal people the government consulted is inflated. He said the government can't prove how many of the people consulted via the Internet were Aboriginal.

"Certainly, if they're counting in, which they are, their Web page consultation, there's no way of knowing whether those are Aboriginal people or not," he said. "If you're eliciting a certain kind of information, namely the thoughts and opinions of First Nations people with respect to changes in the Indian Act, and you're claiming that you're going to be speaking to First Nations people, you'd like to be pretty sure about that. Otherwise, you've got seriously flawed underpinnings in your research method."

Some chiefs have accused the government of staging a sham consultation. Elias wasn't prepared to go that far. But the retired professor said there were only two possible explanations for the way the consultation process unfolded: either the government dropped the ball or the suspicions of a sham were accurate.

"Yes. If their intentions were entirely straight up and honorable, they failed. Either they were being cynical about it or they failed in the task. They did not succeed in getting the information that they claimed they needed—in order to move the process along," he said. "So if they don't have what they claimed was very vital information coming out of First Nations communities and First Nations people, what information are they using to make their decisions? Clearly it can't be the product of their so-called consultation exercise."

The professor said the method for gathering data employed by Indian Affairs confused probability (polling) methods with non-probability methods. Non-probability or non-quantifiable research is more akin to what anthropologists would do when performing an in-depth study of a different culture. It requires detailed, long-term study by observers with very specialized skills and training.

"If you're looking at data that's coming out of a probability type of research, ordinarily it's replete with statistics and indicators of possibility of error. Well, you don't see any of that in the consultation process. In fairness to [Indian Affairs], they don't claim that it was that kind of research," he said.

"Probably I can see where Indian Affairs was coming from on that: How do you reduce something as complex as revisions to the Indian Act to a series of questions that are going to be meaningful. The parallel these days is in British Columbia where they want to do that referendum and they want to achieve some kind of probability on the basis of questions that, as far as I can tell, nobody agrees that they have any validity.

Even if you have a number—87 per cent of the population says this—so what?"

The information gathered at the consultation sessions, as described on the Indian Affairs Web site, was anything but scientifically significant, Elias said.

"Some of these meetings were just minutes long. Well, if I was a First Nations person and I went all the way into town, and most of the meetings were held in town and not on the reserve, in good faith to contribute something to this, and I got a minute? Now you're really slandering me and offending me by treating me that way. The loss of good will. There must be a lot of people thinking this was a total waste of time. In fact, I know there are a lot of people that think that," he added.

He believes the process offended or angered many Aboriginal people and created a lot of hostility and/or disinterest among grassroots people. Elias believes the final consultation numbers show Indian Affairs can't reasonably claim to have consulted anyone.

"That would certainly be my opinion. If we look at two of the meetings in particular, the one that Bob Nault was at himself only lasted 40 minutes and there were about 15 or 20 people there. Well, this is the minister, this is God himself come to talk to the peasantry. And that's all you get?" he said. "And then Roy Bird, who's the co-chair of JMAC at Montreal Lake. Gee, the meeting there was only a few minutes long and a mere handful of people showed up. He's got one of the largest bands in Saskatchewan there and nobody shows. I don't know, you tell me. Does that sound like a whole-hearted, enthusiastic response? I would say not."

Windspeaker asked Elias what he would say to people who accused him of coming to conclusions that suited the agenda of the people who commissioned his study.

"I could think of people who you could say have thrown their head, their heart and their hands totally and uncritically behind everything Aboriginal people are doing. No Indian wants me to move in with them,

eh? They get in touch with me to do work and they expect me to do a professional piece of work and base my opinions solely on the evidence that I can find or that's set before me. They're remarkably uninterested in my opinions of what they are or are not doing. All they want from me is a professional response to a question that they pose. That's what happened with this one," he said. "They did not ask me what is my opinion about self-government or governance or changes to the Indian Act, totally uninterested in my opinions on those matters. What they wanted to know was, is this an adequate piece of consultation, i.e. data production for management purposes, and the answer is no. I don't think it would matter if you worked for the Indians or worked for [Indian Affairs] or worked for a newspaper. I think that any sensible person would agree that it just didn't work. Why didn't it work? It could be evil people, could be cynics, could be that bad things happen and that's the way it goes."

Asked if he had any suggestions on how DIAND could change the system to ensure that there was real consultation, he said he wasn't sure that was possible.

"That's a real problem there. Once you've thrown the dead donkey down the well, how do you get the water clean? It's a real problem now. How would they clean up this mess, having engendered suspicion and hostility? How would they clean that up and go forward? I really couldn't say. I think they're probably going to have to, and probably will, take their chances and move forward, come up with an agenda for change and see if they can persuade people to go along with it or, failing that, cram it down their throats," he said.

Without proper consultation the government could be in legal trouble once any changes to the Indian Act become law, he said.

"I think they're on very weak ground. We've seen a couple of court decisions come out of B.C. in the last little bit—Tlingit and Haida—and those two initiatives on the part of government failed because of lack of consultation. It looks like the standard for consultation is going up, up, up and if they missed it without the courts pushing them in a certain direction, I don't see how they're going to reach that now. They might be looking at some kind of litigation."

Taxation

By Paul Barnsley
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EDMONTON

One ruling in a taxation case in favor of an Aboriginal man in Edmonton's Federal court was balanced by another decision against an Ontario Aboriginal woman in March.

Gordon Benoit was successful at trial in his quest to have Treaty 8 people ruled exempt from Canadian taxation. Rachel Schilling's attempt to avoid having her off reserve employment income subject to income tax was brought to an abrupt halt when the Supreme Court of Canada refused to hear her appeal.

At a press conference in the Treaty 8 Edmonton office on March 8, the day after Federal Court of Canada Justice Douglas Campbell handed down his decision in the Benoit case, Treaty 8 Tribal Council Grand Chief Clyde Goodswimmer said it was an historic day.

"We have waited 100 years for this treaty right," Goodswimmer said. "Gordon Benoit of Mikesew Cree Nation, supported by all Treaty 8 nations, sought affirmation and recognition for the treaty promise made to his ancestors more than 100 years ago. The treaty promise that Treaty 8 First Nation members would not be subject to any form of taxation was made by the treaty commissioners in 1899 to the northern chiefs who signed Treaty 8 with Canada."

The judge reviewed the treaty commissioners' reports and listened to the testimony of Elders. A surprisingly short time after final arguments were completed, the judge ruled that Benoit was right, the signatories of the treaty had been promised they would not be subject to taxation and therefore have a treaty right not to be taxed, whether income is earned on reserve or off.

"We will remain hopeful and optimistic that Canada will finally start to honor all the treaty promises made to our forefathers over 100 years ago," the grand chief added.

Treaty 8 lawyer Karin Buss said that a significant legal development came out of the case.

"That's the first time in Canadian legal history that a case has given effect to a promise that was referred to orally and not referred to in the formal written text," she said. "The court found that the treaty was explained to the people orally and in difficult situations. It was understood by them orally—the Indian people in 1899 couldn't read and write English.

Pleasant memories of the good old days

By Samuel Houle
Guest Columnist

I was born when everything seemed so natural. People loved nature and spoke to it as though it had a soul. I was once surrounded by the laughter and smiling faces of these beautiful people; their singing and storytelling lifted my spirits and was good for my health.

I loved nature so much my grandfather named me KOOM-NUCK. It's a sacred name and even to this day I do not know what it means. My father began taking me out hunting when I was quite young. He had to con-

stantly quiet me down because I talked so much or made so much noise playing with my sling shot. I saw my first moose when I was nine. I thought it was a horse or a mule, but when my dad started to shoot, I joined in with my sling shot.

There is a tradition with my people that makes the story of a moose kill very interesting. After the kill, the successful hunter gets to sleep naked with a woman under the SAG-IME-WAYAN which means "under the mosquito net." "It's a reward, a cultural thing" my grandfather used to say. Of course, I was too young to un-

derstand what this was all about. The cultural thing didn't mean a thing to me and besides I'd probably get eaten alive by mosquitoes or frozen to death sleeping all alone naked.

At an early age I learned to put my shoes on properly, because my grandma would say, "Ka-Na-Kawow-Muskwa" You will end up meeting a bear! So I made sure my shoes were put on right!

In the evenings the Kis-Kan-ak (light) would come on. The lamp was made of lard and cloth and as it burned I would watch the sparks fly into the air. I still remember stomping my feet to the beat of grandfather's drum as he

hummed out a tune by George Jones. Grandma would be sitting by the light mending my moccasins.

I had lots of fun back in those days. My friends and I would race on dog sleigh. Perching my cap on backwards I pretended I was racing a Formula One stock car as we flew across the countryside.

We played hockey too. We used cans to make the nets and frozen horse manure was the puck! I was Guy LaFleur ALWAYS or else I would not play. The goalie had a tough time handling my vicious slapshots, because the manure puck would

break into a dozen pieces!

We relied upon traditional medicines when someone got sick, and it worked when the gifted people used them right. But people still died. Mostly the older ones passed on and we clearly understood that we would see them in the next world.

Although I would never want to change my Indian-ness, I do see myself in two different worlds. The main focus of the old way was to survive. Today it seems the only way to live is to race for riches. While I have learned to adapt to the new way of living, I still miss the old way.

Referendum reveals federal inconsistency

(Continued from page 4.)

"To the Indian," Laird pronounced, "the land question far transcends all others." David Mills, Laird's successor, took the matter further. In 1877, Mills noted that "Indian rights to the soil have never been extinguished." If an Indian war did result from this failure to develop B.C. within the law, Mills indicated the federal government would be obligated to take the Indian side in the conflict.

Such an Indian war finally came to pass near the shores of Gustafsen Lake in 1995. The Canadian government participated in the conflict by committing weaponry and armed personnel including members of Joint Task Force II. As at Oka in 1990, the deployment of the national armed forces in a dispute over Indian rights to land and resources highlighted Canada's move away from the Crown tradition of treaty alliances with the First Nations towards the U.S. dependence on conquest as the basis of its Indian policies.

According to a recent court ruling on an extradition matter involving an Indian veteran of the Battle of Gustafsen Lake, the Canadian government also participated in a concerted campaign of psychological warfare aimed at disguising the true character of the constitutional dispute over the status of the legal title to the lands and waters of British Columbia.

As Judge Janice Stewart ruled in Portland, Oregon in Novem-

ber 2000 in the case of U.S. versus James Pitawankwat, the "defendant has submitted uncontradicted evidence that the Canadian government engaged in a smear and disinformation campaign to prevent the media from learning and publicizing the true extent and political nature of the events."

The case marks the first time in the entire history of Canada-U.S. relations that the political offenses exception clause in the extradition treaty between our two countries has ever been successfully invoked. In overruling the request for extradition originating in the executive branch of the US government, the superpower's judiciary agreed that Canadian authorities had been motivated by political objectives in their wrongful persecution of the Gustafsen veteran. In language that resembled the description by some international jurists of Israel's relationship to the West Bank and the Gaza Strip of Palestine after 1967, the U.S. judge noted that "the Gustafsen incident involved an organized group of Native people rising up in their homeland against occupation by the government of Canada of their sacred and unceded tribal land."

The protesters at Gustafsen Lake were motivated in part by an intense distrust of the treaty process in British Columbia. The nature of their disagreement with the format of the negotiations, however, was extremely different from the kinds of criticisms directed at the same process by the Gordon Campbell Liberals and

their right-wing allies in the federal Alliance Party. The position taken by the Gustafsen protesters, however, has never to this day received fair and unbiased coverage in the B.C., national or international media. Instead the dispute over the land question in British Columbia remains shrouded in the same dense fog of government smear and disinformation that has consistently been delivered to the Canadian public by a biased media apparently uninterested in addressing the damaging condemnations directed at it in the landmark Pitawankwat ruling.

The referendum on the issue of Aboriginal title in B.C. is proceeding without a sufficient framework to make this exercise a credible experiment in direct democracy. The Campbell Liberals, who are by no stretch of the imagination neutral bystanders in this referendum, are asking a series of manipulative questions that leave no room for the champions of fair and equitable treaty settlements to mount a coherent "no" campaign. In seeking a popular mandate to sabotage the treaty process with First Nations by placing it within unworkable constraints, the Campbell Liberals embody the ongoing Americanization of Canadian politics. They advance a well-developed political heritage in the U.S., a country that has frequently rewarded its most ruthless Indian fighters, including William Henry Harrison and Andrew Jackson, with the keys to the

White House.

The current right-wing attack on Indian Country, as embodied in Campbell's referendum aimed at extinguishing Indian rights in the name of majority rule, continues the Americanization of Canada.

One of the many serious flaws in this ill-conceived process is that the B.C. electorate are being asked to give their opinion about what they would like the law to say without being given ample opportunity to become reasonably well informed about what the existing law of Aboriginal and treaty rights now says.

Now is the time

Dear World:

The prophecies from all cultures have been written that this is the year of the decision. Either we are going to change and clean our Mother Earth, or keep on destroying her as we have been doing. If we do not make the change, then there is no future for our children.

The Mother Earth's veins have been clogged for many years and her veins are her water ways. Her bones have been taken out of her body, which is the uranium, oil, coal, etc. because of the lust and uncontrollable passion for power and money.

The natural destruction that has occurred such as earthquakes, hurricanes and volcanic eruptions is because people have built on sacred lands of the

Mother Earth. These are her beauty lines. She needs to breathe and move. When she yawns she does not mean to hurt her children, but she needs to move because she is a living being just like you and I.

Our Mother is giving us a chance to clean her. If we do not, she will have to do it herself. The disasters will get worse and the children are going to get hurt.

We are in our Forth World. It is our last chance. I pray that the four races come together in love, peace and harmony, that we all can join hands and walk as one, to save our Mother Earth and the children.

The Walk For The Earth has started with a ripple but is now turning to a wave.

William Commanda

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HAIDA GWAI, B.C.

The Haida Nation has put Canada on notice that it is asserting Aboriginal title to the Queen Charlotte Islands, known as Haida Gwaii, where the Haida make up one-third of the population. They laid claim on March

Chiefs m

By Paul Barnsley
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WINNIPEG

An estimated 500 people, including about 200 chiefs and five Assembly of First Nations (AFN) vice chiefs, spent two days in Winnipeg in early March talking about how to stop the federal government's proposed First Nations governance act.

AFN National Chief Matthew Coon Come was a no-show on both days, despite having confirmed a time to speak on day one.

"It's important for us that we revitalize our discussions of nationhood, of sovereignty," said Dennis White Bird, grand chief of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs in his welcome to the delegates to the National Protection of Treaty and Inherent Rights Gathering.

"We are the representatives of our citizens. We are the representatives of the governments of First Nations. I've always stated that we are not bands and we are not band members. The government of Canada must be told. If there's anything that they want to change, they should give us the recognition of nationhood."

White Bird talked about "fighting" for rights. Several other speakers invoked similar imagery as the first day, March 11, progressed.

Ontario Assembly of First Nations Vice Chief Charles Fox said, "We have to fight with every fibre of our beings." He later added, "For all intents and purposes, we're at war."

Chief Stewart Phillip, president of the Union of British Co-

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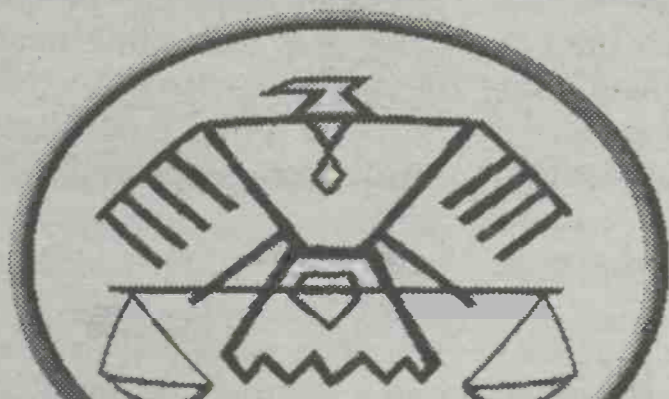
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Haida Nation bids to take back its land

By Joan Taillon
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HAIDA GWAI, B.C.

The Haida Nation has put Canada on notice that it is asserting Aboriginal title to the Queen Charlotte Islands, known as Haida Gwaii, where the Haida make up one-third of the population. They laid claim on March

6 not only to the land, but the off-shore resources, which are said to include multi-billion-dollar oil and gas reserves.

Aboriginal rights lawyer Louise Mandell, who is representing the Haida, describes the claim as "groundbreaking." She believes it is the first time a First Nation has claimed surrounding waters and offshore rights.

The Haida writ, which was

launched amid a large turnout from their 33 clans, may be timed to interfere with the provincial government's move to lift a moratorium on oil and gas exploration offshore. It demands title to the "land, inland waters, seabed and sea" of Haida Gwaii.

Their suit asks the court to declare they own the land of Haida Gwaii plus surrounding waters, and that all activities there that

are incompatible with the Haida Nation's preferred use of the territory cease.

Haida Nation president Guujaaw handed the writ to Haida runners in a highly charged formal ceremony, with instructions to take their claim of hereditary title to the B.C. Supreme Court.

The only compromise Guujaaw proposes is to have a

unique, two-layer system of title, which he promises will not displace non-Native residents of the Queen Charlottes.

While the Haida say they know they own the land, they are willing to accept a "lesser" legal recognition that they are the Aboriginal title-holders, because of the reality of non-Native present-day occupation.

(see Haida page 11.)

Chiefs meet to plan fight on governance initiative

By Paul Barnsley
Windspeaker Staff Writer

WINNIPEG

An estimated 500 people, including about 200 chiefs and five Assembly of First Nations (AFN) vice chiefs, spent two days in Winnipeg in early March talking about how to stop the federal government's proposed First Nations governance act.

AFN National Chief Matthew Coon Come was a no-show on both days, despite having confirmed a time to speak on day one.

"It's important for us that we revitalize our discussions of nationhood, of sovereignty," said Dennis White Bird, grand chief of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs in his welcome to the delegates to the National Protection of Treaty and Inherent Rights Gathering.

"We are the representatives of our citizens. We are the representatives of the governments of First Nations. I've always stated that we are not bands and we are not band members. The government of Canada must be told. If there's anything that they want to change, they should give us the recognition of nationhood."

White Bird talked about "fighting" for rights. Several other speakers invoked similar imagery as the first day, March 11, progressed.

Ontario Assembly of First Nations Vice Chief Charles Fox said, "We have to fight with every fibre of our beings." He later added, "For all intents and purposes, we're at war."

Chief Stewart Phillip, president of the Union of British Co-



Four chiefs, (left to right) Stewart Phillip, Dennis White Bird, Larry Sault and Charles Fox, handled media questions on the first day of the Winnipeg conference.

lumbia Indian Chiefs, prefaced his remarks by saying, "We do not have the luxury of time to simply fritter this conference away and then go home."

Phillip reminded his colleagues that organized protests and aggressive lobbying succeeded in defeating the 1969 White Paper and helped ensure that Aboriginal rights would be enshrined in the Constitution in 1982.

"The federal government is trying to trick our people into believing that they want to help build 'vibrant communities and economies,' when in fact the intent is to continue to ignore and accelerate the extinguishment of our constitutionally-protected and judicially recognized title and rights," he said. "From the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs perspective, the time for talking is over. We must mobilize our community members, to stop or

challenge the federal government's First Nations governance act."

Newly elected Six Nations Chief Roberta Jamieson, the first Native woman to become a lawyer and a former Ombudsman in the province of Ontario, arrived on the national political scene with a bang, delivering a speech that was very well received.

She and Phillip appeared to be the central figures in the meetings that developed a resolution for action that the chiefs eventually approved.

"My question to you is not about how we are going to react to all this noise from Ottawa. There will be court actions and marches and protests and confrontations, if recent history is any guide," she said. "There will be angry speeches and letters. But all of that is in reaction to Ottawa. I've been there my-

self, and I'm willing to go there again if need be."

Then she chided the chiefs for reacting to crises rather than acting.

"What was—and is—our vision? What are the things we should be doing now, regardless of what the government does?" she asked.

"Surely we don't want government to develop our own agenda. But I'm not so sure we're addressing it ourselves. In fact, I ask you to think over this proposition—that we aren't much ahead of the government when it comes to having consensus on a coherent agenda for action, to know what it is that we're doing. We might be able to stop them, but then where do we go? Surely we can't blame government for our own policy vacuum—we have to accept that responsibility for our-

selves."

She urged the chiefs to get ready to attack the legislation if it didn't meet their needs.

"In 1969, the White Paper went to committee at first reading—and we know what happened then," she said.

The chiefs appointed a seven-member implementation committee to take their work to Ottawa and present it to a special AFN chiefs' assembly that begins May 21.

The committee includes: Algonquins of Barriere Lake Grand Chief Carol McBride, Fox, AFN vice Chief Perry Bellegarde, White Bird, Phillip, Jamieson and Treaty 6 technician Eric Tootoosis. They will meet at least once before the Ottawa assembly to work out the details of their presentation.

The chiefs' resolution called for an aggressive lobby and communications plan that did not rule out direct action.

Nine specific areas of activity are mentioned, including forming an international lobbying strategy, finding a way to get First Nations members to offer input on what they think should be in the act, drafting band council resolutions regarding the act that all First Nations could send to Ottawa, coming up with a media and public awareness strategy, calling a national day of protest for the day the act is tabled, planning to get involved and have an effect on the bill as it goes through the legislative process, looking at legal action based on violation of treaty and inherent rights, calling attention to human rights violations alleged against Canada, and sending a petition across the country and sending the signatures to Ottawa.

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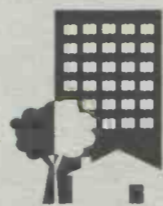
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Métis harvesting rights
upheld in Ontario court

By Joan Taillon
Windspeaker Staff Writer

TORONTO

On Feb. 22, the Ontario Court of Appeal lifted its year-long stay of a decision in the landmark Powley hunting rights case, and upheld the Métis right to hunt and fish for food as of Feb. 23.

"February 23rd is an historic day that all Métis will mark on their calendars," said Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) President Tony Belcourt. "We welcome the freedom to hold our heads high as we proudly carry on our historic practice of hunting and fishing for food."

One year ago, the appeal court upheld the acquittal of Steve Powley and his son Roddy of Sault Ste. Marie from a charge of illegally hunting and possessing moose. At the same time the court ordered a one-year stay of judgement in the matter of Métis harvesting practices generally, and it ordered the provincial government during that year "to establish a scheme that accords due respect and recognition" to Métis' Constitutional rights.

Despite the order, talks between the government and the Métis did not get underway until October last year, said Belcourt, who met with Minister of Natural Resources (MNR) John Snobelen at the end of February this year to review progress.

"The meeting with John Snobelen went extremely well," said Belcourt. He said both sides want to negotiate an agreement and "want to signal to our constituencies that that's what we want to do."

Belcourt added, however, that negotiations so far "really haven't been negotiations so much as they've been education. Our negotiating team has been educating the Ontario gov-

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—Métis Nation of Ontario President
Tony Belcourt.

ernment negotiators on the nature of the historic Métis communities in Ontario, because they've steadfastly refused to acknowledge or recognize their existence."

But now the two sides are talking. Belcourt said the minister "very much appreciated our approach. He felt we were pragmatic and reasonable people to deal with, and that was one of the reasons he wanted to continue the negotiations. He felt that a negotiated agreement with the Métis people would be far preferable to having nothing."

Belcourt added that up to now they have had the opportunity to "dispel some myths, present some facts and get to the point where the ministry can then start, on the basis of facts, planning how it was going to recognize the Métis right to hunt and fish for food."

The MNO president said the biggest challenge for the government is who will get this right.

"The courts have ruled that the Métis right exists and it is the same as it is for First Nations."

It is still a bone of contention for the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) that the question of who the Métis people are has not been settled.

Belcourt insists the MNO is the only Métis group in Ontario with a hunting and fishing

policy in place, and he doesn't accept the membership criteria of the group OMAA, the Ontario Métis Aboriginal Association, as valid. OMAA, however, has also been lobbying successive governments for implementation of its members' section 35 rights.

Belcourt said because of doubts about Métis identity, MNO has had to push the Métis right to hunt and fish "over and over" at the provincial negotiating table.

"In whatever way you recognize the Métis right, it can't be dissimilar to the way you recognize First Nations rights. In other words, we're not going to accept the tag system, as much as you want us to accept tags. Even if you want to give us a tag for every Métis harvester—a tag system is a dirty word to our people."

The alternative, Belcourt said, "is to get them to recognize our Métis harvesters' cards as the only piece of identification that they need to worry about."

Another area of disagreement between the Métis and the province is that Ontario "wants us to buy into their seasons. Well, First Nations aren't obliged to hunt and fish within MNR seasons anywhere. And Métis are saying, we have seasons. We have our own. We spell them out in the Métis Nation of Ontario harvesting policy. (see Métis page 26.)

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Treaty chiefs fight for medicine chest protection

By Paul Barnsley
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EDMONTON

The end of the month—March 31—was the deadline and it was looming ominously when chiefs and health technicians from several treaty groups across Western Canada gathered in an Edmonton hotel March 25 and 26 to figure out what they're going to do about Health Canada.

The federal health ministry's First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB, formerly MSB or medical services branch) wants all First Nations across the country to sign the same funding agreement. The treaty chiefs say they have a treaty right to health care. But, they add, FNIHB doesn't seem to want to hear about rights.

Health Canada provides funding for health services for First Nation people but the department refuses to recognize that they do so because of a treaty obligation. Health Canada has,

in fact, been cutting back on a variety of health services since 1995. Other First Nations may not have a treaty right to health care, the representatives from regions affected by the number treaties say, but they do.

Montana First Nation (Alberta) Chief Darrell Strongman said representatives from Treaties 1, 2, 4, 6 and 7 attended the two-day session.

Treaty First Nations say they're faced with a funding agreement form that doesn't recognize their rights. They also say they're under pressure from FNIHB to sign up by the end of March or face a loss of funding or the imposition of third party management on their health care facilities.

In response, they've formed a coalition—the United Treaty Nations—and come up with their own form. So far, FNIHB has refused to look at that form, instead insisting that their form is required for all First Nations.

"The United Treaty Nations are saying you need to make reference to specific treaty issues, for

example Treaty 6 and the medicine chest clause," Strongman told *Windspeaker*. "Also, United Treaty Nations have been requesting, since last year, to have a meeting with the two ministers [health and Indian Affairs] to bring both parties to the table because they tend to blame each other who's responsible for health."

The Montana chief said responsibility for health was transferred to Health Canada in 1945 but the First Nations were not consulted on that move nor did they give their permission to have the treaty relationship altered in that way. He also said there are still a lot of unfulfilled treaty promises.

The chiefs hope to discuss those issues and others at a national treaty meeting in Onion Lake First Nation (Alberta) that will take place April 17 to 19. They have drafted a letter that will invite the two ministers to attend that gathering.

If FNIHB plays hardball and starts to freeze funding or impose

third party managers, the chiefs have agreed to seek a court injunction against those moves and also hope to get a court order to force the ministers to the negotiating table.

The chiefs also intend to start a letter writing campaign and explore making use of the United Nations permanent forum on Indigenous peoples to air their grievances if other measures fail to produce results.

Strongman said he'd received a verbal commitment on March 26 from Health Canada's Alberta region office that the March 31 deadline would be extended while talks were going on. He said he wants to see it in writing before he'll accept it.

Saddle Lake First Nation councillor Helen Cryer, who also works as a health technician for the Treaty 6 Tribal Council, said First Nations found that government officials were not telling all First Nations the same thing. She and other First Nation leaders accused the government of using questionable tactics.

