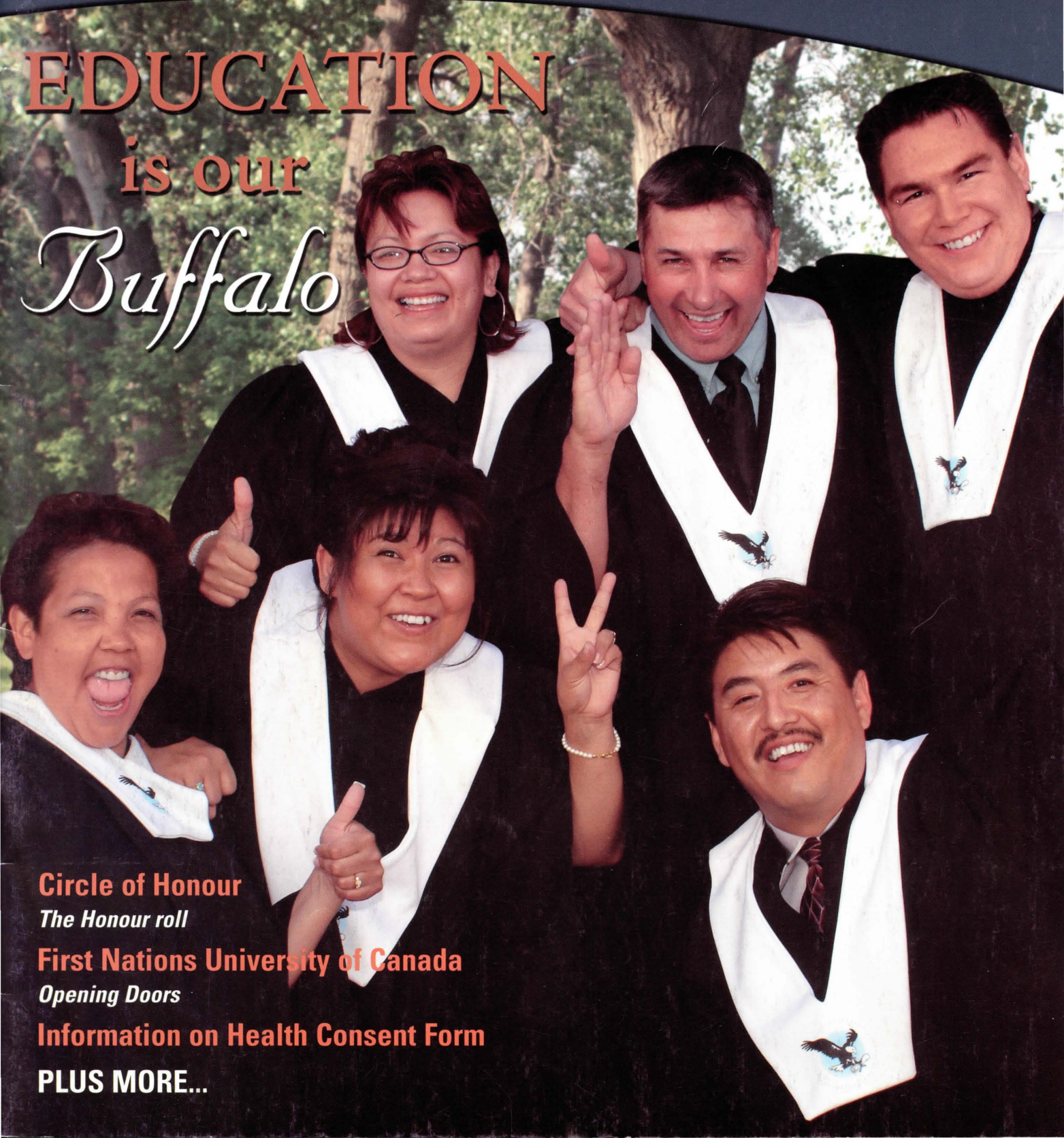


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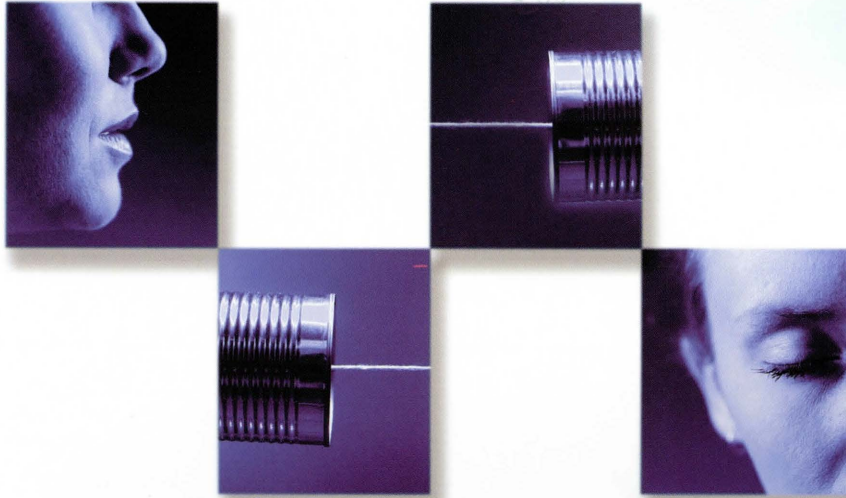
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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the 2003 Summer Edition of Saskatchewan Indian. Much of this edition is dedicated to education because students in both secondary and post-secondary are typically done this time of year. A warm congratulations goes out to those students that have finished their schooling and we certainly wish that they will follow their dreams.

We have included profiles on two unique people in the area of education. George Lafond, who has a great deal of knowledge to offer post-secondary educational institutions, began working in January 2003 as the Special Advisor on Aboriginal Initiatives to the President of the University of Saskatchewan. The establishment of this position is a sign that the University of Saskatchewan is

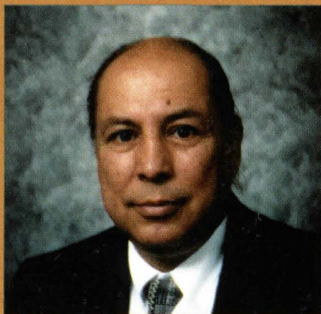
committed to looking for innovative ways to embrace Aboriginal students. Also profiled is Jocelyn Reekie, a young First Nations single parent who has received a Millennium scholarship from the federal government to study at the Alberta College of Art and Design. She is definitely a role model for those striving to reach their educational goals.

The Circle of Honour Awards were held one evening during the Spring Session of the FSIN Legislative Assembly. The Circle of Honour is an excellent opportunity for those First Nations people who have made selfless contributions to First Nations communities and non-First Nations communities to be honoured and accorded the respect they so rightly deserve. There are so many people worthy of recogni-

tion that we hope to see these awards continue annually. It is because of individuals and groups like those honoured at our recent Circle of Honour that we will one day have a better future for all of our children.

Enjoy the magazine and we welcome comments, letters and any other contributions to the magazine.

Thank you,
Bonnie Leask
Managing Editor



FIRST NATIONS UNIVERSITY OF CANADA

On behalf of the First Nations University of Canada (formerly SIFC), congratulations to all graduates for completion of your degree, diploma, or certificate this year.

Knowing and understanding the struggles one faces as an adult student pursuing the goal of post-secondary education brings even more pride when we see graduates walk across the stage to accept their scroll. There are looks of satisfaction and joy that reflect to family and friends in the audience; "I did it." Yes, you did it. You successfully achieved your goal.

There are endless opportunities for success in all aspects of our life; be it education, career, family. And,

success to one individual is different from that of another.

You have come this far and accomplished something to be proud of. I encourage you to continue on your journey. Keep setting goals for yourself. Your goals may be in family, career, education, or a combination of all. You may achieve your goals quickly, or it may take a bit more time. Be kind to yourself, adjust your timelines and goals if need be, and continue on. Know that throughout your life, you will have endless opportunities to learn and educate yourself!

Dr. Eber Hampton,
President, First Nations University of Canada

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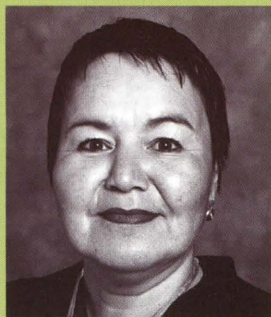
On behalf of the Executive of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations, and our Member 74 First Nations, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate each and every graduate completing studies, whether it be secondary or post-secondary.

I encourage each and every one of you to build on your dreams and to continue to strive for excellence in everything you approach. With a growing number of First Nations people graduating from educational institutions and entering many professions, it is a source of comfort and optimism to realize that tomorrow is in capable hands. Congratulations once again and may your future be bright and prosperous.

Chief Perry Bellegarde



4th Vice-Chief Lawrence Joseph, 3rd Vice-Chief Lindsay Cyr, 1st Vice-Chief Greg Ahenakew, 2nd Vice-Chief Guy Lonechild, and FSIN Chief Perry Bellegarde



SASKATCHEWAN INDIAN CULTURAL CENTRE

The Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre Board of Governors, President and Staff extend congratulations to all First Nations graduands of secondary and post-secondary institutions of 2003. The Centre take great pride in sharing the success of all our graduands. From the development of resource materials, to our participation in cultural events, to the hiring of First Nations summer students, the Centre continues to be involved

in the lives of our young people.

Once again, congratulations to all. Take what you have been taught and choose to make a better world for yourself and others.

Megwich,

Linda Pelly-Landrie

President, Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre

INDIAN OUTLOOK

Saskatchewan's First Nations Calendar of Events

July 5 – 10, 2003

Sask. First Nations Summer Games 2003

Flying Dust First Nation
Wes Durocher
(306) 236-4437

July 8 & 9, 2003

F.S.I.N. Sciences Program 2003 Festival #2

Flying Dust First Nation
Barb Frazer
(306) 790-4125

July 15, 2003

F.S.I.N. Sciences Program 2003 Festival #3

Gordons First Nation
Barb Frazer (306) 790-4125

July 15 – 17, 2003

Assembly of First Nations 24th Annual General Assembly "Election Year for the Office of National Chief"

Shaw Conference Centre
Edmonton, AB
Bonny Maracle (613) 241-6789 ext 297
or bmaracle@afn.ca

July 17, 2003

F.S.I.N. Sciences Program 2003 Festival #4

Okanese First Nation
Barb Frazer
(306) 790-4125

July 21 – 25, 2003

F.S.I.N. Sciences Program 2003 Festival #5

SIFC Summer Science Camp
University of Regina Campus – July 22
Barb Frazer
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July 25, 2003

F.S.I.N. Sciences Program 2003 Festival #6

Kahkewistahaw First Nation
Barb Frazer
(306) 790-4125

July 25 – 27, 2003

La Ronge 1st Annual Competition Powwow

La Ronge, SK
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Anne Cook (306) 425-3645
Doris Morin (306) 425-3284 or
larongepowwow@hotmail.com

July 28 & 29, 2003

F.S.I.N. Sciences Program 2003 Festival #7

University of Saskatchewan -
Chemistry
Saskatoon, SK
Barb Frazer (306) 790-4125

July 31, 2003

F.S.I.N. Sciences Program 2003 Festival #8

Big River First Nation
Barb Frazer
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Aug. 6, 2003

F.S.I.N. Sciences Program 2003 Festival #9

Shoal Lake First Nation
Barb Frazer
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Aug. 7, 2003

F.S.I.N. Sciences Program 2003 Festival #10

Red Earth First Nation
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Aug. 8, 2003

"Where are the Children - Healing the Legacy of Residential Schools"

Exhibit Wanuskewin Heritage Park
Saskatoon, SK
Hugh Tait (306) 931-6767 ext 245

Aug. 15 – 17, 2003

Muskoday First Nation 2003 Traditional Pow Wow

Camping Day-Aug. 15
Muskoday First Nation, SK
Muskoday First Nation
(306) 764-1282

Aug 18 – 21, 2003

International Traditional Healing and Medicines Gathering

Nekaneet First Nation
Sharon Longjohn (306) 596-2007
Chief Larry Oakes (306) 662-3660
Cheryl Brazeau (306) 332-2556

Aug 22-24, 2003

Mistawasis Annual Treaty Day Competition Powwow

Mistawasis First Nation
(306) 466-4800

Sept. 1, 2003

Nominations Deadline for 2003 First Nations Awards Ceremony

Gloria Kaiswatum, Nominations
Coordinator (306) 791-6506

Sept. 18 – 20, 2003

"Celebrating Aboriginal Success: Integration of Science Technology and Traditional Knowledge in Today's Environment" Conference

Saskatoon Inn
Saskatoon, SK
For more information
www.usask.ca/casts2003

Oct. 15 & 16, 2003

F.S.I.N. Legislative Assembly "Fall" Session

Centennial Auditorium
Saskatoon, SK
Carol Burns
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Lori Worm, Booth Rentals
(306) 956-6904

Oct. 16, 2003

2003 First Nations Awards Ceremony

Regina, SK
Victoria Goodwill
(306) 522-6040

Oct. 16 & 17, 2003

F.S.I.N. Cultural Celebration

Sask Place
Saskatoon, SK
Shirley MacDonald
F.S.I.N. (306) 665-1215

Oct. 18 & 19, 2003

F.S.I.N. Pow-wow 2003

Sask Place
Saskatoon, SK
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Jocelyn Reekie, a 31 year old single mother originally from the Little Pine First Nation has been working with inner city youth as an Outreach Worker on an initiative called "First Contact" for the past two years. "First Contact" is a partnership between City of Saskatoon and Saskatoon City Police Service whose mandate is to establish relations with youth under the age of 15 who are not presently attending school. Jocelyn has gained direct knowledge of all types

of barriers these youth face. Solving problems in her position has been a challenging. The success stories she has seen and the relationships made will be lasting and will have an impact on the lives of these youths for years to come. Poverty and lack of family stability can lead to many of the problems faced by the children that Jocelyn sees on a daily basis. Her work, and her 2 year old son Jaspar, has inspired her to return to school and continue

the path towards life long learning.

