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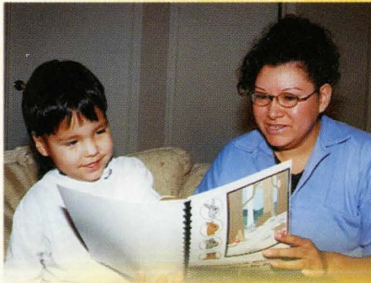


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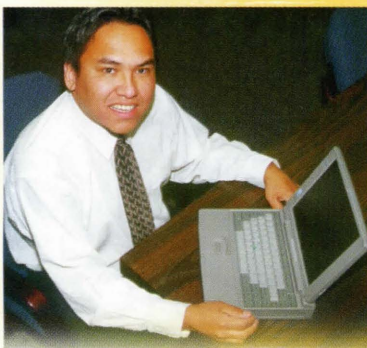


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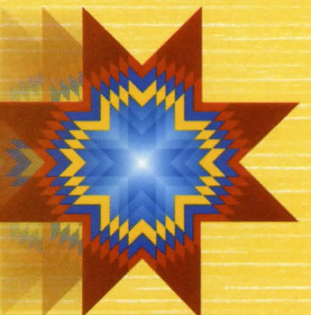
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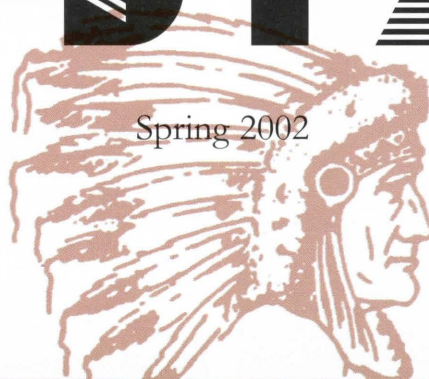
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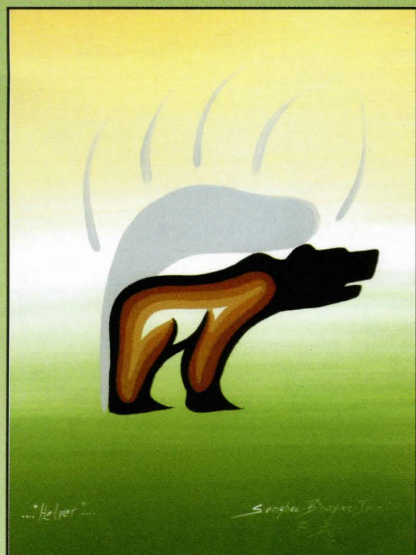
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FIRST NATION VETERANS "SALTY" FOR BATTLE

Saskatchewan First Nation Veterans Association Update



Tony Cote and Grand Chief Howard Anderson of the Saskatchewan First Nation Veterans' Association with Chief Perry Bellegarde, FSIN on the Hill.

First Nation Veteran's battle cry echoes throughout Parliament Hill and the Prime Minister's Office. First Nation Veterans and their spouses will form ranks and prepare to put an end to a battle with the federal government over a much-anticipated recognition and compensation package for those who served in World War II and Korea.

"First Nation Veterans across the country are frustrated and fed up with the federal government and its lack of action to settle this terrible injustice experienced by our people who sacrificed so much for this country. Our Veterans are "salty" for a battle," Saskatchewan First Nations Veterans Association (SFNVA) Grand Chief Howard Anderson said.

FSIN Chief Perry Bellegarde, who is responsible for the Veterans portfolio both in Saskatchewan and nationally, took the First Nations Veteran's compensation issue up directly with Prime Minister Chretien during a meeting with the PM on Friday May 31st.

"The Prime Minister, after listening to our concerns informed me that he personally supports a recognition and compensation package for our First Nation Veterans. The issue however seems to be the level of compensation or in other words "money" and where Ottawa is going to find the resources necessary to adequately compensate our Veterans," Chief Bellegarde said.

The Chief says that as far as he is concerned, the Veterans file has now been elevated to the Prime Minister's Office and he will continue to do what ever is necessary to pressure the federal government into acting as soon as possible to settle on a compensation package with First Nation Veterans across Canada.

The SFNVA took the lead role across the nation along with FSIN Chief Perry Bellegarde to negotiate a recognition and compensation package for all First Nation Veterans in Canada who served during the Korea and Second World War. Upon returning from service after these conflicts, First Nation Veterans did not receive the same level of compensation and recognition that their white brothers and sisters received. The FSIN together with the Assembly of First Nations and the federal government established a National Roundtable on First Nations Veterans' issues nearly two years ago aimed at resolving the issue. In April of 2001, the Roundtable Committee submitted its report "A Search for Equity" to the federal government recommending a specific recognition and compensation package for First Nations Veterans.

According to the legal counsel, economist and futurist hired by the First Nations Veterans, each surviving Veteran (or spouse/widow) who fought in battle should receive approximately \$425,000 in


compensation. A department of Veteran's Affairs economist however pegged the estimated compensation for each Veteran at \$125,000.

"There appears to be absolutely no disagreement from the federal government that our First Nation Veterans were not treated fairly, in fact they were treated dishonorably. The real snag appears to be how much should our Veterans receive and where will the money come from," Chief Bellegarde said.

Grand Chief Howard Anderson says that the SFNVA is prepared to recommend to its members that the Veterans re-instate its lawsuit against the federal government. He will make that recommendation at an upcoming Veterans conference being held in Saskatoon on June 6, 2002 (D-Day).

"It is very likely that our statement of claim against the federal government on behalf of all Veterans across Canada will be reinstated. We had hoped to negotiate a compensation package in honour and good faith, but we are so frustrated that we feel we have no choice but to take this battle to the courts," Grand Chief Anderson said.

Chief Bellegarde is hoping the Prime Minister has taken the issue seriously enough to directly intervene and ensure First Nation Veterans are treated with the respect and honour they richly deserve.

