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Wah nah jus/Hilth hoo iss (Meares Island) court case gets underway in B.C. Supreme Court

On Monday, September 30th the long-awaited Meares Island court case got underway in the B.C. Supreme Court in Vancouver.

The court case, which is expected to run for about 120 days, will determine who has the rights to the trees on Meares Island, the Ahousat and Tla-o-qui-aht Tribes, through their aboriginal rights, or MacMillan Bloedel, through their government approved Tree Farm Licence #44.

About 200 Ahousat, Tla-o-qui-aht people and their supporters gathered on the court house stairs prior to entering the building.

The Hereditary Chiefs of the two tribes stood together on the top of the stairs while a song belonging to Chief Ronnie George of the Quatswahts was sung. This was followed by prayer chants by Elders Stanley Sam and Archie Frank.

The largest court room in the building was filled to capacity on the first day of the trial.

The decision in this important aboriginal rights case will be made by Justice JoAnn Prowse.

Lawyers representing four groups gave their opening arguments during the first day of the hearing. (The plaintiffs - Ahousat and Tla-o-qui-aht, MacMillan Bloedel, provincial government and Attorney-General of Canada.)

David Rosenberg, legal counsel for the plaintiffs stated that this is a case of competing rights - on one hand



Ahousat people about to sing Chief Ronnie George's song before entering the B.C. Supreme Court.

are the Native people of Meares Island who use the trees and forests to sustain their culture and as a spiritual source, and on the other hand MB and the province, through the tree farm licencing system, instructs the clearcut logging of old growth timber.

Rosenberg questioned the validity of MB's TFL, stating that the forest company has no legal right to log on Meares Island, as the original lease, from which MB derived their TFL, had expired.

"This is an aboriginal rights case," he said, "and this case questions whether the interference of these rights are justified."

Mr. Harvey, counsel for the Province of British Columbia, claimed in his opening statement that "the position of the province is that the plaintiffs do

not have exclusive rights to Meares Island ... outside the reserves are shared resources of all of the people of British Columbia."

"Who has the right to decide the use of these resources," he asked. It's the provincial Crown through the Canadian Constitution."

The lawyer for the Attorney-General of Canada also concurred that their position was that "there is no exclusive right (by the Natives) during the last 100 years."

Following the opening arguments, the counsel for the plaintiffs entered the affidavit of Moses Martin, former chief councillor of the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation, as evidence.

There was a lengthy legal debate by the lawyers for the province and Canada on the relevance and admissibility of many of the state-

ments in the affidavit. During the afternoon of the first day of the court case Moses Martin was brought to the stand to give evidence.

He answered questions about the historical use of trees on Meares Island and about his own personal use and the use of other Tla-o-qui-aht people. His examination lasted throughout the second day. He was then cross-examined by the counsels for British Columbia and re-examined by David Rosenberg.

This questioning continued throughout the fourth day of the trial.

Mr. Martin was asked about the statements that he made in his affidavit. (Affidavit statements are in bold print in this article.)

"The virgin forests of the island form part

of my cultural heritage and are an important part of my peoples' traditions and history."

Why are virgin forests important to you, Mr. Martin was asked. "For many reasons," he answered. "The forests are like a church. I go there to meditate and pray and also to do oosemitch (ritual bathing)."

"I have always considered Meares Island to be Indian grounds, or lands. I have always considered it a

type of garden where my people can harvest natural unspoiled Native foods. I am aware of many Elders of the Clayoquot who continue to gather their Indian medicines and cedar for baskets and for regalia and for traditional clothing on Meares Island. Most of the members of the Clayoquot and Ahousat that I know, subsist at least in part, on food which they gather and hunt from Meares Island.

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Wah nah juss/ Hilth hoois Court case

To: All Nuuchah-nulth people

The Wah nah juss/ Hilth hoois (Meares Island) court case proceedings started recently in Vancouver.

This is a very important case for Ahousat and Tla-o-qui-aht, Nuuchah-nulth, as well as all First Nations in B.C.

How would you like to play an important role during the duration of the court case, from now until November of 1992?

There are many ways you could be of assistance during this historic court case.

Here are a few ways, if you are interested in which you could get involved: moral support, sitting and/or observing in the court room, fund-raising ie. T-shirt sales, raffles, car washes, etc. Other ideas ... food, donation of traditional foods, providing a meal or meals, trans-

portation, transporting Elders, Chiefs to and from the court case, volunteer on a committee for Wah nah juss/ Hilth hoois, formation of committees in your communities to assist the court case.

There is a lot of work, commitment, time and especially money to be spent during the next year.

Your involvement, time energies would be greatly appreciated by both the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation and Ahousat Tribe.

If you are interested in being involved contact either the Ahousat Band at 670-9563, Ahousat Land Question Committee Chairman Cliff Atleo at 984-0220, Jack Little at 724-5757, Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation at 725-3233.

The success of the court case will depend largely on the support and participation of all

An apology

In an article that appeared in the Times Colonist on June 5, 1991, entitled "Tofino Reels From Native Boycott of Businesses", I was quoted as saying:

"It's not good for them to sit on reserve and collect welfare and get drunk - quite a few commit suicide. They don't try to clean up their act. A lot don't like to work. You just have to drive by the reserves in Port Alberni. They don't try to keep their homes clean. There are dozens of old cars. We didn't want to see the beach revert to that."

I wish to apologize to the Nuuchah-nulth people and the Tseshaht Band for any consternation and trouble that the article may have caused.

Yours truly,
Walter Tyerman

DEAR EDITOR:

This is just a friendly letter so please forgive the informality. As you know I have received Ha-Shilth-Sa ever since its beginning and have enjoyed every issue. I was distressed, however, to read in a recent issue how alienated children felt at boarding schools, but I

Nuuchah-nulth people. "YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE" by getting involved in one way or another.

Native people and especially the Nuuchah-nulth people have always been very caring and sharing. It is an opportune time to show how much you care.

Let us all work together for the benefit of future generations - our children.

Sincerely,
Jack Little
Land Claims Researcher

THANK YOU!!

The Blue Jays Ladies Softball team would like to thank the many people who supported us in our fund-raising efforts. Without you, we could not have gone to the International Fast-pitch tournament in Sioux City. Special thanks to the NTC staff, who have always given us unwavering support at our lunches and bake sales.

This year we tried some new fund-raising projects: a slow-pitch tournament; thanks to all the teams that participated, and to all merchants who donated trophies: lahal tournament; this was great fun. We did not really understand everything about the game but the people were very supportive of our effort. We hope to be able to have another lahal tournament later on.