Early in 2003 Jocelyn decided to pursue a dream that has been a part of her for years. From an early age Jocelyn has shown a natural artistic gift. She began taking classes at an early age and showed her true gifts when, at age 10, she was enrolled in an adult landscape drawing class at the Prince Albert Art Center. Jocelyn continued to make art of various mediums throughout her life. Traditional art has never been

Jocelyn Reekie

By: Blair McDaid



Jocelyn's forte; while living in Vancouver Jocelyn studied collage and has apprenticed under various graffiti artists. One of the works she is most proud of is a work to honor her son Jasper on his second birthday. The piece shows a horizon shining brightly, it represents the bright light that Jasper is every day of her life.

Jocelyn can tell you about the challenge of being a single mother. Jocelyn has been lucky, she has found employment doing what she loves and has managed to find good childcare. She also has the support of friends and family. This has been crucial to Jocelyn's success as a parent. Jocelyn does not find being a single mother to be a burden, her son Jasper has been a gift and she is already preparing to give back to him.

"I want to be an active member in an educated society, this opportunity is not for me but also for Jasper".

The opportunity that Jocelyn is talking about is her plan this fall to pursue a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree at the Alberta College of Art

and Design (ACAD). The fact that Jocelyn managed the task of putting together a portfolio and raise after a child would send chills through the most seasoned parent. The portfolio had to consist of 12-15 pieces that show Jocelyn's skill in the non-traditional art that she loves making, but also traditional work. The work that Jocelyn submitted was creative works that communicated themes of personal interest. ACAD was impressed and Jocelyn was accepted. This was not done without a few sleepless nights and lots of drawing late into the night. "Still life drawings are not the easiest to complete when a your child wants to eat the orange that you are drawing. I usually got Jasper to sleep and then began my work as an artist."

Going back to school with a two year old is a daunting task in itself, "I will be learning about being a parent at the same time as I am learning to be a better artist." Funding education is a challenge for many students. Jocelyn applied to the Canadian Millenium Scholarship Foundation when she was accepted to ADAC. The Canadian Millenium Scholarship Foundation is a private and autonomous organization with a 2.5 billion dollar endowment to help Canadians pursue post secondary education. There is no guarantee

that an applicant will receive any funding.

This year only 931 of nearly eight thousand applicants received funding. Only 100 of these 931 applicants received the National Award.

This award is \$5000 a year for 4 years to a maximum of \$20,000. Jocelyn was excited and relieved when she received the news. "When you are pursuing a dream and you have put so much of yourself into getting accepted (to ACAD) and then finding a means to help pay for your schooling, that is just one less pressure in what will be an intense four years."

Youth, art and her son will be a part of Jocelyn's life for years to come. Jocelyn will not forget these important parts of her life when she begins studying in the fall. Being a role model and a mentor for many young people in Saskatoon combined with real understanding of what life is as a single aboriginal mother will bring a perspective that needs to be shown to the aboriginal community and the greater art world.



Prince Albert Grand Council Athabasca Vice-Chief By-Election May 22 & 23, 2003

By: Eldon Henderson

On May 22 & 23, 2003 the Prince Albert Grand Council (PAGC) held their by-election for the Athabasca Vice-Chief Position. The candidates were Don Deranger from the Fond Du Lac First Nation, Allan Adam from Fond Du Lac and Flora Natomogan from the Hatchet Lake First Nation.

Don Deranger took victory on the first ballot counting 127 votes while runner-up Allan Adam had 34 votes and Flora Natamogan came away with 32 votes. There were 194 votes cast with only one spoiled ballot.

Don Deranger is now representing the Dene communities of Black Lake, Hatchet Lake and Fond Du Lac as the new Dene Athabasca Vice-Chief of the Prince Albert Grand Council. The Prince Albert Grand Council represents approximately over 30, 000 band members belonging to 12 First Nation communities.

Mr. Deranger is a member of the Fond Du Lac Denesuline Nation and has been married for 24 years and has four children and two grandchildren.

- Don was voted FSIN Citizen of the year in 1998.
- In 1999, he received the Woman of the Dawn Award for his outstanding volunteer efforts.
- The following year in 2000, he received the Athabasca Northern Volunteer Award.
- Don has represented and sat on 15 different Athabasca First Nation

Boards and Committees in the Training, Employment and Economic Development Sector.

- Involved in Northern Youth Development.

His accomplishments and track record as a hard and determined First Nation employee started at what is now known as the Cameco Corporation. From 1975 to 1981, he worked as a millwright for Eldorado Nuclear Limited (Cameco Corporation).

He then took on the responsibility as the Fond Du Lac Economic Development Coordinator / Recreation Director from 1983 to 1989. Not long after that, he became the Special Projects Coordinator for the Athabasca Region from 1986-1989.

In 1989 – 1992, he was the Training Consultant under Saskatchewan Education for the Northern Division based in Lac LaRonge. From there Don Deranger went back to work for First Nations as the Athabasca Training & Employment Coordinator for the Prince Albert Grand Council until his recent election.

Vice-Chief Deranger said about his elected position, "As the Athabasca Vice Chief for the Prince Albert Grand Council Dene Communities, it will also be a learning experience to work directly and closely with the rest the First Nations belonging to PAGC. I would like to continue moving the Indian Government Agenda along in a positive, healthy and respectful manner."

Montreal Lake Cree Nation Assistant-Chief Shirley Henderson said, "Don Deranger's priorities as Vice-Chief will change somewhat from his previous work, but his focus and dedication will be at the executive level of Indian Government. This is where he can better represent and voice PAGC concerns and issues to provincial and federal political arenas. "

Vice-Chief Don Deranger will also dedicate some of his position to being involved with Elders, youth and women. He believes education is the future for youth and will work hard to encourage youth to stay in school. He has a deep respect for all First Nations culture and the protection of Treaty Rights will also be something that he strives for in his elected position. Good luck to the new Vice-Chief of the Prince Albert Grand Council!





Graduates

College of Arts & Science Aboriginal Graduates October 2002

Bellamy, John
Blackman, Wendy
Bonaire, Reanna
Campbell, Cheyanna
Campbell, Leonard
Dawson, Leslie
Hunter, Tracy
Jackson, Kristy
Kinequon, Crystal
Martel, Andrea
Mercredi, Lonnie
Myo, Donna
Pidskalny, Cynthia
Simonot, Valerie
Striha, Kimberly
Thompson, Stephanie

B.A. 3Yr. History
B.A. 4Yr. Public Administration
B.A. 3Yr. English
B.A. 3Yr. Native Studies
B.A. 3Yr. Studio Art
B.A. 3Yr. Sociology with ABJAC
B.A. 3Yr. Psychology
B.A. 4Yr. English
B.A. 3Yr. Sociology
B.A. 4Yr. Psychology
B.A. 4Yr. Studio Art
B.A. 3Yr. Psychology
B.Sc. 4Yr. Computer Science
B.A. 4Yr. Sociology
B.A. 4Yr. Psychology
B.A. 3Yr. Human Geography

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Binning, Penny
Belanger, Johnathon
Blomquist, Perry

B.A. Honours Psychology
B.A. 3Yr. Native Studies
B.A. 4Yr. Archaeology

Conner, Charles
Constant, Andrea
Engebretson, Delaine
Fiddler, Crystal
Flamont, Michelle
Flynn, Michael
Foster, Jesse
Gardiner, Tejay
Gratton, Cory
Hammersmith, Jamie
Huenison, Trevor
Hoffart, Naomi
Johnson, Chelsea
Krack, Barbara
Martell, Christie
McKay, Dora
Mease, Anne

Neudorf, Amanda
Parenteau, Charlene
Rabbitskin, Derek
Ruf, Justin
Sasbrink-Harkema, Ashley
Sayazie, Yvonne

B.A. 3Yr. Religious Studies
B.A. 3 Native Studies (Distinction)
B.A. High Honours Psychology
B.A. 3Yr. Political Studies
B.A. 3Yr. Psychology
B.A. 3Yr. Sociology
B.A. 3Yr. History
B.A. Honours International Studies
B.A. 3Yr. Native Studies
B.A. 3Yr. Political Studies (Distinction)
B.Sc. Honours Computer Science
B.A. 4Yr. Sociology
B.Sc. 4Yr. Physiology (Distinction)
B.Sc. Honours Computer Science
B.A. Honours History
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B.A. Double Honours with Native Studies
(High) and Anthropology/Archaeology
B.Sc. Honours Microbiology
B.A. Honours Psychology
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B.A. 4Yr. Psychology
B.Sc. High Honours Anatomy
B.A. 3Yr. Native Studies

Gaming Jurisdiction

By: Melissa Cote

On June 11, 2002, the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations (FSIN) and the Province of Saskatchewan executed the landmark twenty five year Gaming Framework Agreement that provides a solid foundation on which the gaming industry can plan for the future and provide much needed jobs and economic prosperity to First Nations and the Saskatchewan economy.

Under Part 2 of this Agreement, FSIN and Saskatchewan agreed to work together to develop and present to the Government of Canada proposals which would recognize First Nations full jurisdiction in relation to all forms of gaming on reserves, either through amendments to the Criminal Code or new federal legislation. The work includes developing discussion papers and options for consideration, as well as a strategy for taking forward proposals to the Government of Canada.

A First Nations Gaming Jurisdiction Committee comprised of individuals representing the FSIN and

individuals representing the Province of Saskatchewan meet regularly to discuss the work on gaming jurisdiction and presently have prepared a number of documents that will assist in making the proposals to the Government of Canada. The 2002 Gaming Framework Agreement states that FSIN and the Province of Saskatchewan are to use their best efforts to conclude the work by June 11, 2005. Equally important is the work that the FSIN is doing internally to determine what First Nation jurisdiction over gaming in Saskatchewan will look like. This will require consultations with stakeholders such as First Nations, Tribal Councils and other First Nation entities and institutions that are involved in gaming.

At the same time of the signing of the 2002 Gaming Framework Agreement, Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority (SIGA) entered into a new Casino Operating Agreement and the Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Licensing (SIGL) entered into a new gaming regulatory agreement with Saskatchewan Liquor & Gaming Authority. The regulatory agreement is designed to build regulatory capacity for SIGL, which will better prepare it to regulate all forms of gaming functions for First Nations in the future, under First Nations jurisdiction.

The 2005 North American Indigenous Games are quickly approaching!

By: Dustin Francis

The North American Indigenous Games will be held in Buffalo, New York. This is the sixth time the games are being held and the second time they are venturing south of the border. The North American Indigenous Games provides a chance for Indigenous youths to display their athletic abilities and celebrate their cultures. The North American Indigenous Games recognize the highest levels of athletic abilities, and human body, mind and spirit, and also to see the unique legacy the games leave on the youth. The games are a way for youth to realize their potential athletically and personally. The games will have lasting effect on those who have participated.

The history of the games is connected to the realization Indigenous athletes across Canada and the United States were not being provided the same opportunities to participate in mainstream athletic events. Today the North American Indigenous Games have grown to be the largest multi-sport and cultural youth games in the United States and Canada.

The North American Indigenous Games will feature 16 sporting events, and they are Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Boxing, Canoeing, Golf, Field Lacrosse, Rifle Shooting, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tae Kwon Do, Volleyball, and Wrestling. Aside from the sporting events the host society will be arranging distinguished speakers, lecturers, cultural performers, musicians, artists, and other special events.

