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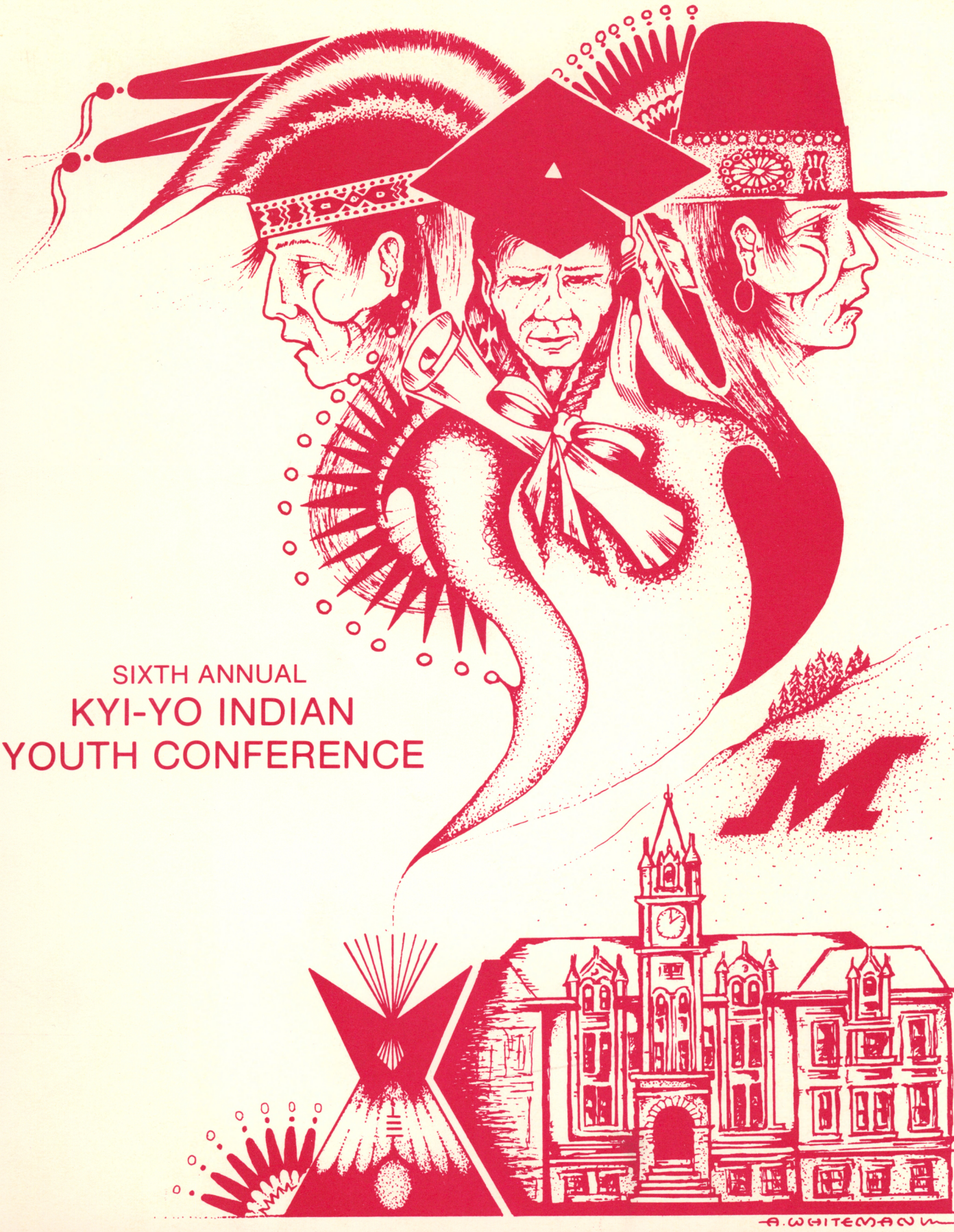

SIXTH ANNUAL

KYI-YO INDIAN YOUTH CONFERENCE

May 2, 3, & 4,
1974

"ARE INDIANS INFORMED?"