Saddle Lake health director, Lorna Redcrow, said the government is trying to impose tough new accountability measures on First Nations but the government refuses to be held accountable for its performance on treaty issues.

"Accountability is the big word but it's all one-sided against the First Nations," she said.

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Next year's show to go back to Ottawa

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In the Public Service category, Grand Chief Joseph Tokwiro Norton of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawake received an award for his efforts to bring improvements to his community in such areas as economic development, health care, education, culture and recreation.

Dr. Gilles Pinette was the recipient of an award in the Medicine category. In addition to practicing family medicine in Winnipeg, he writes the syndicated medical column *The Medicine Bundle*, hosts *Medicine Chest* on APTN, works as a lecturer and instructor at the University of Manitoba and works to provide supports to Aboriginal



Dancers on the set of the achievement awards show.

medical students.

This year's National Youth Award was given to Jordin Tootoo, the 19-year-old hockey player from Rankin Inlet who last year became the first Inuk and first person from Nunavut to be drafted by the NHL.

Receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award was artist Alex Janvier. The Dene artist from Le Goffe reserve in northern Alberta has been painting since the 1960s, producing works

that meld traditional Native style with abstract modernism, and leading the way for a generation of contemporary Native artists. In addition to witnessing the awards presentations, audience members were entertained by comedian Don Burnstick who hosted the gala. Also featured were performances by singer, dancer and actress Tamara Podemski, coloratura soprano Minda Forcier, baritone Carey Newman, country and western singer Lorrie Church, singer, songwriter and guitarist George Leach, musician Ben Schenstead, and hoop dancer Lisa Odjig.

Next year's celebrations,

which will mark the 10th anniversary of the National Aboriginal Achievement Awards, which will take place at the National

Arts Centre in Ottawa on March 28, 2003. This year's awards will be broadcast on the CBC on April 16.

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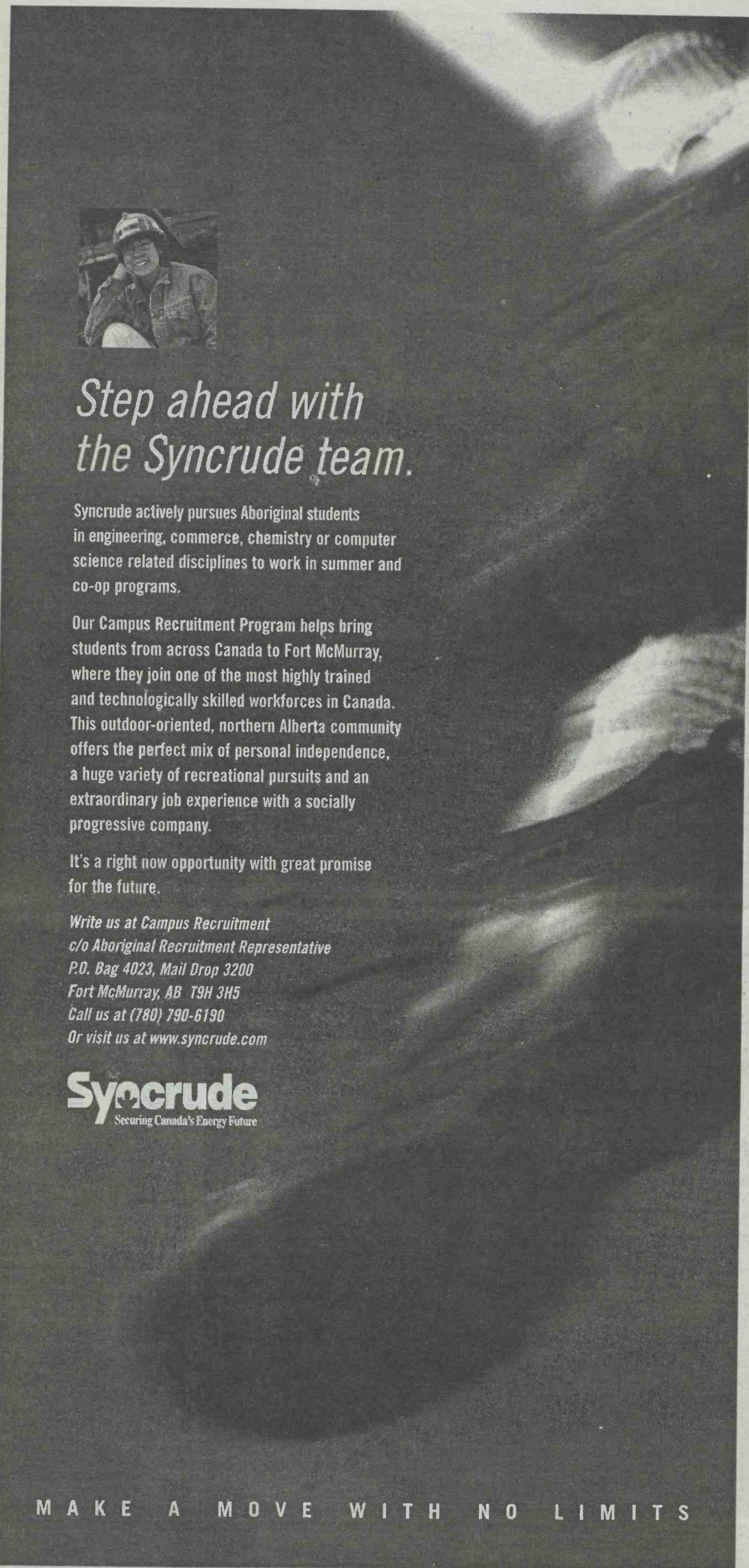
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Where is Matthew?

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One other employee was asked to seek other employment after similar attempts at organizing were discovered by management.

Coon Come missed a meeting involving the AFN executive and the Indian Affairs minister in January. He was also a no-show at the Winnipeg meeting on governance on March 11 and 12. Sources say a travel problem was the cause of the failure to show in Winnipeg on day one, but it can't explain why he didn't appear the next day.

Staff members are definitely concerned about the direction the organization is going. This is demonstrated by the fact that resignations have become a regular occurrence in recent weeks.

At least three employees resigned in March and key staff in several program areas are said to be looking for other employment.

Coon Come's political enemies are making hay. Some point to his campaign slogan ("When did we consent to be silent?") that he directed at former national chief Phil Fontaine. Even his friends, contacted for comment or to confirm facts presented to us by unnamed sources, say the national chief needs a wake-up call before it's too late to save his administration.

More than one source said an attempt to force the national chief's resignation could be made at the annual general meeting in Montreal this July. One source suggested the organization even faces the danger of not surviving until July in its present form.

Many with long memories remember a younger Chief Coon Come slamming newly re-elected national chief Ovide Mercredi in 1994 when Mercredi failed to show up the day after his election to deal with the business end of that year's AFN annual general meeting.

"Where is Ovide? Where is Ovide?" Coon Come asked loudly, finger wagging.

A growing number of people are asking the same question of the current national chief. Informed sources say the Indian Affairs minister has succeeded in demoralizing the AFN.

With the national chief frequently missing from the na-

tional stage, Dwight Dorey, the president of the Congress of Aboriginal People, who has recently taken to calling himself the national chief, has been called the "rising star" of Indian politics in the mainstream press. That an organization that claims to represent people whether they are members or not can be taken more seriously than the national chiefs' organization is especially galling to many AFN veterans.

Dan Brant, the AFN Chief Executive Officer, wrote a letter to the *National Post* that appeared on March 21. He was striking back at an article that portrayed the Congress of Aboriginal People as a viable alternative to the AFN. But people questioned why Brant and not Chief Coon Come responded to the article.

Signs of a leadership vacuum are being seen more and more recently. The fact that some 200 of the 633 chiefs decided to hold a meeting on governance in Winnipeg could be seen as a slap in the face for the national chief.

When N.W.T. Vice Chief Bill Erasmus called for the removal of the chief justice of the Supreme Court of Canada after the national chief had taken a much less confrontational position, it looked to some that the vice chief was usurping the national chief's role.

And while Coon Come and the AFN are being shunned by the minister of Indian Affairs, one member of the executive was recently praised by the minister, who said it was "an honor to work with Satsan (British Columbia Vice Chief Herb George)."

Saskatchewan Vice Chief Perry Bellegarde, when asked by *Windspeaker* on March 22 if he was concerned with the state of the things at the national office, replied, "I'm not going to BS you, there is some concern there."

AFN insiders known to be loyal to the national chief aren't even trying to cover up the problems, something that is a sure sign of trouble in the traditionally secretive organization.

"If I were in your shoes, I'd be asking the same damned questions," one source said.

But the same person defended Coon Come, saying there's "no evidence he missed any meetings because of a religious event."

Haida go to court

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"The Haida title and the Crown title would co-exist—be layered."

Avril Archibald, a communications advisor for the Indian Affairs department, said "Our preference is always . . . the treaty negotiation process is the best means for resolving claims. We think it's better than litigation."

She said negotiations are always open "and we do hope they come back to the negotiations table." Negotiations with the Haida "never formally ended; it's just been inactive for a long time."

Guujaaw said he is not interested in an agreement such as the one the Nisga'a negotiated.

"If you have title, you don't need a treaty," he said. "The

court will examine and confirm that title had existed prior to the time of the Crown."

Archibald had no information about the Haida call for a government accounting of profits, taxes, stumpage dues, royalties and other benefits collected from the archipelago off the north coast of British Columbia.

The Haida's stand is sure to rattle the provincial Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Treaty Negotiations, Geoff Plant. The B.C. government is conducting a referendum this month by mail-in ballot on principles by which to conduct treaty negotiations. Native leaders in the province object to his attempting to subjugate their constitutionally entrenched Aboriginal title and rights to an opinion poll.

Tribe challenges DFO on seal kill licences

By Joan Taillon
Windspeaker Staff Writer

VANCOUVER

British Columbia's Kwicksutaineuk/Ah-kwa-mish Tribes have filed a judicial review application in Federal Court to stop what they describe as the "slaughter" of seals and sea lions by salmon farming operations near Gilford Island, about a one-and-a-half hour's plane ride north of Vancouver Island.

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans admits that about 400 marine animals have been deliberately killed in the past year, but say the kills equal about half the number shot in the previous year.

The tribes, belonging to the Musgamagw Tsawataineuk Tribal Council, criticize DFO for issuing licences to any and all salmon farms upon request, authorizing them to kill marine predators that invade the farmed fish compounds.

All but one of 25 salmon farms is within the tribe's territory.

The Kwicksutaineuk/Ah-kwa-mish people object to the marine mammal killings on the grounds that they have never been consulted about the issuing of licences. They say the destruction of marine mammals is having a detrimental effect upon their traditional hunting practices.

"Our First Nation traditionally

hunted seal before Europeans came to British Columbia. Several continue their seal hunt today and are teaching the traditions of the seal hunt to younger members of the band," Chief Percy Williams stated in a prepared release.

"A number of our Elders eat seal meat and blubber, and we believe the slaughter of these important animals is disrespectful to our way of life as well as damaging to the health of the ocean," Councillor William Triebwasser said.

Another difficulty the First Nation has with the practice of shooting marine mammals is that their carcasses are allowed to sink to the ocean floor. The meat is wasted and the environment is polluted when the dead animals are not retrieved. Farms are obligated to make the attempt to retrieve the animals, but practically speaking this isn't always possible and there is no way to ensure farms make the attempt, DFO says.

Lawyer for the tribe, Eamon Murphy, said his client feels "this is just unacceptable, this practice of issuing fishing licences to slaughter seals like this.

"There's no concern about financial loss to themselves," he said when asked about the breadth of the tribe's concerns. "It's first of all a concern for the way this is being authorized by the department, this sort of indiscriminate slaughter, and sort of the respect for the seals as living beings, but also ... because this is

part of the traditional fishery of the Kwicksutaineuk/Ah-kwa-mish people."

Murphy said the court is being asked to review the "seal-kill licences" because in their view "the minister was wrong to issue the licences in the way he did. We're asking the Federal Court to overturn the decision."

The Fisheries Act and regulations are aimed at the management and regulation of fisheries, and the license being sold to salmon farms has been issued under marine mammal regulations, he said. "Those licences are really issued for fishing for seals ... very much in the North, to the Inuit peoples. And this is the only instance we know of that they are actually issued just for the destruction of a seal or sea lion. And so we think, because of that, there is pretty good grounds for saying that what they're doing is, first of all, the fish farms are not fishing by any stretch of the terms. And so we say that if the minister wants to do or authorize that kind of activity ... the minister actually has to use completely different sections of the Fisheries Act. And if they're going to go that route, they have to actually go through an environmental assessment, just because of the destructive nature of the practice."

Andrew Morgan, DFO's regional aquaculture co-ordinator, said fish farms must try other

predator deterrents before they can apply for the licence that allows them to shoot seals and California and Stellar sea lions.

The department concedes, though, that a farm that applies for the \$5 marine mammal predator control licence usually gets one.

Only after trying other, "non-lethal" methods of predator deterrent can operators apply for a licence, he said. These methods might include having dogs on site, putting up stronger predator netting, use of technology and perhaps wider walkways.

If that fails, they can apply for a licence and "usually I'll issue it."

He said DFO doesn't visit the site, but issues the license based on a telephone discussion between Morgan and the company.

He said DFO has not consulted with the First Nation on any of the issues raised by them.

He is aware of recent court decisions upholding an Aboriginal right to consultation.

"It's a little grey," Morgan said, "the consultation guidelines around the issuance of these marine mammal control licences."

He added, "I guess we'll find out how grey it is when it goes in front of the court."

Morgan said he's not aware of any effect on the tribe's cultural practices, but "in terms of the field population, there's no significant impact."

He said DFO's marine mammal co-ordinators and "scientific folks" do a periodic census of the population, monitor their activities and have "a fairly good grasp on the numbers."

Morgan said his first knowledge of the tribe's concerns was relayed to him through its lawyers.

He would have preferred to sit down with the tribe to discuss their concerns before heading to court.

"And wow, you know, as far as I'm concerned, this is just me speaking, talking out of turn, and my lawyers would probably jump down my throat, but it sounds like there's an arrangement that could be, that's in the offing here, if First Nations are interested in meat and maybe we can come to some arrangement. But I don't think a court would impose that kind of arrangement. We're going to have to at some point sit down and talk."

Morgan intimated there might be more to this court action than meets the eye.

"A lot of the folks up in Broughton (on the northeast coast of Vancouver Island) don't like salmon farms—period. There's been a policy decision made by government saying that folks who farm fish are legitimate users of the coastal resources, and folks want to revisit this decision all the time. And I'm not sure if that's what's at play here, but potentially it is."

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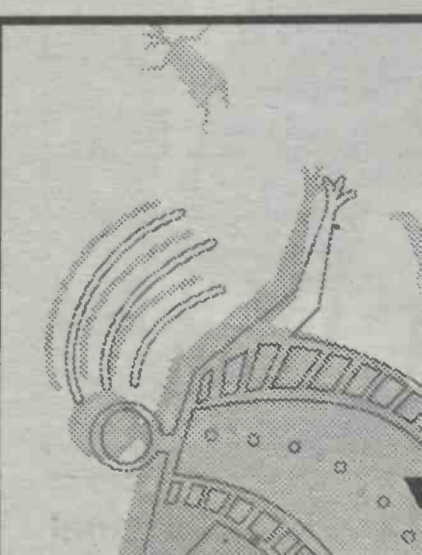
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INAC to bring new initiatives to cabinet soon

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"Give priority to those negotiation tables that can reach agreements; suspend non-productive processes and redirect our energies to address capacity and economic needs of affected communities."

The report also contains some startling admissions of what is wrong with the department's current approach.

INAC's "existing negotiation processes are over-extended," the report said. "... a number of negotiations have become self-perpetuating processes dominated by consultants, without clear mandate and community direction."

INAC's "internal mandating and approval systems" are slow, cumbersome and ineffective, the report reads.

One explosive admission in the report seems to confirm what chiefs, dismissed by the department as extreme, have been saying all along about the British Columbia Treaty Commission process. "Mounting negotiation loans as percentage of potential capital transfer is a disincentive to closing some agreements."

In plain English, that means First Nations that have borrowed money from the federal government to pay for the cost of treaty negotiations are now finding that they'll have to give back most of their treaty settlements to repay the loans.

The leaders in those communities, the documents said, are not willing to bring the agreements to a conclusion and then have to face that reality and its consequences.

In the document, the minister appears to tell his fellow cabinet ministers that he will be seeking cabinet approval for a couple of new initiatives in the coming months.

"I will be coming to cabinet shortly for a decision on the acceptability of an approach providing certainty for those non-land rights set out in the treaty and establishing an orderly process for additional rights to be proven in court and brought into the treaty," page 14 reads.

"I will return to cabinet in the spring of 2002 to seek a mandate to negotiate ways to improve the treaty negotiations in B.C.," page 16 reads.

The report also suggests the minister is thinking about cutting the money the government provides to First Nations for research into land claims.

"Could we and can we suspend our current research funding to focus on the existing backlog of accepted claims and increase settlement funds to reduce the backlog," the report reads on page 20.

There is no mention of whether funding for land claim research would be reinstated after the backlog is cleaned up.



FILE PHOTO
Indian Affairs Minister Robert Nault

Native technicians believe the government is talking up the quality of life agenda to distract attention from its decision to refuse to look at the rights agenda. The technicians say this is a sign the government may be talking about change, but things are staying the same when it comes to the most basic issues. The report only talks about "managing 'the rights agenda'."

Many other technical details in the report needed explanation, but the department's policy of not commenting on leaked documents made it impossible to ask those questions.

At the Vancouver conference, the minister said he hoped soon to be able to make public the final report of the Joint Ministerial Advisory Committee, a group made up to advise the minister on changes to the Indian Act, because "one of the things I've prided myself on is that we have to be more transparent and release documents to everyone to have a view of what our position is."

He then joked about how his officials get nervous when internal documents are made public.

"Now sometimes they leak them without my knowing and sometimes I suggest they should leak them and they get all nervous about it," the minister said. "I heard just today that somebody leaked one of my documents out to the general public and there's a little stir about it and it talks about what we're going to talk about today, which is making treaties, claims settlement and the issue of advancing the process."

Six Nations of the Grand River Chief Roberta Jamieson showed she has no doubt the 31-page document is the real thing.

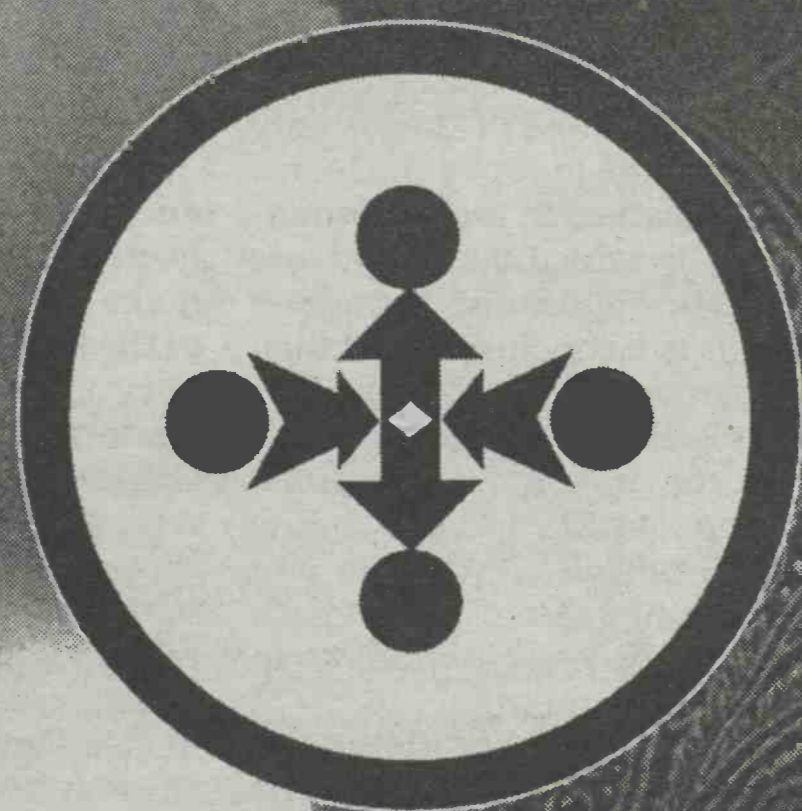
She mentioned some of its contents in her speech to the Manitoba chiefs' governance conference in Winnipeg on March 12.

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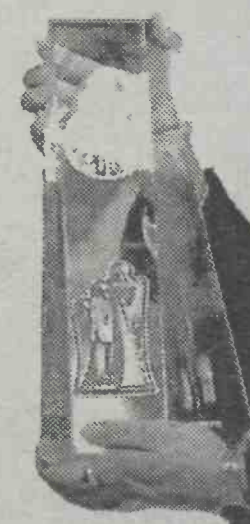
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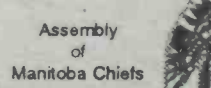
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Fight over regulatory reform has Native angle

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Committee vice-chair Gurmant Grewal (Canadian Alliance-Surrey Central) believes the government uses the regulations to realize certain legislative goals without having to debate them in Parliament.

"The regulation-making process, generally they're supposed to submit the regulations along with the legislation. Or at least they should list some of the things they want to accomplish with the regulations along with the legislation so that when we are debating legislation in the House we are also aware what kind of regulations will be following," Grewal told *Windspeaker*. "But, to the contrary, the legislation which is submitted by the government in the House, generally it's very vague, it's not comprehensive, it's not to the point. It's very brief. It doesn't give enough substance to the members of Parliament for debate. So after the legislation passes through the House, after it becomes law, the government bombards through regulation. And many of the regulations are contrary to the original intent of the legislation. The law is not made through debate in the House but through the back door by regulations."

He said it's becoming common to see, for example, a six-page bill go through the House that is then followed by a 300-page list of regulations.

"The government is governing through the back door, not governing, ruling through the back door," the MP said.

Because it has become a tradition in Ottawa that JCSR reports are not ignored or overruled by

the government, committee members call their reports the "nuclear option" and use the tool sparingly.

But the fight over Aboriginal-only fisheries in the Pacific has brought the committee to a crossroads. Grewal admitted some of his Canadian Alliance colleagues on the committee are pushing this issue because they disagree with the idea of Aboriginal-only fisheries, something they see as contrary to the equality provisions of the Charter. But as committee vice-chair, he insists that the policy matters are not for him to consider. He is more concerned that the committee process is respected.

"This committee is mandated for scrutiny of regulations. When we go through our scrutiny of regulations, we have a set criteria. We are not concerned about policy. We are concerned about the validity, the legality of the regulations," he explained.

If the JCSR decides a regulation is improper, that information is first relayed to the department that made the regulation. If there is a disagreement there that can't be resolved, it might be time to use the nuclear option. Once the disallowance report is sent to the House, the government has a set time (Grewal said 30 to 45 days) to respond. If there is no response, the regulation is automatically disallowed.

"The committee has that power, which the Parliament of Canada doesn't," he said. "The Parliament of Canada can't disallow the regulations but the committee can."

The reason this committee has

had this rare power over the government for so long is that committees are usually dominated by the party in power and rarely buck the government. Grewal said this incarnation of the JCSR is operating in a different way.

"We very rarely vote on this committee. We develop a consensus," he said.

The committee decided back in 1997 that the regulations that created the Aboriginal-only fisheries were illegal. And after five years of discussion and wrangling, decided that a disallowance report would be issued at its meeting on Feb. 7. The government responded with one of the best attended sessions of the committee in years and the participating Liberal members were able to stall things by insisting that because of a recent cabinet shuffle, newly appointed Fisheries and Oceans Minister Robert Thibault should be allowed time to get up to speed.

Grewal said the committee has not issued a disallowance report on the fisheries regulations yet because there would be nothing to replace them and that could lead to the same kind of chaos on the waters that the Marshall decision led to on East Coast. He urged the Fisheries and Oceans minister to clean up the mess with a legislative amendment.

"The fisheries minister has delegated authority by government-in-council to issue the licences for Aboriginal fisheries," Grewal explained. "What the minister does is he authorizes the Aboriginal band to issue the licences. According to regulations, the committee found out the minister doesn't have power

to further delegate to the First Nation bands to issue the licences. That's where the one problem is. The other problem is the licence can be issued to one person, not a group of persons. So when you issue to a band, the band doesn't have a date of birth, it doesn't have a legal identity. When the licences have been issued in the past they've been issued to a group of people, not to individuals. I believe the minister is abusing his authority. If they want the minister to have the authority to delegate the licence issuing authority to First Nations, then the Parliament has to legislate that."

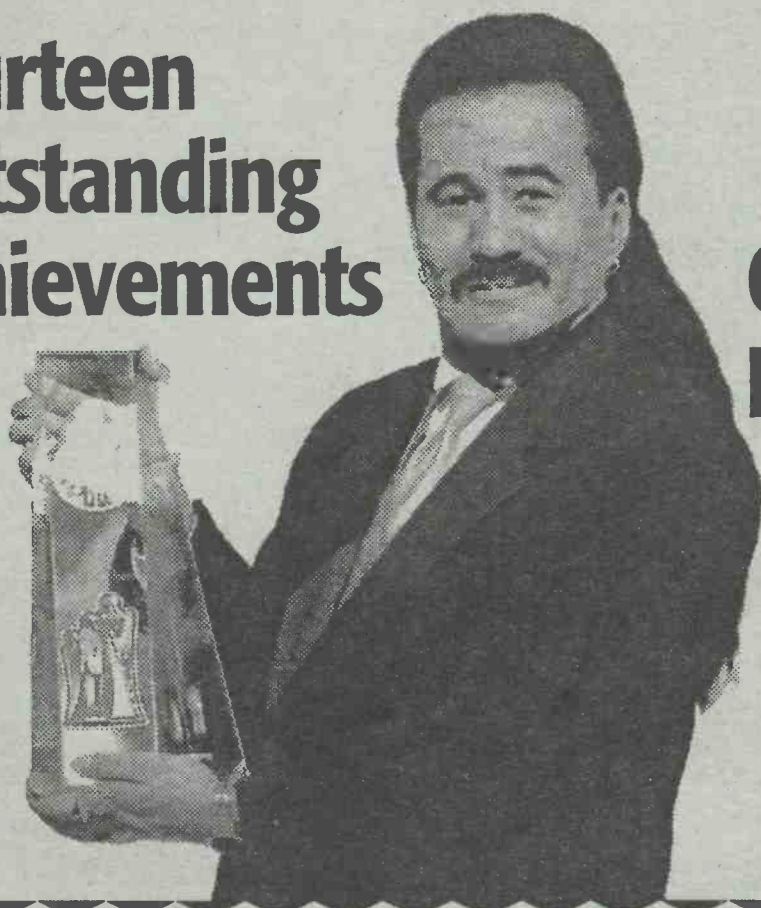
For five years, the government has opted not to debate the merits of Aboriginal-only fisheries in Parliament and amend the legislation, prompting some observers to suggest the government isn't willing to defend the concept in full view of the Canadian public.

Now that the possibility of a direct challenge to the government is looming, Grewal believes the JCSR's basic flaw must be addressed.

"One problem this committee faces is the disallowance procedure is not on a statutory footing. The committee doesn't have the authority to disallow the regulations. They ask Parliament to do it. Parliament may do it; they may not. So far all the nine reports, the government has accepted them," Grewal said. "We've never reached the level where we had a difference of opinion with the committee and Parliament."