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By: Bonnie Leask

On April 29 & 30, 2003, the Saskatchewan First Nation Veterans Association (SFNVA) held their Veteran Assembly and by-election at the White Buffalo Youth Lodge in Saskatoon. WWII Veteran Philip Favel of the Sweetgrass First Nation (Strike it on the Back) now holds the Office of the Grand Chief position. Grand Chief Favel's office will be located at the FSIN offices in Saskatoon.

Grand Chief Philip Favel and his deceased wife Dora Mary Favel have a family of 6 children and 26 grandchildren and 43 great-grandchildren.

The Grand Chief plans to work hard to bring attention to the issues the veterans and peacetime keepers of the Saskatchewan First Nation Veterans Association (SFNVA). Notably the issues that will be a large part of Grand Chief's agenda will be the federal government compensation package and the appeal process that has been established and providing information to veterans on the issue of wills and estates.

SASKATCHEWAN FIRST NATION VETERAN ASSOCIATION

Newly Elected Grand Chief Philip Favel



University of Saskatchewan 2nd Annual Aboriginal Students Honouring Banquet 2003

By: Eldon Henderson

On June 1, 2003, the University of Saskatchewan (U of S) Arts & Science, Dentistry, Engineering and Graduates Studies & Research held their 2nd Annual Honouring Aboriginal Students Banquet at the Saskatoon Inn. Altogether for the 2002 Fall Convocation, 16 students graduated and for the 2003 Spring Convocation 30 graduated and for the 2003 Fall Convocation 15 students are expected to convocate in October.

The evening started off with a non-alcohol cocktail hour at 5:00 p.m. and Grand Entry at 6:00 p.m. Maria Linklater opened the banquet with a prayer for the students and their



Adrian Lachance, Glenda Orr, Tina Merasty, Neal McLeod

families. The Master of Ceremonies was Neil McLeod from the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College (SIFC) out of Regina. There were an array of guests on hand to extend welcome and congratulation remarks.

This year's keynote address was from Professor Maria Campbell from the University of Saskatchewan English Department. Her key message encourages all Aboriginal students to stay focused on their goals while retaining their cultural traditions at the same time.

The evening was not complete without toasts to honor the 2003 graduates. Lac La Ronge Indian Band Director of ICFS, Lydia Gauthier gave a toast to the students from their parents, Anne Mease from Selkirk First Nation, Yukon raised her glass for the graduates and Brenda MacDougall, Professor of Native Studies completed the toast on behalf of the faculty and Tina Merasty of the Flying Dust First Nation hoisted her appreciation to all the Post-Secondary Coordinators.

Special presentations were made to the students by post-secondary coordinators, faculty and friends.

For the second year in a row, Charlotte Ross from the Montreal Lake Cree Nation chaired this event. She is the Aboriginal Students

Coordinator for the University of Saskatchewan College of Arts & Science Department and this year, she graduated with a Masters of Continuing Education. Charlotte had time to share these kind words; "This years' graduation was special and unique. It was to help our students celebrate their achievements with their friends, family and guests. In addition, it was a satisfying experience to bring them together at year end and there were a lot of happy moments for the parents and the graduates...that's good to see."

Ken Coates, the Dean of the College of Arts and Science said; "The University of Saskatchewan Graduation Ceremony for 2003 was a wonderful celebration of the academic and personal accomplishments of the First Nations and Metis students at the University. Each year the number of graduates increases. Each year the sense of achievement and of optimism grows. Each year the bonds between the University of Saskatchewan and the Aboriginal communities are strengthened."



Charlotte Ross, Winston McKay, Anne Mease, Yvonne Sayazie, Ashley Sasbrink-Harkema, Lonnie Mercredi, Derek Rabbitskin, Glenda Orr, Tejay Gadinier, Sarah Gauthier, Michelle Flamont, Valma Myo-Stanely, Sharon Ross

First Nation Summer Games

By: Dustin Francis

This year the First Nation Summer Games will be held on the Flying Dust First Nation from July 5th to the 10th. The games are an opportunity for First Nations youth to display their exceptional athletic abilities and experience the games atmosphere. The games provide the opportunity for First Nations youth to come together from all over the province and establish friendships. The Summer Games are designed to strengthen First Nations youth through healthy competition in sporting events, showcasing their athletic talents, promoting a healthy lifestyle, while promoting a harmonious community spirit. The games have been around since 1974 and continue to encourage youth to be active.

The Flying Dust First Nation understood that taking on such an event would be a lot of hard work, many hours of commitment, however members of Flying Dust have welcomed the challenge. In the past 13 months their vision of

putting on an excellent games is becoming a reality, various committees have been organized to ensure a fun and successful games. The commitment of volunteers has been overwhelming and these volunteers will ensure that the games are a success. Also putting on an event of such magnitude requires a lot of financial support, and the games are being supported and have received significant contributions from many First Nations businesses and organizations.

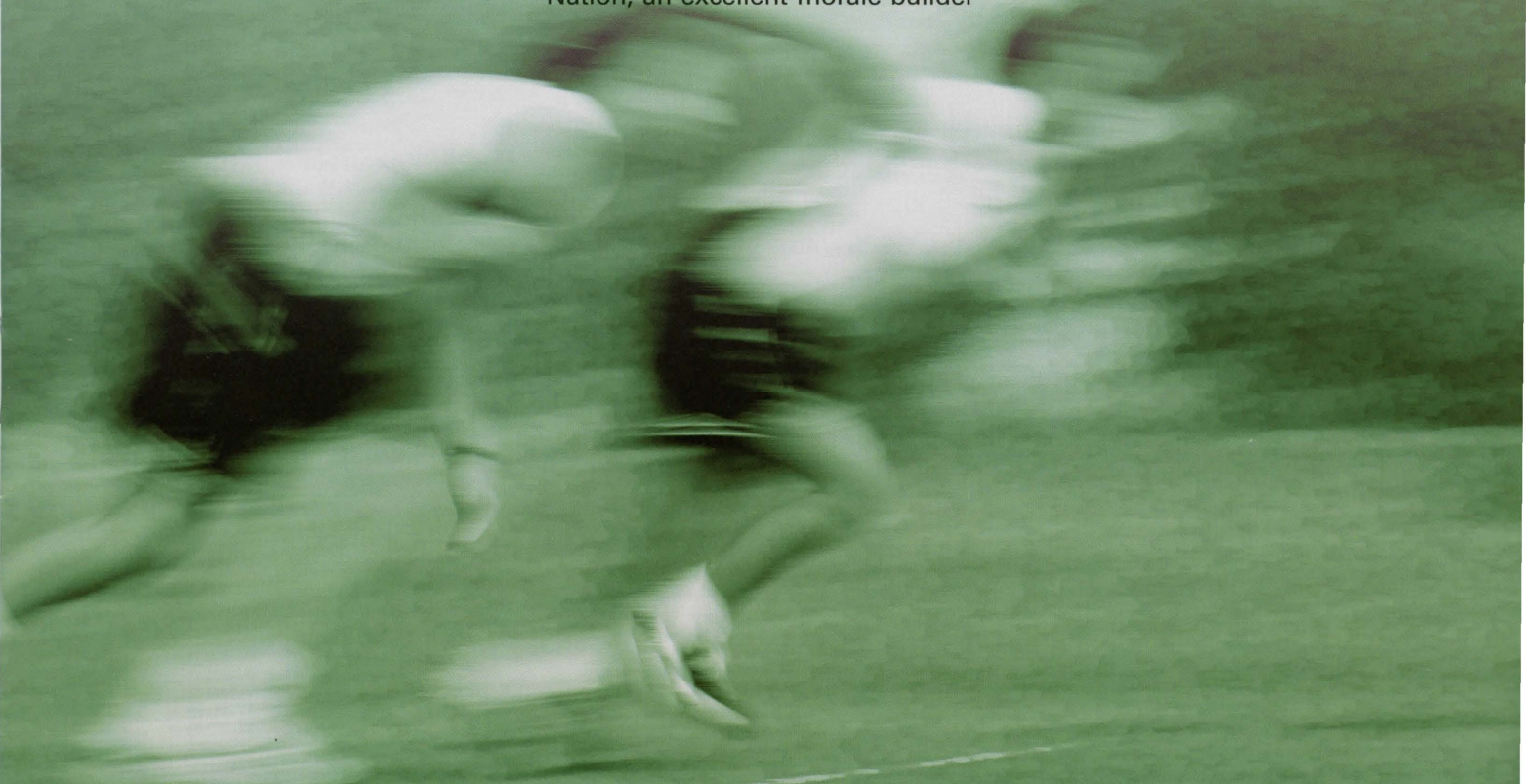
At the Spring Legislative Assembly Indian and Northern Affairs Canada presented the Flying Dust First Nation Chief Rico Merasty with a cheque for \$250,000.00, the Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority presented a cheque for \$100,000.00, and the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations also presented a cheque for \$25,000.00.

The Town of Meadow Lake is in the spirit of the games and is fully supporting the Flying Dust First Nation; an excellent morale builder

between the two communities. There will be a massive gathering into the Meadow Lake area as 9000 people are expected to congregate at the games. Of that number, an estimated 3400 athletes, coaches, and chaperones are expected to register for the games this year.

The sporting events for the games this year will include: Soccer, Softball, Track and Field, Golf, and a demonstration sport Cross Country Cycling.

The Flying Dust First Nation has also put together a great line up of events aside from the games. They have organized a few outdoor concerts, a fireworks display, a demolition derby, video dance party for the athletes, and youth speakers, all which will add to the excitement of week.





SASKATCHEWAN
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TECHNOLOGIES

Graduates

**Adult 12
Saskatoon Campus**

Bear, Deanna
Brabant, Eugene
Buffalo, Earl
Buffalocalf, Stacy
Chief, Noella
Crookedneck, Alma
Deafled, Darlene
Desjarlais, Denise
Duquette, Lorne
Littlecrow, Steven
Kayseas, Stacey
Mike, Kathy Jo
Morrisette, Justine
Dorion, Corley
Kennedy, Rudolph
Omani, Brian
Poundmaker, Melissa
Quewezance, Nola
Sanderson, Perry
Still, Marion
Weekusk, Sunshine
Angel, Sunshine
Nighthtraveller, Charity
Quewezance, Leah
Twin, Jimmy
Royal, Cyrus
Snakeskin, Maeghyn

**Adult 12
St. Mary's School, Saskatoon**

Couillonneur, Mary Jane
Desjarlais, Kim
Desjarlais, Steve
Gardypie, Rosalyn
Kematch, Connie
Kishayinew, Janet
Laroque, Candice
Littlewolfe, Glenna
MacDonald, Mike
Manz, Debbie
Moosomin, Alicia
Opoonechaw, Leanne
Wuttunee, Daryl
Chocan, Courtney
Fleury, Tammy
Jennifer Semook
Cheryl Prosper

**Home Health Aide
Prince Albert**

Bird, Mary Agnes
Ermine, Lorraine
Felix, Brandi
Head, Clara
Morin, Linda
Naytowhow, Claudia
Ross, Carolyn
Sanderson, Lena
Sanderson, Marie
Vandervord, Lillian
Vandervord, Michelle
Whitecap, Brenda
Whitehead, Sandra

**Home Health Aide
La Ronge**

Bernatchez, Charlotte
Bouvier, Mary Rose
Charles, Frances
Cook, Susan
McCallum, Mary
McKenzie, Linda
Ratt, Annie
Roberts, Kate

**Home Health Aide
North Battleford**

Hayes, Lois
Jack, Dorothy
Mocassin, Bernaleen
Peechow, Esther
Smith, Mildred
Swindler, Frances
Laliberte, Rita

**Home Health/Long Term Care Aide
Fort Qu'Appelle**

Elliot, Bert
Anaskon, Bernadette
Bear, Valerie
Goodwill, Joan
Kahnpace, Karen
Keshane, Edna
LaRose, Mindy
Lethbridge, Julia
Matonie, Cynthia
Machiskinic, Glendice
Machiskinic, Joseph
Machiskinic, Samantha
Spencer, Lisa
Spencer, Sheila
Thomson, Linda
Yuzicappi, Evelyn
Yuzicappi, Shelley
Toto, Lucinda

**Home Health/Long Care Term Aide
Whitebear First Nation**

Big Eagle, Calvin
Joyea, Claudia
Kakakaway, Jody
Kakakaway, Marlene
Lamb, Mark
Littlechief, Judy
Lonethunder, Corrine
Maminas, Sylvia
Maxey, Serena
Shepherd, Celina

**Long Term Care Aide
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North Battleford**

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Blackstar, Carmen G.
Dumont, Connie K.
Ernest, Rose M.
Ernest, Sheila E.

Kennedy, Alana N.
Kennedy, Marcella
Swiftwolfe, Shannon M.
Whitecalf, Tricia L.
Whitford, Cheryl L.

