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AIGSA and AILSA Host Indian Gaming: Who Wins? Conference 1997

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Tribal sovereignty is the basis for Indian gaming, and Indian gaming has provided economic independence to many Indian tribes throughout the country; however, Indian gaming is under attack and Indian tribes are waging another battle to ward off their foes.

That is what participants were told at the *Indian Gaming: Who Wins?* conference held April 4 and 5, 1997 at the UCLA Law School. Approximately 100 people attended the conference that was sponsored by the UCLA American Indian Graduate Students Association, the American Indian Law Students Association, the UCLA Law School and the American Indian Studies Center.

Tribal leaders, attorneys, marketing people, students and scholars were some of the attendees who listened to panel discussions on Tribal and Scholarly Perspectives; Litigation and Its Aftermath; Legislative Possibilities; Community and Public Relations; Law Enforcement and Labor Relations; along with Investment, Economic Development and Finances.

Mary Ann Andreas, chairwoman of the Morongo Tribe, said Indian gaming has provided economic independence for her tribe and restored pride. "The taxpayer burden has been eliminated because of gaming," Andreas said, because they employ 1,000 people at Casino Morongo and have no welfare on their reservation. "Anyone who wants a job has one." She said they are the second largest employer in the area and have a \$12 million payroll and pay over \$1.5 million in payroll taxes.

She said the Morongo tribe has installed two one-million gallon water tanks in their community where previously they ran out of water in the summer. They've also built a fire station and employ firefighters, so they're providing protection for the whole community.

"No one knows the needs of our communities like ourselves," Andreas continued. "Don't ever compromise sovereignty and we will always keep our culture. We must not lose our culture in all of this." She said their future will be better because of gaming.

National Indian Gaming Association Chairman Rick Hill said gaming is a sovereignty issue. "We have that inherent right. Gaming is in 24 states. It doesn't work for all communities but where it has, it works." He said states and others opposed to Indian gaming are using economic racism and tribes are being thwarted at every step. "We have to come together with one heart and take on our opponents because there are several out there who would like to thwart our efforts," Hill said.

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Ethnic Studies Reorganization

On Thursday May 15th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Faculty Center, room yet to be determined, the American Indian Studies Center will participate in a series of open forums and discussions that will address the state and future of ethnic studies. Students who want to make presentations should contact Shirley Hune in the Graduate Division.

For now the meetings include discussions of present and possible future plans for ethnic studies at UCLA. The morning will be devoted to presenting several possible plans and directions. The Graduate Division will present the plans for reorganization of the centers, formation of interethnic studies and research, unification of the interdepartmental programs (IDPs) with the centers and associated issues.

We are hoping that a representative from the College will present a plan for reorganization and financing of the IDPs. Invitations will also be sent to the International Studies and Overseas Programs (ISOP), which is also developing new reorganization plans that may include possibilities of international ethnic and indigenous studies and research. The morning session will have the presentation of the plans, some historical context and the current politics of ethnic relations. Then an open discussion will take place on the various plans. This discussion should be very informative and students, faculty, staff, and interested community members are invited to attend and participate. These meetings will be the best opportunity this year to discuss the current situation and possibilities for change in ethnic studies at UCLA.

The afternoon will be devoted to more discussion and small breakout groups that will discuss and report on special issues, such as libraries.

I encourage every student, staff and faculty member to attend so they can learn and familiarize themselves with the issues before us. The meetings will provide good information and thereafter we can continued discussions about the Centers and the future of ethnic studies at UCLA. With the right plan the future of ethnic and American Indian studies could be very good. See you there!

Duane Champagne, Ph.D.
American Indian Studies Center Director

Finally a NativeBruin, Hopefully Not the Last...

Well here it is, the debut issue of the NativeBruin newsletter and hopefully not the last. I promised I would try and get a newsletter done and I did. Unfortunately I'm leaving and I trust that Keeli Tebeau will continue on the publication.

Thanks, Keeli, for all of your hard work and great ideas for design. Thanks to all the students for your energy and dedication to the cause. Thanks to the American Indian Studies Center (Carole and Duane) for the opportunity to work as Publications Manager; although it was short-lived, it was worth it because I met many people I'll remember forever.. And to Roselle, I'll never forget your dedication to the Center—this place doesn't function without you and I appreciate everything you've done for me.

I'm headed back home to the place known for famous potatoes, the best beadwork in the world, great fishing, pure air and water, along with charging buffalo...look me up, if you're ever in Fort Hall, Idaho....