On Boarding Schools

I, too, felt alienated. I was most comfortable with the Indian children and their parents who worked at the school. However I do believe any slights we felt were not intentional by those in charge. Generally movies were shown on weekends. The laps of every adult was loaded with children and others pressed against our knees. They must have felt we loved them.

I know it is hard for parents to see their children leave their homes to go to school. However, parents could visit whenever they chose and could work at the school for wages if they wished to. I also worked in the kitchen and treasure the friendships of those parents who were in charge.

A couple of years ago I stayed at Tin Wis for a

few days. I loved it there. Everyone was so good to me. I phoned Mary Hayes, whom I'd worked with at Christie. She invited me to visit in her home. We had the most fun time, talking about those days at the school. Whatever our feelings about boarding schools, it would be difficult in our world today to get along without a knowledge of the English language.

My sister and I also experienced having to be boarded out to attend school. We lived on the prairie in Montana. We travelled by horse and wagon. In winter months heavy snow made getting to school impossible. Most farmers lived near the school and their children could get there by horseback. My sister and I had to board with the teacher. There were only 18 children in our

school, sometimes less. We thought it fun to be with all those children as we had no neighbor children to play with at our home. If we misbehaved at school we could expect to be punished, yet today, at 77 years of age, I remember the fun times.

When Dr. Flynn and I moved to Nootka Island our first visit was to Nuchatlitz. We became such good friends with the people there, visiting back and forth. When Dr. Flynn died I could not have survived my many summers alone on Nootka Island without the love and the caring of my Nuchatlitz friends. My years on Nootka Island were the happiest of my life and I treasure every wonderful memory.

Sincerely,

BETHINE FLYNN

B.C. Summer Games approaching

Dear members of the Nuuchah-nulth Tribal Council,

The 1992 Summer Games are fast approaching and we know the whole community will want to be involved during this exciting event!

This is a massive event for Port Alberni to host, with millions of details to be taken care of before the 4,000 plus

In Sioux City there were many teams from all over the U.S. and Canada. Six Nations Daughters from Ontario, Canada, won the ladies championships, with California, the defending champs, coming in second. We placed fourth, which was very good for our first time there. We plan to start getting ready for next year as soon as possible, and look forward to the continued support of the community.

In Friendship,
Margaret Robinson,
Coach - Blue Jays

athletes arrive for the Games scheduled on July 9-12th.

The Ceremonies Directorate is looking for groups such as yours, that would be willing to participate enmasse for a wide variety of jobs.

We need assistance for marshalling athletes and entertainers, ushers, program distributors, people to assist with props and stage hands to help during Opening and Closing Ceremonies, to mention just a few of the positions that need filling.

If you would like

more information we are available to come to your meeting to make a presentation, or if your group is interested in taking part, please contact the numbers listed below.

Yours truly,
Darlene Coulson-Wells,
Director of Ceremonies
IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION TO VOLUNTEER FOR CEREMONIES PLEASE CONTACT US AT:
DAYS - 723-5475;
EVENING - 724-1389.

Simon and Julia Lucas...

I want people to know how moved I was with Simon and Julia's honesty and candor regarding the suicide epidemic. It only shows one more time what true leaders they really are and how much I respect and honor them both for being willing to face the truth of difficult issues. It encourages my faith that the bands

Doreen McIntyre

Wah nah jus/Hilth hoo is

"Meares Island is an economic base of the Clayoquot. The island has been used by myself and others to harvest natural unspoiled Native foods including seafood and shellfish."

"We are not talking about the monetary system," Martin said in his testimony. "If monetary system disappeared tomorrow, MacMillan Bloedel would be gone tomorrow," he said. "My people would still be there a 100 years from now."

"I have practiced ritual bathing and ritual medicines on Meares Island and I continue to practice ritual medicine on Meares Island."

When asked about the ritual bathing Martin replied that "that is for me and it is no business of anyone else." He did elaborate however that he did ritual bathing in preparation for hunting and fishing and that he would do this in secret in the forest.

He also said that he tried to do this once near Esowista, where he presently lives (on Long Beach), but "I couldn't concentrate because of the traffic and aircraft going by."

In his cross-examination by the

counsel for the Province of British Columbia, Martin was questioned about past logging activity on Tla-o-qui-aht reserves, located off of Meares Island.

Mr. Rosenberg objected to these questions, saying that they were entering a dangerous situation questioning about logging outside of Meares Island, as the plaintiffs were restricting their arguments to the trees on Meares Island.

Mr. Harvey replied that "it is a matter of credibility."

"Why are the plaintiffs saying there will be interference by logging when they have already happily logged their own reserves?"

Mr. Rosenberg pointed out that several reserves were logged for specific reasons such as for raising money to build the hospital in Tofino, to aid in the war effort and to provide welfare money for band members, and that in some cases the decision to log reserves was made by the Department of Indian Affairs with little consultation with the bands.

Martin was also cross-examined by Mr. Macauley, counsel for the Attorney-General of Canada.

MacMillan Bloedel's lawyers had no questions for Mr. Martin.

On the fifth day of the trial, October 4th, Roy Haiyupis, a Nuuchah-nulth Elder with roots in both the Tla-o-qui-aht and Ahousat Tribes, gave testimony.

Mr. Haiyupis said that he was the head of one of the families in Tla-o-qui-aht and that he has a role within the tlukwana system "to use a big plank to bang on the roof to wake everyone up."

He then described several of the purposes of the tlukwana system which he said included "to initiate a tribal member into tribal membership; disciplining of the children or even to the extent of disciplining the parents on how effective they have been as teachers; giving a tribal member the opportunity to say what they want to do, for example hosting a memorial." It also has spiritual connections, said Haiyupis, particularly for the Chief that owns the wolves and the wolf society.

He said that the last tlukwana he knew of was in Ahousat in the mid-40's and that the reason there hasn't been any since was because of the strong influence of the church,

"to get rid of our beliefs."

Haiyupis also gave a description of what ha houl thee means, saying that "it is the territory of a Chief."

"The Chief owns his territory with full authority and for the benefit of the people," he said.

He then went on to describe the role of a Chief's speaker and the training that this person would go through.

Mr. Haiyupis also gave testimony about his own life, as a trapper, a commercial fisherman and other occupations that he held.

In his affidavit Roy Haiyupis stated that when he lived on Meares Island he used bark and plants from the island for medicines to cure several ailments.

He also describes his personal experi-

ences in hunting, fishing, food gathering and the use of different species of trees on the island.