University of Montana
Missoula, Montana

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State of Montana

Proclamation

WHEREAS, The culture, history, and lifestyle of the Native American is an expression of belief in living in harmony with nature and Mother Earth, and;

WHEREAS, It is of upmost importance at this time in history that all Americans understand and appreciate Native American culture, and;

WHEREAS, Native Americans in Montana are becoming increasingly active in Political, social and economic affairs that concern all Americans, and;

WHEREAS, The culture, history, accomplishments and aspirations of the Native American people are central to the story of Montana - yesterday, today, and tomorrow;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THOMAS L. JUDGE, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim the week of April 28 to May 4, 1974 as

INDIAN WEEK IN MONTANA

to coincide with the Sixth Annual Indian Youth Conference sponsored by the University of Montana Kyi-Yo Indian Club.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF MONTANA to be affixed. DONE at the City of Helena, the Capital, this fifteenth day of April, in the year of our LORD, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-four

Thomas L. Judge

THOMAS L. JUDGE
Governor of Montana

ATTEST:

Frank Murray

FRANK MURRAY
Secretary of State

PROCLAMATION

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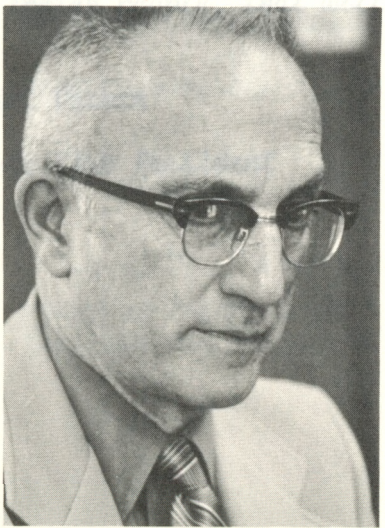
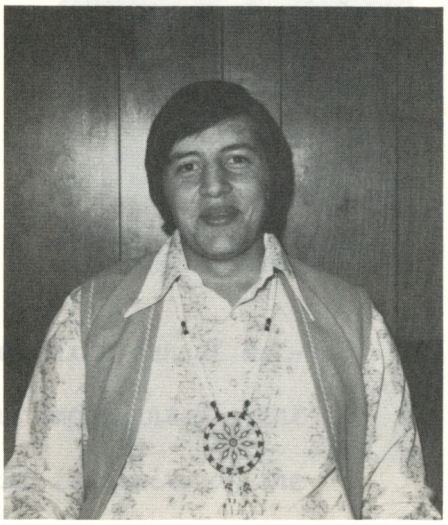
NOW THEREFORE, I, Robert E. Brown, Mayor of the City of Missoula, in the State of Montana DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the week of April 28-May 4, 1974 as "Indian Week in Missoula" to coincide with the Sixth Annual Indian Youth Conference sponsored by the University of Montana Kyi-Yo Indian Club.



In Witness Whereof, I have herunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the City of Missoula, in the State of Montana, to be affixed at Missoula, Montana this 22nd day of April in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy Four.

R. E. Brown

Robert E. Brown
Mayor



Member of the Confederated Salish
and Kootenai Tribes

Junior: Sociology

Kyi-Yo Indian Club President
Academic Year 1973-74

1971 Graduate of St. Ignatius
High School

WELCOME!

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you, on behalf of the Kyi-Yo Club to our Sixth Annual Kyi-Yo Indian Days, and I hope that it proves to be an educational experience for all.

The theme of this year's conference is, "Are Indians Informed?" Under this theme, we have drawn upon qualified Indian people to speak on the different areas affecting Indians. We hope that this conference may, with the help of the Great Spirit, give us another Chief Joseph, Sitting Bull, Crazy Horse or leaders like these to lead us in the future.

Again, the Kyi-Yo Club thanks you for your presence, for it is you, the Indian people, that will make our conference a success.

Daniel Decker

Kyi-Yo Club President

Ne?pre?hon?nem

Welcome, peoples of many nations, to the Sixth Annual Kyi-Yo Indian Days. This student initiated and implemented event is dedicated to prepetuating the cultural integrity of the Native American. Just as an Indian grandfather said--

> I think we will still win. I think there are enough people who wish to understand the Indian mind, that we are not going to harm anyone, that we are peaceful people....In this lies our strength and from here we will pick up. I believe that we will survive, I still believe we will survive. This is our dream.

Without dreams, our youth of today know we will die. It is in the Kyi-Yo Indian Days that I see the reality of what was once a dream.

Our hearts are happy that you have honored us with your presence. May your visit to our temporary home away from our beloved homelands be beautiful days and nights sparkling with a thousand jeweled memories of words of wisdom, peace, love and brotherhood.