"We fully expect to win this battle for our Veterans so that they may finally take their rightful place in Canadian history." 

Majority of Veterans awaiting compensation are an average age of 80. Photo below is Veteran Peter Bird, Montreal Lake First Nations



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2002 Saskatchewan First Nation Winter Games

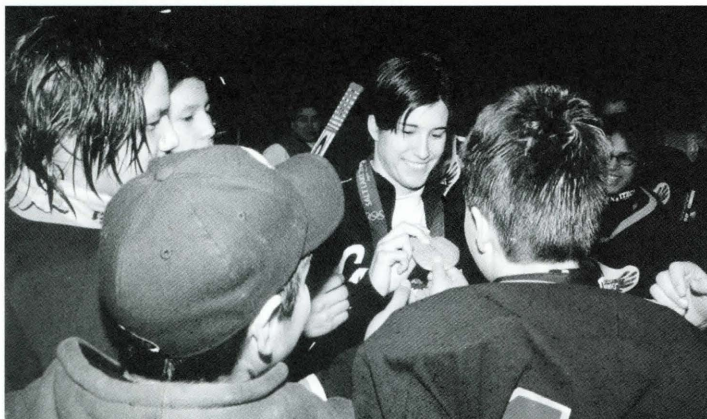


Atoms Boys - Yorkton Tribal Council and Meadow Lake Tribal Council.

Approximately 2600 First Nation Athletes ranging in ages 10 to 17 competed 2002 Saskatchewan First Nation Winter Games at the Keeseekoose First Nation. The games were held in various locations throughout the Keeseekoose First Nation, Cote First Nations and the town of Kamsack.

"It is for our youth that we expend the many hours planning this week-long event. Our future depends on building a strong foundation for our young people. The games give them an opportunity to showcase their talents as they represent their communities... It is through events such as these that our youth gain the self-esteem they need to excel later in life," said Chief Ted Quewezance of the Keeseekoose First Nation.

The Saskatchewan First Nation Winter Games were initiated by First Nations leaders in Saskatchewan to address the need to promote youth



Canadian Women's Hockey Gold Medalist, Dana Antal with Winter Game Participants

involvement in sport, culture, and recreation. Participating teams are from First Nations within Saskatchewan. The founding objectives of the games are still met today as the event continues to promote healthy lifestyles, solidifies the athletic base of First Nation youth and increase public support and awareness of First Nation athletes.

"It is through events such as these Games that we begin to change the attitudes and perceptions of our youth. This is their opportunity to make an impact and to let them know that they are an

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Meadow Lake Tribal Council Representatives receiving 2002 Overall Champions



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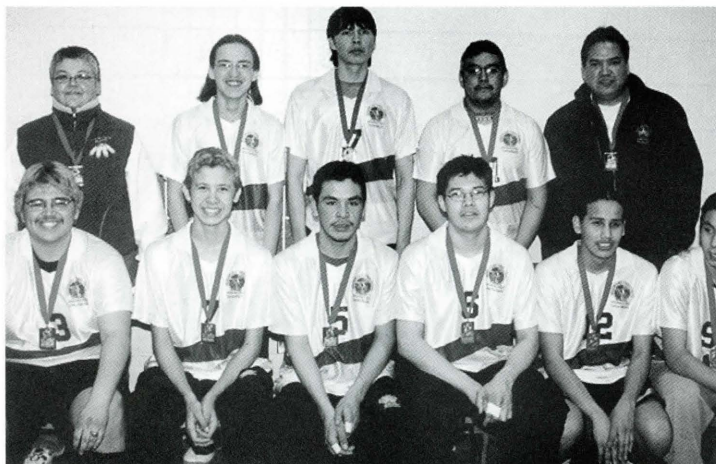
*- Chief Ted Quewezance
Keeseekoose First Nation*



integral part of their First Nation. It gives them a sense of accomplishment as people from across Saskatchewan take the time to watch them participate and try their utmost during competition,” says Henry Keshane, Keeseekoose’s Games Coordinator.

The games were once again divided into two parts to accommodate the large amount of participants. The first half of the games officially began on Saturday March 30, 2002 and wrapped up on Monday April 1, 2002. The registration for the second half began on Tuesday April 2, 2002.

Closing ceremonies followed the Midget hockey final Friday April 6th at the Keeseekoose Arena. Organizer presented the final medal presentation and the most coveted Overall Team Champions, which went to the Meadow Lake Tribal Council. A new award was added to this year’s presentations the “Tony Cote Award”. This award recognized the most improved team - the Battlefords Tribal Council.



PROGRAM BENEFITS COMMUNITY HEALING

Waterhen First Nation Residential School Survivors Program

by Christine Fiddler

There is a tremendous amount of Indian children who have gone to Saskatchewan Indian residential schools in the past. Waterhen Lake First Nation has the number standing at approximately two hundred and fifty. A variety of abuses and injustices arose from the schools and continue to have an affect on the lives of people in the First Nation.

The Residential School Survivors Program is situated on the Waterhen Lake First Nation. Its services exist primarily to provide healing initiatives to those who have gone to the schools and those who suffer from inter-generational effects as a result of parents who attended the schools. Armand Fiddler, program coordinator of Residential School Survivors Program and band counselor, explains how the program was started in November of 1999. “I heard the Aboriginal Healing Foundation had 350 million set out for residential school survivors. As soon as I heard this I applied for it, submitted a proposal, and it was accepted. We were one of the first bands to have this kind of program. I saw the need for something like this because there were 250 survivors in

Waterhen who attended one of the Beauval, Duck Lake, Onion Lake, and Delmas residential schools in our area.”