"I have used wood from trees growing on Meares Island. I cut young cedar about 36 feet tall for fishing poles around Mosquito Harbour. I used to look for long straight cedars, the less branches the better, about six inches in diameter. I used driftwood for firewood. I have made two canoes on Meares Island. One canoe was made of driftwood and one was made of wood from Vargas Island. My wife made baskets from cedar bark gathered on Meares Island. Yew tree wood is used mostly for making paddles. Cedar, yellow cedar, and fir are used

for making oars. Yellow cedar is harder to find than red cedar."

The Meares Island court case resumed on October 28th and will continue for another two weeks until November 8th.

Roy Haiyupis will continue with his testimony and he will be followed by Elders Ernest David, Barney Williams Sr., Columba Frank, Margaret Joseph, Chief Alex Frank, and Chief Earl George

Other dates that have been set are: Nov. 25-29; Dec. 2-6; Dec. 9-12; Jan. 6-10/92; Jan. 13-17; Jan. 20-24; Feb. 3-7; Feb. 10-14; Feb. 17-21; Mar. 2-6; Mar. 9-13 and Mar. 30-Apr. 3.

The court case is expected to be completed in November of 1992.

ALL NTC POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS

All Nuuchah-nulth who are wishing to apply for post-secondary funding for the 1992/93 year are advised that the probable deadline for complete application packages to be received at the NTC Office is **JANUARY 31, 1992.**

Application forms can be picked up at the NTC Office in Port Alberni. Contact Charlotte Rampanen or Blair Thompson at the NTC, 724-5757 if you have any questions.

NUUCHAH-NULTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

November 21, 22, 23, 1991
Alberni Athletic Hall

Theme: "Revival of Traditions"

- * Land & Sea Claims
- * Self-Government
- * Interim Fisheries Agreement



Hosted by the Port Alberni Friendship Center.

All Nuuchah-nulth people are urged to attend.

DITIDAHT & PACHEENAHT ISSUE JOINT STATEMENT ON THEIR TERRITORIES

The Ditidaht and Pacheenaht Tribes have agreed to re-establish an alliance between themselves, so that they are speaking with one voice in determining the future of their traditional territories.

The two tribes made a joint statement and signed a declaration of unity at the Songhees Bighouse in Esquimalt on October 26th. One of their concerns is the continued exploitation of their traditional lands and

resources by other user groups, with no consultation from the two tribes. Their territories include the Walbran and Carmanah Valleys which are presently being fought over by loggers and environ-

mentalists. The Ditidahts and Pacheenahts feel that they have been left out of all decision-making processes regarding their traditional territories and now they are going to work together in order to secure eco-

nomical and cultural benefits for their people. The governments of this country have never given our people the recognition and acknowledgement of the fact that our forefathers had their own governmental system in place.

"On behalf of the Ditidaht and Pacheenaht Nations of Vancouver Island, and with respect to our Hereditary Chiefs who governed this territory in the past with one strong voice, we jointly and publicly reaffirm our traditional respect and recognition of our lands. "We must speak, live and act in unity, be of one strong mind and speak with one voice. "Our first step will be the signing of the historical agreement between our tribes in order that we secure economic and cultural benefits that come from this land."

The statement concluded with "Ditidaht and Pacheenaht Tribes do not recognize environmentalists voicing concerns on behalf of our people. We must all take the responsibility of communicating with one another ... to speak and teach ... to listen and learn. Only in this way can we proceed with proper respect for each other."

Ernie Chester told the gathering that "This statement is not an argumentative statement with any tribe or government or people. "This is concerning logging, environmentalists, hikers and so on. We would like to have a little input into what is going on," he said.

Everyone then shared a meal and following the lunch the Hereditary Chiefs signed an historic agreement of unity. Signing for the Ditidaht Nation were Chief Jimmy Knighton, Chief Richard Tate, Chief James Johnson, and Arnold Shaw signing on behalf of his father Chief Joe Shaw. Chief Charlie Jones Jr. signed for the Pacheenaht Tribe.

He has, throughout the years, made numerous other donations to the legal fund. Kleco to Chief Earl George, a true leader of his people. The NTC would also like to thank the following individuals for their recent donations to the Meares Island legal fund: Mildred Mac-

Lellan, Victoria, \$25; Linda Leonard, Vancouver, \$100; B.M. Martin, Sidney, \$250; Harold Little Jr. & family, Port Alberni, \$305. Your generosity and commitment is greatly appreciated by the Nuuchahnulth people.

He also spoke about alternate justice systems, mentioning Teslin in Northern B.C. as a model where clan leaders have a major role in sentencing. A concern expressed by the Chiefs and councillors included the response time in Zeballos and Okluge, as the RCMP serving the area are all stationed in Port McNeill. A similar concern was expressed by the Ahousat representatives. Two other visitors to the meeting were candidates for the provincial election, Gerard Janssen of the NDP and Gillian Trumper of the Social Credit party, who outlined their platforms and answered questions.

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Ditidaht and Pacheenaht chiefs making a statement about their traditional territories at the bighouse at Songhees.



Chief Charlie Jones Jr. signs a historic declaration of agreement between the Ditidaht and Pacheenaht Tribes. Seated next to him is Chief Jimmy Knighton and across the table are Chief Richard Tate, Arnold Shaw, signing for his father Chief Joe Shaw and Chief James Johnson.

OPEN INVITATION
 Memorial Potlatch for late Walter Williams
 November 16, 1991
 1 p.m.
 at Tin-Wis
 From the Williams Family

Thank you Meares Island supporters
 The Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council would like to thank Chief Earl Maquinna George for his generous donation of \$500 to the Meares Island legal fund. Chief George donated his NTC scholarship to the fund when it was presented in Ucluelet on October 5th.

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NTC meets at Ittattsoo

The Ucluelet Tribe hosted the Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council on October 5th and 6th for a regular NTC meeting. The visiting tribes were welcomed by Ucluelet Chief Councillor Bob Mundy. Chairing the meeting was NTC Co-chairman Richard Watts.

These proposals are for discussion and that they invite changes. "The issue is, will we have a third order of government constitutionally recognized," said Watts, and he recommended that the NTC join forces with other Native groups that have similar positions, to present something to the standing committee. "We should draft something that reflects Nuuchahnulth thinking," said Watts.

It was decided to go this route instead of participating in the Assembly of First Nations' 'Constitutional Circle' process. FISHERIES Charlie Cootes, Chief Councillor for Uchucklesaht, said that he would like some NTC meetings scheduled to deal with one or two specific issues, for example the fisheries and the land question. He also expressed his concerns about the management of the Henderson Lake sockeye, which had not yet returned. "The majority of our people don't have their supply of sockeye for the winter," said Cootes.