**Community Services – Addictions
Saskatoon**

August, James F.
Bernard, Trevor J.
Cadotte, Ross V.
Chocan, Darlene S.
Isbister, Carrie L.
Keshane, Natalie Y.
Littlewolfe, Quincy
McKay, Andrew J.
Mirasty, George
Quewezance, Aubrey F.
Sankey, Peggy G.
Starblanket, Monica E.
Whitehawk, Vivian L.

**Construction Worker Preparation
Program
Flying Dust**

Aubichon, Della J.
Bear, Galen P.
Derocher, Rodney J.
Dufresne, Connie A.
Gervais, Cordell I.
Merasty, Joellen
Merasty, Allister K.
Merasty, Kenneth R.
Quintal, Allen G.

**Construction Worker Prep
Regina**

Anderson, Melvin E.
Balkwill, Jesse W.
Bigstone, Larry R.F.
Bird, Billy-Jack A.
Buffalo, Stan I.
Creeley, Tyrone I.
French, Lisa A.
Henry, Rainey J.
Machiskinic, Erik S.
Pelly-Petrie, Wanda E.
Prettyshield, Trevor L.

**Construction Worker Preparation
Saskatoon**

Arcand, Clinton C.
Belanger, Mitch R.
Crevier, Kevin C.
Fontaine, Leonard B.
Greyeyes, Terrance
Hill, Chris G.
Horse, Jesse J.
Kinequon, Damon M.
Sabourin, Matthew Q.
Wasacase, Justin D.

**Carpentry Level 1
Regina**

Brass, Michael W.

Cote, Orville N.
Cote, Allan H.
Denomie, Stanley H.
Desnomie, Dale P.
Keewatin, Gilbert A.
Keewatin, Errol B.
Matechuck, Dwayne N.
Moyah, Morris A.
Sewap, Jason L.W.
Ward, William E.

**Carpentry Level I
Saskatoon**

Bluebell, Albert
Fourstar, Clinton G.
Mosqua, Leslie V.
Nippi, Mitchell E.
Roper, Lorne Jr.
Squirrel, Eric R.J.
Starblanket, Adrian
Vincent, Ivan D.
Whitehead, Stanley

**Carpentry Level 2
Saskatoon**

Chapicaw, Vernon
Checkosis, Earl
Manitoken, Leonard L.
Roper, David J.
Wolfe, Robert A.

**Process Operation Technician 2
Meadow Lake**

Cheze, Tara L.
Crowe, Darryl J.
Head, Allen W.
Merasty, Arlene J.
Poitras, Curtis W.
Sabit, Floyd
Schultz, Valerie R.

**Integrated Forestry Worker
La Ronge**

Charles, Mathew J.
Clarke, Robin Norman
Cook, John W.
Dorion, Dwayne R.
Hardlotte, Brian J.
McLeod, Jerry J.
Roberts, Luanne G.
Roberts, Derek W.

**Management Studies II
Pelican Narrows**

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Dusterbeck, Kathy E.
Michel, Lana D.
Morin, Horace A.
Management Studies II
Fort Qu'Appelle
Bear, Robert G.
Bear, Lloyd E.
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Bellegarde, Tracy J.
Bellegarde-Cote, Nicole G.
Bigsky, Sheila M.

Bob, Starla F.
Cyr, Gwen A.
Cyr, Ronald K.
Delorme, Alvin
Kenny, Gerald D.
Kinistino, Tess A.
Moise, Rose M.
Nahnepowisk, Chasity
Poitras, Jason T.
Redman, Jolene L.
Sparvier, Jessica R.
Starr, Victor J.
Toto, Byron L.
Yuzicappi-Cote, Elizabeth J.

**Management Studies II
Prince Albert**

Arcand, Shirley T.
Ballantyne, Benjamin S
Barks, Robert E.
Bear, Karla M.L.
Bear, Ashley
Bird, Claire L.
Charles, Emily R.
Cobbs, Karen M.
Ermine, Greg J.
Franks, Sherri S.
Maurice, Melvina R.
McCallum, Rocky W.
McKay, Eugene M.
McKay, Deanna M.
McKay, Barry L.

Merasty, Jason R.
Sanderson, Myrna N.
Twist, Millicent L.

**Information Technologies III
Saskatoon**

Bitternose, Melody L.
Friday, Kevin D.
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Kayseas, Vince J.
McKay, Kendra L.
Moreau, Denise S.
Moses, Florence R.
Opikokew, Kim R.
Rope, Kelly D.
Stockly, Tricia L.
Tawpisin, Cliff W.
Whitehead, Lizette B.

**Management Studies II
Saskatoon**

Bueckert, Dale Edward
Daniels, Maurice B.
Esperance, Brenda
Gamble, David R.
Head, Sheldon, D.
McCormack, Patrick
Natacappo, Verna
Scott, Rian M.
Boniasse, Phyllis M.
Buffalo, Heather Lynn
Crowe-Buffalo, William T.

Desjarlais, Brian
Durocher, Rose Ann
Greyeyes, Kevin R.
McAdam, Gerald W.
Merasty, Allan A.
Musaskapoe, Robin
Natacappo, Verna
Pete, Marvina A.
Pinnell, Lisa C.
Ray, Wayne M.
Shingoose, Angela R.
Sutherland, Freda L.

Thomas, Connie
Waskewitch, Gloria
Wuttunee, Rudy W.

**Accountancy
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4th International Traditional Healing and Medicines Gathering

By: Dustin Francis

Nestled in the southwest corner of Saskatchewan is the majestic Cypress Hills, a rare exception to the primarily flat landed province. Here lies the Nekaneet First Nation; host of the 4th International Traditional Healing and Medicines Gathering. This is the fourth and final year that the Nekaneet First Nation will be hosting the event. The first year of the Gathering seen an amazing 7500 people turnout for the event, which was unexpected for its first year. The second year drew 3000 people, which is an excellent number of people for this unique turnout. The third year also saw similar numbers with 2500 people attending the four-day event. This being the fourth and final year an estimated 5000 people will make the trek to the Healing and Medicines Gathering.

Although the Healing Gathering has been declining in attendance, that does not signify the event has been unsuccessful. On the contrary, the success of such an event cannot be measured in the number of people in attendance, but rather on what people have gained through participating in such an event.

The Healing Gathering has had "Healers" from all over Canada, United States, Central America, and various parts of Europe, Africa, and Asia. In terms of those people who were in attendance for learning purposes the Gathering has had people from Western Canada and The United States. The Healing Gathering is not only for those of Aboriginal descent, but for all nationalities to participate and learn. The Healing Gathering is an

opportunity for people to become spiritually, psychologically, emotionally revived. Many of those who have participated have noticed a difference within themselves, as well as to some of whom have just observed, in any case there is a greater understanding and appreciation for this Aboriginal culture. Larry Oakes, Chief of the Nekaneet First Nation said "Everyone benefits from their experience at the Gathering first hand or just come out with a different perspective on things"

Nekaneet First Nation was chosen as the site of the Gathering, because of their fortitude to keep the culture strong and vibrant. The Canadian Government attempted to remove the people of Nekaneet, but they refused on many occasions. Nekaneet's ability to withstand, allowed the traditional ceremonies to go on free from outside influence, which helped keep their strong cultural identity intact. Chief Oakes said "Nekaneet people committed themselves from the first year to the fourth to hosting the Gathering, they put on the gloves so to speak to make those who attend comfortable"

The International Healing and Medicines Gathering has been a blessing for the economic situation of Maple Creek and area, as local businesses have flourished and seen unprecedented business during the 4 days which the event lasts. This years Gathering will be held from Monday, August 18th to Thursday, August 21st. This will be the final year the event will be held in the area.



SIGL CEO Edmund Bellegarde, Vice-Chief Lawrence Joseph, Chief Perry Bellegarde and SIGL President/CEO Terry Goodtrack

SIGL GRAND OPENING

By: Bonnie Leask

On May 20, 2003 the Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Licensing held their grand opening for their new head office which is housed on the Asimakaniseekan Askiy Indian Reserve in Saskatoon.

The new SIGL Head Office, located across the street from the FSIN, formerly housed FSIN Treaty Governance and prior to that the Saskatoon Tribal Council.

Several months of renovation were required to make it suitable for SIGL's needs. To assist in curbing renovation costs, many SIGL staff helped by moving furniture, demolition and light construction duties to build the new office.

SIGL President/CEO Terry Goodtrack, who commenced working with SIGL in November 2002, says that the new office will provide easy access to First Nations and provides the staff with modern technology and comfort. He says, "our SIGL Boardroom is very functional. It easily accommodates any type of presentation or training activity."

The SIGL Board Room is being rented out at a rate of \$150 per day to organizations, groups or companies needing a place to conduct meetings, planning sessions or workshops. For more information call SIGL at (306) 477-5700.



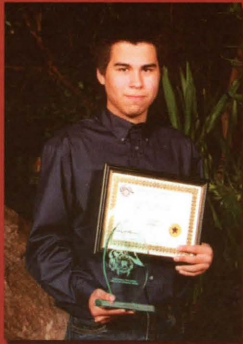
CIRCLE OF HONOUR

By: Bonnie Leask Photos by: Ted Whitecalf



On June 4, 2003 the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations hosted its second annual Circle of Honour awards ceremony. The Circle of Honour Awards are about First Nations honouring First Nations people who have demonstrated tremendous achievement, discipline, vision and excellence.

The Circle of Honour Awards held at the Saskatoon Inn was a wonderful evening filled with many laughs, courtesy of Master of Ceremonies Lyle Daniels, and some warm, encouraging words by special Guest Speaker, George Lafond. There were many dignitaries in attendance and the Saskatchewan Native Theatre Company provided excellent entertainment between award presentations. The awards committee did a wonderful job in arranging these ceremonies. Gratitude is extended to Circle of Honour Awards committee, the Saskatchewan Native Theatre Company and the Saskatoon Inn for the wonderful evening. Following are the list of nomination areas and the recipients.



Nathan Gamle



Lisa Bouvier



The Moosomin School Staff



Virginia Moberly



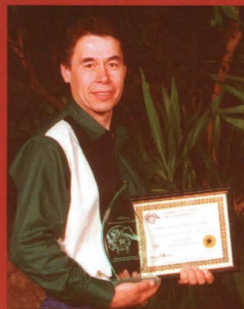
Cody Campbell



Team Saskatchewan



Shaylynn Pewapisconias



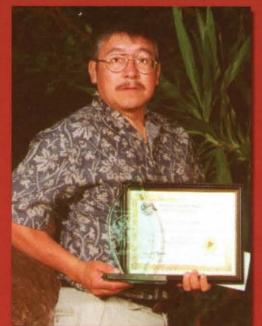
Tom Gardipy




Roger Ballantyne



Melinda Whitecloud



Joseph Arnold Stone



The following is a list of the nomination categories and the recipients. In the Education and Training area there were recipients in Academic/Scholastic Achievement – Male and Female, Teacher / Instructor/Para-Professionals / Support Staff / Administrator and Post-Secondary Students.

Nathan Gamle

Beardy's & Okemasis First Nation
Education
Academic/Scholastic Achievement
Male

Nathan is 17 years old and is currently enrolled in the Willow Cree Education Complex. Nathan is an honour student and maintains an excellent attendance record. Nathan is described as a young man who knows no boundaries and sets his goals high. He is a member of the Willow Cree Education Complex Students Against Drunk Driving chapter, involved in sports and is an excellent role model for all youth. Nathan abstains from drugs and alcohol and is true to his beliefs.

Lisa Bouvier

Canoe Lake First Nation
Education
Academic/Scholastic
Female

Lisa Bouvier is 17 years old and is currently enrolled in the Canoe Lake High School. She is an "A" student, maintaining a 90% average. She has an impeccable attendance record while holding the post President for the Student Representative Council, and is involved in various extra curricular activities. Lisa is an inspiration to the other students around her.

The Moosomin School Staff

Education
Teacher Support Staff

The Moosomin School Staff is a staff that is dedicated to the

development and excellence of their students. The staff have a sense of professionalism while maintaining a personal relationship with the students. In addition, to their loyalty to the students, many of the staff are members of Moosomin First Nation this provides wonderful local role models for the students.

Virginia Moberly

Buffalo River Dene Nation
Education
Support Staff/Administrator

Virginia Moberly is a teacher at the Beardy's and Okemasis First Nation at the Division IV level. She is an innovative and effective classroom teacher who stresses the importance of students learning about their culture. In addition, she has encouraged her students to become familiar with significant people, past and present, from the Beardy's community. As a result of her unique approach to teaching, Virginia's students have been received many various awards, locally and provincially.