(see Fisheries page 27.)

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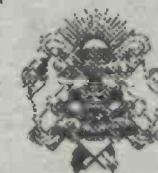
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Nations meet to protect Indigenous knowledge

By Marty Logan
Windspeaker Contributor

MONTREAL

Delegates from 182 countries will meet in the Netherlands in April to study recommendations made at a recent Montreal meeting on ways to protect the world's Indigenous knowledge.

It will be the sixth gathering of the countries that signed the United Nations Convention on Biodiversity (CBD) announced at the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro.

Article 8(j) of the Convention is designed to protect Indigenous knowledge and ensure that any benefits from its use are distributed fairly.

In 2000, a working group was created to determine how to bring Article 8(j) to life. In the first week of February this year, 300 members of that group, which included government representatives, academics and Indigenous people from Canada, Africa, Asia, Europe and the central and south Americas, met in Montreal.

It was Earl Stevenson's first experience at an international forum.

"If we're not involved, we have no right to complain," he said. "If we're involved, at least we can bring our concerns across and try and have this policy drafted in a way that's sensitive to Indigenous people," said Stevenson of Manitoba's Peguis First Nation.

"Legislation as it stands today does not respect or enhance the treaty and Aboriginal rights that First Nations people hold, so this was sort of a personal crusade to bring to light to bureaucrats and to people with decision-making power the perspectives of Indigenous peoples. For me it was a very positive step to be involved in this process."

The meeting studied four tasks of the Working Group: Guidelines for cultural, environmental and social impact assessments for developments on sacred sites or on lands occupied by Indigenous and local communities; the rec-

Article 8(j)

"Each contracting Party shall, as far as possible and as appropriate:

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ommended outline of a report on the status and trends of the knowledge, innovations and practices of Indigenous people; an assessment of existing laws and other instruments that touch on the protection of traditional knowledge, particularly on intellectual property rights; and how to strengthen the involvement of Indigenous people in decision-making about their traditional knowledge.

Indigenous participants and countries, including Canada, disagreed over a number of basic principles, including whether the working group's suggestions on impact assessments should carry the weight of guidelines or be considered only as principles. They also disputed whether the "free and prior informed consent" of Indigenous people is required before assessments or development can begin.

In the end, the working group agreed to submit "recommendations" on impact assessments, but on Canada's insistence, it was left to the countries meeting in April to decide whether prior consent is required.

Canada signed the CBD at the Earth Summit in 1992 and ratified it in 1993. The convention requires countries to draft national legislation to protect biodiversity, but it has no specific enforcement mechanisms. Article 8(j) clearly states that its provisions are "subject to national legislation."

Still, it's important to be involved in the process, said Shuswap Nation Tribal Council Chairman Arthur Manuel in Montreal. "All this is dealing

with land ... the reason they (Canada) are here is because of their competing interest over our land and (their) wanting to have 100 per cent jurisdiction over it.

"For the countries, it's about how much money they give us for the knowledge. For us, it's about how you use the knowledge," added Manuel, whose Neskonlith First Nation is fighting plans to expand the Sun Peaks Ski Resort on its traditional lands near Kamloops, B.C.

Indigenous languages and crop diversity are only two examples of traditional knowledge losing out to globalization, according to the United Nations. Of the 500 varieties of lettuce known worldwide at the turn of the 20th century, only 36 survive; of 287

types of carrots, 21 remain, said the UN in a 2001 report.

About one-half of the world's 5,000 Indigenous languages are "in danger of immediate extinction," it reported. According to Manuel, only about 50 of the 7,000 members of the Neskonlith First Nation speak their language fluently.

Fred Fortier said he fought to ensure that the working group's guidelines on impact assessments (which became known as 'recommendations') consider social and cultural impacts rather than just economic effects.

That would mean, for example, that to gauge the impact of the flooding that occurs when a new dam is built would mean looking beyond the cost of moving people to a new site and include the collective impact on a people.

Indigenous people "are quite different than other people. If something goes wrong, we don't just pack up and go to another town," said Fortier of the Indigenous Peoples' Biodiversity Information Network.

"To us the loss of culture related to land and fishing, spiritual activities (would be) a

huge loss. There's also the loss of future innovations in fishing, hunting, trapping," he added.

The national Inuit women's organization looks to Article 8(j) as a way to help Inuit protect the knowledge embodied in traditional clothing. Existing patent laws do not recognize collective ownership and would not stop someone from copying the designs of items like the amauti (women's parka) and selling it, said Tracy O'Hearn, executive director of Pauktuutit Inuit Women's Association.

Her group is also working closely with the World Intellectual Property Organization and has developed contacts with other Indigenous women in Central and South America, as well as with other Inuit groups in Canada.

O'Hearn thinks that more Aboriginal groups should be examining the role that the CBD could play in protecting traditional knowledge here.

"If we are looking at, for example, either amending national legislation or new national legislation, it's going to have to be a much broader process in Canada among Aboriginal peoples," she said.

Integrity office lacks teeth

By Paul Barnsley
Windspeaker Staff Writer

OTTAWA

Canadian Alliance MP Germant Grewal believes public servants that aren't willing to keep government corruption and mistakes secret should be treated with a little respect.

So far, that isn't happening in Canada despite the fact the Liberal government recently created a position that appears the government has decided it's going to offer protection to whistle blowers.

The member for Surrey Central has taken an interest in areas where democratic principles are lacking in the way the fed-

eral government operates. He has put forward a private members' bill that would provide legal protection for whistle-blowers in government.

"The whistle-blowers in Canada, they are muzzled and harassed by the government," he said. "In the United States of America, they are given a reward when they blow a whistle on anything. For example, if the whistle blowers expose some wrongdoing in the government or mismanagement, they are given a certain percentage as a reward."

So far, the government of Canada "has completely ruined the career" of any Canadian bureaucrat who spoke out about improprieties, Grewal said.

The government appointed Dr. Edward Keyserlingk, a former medical ethics professor at McGill University, to the position of Public Service Integrity Officer on Nov. 8, 2001. In early February the office at 60 Queen St. South in Ottawa opened for business.

The position is not backed up with legislation that defines its powers—that gives it the teeth it needs to take on powerful people in government—but comments published in the *Hill Times* suggest Keyserlingk doesn't see that as a problem. Several positions that only appear to have the power to oversee government already exist in Ottawa.

(see Whistle page 31.)



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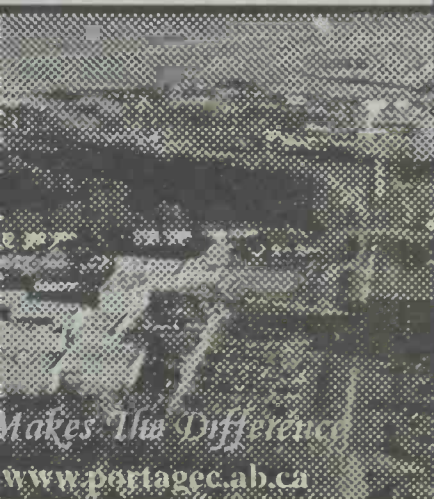
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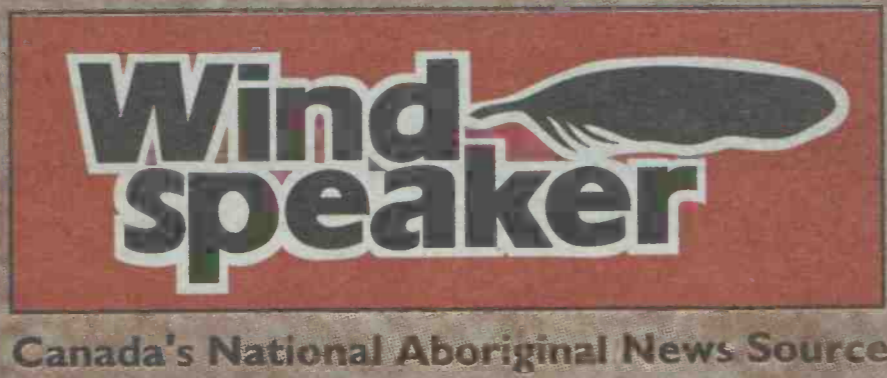
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Secrets to successful scholarship submissions simplified for students

By Cheryl Petten
Windspeaker Staff Writer
PRINCE GEORGE, B.C.

So, you've decided you want a post-secondary education. You know what you want to take, and where you want to go. Now, you just have to figure out how to pay for it.

You might be able to get some financial help by applying for one of the thousands of scholarships, bursaries and awards given out in Canada each year.

There are several ways to find out what scholarships you could be eligible for. According to Linda Roa, coordinator of awards and financial aid at the University of British Columbia (UNBC) in Prince George, B.C., your first step in hunting down scholarships is contacting the school you plan to attend.

"First thing I would do is actually contact the school they're planning on going to, and ask them for the information. A lot of the schools will have them on-line now. We do. Most of the big universities and colleges will have them on-line. So they'll either direct them to an on-line site where they can download an application form, and they'll usually have a list of the award and the criteria. If they don't have it on-line, then what they'll do is they'll either have a calendar or an awards booklet that they can send the students," Roa said.

Each year, UNBC awards up to 466 scholarships to its students, with each scholarship ranging in value from \$250 to \$15,000.

Another place to look for scholarship information is on the Internet, Roa added. Web sites like www.scholarshipscanada.com include information on the different scholarships available in Canada, and the site is searchable.

"So they can go in there and do a search, based on a particular school, or not on any particular school, and it'll list all the national awards that are available. And they can narrow the search down. Say I just want awards for Aboriginal students. They can narrow it down that way. You know, one's that are based on gender or any other criteria, they can narrow it down as far as they want."

Applying for scholarships isn't something to be left to the last minute, Roa explained. You should probably start the process about eight months before your school year begins.

"They should really start seriously looking in February or March, if they're coming in the fall. There's a lot of deadlines that are around March, April. For instance, our deadline is April 1 every year. So you need to go, at least, eight months in advance."

While the criteria for each scholarship will give you a good guide to which to apply for, and which to pass by, it's often a good idea to apply even if you don't meet all the requirements, Roa explained.

"I would suggest they apply for everything they think they might possibly have a shot at. Because they will be screened once the application gets in, and if they don't qualify, then they don't qualify. But if they don't apply, then they won't be considered," she said. Sometimes if the perfect candidate for a scholarship doesn't apply, other candidates may be considered.

"That can happen, definitely. Because yes, we try to give the money out, and if we don't have the perfect candidate, then we'll find

somebody who meets most of the criteria."

Once you've decided which scholarships to apply for, the next step is actually completing the application.

This process will vary, depending on which school you are planning to attend, as each has its own process, forms, and deadlines. Once you have that information, though, you are ready to proceed.

"I guess first thing, when they investigate the scholarships, to read the criteria very carefully, and determine what exactly is being asked for," Roa said.

"Ours is fairly simple, because we actually have application instructions for each one. It'll say, 'include a letter of this,' and 'include this with your application.' Others ones, they have to sort of determine, 'Okay, it's based on community service. How do I tell them that?' So read the criteria very carefully, try to attach everything that will address that criteria, and fill the form itself out very completely, as complete as possible. And normally, just one copy of everything. Some students put in five, six copies of the same letter. It's not necessary."

Another tip—keep it simple. "What happens is these applications will get photocopied and sent to several different selection committees, so they just want it as simple as possible. So not to add extraneous stuff. We've had photos, and we've had stuff bound in binders, and that just is very time consuming to disassemble all that. Not to put them in binders, just plain paper, stapled, or paper clipped, even better."

Roa's advice to applicants? "To fill out the application as completely as they can, and to add anything that they think would give them an advantage. Community service is a big one. References are good. A resume often helps. And if they're looking at things for financial need, there's a part on most application forms that they can fill out to demonstrate their financial need. But sometimes they may want to add a letter as well, just stating special circumstances that we wouldn't necessarily pick up on. Like say maybe they're from a single parent home, or something like that. Anything that they would like to give us so that we can determine they're level of need," she said.

"And just to make sure that they hit the deadline."

Of course the basics—like making sure your application is neat, and free of spelling mistakes—are also important.

"If you're going to write an essay, some will ask for an essay on career goals or something, make sure it's proofread."

If you need help in completing your scholarship applications, your school's financial aid office can help you here as well.

"They should always contact their financial aid office with the school, because they can often go in there, and they'll look at their application, give them some tips on what, maybe, additional information they should include."

For more information about specific scholarships available to students at UNBC, visit the university Web site at www.unbc.ca.

Contact information for other colleges and universities across the country can be found on-line at <http://www.cicic.ca>, or <http://www.aucc.ca> and at the AMMSA Web site at www.ammsa.com.



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- Arctic Institute of North America
Value: One scholarship of \$5,000.
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.
Deadline: January 7

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Deadline: July 15

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- Arctic Institute of North America
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Deadline: January 7
Executive Director
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1-245 East Broadway
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Deadline: October 15
First Nations Education Coordinator
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Deadline: March 31

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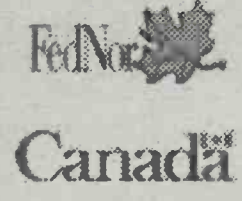
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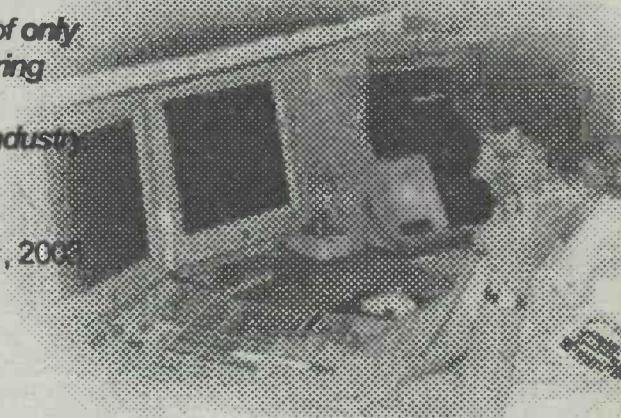
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Scholarships National Union of Public and General Employees
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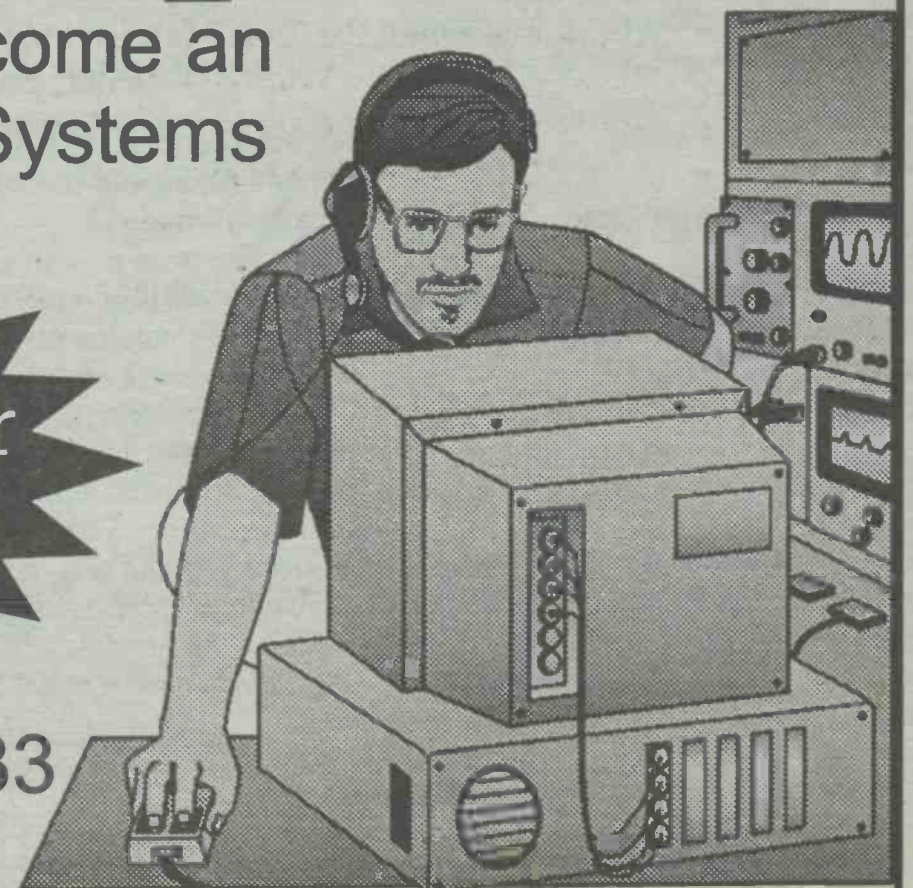
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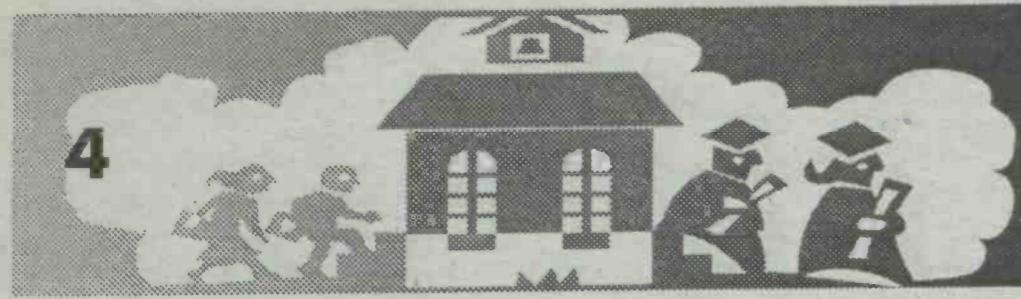
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Contact: **Marcelle Gibson, Senior Program Officer
Arts Apprenticeship Component
Department of Canadian Heritage
15 Eddy Street, 11th Floor
Hull, Québec K1A 0M5
Phone: (819) 994-8995**

The Banff Centre for Management
Limited financial assistance available to qualified participants for Aboriginal programs
Contact: (403) 762-6124
Toll Free: 1-888-256-6327
www.banffmanagement.com
E-mail: bcm@banffcentre.ab.ca

Xerox Aboriginal Scholarships Program - Xerox Canada
Deadline: June 15
Each year Xerox Canada offers \$3,000 scholarships to eight (8) Aboriginal students pursuing post-secondary education in Information Technology. Each scholarship is for a maximum of four (4) years for university programs or three (3) years for community college programs, pending year-over-year program re-enrollment. For more info. fax (416) 733-6811 or write:
Contributions Administrator, Corporate Affairs,
Xerox Canada Ltd.
5650 Yonge Street, 10th Floor
Toronto, Ontario M2M 4G7

Educational Awards Program - Husky Oil
Please see our ad on page 4
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**

Royal Bank Native Student Awards 2002/03 - Royal Bank
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, write to:
**Royal Bank Native Student Awards, 330
Front Street West
Toronto, Ontario M5V 3B7**

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.

**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**

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: (613) 957-9643
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.
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.

Department of Indian Affairs or your Local Band Education Authority
Funding for status Indian students is available from the Department of Indian Affairs or your Local Band Education Authority. Legal Studies are generally considered separate from other undergraduate programs and therefore full funding will be available for the three years of legal studies. Métis, Inuit and non-status Indians may apply to the Department of Justice. The funding covers tuition, books and living expenses and is renewable for the two further years of law school. The funding also covers the Saskatchewan Summer program. For more information on whether you qualify and the applicable deadlines for funding, contact:
Program Administrator Legal Studies for Aboriginal Peoples Program Department of Justice
Ottawa, Ontario R1A 0H8
Phone: (613) 957-9583

Sears Canada Inc. Scholarship
Deadline: June 1
Ten scholarships of \$1,000 are available to children of Sears employees. Applications are available from and submitted to:
Canadian Awards Program, International & Canadian Programs Division,
Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada,
Suite 600, 350 Albert Street,
Ottawa, Ontario K1R 1B1

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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.
Apply to: **Canadian Universities for Northern Studies
201, 130 Albert Street,
Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5G4
Phone: (613) 238-3525**

Métis Settlement Education and Training Incentive Scholarship Society
Deadline: June 30 for September entry, November 30 for January entry. Contact information is being updated.

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.
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Apply to: Award Coordinator Toronto Dominion Centre
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Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 3E7

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For more information or for an application, please contact the Office of the Registrar at:



100 College Drive, Box 5002, North Bay, ON P1B 8L7
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Husky's Education Awards are available to anyone of Aboriginal Ancestry in Canada who possesses 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 institute or post-secondary studies at a community college, technical institute or university are eligible to apply.

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Institution	Award Level
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Applications for the 2002/2003 academic year must be completed and returned to Husky Oil by May 31, 2002. If you wish to apply for an Education Award, or are interested in more information, contact Joan Anderson at (403) 298-6780, or write to the address below.



Aboriginal Affairs
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P.O. Box 6525, Station D
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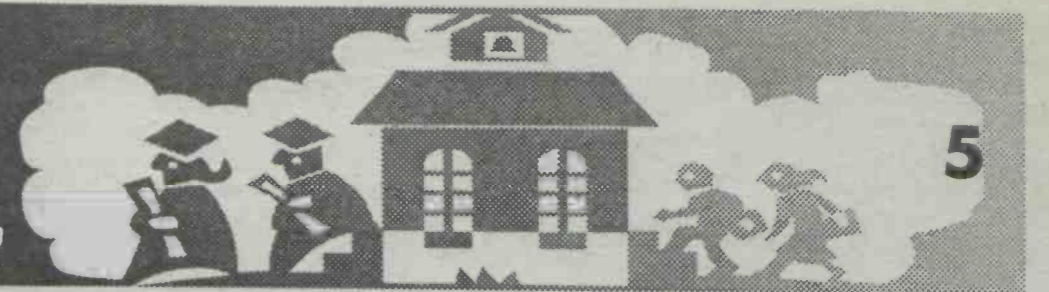
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Applications must be completed and returned by June 14, 2002. Your transcripts, which include all diploma exams written in June, must be received by July 15, 2002. A letter of acceptance and proof of enrollment from the educational institution is also required to complete the application.

For further information and application forms, please contact:
Human Resources
TransAlta
110-12 Avenue SW Box 1900
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Aboriginal Nurses Association of Canada
12 Stirling Avenue
Ottawa, Ontario K1Y 1P8
Phone: (613) 724-4677
Fax: (613) 724-4718

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Student must be American or Canadian with Native Heritage and attending a post-secondary education institution studying countries relations between other countries.

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For more information contact:
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Phone: (613) 393-5584

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E-mail: lynn-cmsf@home.com

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Application: Annabelle DeGouveia,
GWMSC P.O. Box 54563
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Native Women's Association 9 Melrose Avenue
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Phone: 613 722-3033
Fax: (613) 722-7687

Canadian Research Aboriginal Studies

Since its inception in 1978, the Council has supported various research projects which examine various issues of relevance to Aboriginal people including culture, self government, demography, and sociology among others.

Contact: Communication Division Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council
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The Graduate Studies Office at Ontario Universities or The Ministry of Education and Training Student Affairs
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Program Directorate Public Works and Government Services Canada
Place du Portage, Phase III,
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Hull, Quebec K1A 0S5

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The BP Canada Energy Aboriginal Awards Program

Deadline: June 15

Provides multi-year financial assistance to students enrolled at a recognised post-secondary institution. Approximately six new educational award recipients will be selected annually. The value of each award is \$2,000 per year for a maximum of four years. Applicants must maintain at least a 65% average and preference may be given to those enrolled in programs that prepare students for careers in the oil and gas industry. Only those students who reside in the provinces of Amoco's main operating areas (Alberta, BC, Saskatchewan or NWT) will be considered. For more information and application forms, please contact:

BP Canada Energy Co.
P.O. Box 200, Station M
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Phone: (403) 233-1425
Fax: (403) 233-1476

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Information:
Manager of Human Resources
Canadian Press
36 King Street East
Toronto, Ontario M5C 2L9
Phone: (416) 594-2179
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Deadline June 15

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.

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Treaty 7 Tribal Council
310-6940 Fisher Road, S.E.,
Calgary, Alberta T2H 0W3
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Shell Aboriginal Awards - NAAF

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Indian & Inuit Health Careers Program
Scholarship - NAAF
Deadline: May 1
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Indian & Inuit Health Careers Program Bursary

Deadline: May 1

Bursaries are available to Canadian citizens of Aboriginal ancestry who have resided in Canada for the last 12 months.

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.

Business, Sciences and General Education Program - NAAF

Value: Varies from \$1,000 to \$8,000
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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.

Eligibility: The scholarship is open to all Aboriginal people, including Métis, Inuit, and Status and Non-Status Indians, interested in studying at the Bachelor of Social Work level at a recognized educational institution in Canada.

Deadline: Unknown

The Alberta Museology Internship - NAAF

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 raising 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.

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BP Canada Aboriginal Young Achievers Scholarship - NAAF

Priority for these scholarships may be given to students who are pursuing careers in business, engineering, environmental studies and physical sciences.

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- demonstrate financial need
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- be motivated and willing to participate in a partnership

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For more information, or to get an application, call 1-800-661-5210 or (780) 525-8000.

In the Ft. McMurray area, call (780) 799-2392.

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the Nexen Inc. Awards for Aboriginal Students.

**These prestigious awards are valued up to
\$5,000 per year for 4 years.**

For more information about eligibility requirements, please contact:

Charlotte Ross

Coordinator of Academic Programs for Aboriginal Students
University of Saskatchewan, College of Arts & Science
9 Campus Drive, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7N 5A5
Phone: (306) 966-4754 • Fax: (306) 966-8839

E-mail: charlotte.ross@usask.ca • Website: http://arts.usask.ca/

Application Deadline: May 31, 2002

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

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 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 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

70 Yorkville Avenue, Suite 33A Toronto, Ontario M5R 1B9
Toll-free: 1-800-329-9780
Phone: (416) 926-0775
Fax: (416) 926-7554

FAAY Foundation for the Advancement of Aboriginal Youth (FAAY)

TD Canada Trust - Aboriginal Youth Scholarship - FAAY
Eight (8) scholarships of \$2,500 each for Aboriginal youth enrolled in a Canadian college or university.

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Five (5) scholarships of \$2,500 each for Aboriginal youth enrolled in a Canadian college, university or technical institute. Davis + Henderson - Aboriginal Youth Bursary Ten (10) bursaries of \$750 each for Aboriginal high school students aged 13 to 18 and enrolled in Grade 9 and up. NetStar Communications Inc. - Rising Stars Scholarship Five (5) scholarships of \$2,000 each for Aboriginal youth enrolled in a Canadian college, university or technical institute.

NetStar Communications Inc. - Rising Stars Bursary - FAAY

Ten (10) bursaries of \$750 each for Aboriginal high school students aged 13 to 18 and enrolled in Grade 9 and up.

Bank of Montreal - Canadian Aboriginal Youth Bursary - FAAY

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Hudson's Bay Company - Aboriginal Futures Scholarship - FAAY

Three (3) scholarships of \$2,500 each for Aboriginal youth enrolled in a Canadian college, university or technical institute.

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Aboriginal Youth Scholarship - FAAY

Six (6) scholarships of \$2,000 each for Aboriginal youth enrolled in engineering or business program at a Canadian college, university or technical institute.