Several of the delegates echoed their concerns about the fishery ... "the damage to our rivers and lands by logging", "overfishing by the gillnetters and seiners", "the increasing amount of protest against the Native fishery by various interest groups". A motion was passed supporting the Uchucklesaht Tribe on their concerns of the Henderson Lake fishery.

USMA Social Worker Manjeet Uppal made a report on immediate and long-term approaches to suicide prevention. He talked about some of the immediate responses to what was described as a crisis situation in Port Alberni following the suicide of two youths there. The Port Alberni Friendship Center was opened on a 24-hour basis for two weekends "to provide recreation, refreshments, counselling and referral services, as well as healing or talking circles for any youths or adults that

required such services." A written report prepared by Manjeet and Debbie Little, the USMA Family Service Worker, made a number of recommendations for long-term approaches to suicide prevention. Some of the recommendations included: - need for development of ongoing support mechanisms for those youths who over the past few weeks have been identified as being at risk or in need of services; - establishment of a committee of resource people; - the need for a youth drop-in center; - the need for more youth conferences to provide a forum for the youth to talk about their concerns and make recommendations for change; - development of family activities/community events; - follow-up services for those who attempt or contemplate suicide. A motion was passed by the council to approve funding for a suicide prevention worker, utilizing Elder and peer involvement. The worker and the implementation of long-term proposals for the prevention of suicide would be for the entire Nuuchahnulth area, not just the Port Alberni area, as the need is throughout the whole area. Simon Lucas also made a presentation to the council, emphasizing the need for a conference to bring together "survivors of suicide" and to look at all aspects of suicide, with the hopes of finding some solutions. A proposed date for this conference was set for January 20 to 23, to be held in Port Alberni.

CONSTITUTION One of the first items of new business that was discussed was the federal government's constitutional proposals. On September 24th the federal government announced several proposals for constitutional amendments, including several concerning aboriginal people. A document released by the government outlined the proposals. It stated that "the Government of Canada proposes an amendment to the constitution to entrench a general justiciable right to aboriginal self-government in order to recognize aboriginal peoples' autonomy over their own affairs within the Canadian Federation."

The government also proposes "that aboriginal representation should be guaranteed in a reformed senate." "In order to ensure that the relationship between aboriginal and non-aboriginal governments is understood by all" and "to ensure a smooth transition, the Government of Canada proposes: * that there be a commitment by governments to negotiate self-government agreements with the aboriginal peoples; * that there be regularly scheduled First Ministers' Conferences on this subject; * that the general enforceability of the right be delayed for a period of up to 10 years from the time that the amendment is adopted; * that, during this initial stage, agreements reached in negotiations will proceed and that agreements reached will receive constitutional protection as they are developed."

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assistance for Life Skills Training for social assistance recipients. The two tribes and the NTC Health Board had already committed partial funding for the training. Edward Tatoosh, who is a Life Skills coach, explained what life skills training is about, and he highly recommended it. A motion was passed approving funding for the Opetchesaht/Tseshaht project, and with direction to add a program for the remaining Nuuchahnulth Tribes in the future. About 15 people are now taking the Life Skills Training and all reports are very positive.

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SUICIDE DISCUSSIONS GIVEN PRIORITY AT NTC HEALTH CONFERENCE

On September 9, 10, 11, 12 the Nuu-chah-nulth people gathered at Maht Mahs for a Health Conference, sponsored by the NTC Health Board.

Many health-related issues were on the agenda, however, because of several recent suicides and suicide attempts in the Nuu-chah-nulth community, it was decided by the participants to concentrate on this serious issue during the conference.

The conference was opened with a ceremony by Elmer Thompson and Charlie Thompson who "cleansed the floor".

Elmer explained that "this is how our people opened their meetings, so there would be no hard feelings and so no one would offend anyone."

NTC co-chairman Nelson Keitlah was the first speaker. "Some very serious matters are affecting our nation," he said, "a recent example being our young people who have decided that they no longer want to be living."

"If we save one of our people then we have a major accomplishment," he said. "How do we start listening to what their needs are?"

Co-chairman Andrew Callicum spoke about 'Native Alcoholic Children of Adults'. Relating mostly from his own personal experience he said that he looked at ways to release himself from al-

coholism.

He said that he had to look at all the things that angered his soul - the residential school, DIA, his parents' alcoholism.

"We look and we search today for all the things that we need and it's right here at our doorstep," said Andrew, referring to the words of wisdom of our elders.

At the banquet on the first evening of the conference the speaker was Simon Lucas, who spoke about his family experiences and what he has seen around him.

"One of our biggest problems," he said, "is our priorities with our children. We live in the richest country in the world and four days after welfare day some of our children are hungry," he said.

He spoke about addictions and the effects that they have on our children.

He also spoke about the "living hell" that survivors of suicide go through, after losing a loved one.

"We need to pool all our knowledge," said Simon, "and combat what's destroying us. We need to start a massive campaign and make our people aware of suicide. We need to hear from our young people."

"In closing I would like to say may all our children and Nuu-chah-nulth youngsters have a total fulfillment of life."

Elder Roy Haiyupis was the opening

speaker on the second day. He said that "the kids are our future leaders. Are we training them?"

"We have to start teaching our own, right from childhood," he said.

"We have to deal with drugs. Drug dealers are in our communities, sending our own people down the road to death."

"We have to bring our families back together."

"We need to recognize today how did our grandfathers deal with these problems?" Those were some of the comments of Roy Haiyupis.

Another speaker, who talked about alcoholism and how it touched her life was Joyce Joe, a Ditidaht, who went on to get her Masters Degree in Fine Arts, after a struggle with alcohol.

She said that we have to teach each other how to be healthy in our minds, bodies and spirits, as our families were before the arrival of the Europeans.

Most of the remainder of the conference was spent in group discussions about suicide and in an open forum where people expressed their feelings and concerns.

There were seven groups and following their discussions each group summarized what they talked about.

It was a very emotional experience for many of the participants, who were hurting deeply from suicides in their families but they

showed a lot of courage in trying to deal with these hurts and to offer some solutions for others.

Some of the discussion in the groups included:

-a need to communicate with your family, communicate love;

-young people need to feel the closeness of their peers;

-finding someone you can trust to talk to;

-don't tell your kids to 'shut up', they won't want to talk to you later;

-need for education on personal growth;

-the value of the higher power, the Creator;

-awareness of warning signs of a potential suicidal person

(behavior signs - eg. an outgoing person becomes withdrawn, depression, hopelessness, loneliness,

To name a few. . .

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The NTC Health Board will be hosting another major conference January 20-23, dealing with 'Survivors of Suicide' and other aspects of suicide.

Some other recent developments were the commitment by the NTC to support the establishment of a youth drop-in center in Port Alberni, and the approval of funding for a suicide prevention worker utilizing elders and peers.