Lori Edmo-Suppah
Shoshone-Bannock
aka birdwing (hozeba kasa)



To the Editor

The American Indian Graduate Student Association (AIGSA) would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to Lori Edmo-Suppah for helping us out with the recent conference on Indian Gaming held April 4th and 5th at the UCLA Law School. Additionally, we would like to thank Pamela Grieman, Roselle Kipp, Keeli Tebeau, Professor Carole Goldberg-Ambrose, and all of the students who volunteered time, effort, and support to this event.

You all helped to make this conference a successful event.

Christopher Everett,
AIGSA Chairman

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1997 Pow-Wow

THE UCLA AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION (AISA) presents its twelfth annual Pow-Wow featuring The Boyz and Southern Thunder as the host drums, May 3-4, 1997 at the Intramural Field located on the UCLA campus.

Nearly 20,000 people are expected to attend the powwow including dancers and drum groups from throughout the nation. The event will showcase intertribal and contest dancing, arts and crafts, as well as food and tradition.

AISA, along with the American Indian Studies Center, sponsors the annual event to promote cultural awareness at UCLA and in the Los Angeles area communities.



Head Judge, Joel "Chief Thunder" Shoptease

This year, a Southern Straight Dance Special will be held in memory of Velma "Vee" Salabiye, the former librarian of the AISC library who passed away last year.

THE BOYZ is the head northern drum group from Twin Cities, Minn. that has about 13 singers from the Lakota, Ojibway and

Ho-Chunk Nations. The lead singer is Lakota "Hok" Clairmont who was only 14 years old when he co-founded the drum group. They are alcohol and drug free and took top honors in the drum contest at the 1996 Gathering of Nations Pow-Wow in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

SOUTHERN THUNDER is the head southern drum group from Oklahoma. The group is

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*Master of Ceremonies,
Robert Daugherty*

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composed of both men and women singers from Pawnee, Osage, Kiowa, Sac & Fox, and Shawnee tribal affiliations. The drum group promotes "good quality" southern-style singing, and in 1995 they took first place in the drum contest at Rocky Boy, Montana.



Northern Drum Group, The Boyz

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The master of ceremonies is ROBERT DAUGHERTY, a Cherokee from Oklahoma, who currently works as a Social Services Drug Elimination case manager for the Cherokee Nation Housing Authority. Daugherty has been on the powwow trail for almost 20 years and considers it an honor to serve as emcee for the UCLA Pow-Wow.

MIKE BURGESS, Comanche, is the arena director for this year's powwow and works as the director of the Educational Opportunities for Native Americans Program for the Long Beach Unified School District in Long Beach. Burgess is an avid powwower serving as arena director, master of ceremonies and head man dancer at a variety of powwows.



*Head Man Dancer,
Vincent Whipple*

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Head woman dancer is MICHELLE BEAR ROBE WOOD, an Oglala Sioux from Pine Ridge, South Dakota. She currently attends Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas, majoring in occupational therapy. She has served as head lady dancer at a number of powwows and enjoys running cross country and writing short stories.

VINCENT WHIPPLE, Navajo and Oglala Sioux, is the head man dancer. He is a graduate of Harvard and dances at Wild Bill's in Buena Park. He is a descendant of the Deer Spring Clan and was born at Pine Ridge, South Dakota.



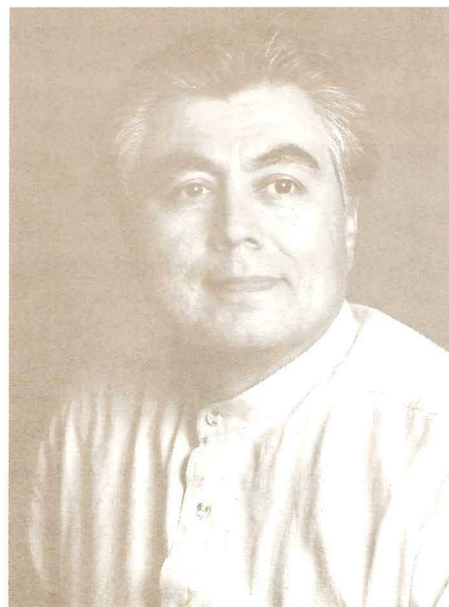
Southern Drum Group, Southern Thunder

Head judge is JOEL "CHIEF THUNDER" SHOPEASE, Potawatomi, from Fort Duchesne, Utah. On numerous occasions he's served as a head man dancer, arena director and head judge at a variety of powwows. He is the special committee coordinator for the Ute Tribe Pow-Wow Committee. Shopease is a skilled artisan who beads, sings and makes his own regalia. He promotes sobriety and traditional Native ways.

LES HAND is the head gourd dancer, a Pawnee of the Skidi Band originally from Pawnee, Oklahoma, but presently lives in Los Angeles. He is president of the Golden State Gourd Dance Society whose mem-

bership includes those from New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Utah and California.