Closing date for submitting applications is OCTOBER 12, 2002. Results and awards are given mid-December. To receive an application, contact:
FAAY c/o Dr. Judy New Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business 204A St. George Street Toronto, ON M5R 2N5 Phone: (416) 961-8663 ext 227 Fax: (416) 961-3995 E-mail: jnew@ccab-canada.com

BC

Ēāni Etīe Tahltn Scholarship

Value: \$300.00
The Ēāni Etīe Tahltn Scholarship was established by Louise Framst Books
Contact: Louise Framst, Box 52, Cecil Lake, BC VOC 1G0
The successful candidate(s) sends a copy of registration in courses or institution to: Stikine Scholarship Committee, School District 87 (Stikine), Box 190, Dease Lake, BC VOC 1L0
Phone: (250) 771-4440

Royal Roads University

The Indigenous Programs under the science, technology and environment division.
Value: \$2,000

Number: Undergraduate Certificate in Indigenous Corporate Relations (15 awards) Undergraduate Certificate in Distributed Learning Facilitator for Indigenous Communities (30 awards)
Deadline: No later than 15 days prior to program start date
Our Entrance Award Program recognizes that qualified Aboriginal learners may require additional financial support in order to overcome the challenges that impact access to higher education. Unless otherwise indicated, awards will be made available to Aboriginal learners in either of the Indigenous Programs who have demonstrated a financial need. The amount of the award will be deducted from the cost of tuition.

Learner Services and Registrar's Office
The Royal Roads University
2005 Sooke Road
Victoria, BC V9B 5Y2
Toll Free: (800) 788-8028
Phone: (250) 391-2505
Fax: (250) 391-2522

Chief Joe Mathias BC Aboriginal Scholarship

Eligible applicants are members of a BC First Nation who are in financial need and demonstrate merit with respect to accessing post-secondary education including: * Courses of study towards a degree, or a certificate or diploma, at an eligible post-secondary educational institution; or * Post-graduate studies in an eligible post-secondary educational institution.

Information: Chief Joe Mathias BC Aboriginal Scholarship
c/o Deloitte & Touche
P.O. Box 49279, Four Bentall Centre 2100 - 1055 Dunsmuir Street Vancouver, BC V7X 1P4

Coast Ferries (1937 - 1997) Scholarship - Vancouver Community College

Value: One award \$1,500 annually credit toward tuition fees.
Eligibility: Available to students in the outer Mid-Coast communities of Bella Bella (Waglisia), Klemtu, Shearwater, Ocean Falls, Rivers Inlet/Oweekeno, Dawson's Landing (Rivers Inlet) and Kingcome Inlet. Not available to students who permanently reside in Bella Coola. Must have supporting letter from their local First Nations Council and/or School District 49. Selection to be made by VCC.

Application: To the Dean of Student Service Vancouver Community College 250 West Pender Street Vancouver, British Columbia V6B 1S9
Information: Rebecca Davey Development Officer
Vancouver Community College Foundation
1155 East Broadway
PO Box 24620 Stn. "F"
Vancouver, British Columbia V5N 5T9
Phone: (604) 871-7148

Hughes Aircraft of Canada Native / Indian Scholarship - Simon Fraser University

To a Native undergraduate student at Simon Fraser University.
Value: One award of \$750
Eligibility: Native undergraduate student. High academic standing. Deadline: The



end of the second week of classes in a given semester.

Raytheon System's Canada Ltd. - Simon Fraser University
Please see our ad on page 3
 Scholarship for Native Students - Simon Fraser University One award valued at \$750 A Native undergraduate student with high academic standing at Simon Fraser University. Preference will be given to students majoring in Engineering, Science, Computing Science, Mathematics, Physics or Business Administration.
Information: Financial Assistance 3017 Academic Quadrangle Simon Fraser University Burnaby, British Columbia V5A 1S6 Phone: (604) 291-3892 Fax: (604) 291-4722

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.
 Deadline: May 31 of each year

Vicki Hitcher Memorial Scholarship - Okanagan University College
 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 Hitcher 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
 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 Tetrault 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. For information on all UNBC Scholarships please contact:
Canfor 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.
Information: Financial Assistance 3017 Academic Quadrangle Simon Fraser University Burnaby, British Columbia V5A 1S6 Phone: (604) 291-3892 Fax: (604)291-4722

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 Phone: (604) 623-3994 Fax: (604) 623-3614

Mungo Martin Memorial Awards - British Columbia
 To assist people of Native descent to further their education, vocational training, skills and competence.
 Value: Normally from \$100 to \$500. Number of awards and award amounts depend on the funds available.
 Eligibility: Aboriginal ancestry. Living in British Columbia at the time of application. Preference will be given to young people. Must be a student at an accredited university or college. Must complete application form, provide two references and supply an official copy of transcripts.
 Duration: Recipients may apply for further award in a subsequent year.
 Deadline: May be received at any time for consideration at periodic meetings of the Board.
Information: Lucy Galloway P.O. Box 883 Qualicum Beach, BC V9K 1T2 Phone: (250) 752-8785 Fax: (250) 752-3076

Tommy Jack Memorial Scholarship - British Columbia
 Value: \$500
 Eligibility: Nuu-chah-hulth ancestry enrolling in a post-secondary health careers.
 Deadline: August 31
Renate Shearer Memorial Scholarship - British Columbia
 Value: \$500.
 Eligibility: Nuu-chah-hulth ancestry enrolling in a post-secondary health careers.
 Deadline: August 31
Nuu-chah-hulth Tribal Council Box 1383 Port Alberni, BC V9Y 7M2 Phone: (250) 724-5757 Fax: (250) 723-0463

Weyerhaeuser Canada BC Division Education Awards
 Value: Two awards valued at \$2000 each.
 Eligibility: Aboriginals, women, visible minorities persons with disabilities. Enrolled in University program relevant to a career at Weyerhaeuser.
 Deadline: June 30
Diversity Education Awards Program Weyerhaeuser Canada Ltd. P.O. Box 800 Kamloops, BC V2C 5M7

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Joey Gladue Memorial Scholarship - Edmonton Métis Cultural Dance Society
 To encourage Aboriginal students in Alberta to pursue Studies at recognized High School.
 Value: Two \$500.00 scholarships one to a female and one to a male.
 Eligibility: An Aboriginal youth in an Alberta high school. Must live in the province of Alberta, have a lot of community involvement, is helping to preserve the Aboriginal culture in their community.
 Deadline: September 15th Scholarships, will be given out at the Annual Louis Riel Gala during Métis Week in Edmonton. All recipients must be in attendance and available for the award.
Delia Gray Memorial Scholarship - Edmonton Métis Cultural Dance Society
 To encourage Aboriginal single parents, and children of single parent families, to further their education at the post-

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IMPERIAL OIL COLD LAKE ABORIGINAL EDUCATION AWARD

Imperial Oil Resources, Cold Lake Operations, offers a one time education award for local Aboriginal students entering a post secondary program (Technical or Community College) leading to a career in the petroleum industry.

The award will consist of:

- \$1,000
- Students will be considered for summer or post graduate employment if opportunities are available

ELIGIBILITY

- Must be an Alberta resident
- Have grade 12 or GED equivalent
- Have proof of acceptance into post secondary education program leading to a career in the petroleum industry
- Be a member of one of the listed First Nations or Métis communities

Application Deadline is June 30, 2002.

Brochures and application forms may be obtained from:

- The Education Coordinators at the listed communities or,
- Imperial Oil Resources, P.O. Box 1020, Bonnyville, Alberta T9N 2J7
 Phone: (780) 639-5194 Fax: (780) 639-5102

LISTED COMMUNITIES ARE:

- Beaver Lake First Nation
- Buffalo Lake Métis Settlement
- Cold Lake First Nations
- Elizabeth Métis Settlement
- Fishing Lake Métis Settlement
- Frog Lake First Nation.
- Heart Lake First Nation
- Kikino Métis Settlement
- Kehewin Cree Nation
- Saddle Lake First Nation
- Whitefish Lake First Nation
- Zone 1 & 2 Métis Association

ABORIGINAL CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAM

Keyano College will offer the Aboriginal Child and Family Service Program in Edmonton starting September 2002. This two-year program focuses on working with Aboriginal children and their families.

Many of our graduates have found work-related employment upon completion of their studies. Additionally, some graduates have taken advantage of furthering their education at universities through our transfer agreements.

Admission Requirements:

- High School Diploma
- English 30 or 33
- Mature Student Status (applicants not possessing a high school diploma or English 30 or 33 may be granted acceptance under specific conditions, please contact Program Chairperson)
- Pre-admission Test
- Interview with Program Staff
- Successful clearance of a criminal record and child welfare check

For more information contact:

Shawna McCarty at 780-444-4975 (Edmonton)

Charles Martin, Program Chair at 1-800-340-4592 (Fort McMurray)



The Aboriginal Bursary & Scholarship Guide is online at:
www.ammsa.com

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Canada's most comprehensive Aboriginal scholarship/bursary listing is online at www.ammsa.com



Education Bursary Available for Aboriginal Students

If you are a non-status, Inuit, Métis, or status Aboriginal person, you may be eligible for an education bursary to take business courses at Athabasca University.

The University may provide up to 50% of the cost of tuition. Computer and modem purchases may also be subsidized.

You may register in an individualized, online study course that is self-paced or an e-Class. In a 15-week e-Class, a group of students work with an instructor in a paced electronic study environment. Completed at home or in the workplace, e-Class is designed for students who like the discipline of a set schedule and the support of others while working through the course.

For a list of business courses and a demonstration of e-Class delivery, visit the School of Business website at <http://vital.athabascau.ca>

Aboriginal Student Advising

The University's School of Business now has an Aboriginal Student Advisor dedicated exclusively to helping Aboriginal students with funding applications and educational program planning.

For Information, contact Pauline Windsor, Aboriginal Student Advisor
Phone: 1-800-788-9041, ext. 6149
E-mail: paulinew@athabascau.ca
Fax: (780) 675-6338

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secondary level.
Value: Two \$500.00 scholarships one to a female and one to a male.
Eligibility: An Aboriginal Person in a recognized post-secondary institution located in Alberta. Must live in the province of Alberta, have a lot of community involvement, is helping to preserve the Aboriginal culture in their community.
Deadline: September 15th
Scholarships, will be given out at the Annual Louis Riel Gala during Métis Week in Edmonton. All recipients must be in attendance and available for the award.
Edmonton Métis Cultural Dance Society
2, 12227-107 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta T5M 1Y9
Phone: (780) 451-1072
Fax: (780) 451-1137

Athabasca University - School of Business subsidy
Please see our ad on page 9
Value: 50% of tuition and computer subsidy.
Eligibility: Aboriginal students of e-class business courses.
Information: 1-888-449-8813

Athabasca University Athabasca, Alberta
Calgary Stampede Foundation Indian Events Committee and Paul Van Ginkel Native Arts Scholarship
Value: Varies.
Eligibility: Applicants must be Treaty 7 members who are entering or are currently enrolled in a recognized post-secondary art program. The applicant must include with the application a professional portfolio of six to ten pieces. If the original is not available, a high quality photograph will be accepted. (No slides). The winner is notified by telephone and must be available to receive the award at the Calgary Stampede Auction.
Information: Calgary Exhibition and Stampede
1410 Olympic Way S.E.
Calgary, Alberta T2G 2W1
Phone: (403) 261-0137

Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund - Aboriginal Scholarships

Aboriginal Health Careers Bursary
Up to \$200,000 is available for aboriginal students in Alberta enrolling in a health field. Applicants must be Indian, Inuit, or Métis and have been residents of Alberta for a minimum of three years prior to applying. Awards are valued at between \$1,000 and \$13,000.
Application deadline: May 15.

Alberta Blue Cross Scholarships for Aboriginal Students
Three scholarships are awarded each year to aboriginal students completing high school and planning on entering post-secondary studies in Alberta. Recipients are chosen based on academic achievement, financial need and community involvement.
Deadline: June 1.

Theodore R. Campbell Scholarship
One \$1,500 scholarship is awarded each year to an aboriginal student studying Education at Blue Quills First Nations College. Applicants must be Alberta residents and in their second year of the Blue Quills University Transfer program.
Nomination deadline: Contact the registrar's office at Blue Quills First Nations College.

Robert C. Carson Memorial Bursary
Five awards of \$500 each are available to aboriginal Albertans enrolled full-time in their second year of the Law Enforcement, Criminal Justice Diploma or Faculty of Law programs at eligible institutions.
Nomination deadline: Students should contact the financial aid office of their institution.

Laurence Decore Awards for Student Leadership
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. Nominations must be submitted to the institutions by March 1. Some institutions may impose an earlier deadline

Jason Lang Scholarships
Background: These scholarships were named in memory of Jason Lang, a 17 year old high school student who was killed in a school shooting.
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.
Award: \$1,000 each.
Deadline is August 1.
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)

Al-Pac Aboriginal Education Partnership Program
Please see our ad on page 6
Award: Varies.
A strong mentorship is an integral part of the program.
Deadline: May 30.
Eligibility: Aboriginal person residing in Alberta-Pacific Forest Management Area for at least on year pursuing post-secondary studies leading to a recognized degree certificate or diploma. Must possess suitable attitude and be willing to participate in a partnership.
Contact 1-800-661-5210

Sylvia Schulze Memorial Bursary for Alex Taylor School
Offered through Grant McEwan Community College, Edmonton to female student who attended Alex Taylor School in central Edmonton, with priority given to an Aboriginal student.
For more information contact:
Executive Director Grant McEwan Community College Foundation
Edmonton, Alberta
Phone: (780) 497-5545

NAIT Aboriginal Student Club
Value: One of \$800
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.
Applications: Apply on the NAIT application for scholarships AFTER August 1
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 1
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.).
Information regarding this award program contact Nora Flett:
Phone: (780) 790-6442
Syncrude Aboriginal/Women Education Awards Program
P.O. Bag 4009, M.D. 1200,
Fort McMurray, Alberta T9H 3L1

Talisman Energy Award
Deadline: December 30 One annual award of \$2,000
Applicant must be Native/Aboriginal, enrolled full-time in earth sciences, business, commerce or economics program May be in first or second year of diploma or applied degree program Based on financial need and academic standing For students enrolled at SAIT only!
Contact: SAIT Scholarships Co-ordinator Rm. M142, Heritage Hall

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FOR AN APPLICATION OR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT SASKPOWER
BY CALLING (306) 566-3942 OR ON-LINE AT www.saskpower.com/awards.
APPLICATION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 30, 2002.

The Aboriginal Bursary & Scholarship Guide is online at: www.ammsa.com



Southern Alberta Institute of Technology
1301 - 16 Avenue NW
Calgary, Alberta T2M 0L4
Phone: (403) 284-8858
Fax: (403) 284-7117

Please be advised that Talisman also offers a \$2,000 Aboriginal Bursary at Mount Royal College with the same terms of reference as above. Talisman also offers \$2,000 general bursaries at Mount Royal College (in addition to the Aboriginal Bursary), SAIT (in addition to the Aboriginal Bursary), University of Alberta, University of Calgary, University of British Columbia, University of Saskatchewan and the Memorial University of Newfoundland. Please contact individual schools for application forms.

Northern Alberta Development Council
Deadline: May 31
These awards are designed to increase the number of qualified professionals in northern Alberta by providing bursaries to students committed to a life and career in northern Alberta. Applicants must have been residents of Alberta for a minimum of three years prior to applying. Students should also be in their latter years of academic study. Awards are valued at \$3,000. Director, Scholarship Programs, Students Finance Board
6th Floor, 9940 - 106 Street Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2V1 Edmonton: (780) 427-2740
Calgary: (403) 297-6344
OR 1-800-222-6485 or
Northern Alberta Development Council
2nd Floor, Provincial Building,
9621-96 Avenue Postal Bag 900-14
Peace River, Alberta T8S 1T4
Phone: (780) 624-6545
or 310-0000

Imperial Oil Aboriginal Education Awards Program - Alberta
Please see our ad on page 8
A one-time educational award of \$1,000 to individuals of Native ancestry to assist a student in his/her first or second year of post-secondary education towards a career in the petroleum industry. Recipient will also be considered for summer and post graduate employment at Imperial Oil, Cold Lake, if employment opportunities are available. Must be a resident of Alberta and a registered member of a recognized Treaty or Metis Settlement/Assoc. such as: Frog Lake First Nations, Cold Lake First Nations, Long Lake First Nations, Saddle Lake First Nations, Whitefish Lake Band, Beaver Lake First Nations, Heart Lake First Nations; or the following Metis Associations: Fishing Lake, Elizabeth, Buffalo Lake, Kikino, and Zones 2 and 4. Applications are available through the Education Co-ordinators of the designated Reserves and Settlements, local schools and secondary Schools in the area. Completed applications and essays must be received by Imperial Oil Resources - Cold Lake by July 31.
Contact: Imperial Oil Resources, Cold Lake Operations Human Resources Department
"Aboriginal Education Awards" Selection Committee Service Bag 15
Grand Centre, Alberta TOA 1T0
Phone: (780) 639-5111

CJAY 92 Standard Radio Award
Deadline: July 15
One annual award of \$2,200 For Aboriginal students entering the CTSR radio option Based on results of an interview, research paper, resume and participation in an informal session For students enrolled at SAIT only!

Enviro-Tech Services Ltd.
Deadline: September 30
One annual award of \$2,200 For Native students enrolled in first or second year Surveying & Mapping Technology, Engineering Design & Drafting Technology, Civil Engineering Technology Based on academic achievement and demonstrated interest in the field For students enrolled at SAIT only!

Eric Harvie Memorial Awards
Deadline Nov. 30
One annual award of \$1,000 For first or second year full-time students Must be Native/Aboriginal (status, non-status, Metis or Inuit) Based on academic merit, financial need and demonstrated interest in preserving traditional Native culture For

students enrolled at SAIT only!
Contact:
SAIT Scholarships Co-ordinator
Rm. M142, Heritage Hall
Southern Alberta Institute of Technology
1301 - 16 Avenue NW,
Calgary, Alberta T2M 0L4
Phone: (403)284-8858
Fax: (403)284-7117

Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation - Alberta's Future Leaders Program
For young people of Alberta's indigenous communities Program will use sport, recreation and the local environment to address the needs of Alberta's indigenous youth
Contact: Karla Moir (780) 422-7110
Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife Foundation, Edmonton,

Alberta Alberta Foundation for the Arts Scholarships
Non-Academic- application deadline: November 15
Up to \$50,000 is available to assist Alberta artists to further their training through non-academic short-term courses and internship or apprenticeship programs. Awards are co-sponsored between the Heritage Scholarship Fund and the Foundation for the Arts. Please note: 2001 is the last year for this scholarship! The Alberta Foundation for the Arts has consolidated its scholarship grant programs under the new program: Grants to Individuals.
Deadlines: February 15 and September 15.

Purpose: To assist the professional/creative development of individuals by enabling them to conduct projects in the area of art production, training/career development, marketing/travel and research related to any arts discipline. Eligible applicants must be resident Alberta artists planning to undertake projects in the arts. Eligible activities include projects in any discipline that supports the creative development of the individual artist. Amount of assistance: Up to 100% of project expenses to a maximum of \$20,000. This is a juried program (i.e., applications are assessed by a panel of jurors).

Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund Students Finance Board 6th Floor, Sterling Place
9940 - 106 Street,
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2V1
Phone: (780) 427-8640

Alberta College of Art and Design Artstream is an upgrading program for those who demonstrate artistic ability but who do not meet Alberta College of Art & Design's academic and/or English proficiency requirements Grant money is available covering living expenses, tuition and supplies if you are eligible
Contact: (403) 284-7600 or 1-800-251-8290

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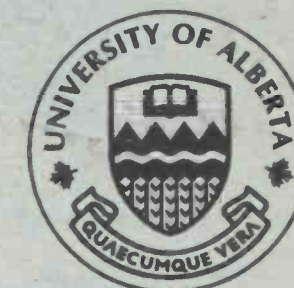
Weyerhaeuser Canada, Saskatchewan Division - Educational Awards Program
Value: Four of \$2,500 for University; \$1,200 for Technical
Deadline: June 30
Eligibility: Applicant must be enrolled in a university or technical institute program that is relevant to Weyerhaeuser's Saskatchewan businesses, including but not limited to: Forestry Engineering Accounting Computer Science Preference is given to individuals of Aboriginal ancestry, women in non-traditional roles, disabled persons and members of visible minorities.

Education Awards Program, Weyerhaeuser Canada Saskatchewan Division P.O. Box 1900
Prince Albert, Saskatchewan S6V 6J9
Phone: (306) 763-0655
Fax: (306) 922-1371

Catholic Health Council Bursary Program
Value: Installments at beginning of year, mid year, into the year and completion.
Year One \$1,000, \$150, \$150 and \$200
Year Two \$150, \$200, \$250 and \$400
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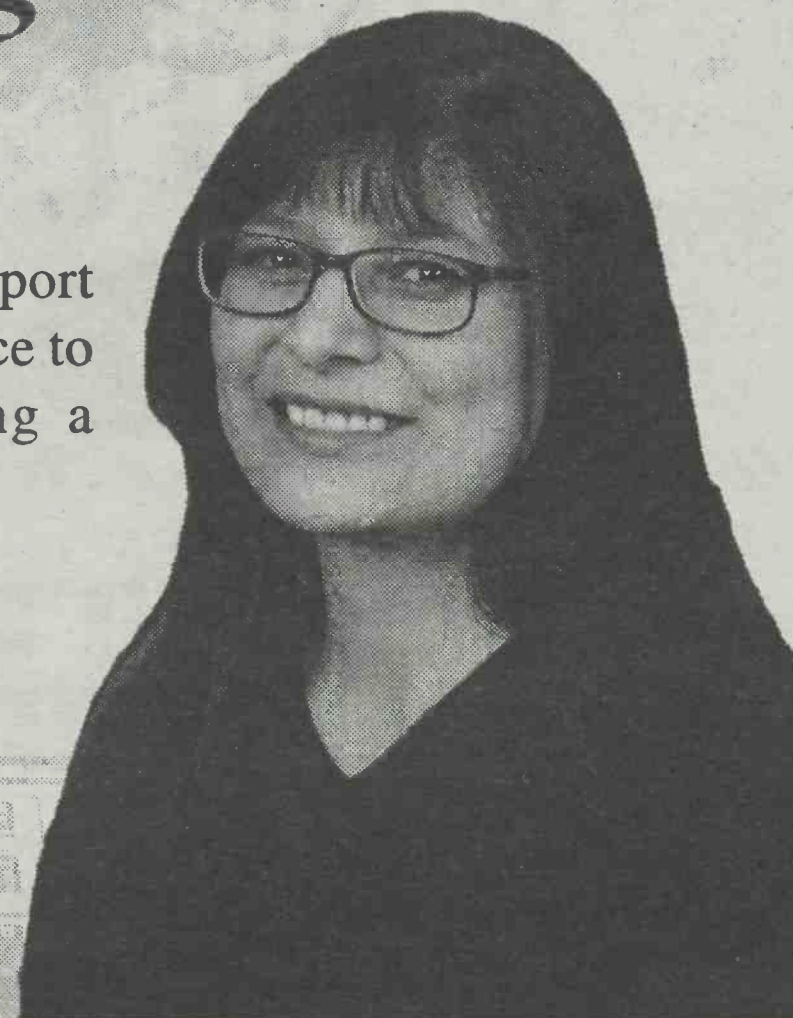
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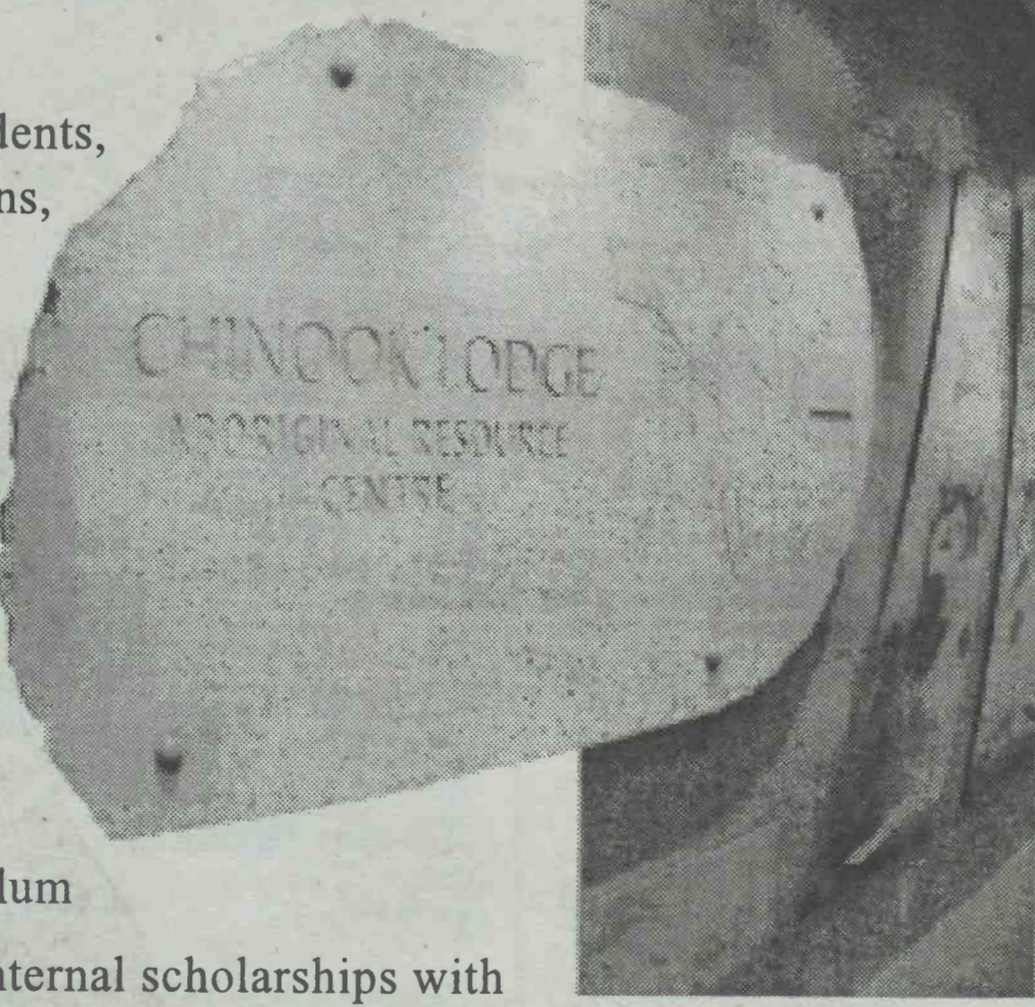
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Deadline: August 1st
Information:
Phone: (306) 777-7800
Application form: www.cityregina.com
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P. O. Box 1790
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Value: Approximately \$400
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Deadline: June 1 each year
Information: Moose Jaw Public School Division 1075 9th Avenue NW
Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan S6H 4J6
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Deadline: June 15
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Apply to: Judie J. Birns, Executive Director
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Deadline June 30
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Cameco Northern Affairs,
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Manager, Compensation and Benefits, Human Resources and Administration Division,
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2121 11th Street West,
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For information, contact:
SIAT Kelsey Campus,
Saskatoon - (306) 933-7570
SIAT Palliser Campus,
Moose Jaw - (306) 694-3200
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Regina - (306) 7998-4282
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Please see our ad on page 15
Deadline: March 1
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Eligibility: Attained complete secondary level standing in a high school in Saskatchewan or completed at least two semesters in the SIIT Adult Secondary Education Program. OR Be a full-time student taking a full copurse load.
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SaskTel Head Office, Regina
For more information:
SIIT: Phone: (306) 244-4444
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Please see our ad on page 14
Deadline: June 28
Eight (8) \$3,500 University and Four (4) \$3,000 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,
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Further information and application forms available by contacting:
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Applications are available from and submitted by June 30 to:

Northern Spirit Scholarship Program, SaskPower Northern Enterprise Fund, Box 939, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7K 3M4

Napolean Lafontaine Scholarship Trust

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: M tis or Non-Status Indian. Has resided in Saskatchewan for at least five years. Enrolled in, or about to enroll in a diploma or certificate program from a recognized Canadian public or Aboriginal educational institution. The program must be at least eight months of full-time studies in an area related to economic development. Students who have not completed high school may apply if they have fulfilled the entrance requirements of the institution where they will be studying. Committed to working in an Aboriginal work environment on successful completion of his or her studies. Demonstrate a commitment to the needs of Aboriginal peoples.