With tranquility and humilty,

Henri Whiteman

Standing Twenty Woman -- Henri Whiteman
Director and Assistant Professor of Indian Studies

President's Welcome for
KYI-YO Conference

It is with great pleasure that I extend a cordial welcome to all participants in the Sixth Annual KYI-YO Indian Youth Conference.

Like all universities, this institution has an obligation to recognize, understand, and preserve Indian culture. The University has been attempting to fulfill that responsibility in several ways.

In 1970, the UM Indian Studies department was established. The department contributes significantly to the academic and cultural life of the University: It enables many students to become acquainted with Indian culture; it draws Indian students to the campus, and it offers the entire University an opportunity for dialogue that may lead to greater awareness and understanding.

Hundreds of people are responsible for the success of UM Indian programs, but major credit goes to Indian citizens themselves - - - citizens such a KYI-YO Club members who have been particularly imaginative in developing new programs to help others, and who have taken the initiative in helping to preserve Indian culture.

I wish you a successful and productive conference and an enjoyable visit on campus.

HISTORY OF THE KYI-YO INDIAN CLUB

One main word has typified the Kyi-Yo Indian Club from its very beginning and that is "involvement". First, in 1960, some of the few Indian students attending the University of Montana at the time formed an alliance with high aspirations and chose the Blackfeet word for bear to name the club in keeping with the University's grizzly symbol.

The Kyi-Yo Indian Club became "active" in the academic year 1968-69. The emphasis of club activity was to become involved in Indian issues both on local and state levels. In the immediate University setting moves were made to influence the administration toward setting up an Indian Studies Program. An Ad-Hoc Committee was set up in the Spring to hire an Advisor-Counselor and a Director-Instructor. Three club members as well as UM officials composed the committee.

State involvement included lobbying in Helena in a successful attempt to get a Governor's Task Force on Indian Education. There was also a push on increased fee-exemption scholarships for Indian students, and this battle still goes on.

The 1968-69 school year ended with a successful First Annual Kyi-Yo Indian Youth Conference with the purpose of getting all Indians involved in solving problems existing on reservations, in urban areas, and Indian problems in general.

Academic year 1969-70 saw the Kyi-Yo Club become more active than the previous year. An Advisor-Counselor was hired with Club requirements and final say on the appointment. During the year, at least two Indian-oriented programs were reviewed by the club, thus setting the precedent for "asking the Indians how they feel about programs designed for them." The Indian advisor's office became a meeting place where ideas and means of action could be discussed. A strong spirit of purpose and identification developed among Club members, and they became verbal and active in getting Indian issues published. As Indian student enrollment increased each quarter, the club became involved in working to alleviate the problems confronting them. Under the Advisor-Counselor's office, tutoring services, work-study jobs, and help in obtaining financial aid became available. The year ended with another successful Youth Conference and the final appointment of a Director-Instructor of Indian Studies, Mr. Alonzo Spang.

Indian student enrollment increased to close to 100 students during the 1970-71 school year and involvement in Indian affairs increased accordingly. This was the first year that a full time Indian Studies Director-Instructor was present on the UM campus. Mr. Alonzo Spang brought with him a dedication and interest in students that inspired the Club members and directed their energies to many worthwhile projects. Serious attention was turned to developing the Indian Studies Program on the University campus. Three courses were taught by Alonzo Spang including: Contemporary Issues of the American Indian, the Reservation Indian and History of Indian Affairs.

An effort was made to unite the Indian students around their cultural heritage and beginnings of an Indian Studies library were made. The Third Annual Kyi-Yo Indian Youth Conference crowned a year of gain under the theme "Awareness" and added to the spiraling success and influence of the Club. The year ended on a rather sad note however, with the resignation of Alonzo Spang as he accepted the position of superintendent of his home reservation, the Northern Cheyenne.

The search for a new Indian Studies Director opened the 1971-1972 year. Club members became further involved in issues concerning higher education for Indian and hosted a meeting including the Montana Inter-Tribal Policy Board, BIA personnel from the local agencies and area office, state representatives and Indian students from around the state. This meeting was centered around status of Indian Claims Judgement monies as they pertained to financial aid to Indian students. Some of the students participated very successfully in the First National Indian College Speech Tournament at Dartmouth College and came home with ideas to plan a Montana High School All-Indian Speech Tournament. Others were involved in the Indian Education Conference in Helena and gave their views on Indian education in high school and college. As sports is always a big area of interest, the Indian students formed intramural teams on campus and also attended several Indian basketball tournaments, usually placing very high in competition.