The purpose of the program is to heal people from the trauma of residential schools. Fiddler explains that they incorporate healing in their program by encouraging people to start talking about abuse, “bringing it out, then dealing with it and trying to help them cope with life after talking. Also to create a better situation for the younger people whose parents were students in residential schools”. The Residential School Survivors Program carries out its purpose by providing healing programs and services to the people in the reserve. Some of those services include workshops, attending healing conferences, therapy sessions, sporting events, old time dances, karaoke nights, and sponsoring community events like powwows, round dances, and Sundances. Their program also holds one community round dance and feast a year.

Those who work in the program include a program coordinator, program manager, holistic counselor, researcher, and administrative/financial manager. The program

coordinator overlooks and ensures program progression, while the program manager writes the reviews and proposals for submission to the Aboriginal Healing Foundation. The holistic counselor is available for those who want counseling, the researcher develops newsletters and compiles information on survivors, and the administrative/financial manager carries out administrative and financial duties. There are also two elders who work as casuals to advise on concerns of the staff and initiate traditional counseling. The Residential School Survivors board consists of elders and residential school survivors who meet to discuss the program and work on their healing, with the healing done through talking circles and personal development sessions.

Those who run the program want to see it continue to help more people. “We hope to get the people to work together. To get us out of the systematic thinking of Indian Affairs. To believe in ourselves and have self-confidence, so we will be able to make our own decisions. To be strong.”



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ABORIGINAL GRADUATES HONOURED AT BANQUET

University of Saskatchewan College of Arts and Science First Aboriginal Honourary Banquet

by Christine Fiddler

Giant-sized dream catchers adorned the walls and a pendleton blanket covered the podium. The first ever honoring banquet for Aboriginal University of Saskatchewan students took place on the evening of May 18, 2002 at the Saskatoon Inn.

As one of the graduates being honored I arrived not really knowing what was expected of me, but everything fell into place as the evening progressed. My first impression was that I would simply have to sit at the table of eight reserved for myself and my guests that night and listen to the entertainment. Was I in for a surprise. I arrived at the Saskatoon Inn a little late, just before the Grand Entry was to take place, and was slightly unaware of what was going on.

I took a seat with my family and guests and watched as the Grand Entry procession milled into the banquet room to an honor song played by the Wanuskewin drum group. The grand entry that entered the room was led by veterans and other respected elders, who carried flagstaves and walked at the slow pace suited to the honor song. I thought how exceptional it was for those people to be honored when I started to see familiar faces from the university campus. I was wondering what those students had accomplished to be honored in that way when I realized they were the Aboriginal students graduating and I was supposed to be walking along with them. I started to panic a little, but calmed down when the honor song was finished and I was able to take my place in the line of graduates standing where everyone could see them. I was soon to realize that I was not the only one who was nervous. A respected elder from Whitecap, Maria Linklator, said the opening prayer in the Cree language. Linklator is one of the elders who comes to the university once a week to be available for counseling to Aboriginal students. Her involvement in the banquet ceremony was suitable, as she is well known by most of the students. The graduates stood side by side and waited to be commended as applause was bestowed upon each one of them.

The buffet dinner was then served and everyone ate while listening to the musical interlude of Joseph Naytowhow. Who is better known as Nikamo, which means 'sing' in the Cree language. He started with some jokes and sang some Indian songs with his

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TEAM SASKATCHEWAN "STRIVE FOR FIVE"

North American Indigenous Games 2002



Team Saskatchewan's Chairman of the Board, Vice-Chief Lindsay Cry, and Chef de Mission Lorna Arcand with one of the NAIG founders, Willy Littlechild.

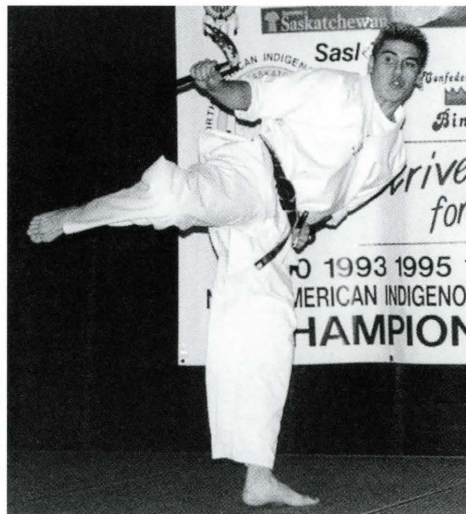
900 of Saskatchewan's Finest Athletes are preparing to compete in the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) in Winnipeg, Manitoba, July 25 - August 4, 2002. NAIG games are anticipating 2000 indigenous athletes will come together and to compete at this year's games. NAIG has athlete competing from Canada, United States and South American.

Team Saskatchewan began preparing last year with the identification camps and now all the athletes are in full swing. Athletes for Team Saskatchewan have been selected, register with the NAIG council and are attending provincial training camps.

"In the 12-year history of the Indigenous Games, Saskatchewan has proven that they truly have the finest athletes. To-date Saskatchewan has taken home the overall champion title from four games," said Lorna Arcand, Chef de Mission for Team Saskatchewan. "The team's slogan - Strive for Five, was an obvious choice."

Team Saskatchewan has brought home the title from Edmonton, Alberta -1990, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan -1993, Minneapolis, Minnesota -1995, and in 1997 the last games were held in Victoria BC.

With a small grant from Sask Lotteries, the FSIN Sport Culture and Recreation department was able to hire a Team Saskatchewan Chef de Mission, who is responsible for the recruitment of volunteer coordinators for each sports event in the



Athlete Fashion Show Performers at the Team Saskatchewan Gala Fundraiser April 24, 2002, held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan



games. The coordinators in turn are responsible for the identification process for selecting coaches, athletes and chaperones. Camps are set up in three regions of the province: North, Central and South. Athletes are considered and identified by their level of skill, attitude and behavior.

All identified athletes are invited to attend final provincial camp, where the team for that sport is selected. Team Saskatchewan only covers the cost for the bantam to junior athletes. The senior teams are included in the process through a tournament style selection, but must pay their own way to the games. After final selections are completed, the coaches and coordinators work with their own athletes in developing a training plan. Each member of Team Saskatchewan is encouraged to respect and participate as consistently as possible.