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE CONFERENCE

An important conference has been scheduled for January 20, 21, 22, 23, 1992 in Port Alberni.

The "Survivors of Suicide" Conference will address a number of issues relating to suicide and will try to offer some solutions for the future.

The idea of the conference was brought forward by Chief Simon Lucas from Hesquiat, who has done a lot of thinking and soul-searching about suicide since the loss of his son in 1990.

Lucas told the NTC meeting in Ittattsoo on October 6th that some of the issues that should be closely examined at the conference included:

- addictions (alcohol, drugs, and others)
- what other groups are doing
- the family structure
- contradictions in our lives
- healing powers
- spirituality
- neglect and family violence
- incest and adultery
- unemployment and poverty

Hopefully what will come out of the conference are some solutions on how to prevent suicides in the future and how to deal with the grief, stress and guilt felt by those who are survivors of suicide.

If you want to assist with this conference or need further information call Simon Read at the NTC Health Board, 723-1223, or Simon Lucas (leave a message at the NTC, 724-5757).

Donations of food will be appreciated.

**Health Conference at Maht Mahs
Sept. 9, 10, 11 & 12, 1991**

by CORBY GEORGE

I was in attendance at this historic conference. I would like to take this time to thank the facilitators for having the insight to change the agenda to the immediate need.

Although there may have been some hurt or anger due to the change; it was most certainly important and much needed.

I learned from the Elders, ie. the Shorts from Kyuquot, Willie Sport from Ohiatt, Maurus McLean, Sam Johnson from Mow-achaht; Ida Thompson from Ditidaht; Roy Haiyupis from Ahousat; my relative Lily Michael from Nuchatlitz - to the quiet Elders who sat and listened; thank you, I learned from watching you listen and not interrupt or leave, such discipline, such a beautiful image, so much respect for the younger people.

The Elders have once again showed us by example, to not only hear, but to absorb and digest, to sometimes just sit back and let others lead, to be aware of ourselves and our feelings.

I can only say I not only respect you, I have a new feeling that you are all USMA to me. I just now started to understand the full meaning of USMA, it's more than just love and protection but very dear and special of which I can honestly say that USMA is not only meant for our children but for those who we hold dear and in a sense maybe stingy of or is it just saying mine to cherish and enjoy? Yes, it's all of these! Choo! Kleco to all the Elders.

To Gwen Titian: I thank you for being there in our circle on Day 2 of the conference, in the morning. We all broke up into small groups of about 10 to 12 people. Gwen and I had a small

group and our group was very courageous in dealing with growing losses. I hope and pray that these people go looking for more support and help, basically for someone who will listen. Also very important; don't go looking for all the answers! Some answers are better left with our Creator and some answers are just simply not there yet!

And Gwen, I encourage you to keep on doing what you are doing, and to all of you that volunteer, you don't need any formal training to be a good listener which is all we need to be sometimes to be a part of the support system. The conference left me with a better outlook - especially about home. I love living in Ahousat - I love being an Ahousat and I love working for Ahousat. Choo, God Bless. Hayu-coomlth-sheelh

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the Creator for strength, privileges. Get in the habit of doing this. In respect of ones' self, this is the truth!

The above statements were made by Nuu-chah-nulth Elders during USMA Elder's advisory meetings.

What we already know about ourselves, and finding out more.

Respect your body! Use your energy, and put it to use. Do for others, as they will do for you!

Even if you sit down and just listen to another person, just to pay attention.

Respect yourself, start getting ready for the coming year. Ask

Love and respect

Don't favor one child, love them equally, show them love and respect. Once love and respect is shown to the children they in turn will teach their children the values of love and respect. Once these two gifts are taught, the path to life will be happier. Alcohol and drugs can't teach children to love and respect, it will only take them way. Sober Urban Native Society Phillip George

A survivor of suicide

APRIL 21/1990. My brother Simon Lucas Jr. completed his suicide.

It turned out to be a day I know I'll never forget, because on this day, and many other days following, I experienced a feeling that just seemed to compare to no other.

This particular day started like no other day had ever started. I woke up in the morning scared and not knowing why.

I got home and was still feeling the same way. My wife, who tried so hard to help me, could not understand what it was I was going through.

I told her there was nothing she could do if I didn't know what the problem was, and that I needed to be left alone.

I had asked our Creator to help me understand what it was I was going through because I just couldn't stop shaking, crying and being scared.

My first reaction was that of relief for I later found out that what I was going through was a pre-mourning period.

The following days, nights, which later turned to weeks and months were filled with many different feelings. I first experienced anger towards many people that had assisted my brother in acquiring his drugs, towards those people who had assaulted him, towards my parents for the life they had given us, and even towards myself for having done things to him I know I shouldn't have, and finally towards my

brother for having left us the way he did.

I felt guilt for having to be angry at him, for past mistakes that I created towards him, for not taking him home when I should have.

I felt sadness for him having to live in a world that he tried to survive in, for my parents' loss of their youngest son, my sisters and brother for losing someone very special to them, and just for him being gone.

I went through a period of why's. Why did he do it? Why didn't he call, why didn't he tell us something, and always trying to find the answers.

AND I EXPERIENCED SHAME about my brother's suicide.

All these feelings, questions, and wanting answers all seemed to have taken place at once. And this is what I mean by the one feeling that I was, and at times still am experiencing.

After my brother's funeral a friend of my

Dad told him to get counselling or get help because he had lost a brother to suicide and it took him 15 years to deal with it.

That alone was, and still is, the best advice that can be given to anyone.

I no longer have to let the anger, sadness, guilt eat me up. I no longer have to feel the shame that I was experiencing from people saying it was wrong for him to do it, or from the church. And there are lots of people who need to feel that it's okay to talk about suicide and its effects.

My brother Simon completed his suicide by hanging himself April 21/90, a day also known to me as my birthday. Our family counselling has helped me alot in accepting the fact and in accepting the fact that I'm not to blame.

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Thank you Tim!

The planning committee of the Third Annual Nuu-chah-nulth Health Conference would like to recognize Tim George for his outstanding volunteer work during this conference. Tim was the only person that truly volunteered his help during this event. He was available throughout this conference and willing to help wherever needed. Volunteers play a critical role in community organizing! We need more people like Tim George. Thank-you Tim, keep your spirit strong!

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**NUU-CHAH-NULTH TRIBAL COUNCIL
 1991 ELEMENTARY/SECONDARY
 SCHOLARSHIPS**

Grade 1: Girls: 1. **Estella Charleson**, Hesquiaht, daughter of Karen and Steve Charleson; 2. **Jenny Touchie**, Ucluelet, daughter of Harold and Lori Touchie; Boys: 1. **Shane Keitlah**, Ahousaht, son of Nelson Jr. and Wilma Keitlah; 2. **Walker Watts**, Shuswap/Opetchesaht, son of Danny Watts and Joan Reid.