Flutist BILL "MAH-NA-CHE-SHUN" NEAL will make a special guest appearance on May 4. Neal,



Arena Director, Mike Burgess

Cherokee, is the artistic director of the Elk Whistle Ensemble and is a cultural educator, as well as a recording artist who does solo performances. His music is available on the Descanso Botanical Gardens label featuring "Songs From Turtle Island," and the upcoming "One Sky Above Us."



Head Woman Dancer, Michelle Bear Robe Wood

The powwow is free and open to the public. Parking is \$5 per day on the UCLA campus. Grand entries are at 1 and 6 p.m. on Saturday and at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

1997 Pow-Wow Schedule

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 1997

- 6-9 a.m. Vendor Set-up
- 9 a.m. Arena Staff Meeting
- 10 a.m. Dance Registration,
Gourd Dancing
- Noon Lunch Break
- 1 p.m. Grand Entry
 - Welcome
 - Flag Song
 - Invocation
 - Introduction of Royalty
 - Intertribal Dancing
- 2 p.m. Dance Registration Closes
 - Specials
- 3 p.m. Dance Competition
- 5 p.m. Dinner Break
- 7 p.m. Grand Entry
 - Flag Song
 - Invocation
 - Intertribal Dancing
- 8 p.m. Dance Competition

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 1997

- 6-9 a.m. Vendor Set-up
- 9 a.m. Gourd Dancing
- Noon Lunch Break
- 1 p.m. Grand Entry
 - Flag Song
 - Invocation
 - Intertribal Dancing
- 2 p.m. Dance Competition
- 5:30 p.m. Contest Winners
Announced



Guest Flutist, Bill "Mah-na-che-shun" Neal Elkwhistle



Head Gourd Dancer,
Les Hand

Hill added that tribes are more regulated than commercial gaming and have to abide by ordinances and gaming compacts. He said the National Indian Gaming Commission is underfunded and has only 34 people working to maintain the whole country in regulating Indian gaming.

Hill said the Seminole decision has stripped the tribes' authority to sue states for bad faith negotiations concerning gaming compacts and now there is no remedy for tribes. "Because of the inadequacy of the law and racist governors, tribes are struggling."

"That's why it's really important to show in mass what's wrong," Hill continued. "It's important to position ourselves to protect our inherent rights because gaming dollars are important to our communities."

Coyote Band of Pomo Indians Chairwoman Priscilla Hunter said her tribe was illegally terminated but has regained federal recognition and, thanks to Indian gaming, is now buying land and building homes.

"Gaming has offered more to California Indian tribes in the past decade than the U.S. government has paid according to their treaty obligations in the past century," Hunter said. Gaming offers tribal governments the resources to improve the quality of life for tribal members as well as provide job opportunities for the local communities, she continued. "Today, in California, more than 10,000 tribal and non-tribal employees work at tribal government facilities on Indian land."

Hunter said they need more homes and places to gather Native foods. "Our casino has provided an opportunity for our children and employment. It's important that we continue."

Erma Vizenor, White Earth Reservation council member from Minnesota, said her tribe is currently facing a real challenge because gaming on her reservation resulted in corruption and embezzlement among their former tribal leaders. Three of five former tribal council members are now in prison because they enriched themselves with gaming profits and prior to August of 1996, 40 percent of the gaming profits from the Shooting Star Casino went to a non-Indian management firm. Vizenor led a reform movement among her people and was recently elected to the tribal council. The tribe now manages their own casino.

Vizenor said the current tribal council now has to work towards accountability and restore faith in the tribal leadership. She said their casino is located on land that is not in trust so they pay over \$1 million in taxes per year to the county and \$340,000 of it goes to the local school district. "The future of gaming is here to stay; it just depends on what type of shape or form." She said she wanted to share what happened with her tribe and remind others that tribal leaders have to be accountable.

Ernie Stevens, Jr., vice-president of the National Congress of American Indians and Oneida tribal council member, said his tribe has many successes because of Indian gaming. They've purchased land, built a multimillion-dollar Turtle school and are one of the largest employers in the Green Bay, Wis. area. "The Oneida minimum wage is much higher than the Wisconsin minimum wage." He said the debate of Indian gaming focuses on the rights of tribes.

A videotape of the conference will be available at cost, and a special monograph on Indian gaming is scheduled for production later this year. For more information contact the AISC at 310-825-7315.

They Just Can't Keep a Good Library Down

We're back! The AISC Library reopened on March 17. The staff is currently in the process of updating serial records, preparing monographs for cataloging, taking inventory of the entire collection and filing pamphlets. By the end of the Spring Quarter, we hope that all backlogs will be cleared.