Through the Code of Conduct that has been developed over the last ten years Team Saskatchewan is able to encourage healthy lifestyles and nurture positive role models. Athletes who break the rules of the code of conduct run the risk of forfeiting their position on the Team. During the games Team Saskatchewan members receive the benefit of an Elders Council to ensure balance in their participation.

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drum: some of those songs relaxing, others intense. After his performance the guest speakers took their turn at the mike. Each of the speakers was introduced by the master of ceremonies, Neal Macleod, a host for the Crow Hop café in Regina and a university professor at the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College.

Many of the guest speakers commented on their own university experience and their expectations of Aboriginal university graduates. These included Dean Ken Coates, university chancellor Tom Malloy, university secretary Dr. Gordon Barnhart, Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations representative Gerry Burton, Winona Wheeler from SIFC, Sheila Pocha from Gabriel Dumont Institute, and MLA Keith Goulet. After a moving speech about the increasing number of Aboriginal graduates and the congruency of their representation in society, keynote speaker Goulet received a standing ovation.

The toasts were then made by the parents, students, faculty, post-secondary counselors, and employers of the university. Two of the graduates, Joseph and Steven Swan, president and vice president of the Indigenous Student Council, were the target of a joke told by their post-secondary coordinator, Carol Lafond, of Montreal Lake Cree Nation. She explained a situation in which two students - - supposedly Joseph and Steven - - missed their exam because of a late

night party. They went to the professor the next day and gave the excuse of a flat tire. The professor gave them a chance on the condition that they sit in separate rooms. They looked at the exam question and read "which tire was flat?"

The post-secondary counselors from some of the reserves made presentations and chose to honor their students with gifts of money, items and plaques. Traditional gifts were presented to some of the students, including two star blankets and a pair of moccasins. The presenters explained the significance of each gift. I was the one who was presented with the moccasins. I was told, in Cree, I have come far in my education but still have far to go in my journey ahead, and having that gift would help me to take those steps forth.

Charlotte Ross, Aboriginal Advisor at the university and organizer of the event, made the closing comments and gave a farewell to the graduates. She gave thanks to everyone for helping her with preparations and for attending the event. Everyone was invited to the dance afterward. It was a very memorable experience for the graduates. For myself, it was an honour.



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Although the team and athlete development is a major focus, Team Saskatchewan must concentrate a lot of effort towards fundraising. Team Saskatchewan's Gala Dinner served as the Team's major fundraiser. However Team Saskatchewan firmly relies on Major Corporate Sponsors which are:

the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations, the Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority, SaskTel, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (Saskatchewan Region), and the Province of Saskatchewan. Equally important to the Team's successful development are the Mission staff and all the volunteers. After all Team Saskatchewan sent approximately 900 athletes who will all compete the 2002 NAIG.

"I encourage and welcome any support as Team Saskatchewan's 'Strive for Five' at the 2002 North American Indigenous Games" said Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations Fourth Vice-Chief Lindsay Cyr. Cyr is the Vice-Chief responsible for Youth, Sports, Culture and Recreation and Team Saskatchewan Chairman." 

What the NAIG represents



The NAIG motto is "The Spirit - Strong, Brave, and True." The North American Indigenous Games is a realization of indigenous people's collective potential of bodies, minds, spirits and their hopes and dreams.

Who's on Team Saskatchewan?

With 900 athletes registered to participate it would be almost impossible to look at everyone. So here is a few random names taken from **Team Saskatchewan's Elite Athlete List:**

Archery -

Athletics

Amy Fiddler, Waterhen First Nation

Meagan Ahenakew-Boyer, Muskeg Lake First Nation

Patrick Mitsuing, Makwa Sahgaiehan First Nation



Badminton

Laurel Flagel,

Basketball

Michael Linklater, Thunderchild First Nation

Boxing

Dana Laframboise, Gordon First Nation

Dexter Badger,

Canoeing

Golfing

Robin Sanky

Charlie Favel, Kawacatoose First Nation

Rifleshooting

Simon Bird

Softball

Courtney Esperance, Beady's and Okemasis First Nation

Chris Bear

Soccer

Barret Greyeyes

Marvin Dreaver

Swimming

Krycia Przepiorka

Marlene Cloarec

Tae Kwon Do-

Volleyball

Cherish Francis, Nekaneet First Nation



Sasha Johnsson
Amanda Magee,



Wrestling

Cody Souter

Jonathan Smith

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Boxing - Norris Petit

Canoeing - Winston McKay

Golf - Lyle Daniels

Rifleshooting - Hall Greyeyes

Soccer - Brenda Ahenakew

Softball - Shirley Greyeyes-MacDonald

Swimming - Lana Bear

Tae Kwon Do - Kirk Sinclair

Volleyball - Larry Daniels

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LEARNING ABOUT EARTH, WATER, AIR AND FIRE

FSIN Summer Science Festivals 2002

by Terrina Bellegarde



Last Year's participant at the FSIN Summer Science Camps.

The FSIN Sciences Program has a unique feature that distinguishes the FSIN summer science events from the rest through the theme, "A Celebration of the four elements of Traditional and Western Science: Earth + Water + Air + Fire".

The FSIN Sciences program has re-shaped the Science Camps in a festival style format promoting parental and community involvement. The Science Festivals will travel into eight First Nations communities including one rural (Watrous) and urban (Saskatoon) community to deliver summer science events for the entire community. The highlight of the Sciences Program is to host a 2-day FSIN Special Needs Camp at Camp Easter Seals located just outside Watrous, Saskatchewan.

The Sciences Program has embarked upon on an exciting new venture by blending traditional science into the Summer Science festival format through the themes of Climate Change, Biology and Chemistry within their landscape that validates cultural knowledge as a true science. This year the FSIN Science Resource Team has extended partnerships with educational establishments such as the Saskatchewan Science Center. Technical and scientific demonstrations by our Sciences Program Resource Team, partnerships and health and science professionals such as the Saskatchewan Science Centre and SaskPower will showcase informational displays and demonstrations.