"Being Indian Is" thematically headlined the Fourth Kyi-Yo Indian Youth Conference which far surpassed any hopes and aspirations held by those first club members who began the gathering. People from all walks of Indian life and representing every state west of the Mississippi plus Canada came together to discuss important issues confronting the Indian of today.

The 1972-73 year began under the most able leadership of our newly appointed Indian Studies Director, Mrs. Henrietta Whiteman. As Mrs. Whiteman came to us from the University of California, Berkeley, she brought with her a wealth of knowledge and experience in Indian affairs and a strong student orientation. The year brought us a great diversity of activity. Among the projects that were undertaken on campus were the Second Annual All-Indian High School Speech Tournament, which grew considerably from its first year; a Curriculum Committee was formed and came up with a proposal for at least three new courses: Indian Culture as Expressed Through Language, American Indian Education, and Native American Religion and Philosophy. Involvement in state issues included lobbying for an Indian member on the State Board of Regents and passage of House Bill 343 which makes it necessary for teachers in schools on or near reservations to take Indian Studies classes as part of their educational requirements.

Student involvement reached a new dimension on 1973 as national Indian issues took on a new emphasis. Seventeen of our students participated in the Trail of Broken Treaties Caravan. They came back to the rest of us with very deep feelings and heavy memories. Through the long weeks of their absence, tensions ran high at times and a very loose unity was born in the club. A book composed by the students of their experiences on the Trail will be published soon entitled: "Tell Them Custer Won't Be Back!"

The Indian Club entered a candidate in the Miss Missoula Contest Pageant and our contestant, Miss Cathi Dupuis, was the First Runner-up. The theme of the Fifth Annual Kyi-Yo Indian Youth Conference was "Cultural Integrity". We selected this theme from the newly adopted Constitution of the State of Montana, Article X, Section 1, Sub-section 2, which reads:

> The state recognizes the distinct and unique cultural heritage of the American Indians and is committed in its educational goals to the preservation of their cultural integrity.

This year, 1973-1974, has seen many activitees continued and new ones initiated. The Third Annual All-Indian High School Speech Tournament reached a new high point. Seventy students who represented twelve communities were able to participate. There were three categories of competition and an award for the outstanding speaker. It is hoped this speech tournament well encourage the oral tradition of Indian peoples.

A "Native American Dress Review" was sponsored by the Indian Club. Members of the Indian Studies staff and university students participated in the dress review. Traditional dress of fourteen tribes from eight states and Canada were shown. During the dress review the "Round Dance", "Rabbit Dance", and "War Dance" were done by students and staff.

A phonograph record entitled "Kyi-Yo Pow-Wow" was released nationally by Canyon Records of Phoenix, Arizona. The pow-wow during the Fifth Annual Kyi-Yo Indian Youth Conference was recorded. The Indian Club will use its share of the profits from record sales to provide scholarships and loans to University Indian students. Eight tribes from Montana, Washington, and Canada are represented on the album.

The theme around which the Sixth Annual Kyi-Yo Indian Youth Conference has centered is "Are Indians Informed?".

The present Kyi-Yo Club officers are:

President, Dan Decker

Vice President, Rhonda Lankford

Secretary-Treasurer, Dayle Comes Last

SIXTH ANNUAL KYI-YO YOUTH CONFERENCE

May 1 - 4, 1974

S C H E D U L E O F E V E N T S

WEDNESDAY - May 1, 1974

7:00 -	Registration	Indian Studies Building - Basement

THURSDAY - May 2, 1974

8:00 - 12:00 and 2:00 - 5:00	Registration	UC Mall
10:00 - 10:30	Introduction of Guests by Conference Coordinator, Tom Acevedo: President Pantzer, UM Director of Native American Studies, Henrietta Whiteman Kyi-Yo Indian Club President, Dan Decker Vice-President, ASUM, Lynn Huffman	Field House
10:30 - 12:00	Keynote Speaker: Dr. George Blue Spruce	Field House
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch	
1:00 - 2:30	Collegiate Panel Topic: Student Concerns	Field House
2:30 - 3:00	Coffee Break	
3:00 - 4:00	State Panel Topic: Informative Education	Field House
6:30 - 8:30	Queen Contest	Field House

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY - May 2, 1974 (cont.)