Deadline: October 1 and May 1 each year.

Gabriel Dumont Graduation Scholarships

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Deadline: Application not required.

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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: M tis 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.

Masters applicants may receive two consecutive or non-consecutive awards. Doctoral applicants may receive three consecutive or non-consecutive awards. Deadline: October 1 and May 1 each year.

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Eligibility: M tis 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. Deadline: October 1 and May 1 each year.

Special Scholarships

Value: Varies depending on whether funds designated for other scholarships have been used or unanticipated revenues received.

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a B average in the most recent eight months of full-time studies, over a period of 12 consecutive months. Duration: N/A. Application Deadline: Recipients may not be required to submit an application.

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Deadline: October 1 and May 1 each year. Information: Napolean Lafontaine Scholarship Fund Gabriel Dumont Institute of Native Studies and Applied Research 121 Broadway Avenue East Regina, Saskatchewan S4N 0Z6 Phone: (306) 347-4100 Fax: (306) 565-0809

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Deadline: May

Applications available from:

Vicki Drieger Royal Bank 1135 Central Avenue Prince Albert, SK Fax: (306) 953-5766

Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation Scholarships

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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

Criteria: Selection criteria includes: education and career focus; academic standing; commitments to work, education, family and community; and financial need. Deadline: May 31

Applications to: Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation Scholarship Committee 3rd Floor, 1880 Saskatchewan Drive Regina, Saskatchewan S4P 0B2

Donald R. Simmons Memorial Scholarship

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

Deadline: October 15

Applications to: Saskatchewan Education,

Training and Employment Student Financial Assistance Unit Ground Floor, East Wing, Walter Scott Building 305 Albert Street Regina, Saskatchewan S4P 3V7 Phone: (306) 787-6419

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Information: Director, Student Awards SIAST Kelsey Institute P.O. Box 1520 Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7K 3R5 Phone: (306) 933-8351 Fax: (306) 933-6490

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Business Council of Manitoba Aboriginal Education Awards

Deadline: March 15, 2002

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Value: \$1,000 per year at accredited college (two per year) \$1,000 per year at accredited university (two per year)

Eligibility: Open to prospective students of Native ancestry whose home community is in Saskatchewan or Manitoba north of the 53rd parallel. If you are already attending an accredited University or college and meet the above qualifications you are still eligible for this scholarship. Awards granted on combination of academic performance and financial need.

Deadline: February 15, 2002

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Send Applications to:

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Application: Financial Aid and Awards University of Manitoba

Suite 422, University Centre Building Winnipeg, Manitoba

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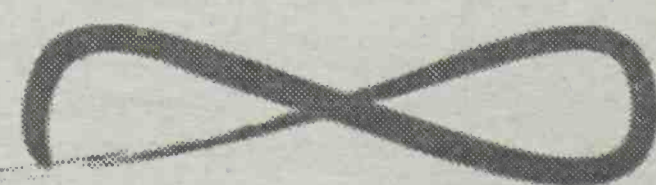
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The Sahtu Renewable Resources Board (SRRB) serves as the main instrument of wildlife and forestry management for the Sahtu Settlement Area. The SRRB has established a scholarship/bursary program for students pursuing post-secondary education in wildlife or forestry management related fields. Sahtu Dene or Metis beneficiaries or NWT residents, who have finished their last two years of high school in the Sahtu region, are eligible.

The value of the scholarship/bursary 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

For more information or to obtain an application form, please contact:

Sahtu Renewable Resources Board
P.O. Box 134, Tulita, NT, X0E 0K0
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Fax: (867) 588-3324
Email: director@srrb.nt.ca
Website: www.srrb.nt.ca



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Application: Louis Riel Institute
103-150 Henry Avenue
Winnipeg, Manitoba

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Eligibility: Resident of Manitoba who is a Canadian citizen. Must meet the entrance requirements for the desired scholastic program. Enrolled at any Manitoba accredited post-secondary academic institution. Preference will be given to students pursuing studies with particular application to Manitoba Telephone System. This includes: . Computer science . Data entry . Electronic technology . Electrical technology . Engineering . Telecommunications technology. High academic achievement.

Deadline: July 31 each year

Information: Corporate Communications
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489 Empress Street, Box 6666 Winnipeg,
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Dennis Cromarty Memorial Fund

Value: Varies

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Dennis Cromarty Memorial Fund

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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.

Deadline: Variable (please contact below).

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.

Queens University Awards 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

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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. Status students attending the program are funded through the Confederacy of Mainland Micmac, the Department of Indian Affairs or by individual band councils. Although enrollment is limited to ensure that each student receives considerable personal attention, highly motivated First Nations students of all ages and educational backgrounds are encouraged to apply. Applicants who are 23 or older are especially encouraged to apply. 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.

Information: Director Transition Year Program

Dalhousie University
1459 LeMarchant Street
Halifax, Nova Scotia B3H 3J5
Phone: (902) 494-3730

Hydro-Quebec Programme de Prix D'Excellence pour les Etudiants Autochtones

Value: Four prizes of \$1,000 for students engaged in CEGEP level studies; two awards of \$2,000 to students engaged in university-level studies.

Eligibility: Applicants must: be of Aboriginal ancestry; live in Quebec; completed at least one year of full-time studies in a CEGEP (DEC) or university (bachelor's degree) program; and be registered in a full-time program at a CEGEP or university in Quebec for the following fall.

Deadline: June - CEGEP awards; March - university awards

Information: Mr. Dany Nepton Relations avec les Autochtones Hydro-Québec

75, boul. René Lévesque oues 18 étage
Montréal, Québec H2Z 1A4
Phone: (514)289-2211 ext.4290

James A. Martin Awards - St. Francis Xavier University

Value: Varies. Eligibility: Applicants are students showing leadership, dedication and commitment by working for peace and the welfare of their neighbours. Preference is given to First Nation students at St. Francis Xavier. The award is tenable at St. Francis Xavier for full-time study for the academic year.

Deadline: April 15

Information: Financial Aid Office St. Francis Xavier University

P.O. Box 5000
Antigonish, Nova Scotia B2G 2W5
Phone: (902)867-2374

Bank of Montreal Aboriginal Business Administration Student Scholarship - University College of Cape Breton

Value: One scholarship of \$2,500. Eligibility: To be eligible, the applicant must: be of Aboriginal ancestry; be a current University College of Cape Breton student; demonstrate academic merit in the area of accounting and finance with a minimum grade point average of 75% with no failures; carry a full course load

according to the requirements of the program; and demonstrate financial need. Deadline: April 8. Information: University College of Cape Breton P.O. Box 5300 Sydney, Nova Scotia B1P 6L2 Phone: (902) 539-5300

Dr. Carrie Best Scholarship - University of King's College

Value: One scholarship of \$3,000. This scholarship is offered by the University of King's College in honour of Dr. Carrie Best, in recognition of her activities on behalf of human rights. 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.

Deadline: March 1

Information: Office of the Registrar University of King's College

6350 Coburg Road Halifax, Nova Scotia B3H 2A1
Phone: (902) 422-1271 ext.122 E-mail: admissions@ukings.ns.ca Fax: (902) 562-0119

NORTH

Sahtu Renewable Resources Board

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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.

Eligibility: Pursuing a college diploma or university degree or minimum 2-year certificate program in renewable resources or a related field (biology, forestry, or environmental science); priority to a Sahtu Dene or Métis enrolled under the land claim or to a NWT resident who has completed the last 2 years of their high school education in the Sahtu Settlement Area.

* Have a 70% (b-average) or higher in the last year of full-time study * Minimum 2-year program of study * Demonstrate financial need * Must be a full-time student during tenure of the scholarship * Must maintain a full course load during the tenure of the scholarship * Evidence of student's involvement in the community * Statement of future goals
Deadline Date: None

Information: Sahtu Renewable Resources Board

P.O. Box 134
Tulita, N.W.T. X0E 0K0 Phone: (867) 588-4040
Fax: (867) 588-3324

Canada Post Bursaries

Value: Varies. 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.

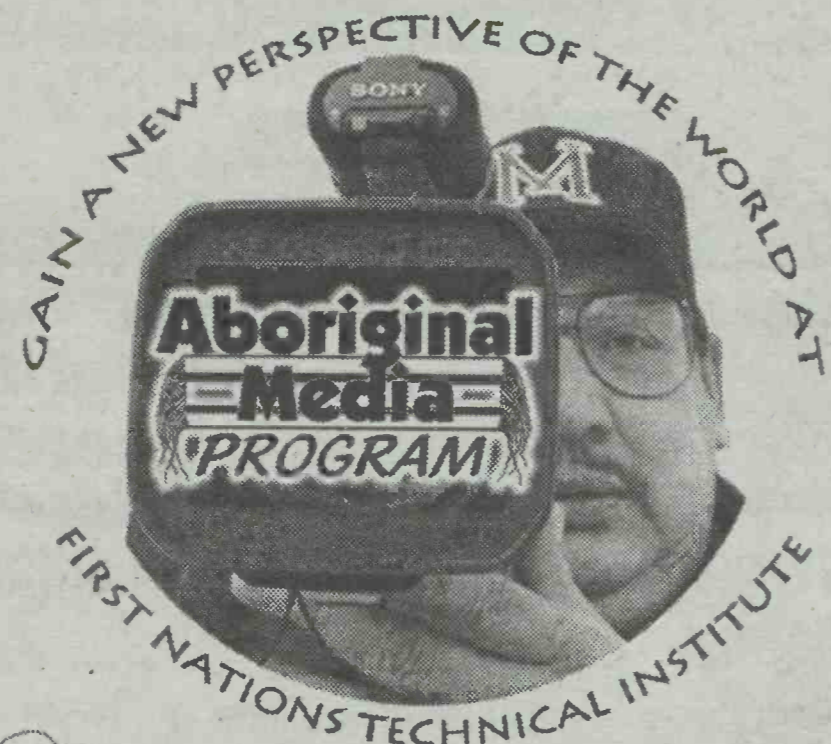
Eligibility: Applicants must: be of N.W.T. Aboriginal ancestry; be enrolled in the second year of study at one of the above-mentioned colleges; and demonstrate excellence in the first year of study. To apply, students must submit a brief biography and an official transcript from their first year of study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

Information: Aurora College Head Office

P.O. Box 1290
For Smith, N.W.T. X0E 0P0
Phone: (867) 872-7012 or
Nunavut Arctic College
P.O. Box 160
Iqaluit, N.W.T. X0A 0H0
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Department of Municipal and community affairs, Government of the Northwest Territories Igal Roth Memorial Community Planning Scholarship

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Information: Igal Roth Memorial Scholarship Community Planning Division Department of Municipal and Community Affairs
Government of NWT
Yellowknife, N.W.T. X1A 2L9

Métis Heritage Association Scholarships
Value: As follows: 1. Ted Trindell Memorial Scholarship \$1,500 2. Lena Harrington Memorial Scholarship \$1,000 3. Mary Firth Memorial Scholarship \$1,000 4. Modeste Mandeville Memorial Scholarship \$1,000 5. Harry Camsell Memorial Scholarship \$1,000 6. Louis Mercredi Memorial Scholarship \$1,000 7. Billy Bourque Memorial Scholarship Varies

Eligibility: Eligible applicants will be assessed by an awards selection committee based upon: academic merit; and financial need. Interested applicants should submit the following: A covering letter including any pertinent information the applicant feels is warranted; statement of intent including area of study, course load, why he or she enrolled in the discipline, benefit to self and community, and other information that will support his or her request for a scholarship; a letter stating Métis Local affiliation; a letter from the post-secondary institution signed by the registrar indicating year of enrollment and discipline of study; letters of reference from the instructors; and additional information the applicant feels is pertinent.

Deadline: Mid-October

Information: Métis Heritage Association Memorial Scholarship Fund
Box 1375
Yellowknife, N.W.T. X1A 2P1
Phone: (867) 873-2878
Fax: (867) 873-3395

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

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 65% in the previous year of academic studies undertaken; and maintain an overall average of 75% while receiving the scholarship.

Deadline: August 1; December 1

Information: Nunavut Implementation Training Committee
P.O. Box 469
Rankin Inlet, Nunavut X0C 0G0
Phone: (867) 645-2888
Fax: (867) 645-3878

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
Registrar's Office Yukon College
500 College Drive
Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 5K4

Phone: (867) 668-8710

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.

Acus - James W. Bourque Studentship in Northern Geography
Award: \$10,000
Deadline: January 31.

Eligibility: Outstanding students in northern geographical research at a Canadian university. Studies relating to advancing the knowledge and appreciation of the Geography of Northern Regions.

Acus - Research Support Opportunity in Arctic Environmental Studies
Award: Varies
Deadline: January 31.

Eligibility: Graduate students at a Canadian university. Preference given to environmental research proposals in the physical, and/or biological sciences for which location at the High Arctic Weather Station at Eureka is demonstrably advantageous.

Information: Phone: (613) 562-0515

Memorial Scholarships - Métis Nation - Northwest Territories
To assist Métis and Non-Status Indians from the Northwest Territories to pursue post-secondary education full-time.

Value: Five awards of \$1,000 each and one award of \$1,500

Eligibility: Métis or Non-Status Indian. Academic achievement. Financial need.
Deadline: Varies

Billy Bourque Memorial Scholarship - Métis Nation - Northwest Territories
Description: To assist Métis and Non-Status Indians from the Northwest Territories to pursue studies in aviation.

Value: One scholarship of \$5,000

Information: Métis Heritage Association Memorial Scholarship Fund Box 1375
Yellowknife, N.W.T. X1A 2P1
Phone: (867) 873-2878 Fax: (867) 873-3395

Caribou Research Bursary
The Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Scholarship Fund provides awards of up to \$3,000 to full-time students enrolled in a recognized Canadian community college or university who are pursuing studies that will contribute to the understanding of barren ground caribou (and its habitat) in Canada. Preference is given to individuals who are normally resident in one of the caribou-using communities on the range of the Beverly or Qamanirjuaq caribou.

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Research Support Opportunity in Arctic Environmental Studies
Environment Canada offers high arctic accommodation, facilities and services to support graduate students enrolled in master's or doctoral studies at a Canadian university. Preference is given to environmental research proposals in the physical and/or biological sciences for which a location at a high arctic weather station (Eureka or Mould Bay) would be advantageous.

The Royal Canadian Geographical Society Studentship in Northern Geography
Outstanding students in northern geographical research at a Canadian university are eligible for this award. While applications normally come from students in geography departments, careful consideration will be given to students in closely related fields whose studies have significance for advancing the knowledge

and appreciation of the geography of northern regions.

Special Bursary for Northern Residents
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Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies
17 York Street, Suite 405
Ottawa, Ontario K1N 9J6 Phone: (613) 562-0515
Fax: (613) 562-0533

Canada's Northern Scientific Training Program
Funds are available to Canadian universities with an officially recognized institute or committee for northern studies to help support students. (Priority is given to graduate students.) However, senior undergraduate students entering their final year and intending to undertake an honour's thesis based on northern field work or research which will be continued in subsequent graduate studies are also eligible. Post-doctoral students are not supported. The program helps pay for transportation and living costs while obtaining practical field work experience in Canada's north, developing interest and expertise on northern issues, and improving research skills.

Information, contact: Indian and Northern Affairs Canada Northern Scientific Training Program Committee, Sectoral Policy Division
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H4
Phone: (819) 997-0660
Fax: (819) 994-6419

Ted Trindell Memorial Scholarship
Presented to Aboriginal students of the Northwest Territories enrolled in full-time studies in the faculty of their choice.

Value: Five scholarships of \$1,000.

Eligibility: Métis or Non-Status Indian of the Northwest Territories. Good academic standing. Financial need.
Deadline: March 8th

Information: Métis Heritage Association Memorial Scholarship Fund Box 1375
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BRANDON UNIVERSITY

Xerox Canada Award - Brandon University
Value: \$2450
To be awarded to a Native Canadian student who has registered in a Business Administration course(s) during Regular Session. The recipient may either be an entering or returning student.
Deadline: May 11th annually.

Isabelle Douglas Estate Scholarships - Brandon University
Value: Four of \$310
To be awarded to a Second or Third Year student proceeding into Third or Fourth Year studies in any degree program at Brandon University being taken on or off campus. Eligible students must be all or part Manitoba Indian ancestry.
Deadline: May 11th annually.

MTS Bursaries for Aboriginal Students - Brandon University
To be awarded to Aboriginal students taking courses in Computer Science or Business Administration. In the event that there are no qualified applicants in these areas, the award will be granted to an Aboriginal student in a Science program.
Deadline: May 11th beginning in 2002.

Donna and Bill Parrish Scholarship for Aboriginal Students - Brandon University
To be awarded to an Aboriginal student of strong academic merit enrolled in full-time study at Brandon University.
Deadline: is May 11th, beginning in 2002.

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Deadline: May 11th annually.

John & Kay Findlay Scholarship in Native Studies - Brandon University

Value: \$900 Awarded to a Canadian First Nations or Metis student proceeding to Third or Fourth Year who has or will have satisfied at least the requirement for a minor in Native Studies at Brandon University.
Deadline: May 11th annually.

Information: Ms Janet Olmstead Wood Senate Office Brandon University 270 - 18th Street

Brandon, Manitoba R7A 6A9
Phone: (204) 727-9737

GRANT MacEWAN

Grant MacEwan College Foundation - Alberta

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Deadline for application June 15 for following academic year Aboriginal business Leadership Award
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Robert C. Carson Memorial Bursary - Grant MacEwan Community College

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.

Sylvia Schulse Memorial Bursary for Alex Taylor School - Grant MacEwan Community College

Eligibility: Awarded to a female student who attended Alex Taylor School and who is presently attending Grant MacEwan Community College. First priority is given to an Aboriginal student not legally entitled to adequate assistance by reason of her status. 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

Alberta Indian Arts and Craft Society Scholarship - Grant MacEwan

Value: Two scholarships of \$1,000. This scholarship is awarded to a promising young Alberta Indian artist who has shown excellence or creativity in his or her work. Eligibility: Applicants may submit one to five slides of different works (any medium). Submissions should be accompanied by a resume.
Deadline: January 21

Alberta Health Careers Bursary - Grant MacEwan

Value: Twenty scholarships totalling \$12,000. Eligibility: Applicants must: be Indian (Status or Non-Status), Inuit or Metis; have resided in Alberta for the last three years; have completed at least one year of post-secondary study in a health care field; demonstrate financial need; and have maintained full-time enrollment (60% of a full course load) and passing marks in all courses in their previous year of study.
Deadline: May 15

Aboriginal Leadership Development Awards - Grant MacEwan

Value: One award of \$1,500. Eligibility: Applicants must be Aboriginal students attending a public post-secondary institution, and be enrolled in a program leading to a certificate, diploma or degree in a business or commerce program. First priority is given to self-employed Aboriginal students, second priority to mature Aboriginal students, and third

priority to Aboriginal students attending a post-secondary institution.
Deadline: June 15

Canative Housing Corp. Award - Grant MacEwan Community College

Value: Various awards of up to \$2,500. Eligibility: Awarded to students of Metis ancestry who attend Grant MacEwan Community College. Students must display an above-average academic standing and present financial need. The Student Resource Centre recommends students to the Canative Housing Corporation Board. Board members choose the most appropriate recipients.
Deadline: September 20

CFCW Ltd. Scholarships - Grant MacEwan Community College

Value: One scholarship of \$1,000. Eligibility: Awarded to a Native Communications student who achieves the highest percentage in NC213.3 (Journalism).

CKNG FM Scholarship - Grant MacEwan

Value: Four scholarships of \$500. Eligibility: Awarded to Native Communications students who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement.
Information: No application required. Recipients are chosen by the Native Communications Program.

Claudette Rendall Award - Grant MacEwan

Value: One award of \$75. Eligibility: Awarded to one student registered in the Ben Calf Robe Program who: displays dedication to his or her studies; shows enthusiasm for learning; perseveres in math; is a positive role model for other students; completes assignments in a timely fashion; and demonstrates good attendance and punctuality.
Information: No application required. The recipient is chosen by instructors.

CN Bursary - Grant MacEwan Community College

Value: Two scholarships of \$500. Eligibility: Awarded to Aboriginal women in a business-related discipline. Students in the Business Division must apply. First priority is given to students in the Management Studies or Bachelor of Commerce programs. 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

Dreamcatcher Scholarship - Grant MacEwan Community College

Value: One scholarship of \$300. Eligibility: Awarded to an Aboriginal student in the Child and Youth Care Program who has persevered in pursuing his or her educational dream, and who has inspired others to pursue their dreams.

Eagle Feather Award - Grant MacEwan Community College

Value: One scholarship of \$200. Eligibility: Awarded annually to a Native Communications student who: is hardworking, has good communications skills and attendance, and participates in college life; shows humility, respect, kindness, and honesty, and who shares and provides inspiration in his or her dealings with others; and is a good role model committed to the betterment of Aboriginal life.

Oldies 1260 CFRN/CFRB-The Bear Scholarship - Grant MacEwan

Value: One scholarship of \$550. Eligibility: Awarded to a Native music student who demonstrates outstanding academic achievement in comparison with other Native students. Information: No application required. Recipient is chosen by the Music Program.

Robert Markle Scholarship - Grant MacEwan Community College

Value: One scholarship of \$1,200. Eligibility: Awarded annually to a First Nation student in the first or later year of a visual arts program at a post-secondary institution.
Deadline: December 31

Social Services Bursary Program - Grant MacEwan Community College

Value: Varies

Eligibility: Metis or Non-Status Indians who have been Alberta residents for at least three years before applying; enrolled in a recognized post-secondary educational institution and studying in a social services discipline; and provide proof of enrollment and confirmation of a full course workload.
Deadline: Applications are accepted from January 1 to April 30.

Information: Student Awards Office Student Advising Centre Room 7-112A City Centre Campus Grant MacEwan Community College P.O.Box 1796
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LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY

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Deadline: Recommended by School of Education.

Thunder Bay Children's Services Foundation Bursaries - Lakehead University

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Deadline: November 17 of each year

Bridget Veronica Morton Memorial Bursaries - Lakehead University

Award for a Native undergraduate student.
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Eligibility: Must be of Native Canadian heritage. Must be an undergraduate student at Lakehead University. Awarded on the basis of demonstrated financial need.
Deadline: November 17 each year

The Hamlin Family Lakehead University 30th Anniversary Award - Lakehead University

An incentive award to a Native Access Program for Engineering (NAPE) student on completion of the NAPE program.
Amount: \$600
Eligibility: Academic improvement. Attendance. Commitment to the NAPE program and full-time registration in the first year of the Engineering Technology program.
Deadline: Awarded on the recommendation of the Faculty of Engineering by the staff of the Native Access Program for Engineering.

Minhal Holding Limited - Native Access Program for Engineering - Lakehead University

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Shell Canada Limited Native Entrance Award - Lakehead University

Awarded to a Native student entering Lakehead University.
Amount: One award of \$800.
Eligibility: Native ancestry. High academic standing. Community involvement. Participation in student affairs. Financial need.
Deadline: April 15 of each year.

Placer Dome Native Award - Lakehead University

To a Native student entering either education, nursing or social work. Amount: \$4,000 over a four-year period, or one award of \$1,000 per year. Eligibility: Native student from the Shibogama or Windigo Band. Enrolled at Lakehead University in: Education, Nursing, Social work. Academic performance. Duration: Four years based on performance.

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Deadline: April 15 each year

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Awarded to the student whose average mark computed on all Native language courses is highest for the year.
One award of \$100

Eligibility: Completion of at least three full course equivalents in Native language studies at Lakehead University. Academic performance.
Deadline: No application. Candidate recommended by the Native language instructors.

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Awarded in the second term to Native students in the second, third or fourth year at Lakehead University.
One award of \$200.

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Information: Undergraduate Scholarships and Awards Officer Financial Aid Office 955 Oliver Road Lakehead University Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 5E1
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SASKATCHEWAN INDIAN FEDERATED COLLEGE

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Eligibility: Varies
Deadline: August 1st
Information: Phone: (306) 777-7800
City of Regina Public Affairs Division City Hall, 14th Floor P. O. Box 1790 Regina, Saskatchewan S4P 3C8

Albert Bellegarde Memorial Scholarship - SIFC

Eligibility: Sask. Treaty Indian who has successfully completed two years in a post-secondary institute
Deadline: February 26
Amount: \$2000

Criteria: Active involvement with community or educational institution promoting positive development of Indian

self-determination; letters of recommendation required

Jean Shoebridge Memorial Book Prize - SIFC

Awarded to assist First Nations and Métis students in the purchase of texts and other books related to their courses. Amount: Four awards of a \$100 credit at the University of Regina Bookstore. Two awarded in each of the fall and winter semesters.
Eligibility: First Nations or Métis student. Conscientious student. Desire to work in an Aboriginal community when studies completed. Academic standing and financial need are secondary considerations. Open to both full-time and part-time students.
Deadline: February 28 and October 31 each year

Poundmaker Memorial Scholarship - SIFC

To assist a Status Indian born in Saskatchewan with expenses associated with teacher education.
Amount: One award of \$750
Eligibility: Status Indian born in Saskatchewan. Has completed two years of undergraduate work at the University of Saskatchewan, University of Regina or Saskatchewan Indian Federated College. Enrolled in a teacher education program.
Deadline: Varies
Applications are available from the Student Program Counselling Office, Faculty of Education or the Career Counsellor, Saskatchewan Indian Federated College. I

Ayakamikan Pimatisiwin (Life Continues) Award - SIFC

To help a Saskatchewan Indian Federated College single-parent student.
Amount: \$100
Eligibility: Saskatchewan Treaty Indian/ Status Indian. Registered in full-time classes in any field of study. Must have completed first year of study. Financial need. Academic performance. Must have letter of recommendation from academic counsellor.
Deadline: October 31 each year

Board of Governors Graduate Entrance Scholarship - SIFC

An entrance scholarship for a graduate student of the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College (SIFC).
Amount: \$1,000.
Eligibility: SIFC graduate with the highest average accepted into full-time graduate studies in a joint SIFC/University of Regina masters program. Duration: Annual
Deadline: Presented at convocation

Bobby Bird Memorial Scholarship - SIFC

To a Saskatchewan Treaty Indian who is entering or in the Administration or the Pre-Administration program.
Value: \$1,000
Eligibility: Saskatchewan Treaty Indian. Has completed a minimum of 12 credit

hours. Pursuing a career in First Nations management and administration. Minimum GPA of 67.5%. Financial need.
Deadline: October 31 each year

Cree Language Incentive Award - SIFC

To provide an incentive to students fluent in any of the Cree dialects.
Amount: \$250.
Eligibility: Treaty Indian Registered with the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College or the University of Regina. Successfully completed Cree 100, 102, 200, 201 and 300. Committed to using Cree language after graduation.
Deadline: February 28 each year

Dr. Margaret P. Hess Award - SIFC

To an Aboriginal art history student with the highest GPA in the required core classes.
Value: \$300
Deadline: Presented at convocation.