In order to facilitate a smooth and accurate inventory, the collection will not circulate. Library staff will help you locate materials in the UCLA Library system. However, we recognize that there is a large portion of the collection that is very unique. If the UCLA Library does not own an item or the item is missing, we check the item out to you for one week. Unfortunately, at this point, circulated material cannot be renewed. Once the cleanup is over, we can revisit the question of a circulating collection.

The Library staff also offers individual consultations for the Center's students, staff and faculty. We can suggest strategies and sources including the Internet for your research or update you on the new databases in MELVYL.

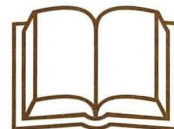
I am pleased to announce that Kazushi Yabe and Bhagirathi Subrahmanyam are working in the library. This will help to increase the number of hours the library will be open and the amount of reference and the instructional services the library can provide.

We hope to see you soon.

— Debe Costa, AISC Librarian

The revised AISC Library Hours for the Spring Quarter are:

Monday: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Tuesday: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Wednesday: Noon to 5 p.m.
Thursday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Friday: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday: Closed



Dinner to Honor American Indian Graduate Students

The American Indian Student Association and the Interdepartmental Program in American Indian Studies are sponsoring a Reception and Dinner honoring the 1997 American Indian graduate and undergraduate students Friday, May 2, 1997 from 6 to 10 p.m. in the Grand Horizon Room at the UCLA Sunset Commons.

Students participating include:

Undergraduate Honorees: **Michael Drabinsky**, Anthropology; **Molly Springer**, World Arts & Cultures; **Nina Stanton**, History; **Timothy Sweeney**, Anthropology; and **April Zotecan**, History.

Graduate Honorees: **Stuart Wuttke**, Law; **Carol Buswell**, American Indian Studies; **Laura Courtney**, American Indian Studies; **Susan Croteau**, American Indian Studies; **Christopher Everett**, American Indian Studies; and **Lisa Wiley**, American Indian Studies.

Congratulations Are in Order

Chrissy Butler, Yurok, UCLA graduate and RAIN (Retention of American Indians Now!) Director, has been awarded a full scholarship to the Arizona State University School of Law starting fall of 1997. Chrissy is one of two persons selected for full scholarships and will specialize in Indian law.

Natalie Stites, Cheyenne River Sioux, a third-year UCLA history major and Campus Retention Committee representative for the American Indian Student Foundation, has been awarded a Summer Legal Research Fellowship for the American Bar Association in Chicago, Illinois. Natalie will spend the summer with research fellows and faculty members from the University of Chicago and Northwestern University. She is one of four recipients awarded the fellowship nationwide.

Elissa Fleak, Mono, third-year UCLA microbiology major and a RAIN (Retention of American Indian students) counselor, has been awarded a 1997 Summer Research Fellowship to Harvard Medical School in Cambridge, Mass. Elissa will do undergraduate medical research with the Harvard Medical faculty and other professionals. She is one of 25 persons who were selected nationwide for the fellowship.

Christopher Everett, Chickasaw, UCLA graduate student in the Master of Arts program in American Indian Studies, was awarded a four-year fellowship to pursue a doctorate in history at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. After completion of his doctorate, Chris plans to teach, research and write.

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BROWN BAG FORUM MONDAY, MAY 12

Stuart Wuttke, LL.M Candidate

*The Use of International Law Among Indigenous Peoples to Further
Claims of Self-Determination*

Stuart Wuttke is Ojibway-Cree from the Garden Hill reserve in northern Manitoba. He is currently LL.M (Master of Laws) candidate at the UCLA School of Law, studying the relationship of international law and indigenous peoples.

Mr. Wuttke received his LL.B (Bachelor of Laws) from the Dalhousie University School of Law in 1995, and also received a Certificate in International Law and Human Rights through a study-abroad program in Geneva, Switzerland and Strassbourg, France in 1994. He served as Barrister and Solicitor in the province of Manitoba, practiced in the areas of criminal law, family law, and real estate transactions.

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AIGSA News from the American Indian Graduate Student Association

Christopher Everett
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The American Indian Graduate Student Association (AIGSA) is pleased to announce the results of recent elections.

Preliminary elections for Fall 1997/Spring 1998 were held Tuesday, April 8, 1997. The new AIGSA officers are: **Stephanie Fitzgerald** and **Joe Nelson**, Co-Chairs effective May 1, 1997.

In addition, **Mike McLaughlin** is staying on as Vice-President/Vice-Chairman. Good luck everybody and we wish AIGSA continuing and expanded success in the coming year.

1996-97 AIGSA OFFICERS:

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