9:00 - 1:00 a.m.	Rock Dance for Teens Band: "Home Brew"	St. Anthony Gym
9:00 - 2:00 a.m.	No-Host Cocktail Party	Big Barn

FRIDAY - May 3, 1974

9:00 - 12:00	Registration	UC Mall
9:00 - 10:30	Keynote Speaker: William Demmert, Jr.	Field House
10:30 - 10:45	Coffee Break	
10:45 - 12:00	Keynote Speaker: Mel Tonasket	Field House
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch	
1:00 - 2:30	Rick La Pointe John "Fire" Lame Deer	Field House
2:30 - 3:00	Coffee Break	
3:00 - 4:30	National Panel Topic: Informative Education	Field House
5:30 - 9:00	Banquet - Speaker: Gilbert Walking Bull * Speech & Debate Winners	UC Ballroom
9:00 - 2:00 a.m.	Pow-wow Dance Contest: Girls - $50.00 Boys - $50.00 Give-Away	Field House

* Gilbert Walking Bull is a member of the Sioux Tribe and is presently training to be a medicine man. He is the great grandson of Sitting Bull. He sings Indian music and accompanies himself on guitar.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY - May 4, 1974

12:00	Exhibition Dancing Cultural Activities	Oval
5:30 - 8:00	Concert Patty Brien Floyd Westerman	Field House
9:00	Dance Contest: Fancy Dance - $250.00 Women - $200.00 Old Warriors -$100.00	Field House
9:00 - 12:00	Pow-wow	Field House

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P A N E L S

Collegiate Panel

Topic: Student Concerns

Moderator: Opal Cajune

1. Thelma Stiffarm - University of New Mexico Law School
2. Greg Dupuis - Bi-Council Student Representative, HEW
3. Ray Olney - Student Body President, Yakima Valley College
4. Montana State University
5. Eastern Montana College
6. Dayle Comes Last - University of Montana

State Panel

Topic: Informative Education

Moderator: Robert Swan, Assistant Director of Native American Studies, University of Montana

1. Dale Old Horn - Crow
2. Lydia Sutherland - Rocky Boy
3. Daryl Kipp - Browning Free School
4. Joe McDonald - Flathead Councilman
5. Joe Little Coyote - Cheyenne
6. Robert Parsley - Montana Indian Education Supervisor

National Panel

Topic: Informative Education

Moderator: Urban Bear Don't Walk, University of Montana Law Student

1. Mort Dreamer - Water Rights Division
2. Jim Large - Co-chairman Title IV - President of A.I.M.
3. John St. Claire - Co-chairman Title IV - Lawyer
4. Earl Barlow - Superintendent of Schools, Browning
5. Jim Bear Ghost - Assistant Executive Director, National Council on Indians
6. Charles Emery - Supervisor, Title IV, Washington, D.C.

SIXTH ANNUAL KYI-YO YOUTH CONFERENCE

"ARE INDIANS INFORMED?"

E N T E R T A I N M E N T

Floyd Westerman

Floyd Westerman is a full-blooded Sioux Indian born on the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Reservation. He attended Northern State Teacher's College in Aberdeen, South Dakota. During a leave of absence from college, Floyd joined the Marine Corps in a one-year reserve program. Then he finally graduated with a degree in secondary education. Floyd entered law school with the purpose of using such a skill to help his people. His law education was curtailed, however, by the opportunity to record an Indian-based album.

His charm as an entertainer has led to his performing at the Office of Economic Opportunity's celebrity-filled reception at the Plaza Hotel and Andrew Stein's recent and much publicized Southampton party. Floyd has also traveled the country extensively to appear at many Indian youth conferences and colleges.

People spoke highly of Floyd's first album entitled "Custer Died For Your Sins." He followed this up with his recent album entitled "Indian Country."

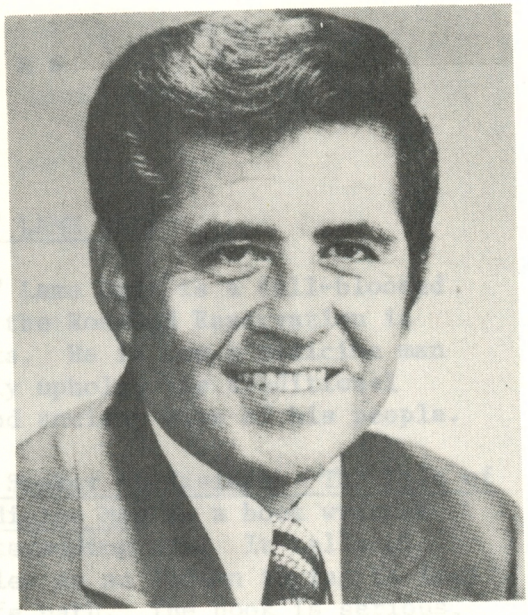
Two years ago Floyd appeared here at the Fourth Annual Conference and was so well received that we invited him again this year.