Grade 2: Girls: 1. **Angela George**, Tla-o-qui-aht, daughter of Cecilia George and Richard George; 2. **Samantha Touchie**, Ucluelet, daughter of Ladner and Marilyn Touchie; 3. **Christina Klotz**, Ucluelet, daughter of Mark and Darlene Klotz; Boys: 1. **Kenneth Watts**, Li'wat/Tse-shaht, son of George and Matilda Watts; 2. **William Severinson**, Ucluelet, son of Karen Severinson and Earl Mundy.

Grade 3: Girls: 1. **Samantha Robinson**, Uchucklesaht, daughter of Theresa Mathiassen; 2. **June Titian**, Ahousaht, daughter of Barry Titian and Denise Titian; Boys: 1. **Nelson Keitlah III**, Ahousaht, son of Nelson Jr. and Wilma Keitlah; 2. **Charles Doiron**, Tse-shaht, son of Esther Thomas and Charles Doiron.

Grade 4: Girls: 1. **Nola Campbell**, Beecher Bay/Ahousaht, daughter of Kathy Sawyer and Isaac Campbell; 2. **Amber Little**, Tse-shaht, daughter of Margaret Robinson and Howard Little; Boys: 1. **Brandon Linus Lucas**, Blackfoot/Hesquiaht, son of Lorraine Studdhorse and late Si Lucas Jr. grandson of Julia and Simon Lucas; 2. **Stanley John Bob**, Tla-o-qui-aht, son of Noreen Amos.

Grade 5: Girls: 1. **Serina Charleson**, Hesquiaht, daughter of Ruth Charleson; 2. **Jessie Thomas**, Ahousaht, daughter of Lil Webster and Wes Thomas; Boys: 1. **Jason Sam**, Ahousaht, son of Kathleen Sam and Thomas Sam; 2. **Jeff Mack**, Opetchesaht, son of Marlene Mack.

Grade 6: Girls: 1. **Cecilia Watts**, Tse-shaht, daughter of Anita Watts and George Watts; 2. **Helen Watts**, Tse-shaht, daughter of Richard and Faith Watts; 3. **Vanessa Amos**, Hesquiaht, foster daughter of Susan and Alan Wale; Boys: 1. **Ryan Frank**, Ahousaht, son of Karen and Clarence Webster; 2. **Ted Haggard**, Tse-shaht, son of Eileen and Dave Haggard; 3. **Sean Charleson**, Hesquiaht, son of Mary Anne Charleson.

Grade 7: Girls: 1. **Layla Charleson**, Hesquiaht, daughter of Karen and Steve Charleson; 2. **Marisa Bennett**, Ahousaht, daughter of Linda Marshall and Tony Bennett; Boys: 1. **Joseph Amos**, Hesquiaht, son of Donna Amos and Clint Fred; 2. **Wilfy Cootes**, Uchucklesaht, son of Wilfred and Susan Cootes.

Grade 8: Girls: 1. **Lynette Lucas**, Hesquiaht, daughter of Cindy Lucas and Linus Lucas; 2. **Bella Joe**, Ohiaht, daughter of Judy and Herbert Joe; 3. **Moir Barney**, Ucluelet, daughter of Leroy Barney; 4. **Bonnie Edgar**, Ditidaht, daughter of Linda Ermineskin; 5. **Yanny Barney**, Ucluelet, daughter of Leroy Barney; Boys: 1. **Cory Anderson**, Tse-shaht, son of Annabelle and David Anderson.

Grade 9: Girls: 1. **Crystal Clappis**, Ohiaht, daughter of Zelta Clappis and late Chester Clappis; 2. **Taryn Joseph**, Mowachaht, daughter of Jessie Joseph and Jack Johnson Jr; Boys: 1. **Richard Mundy III**, Ucluelet, son of Richard Mundy and Carol Astrom; 2. **Kyle Shaw**, Ditidaht, son of Maisie McPhee.

Grade 10: Girls: 1. **Christine Webster**, Ahousaht, granddaughter of Andrew and Sarah Webster; Boys: 1. **Morris Sutherland Jr.**, Ahousaht, son of Morris Sutherland.

Grade 11: Girls: 1. **Katherine Sterritt**, Tse-shaht, daughter of Jane Jones and Ronald Sterritt; 2. **Anita Charleson**, Mowachaht, daughter of Arlene Ganske and Connie Charleson; 3. **Rachel Watts**, Tse-shaht, daughter of Linda Watts and Rudy Watts; 4. **Michelle Dorward**, Ahousaht, daughter of Cecelia Joseph and Dave Dorward; Boys: 1. **Marc Audet**, Tla-o-qui-aht, son of Barb Masso Audet and Dan Audet.

Grade 12: Girls: 1. **Melanie Smith**, Tse-shaht, daughter of Clifford and Sophie Braker; Boys: 1. **Chris Charleson**, Hesquiaht, son of Sue Charleson.



Post secondary scholarship recipients included Tom Spetter, Ina Thomas, Walter Marshall, Jackie Adams and Verena Cootes.

1991 NUU-CHAH-NULTH
 POST-SECONDARY
 SCHOLARSHIPS

1. **Chateau Granville Scholarship.** Presented by the Chateau Granville Hotel. One scholarship of \$500 awarded to **Walter Marshall of Ahousaht** who is enrolled in Education at Malaspina College in Nanaimo.

2. **Chatwin Engineering Scholarship.** Presented by Chatwin Engineering. One scholarship of \$500 awarded to **Colleen Vissia of Opetchesaht** who is enrolled in her last year of English at the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg.

3. **Dan David Senior Memorial Scholarship.** Presented by the law firm of Rosenberg & Rosenberg. One scholarship of \$500 awarded to **Charlotte Coté of Tse-Shaht** who is enrolled in her last year of Political Science at Simon Fraser University in Burnaby.

4. **Degruchy Norton Scholarship.** Presented by the accounting firm of Degruchy Norton & Company. Two scholarships of \$500 awarded to **Colin Braker of Tse-shaht** who is enrolled at Simon Fraser University and to **Tom Spetter of Ahousaht** who is enrolled at Malaspina College.

5. **John Jacobson Memorial Scholarship.** Presented by the law firm of Jack Woodward & Associates. One scholarship of \$500 awarded to **Chief Earl Maquinna George of Ahousaht** who is in Anthropology & Native Law at the University of Victoria.