This new approach is developed to encourage First Nations youth to learn more about their environment and the topics related to science as well as promote parental and community involvement. It is crucial to have parental involvement in all aspects because most parents, like the youth are intimidated by math and science.

This program is open for all youth across the province to come and attend a festival within their area. The FSIN - Science Festivals are unique in that it takes the university into the communities rather than bringing students into major centers like the University of Regina and Saskatchewan. Perhaps the most exceptional aspect about the FSIN - Sciences Program is that partnerships with educational organizations have been formed to provide First Nations youth with more possibilities for personal development in shaping their future.





Earth Camp

Statistical evidence indicates that within the Saskatchewan labour force there is a shortage of skilled and professionally trained First Nations men and women to fill the many vacancies within the technology and science sector. In response to this need the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations' Education and Training Secretariat, created the Sciences Program.

A priority of the Sciences Program was to develop and implement the Mobile Science Camp and Summer Science Camp both designed to promote math and science within and outside the classroom. Support within the First Nation's communities for this type of yearly programming was overwhelming. It is a sad reality that most First Nations communities lack the resources to deliver summer science programs. First Nation's youth yearn for the opportunity to attend a summer event such as that offered by FSIN.

The Sciences Program have partnered with the following provincial educational and technical organizations to assist in the delivery of the FSIN - Summer Science Festivals 2002:

- Saskatchewan Science Centre
- Saskatchewan Archeology Society
- FSIN Science Resource Team
- SIFC Science Department
- Royal Saskatchewan Museum
- Native Plant Society
- Prairie Adaptation Research Collaborative
- Rawlco Radio Communications
- SaskPower
- SaskEnergy
- Saskatchewan Climate Change
- Project Wet

Program Background

Program Objective:

FSIN played a major role in being the first Aboriginal organization to offer First Nations communities and youth an opportunity to participate in a Science Camp format. The mandate of FSIN is to provide equal services and programs to all of the 74 First Nations and subsequently has evolved to reflect the cultural diversity.

The aim of the Sciences Program is to promote and demystify math and science. Specifically, the FSIN - Sciences Program has six main objectives

1. To promote an interest in Math and Sciences by offering experiential learning activities for First Nations families within a healthy safe environment. The combination of services offered by the partnerships formed will enhance the goals of the Sciences Program to assist families and youth to overcome their apprehension of these subject areas.

2. To honor and acknowledge Traditional Ecological Knowledge as the foundation of prior learning that First Nations traditional Elders and healers/faith keepers are the original scientists and science teachers.

3. To encourage and stress the importance of retention and maintenance of a level of personal and academic excellence in order to enter into post-secondary institutions.

4. To offer parents and youth an opportunity to network and participate in the sharing of provincial educational resources.

5. To showcase First Nations technical and science professionals as role models for the youth.

6. More importantly to offer First Nations youth the opportunity to attend a provincial summer science event in their area which, they might not otherwise have the chance due to their economic and social circumstances.



FSIN Summer Science Festivals 2002:

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| Festival #1 | EARTH <i>Two Day Festival Honoring Physically Challenged First Nation Youth</i> |
| Dates: | June 29th to 30th, 2002 |
| Location: | Camp Easter Seals - Watrous, Saskatchewan |
| Participant: | Grades 4 to 12 (Limit 20: 10 female, 10 male) |
| Festival #2 | EARTH |
| Dates: | July 2, 2002 |
| Location: | Keethanow School - Stanley Mission First Nation |
| Festival #3 | EARTH |
| Dates: | July 4, 2002 |
| Location: | Jones Roberts Memorial Hall - La Ronge First Nation |
| Festival #4 | EARTH |
| Dates: | July 9, 2002 |
| Location: | Kopahanakenum School - Flying Dust First Nation, Meadow Lake, SK |
| Festival #5 | WATER |
| Dates: | July 11, 2002 |
| Location: | Chief Poundmaker School - Poundmaker First Nation |
| Festival #6 | WATER |
| Dates: | July 16, 2002 |
| Location: | Saskatoon Inner-City - White Buffalo Youth Lodge |
| Festival #7 | AIR |
| Dates: | July 18, 2002 |
| Location: | Muskoday School - Muskoday First Nation |
| Time: | 10 am - 4 pm |
| Festival #8 | AIR |
| Dates: | July 23, 2002 |
| Location: | Standing Buffalo School - Standing Buffalo Dakota First Nation |
| Time: | 10 am - 4 pm |
| Festival #9 | FIRE |
| Dates: | July 25, 2002 |
| Location: | Cowessess Community Education Complex - Cowessess First Nation |
| Festival #10 | FIRE |
| Dates: | July 30, 2002 |
| Location: | St. Phillips School - Keeseekoose First Nation |

For more information please contact (306) 790-4125.

FIRST NATIONS EXAMINES LAND POTENTIAL

FSIN First Nation Land Capability Project

As part of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations (FSIN) on-going work in assisting First Nations in increased participation in the Agriculture, five First Nations were invited to participate in the First Nations Land Capability Project.

"I was very pleased to announce that the FSIN Economic Development Commission was able to procure resources to initiate five more studies per year for two more years. Several Saskatchewan First Nation has been tentatively targeted for participation in this projects," said Vice-Chief Guy Lonechild.

Vice-Chief Lonechild Portfolio responsibilities included the FSIN Economic and Community Development Commission. The commission's mandate fulfills advocacy, coordination and creation of economic opportunities for Saskatchewan First Nations.

"The First Nation people of Saskatchewan are acquiring significant acreage of agricultural land," said the Vice Chief. "The land will provide an economic base from which revenue and jobs will be realized. As it stands now, 2.4 per cent of Saskatchewan farmland belongs to First Nations."