Introducing Patty Brien

Patty Brien is a young country & western singer from the Northern Cheyenne-Oglala Sioux Tribes. She is a native of Ashland, Montana, and is presently enrolled at Eastern Montana College in Billings as a freshman. Her academic interests lie in Indian psychology and education.

Patty has spent time traveling in the Western and Southwestern United States, and this experience has enlargened her musical perspective. She sings and accompanies herself on the guitar, and presents a very enjoyable performance.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



DR. GEORGE BLUE SPRUCE

Dr. Blue Spruce is from the Pueblo Tribes of Laguna and San Juan. He is currently Director of the Office of Health Manpower Opportunity, National Institute of Health. He served in the U. S. Navy for two years as a lieutenant in the Dental Corps. He received his D.D.S. Degree in Dentistry from Creighton University and his M.P.H. Degree in Public Health from the University of California at Berkeley. For several years, Dr. Blue Spruce worked for the Indian Public Health Service at Fort Belknap.

Dr. William G. Demmert, Jr.

Dr. William Demmert is a Tlingit-Sioux from Klawock, Alaska. He is currently Program Manager of Part A, Indian Education Act, and is based in Washington, D.C. Dr. Demmert received his Bachelors Degree at Seattle Pacific College; his Masters Degree at the University of Alaska, and his Doctorate at Harvard University. During 1971 he was an instructor and lecturer on Native American Cultural and Historical Perspectives at Harvard University, and in 1972 he was Director of the American Indian Program at Harvard. His main interest is in Indian Education, and during 1972 and 1973 he served as Co-Director for the Planning Team for Indian Education, Office of Education, H.E.W. For several years Dr. Demmert taught in public school in Alaska, and also served as Chief Administrator for the Klawock Public Schools in Klawock, Alaska. Dr. Demmert is married and has four children.

Mr. Mel Tonasket

Mr. Mel Tonasket is a member of the Colville Confederated Tribes of North-Central Washington. He has served as Tribal Councilman for approximately four years, two of which he was Tribal Chairman. While in office he has been active in supporting the preservation of Indian water rights and tribal sovereignty. Mr. Tonasket operates a health spa in Omak, Washington, and resides there with his family. He is presently the President of N.C.A.I.

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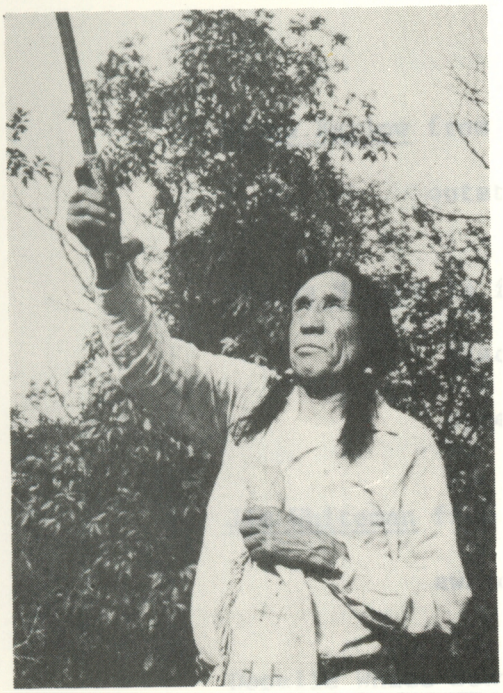
"ARE INDIANS INFORMED?"

K E Y N O T E S P E A K E R S



JOHN "FIRE" LAME DEER

John "Fire" Lame Deer is a full-blooded Sioux from the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota. He is now a medicine man who actively upholds his traditional religion and ancient ways of his people.

Lame Deer, Seeker of Visions: The Life of a Sioux Medicine Man is a book written by this outstanding man. It tells of his struggles as an Indian trying to find his own life path. The book is serious, sad, moving, informative and extremely hilarious as only a very sensitive Native American can write.

RICK LA POINTE

Rick La Pointe is a Rosebud Sioux from South Dakota. He graduated from the University of Montana with B.S. and M.A. Degrees. Rick was a forester for three years on the Yakima Indian Reservation. Currently he is Director of the Center Satellite Program at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. He is also President of the National Indian Education Association.