Eastview Rotary Indian/Native Entrance Scholarship - SIFC

To a first-year Native student registered at the University of Regina/Saskatchewan Indian Federated College.
Value: \$1,000.
Eligibility: Native student. Leadership and good citizenship qualities. Must submit high school transcript.
Deadline: February 28 of each year

Eastview Rotary Pre-Journalism Scholarship - SIFC

To a Native student in the Indian communication arts program at Saskatchewan Indian Federated College.
Value: \$500
Eligibility: Native student. Minimum GPA of 65%. Committed to the development of Aboriginal mass media. Financial need. Duration: Annual
Deadline: October 31 each year

Eastview Rotary Science Scholarship - SIFC

For Native students registered in the science program at Saskatchewan Indian Federated College. Amount: \$500
Eligibility: Native student. Minimum GPA of 65%. Committed to the development of his or her chosen field, i.e., Native health studies or Native environmental sciences. Financial need.
Deadline: February 28 each year

Edgar Epp Bursary - SIFC

To a full-time registered Saskatchewan Indian Federated College student at the Saskatoon campus.
Value: \$500
Eligibility: Full-time student with between 32 and 96 completed credit hours. Proven involvement with the community for the purpose of enhancing social awareness and/or promoting social justice. Working up to his or her potential with a minimum achieved average of 70% in all credit courses.

Deadline: February 28 each year

Henry Heinrichs Bursary - SIFC

To a full-time Saskatchewan Indian Federated College student of Native ancestry majoring in English.
Value: \$400
Eligibility: Native ancestry. Financial need. Minimum GPA of 65%.
Deadline: February 28 each year
Indian Artists Award - SIFC To the Aboriginal art graduate with the highest GPA. Amount: \$400.
Deadline: Presented at convocation

Indian Authors Award - SIFC

To a Saskatchewan Indian Federated College student of Native ancestry registered in full or part-time studies.
Amount: \$350
Eligibility: Native ancestry. Must submit eight poems, two pieces of fiction or one play.
Deadline: October 31 each year.

Information Management Systems Scholarship - SIFC

To assist the highest qualifying Saskatchewan Indian Federated College student who meets the entrance requirements.
Value: Total of \$2,000
Eligibility: Native ancestry. Indicates an intention to enter the Administration program on completion of the first year of the general arts and science program. Duration: Four years (\$500 per year) Continuation is contingent on maintaining a satisfactory average and completion of computer science core requirements.
Deadline: February 28 each year.

Library Book Award - SIFC

To a Saskatchewan Indian Federated College student with the highest weighted point average (WPA).
Value: \$300 credit at the University of Regina/Saskatchewan Bookstore.
Eligibility: The highest WPA Between 24 and 64 completed credit hours. Responsible, frequent user of the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College Library. Must have a letter of reference from the librarian.
Deadline: February 28 each year

SIFC Entrance Scholarship

To a Native student graduating from high school and accepted at the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College/University of Regina.
Value: One scholarship of \$1,000 (\$500 in each of two semesters)
Eligibility: Saskatchewan Treaty Indian, Non-Status Indian or Métis. Grade 12 graduate with a minimum average of 70% in Grade 12 subjects used for admission. Duration: Student must maintain a satisfactory standing (70% GPA) to receive second installment.
Deadline: October 31 each year

Soloman Mosquito Scholarship in English

- SIFC

For full-time Saskatchewan Indian Federated College students of Native ancestry majoring in English.
Amount: One scholarship of \$600
Eligibility: Native ancestry. Minimum of three English classes completed at and above the 100 level. An average of at least 70% in the major area.
Deadline: October 31 each year
Information: Scholarship/Award Committee Saskatchewan Indian Federated College 127 College Street West University of Regina Regina, Saskatchewan S4S 0A2 Phone: (306) 779-6234 Fax: (306) 584-0955

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Michael and Sonja Koerner Fellowship - UBC

Value: One of \$9000.00
Eligibility: Available to UBC Graduate student(s)
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Value: One of \$1900.00
Eligibility: Given to student(s) in the UBC School of Library, Archival, and Information Studies.

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Value: \$ 1700.00
Number: One
Eligibility: Award is made on the recommendation of the First Nations House Of Learning and Faculty of Education and, in the case of graduate students, the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Preference is given to student(s) involved in academic projects or research that will advance the cause of Aboriginal education.

Khot-la-cha Award - UBC

Eligibility: Awarded is made on the recommendation of the First Nations House of Learning, and in the case of graduate students, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Offered to First Nations students working with or guided by First Nations Elders in their studies.

BC Tel Native/Indian Teacher Education Program - UBC

To assist Native students in the NITEP program at the University of British Columbia. Awarded in consultation with the Faculty of Education.
Value: Bursaries to a total of \$3,250
Eligibility: Status or Non-Status Indian.

Cannon Memorial Bursary - UBC

To Native students enrolled in the Faculty of Education.
Value: One or more annual bursaries to a

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Eligibility: Status or Non-Status Indian. Has completed at least one undergraduate year. Good academic standing. Financial need.

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Two fellowships endowed by Dofasco Inc. With the support of the Province of British Columbia for First Nations students in an field. Value: Two fellowships of \$8,000 each
Eligibility: First Nations student at the University of British Columbia.
Deadline: Awarded on the recommendation of the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

Dr. Gordon Butler Memorial Bursary - UBC

To Status Indians, Non-Status Indians or Inuit who are enrolled in or currently majoring in health and social sciences at the University of British Columbia.
Value: Normally two bursaries of \$500 each
Eligibility: Status Indian, Non-Status Indian or Inuit.

Jessie Manning Bursary for Native/Indian Students - UBC

To assist Native students.
Value: One bursary of \$1,050
Eligibility: Preference is given to a Non-Status Indian in the Native Indian Teacher Education program.

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To Native students entering or attending the School of Social Work or Nursing at the Faculty of Education or the Faculty of Law.
Value: One bursary of \$1,500 to each of the three faculties listed above.
Eligibility: Native student.
Deadline: N/A

Clarence Ludwig Musclow Bursary - UBC

This bursary has been endowed by the estate of Clarence Ludwig Musclow for a First Nations student from British Columbia.
Value: \$3,000
Eligibility: First Nation student from British Columbia. Must be studying First Nations culture, history, language or any other topic which will help to preserve the culture of First Nations people.

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To a First Nations student from a British Columbia coastal community. Value: One scholarship of \$800.
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Value: One or more bursaries to a total of \$1,000 Eligibility: Preference given to a Non-Status Indian.

Westcoast Energy Inc. First Nations Fellowship - UBC To First Nations students in any field on the recommendation of the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Value: Two fellowships of \$6,000 per year. Eligibility: First Nations student. Enrolled at the University of British Columbia.

Wilson Duff Memorial Bursary - UBC To students in the field of Native history and culture. Value: One or more bursaries of \$1,500 Eligibility: Studying Indian history and culture. Preference given to students of Native ancestry. Information: Awards and Financial Aid Office University of British Columbia Brock Hall, 1875 East Mall, Office 1036 Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z1 Phone: (604) 822-5111 Fax: (604) 822-6929

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

Tom Wegmann Award - UofA Award: \$750 Deadline: Nomination by U of A Aboriginal Health Careers program. Eligibility: Awarded annually to a student enrolled in the Native Medicine Program at the University of Alberta, Faculty of Medicine, on the basis of satisfactory academic standing and a demonstrated interest in native health care.

Chief Harvey Behn Bursary - UofA Award: \$500 Deadline: October 31 Eligibility: Applicant of Aboriginal heritage entering their second, third or fourth year in Faculty of Engineering. Must be involved in the Native community and have financial need. Alternately, students in Faculty of Science may be considered.

Shell Canada Limited Aboriginal Science Award - U of A Award: \$2,000 Deadline: October 1 Eligibility: Student of Canadian Aboriginal ancestry entering third or fourth year of a Bachelor degree majoring in Physics, Geophysics, Electrical Engineering, or Geology. Satisfactory academic standing of 6.0. Preference given to students interested in a career in the oil and gas industry.

Shell Canada Limited Aboriginal Engineering Award - U of A Value: \$2,000 Deadline: October 1, 2000 Eligibility: University of Alberta Aboriginal student with academic standing of 6.0 entering third or fourth year of a BSc

degree, or to a student in an MEng or MSc degree program in the Faculty of Engineering majoring in Chemical, Mechanical or Civil engineering. Based on financial need, academic standing, and involvement in extracurricular activities.

Adrian Hope Awards in Cree Language and Culture - UofA Awarded annually to a student with outstanding academic achievement in Advanced Cree 352 and a student with outstanding academic achievement in Native Issues and Insights 210/211. Amount: Two awards of \$500 each Eligibility: Outstanding academic achievement in one of the above courses. Deadline: Application not required

Billy Mills Award - U of A To a graduate or senior undergraduate Aboriginal student in the preparation of a thesis or major paper. Amount: \$500 Eligibility: Aboriginal ancestry. Academic achievement. Documented involvement in the Aboriginal community. Students from all faculties are eligible. Deadline: April 15 each year

Darcy Tailfeathers Memorial Award in Medicine - UofA To a student of Aboriginal ancestry who has shown commitment to pursuing a career in medicine. Amount: \$1,000 Eligibility: Aboriginal ancestry. Has completed at least one year of the M.D. program with satisfactory academic standing. Emphasis on leadership qualities and athletic ability. Deadline: By nomination of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Alberta.

Harry A. and Francis Lepofsky Friedman Scholarship - UofA Description: To an Aboriginal student entering the University of Alberta. Amount: Varies each year. Eligibility: Aboriginal ancestry. Superior academic achievement. Community involvement. Deadline: April 15 each year

Johnny Samson Prize in Native Studies - UofA Offered annually to a student demonstrating superior achievement in two or more courses at the School of Native Studies. Amount: \$750 Eligibility: Entering second, third or fourth year of an academic program. Superior academic achievement in at least two courses of the School for Native Studies. Financial need. Extra-curricular involvement. Deadline: April 1 each year

Ralph and Isabel Steinhauer Scholarship - UofA Awarded to an Aboriginal student entering the University of Alberta.

Amount: \$500 and up to \$1,900 Eligibility: Aboriginal student beginning studies in one of the following faculties: Agriculture and Forestry . Home Economics . Agricultural Engineering . Animal Science. Superior academic achievement. Financial need. Deadline: July 15 each year

Saddle Lake Steinhauer Entrance Scholarship - UofA To a student entering the first year of any undergraduate program at the University of Alberta. Amount: \$1,000 Eligibility: Superior academic achievement. Good record of community service with or among Aboriginal people. Preference will be given to Aboriginal students. Deadline: April 15 each year

Stan Daniels Award - U of A Métis student attending the University of Alberta Amount: One award of \$500 Eligibility: Métis student. Financial need. Good academic performance. Active participation in Métis community affairs and activities. Deadline: April 15 each year

Tkachenko Prize in Native Studies - U of A For study of the Cree language. Amount: One award of \$500 in each of two Cree language courses. Eligibility: Highest academic standing in Introductory Cree NS 152 and highest academic standing in Intermediate Cree NS252. Deadline: April 1 each year

John Baldwin Visual Communications Memorial Award - U of A Amount: \$200 Eligibility: Aboriginal ancestry. Deadline: Application not required. Nomination by the Faculty of Art and Design.

Canadian Western Bank Entrance Award - U of A Amount: \$6,000 (payable over 3 years) Deadline: October 1 Conditions: University of Alberta student of Canadian Aboriginal ancestry entering first year of Faculty of business. Based on academic merit and financial need. Information: Office of Student Awards University of Alberta 103 Administration Building Edmonton, Alberta T6G 2M7 Phone: (780) 492-3221 Fax: (780) 492-4380 Canadian Western Bank Entrance / Transfer Award Amount: \$4,000 (payable over two years) Deadline: October 1 Conditions: University of Alberta student of Canadian Aboriginal ancestry transferring into the faculty of business after completing two years at a local or regional college. Based on academic merit and financial need. Information: Office of Student Awards

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UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY

Royal and Sun Alliance Insurance Company of Canada Scholarships for Aboriginal Students - U of C Value: One scholarship of \$1,000. Eligibility: Offered annually to a student of Native Canadian ancestry (Status Indian, Non-Status Indian, Métis or Inuit) who is entering his or her third or fourth year in the Faculty of Management with a concentration in risk management and insurance. The award is based on academic merit. In the event there are no eligible applicants in the RMIN program, students of Native Canadian ancestry registered in third or fourth year of other programs are eligible. Deadline: June 15

New Sun Education Award - U of C Value: One scholarship of \$1,500. Eligibility: Offered annually to a continuing student of Native Canadian ancestry (Status Indian, Non-Status Indian, Métis or Inuit) who has completed at least one full year in any undergraduate faculty at the University of Calgary. The award is based on academic merit, financial need and a demonstrated involvement in the preservation of traditional Native culture. To be eligible students must be registered full-time, but need not be carrying a full course load. Deadline: June 15

Raytheon Systems of Canada Ltd. Scholarship for Aboriginal Students - U of C Value: One scholarship of \$1,000. Eligibility: Offered annually to a student of Native Canadian ancestry (Status Indian, Non-Status Indian, Métis or Inuit) entering the third year at the University of

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Calgary in either electrical engineering or computer science. The award is based on academic merit. In the event there are no eligible applicants in electrical engineering or computer science, Aboriginal students enrolled in the following disciplines are considered in the order listed: engineering (any department), mathematics, physics, or any undergraduate faculty at the University of Calgary.
Deadline: June 15

The Ross A. MacKimmie Bursary - U of C
To a student of Native Canadian ancestry entering first year in any faculty at the University of Calgary. North Canadian Oils Limited in memory of Ross MacKimmie. Amount: One bursary of \$1,000
Eligibility: Status Indian, Non-Status Indian, Métis or Inuit. Academic merit. Financial need. Entering first year in any faculty.
Deadline: July 15 each year

Blair Family Foundation Scholarship - U of C
To a student of Native Canadian ancestry entering the Faculty of Engineering at the University of Calgary. Donated by the S.M. Blair Family Foundation.
Amount: \$3,000
Renewable in the second, third and fourth year providing the recipient maintains a minimum grade point average of 2.60 as a full-time student.
Eligibility: Status Indian, Non-Status Indian, Métis or Inuit. Entering the Faculty of Engineering at the University of Calgary. Must have attended high school in one of the western Canadian provinces, the Yukon or the Northwest Territories. Academic merit. Extra-curricular activities involving contribution to the Native community.
Deadline: March 15 each year

The Roland MacDonald Memorial Award - U of C
Offered to a student of Native Canadian ancestry enrolled in second, third or fourth year at the University of Calgary. Donated by Frederick R. MacDonald in memory of his brother Roland.
Amount: One award of \$800
Eligibility: Status Indian, Non-Status Indian, Métis or Inuit. Enrolled in second, third or fourth year at the University of Calgary. Financial need. Academic merit. Preference will be given to a student enrolled in the Faculty of Fine Arts. Must be enrolled in full-time studies but need not be carrying a full course load.
Deadline: June 15 each year

The Sheila McDougall Award - U of C
Offered to an Aboriginal Canadian registered in the Faculty of Social Work in the BSW program. Donated by family, friends and colleagues in memory of Sheila McDougall, who received her BSW from the University of Calgary in 1987 and was working on her MSW at the time of her death.
Amount: \$200
Eligibility: Aboriginal Canadian registered in the Faculty of Social Work in the BSW program. If there are no suitable applicants in the Faculty of Social Work, then students who meet the criteria specified but are registered in the Faculty of Education, the Faculty of Nursing or the Faculty of Social Sciences with a major in psychology will be considered. Academic merit. Intent to pursue a career in an area that will provide a service to Native people and/or further cross-cultural awareness and understanding. Financial need.
Deadline: June 15 each year

Travel Cuts Native Bursary - U of C
To a Canadian student of Native ancestry enrolled in second, third or fourth year of any faculty at the University of Calgary.
Amount: One award of \$500.
Eligibility: Status Indian, Non-Status Indian, Métis or Inuit. Academic merit. Financial need.
Deadline: June 15 each year

The Madam Valda Bursaries - U of C
Offered to students entering second, third or fourth year of any faculty at the University of Calgary. Donated by the estate of the late Olga Valda Kavaner.
Value: Three bursaries of \$1,000 each.
Eligibility: The awards will be based primarily on financial need with academic merit also considered. Preference will be given to a student of Native Canadian ancestry (Status Indian, Non-Status Indian,

Métis or Inuit) for one of these awards.
Deadline: June 15 each year.

Ellen McNail Hamilton Bursary - U of C
Offered to a student of Native Canadian ancestry enrolled in second, third or fourth year of any faculty at the University of Calgary. Donated by Jessie Symons in memory of her mother Ellen McNeil Hamilton.
Amount: Three bursaries of \$2,000 each
Eligibility: Status Indian, Non-Status Indian, Métis or Inuit. Financial need. Extra-curricular activities. Academic merit.
Duration: Annual
Deadline: June 15 each year.

Hughes Aircraft of Canada Limited Scholarship For Aboriginal Students - U of C
Offered to a student of Native Canadian ancestry entering third year at the University of Calgary in either electrical engineering or computer science.
Amount: One scholarship of \$1,000
Eligibility: Status Indian, Non-Status Indian, Métis or Inuit. Entering third year in electrical engineering or computer science. Academic merit. In the event that there are no eligible applicants in electrical engineering or computer science then Aboriginal students enrolled in the following disciplines will be considered in the order listed: Engineering (any department), Mathematics, Physics. Any undergraduate faculty at the University of Calgary.
Deadline: June 15 each year

The I.C. Hutton Bursary - University of Calgary
Offered to students of Native Canadian ancestry enrolled in second, third or fourth year of any faculty at the University of Calgary. Donated by I.C. Hutton in memory of her parents, Robert W. and Mary C. Hutton.
Amount: Two bursaries of \$1,000.
Eligibility: Status Indian, Non-Status Indian, Métis or Inuit. Academic merit. Financial need. Must be registered full-time but need not be carrying a full course load.
Deadline: June 15 each year
Information: Student Awards and Financial Aid University of Calgary 2500 University Drive NW
Calgary, Alberta T2N 1N4
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To recognize academic performance of an Aboriginal student.
Value: Approximately \$200.
Eligibility: Aboriginal student. Entering the Faculty of Administration degree program in the fall semester. Highest weighted average on those classes which can be applied to the Bachelor of Administration degree.
Deadline: September 1 each year

Morley Wood Memorial Scholarship for Aboriginal Female Students - University of Regina
To promote entry or advancement in a chosen program of studies at the University of Regina, the University of Saskatchewan or other post-secondary institutions in Saskatchewan with recognized professional standing.
Value: Two scholarships of \$600 each.
Eligibility: The contribution made by the individual in promoting Aboriginal women, financial need and academic standing are taken into consideration as follows: The applicant's contribution in promoting Aboriginal women will be assessed. The Scholarship's Review committee will look specifically at the individual's contribution in community-based or regional Aboriginal projects or programs which support the literacy, awareness or development of the economic independence of Aboriginal women. Information on the applicant's contribution in promoting Aboriginal women must be provided with the application. The program of studies being followed must enhance the professional skills of the applicant to promote further development in the Aboriginal community, specifically for Aboriginal women. Financial need. A minimum weighted average of 70%.

Deadline: July 31 each year

Dr. Lloyd Barber Scholarship - University of Regina
Awarded to an Aboriginal student who has shown a commitment to pursuing a degree in public or private sector administration.
Value: A personal computer package valued at approximately \$3,500
Eligibility: Enrolled in a minimum of 15 credit hours in the fall semester in which the award is given. Selected on the basis of leadership potential, academic accomplishments, participation in campus and student affairs and community involvement.
Deadline: August 15

Teal Lowery Scholarship - University of Regina
Offered to a First Nations student entering the Pre-Administration program, based on academic standing from high school.
Value: One award of \$2,500 to be paid in two installments.
Eligibility: Academic standing from high school. Must be a First Nations student entering in full-time studies in the Pre-Administration program. Applications must include a statement indicating work, and/or extra-curricular activities particularly within the First Nations community. Letters of recommendation may be requested by the selection committee.
Deadline: April 30 each year

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Information: Scholarship/Award Committee Saskatchewan Indian Federated College
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Regina, Saskatchewan S4S 0A2 Phone: (306) 779-6234
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Duration: Annual
Deadline: May 31 each year

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Deadline: Students are notified about application procedures in the fall.

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Value: \$5000

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Deadline: may 31
Information: Charlotte Ross, Office of the Dean
Room 235 Arts Building
College of Arts & Science
University of Saskatchewan
Saskatoon, SK S7N 5A5
Phone (306) 966-4754
Fax: (306) 966-8839

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Gladys Watson Aboriginal Education Fund - U of T
Awarded to Aboriginal students enrolled in graduate programs at the masters or doctoral level, and to second-entry professional programs (law, medicine, education, etc.) Preference will be given to those students who demonstrate financial need.
Deadline: July 1

First Nations House Grant Program - U of T
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Awarded to an Aboriginal student enrolled in the Transitional Year Programme at the University of Toronto.
Deadline: End of November

The President's Award for the Outstanding Native Student of the Year - U of T
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Deadline: November

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Deadline: September

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Deadline: September

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Value: variable (\$500 minimum)
Application required: Yes

Type: Bursary Awarded on the basis of financial need to Aboriginal Nipissing University students. Complete a Nipissing University Application for Student Awards available from the Financial Aid Office.
Deadline: October 15.

Nipissing University Arts and Science Aboriginal Award
Value: \$500
Application required: Yes
Type: Award Presented annually to a second year full-time Aboriginal student enrolled in an Arts and Science degree program who has a minimum overall average of 75% and demonstrates financial need. Apply on the Nipissing University Application for Student Awards available from the Financial Aid Office.
Deadline: October 15.

Alan J. Johnson Memorial Scholarship
Value: \$150
Application required: Yes
Type: Scholarship Awarded to the applicant of Native Canadian Ancestry enrolled in the full-time Bachelor of Education Program with the highest prerequisite qualifications. Applications are available in the Financial Aid Office.
Deadline: October 15.

Nipissing University Faculty of Education Aboriginal Award
Value: \$500
Application required: Yes
Type: Award Presented annually to a full-time Aboriginal student enrolled in the Faculty of Education who has a minimum admission average of 75% and demonstrates financial need. Apply on the Nipissing University Student Bursary application available from the Financial Aid Office.
Deadline: October 15.
Information Contact:
Jennifer Mercer
Student Awards Coordinator
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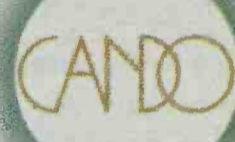
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Windspeaker Columnist

Copyright is owned exclusively by the songwriter/composer who has the right to assign his copyright of his song to a publisher. A songwriter/composer's revenue comes from five sources: Performing rights royalties, mechanical royalties, synchronization rights, licensing and sheet music or folio.

The publisher's job is to get the song to the masses through television, radio, film and recordings. So the publisher's role is to administer the copyright by reviewing new songs to determine the potential success of a song.

Ultimately, the publisher works to have songs 'exploited' or given exposure in as many markets and mediums as possible. The more songs are exploited, the more revenue-generating income accrues to the publisher and songwriter.

For a copyright to be infringed it must meet three criteria. First, accessibility or knowledge must be determined. Did the violator have access to the song, for example, by hearing it or by buying a recording?

Second, consciously or unconsciously copying a copyrighted work is another test. An example of consciously copying is criminal copyright infringement or piracy. Think Napster and the whole debate about music file sharing on the Internet. Copying without permission and (usually) selling another's copyright work is a serious criminal offence.

A classic example of unconsciously copying is the famous George Harrison infringement of the Chiffons "He's So Fine" hit in Harrison's "My Sweet Lord" song.

Third, this example also met the substantial similarity test because the melody was recognizable.

The Copyright Act does not protect performances of songs. It is permissible to imitate major artists and record it, but the recording is protected.

Think of André-Phillipe Gagnon, internationally famous Quebecois comedian who performs songs by celebrities like Mick Jagger and others. A parody of a song as in Weird Al Yankovic's "Eat It" version of Michael Jackson's "Beat It" song is not in violation of copyright because permission has been secured with the publisher.

Fair use refers to a limited use of a copyrighted work. Music reviewers and critics often quote a few lines of a song to illustrate or make a point to support their view. Substantial use of the lyrics, however, requires getting permission from the owner or assignee, i.e. publisher, and paying a negotiated fee to use the work.

Providing the relevant credits,

which are name of author and source, is mandatory. It is not considered a violation of copyright if you enjoy a CD in your home, but it is if you perform or play that same song or CD at a wedding without getting permission from the copyright owner.

Misleading the public through misrepresentation is another example of infringement. In this scenario, the public buys your CD because it believes it to be another person's work. That's where trademarks can also be violated. When you think of KISS or the Rolling Stones logo, what do you think of?

Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the copyright owner to prove that a copyright infringement has occurred. Initially, a letter of notice is sent to the alleged violator before making a claim in court. If it is determined that there has been a violation of copyright, the claimant may decide to negotiate a settlement out of court to recover damages.

The claimant may decide whether it is worth the cost of litigation, compared to the amount they might be able to recover out of court. If the court decides in favour of the claimant, it may serve an injunction to stop further infringement, seize the product, award actual damages or statutory damages depending on the specific case.

A songwriter can voluntarily waive or give up their copyright by signing a release. They sign away their rights for any future claims or compensation. This scenario can happen when a producer asks permission for a waiver for a recording compilation and proceeds go to benefit a charitable organization.

Another example is when a songwriter is approached at a music festival, concert, or powwow and may feel compelled to sign the waiver because the other artists have signed such a release. The songwriter is under no obligation to sign the waiver.

It would be prudent to determine, in advance, the advantages or disadvantages of signing waivers.

Enough said, more about music publishing and songwriter royalty administration in the next column. Until then, 'starving artists' should be vigilant about their work because, in effect, you may be waving goodbye to any potential royalties.