Cody Campbell

Buffalo River Dene Nation Post
Secondary Award

Cody is a student at the National Aviation College in Prince Albert. He attended the Buffalo River School, where he played volleyball, and took on a role of leadership within the sport and transcended to everyday life. Cody is considering attending the University of Saskatchewan in the fall in the college of Arts and Science.

The nominations for Sports, Culture, Youth and Recreation there were eight recipients that were recognized in the categories of: Team, Athlete-Professional, Athlete-Amateur, Coach, Founder/Builder, Volunteer, Youth Role Model and Art/Culture/Music.

Team Saskatchewan

Sports, Culture, Youth & Recreation
Team

Team Saskatchewan is a young midgets hockey team comprised of First Nation and Metis youth from across the province. The team was selected following a tryout process in December and continued to train together leading up the National Aboriginal Hockey Championships in Akwesasne, Ontario from April 24th to May 3rd, 2003. Team Saskatchewan went undefeated meeting Team Manitoba in the Gold Medal final where they defeated Team Manitoba in overtime 3-2. This is the second year of the Championships and Team Manitoba was the defending Champs.

Shaylynn Pewapisconias

Little Pine First Nation
Sports, Culture, Youth & Recreation
Athlete Amateur

Shaylynn Pewapisconias is a 19 year old student attending the University of Wisconsin on a hockey scholarship to play for the Wisconsin Yellowjackets. Shaylynn has also played with other teams in Canada, most recently Team Saskatchewan at the National Aboriginal Hockey Championships. Shaylynn is an excellent role model for young women and is truly a team player and a joy to be around.

Tom Gardipy

Beardy's & Okemasis First Nation
Sports, Culture, Youth & Recreation
Athlete Professional

Tom Gardipy is a well-known trainer in thoroughbred horse racing as his family has been involved the area for four generations. Tom won trainer of the year at Marquis Downs in Saskatoon for the years 2001 and 2002. He has proven without doubt that he is a great competitor in his field.



Roger Ballantyne

Lac La Ronge First Nation
Sports, Culture, Youth and Recreation
Coach

Roger Ballantyne is an avid member within the community coaching minor hockey and volleyball. Roger was an assistant coach on the Gold Medal winning Jr. Men's Team at the North American Indigenous Games this past summer in Winnipeg. Roger works hard balancing his family and his numerous coaching positions he's taken on within the community. As well Roger was coach of the Saskatchewan midget boys who won gold at National Aboriginal Hockey Championships.

Melinda Whitecloud

Sports, Culture, Youth & Recreation
Founder/ Builder

Melinda Whitecloud is a teacher/native liaison worker at Archbishop M.C. O'Neil High School. She created the Aboriginal Leadership Team at the high school, which was developed from a native perspective, and in the beginning only had six members but has grown to over eighty. The program assists native youth develop skills for the future, and increases their awareness on issues from within the Aboriginal community. She is not only teacher but is considered a friend by many of her students.

Joseph Arnold Stone

Whitecap Dakota First Nation
Sports, Culture, Youth & Recreation
Volunteer

Joseph Arnold Stone has been involved with the St. John Ambulance services for fourteen years and has achieved the rank of Sergeant and appointed to the position of Serving Brother. As well he has been employed at the Department of National Defence for over twenty years. He is a regular

volunteer for summer and winter games, the Whitecap Fire Department and is a First Responder for Whitecap.

Robert Daniels

One Arrow First Nation
Sports, Culture, Youth & Recreation
Youth Role Model

Robert Daniels is currently a teacher's associate for the Almightyvoice Education Centre on One Arrow. Robert has been a model for the youth as he has abstained from drugs and alcohol. He leads a life that is traditional in nature, he and his family are held in high regard when they visit various communities while dancing on the Pow Wow trail.

Travis Gardipy

Beardy's & Okemasis First Nation
Sports, Culture Youth & Recreation
Youth Role Model

Travis Gardipy is an excellent role model through his devotion to the sport of hockey. Travis excels in the sport of hockey. Travis or "Trapper" recently played for Team Saskatchewan at the National Aboriginal Hockey Championships. Travis was an assistant captain on the Beardy's AAA midget hockey team. He also played with Team Saskatchewan at the Canada Winter Games in New Brunswick this year.

Lawrence Eyahpaise

Beardy's & Okemasis First Nation
Sports, Culture, Youth & Recreation
Art/Culture/Music

Lawrence's journey to become a cultural leader started at a young age when he attended and watched many ceremonies with his father. As he grew older he realized his abilities and also noted that the Cree language was not used as much in his community. He took the initiative to begin to teach Cree at the secondary level and has been teaching Cree at the Willow Cree

Education Complex for 15 years. Lawrence has also formed various groups in the community that promote cultural awareness, and also put on various cultural events.

In the area of Health and Social Development three awards were given out in the categories are: Healing and Policy Initiative-Individual, Healing and Policy Initiative-Community and Youth/Adolescent Tobacco Control Initiative.

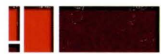
Rose Atimoyoo

Little Pine First Nation
Health & Social Development
Healing & Policy Initiative Individual

Rose is well known in Saskatchewan for her involvement in many areas of health and wellness. She was the CHR advisor with National Health and Welfare (Medical Services Branch) for 28 years in northern Saskatchewan. She worked in Meadow Lake for 15 years and was employed at the Battlefords Indian Hospital for 13 years. She is presently a national Elder Advisor for the First Nations and Inuit Home Community Care Program. She advises Saskatchewan nurses on culturally appropriate practices and she sits as an Elder Advisor with several health related programs including Canadian Prenatal Nutrition, Disabilities and Youth. Rose's involvement with the Home and Community Care Program began with her husband the late Smith Atimoyoo. Through his illness of almost eight years she developed an interest in improving these services for all First Nations in Saskatchewan.

**Battleford Tribal Council
Health Services**

Health & Social Development
Healing & Policy Initiative Community
Battleford Tribal Council Indian Health Services provides community based health services to



promote, support, and encourage the physical, mental, social and spiritual health of the people living in the BTC communities. They provide Community based health services such as: Addictions, Child Care, Community Health, Head Start, Health Promotion and Planning, Home Care and a School Based Dental Program. As well, they provide limited health services to the City of North Battleford in the area of: Dental Services, Hospital dental services, FAS / FAE Support Worker, and Hospital Liaison Services.

Chief Cameron Watson

Chacachas

Health & Social Development

Youth/Adolescent Tobacco Control

Cameron is current chief of Chacachas First Nation and former Chief of Ochpowace First Nation. Chief Watson has a strong interest in promoting First Nations youth issues, especially education and has encouraged First Nations youth to complete their education. Chief Watson developed and put forward a controversial resolution in February 2003 to ban smoking at all Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nation legislative assemblies and meetings. With this new policy the FSIN staff, members of the FSIN and visitors now have the benefit of a safe and healthy environment to conduct business.

For the area of Economic and Community Development, recipients were recognized for their contributions in the categories of: Housing Innovative Initiative, First Nation Business person and First Nation Business.

Onion Lake Housing Authority

Economic Development

Housing Initiative

The Onion Lake Housing Authority has assisted many Onion Lake First Nation members in attaining quality housing, while also assisting those

with homes through renovation. The Housing Authority has removed political interference from their decision-making to improve program delivery services.

Sandra Bighead

Beardy's & Okemasis First Nation

Economic Development

First Nations Business Person

In 1989, Sandra purchased the assets of an existing auto wrecker and changed the name to "Adam's Auto Wrecking" for an advantage in the phone book. In the early 90's, Adam's Auto Wrecking received a grant from the Canadian Aboriginal Economic Development Strategy (C.A.E.D.S.) to expand the operation from 6 employees to 12 employees and sales have since tripled.

Cree Way Gas

Muskeg Lake Cree Nation

Economic Development

First Nations Business

Cree Way Gas Ltd is a Petro Canada Gas Bar & Convenience Store Operation owned by the Muskeg Lake Cree Nation. It is located on Asimakaniseekan Askiy (Soldiers Land) Reserve in 102A in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Cree-Way Gas has created twenty jobs, twelve full-time and eight part-time positions. In January 2003 the Muskeg Lake Cree Nation held a ceremonial Mortgage Burning to commemorate their success.

The area of Justice has three categories which recognition was given. Those categories are: First Nation Justice Initiative-Individual and First Nation Justice Initiative-Community.

Melvina Elizabeth Eagle

Whitecap Dakota First Nation

First Nation Justice Initiative

Individual

Melvina Elizabeth Eagle is a respected member and elder of the Whitecap Dakota First Nation.

Melvina has given guidance as a counselor at the Kilburn Young Offender's Custody Facility and the Egadz Youth Center. She also works with the Saskatoon Police force to help individuals who encounter a language barrier. She also ensured the creation of a Justice Committee on the Whitecap Dakota First Nation. Melvina has made a huge difference with the youth she has encountered as well as being committed to her family and her community.

The Willow Cree Education Complex Students Against Drinking and Driving Justice Initiative Community

The Willow Cree Education Complex, Students Against Drinking and Driving (W.C.E.C SADD) chapter has seen considerable growth in its three years of existence. W.C.E.C. SADD chapter plays a significant role in the community and has also had the opportunity to assist other communities in Alberta. The group promote a lifestyle that is alcohol and drug free, while teaching members, young and old, of Beardy's and Okemasis the realities of drinking and driving.

For those people who dedicate their time in the area of Lands and Resources, there were recipients in the categories of: Environmental Respect-Individual and Environmental Respect-Community.

Bill Marion

Lands & Resources

Environment Respect

Individual

Bill Marion is an employee of the James Smith Cree Nation. He works within the area of water and waste water treatment. Bill is very active in the education and prevention of human disease due to unsafe drinking water. He diligently promotes the education to his fellow water treatment colleagues in Saskatchewan and Canada.



Robert Daniels



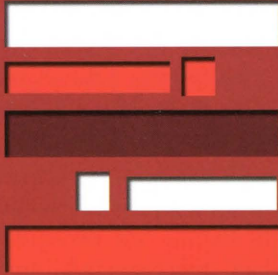
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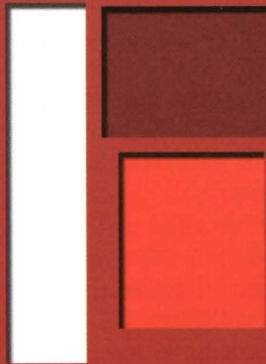
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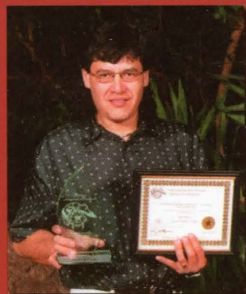
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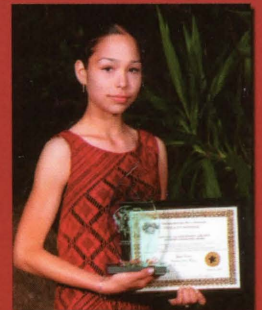
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John Head Memorial Education Centre



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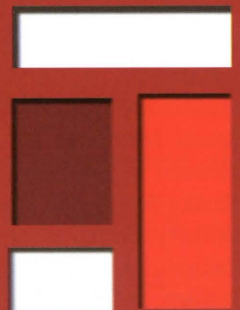
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John Head Memorial

Education Centre

Red Earth First Nation

Lands & Resources Environment Respect
Community

The grade 11 Native Studies class of the John Head Memorial Education Center at Red Earth has come up with various group projects that have benefited the environment at Red Earth. The class has cleaned the schoolyard, gotten rid of graffiti on local buildings, and cleaned a river to make it safe for swimming and fishing. Their projects were influential within the community as many Red Earth members have joined in and worked with the students in their venture for a cleaner environment.

The Saskatchewan First Nations Veterans Association has designated an award called the Saskatchewan First Nations Veterans Association Humanity Award. For those who have dedicated their lives to assisting others through innovative ways.

Eleven (11) Saskatchewan First
Nation Soldiers

Saskatchewan First Nation

Veterans Association

Humanity Award

The FSIN Circle of Honour 2003 would like to recognize the eleven Native Brothers & Sisters who served in the Iraq War. These Warriors are commended with their bravery and risking their lives for the people of Canada, the United States and Iraq. Alexis Dustyhorn, Kawacatoose First Nation, US Military; Tyrone Roper, Yellowquill First Nation, US Military; Amber McArthur, Pheasant Rump First Nation, US Military; Cory Heffernan, Muskoday First Nation, US Military; Bruce Munrow Jr, Muskoday First Nation, US Military; Carmen Bear, Muskoday First Nation, Canadian Military; Darcy Bear, Muskoday First Nation, Canadian Military; Rob Brown, Mistawasis First Nation,

Canadian Military; Lori Asiacan, Cowesses First Nation, Canadian Military and Ryan Redwood, Cowesses First Nation, Canadian Navy.