6. **Renate Shearer Memorial Scholarship.** Presented by the Nuuchah-nulth Health Board. One scholarship of \$500 awarded to **Ina Thomas of Ahousaht** who is enrolled in her 2nd year of Nursing at the Camosun College.

7. **Tommy Jack Memorial Scholarship.** Presented by the Nuuchah-nulth Health Board. One scholarship of \$500 awarded to **Jackie Adams of Ahousaht** who is enrolled in Psychology at Malaspina College.

8. **USMA Nuuchah-nulth Scholarship.** Presented by the Nuuchah-nulth Programme to a student enrolling in a Social Work Programme. One scholarship of \$500 awarded to **Katrina Clutesi of Tse-shaht** who is enrolled in Social Work at Camosun College in Victoria.

9. **Nuuchah-nulth Tribal Council Education Scholarship.** Presented by the NTC Pension Fund. One scholarship of \$500 awarded to **Verena Cootes of Ucluelet** who is enrolled in Education at UBC in Vancouver.

10. **Nuuchah-nulth Tribal Council General Scholarship.** Presented by the NTC Pension Fund. One scholarship of \$500 awarded to **Raymond Forsberg of Tse-shaht** who is enrolled in Arts at Camosun College.

CONGRATULATIONS!

We wish to extend our congratulations to Dave Vanwerkhoven of the Toquaht Tribe. Dave has now completed his commercial flying certificate and will complete his multi-engine instrument rating this winter.

OUTSTANDING NUU-CHAH-NULTH
 STUDENTS RECOGNIZED WITH
 SCHOLARSHIPS

The evening of October 5th was a special one for many Nuuchah-nulth children, their parents, and adult students as the NTC made their annual scholarship presentations.

The presentations were made following a banquet at the Ucluelet Secondary School.

Fifty elementary and secondary were awarded in the amount of \$200 each, and 10 post-secondary scholarships of \$500.

Making the presentations on behalf of the NTC were Ucluelet Hereditary Chiefs Lawrence Jack and Roger Roberts, while elected Chief Bob Mundy and Councillor Harold Touchie handled the announcing duties. Many of the students

made a small thank you speech upon receiving their scholarship and many of them spoke in their Nuuchah-nulth language, which filled the room with a great feeling of pride in these young people.

An example of the progress that the younger generation are making in learning their language was displayed when nine-year-old June Titian gave quite a detailed speech about her family history, using her Native language.

Another highlight of the evening came when Chief Earl George was presented with the John Jacobson Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$500.

Earl is studying anthropology and history at the University of Victoria and could not

attend the presentation so his son Lewis George accepted on his behalf.

Chief George received a standing ovation when Lewis announced that his father was donating his scholarship money to the Meares Island legal fund.

It was pointed out that Chief George is a good role model for his people by carrying on with his education and also that "you are never too old to learn".

Some additional scholarships were presented by the Hesquiat Tribe to their students who had received NTC scholarships on this evening.

Congratulations to all of this year's scholarship recipients and keep up the good work!



These elementary students were some of the young people that were awarded scholarships by the NTC.



Secondary students that received NTC scholarships (several missing).

Ha-Ho-Payuk News

TRICK OR TREAT
 It's time for the Monster Parade again and the children are excited. For them Hallowe'en is a time for dress-up and fun but for the rest of us here at the school it means that we're well into our new school year.

And it is shaping up to be a good year, with three new staff members comfortably settling in: Language Teacher/Natives Studies Aide, Linda Watts; Grade 3/4 Jim Brough and Learning Assistance, Collette Slater. We have a full house, with other new faces. We have a Native Language Teacher Training program which includes college courses, intense daily sessions on traditional teaching techniques and use of the curriculum, NTC CORE training (after Christmas) and finally practicum. This is seen strictly as a one year program, a starting point providing a foundation of basic skills for further training for the trainees: Lena Watts, Dorothy Wilson and Irene Lucas. All of whom are enthusiastic, energetic and show commitment to language and family traditions.

We have two volunteers on staff until November 28/91 from

Canada World Youth. Matthew Lumley and Baiq Naehan. Matt is a non-Nuuchah-nulth from Toronto and Naehan is from Indonesia. They are here for four days a week in the Kindergarten and Grade 1 classes. Also they have been involved with the Native Studies programs and have come to view Native education in a different light. They have a respect for Native people based on their observations and experiences. Matt spoke of a level of ignorance that no longer exists as his learning begins as he interacts with the children and staff at the school. Naehan shared her feelings with the City of Port Alberni in a letter in the AV Times expressing her feelings about the Native prayer that begins each day of school. They feel the Native influence everywhere in the school and our school is enriched by the experiences we share.

The newly formed fundraising committee have been meeting and working very hard. To date they have raised \$1,450. This is a very good start for committee members, Deanna Green, Lena Ross, Irene Robinson, Dorothy Wilson, Erna Robinson, Linda Watts

and Joyce Little. Activities include, Cumas days, luncheons, hot dog sales, car washes and catering to mention a few. Every month is busy. The children have been involved selling chocolates. For more information or to offer suggestions or help contact Lena Ross or Irene Robinson at Ha-Ho-Payuk School.

Also hard at work at the school is the Ha-Ho-Payuk Building Team, look for information in the next edition.

Board members are: Matilda Watts, Margaret Robinson, Deanna Green, Joyce Little, Pearl Gouchie; administration: Principal/Administrator Derek Lees, Cultural Co-ordinator, Kwastania, Administrative Assistant Marlene Mortensen.

The next regular board meeting will be: Wednesday, November 13, 1991. For time and place call the school at 724-5542.

Evelyn Georg
 Scholarship

The Ha-ho-payuk School would like to announce that the successful applicant for the Evelyn Georg Scholarship this year is Ray Sim. Congratulations Ray.

CORRECTION

Our apologies to Miss Junior Ahousat, Monica Tom, for getting her name wrong in the last two issues of Ha-Shilth-Sa. That should read "Monica". Sorry. . . Bob S., Editor.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Hesquiat people for supporting Amy Thomas of Nitinat when she went on the field trip to Vancouver with the school (for the John Kim Bell Concert). Marion & Elmer.

A.D.S.S SCOOP

We are finished first term already. November 1, 1991 is the last day for first term, report cards will be issued on November 14, 1991.

Again this year tutoring will be available Mondays and Wednesdays 3:30 to 4:30. Just come to the Counselling Dept. with your books.

Hello, I am April Titian from the Hesquiat Tribe. I work for the Nuuchah-nulth Tribal Council as Native Home School Counsellor at Alberni District Secondary School.

I am at ADSS Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Feel free to contact me anytime if you have any questions or concerns. 723-6251 Local 43.