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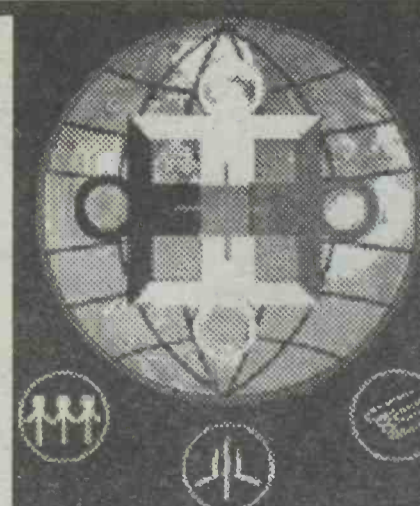
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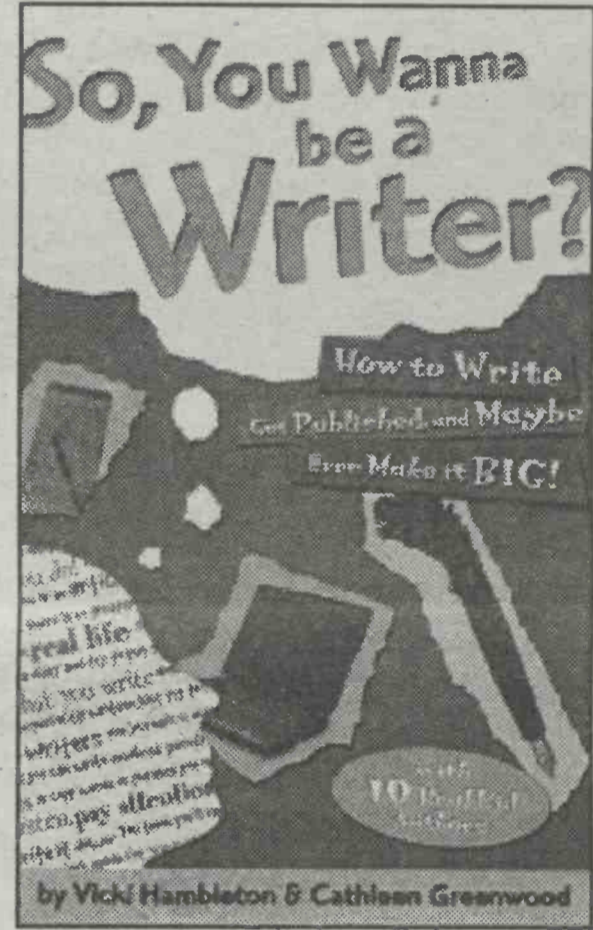


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The only drawback to the book is that it is American. While the occasional reference to the president of the United States can be overlooked, the origins of the book makes a large portion of the chapter on resources for writers—including lists of writing contests, book publishers and other possible markets for selling your stuff—pretty much useless for young wannabe writers this side of the border. But, if what you're looking for is step-by-step guide to getting your ideas on paper and getting them published, then this is a book you should definitely add to your reading list. So, You Wanna Be a Writer is published by Beyond Words Publishing Inc. and sells for \$12.95 Canadian. The book is distributed in Canada by Whitecap Books Ltd. (www.whitecap.ca).

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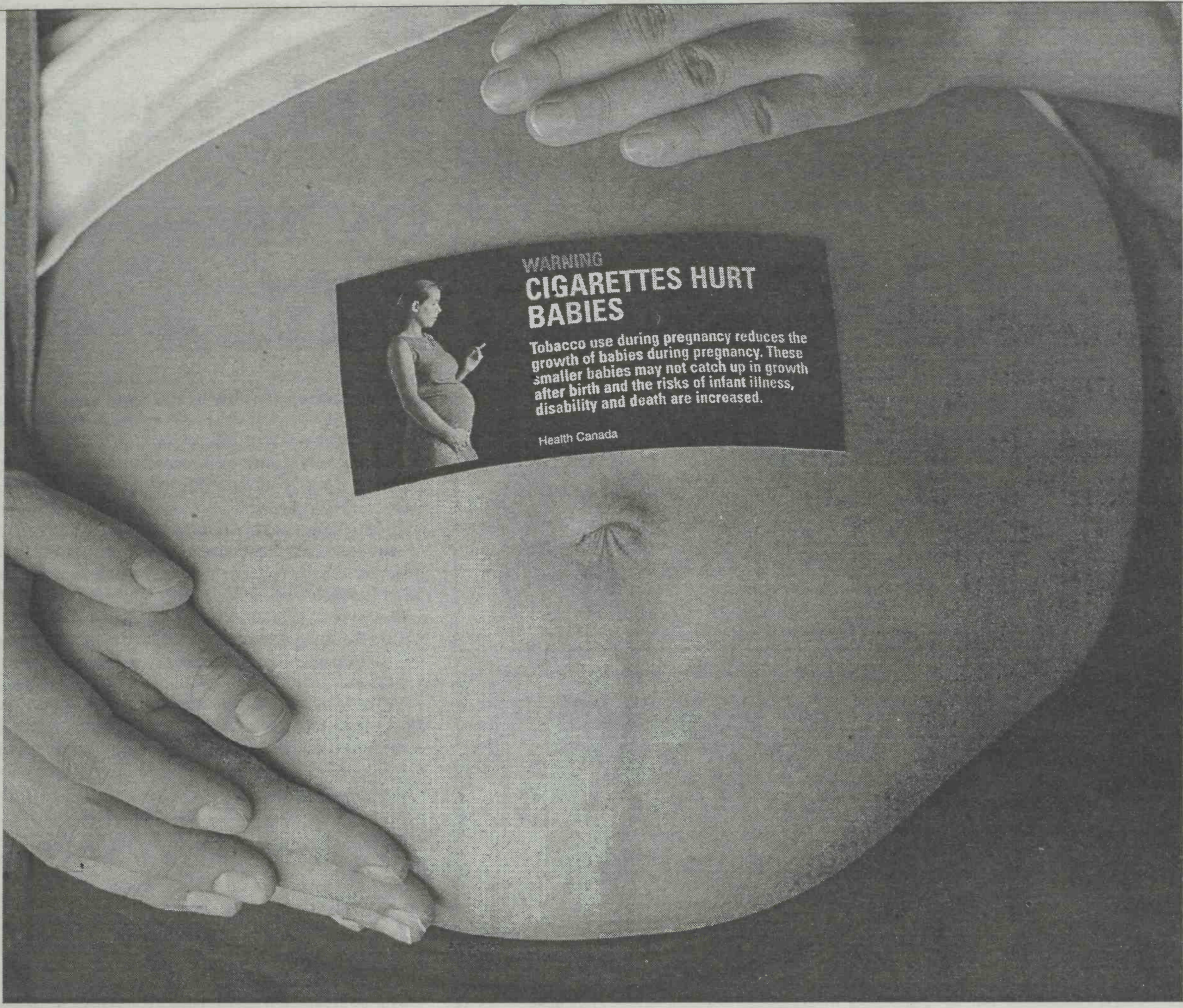
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Ecuadoran shaman and son return to court May 14

By Margo Little
Windspeaker Contributor

WIKWEMIKONG, Ont.

Community supporters were out in force again March 12 as two Ecuadoran visitors and their Portuguese interpreter appeared before Justice Randy Lalonde in Wikwemikong.

After a brief consultation with Crown representatives Lorraine Ottley and Blaine Armstrong and defense counsel Lloyd Greenspoon, Justice Lalonde put the matter over to May 14.

Juan Uyunkar, his son Edgar Uyunkar and their assistant, Maria Ventura, have been free on bail since Nov. 26 and await trial on charges related to the death of Wikwemikong Elder Jean (Jane) Maiangowi, 71. She died Oct. 19 after participating in a healing ceremony utilizing a potion containing South American plants, tobacco and water.

The father and son team has been charged with criminal negligence causing death, as well as possession and trafficking of a

controlled substance. Ventura faces charges of administering a noxious substance and trafficking in a controlled substance.

A legal defence committee continues to solicit funds from First Nations groups across Canada. Meanwhile, the Hispanic Latin Association of Sudbury has announced a fundraising dance to be held April 12 at the Caruso Club in Sudbury. Toronto musicians Cassava have been commissioned to play at the event.

Anne Russell, a member of the Hispanic group's executive, said the organization was moved by the plight of the Ecuadoran visitors to the north.

"They have been here a long time with little contact with home," she said. "Juan hasn't even seen his youngest child yet.

"Usually we fundraise for natural disasters," Russell added. "There is always lots of need for funds. Last year we gave money to the local hospital. We will contribute something to the fund for Juan and Edgar. We do what we can to

help."

Although many community members in Wikwemikong have stepped forward to actively support Uyunkar and his son, some dissenting voices are now being heard on Manitoulin Island.

In a letter to the editor of the *Manitoulin Expositor*, Wikwemikong band member Jean Trudeau writes, "I will be pressing for a full inquiry and/or inquest into the death of Jean Maiangowi once the criminal trial is finished."

Trudeau is calling for the inquiry to know why an analysis wasn't done on the plants before the healing ceremonies started, and why the healing ceremony participants' medical charts weren't reviewed by the Naandwedidaa program manager, the interpreter and the Ecuadorians to prevent any reactions or complications. She also questions why medical personnel weren't present during the ceremony in case complications developed.

Furthermore, Trudeau questions the role the Wikwemikong Health Centre played in invit-

ing the shaman and his helpers to the community. She asks: Do we just bring anyone into the community and "not do a thorough check of the medicines they propose to use? What rules and regulations does the Wikwemikong Health Centre follow when it comes to bringing in outside healers?"

Similar misgivings have been expressed by Wikwemikong observer Ronald J. Rivers. In a published opinion he notes that "the Ecuadorans have made friends since their arrival and have supporters, but it's not all the band members or even most band members and there are band members that do not want to be on either side."

Rivers believes the Ecuadoran medicine men "did come here in good faith looking for positive results in their traditional medicines indigenous to their country, but something went wrong. An investigation was done, charges were laid and now it is in the hands of the court."

Band member Ian Peltier is equally vocal about the issues. He points out that "there is only a small handful of individuals

who invited these people into our community." In addition, he said, they "did not consult with any doctors, nurses, support staff, or other program areas. There were no medical personnel present at these healing ceremonies."

Peltier emphasizes that he fully supports the use of traditional medicines in his community; however, he feels the soliciting of visiting medicine men is disrespectful to Wikwemikong's own resident healers.

Unfortunately, he said, Mrs. Maiangowi's death "was the result of the ingestion of a known, banned substance." He argues that everyone must be subject to the statutes of Canada.

"We are not immune to them because we are Native. What kind of a precedent are we going to set for the world? It is okay for Natives, Indigenous peoples, Aboriginal peoples, etc. to carry around illegal substances? Why not legalize crack, heroin, and other illegal substances while you are at it," he concluded.

People worried case could lead to government interference

By Marty Logan
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TORONTO

Criminal charges against a South American healer who performed a ceremony in Ontario where an Elder died have many people concerned about a possible crackdown on traditional Aboriginal healing in Canada.

Juan Uyunkar and his son face charges, including criminal negligence causing death, after Jane Maiangowi died on Manitoulin Island during an October ceremony they performed.

"There's a concern that because of the (Manitoulin) incident, that's going to fuel the federal government even more.... They're going to use that as a way to justify regulating and licensing traditional Indian medicine," said

Perry McLeod, a traditional healing helper from Ontario's Nipissing First Nation.

Ottawa is in the process of enacting a law that will govern how "natural health products" are used and who can sell them. McLeod said the healers he works with are concerned the law will be the first step in forcing them to qualify for a licence.

But Health Canada spokesman Marie Lemaire said the new rules will exclude Aboriginal medicine if healing items are not sold on the market and the products are created "at a particular moment in time for a particular patient."

Governments are taking an ad hoc approach to Aboriginal healing. Health Canada pays transportation costs for healer visits and funds some centres that provide healing programs.

Provincial and local govern-

ments pay for various other initiatives often with the goal of offering traditional healing as a complement to Western medicine. The programs seem to coincide with what one observer calls the slow re-emergence of healing.

"There's a feeling that it was extinguished, but it just went underground," said James Lamouche of the National Aboriginal Health Organization (NAHO). "In every Aboriginal community if you knew who to talk to you would find someone who practises traditional healing."

But "sometimes [a healer's] presence is unknown even in their own communities," said the report of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples. A 1994 survey it sponsored found that 10 per cent of people living on-

serve, five per cent of urban Aboriginals and three per cent of Métis people had consulted a traditional healer the previous year.

NAHO, which was born from the RCAP recommendations, is sponsoring a study to gauge the current use of traditional healing.

The RCAP report also recommended developing ways to assure Aboriginal people have access to traditional healers, taking steps to safeguard traditional knowledge and skills, encouraging traditional healers to organize in order to self-regulate and increasing contact between traditional healers and Western medicine.

The growing interest in healing is part of a cultural renaissance among Indigenous people, but healers remain cautious about any government involvement,

said Lamouche.

"There would be a huge resistance to it, especially because many healers grew up at a time when the government had banned it."

The healers network spread the news of the Manitoulin arrests even before the Uyunkars were charged, said a British Columbia woman who also works with healers. "There are healers in Canada who are extremely concerned about this case because it's Canadian law that's being made," said Rhonda Weitzel.

Others outside the country understand the Uyunkars' plight, she added.

"Jailing of healers and the oppression of healers is still an ongoing phenomenon across the Americas," said Weitzel.

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For a mild ingrown toenail, start with warm water soaks of the toes for about 15 minutes at a time. Apply an antibiotic cream or ointment to the toe afterwards (available without a prescription). Try elevating the corner of the nail with a small wad of cotton.

Signs that the nail is getting worse are an increase in the pain, swelling or drainage from the area. If the nail worsens or you are a diabetic, consult your family physician. You may need to take an antibiotic pill to fight an infection or you may need to have part or all of the toenail removed. Diabetics need to be careful with their nails and feet as simple infections can worsen and lead to amputations.

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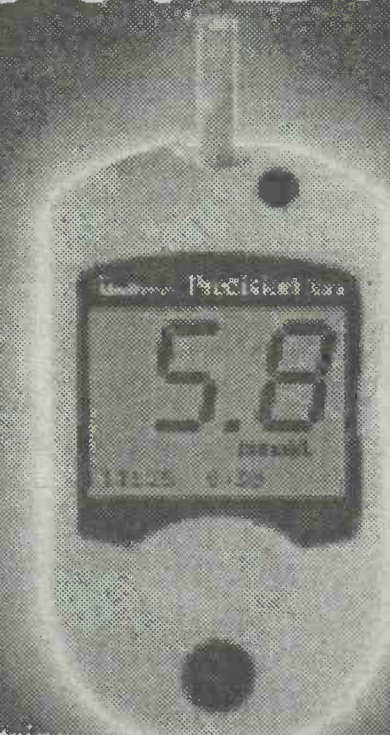
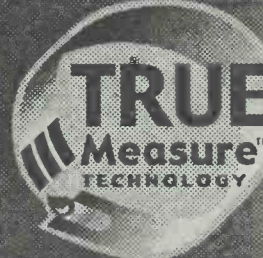
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Partnerships key to Aboriginal health promotion

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"The intent, of course, is to get much more involved in health promotion than the CMA was

previously," Haddad said of the new office. "And the issue at the top of mind for the office right now, the number one issue, is Aboriginal health."

"When we look at the whole field of health inequalities in Canada—there are a number of them, but this is one of the more striking ones—as far as health inequalities, when you look at the difference in health status between the Aboriginal citizens and the other citizens in this country, it's obvious we can't do it alone. Government has had some degree of success, but not as much, I think, as it had hoped to. I don't think any one constituency can do it alone. So this is where we have partnered with NAHO, the National Aboriginal Health Organization, to look at four areas, and we have signed a letter of intent with them."

NAHO is an Aboriginal-designed and controlled organization working to improve the physical, mental, emotional, so-

cial and spiritual health of Aboriginal people. The partnership would seem a good fit, as all four of the areas CMA hopes to work with NAHO on are already among the objectives of the national organization.

One of the four areas the CMA and NAHO will be working together on is developing workforce initiatives.

"The object is to increase recruitment and retention of physicians and other health professionals, especially of Aboriginal descent, who serve the Aboriginal community," Haddad explained.

"We also want to look at, secondly, research and practice enhancement initiatives. To promote research into effective clinical practice. And there are a number of health issues which we'd like to look at," he said.

"The issue of diabetes is striking, when you look at it. There was nearly no diabetes amongst the Aboriginal community 25

years ago, and now the incidence, I think, is about four times that of the general Canadian population. And we do know that this is probably related to the change in diet, a less physically active life, and there may be other issues. But I think we have to develop a proper research, and find out exactly what has happened in the last 25 years to really have an explosion in the incidence of diabetes amongst our Aboriginal communities."

The third area the two organizations will be looking at is development of public and community health programs for promotion of healthy living in Aboriginal communities.

"Which means things like tobacco," Haddad said. "We know that tobacco use in Aboriginal communities is higher than the rest of the country. The use of illicit drugs is higher. So these are issues. We have to promote healthy living."

The fourth is leadership development.

"It's very important that the Aboriginal community can count on its own leaders," Haddad said, adding that, in order to help in leadership development the office will help identify potential leaders, support them, and "encourage and celebrate their success when it occurs."

One of the keys to the success of the health promotion initiatives is support from the Aboriginal communities themselves, Haddad said.

"There's absolutely no way to get any success on this issue if we don't have a buy-in from the communities, from Aboriginal communities across the country. And, of course, the issue also of our Aboriginal citizens within the inner city, too, is going to have to be looked at," he said.

"What we're bringing to the table," Haddad said of the CMA's contribution to the partnership, "is 53,000 physicians who are committed to work to attain that objective, an association that has quite a strong advocacy structure. I think it's quite well listened to among the decid-


ers in this country, and also has good research capabilities and a very strong staff. So I think we're bringing something to the table that's very interesting."

The CMA will be holding a forum in April to try to set a direction for the initiatives aimed at improving Aboriginal health.

"We're going to ask ourselves several questions," Haddad said, "Like, for example, where are we now? What is the present situation? Where do we want to go? What do we want to reach in a year, in three years, and five years? And how are we going to get there, and who's going to do it? I think the intent is there. There's still a lot of work to do. It's going to need a lot of partnering to get success. Because we do know that the federal government has invested a reasonable amount of good money in this. There has been some degree of success on the issue of Aboriginal health, but not nearly, I think, where any one of us wants to be at today."

"And so I think we have to learn why we haven't been able to get more success. And I have a feeling that the federal government can't do it alone. We can't do it alone. The Aboriginal communities won't be able to do it alone. We need a partnership amongst many constituencies," he said.

"I think the number one challenge right now is to get the people that should be sitting around the table in fact sitting around the table. And that means the Aboriginal communities, the Aboriginal leaders, the government leaders, the research people, physicians of this country. Because there's a lot of people interested in those issues across the country. I think we have to get all those people sitting around the table, and see if we can get them to develop common objectives, and find out how to get there, without each one going their own way, and then none of us getting where we want to go. I think that's our number 1 challenge right now."



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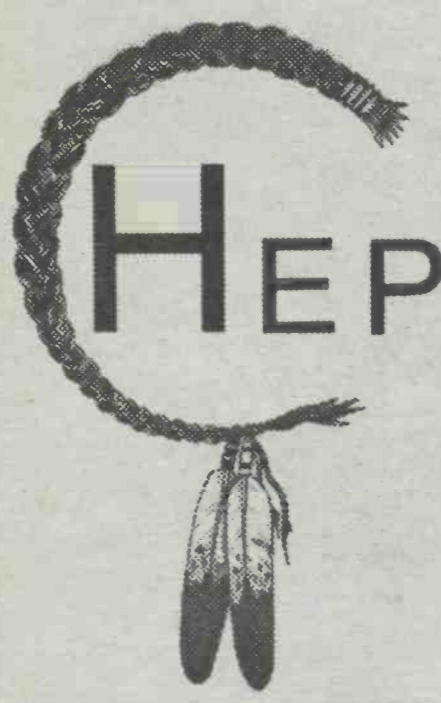
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Award recipients serve as role models

Once again this year, the Aboriginal Sport Circle (ASC) has recognized four individuals who personify what the organization is all about: developing Aboriginal athletes, coaches and community sports leaders through a holistic approach, focusing not only on developing them physically, but mentally, spiritually, and culturally as well.

Each of the four national award recipients - the male and female recipients of the Tom Longboat Award and the male and female recipients of the National Aboriginal Coaching Award - have not only excelled in their chosen sport, but have channeled the same dedication they give to their game towards helping Aboriginal youth achieve their personal best.

This year's Tom Longboat Award recipients are Tara Hedican and Shawn Bobb.

Tara Hedican, a member of the Eabametoong First Nation in Ontario, has been involved in women's freestyle wrestling for nine years. In 2001, she was the World Junior Champion, the National Junior Champion, the CIAU (Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union) Champion, and Most Valuable Player.

In addition to her wrestling accomplishments, Hedican is also a level two certified coach, a mentor, and a referee, and is a

second-year history student at Guelph University.

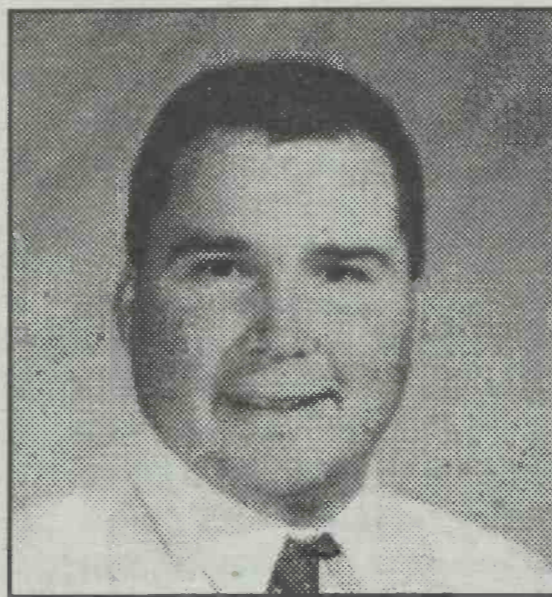
Shawn Bobb is a member of the Spuzzum Nation in the Nlaka'pamux territory in B.C. Bobb, who will graduate from the University of British Columbia with his law degree in May, was co-captain of the University of British Columbia (UBC) men's soccer team this past season when the team took silver at the Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) championships in Halifax.

His team mates named him Most Inspirational Player, and he was recognized as a First Team Canada West Conference All Star, and named to the Tournament All Star Team. Bobb is also a member of the Westside Soccer Club, which was a silver medallist at the National Club Soccer Championships held in Saskatoon in October 2000. He also was involved in the UBC's summer soccer camp program, working to teach and motivate camp participants.

The recipients of the 2001 National Aboriginal Coaching Awards are Jill Mathez, and Bob Kowal.



Jill Mathez (right)



Bob Kowal



Shawn Bobb



Tara Hedican

For over a quarter of a century, Jill Mathez has been involved in sports in Manitoba. The Métis woman from Winnipeg is one of the most highly certified Aboriginal female hockey coaches in the country, certified to the advanced II level. Mathez is the head coach of the University of Winnipeg's women's hockey team, and is also head coach for the female hockey team representing Manitoba in the First National Aboriginal Hockey Championships taking place in April.

In addition to her coaching duties, Mathez also travels across the province to hold hockey clinics for young Aboriginal players. In all her coaching work, she takes a holistic approach to player development, concentrating not just on developing an athlete, but the whole person.

Bob Kowal is a member of the Shoal Lake First Nation in Ontario and teaches school in Kenora, Ont. He works to motivate Aboriginal youth both in the classroom and on the volleyball court, where he has coached school teams to a number of provincial championships. He also coached the bronze medal team at the Manitoba provincial league championships.

Although he's coached a number of his school's teams to victory, his main emphasis remains on education, and has helped many of the athletes he has coached to receive athletic and academic scholarships.

The four recipients received their awards in Toronto on March 26, as part of the Canadian Sport Awards ceremonies. This is the third year the awards presentation have been part of the national event.

"I think it's a real honor for the athletes and coaches to be among so many other mainstream, accomplished leaders, and Olympians for that matter," said Gina Doxtator, program manager for the ASC of the awards ceremony. "They were quite honored to be there."

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Regional

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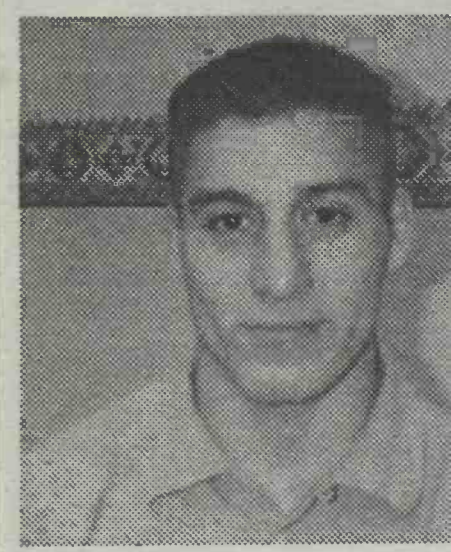
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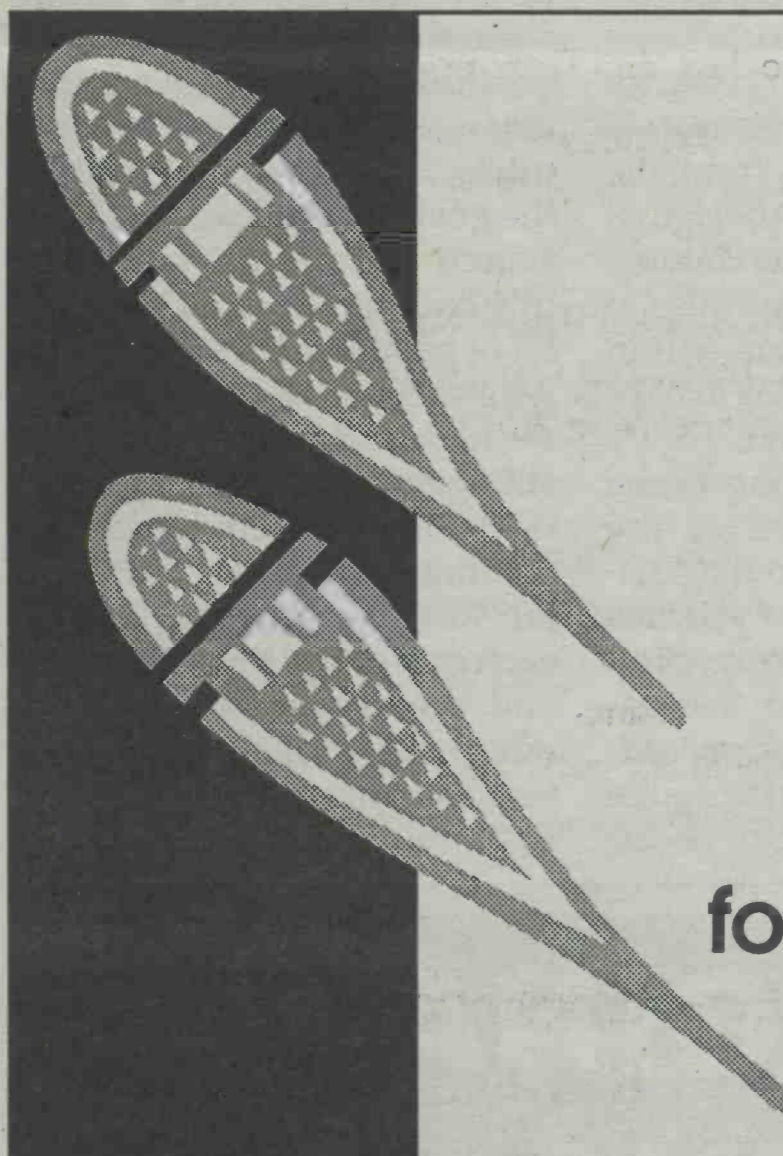
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Regional athletic award recipients shine

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Guelph, Ont.

In the male division, the regional recipients for 2001 were power lifter Paul McDonald from Conne River, Nfld.; soccer and volleyball player Craig Gagnon from Mayo, Yukon; hockey player Brandon Nolan from St. Catherine's, Ont.; cross country distance runner Jason Loutitt from Winnipeg, Man.; dog musher Jason Baxter from Inuvik, N.W.T.; hockey player Matt Simonson from Eel River Bar First Nation, N.B.; wrestler Jonathon Rice from Kahnawake, Que.; wrestler Tony Eetuk from Coral Harbor, Nunavut; and national award winner, soccer player Shawn Bobb from North Delta, B.C.