Also the Saskatchewan First Nations Women's Council has designated categories for Youth Leadership, Woman's Leadership and Honouring Our Mothers.

Jenna Tanner

Cowesses First Nation

Saskatchewan First Nations

Women's Council

Youth Leadership

Jenna is 14 years old and a student at Rosemont School in Regina. She is dedicated and committed to her studies and participates actively in sports. Jenna is a grade "A" student and often receives 100% in her exams. She has received three Terrific Kid Awards and has read 1000 books in one school term and received twenty Readers Certificates. Since the age of 10, she has been actively involved in the Regina Minor Softball Association as a pitcher. In her spare time, she has a part-time job cleaning offices with her parents. She is grateful to her parents, Ruby & Debbie and to her teachers at Rosemont for their support and guidance. Jenna is truly an outstanding young person and is very much deserving of this award.

Irene Tootoosis

Poundmaker First Nation

Saskatchewan First Nation

Women's Council

Women's Leadership

In 1964 Irene was crowned Miss Indian Canada. In 1965 she married Gordon Tootoosis and had three daughters (Alanna, Glynis and Disa) plus raised many foster children. In the 70's and 80's Irene moved to the Poundmaker First Nation where her political career began. She became Chief and remained in Council for

eight years. During this time she became President of the Saskatchewan Women's Association. In 1987, she studied at SIFC and received a degree in Social Work and later on earned her Masters in Social Work in British Columbia. Today she is actively involved with the Saskatchewan First Nation Women's Council. In addition to her busy schedule she is raising her deceased daughter's Glynis' children with her husband Gordon. She is an outstanding woman and is well respected in First Nations communities.

Bea Lavallee

Piapot First Nation

Saskatchewan First Nation

Women's Council

Honouring Our Mothers

In 1937, Bea was forced to attend residential school. She views the residential school as a frightening experience. Today Bea gives the impression that nothing scares her. In 1999, she visited SIFC and liked it so much she decided to stay, "this is where I fit" she said. She is now SIFC's elder in residence. She also served as a band councilor on her reserve for four years. Bea is an incredibly strong woman who has overcome many difficulties in her life. She is a daughter, sister, wife, mother and kokum. Students who have been raised with traditional values appreciate her guidance. Bea shares her knowledge with all and makes everyone feel welcome.

In the area of Communications a media award has been established for those that have made an invaluable contribution through media.

Dominga Robinson

Pheasant Rump First Nation

Communications

Media

Dominga is 23 years old and is a writer/actress who has completed

her second year of university in the SIFC program Theatre Performance with a minor in Creative Writing. She is involved with her community with a notable presence in the media and various activities. Dominga is proud that she is able to present First Nation people and events to mainstream media in a positive light.

And finally the recognition for those people who have dedicated themselves to the well being of others and contributed to or on behalf of First Nations this area is for Indian Government. There were three recipients in this area and the categories are: Citizen of the Year, Life Time Achievement and Posthumous Recognition.



Alma & Simon Kytwayhat
Makwa Sahgaiehcan First Nation
Indian Government
Citizens of the Year

Alma and her husband Simon are a team that foster personal development according to the medicine wheel. They use the drum song as a way of healing and to bring all people together. They have been actively involved with the Bold Eagle (Militia) Program and the Joe Duquette High School. Alma has been a part of the Office of the Treaty Commissioner Treaty Table process since 1997 and Simon and Alma sit on the OTC Speakers Bureau. They provide the role as advisor, counselor and supporter and their cultural traditional teachings encourage youth to be proud of who they are.



Sol Sanderson
Chakastaypasin Band
Indian Government
Lifetime Achievement

Sol George Sanderson is a member of the Chakastaypasin Band. He is father, husband, grandfather and great-grandfather. Sol served five and half years on the Prince Albert City Police Force and moved to the area of politics. Sol has worked hard for First Nations people of Saskatchewan and has held the position of Executive Director, First Vice-President and ultimately served as Chief of the FSIN for six years. Sol was one of the founders of the FSIN education institutions, SIIT, SIFC and SICC. In addition, Sol fought hard to have inclusions made in the 1982 Constitution. Currently, Sol is working for the First Nations Forum, an institute that he is co-founder, researching and developing First Nations Public Policy.



Late Gordon Oakes (Red Bear)
Nekaneet First Nation
Indian Government
Posthumous Award
April 11, 1932 – February 3, 2003

Gordon Oakes (Red Bear) was born in the Cypress Hills on what is now called the Nekaneet First Nation to the late Mo-ca-na and Abel Oakes. His father, Abel, raised Gordon and his sisters, Josephine (deceased), Iona, Mary, and brother, John. As a community, the people of Nekaneet remained isolated from the other Nations, and thus, their language and spiritual beliefs have remained strong. Gordon always was a strong leader, spiritually and politically, within his own community and within the province.

Throughout his lifetime, Gordon worked consistently in both worlds, and brought this strong work ethic to everything that he accomplished. He was the Chief of the Nekaneet Reserve from 1958 – 1962 and from 1970 to 1992. He pursued the Treaty Land Entitlement Process to its eventual conception. Gordon Oakes sat at the Treaty Tables within the Treaty Governance Processes of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations and was also an Elder Board member of the Wanuskewin Heritage Park Board. He initiated and brought to fruition the eventual placement of the Okimaw Ohci Healing Lodge in the Cypress Hills. During Prince Charles April 2001 visit to Saskatchewan, Elder Oakes bestowed a Cree Name to the Prince at Wanuskewin. Elder Gordon Oakes created the Treaty 4 flag. His vision of this flag for Treaty 4 became a reality and now flies proudly in many First Nation communities. The flag has become a symbol to be used in common by all Treaty 4 First Nations. Gordon resided at the Nekaneet Reserve with his wife, Jean and raised three children, Irene, Larry and Colin and numerous grandchildren and adopted family members.

**Hope to see everyone at
the 2004 Circle of
Honour Awards.**

George E. Lafond



By: Bonnie Leask

First Nations people across the country have been making continuous progress in the area of education. The increase in the number of First Nation students graduating from post-secondary institutions can be attributed to the many people who have worked behind the scenes to ensure First Nations people succeed. George E. Lafond is one such person who is determined to make sure that post-secondary institutions are First Nations friendly.

On January 2, 2003, George was appointed to the newly created position at the University of Saskatchewan of the Special Advisor on Aboriginal Initiatives to the President. Upon taking the position he stated "Demographics tell us that the future workforce will be drawn increasingly from the pool of available First Nations and Metis people. The University of Saskatchewan and all institutions must prepare for this and turn out larger numbers of graduates to supply the workforce and to revitalize the economy of Saskatchewan. The University of Saskatchewan has clearly recognized the need to engage the Aboriginal community

in partnerships and opportunities that will benefit not only the University of Saskatchewan and Aboriginal people, but also the province as a whole."

In his capacity as Special Advisor, George is a key consultant to University of Saskatchewan President Peter MacKinnon and his team. As well, he advises vice-presidents, deans, and senior staff on representing the U of S to the Aboriginal community - a sign of building positive relationships between the First Nations and non-First Nations educational institutions. This is the latest in a series of recent developments aimed at improving programming for Aboriginal people at the University of Saskatchewan. George is pleased to be working with leading Aboriginal scholars across Canada and some excellent Aboriginal staff within the University.

In 2002, the University of Saskatchewan released the document "A Conceptual Framework for Aboriginal Initiatives." The document signalled six areas that were imperative for growth and development; academic programs, research programs, student affairs, cultural programs,

community outreach, and coordination. George considers this document integral to his work plan when developing new initiatives and building on existing initiatives. George says, "What I want for the University of Saskatchewan is to be seen as a leading university in Aboriginal matters. Since my arrival in January, we have been laying the groundwork for success through initiatives such as the transition program, which will be launched this fall to support Aboriginal student success in their first year on campus."

George was born and raised on the Muskeg Lake Cree Nation in Treaty Six Territory. He often reflects back on his time growing up with his family and in the community of Muskeg Lake: "Education was always valued in the Muskeg Lake Cree Nation and in my own family. While my parents' generation hit the glass ceiling with residential school—they did enter the workforce and try to provide for the family and make a difference for the community."

George completed high school in Marcellin, a town near Muskeg Lake. Following this, he attended the University of Saskatchewan and

received an Education degree. He immediately began working as a teacher at the Bedford Road Collegiate in Saskatoon. George has many fond memories of his time at Bedford and the friendships made during that time: "Many of the people I worked with twenty years ago are now in positions of leadership in the education system in Saskatoon. The ideas we worked on a generation ago are now being realized in schools throughout the city. It shows me that while it may take time, focussing on First Nations and Metis student needs and providing them with support will pay big dividends down the road."

After a few years at Bedford, and with memories of his visit to Ottawa at the age of 16 for Youth Parliament, George set out to work in Ottawa. He secured employment as a special assistant to the Minister of Indian Affairs during a very critical time in Canada's history. He was in Ottawa during the Charlottetown constitutional negotiations. In addition to these remarkable positions, George also served as President of the Canadian Council of Aboriginal Business. Since 1995, George held elected

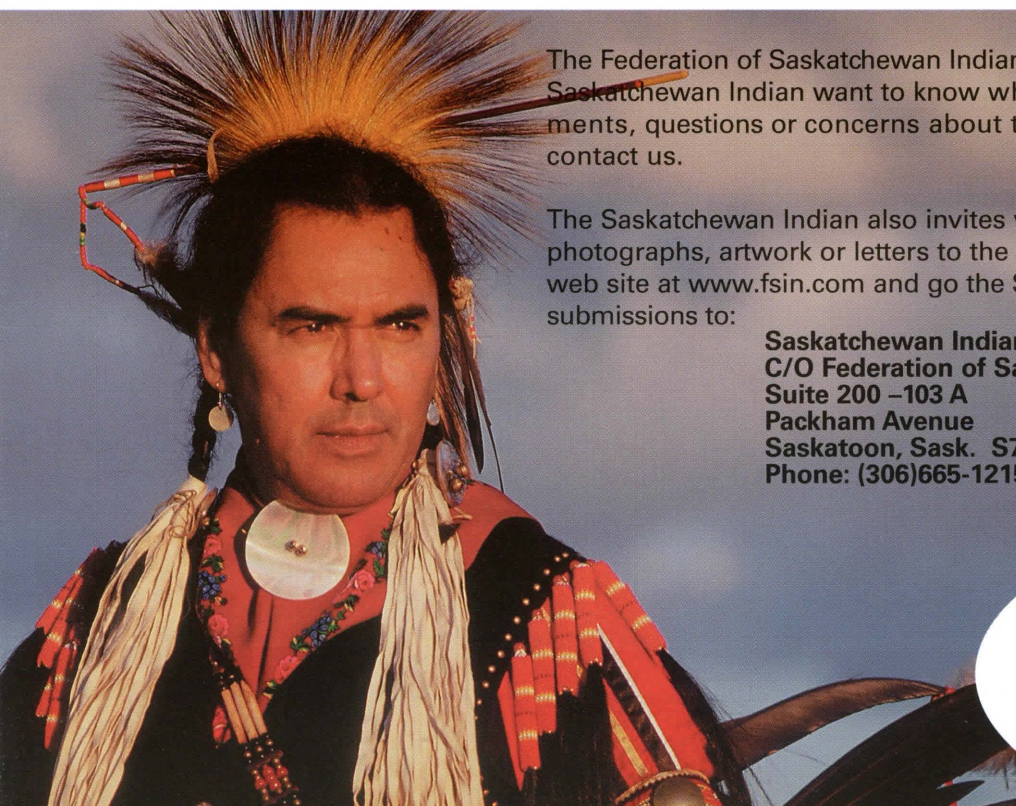
positions at the Saskatoon Tribal Council, as Vice-Chief and Chief: "The Saskatoon Tribal Council and the member First Nations reinforced to me how important partnerships are for the future development of First Nations people. We cannot build the capacity of our communities if we take a position of isolation wait for someone to come to us. We must make our opportunities in Saskatchewan and work with those who extend a hand of friendship or expertise."

George maintains strong ties with his family and community. He is married to Judge Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond and is the father of three daughters, Alphonsine (7), and twins Portia and Isobel (1 year). He has been actively involved as the coach of the Petequacey Blades. The Petequacey Blades have won the "Indian Stanley Cup" and many other impressive hockey tournaments in Indian country and most recently became the National Champions of the Adult Safe League "D" Division at a tournament in Burnaby, British Columbia.

His commitment to community is apparent through his dedication to

preserving important landmarks on the Muskeg Lake reserve. He has served on many boards such as the Banff Centre of Management, Wanuskewin Heritage Board, the United Way and currently he serves on the Board of Directors for SaskEnergy.