This land capability study will be implemented through a partnership between the FSIN, Ducks Unlimited, and the Canadian Adaptation and Rural Development Saskatchewan (CARDS) Programs. The project examines current bands and their potential TLE land resources in three categories:

1. Soil Audit - a detailed analysis of the land classifications and capabilities for various agriculture usage.
2. Habitat Audit - a study of the lands which are suitable for wildlife and/or conservation of plants and animals in support of environmental protection and land stewardship.
3. Agriculture Usage - this component of the study examines a broad range of potential uses for the land base including grains, oilseeds, pulse crops, livestock, vegetables, irrigation, herbs/medicines, and suggestions for possible value added agriculture initiatives such as processing plants, feeder operations, etc.

Project Goals are to collect inventory of the agriculture and biological resources of participating bands, identify the agricultural and wildlife (waterfowl, ungulate, and upland game bird) capabilities of the lands and then develop Land Capability Maps for the First Nations in the project.

Inventory of Agriculture Resources will provide the First Nation with an agricultural soil capability inventory. This would be conducted by the University of Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Land Resource Center.

Biological inventory of the lands in the project is being coordinated by the Saskatchewan Parkland Field Office of Ducks Unlimited Canada.

Land Capability Map:

Soil Information + Water Fowl + Ungulates + Upland Game Birds + Land Cover = Land Capability Map. This map would then assist with the following areas:

- Identify land best suited for agriculture
- Identify land best suited to support wildlife
- Provide written report to each First Nation describing the Land Capability Map with supporting agricultural and wildlife information

Last year the FSIN Agriculture Task Force coordinated three such studies as "pilot projects" - the studies were prepared for Little Pine,

Beardy's Okemasis, and Cowessess First Nations. These First Nations have found these studies to be of great value in assisting them in developing an agriculture strategy.

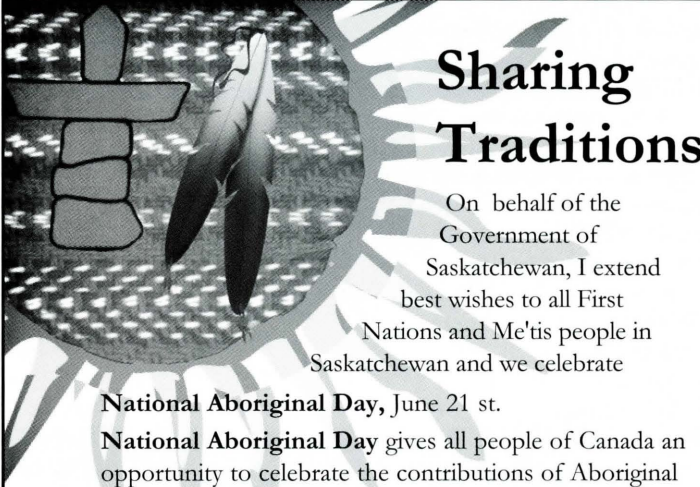
FSIN has been able to secure adequate resources with the help of the study's partners to initiate five more studies per year for at least two more years. A Memorandum of Understanding will then be signed with each First Nations. The MOU will outline study criteria and resources specific to each band. At the end of the project's term approximately 13 bands will have completed the First Nations Land Capability Project. Bands targeted for this project have been:

Pilot Projects (completed):

Little Pine First Nation
Beardy's Okemasis First Nation
Cowessess First Nation

2002 (initiated):

Key First Nation
Ahtahkakoop First Nation
Kinistin First Nation
Piapot First Nation
Onion Lake First Nation



Sharing Traditions



On behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan, I extend best wishes to all First Nations and Me'tis people in Saskatchewan and we celebrate

National Aboriginal Day, June 21 st.
National Aboriginal Day gives all people of Canada an opportunity to celebrate the contributions of Aboriginal people to our province and our country.

This years theme, "Sharing Traditions," highlights the richness of Aboriginal culture and traditions... and the promise of the future.

Congratulations to everyone involved with **National Aboriginal Day.**

Chris Axworthy
Minister of Aboriginal Affairs



Saskatchewan Government Relations and Aboriginal Affairs

AN OLYMPIAN RAN HERE - AN ATHLETE STORY

Taking from Keith Davidson's "Looking Back Series"

Keith Davidson

On July 1, 1909, a new western Canadian record for the five mile road race had been set in Lloydminster. Competing for the Mayberry Cup, one Alex DeCosta of Edmonton had streaked over the course in the amazing time of 27 minutes, 45 and 1/5 seconds.

It was true. The record had been broken. The only mistake in the article was the spelling of the name of the new record holder.

The runner's name was really Alex Decoteau. He would go on to a brief but spectacular career as a middle and long distance runner.

Alex Decoteau

Alex was originally from the Red Pheasant Reserve near Battleford. Born in 1887, he attended the Battleford Indian Industrial School. A good student, he excelled in soccer and running. After finishing school, he moved to Edmonton to work for his brother-in-law, former Mountie David Latta, in his machine shop.

He continued to pursue his love of running. Competing as a member of the Irish-Canadian Athletic Club, he soon was winning every race he entered. The record he set in Lloydminster set the stage for his career as a runner.

Alex must have tired of the machine shop. He applied to join the City Police force in 1911 and became the first aboriginal to serve as one of Edmonton's finest.

He did well in police work. Alex was one of the first motorcycle policemen in the city and was promoted to desk sergeant of the South Side Police Station in 1914. He continued to compete under the colours of the Edmonton Police Association.

A Remarkable Record

From 1909 until 1916, Alex competed in every major and many minor running competitions in western Canada.

On Christmas Day in 1910, on a snow covered course, he set a record in the Calgary Herald's Annual 6 1/3 mile race. The time was 34.19 and as far as one can tell, has never been beaten.