S P E E C H A N D D E B A T E W I N N E R S

The following high school students were the winners of the Speech and Debate Tournament sponsored by the Kyi-Yo Indian Club earlier this year.

Diane Barlow from Browning was given the award for outstanding speaker.

Brenda Santos is from Ronan and was given the first place award for her extemporaneous speech.

Jim Whiteman from Busby was given the first place award for his after dinner speech.

Donelle White Bear is also from Busby and won first place for her declamation speech.

"THANK YOU!"

I would like to thank all those who contributed their time, energies and ideas in developing this Sixth Annual Kyi-Yo Conference. The amount of effort and time expended is reflected by the dimensions the conference has grown to since it's inception six years ago. All worked toward the goal of making this conference as successful as preceding conferences and in the hope that new milestones might be set for conferences to follow.

Tom Acevedo
Conference Coordinator

DONATIONS

L. Doug Allard
Four Winds Trading Post - Preston Miller
Devil Dancer
Hoerner Waldorf Corporation
Missoula Banks:
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    First Security Bank
    First State Bank
    Missoula Bank of Montana
    Southside National Bank
    Western Montana National Bank
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Robert Swan
Al Whiteman
Native American Cultural Institute
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Tri-State Tribes
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Geln Kirkladie
Johnson-O'Malley
Marjorie Bear Don't Walk
Leanne Matt

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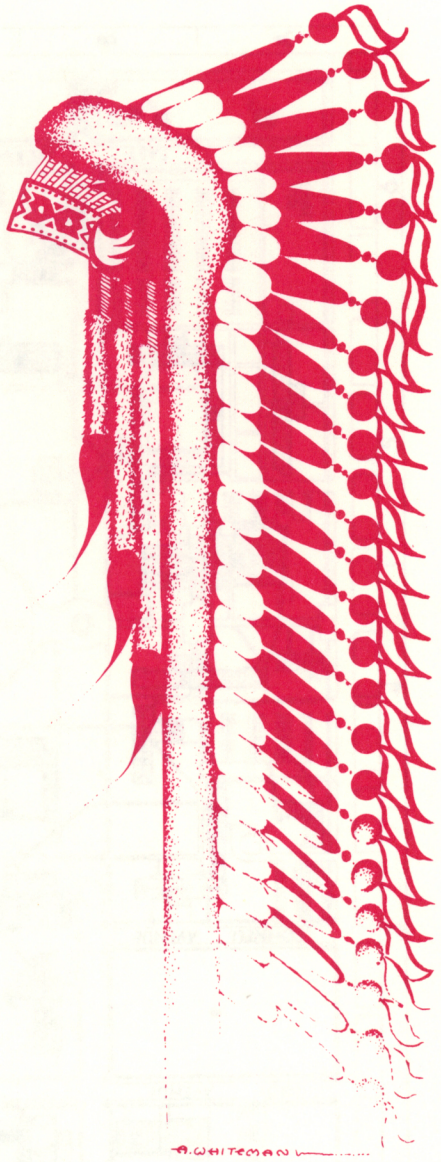