George would like to send a message to young people. "Set your goals and dreams and be prepared to work for them—don't expect things to be simply given to you. Many opportunities are within the grasp of our youth and we must help open doors and guide them so that they can lead us in the future. There is no better investment of our time and energy than in education and our youth, because it is an investment in the Saskatchewan of tomorrow."



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FSIN & the AFN Reject the Proposed Federal Government Policy on the Health Consent Form

By: Eldon Henderson

One of the immediate concerns for the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations (FSIN) and Assembly of First Nations (AFN) in regard to the Health Consent Form is to request all Treaty Status First Nation individuals not to sign the blanket consent form.

FSIN Vice-Chief Lawrence Joseph agreed that, "If a First Nation individual signs the form it allows the government to recover any medical history or current files from birth to death according to many First Nation Health Technicians. As it stands, there are too many vague terms in this whole purposed process of accessing medical records from our First Nation peoples."

Up to this point, the Minister of Health, Honourable Anne McLellan and Health Canada officials are not releasing the required information behind the NIHB over to FSIN, AFN and other First Nation regional organizations. First Nation organizations are finding it difficult to effectively respond to Health Canada's NIHB with their own position papers due to the restricted departmental policy, protocol procedures and access to specific information.

The federal government has claimed that there are a high proportion of First Nation people who are abusing the medical system by over-use and abuse of pharmaceuticals; therefore according to government officials, a new tracking and monitoring system needs to be established and implemented as soon as possible to stop this

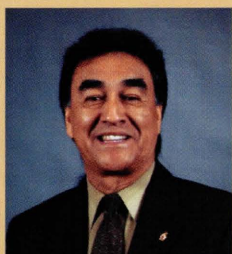
"apparent misuse and abuse of pharmaceuticals.

The AFN and the FSIN have publicly strongly opposed this proposed legislation. It is also a misrepresentation and protection of the Treaty Right to Health, but more importantly, a direct violation of the Treaty Six "medicine chest clause."



AFN Grand Chief
Matthew Coon Come

Last summer on August 13, 2002 the Chiefs of Saskatchewan passed a Resolution at their Annual Summer FSIN Legislative Assembly referenced as the Non-Insured Health Benefit Consent Form. The resolution pointed to specific strategies/measures to delay the government's plan.



4th Vice-Chief
Lawrence Joseph

On behalf of the Assembly First Nations Grand Chief Matthew Coon Come Office, Elaine Johnston, AFN Health Director said, "The AFN is rejecting Health Canada's current consent form and the deadline of September 1, 2003, set by the First Nation and Inuit Health Branch. Resolution 6/2003 from the Confederacy of Nations meeting in May 2003 at Vancouver provides the position of the AFN and the next steps," and this information is on the AFN website at www.afn.ca.

During the FSIN Legislative Assembly held on June 3, 4 & 5, 2003 in Saskatoon, Vice-Chief Lawrence Joseph was mandated by the Assembly Chiefs to proceed with a court injunction against the federal government to delay the policy from anywhere from 1 to 3 years.

GOVERNING OURSELVES

By: Bonnie Leask, Murray Long, Dorothy Myo

The FSIN's Treaty Governance Office is nearing a milestone in its work, with the completion of negotiations on an agreement-in-principle for Treaty-based self-governance.

We, as First Nations people, have always had an inherent right to govern ourselves. Unfortunately, the Indian Act has prevented us from exercising this right and also honouring the spirit and intent of our Treaties.

In 1996, the FSIN, provincial and federal governments took steps to correct this historic wrong by establishing a process – the Treaty Governance Process – in which First Nations people and the government of Canada could begin to recognize this inherent right with the long-term goal of restoring our governance structures and systems. With the guidance of the Exploratory Treaty Table and help of the Office of the Treaty Commissioner, we were able to do this in a way that respected and built upon the Treaties.

In the year 2000, the Chiefs of Saskatchewan, through the FSIN Legislative Assembly, directed the Treaty Governance Office and its negotiators, to begin working on an Agreement-in-Principle (AIP) and a Tripartite Agreement-in-Principle (TAIP) that would lead to a final agreement for First Nations in Saskatchewan. Negotiators expect to approve and initial both documents in June. Completing the negotiation of these agreements within only three years represents a significant accomplishment for First Nations in Saskatchewan.

The Journey Begins

The AIP focuses on governance for First Nations people. However, unlike Minister Nault's Governance Act, the AIP bases governance on our inherent right, not on the Indian Act.

Key components of the AIP include law-making powers over education, families/children, membership and financial management. Negotiations will continue in the areas of justice and off-reserve jurisdiction in education and child welfare. In addition, the AIP concentrates on developing a fair fiscal relationship with the government to ensure that the services provided to First Nations people will be comparable to those that non-First Nation people receive from their provincial and federal governments. It is important to note that the AIP or TAIP are not a legally binding documents rather

they are guides for the negotiators to use when discussing and negotiating the final agreement for governance. It is also a strong public commitment by all parties to the goal of inherent and Treaty-based First Nations governance.

The draft AIP and TAIP will soon be ready for review by First Nation communities. Starting off in September, teams from Treaty Governance and the federal government will be going to communities to discuss the AIP and TAIP with First Nations. As well as hosting Community Reviews in First Nation communities, there will be reviews held at the various regions and in the major urban centers to ensure that as many First Nation members as possible are involved in the process. Following the reviews, the Treaty Governance Office will return to the bands, after they have had

the opportunity to discuss the AIP and TAIP with their members, and request their support for the AIP and TAIP through a Band Council Resolution.

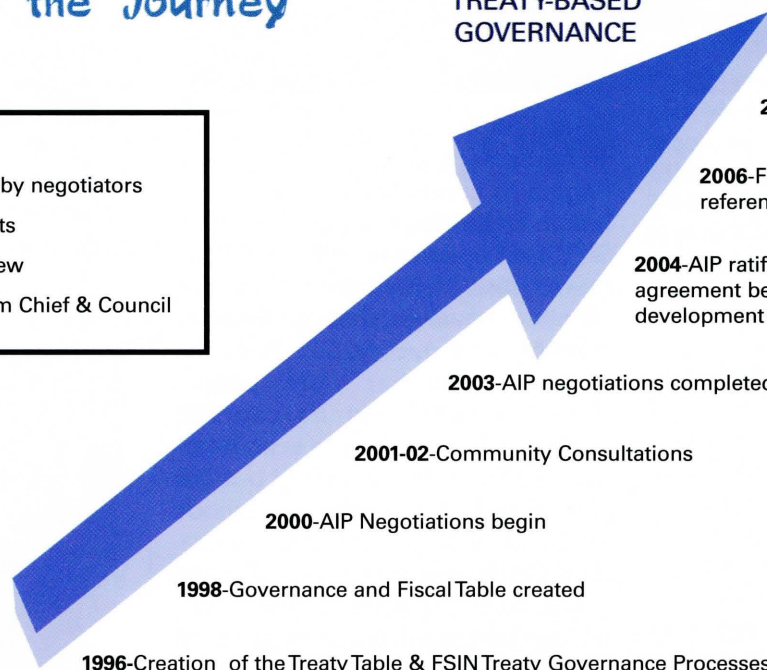
The AIP is a real and viable alternative to the Indian Act and the First Nations Governance Act (FNGA). First Nations cannot continue to live within the inequities and disparities that presently exist for them. The AIP allows a Treaty relationship to be developed between the government of Canada and First Nations that did not get a chance to develop since the signing of Treaties.

This is about your future. If you want to learn more about the AIP package, watch for notices of Community Review meetings or call the FSIN's Treaty Governance Office at 306-667-1876.

Milestones in the Journey

INHERENT AND TREATY-BASED GOVERNANCE

What's happening in 2003?
 June: AIP and TAIP initialed by negotiators
 June-Sept: Awareness events
 Sept-Nov: Community Review
 Nov-Dec: Seeking BCRs from Chief & Council



2007-Legislation and Implementation

2006-Formal Agreement ratified by referendum

2004-AIP ratified; negotiations on final agreement begin; constitution development

2003-AIP negotiations completed, Community Review

2001-02-Community Consultations

2000-AIP Negotiations begin

1998-Governance and Fiscal Table created

1996-Creation of the Treaty Table & FSIN Treaty Governance Processes

INDIAN ACT
CONTROL

AIP refers to the negotiated agreement between First Nations of Saskatchewan and Canada on a path towards self-government.
TAIP is a supporting/campanion agreement to the AIP between First Nations of Saskatchewan, Canada and Provincial Government that brings all three parties to the table to work towards the final stages of the self-government agreement in the next several years.

The opening of the First Nations University of Canada



By: Bonnie Leask

On June 21st, National Aboriginal Day, the former Saskatchewan Indian Federated College (SIFC) was adorned with a new name and an equally significant new and prestigious permanent home.

The opening of the First Nations University of Canada comes at a significant time as First Nations continue to demonstrate their determination and ingenuity in many areas including education. It is another step in realizing the aspirations of the First Nations in building on the Treaty Right to education and in moving toward greater self-determination.

The Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations embarked on First Nations control of First Nations

education in 1976 by entering into an agreement with the University of Regina to create the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College. When the SIFC first opened its doors in 1976, there were only nine students enrolled, however, that number has reached well over 2000. With the growing number of people accessing SIFC and its courses, problems arose trying to accommodate not only the students but the staff as well. There was an obvious need for a larger building space. This vision was clear and over the years there have been three sod-turning ceremonies to move toward building a new home. However, on National Aboriginal Day 2003 this vision was finally realized.

It was a beautiful day with a slight breeze and the sun shining

ensuring that all those in attendance enjoyed the day. There were hundreds of people there. Elders, Senators, Veterans, Chiefs, SIFC alumni, provincial and federal Cabinet ministers, SIFC Donors, Regina City Mayor Pat Fiocco, Saskatchewan Premier Lorne Calvert, FSIN Chief Perry Bellegarde, Lieutenant Governor Dr. Lynda Haverstock and His Royal Highness Prince Edward, the Earl of Wessex.

A First Nations traditional pipe ceremony was held on site to bless the new building and all it encompasses. At 9.45 a.m. the grand march began with His Royal Highness and Her Honour leading the way. The procession was remarkable, with many Chiefs in attendance wearing their traditional attire. The program was short with

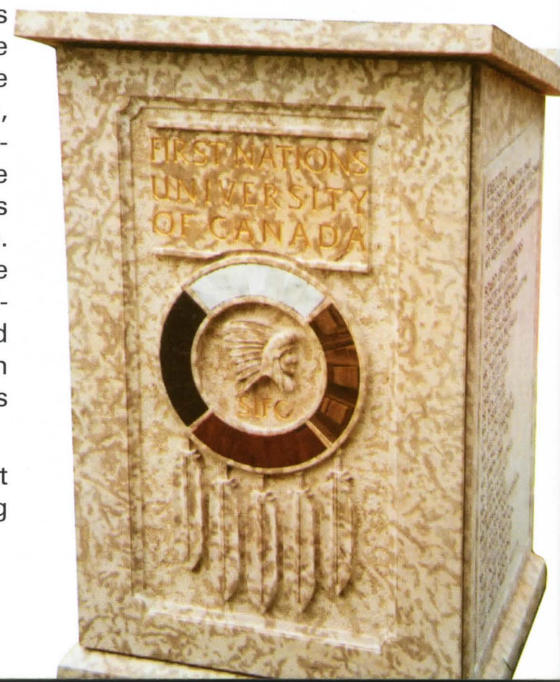




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an opening prayer then victory and honour songs from Kaisawatum singers. Elder Bea Lavallee spoke about the songs and shared them in English. Following the opening, speeches were delivered by FSIN Chief Perry Bellegarde, SIFC student Robert Cote, University of Regina President Dr. David Bernard, Minister of Public Works & Services Ralph Goodale, Saskatchewan Premier Lorne Calvert and First Nations University of Canada President Eber Hampton.

After the speeches His Royal Highness officially opened the First Nations University of Canada. This moment was truly a tremendous

time for both First Nations and non-First Nations people. Perhaps FSIN Chief Perry Bellegarde captured it best with his sentiments; "This is a great, powerful wonderful day for Treaty First Nations. When Treaty was signed between the Crown and our people, there was a recognition for the need of the non-First Nation system of education and the First Nations University of Canada has provided that balance. There are teachings of First Nations traditional style, including language, customs and ceremonies, in conjunction with the formal academic stream. This will allow First Nations people to successfully walk in both worlds."

“....This will allow First Nations people to successfully walk in both worlds.”



the Sioux Chef Recipes

Soups and stews are perfect for any day. A pot of simmering meat, sweet vegetables, fragrant herbs, and amber stock fills your home with warmth and anticipation for mealtime. Meat that is on the bone and has both fat and lean parts is best for slow stewing. The fat melts away and coddles the meat while it simmers, making the soup so luxurious, and the bone gives extra flavour to the finished dish.