The Calgary Herald's race was a terror of a run. The track was generally snow covered, the weather did not always cooperate and



Alex Decoteau with Trophies. Police Museum and Archives. Photographer unknown. City of Edmonton Archives EA-159-4.

even vehicle traffic could be a problem. In 1915 one competitor was hit by a car and could not finish the race.

Alex gained a lot of fans in 1910 with his sportsmanship and deportment. His time may have been even better had he not been busy reminding auto drivers to get off the course and give the boys behind him a chance. As the reporter from the Herald said, "Decoteau was a clean sport and proved to be undoubtedly the best man in Alberta over that distance." He went on to win the Calgary race every time he entered. The organizers were so impressed with his performance that the cup was permanently presented to Alex in 1915. It would be his last win in Calgary.

An Olympian

The pinnacle of Alex's career came in 1912. Trying out for the Canadian Olympic team in Montreal in the 10,000 metre race, he was forced to withdraw with severe leg

cramping. Undaunted, Alex decided to try the 5,000 metre competition.

He won easily but his time was not considered good enough for the Olympics. A runner named Chandler had just set a new Canadian 5,000 metre record. Chandler had won the 10,000 metre race and had not entered the 5,000 metre event.

Another race was set up with Chandler going against Alex. The two runners met and Alex set a new Canadian record. Both runners were soon off to Stockholm to represent Canada in the Olympic Games.

As Alberta's only athlete in the 1912 games, Alex met both success and failure. In the first heat, Alex placed second. He was assured a place in the final.

In the final, the early going looked good for Alex. At the end of the fourth lap, he was running in third place. Unfortunately for Alex, when the race was over, he did not finish in the top three.

It really mattered little. Alex was still awarded an Olympic Merit Diploma and a medal for his performance. In his red Canadian sweater with the Maple Leaf inset on the right breast, Alex arrived back in Edmonton to a crowd of well-wishers. His comment to the Journal was that, "I expect to get back to work tomorrow and will keep in training as I would like to compete at the Dominion meet in Montreal next month and also the two local meets."

For the next four years, he won almost every race he competed in.

In 1916, Alex joined the Canadian Army. He was killed in France in 1917.

We Haven't Forgotten

Alex certainly earned his place in Canadian Sports History. His memory lives on. He was elected to the Edmonton City Police Hall of Fame and many of his medals, cups and photos are on display there. He has also been inducted to the Alberta Sports Hall of Fame and just recently was also an inductee into the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame as well.

Just as important to Alex's memory was a ceremony that was held on Red Pheasant Reserve in August of 1985. Alex's spirit was guided home by a burial song from the reserve's singers and drummers and with

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SPECIAL ADVISOR TO THE PRESIDENT ON ABORIGINAL INITIATIVES

The University of Saskatchewan is a publicly funded institution established in 1907 and now has more than 18,500 degree students and 4500 employees. It has an operating budget of approximately \$255 million. Total revenues from all sources exceed \$500 million, and research funds total between \$60 and \$100 million annually. It offers a full range of curricula, both academic and professional, in thirteen colleges, including the full range of health sciences.

The University of Saskatchewan is the home of the Canadian Light Source, Synchrotron, the largest scientific research project in Canada. The University is recognized nationally as a leader in Aboriginal education programs with a long track record in innovative programs that include the Program of Legal Studies for Aboriginal Peoples. The Indian Teacher Education Programs, the Native Access Program to Nursing, and the Department of Native Studies.

The University of Saskatchewan is seeking a highly motivated person to fill the newly created position of Special Advisor to the president on Aboriginal Initiatives. The successful candidate will take office at an exciting time when:

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- The University of Saskatchewan has identified meeting the needs of Aboriginal peoples as one of its four major goals;
- The University of Saskatchewan is determined to broaden its base of Aboriginal students, and increase Aboriginal participation in faculty, students, graduates and staff; and
- The University of Saskatchewan has recently unveiled its strategic document A Conceptual Framework for Aboriginal Initiatives which describes six areas for growth and development: Academic Programs, Research Programs, Student Affairs, Cultural Programs, Community Outreach, and Coordination.

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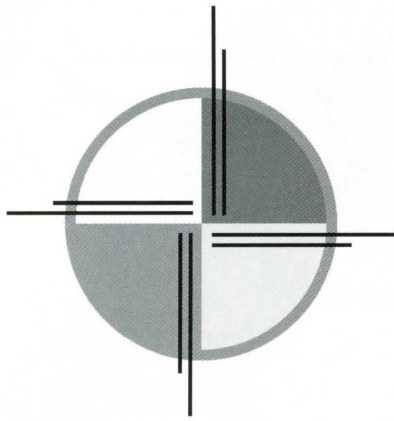
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"Amazing Grace" from an Edmonton police piper. It was a good thing.

We haven't forgotten Alex. He was a true hero, a world-class athlete and from all accounts, a first-class person. We can all relate to and learn from someone like Alex.

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SISTER AND BROTHER DUEL ON NEW GROUNDS

First Nations Youths Wins Provincial Fencing Championships

Submission by Doug Brecht,

Saturday March 9, 2002 was a great day for two First Nations youth who are involved in non-traditional sport. In the morning 13 year old Jamie Witchekan won the Under 17 Women's Epee event, and in the afternoon her 14 year old brother Kent won the Under 17 Men's Saber competition at the Saskatchewan Provincial Fencing Championships held in Saskatoon. On Sunday Kent went on to win a Bronze medal in the Under 20 Men's Saber event, while Jamie won a Silver medal in the Under 20 and a Bronze medal in the Senior Women's Epee events.

The brother and sister pair are recently returned from outstanding performances at the Calgary Open Fencing Championships, where Kent won the Gold Medal in the Under 17 and Bronze medal in the Senior Men's Saber. Jamie earned a Bronze medal in the Under 17 Women's Epee at the same event. These aren't flash in the pan results. Both, top the Under 17 rankings in


Saskatchewan and have done so throughout the 2001-2002 season.