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LEGEND

1.	Aber Hall	E3
2.	Alumni Center	B5
3.	Art Annex	D2
4.	Brantly Hall	B3
5.	Business Administration	C3
6.	Chemistry Pharmacy	C5
7.	Religious Studies 600 University Ave.	A4*
8.	Clover Bowl	A3
9.	Corbin Hall	A3
10.	Counseling and Testing 740 Eddy Ave.	C2
11.	Craig Hall	B5
12.	Duniway Hall	A5
13.	Elrod Hall	B5
14.	Field House	D2
15.	Fine Arts (University Theater)	B3
16.	Forestry	D5
17.	Forestry Sciences Lab	D6
18.	Health Science	B5 B6*
19.	Health Service	B2
20.	Heating Plant	E3
21.	Indian Studies 730 Eddy Ave.	C2
22.	Institute for Social Science Research 724 Eddy Ave.	C2
23.	Jesse Hall	A3
24.	Journalism	C5
25.	Knowles Hall	B4
26.	Law	B2
27.	Liberal Arts	C4
28.	Library (Old)	C3
29.	Library (New)	E5
30.	Lodge	A5
31.	Mathematics	C5
32.	Men's Gymnasium	E5
33.	Miller Hall	A5
34.	Music	B3
35.	Natural Science (Botany)	D4
36.	North Corbin Hall	A3
37.	Physical Plant Service Area	F2
38.	President's House 667 E. Beckwith Ave.	B6
39.	Psychology 600 E. Beckwith	C4 A6*
40.	Science Complex Chemistry Forestry Geology Physics & Astronomy	D6
41.	Speech Pathology & Audiology 1010 Arthur Ave.	A3*
42.	Social Work 770 Eddy Ave.	D2
43.	Swimming Pool	D2
44.	Tennis Courts	D3
45.	Turner Hall Offices & Gallery	B4
46.	University Center	E4
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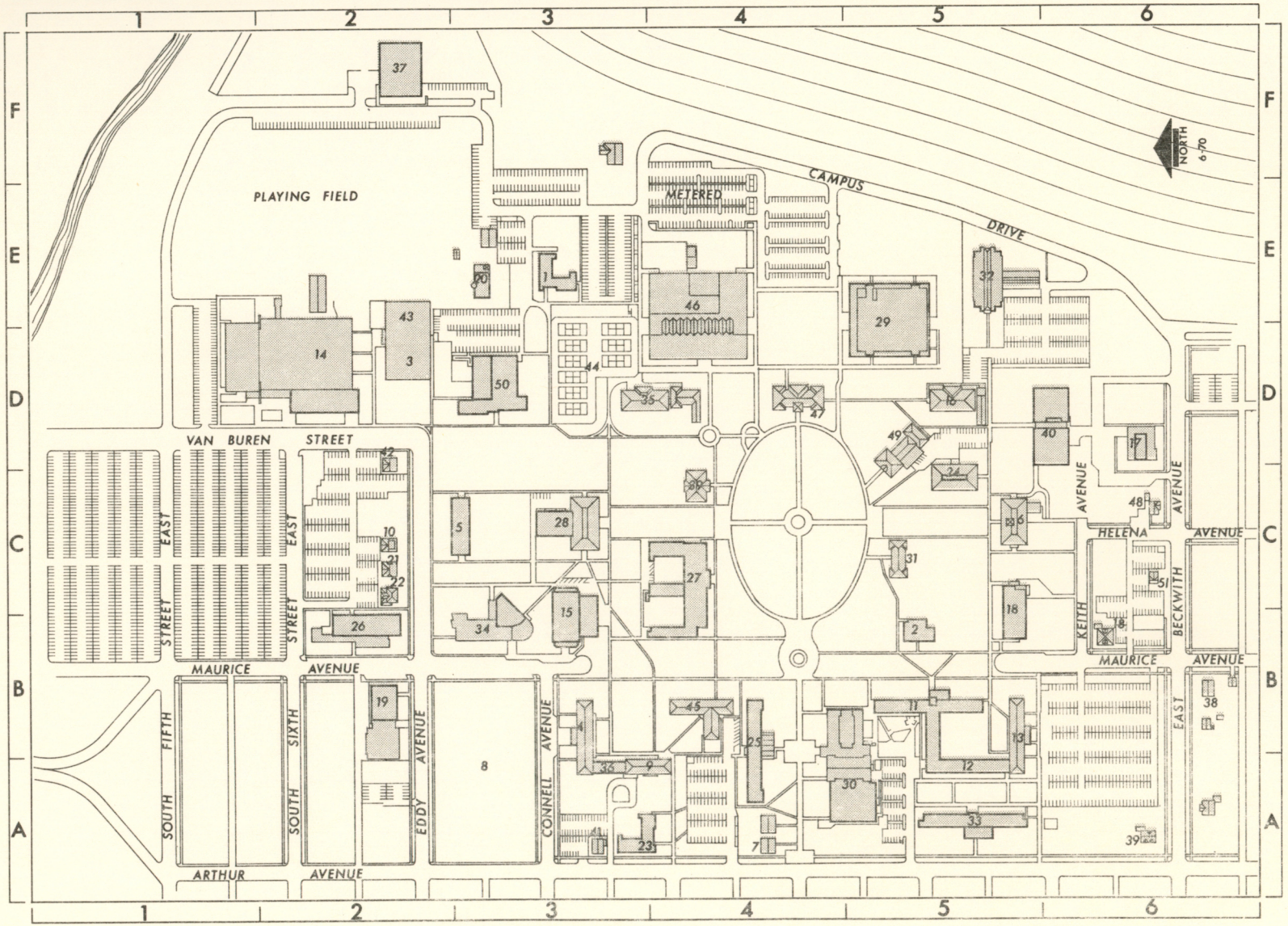
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