Female regional recipients of the 2001 Aboriginal Coaching Award include volleyball coach Colleen Lambert from Conne River, Nfld.; rifle shooting coach Pauline Frost Hanberg from Dawson City, Yukon; soccer coach Dorothy Jean Paul from

Saanichton, B.C.; volleyball coach Geraldine Jacobs from Cornwall Island, Ont.; snowshoeing coach Liz Wright from Fort McPherson, N.W.T.; hockey coach Karen Narvie from Eel River Bar First Nation, N.B.; and national award winner, hockey coach Jill Mathez from Winnipeg, Man.

The male regional recipients of the 2001 Aboriginal Coaching Awards were softball coach Max Winters from Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Labrador; archery coach Sam Johnston from Teslin, Yukon; hockey coach Hubert Paul Jr. from St. Mary's First Nation, N.B.; hockey coach Ben Berlind from Prince George, B.C.; basketball coach Mel Mercredi from Prince Albert, Sask.; and national award winner, volleyball coach Bob Kowal from Kenora, Ont.

With 13 member sport bodies involved in the Aboriginal Sport Circle (ASC), a maximum number of 26 regional nominees

for each national award can be put forward for consideration each year, for a total of 52 nominees. This year's roster of 28 regional nominees falls far short of that total.

"The awards are still fairly new, and gaining awareness of the nomination process, it's just going to take some time for it to get its momentum," said Gina Doxtator, ASC program manager. "I think it's just the awareness and the promotion of the awards that really needs to grow.

And hopefully that will happen, perhaps with a corporate sponsor at some point. That's something we're pursuing."

The National Aboriginal Coaching Award was established by the ASC in 1999, the same year the organization took over coordination of the Tom Longboat Award from the Assembly of First Nations, and broadened the scope of the award to include not only First Nations athletes, but all Aboriginal athletes.

Tom Longboat award

While almost a century has passed since Tom Longboat began running marathons, the memory of his many victories and accomplishments has stood the test of time, making his name synonymous with outstanding athletic achievement.

Longboat, a member of the Onondaga Nation, was born on the Six Nations Reserve in 1886. He won his first marathon in 1906, and went on to win the Boston Marathon in 1907. Other highlights of his running career include representing Canada in the 1908 Olympics, and winning the

world professional marathon championship in 1909.

In 1999, 50 years after his death, Maclean's magazine voted him the number one sports figure of the 20th century.

Since 1951, his name and accomplishments have been honored through the Tom Longboat Award, given out each year to two of Canada's top Aboriginal athletes.

The Tom Longboat Award is co-ordinated by the Aboriginal Sport Circle (ASC), the national sports body for Aboriginal sport development.

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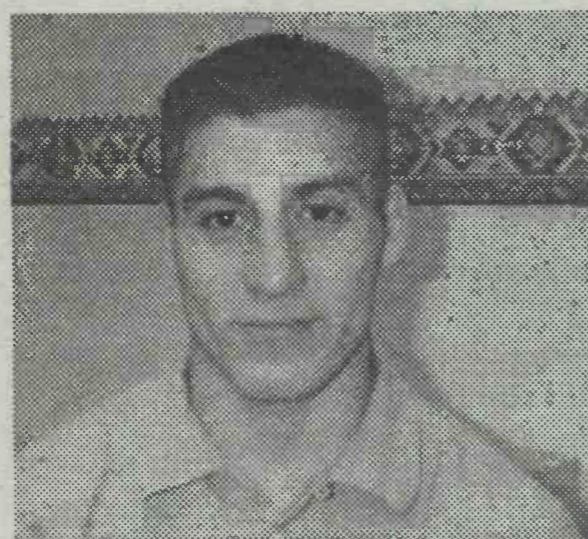
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Traditional healers

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Healers in Mexico lobbied for more than a decade before the government finally changed the law last year to recognize their healing practises, she said, adding that she cautions healers travelling across the Canada/U.S. border not to carry their medicine bundles.

Lamouche said visits of healers from other countries are likely to dry up if Canada gets a reputation as a country that prosecutes them. Gatherings like the one hosted by the Nekaneet First Nation in Saskatchewan attract many healers from outside Canada, including Ecuador.

Fewer visiting healers would also open the door for fake healers, Lamouche added. "It's kind of a test case. Everybody's wondering what the government's going to do."

Funders are also following the case, which will see the Uyankars back in court for a pre-trial hearing on May 14. In January a judge refused to return the Ecuadorans' passports so they could return home while free on bail.

"Organizations are very keenly watching this and they are very concerned as well," said Kathy Wakeford, manager of Ontario's Aboriginal Wellness Program.

She said the incident hasn't changed her feeling about the seven-year-old Wellness program, which funds health centres whose communities decide what traditional healing should be available.

"I participate in a large strategy, that is jointly managed by Ontario and 15 Aboriginal organizations, that has signed a long-term agreement and in that agreement there is a recognition of traditional practices. That has not changed."

Juan Uyankar's lawyer said he sees no reason his client's case should focus on Aboriginal healing.

"I don't think this case should be a debate about this type of healing process because it's been going on for centuries," said Bill Trudell. "The moment you set off on larger, questions, the longer and more complicated the case becomes."

"What we have here really," added the Toronto-based law-

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—Marie

Eshikbok-Trudeau

yer, "is some people who in good faith came to Canada—we were invited—to help with what has been recognized as a healing ceremony. As a result of this, something went wrong with this one person."

An Indian Affairs spokesman said the department does not have a policy on traditional healing.

Supporters of the Uyankars have formed a group to help raise money for their defense.

"My husband and I pick medicine," says Marie Eshikbok-Trudeau, an organizer of the Association in Support of Indigenous Medicine International (ASIMI). "We're kind of taking a stand for our plants because they're being attacked."

She said police, who also charged the Uyankars with importing a controlled substance, don't understand Aboriginal healing.

"Our medicines are not a drug. They are sacred medicines that have been used for thousands of years."

The arrests were also discussed on the sidelines of a recent international meeting in Montreal to discuss traditional knowledge. Participants met to discuss the Convention on Biodiversity, unveiled during the 1992 Earth Summit, which includes a section devoted to protecting and promoting traditional knowledge.

Canada's signing of the treaty contradicts the Uyankar charges, said Weitzel. It "has signed on to a global convention that calls for the protection of traditional Indigenous knowledge, of which traditional medicine knowledge is part, and yet here it is criminalizing traditional healers for doing what they do."

Métis hunting rights upheld

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"Our season for big game is September through to the end of December. And throughout Ontario, depending on the wildlife management unit, the seasons are limited to a specific period of weeks or months. In some areas a season is limited to one week. That's ridiculous... to say we're going to limit the Métis right to hunt and fish for food to a one-week period."

Belcourt said that does not mean they want to go out and kill all the game if it is scarce. He said in appropriate circumstances, after consultation with their communities, their captains of the hunt may either limit or expand the harvesting season.

Historically the Métis and OFAH, a sports anglers and hunters' group, have differed on questions surrounding licensing requirements and harvesting rights. Both groups have said they uphold the principles of conservation.

On Feb. 23 this year, however, Belcourt was the keynote speaker at the annual general meeting of OFAH in Kingston.

"It went extremely well," said Belcourt, who remembers the hostility and accusations back and forth a year ago.

This time, however, "there were people lined up at the mikes after my presentation to commend us and to say... all of their concerns are addressed in our

harvesting policy. Many of the people... were saying 'too bad we didn't know about this before, because our concerns are being addressed here'."

Mark Holmes, communications director for OFAH, said Belcourt and the information he imparted was well received.

"There was consensus among most people that the Métis harvesting plan, which is really at issue... because of the conservation implications, people were relieved to hear some of the thought that has gone into it, and the thinking behind it, and the practices that will be employed, if they aren't already."

Holmes said the two groups are on a good footing "considering a year ago at the conference the war of words was launched." The problem had been "some misunderstanding and a lack of communication." Both parties, Holmes said, took steps to "improve those lines of communication."

He added that he believes the two organizations can work together and agree to disagree on some issues.

"I think where our concerns lie are the reporting mechanisms, to make sure that we know, not just from the Métis perspective, but all perspectives, what the harvest of a species is, and to make sure that that harvest level is sustainable."

The MNO has processed 9,000

membership applications and another 3,000 are being processed. Of the validated membership, 1,200 people have been issued harvesting certificates over the past eight years. Not all wanted a certificate for hunting, and not all wanted to hunt moose. Slightly more than 450 MNO members "actually harvest moose."

Belcourt pointed out "that OFAH still thinks they need to take those groups (such as OMAA) seriously and be worried about them."

He explained, "we shouldn't have to try to find ways to limit the Métis right to hunt because of some suspicion that there might be 100,000 out there—this phantom group and phantom numbers. That's a problem we continue to have" with the government and OFAH, which fuels their call for harvesting tags to track everybody.

The change in Ontario government leadership may signal another delay on establishing timelines for negotiating an agreement between the Métis and the province. Belcourt said his group had spent "a lot of time at the Conservative (party) convention" and have established a good relationship with premier-elect Ernie Eves.

But he also said he also won't be surprised to see Snobelen moved in a cabinet shuffle, which could delay talks.

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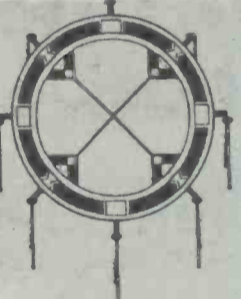
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Alternative learning environment a hit with students

By Annette Francis
Windspeaker Contributor

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about that," said Bell.

Elders Vera Martin and Edna Manitowabi are advisors to the staff and are also actively involved with the program. Manitowabi teaches ceremonies and songs. Martin visits weekly to give hugs, to listen to the children read, and to just spend time.

"The program is culture based," said Martin. "It's creative. There's always work to do, but there's always time for creativity. The children call me Grandma. Traditionally there was always a grandma and grandpa around. It's the renewal of the culture."

Alyce Johnson is originally from Whitehorse, Yukon and currently resides in Peterborough with her 12-year-old nephew Samuel who is enrolled in the program. The program offers the students the chance to learn about their traditions and their culture, she said.

"Although some of the practices relevant to this area are foreign to us, such as the sweetgrass ceremony, this exposes Samuel to other First Nation cultures and their belief systems and world views, so that he comes out with a

different perspective and respect for other people."

Johnson said it's a key environment for Samuel because he has skills and abilities that he can pass on to the other children. She adds, this kind of learning environment really helps to build and refine those skills that children have, because they're able to share their knowledge with others.

This is a contrast to the public school system, where the teacher has all the knowledge. In this kind of environment students begin to share their knowledge with the others, so then the students become even more empowered.

Nicole Bell, a teacher and young mother of four boys, said it was never her intention to send her kids through the public school system, because they would never receive any cultural identity. However, when her eldest son, Nodin, asked to go to school with the other kids, she felt that he should be able to experience the public system. Once Nodin reached Grade 2, he no longer wanted to go to school, and Bell decided to home-school him.

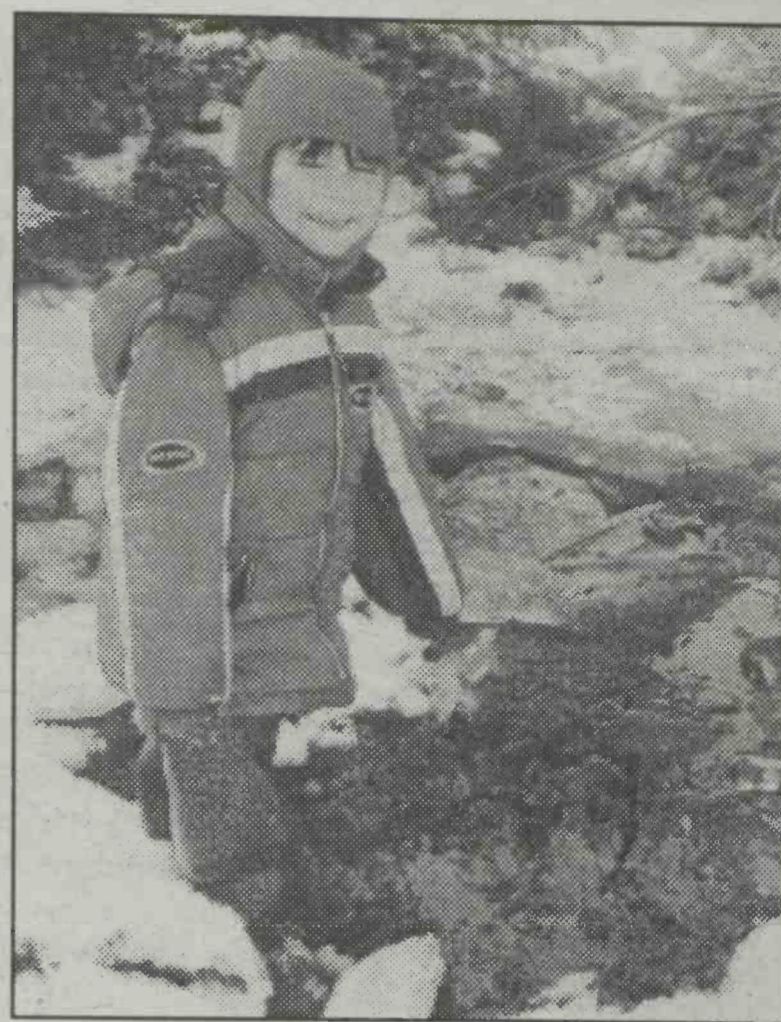
"Part of our teaching is that we individually have a responsibil-

ity to be the best that we can be, and to use our gifts for the good of the community, and I firmly believe that, so I worked really hard to find a way," said Bell. In September 2001, 17-year-old Anthony Seager was kicked out of the high school he was enrolled in. Seager approached Bell to ask for help with his correspondence course, and she told him about the new program.

"I like the cultural stuff they do every day, like drumming, and I also get a lot of extra help with math," said Seager.

The school is currently operating as a home-schooling collective. Some students were previously home-schooled, and the parents and the community are enthusiastically involved by volunteer-

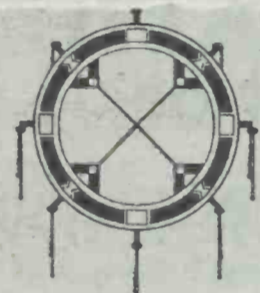
ing whenever possible. Bell is working towards getting private school status with the ministry of education, which means parents can send their kids just like they do to any other school.



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Wassinode Webb, 6, plays in the water during the morning break of the Anishnaabe Bimadiziwin Cultural Learning Program.

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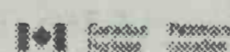
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Fisheries debate

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"The disallowance procedure must be on a statutory footing," Grewal said.

The government has already shown a reluctance to respond to the committee's recommendations. Grewal said some disputes over regulations have been the

subject of 25-year-long fights involving lawyers and bureaucrats in various departments.

"Those regulations are not supposed to be there but they continue to be there for 25 years? That is shameful," he said.

The Alliance MP believes the public has an impact on the way regulations are formulated because politicians direct the bureaucrats and politicians have to be responsive to the voters if they want to keep their jobs. But he admitted legislation affecting Native people—like the proposed First Nations governance act—could reflect the needs of the people most directly affected by the legislation.

"Yes, their opinions will be skewed," he said.

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APTN news staff seek union certification

By Paul Barnsley
Windspeaker Staff Writer

WINNIPEG

The Aboriginal Peoples Television Network's news and current affairs employees have asked the Canadian Media Guild to represent them as a union.

"Congratulations, APTN news department employees," Gerry Whelang, a union organizer with the media guild wrote in an email to the employees affected on March 12. "This is a day to celebrate."

After more than 50 per cent of the staff members signed cards indicating their interest in becoming unionized, the guild filed an application with the Canada Industrial Relations Board, which has the authority to issue a certificate recognizing them as a bargaining unit.

The application only covers

editorial employees in news and current affairs. Whelang told *Windspeaker* he will continue the campaign to unionize employees who work in technical, Web and administrative areas.

Whelang said he first took an interest in the new television network last October.

"I was interested in APTN because I knew they weren't organized and when I approached a number of people they were interested in talking to us," he said.

Asked if he approached the employees or they approached him, he said it was "a combo."

Several staff members told this publication a few months ago, they were concerned about their job security at the network. The bureau in Yellowknife and a reporting position in Toronto remain unmanned and the planned expansion to a city in Quebec

has not occurred.

News director Dan David left the network and anchor Carol Adams left to take a job with the CBC.

Whelang said he sent notification of the employees' desire to form a union to APTN management and received an answer the same day, even though the regulations gave them 10 days to respond. He said the promptness of the company's response surprised him.

"They came back a couple of hours later. The company came back through (APTN chief operating officer) Ron Nadeau and said they won't be filing any objection to the news and current affairs being organized," he said on March 23.

The company's deadline to file an objection was March 26. Work on the first collective bargaining agreement will start soon after the certification becomes official and the

local forms an executive and appoints negotiators.

Sources within APTN say that after the departure of David, whose position is being filled on a temporary basis by the network's head of programming, Jim Compton, reporters felt not having someone with a strong journalism background making the decisions about which stories to cover could be a problem.

"I heard that resoundingly from people that that was one of the things that was a small amount of frustration to people," the organizer said.

Nadeau sent a memo to his staff on March 15 saying he had been informed that they

wanted to join the union.

"We respect that choice and will not object to certification of a bargaining unit comprising news department editorial staff," he wrote. "As always, we will deal with our staff in a fair and caring manner, whether they are unionized or not."

He said a pay equity review that is in progress at the network will continue.

"This review will include all staff and adjustments to pay and benefits which are determined as a result of the review will be implemented immediately for non-union staff and will be part of our negotiation proposals for unionized staff," Nadeau wrote.

Focus on the future

By Cheryl Petten
Windspeaker Staff Writer

WINNIPEG

Participants of Vision Quest 2002 will have their eyes focused on the future, as the two-day conference examines the many economic development opportunities that lay before Aboriginal communities across Canada.

A Future of Opportunities is the theme of this year's conference, being held May 15 and 16 at the Winnipeg Convention Centre. The conference will feature four areas of special focus-opportunities for youth, community development, business opportunities, and financing options.

This year marks the sixth for Vision Quest, an event designed to provide both inspiration and information to anyone interested in Aboriginal

community and economic development.

Among the keynote speakers scheduled to take part in this year's conference are recording artist Susan Aglukark, whose speech topic is entitled Endless Opportunities.

Chief Billy Diamond, former chief of Waskaganish First Nation, will make a presentation entitled Looking at the Deal: The Cree Nation and Quebec Hydro. Mike Birch, president and owner of the First Nations Buying Group, will speak about Joint Ventures. Actor Ryan Black, will make a presentation on Creating Your Own Opportunities.

Comedian Don Burnstick is also on the conference agenda, scheduled to perform at the conference banquet, which will also feature a grand entry and powwow, and a performance by Aglukark.

Those who have attended

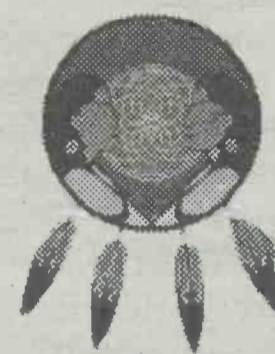
Vision Quest in the past will notice a few changes at this year's conference. Vision Quest 2002 will feature longer workshops and, although in past years workshops have been repeated throughout the conference, this year's conference will offer a full roster of different workshops to choose from.

A trade show is once again planned as part of the event, although this year the trade show will take part in the same room in which the plenary sessions will be held.

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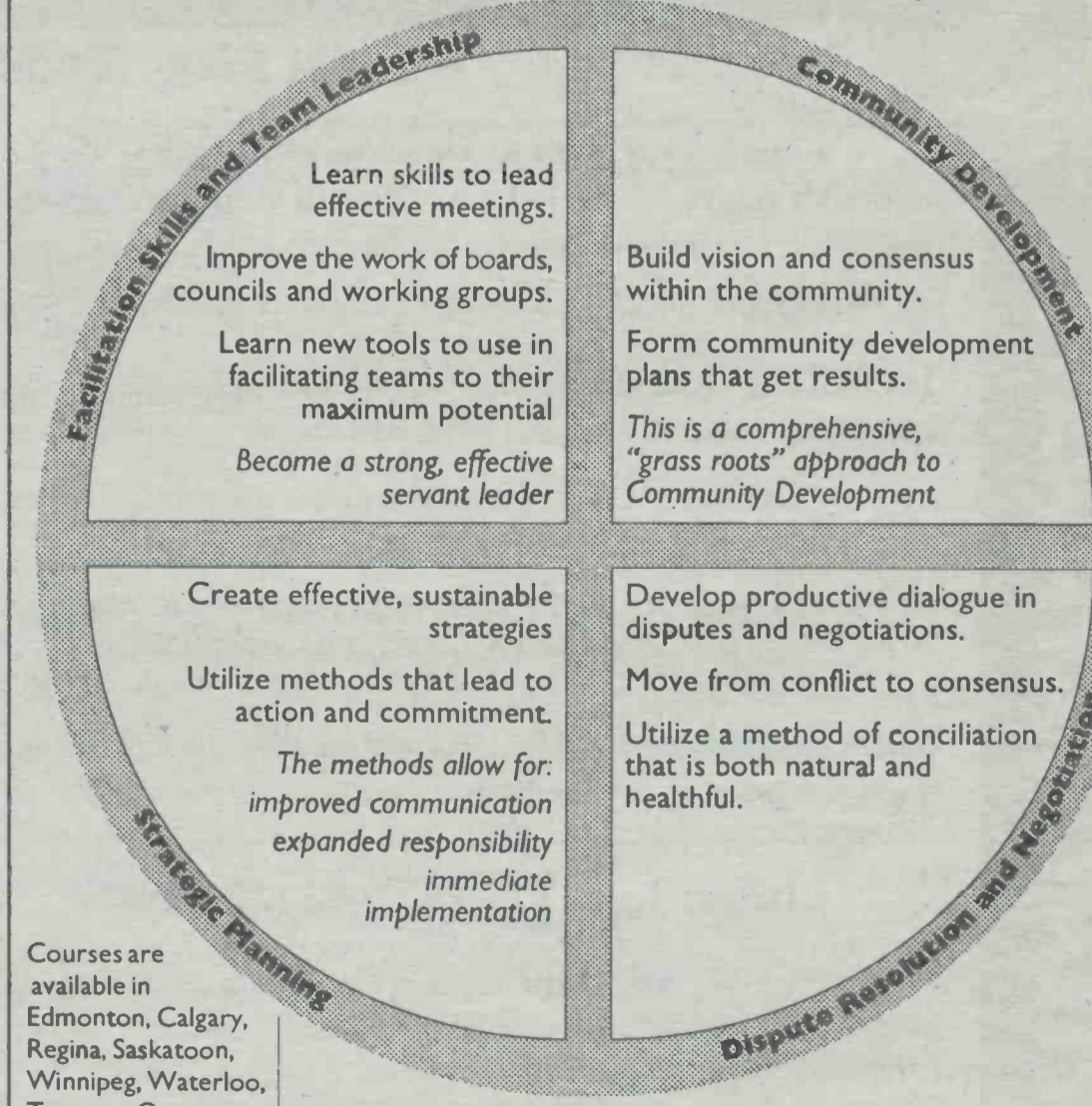
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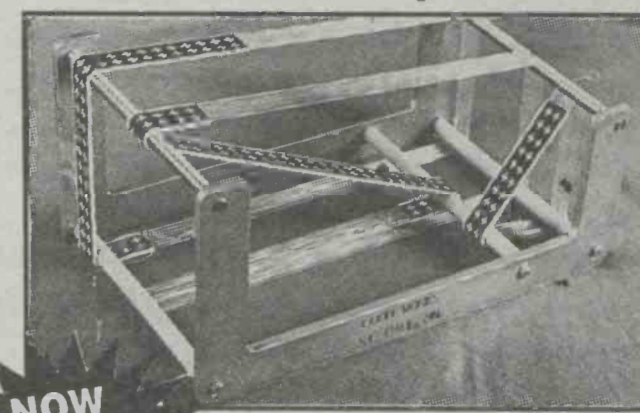
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B.C. courts decide

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In June 2000, the B.C. Supreme Court quashed the project approval. It concluded that the government breached its fiduciary and constitutional obligation to meaningfully address the Tlingit's concerns. The government and the company appealed, but the Taku River Tlingit's position prevailed.

On Jan. 30, a majority decision said the B.C. government owes the Tlingit a fiduciary duty even before there is a court declaration of Aboriginal rights, and that this duty is not just to "consult." Importantly, it requires steps to deal with threats to their way of life and their rights.

The Haida and Taku River Tlingit cases have profound implications for the future of all British Columbians. It is clear that the provincial policies on Aboriginal rights and title are out of step with Canada's constitutional recognition of Aboriginal rights. So what will the B.C. government do?

The government of British Columbia should see these two decisions as a unique opportunity. If it is serious about rebuilding the economy of our province and putting people to work, it needs to understand that Aboriginal rights and title continue to exist, and First Nations must be involved in resource development decisions in their respective territories.

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not recognized in the Constitution only to be ignored by governments. Current provincial policies on Aboriginal rights continue to put resource investment and development at serious risk by pitting industry against First Nations. This high level of uncertainty will continue until resolved, either through the courts or through negotiations.

The following are our suggestions for the provincial government:

- Recognize the legal reality that Aboriginal rights and title, including the inherent right to self-government, continue to exist;

- Recognize that First Nations need to be fully involved in and benefit from all resource development in their respective territories, as has been shown in Quebec with the Cree; and

- Provide the government negotiators with strong mandates, sufficient enough to reach viable, workable and fair agreements with First Nations.

If the government refuses to act on the clear message from the B.C. Court of Appeal, it should urge the Supreme Court of Canada to hear the appeals. It is time for all of us to strive to achieve certainty through agreements negotiated in good faith.

Grand Chief Edward John of the Tl'azt'en Nation is a lawyer and past member of the First Nations Summit Task Group

Chief Harry Pierre is the elected Chief of the Tl'azt'en Nation.

Atlantic chiefs concerned

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The chiefs said they are concerned that this decision may hamper future discussions about fisheries management with the DFO. They are also concerned that Native people in the region will lose faith in the RCMP.

"If this incident had involved a Mi'kmaq boat ramming one of their boats, they would have had the Mi'kmaq charged and convicted by now, but it's not the case here. It shows a two-tiered justice system in this situation and it does concern us," said Barlow. "We will continue to encourage discussions towards

long-term solutions to fisheries management, but this injustice to the Mi'kmaq of Burnt Church will only hamper an already fragile relationship between the Mi'kmaq, Maliseet and Passamaquoddy Nations and DFO."

"It's difficult to understand that the attorney general of New Brunswick, who also happens to be the minister responsible for Aboriginal Affairs, Brad Green, can allow this injustice to fall through the cracks," said Paul. "It is discouraging to see this happening and I hope it doesn't adversely affect the fisheries."

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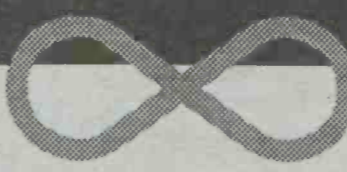
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Nominations online

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Whistle blower

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"In Canada, whistle blowing is not legislated yet so I have a private member bill. It was the first bill introduced in this House, in the new session. The bill is 201. I'm still waiting for when the bill will be debated in the House," Grewal said.

The Liberal government promised to create legislation to protect whistle blowers before the 1993 election. The appointment of someone without legislative power to act is seen as a poor attempt to keep that promise.

"We have given them almost nine years. Nothing has happened so far," the Alliance MP said.

He added that the government's tepid response to the idea of having someone with power oversee the public service will not encourage anyone to step forward on serious matters.

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