The Witchekan youth train at the Asquith Garde Fencing Academy and have fenced there for the past 5 years. Their coach, Doug Brecht who works as an analyst for the Saskatoon Police Service, says their parents, Joe Abbot and Donna Witchekan, have

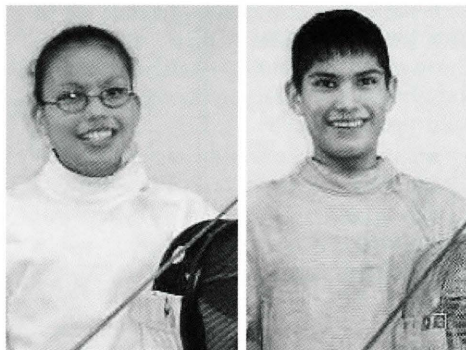
really encouraged the two athletes and kept them at it through the early development years. This in a sport normally dominated by non-First Nations athletes.

Brecht went on to comment that Kent and Jamie have a great future ahead of them. They are already winning provincial championships and are making their presence felt on the national scene. They are ready to take a shot at getting on the Under 17 National Team in 2003.

"If they make it they will be off to the World Championships in Sicily. But first, Kent and Jamie need to find sponsorship for them so they can travel to the Canadian National Championships in St. John New Brunswick, this June." That would be the first step to qualify for the National Team.

If you are interested in finding out more about Jamie and Kent or want to sponsor them please contact Doug Brecht of the Asquith Garde Fencing Academy at (306) 975-8349 in Saskatoon. 

Jamie Witchekan and her brother Kent Witchekan





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BIOGRAPHY: Lloyd DuBois

Lloyd is a Saulteaux-Cree from the Pasqua First Nation. Presently Lloyd resides in Regina, Saskatchewan where he attend the University of Regina as a Graduate Student. Lloyd had one solo exhibition and several tradeshow sittings. His works are housed in permanent, corporate and private collections.

Lloyd works primarily in graphite, charcoal, conte crayon, acrylics, and mixed media. "I find these mediums suitable for my contemporary watercolour technique. Where I attempt to capture on a two dimensional surface, sometimes three an otherwise multi-dimensional thing - my spirituality," said Lloyd.

Lloyd has a strong use of colour, design and composition. He likes to use symbols of animals, plants, and earth beings, in a didactic and pictographic presentation.

"Inspiration for my paintings themes arose from my involvement in sacred, spiritual ceremonies, where my main influence stemmed from my father, Flying Down to Earth Thunderbird Man."

Lloyd hopes that his works comfort and inspire others.

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Sometimes When it Rains

Sometimes when it rains and the soft trickle, wet waterfalls, it dampens the crooks and crannies of smiles long since lost, and the dripping drops of yesterday slip away.

They splash, ripple the collecting pain-filled puddles of life's heart breaking ways.

But sometimes when it rains and the sun still shines bright above, I simply wipe my weeping face and carry on my blessing.

by Ashley Thomson,
Carry the Kettle First Nation

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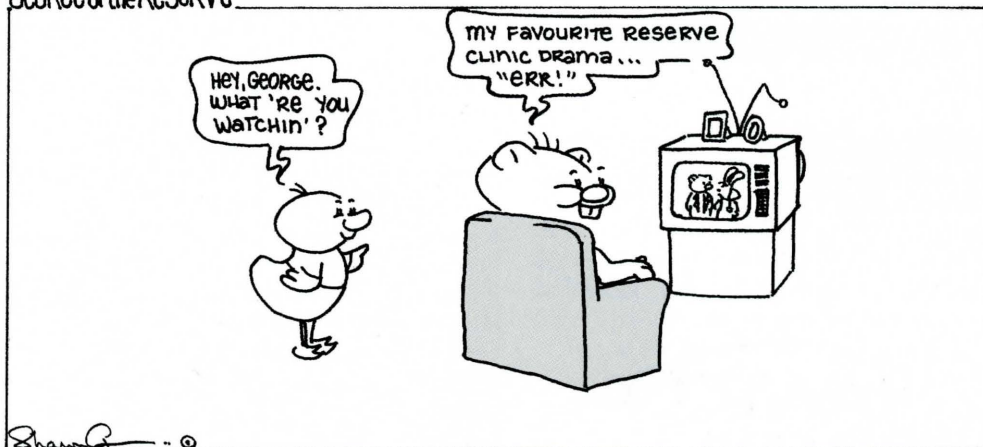
Knowledge

I look at you
With joy in my eyes
to see how much
You've grown with pride
The memories of the battles
We have fought
Make me feel

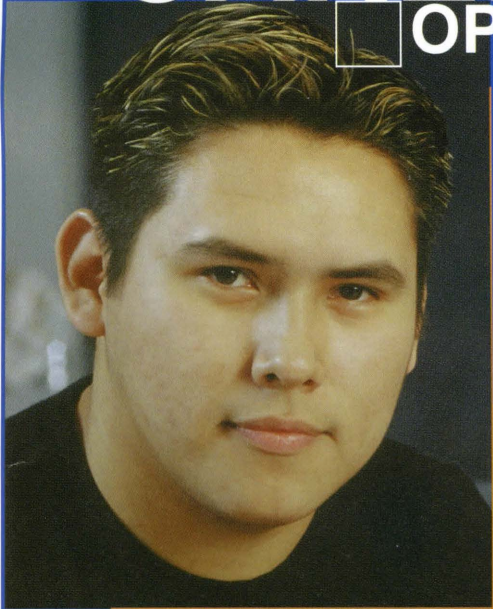
You've learned with style
And that you learn every mile
So my dears, now that you've grown
Go out into this world
Be true and strong
And fly with the eagle
To remain faithful and free

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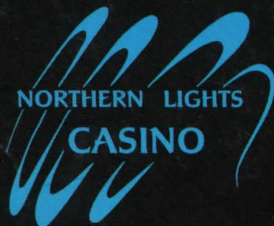
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