Venison and Wild Mushroom Stew

Splurge on some wild mushrooms, chanterelles, morels, oysters, shiitakes, or portobellos. They will create a flavour that exceeds your wildest (no pun intended) expectations.

2-2 1/2 lbs venison (deer, elk or moose)
1/2 cup olive oil
1 lb white mushrooms, quartered
1 lb brown mushrooms, quartered
1 lb portobello mushrooms, 1/2" dice
2 cups carrots, diced
2 cups celery, diced
1 cup onion, diced
1/2 cup flour
4 cups water
2 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
1 tbsp salt
1 tbsp fresh cracked pepper
4 tbsp fresh parsley, chopped
2 tbsp fresh thyme or rosemary, minced

Cut the venison into 1/2" cubes. Roll the venison in the flour ensuring everything is well coated. In a large pot on medium/high heat, add 1/4" cup of olive oil and venison. Stir the venison until it is well browned. Remove the venison and set aside. Add onions, carrots, celery and remaining olive oil to the pot. This will deglaze the pot and absorb the flavourful caramelized venison bits.

Cook the veggies for about 8 minutes until they are tender. Add all the mushrooms and cook for another 8 minutes. Add the water, Worcestershire sauce, salt, pepper and cooked venison and bring the soup to a boil. Make sure to stir the pot so nothing sticks to or burns on the bottom of the pot.

Reduce the heat to a medium/low temperature and let the soup simmer and reduce until the juices turn into gravy and the veggies become fork tender. Add the fresh herbs.

For a variation in this recipe, you can also add potatoes, zucchini, parsnips, broccoli, cauliflower or any other vegetables you like.

Herbed Bannock

This is a slight variation on traditional bannock. Adding new ingredients creates a pleasant surprise that will impress the whole family.

6 cups flour (all-purpose)
5 tsp baking powder
3/4 cup shortening or lard
1 tsp salt
1 tsp sugar
1 tbsp onion powder

1 tbsp garlic powder
1 tbsp chilli powder
1 tbsp oregano, rub to release oils
2 cups water, room temperature
(milk can also be used)

Preheat the oven to 300°F/155°C. Add all dry ingredients into a large bowl. Mix well. Add in shortening/lard. Work into the dry ingredients until it resembles pea sized granules. Make a well in the middle of the bowl and slowly add the liquid. Mix the dry and liquid ingredients until

well blended, but do not over-mix the dough. Place the dough onto a greased and floured 9x13 pan and bake for about 1 hour, or until a knife inserted the blade comes out clean. The bannock should be a golden brown colour (not black), when done.

A few hints to guarantee a perfect stew:

- Find the right cut of meat;
- Dust the raw meat with flour to help thicken the sauce while the meat is cooking;
- Sear the meat to seal in the precious juices;
- Deglaze pans to ensure that all the flavour makes it into the pot;
- Season the meat with salt and pepper (garlic, onions, and herbs can make it even better);
- Be patient when your stomach grumbles. Tell yourself that dinner will get better the longer it cooks.

There is nothing better for the body and soul than a wholesome Venison and Wild Mushroom Stew, with Herbed Bannock and Dakota-style Berries. Today we can incorporate new culinary techniques, to turn basic ingredients into best of gourmet meals. Traditionally these foods were staples in the diet of the Prairie cultures.



Dakota-Style Cooked Berries

Frozen berries are great in this recipe. So make sure you have lots on hand to carry you through the winter.

2 lbs saskatoons or blueberries
2 tbsp lemon peel zest
1/2 to 1 cup sugar

3 tbsp flour or cornstarch
1-11/2 cups water
1/2 cup lemon juice

Add all ingredients into a saucepan. Bring to a boil and let simmer until the liquid thickens. Let cool, but serve warm.

For more information on services provided by the Sioux Chef,
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The National Aboriginal Hockey Championships



By: Dustin Francis

The National Aboriginal Hockey Championships were held from April 27th to May 3rd on the Akwasasne Mohawk Territory in Ontario. The Championships are for elite midget aged players, which provides for an excellent fast and fierce competition. The championships are in their second year of existence. This year's tournament there were eight teams representing seven provinces competing for the bragging rights for the best of the best Aboriginal hockey team nationally.

The players that represented the men's team were: Travis Gardipy, Austin Keshane, Tyler Crookedneck, Chad Stanley, Garry Sauvie, Bradon Eagle, Chad Peekeekoot, Darwin Goodwill, Alvin Kahnpace, Allan Longjohn, Derek Straightnose, Chris Gamble, Kyle Mirasty, Jeff Ratt, Brayden Jones, Craig Morningchild, Jonas Thomson, Dale Mitsuing, Justin Magnuson, Nicholas Lewis, Barry Sparvier, Alvin Musqua Jr., Myles Thomas, and Craig Straightnose. Coaches were Charles Keshane and Barry Sparvier Sr.

The men's team from Saskatchewan came out on top, going undefeated throughout the tournament, and claiming the gold in an unusual fashion. In the gold medal game the men's team was down 2-1 with less than ten seconds left, and for many common sense would suggest the game was over. However, this was not the case. Here's the situation, a Manitoba player misreading the clock picks up the puck and skates it to his goalie with 2.2 seconds left in the game. One of the rules governing midget hockey states that this would be considered a delay of game the result of delaying the game is a penalty shot. Saskatchewan's Travis Gardipy took the penalty shot, and scores sending the game into overtime, where Justin Magnuson finishes off the game in dramatic fashion, scoring with only four minutes remaining in overtime.

The women's team fared well at the tournament as well. They played hard and represented Saskatchewan proudly. Demonstrating that at the next tournament they will be a team to watch for. Women who played on

the team were: Tiffany Starchief, Courteny Chicoose, Kara Pooyak, Rena Peekeekoot, Harmonie King, Michelle Delorme, Shanna Rae Bear, Darcie King, Arlene Dawn Bird, Ruby Norman, Charmane Naytowhow, Samantha D'Jonaire, Tiffany Oakes, Delissa Flett, Laura Fineblanket, Rachelle Moore, Dayna King, Falon Head, Shaylynn Pewapisconias, Rheanna Worme, Wylee Dillon, Janis Apesis, Stacey Chief, Angie Benz. Coaches were Earl Cameron and Chief Gilbert Ledoux.

The tournament will be held in Prince George B.C. next year, and the men's team is looking forward to defending their championship, and the women's team is looking forward to the challenge of returning home with a medal. The tournament is a stepping stone to newly formed Aboriginal High Performance Hockey Program, which Travis Gardipy, Justin Magnuson and Barry Sparvier from the men's team will now be attending.

By: Marlene Lumberjack

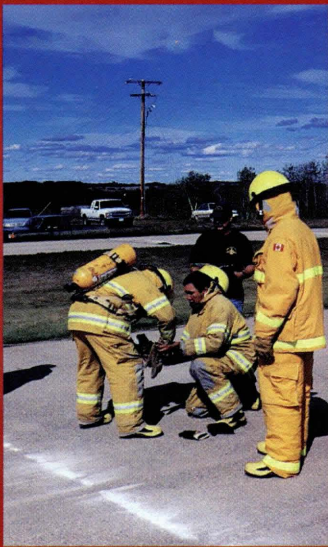
The FSIN Senate was given the mandate by the Chiefs in Assembly to assist in the protection and implementation of Treaty. As FSIN Senators, they constitute more than a chamber of sober second thought. They have been appointed to represent our First Nation people and provide the necessary input into structures that differs from the input required by elected leaders. Our living understanding and respect for the relationship between our Inherent rights, Treaties and First Nations people allows us to assert our knowledge and wisdom. They shall forever advocate the development of the First Nations Rule of Law.

The primary role of the Senate is to nurture the evolution of First Nations Governments by cogently and diligently advocating the development of the First Nations Rule of Law which expresses the entity, authority and jurisdiction of First Nations as one of the three Orders of Government within the Treaty territories of Saskatchewan and Canada.

The Senate will provide specific reports on matters that come within their purview with respect to any Treaty issues and matters relevant to First Nations. This will be done collaboratively with the FSIN Executive and Chiefs of Saskatchewan. The Senate, through its membership, contains many years of experience and wisdom. With their diligence and ability to apply their knowledge and wisdom to issues before them, can assist greatly by offering useful insights into problems and suggesting creative ideas

The following are the present FSIN Senators.

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NATIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS COMPETITION

By: Black Lake First Nation

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The Aboriginal Provincial Fire Department Competition is open to all First Nation Fire Departments throughout Saskatchewan. The winners represent all First Nation Fire Departments for Saskatchewan at a National Fire Fighters competition, where the best First Nation teams from across Canada are represented. Each team must win the title in their province or territory to have a spot in competing at the national competition level.

The evaluations in these competitions simulate actual fire/ground scenarios that these firefighters would actually respond to as part of their community fire department.

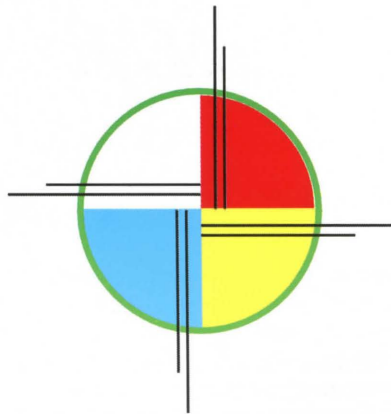
Black Lake First Nation Fire Department should be recognized for their hard work and achievements in this field. Since 1998 the Black Lake Fire Department has dominated the competition. They

have been provincial winners consecutively since 1998 and won the national title in 1998, 1999 and 2002. In 2000 and 2001, they were the national runners-up.

Black Lake is now known across Canada as the best of the best and the home of the most distinguished Aboriginal firefighters in Canada.

The Black Lake Fire Department staff are all local people that volunteer their time and effort to the community. Each time they respond to a call, these volunteers put their lives on the line for the community. Their dedication to safety of the residents of Black Lake is admirable.

Those volunteers are: Fire Chief Billy Robillard, Jonothan Kasagan, Terrance Kasagan, Ronnie Beavereye, Julien Toutsaint and the late Dalton MacDonald.

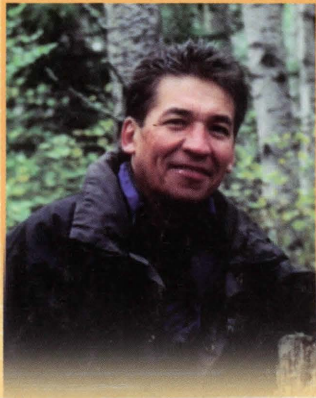


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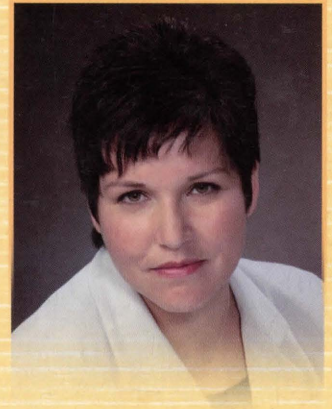
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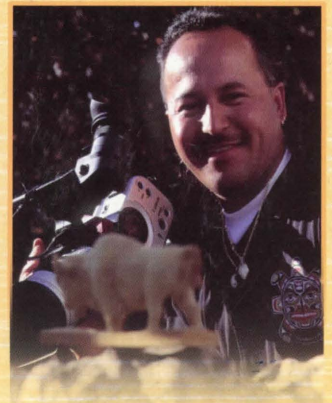
Leanne Bellegarde-Daniels

Among her many achievements, Leanne was an assistant negotiator for Saskatchewan's Historic Treaty Land Entitlement Agreement, a solicitor with the City of Saskatoon and SaskTel, and is currently the V.P. of Corporate and Legal Affairs for SIGA. Leanne also serves as Chair of the Saskatoon Board of Police Commissioners and the R.U.H. Foundation.



Dickie Yuzicapi

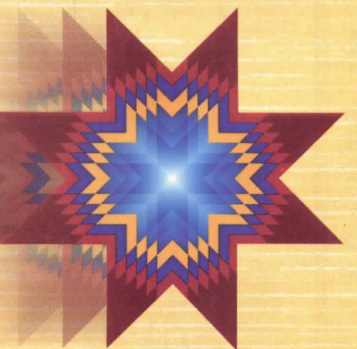
His cuisine has been described as five-star fine dining – a feast for all the senses! Meet Chef Dickie Yuzicapi – aboriginal culinary artist extraordinaire! When he's not tantalizing taste buds through "The Sioux Chef", a thriving catering service in Regina, you can find Chef Yuzicapi performing as a First Nations dancer and singer.



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