NUU-CHAH-NULTH LANGUAGE PROGRAM REPORT

Well here I am this time with my first report on the Nuuchah-nulth Language Program, in which I am involved with.

The most important information that I am sharing with you readers out there, is that Bernice Touchie, my associate, and I travelled to Kyuquot and Ucluelet to meet with the Councillors and Elders fluent speakers.

We are having a great response from these people, who are more than willing to assist us in the language and culture teachings.

On both meetings

NTC Phone Numbers

To all Nuuchah-nulth members:

Just a reminder that the telephone numbers for our departments are as follows:
 Nuuchah-nulth Tribal Council... 724-5757
 Nuuchah-nulth Health Board.....723-1223
 USMA Family & Child Services...724-3232
 Nuuchah-nulth Economic Development Corp.....724-3131

We keep hearing about lack of communication among the Elders, adults and teenagers. It is the very young, eg. kindergarten students, who hunger for their Native language and culture.

The best solution to this problem is having community get-togethers at least two to three times a week. Also having potluck dinners to get acquainted with each other and asking the Elders to teach their dialects in their Nuuchah-nulth language.

So far I am teaching kindergarten children Native language verbally at the Port

Alberni Friendship Center every Thursday for two hours.

I am getting very good results with the children. However, Bernice Touchie and Tim Paul and myself have arranged a language program at A.W. Neill starting with Grade 7's which will be starting very soon.

Also we have or I have been receiving mail and inquiries from many people asking if we can assist them in starting a language program in their communities.

We will do our best to give a helping hand. I am overwhelmed in the interest that the Nuuchah-nulth people are taking in the cultural and language for the good of their people.

Smooth sailing until c'u or Cheerio pip and tally ho. Bye.

TAT

Happy Birthday

HAPPY "SWEET 16th" BIRTHDAY TO SOMEONE VERY SPECIAL

It's been 16 years since I first saw your bright eyes blinking in the bright lights of the delivery room. Those first moments are forever branded in my memory.

I remember "MOM" coming into my room, she had just seen you in the incubator down the hall. Her first words to me were, "She's real cute," as her eyes filled with tears she came over to me and gave me a hug.

If she were here on your special day, she would surely be as proud of you as I am, or I should say as WE all are.

When I start to really miss you I like to reminisce about all the good times and bad times and how we overcame all those bad ones. I especially think about the good feelings you gave to me as your mother, you never failed me as my daughter and confidante.

Do you remember when I told you about the time Mom sent you upstairs to get her teeth? You took forever that time and when I went up to check on you, you'd wrapped just about one roll of tissue around them.

And the time you got at a bottle of baby aspirin and just about ate the

whole bottle.

Always remember the times you went fishing with Dad and all the luscious meals he prepared (especially those little burgers he cooked, the ones that looked like little chocolate chip cookies) and how he took care of you.

I distinctly remember the pageant, the amount of time and energy you spent on your outfit and how excited I was. That total sense of pride I felt as you stood on that stage while I cried as Grandma Caroline held me.

And again how I cried out of sheer happiness for you when you were given those awards from the Kyuquot School.

Ever so slowly I came to realize that you would be leaving the nest and letting go of my apron strings as you venture out to Victoria for Grade 11.

Don't be afraid to go out and reach for greater opportunities and meet new friends.

In closing I would like to thank all the people who have had a positive influence on my daughter.

My dad, her teachers, including ELDERS, all the family (which probably means all of Kyuquot or the Westcoast), not to forget all our friends. Tla:ko, tla:ko or Kleco.

Love always and forever,
MOM (Natalie Jack)

GROUP OF FIVE

"Happy belated birthday" to the "group of five" who turned "SWEET 16" this year: Jenn Hanson, Sept. 1; Mary Ann Short, Sept. 8; Anthony Oscar, Oct. 1; William Cox, Oct. 8; Cynthia Vincent, Oct. 24.

Although none of you were here for your birthdays, I would like to wish you the best that life can offer you.

Take care and be good!! Great dreams and opportunity wait for you in the future.

Love from, Natalie

Nov. 26/89. Happy 2nd birthday Jennifer Williams. We love you & miss you. Jeff, Laverne, Sheri & Jason Cook.

We'd love to wish Lyse Frank a very "happy 16th birthday" to her, way up in Kyuquot. We hope you have a great day Lyse, love you lots.

Love Mom, Clarence, Ryan and Nelson.

We would like to wish Darcy Dick a happy 7th birthday on Nov. 18th. From your family.

Happy 6th birthday to Tabitha Louie on Nov. 17. From your family.

SOBRIETY

Today I am SOBER - FOR ME! There was once a time when I didn't think anything of SOBRIETY.

It all started off so innocently, two maybe three drinks at a party. That's how it all begins.

You think you have control at the beginning, but, ever so slowly that controls slips away.

One thing we alcoholics have to face is that after that first drink, we lose our grasp on reality. . . after a few drinks how long does the fun last?

When you think about it, not very long for most parties. It doesn't take long for all hell to break loose.

To honestly tell the truth, to this day I do not know when I got so dependent on alcohol, to that point where I just had to party all the time, well, every chance I got.

The memories still come back to haunt me of when I was hiding booze where I thought nobody would find it except me, when I lost all sense of responsibility towards my children or when I was so drunk I couldn't even stand. It's a scary feeling, that feeling of helplessness.

Do you know what the meaning of helplessness is? Well the dictionary defines it as "unable to help oneself or weak". That's where my beloved family and friends come in.

They were always there to remind me that I had to change my attitude and outlook on life. I remember when Jackie approached me about my girls and I must have gotten really obnoxious with her. I was told that I told her it was none of her business and to

leave me alone.

It was then that I experienced the loss of respect and self-worth.

I had also reached my lowest point possible, when I refused to listen to the people that cared for me, refused to see the disappointment in the eyes of the ones who loved me most.

They loved me enough to see what I was doing to myself and my family, and asked me time and time again, to try and quit.

Finally, I came to my senses. With my third little one on the way, I had to first clean up my act in order to regain my self-worth, to feel worthy of such a precious gift of life.

Before it was too late, I realized that my family needed me. For how could we be a "FAMILY" if the alcohol had taken my life or if my self-respect had been stripped to the point where I just didn't care for the rest of my life.

But . . . in order to bring up my children properly, the first step was to admit and accept the fact that I had a problem, was so dependent on alcohol and then finally set a good example for them by showing them that we could have fun, hopes, dreams and love in our home without the false security that alcohol gives some of us sometimes.

When I think back it seems like all through my life I was influenced by alcohol. Right from when I was a little girl. My dad worked in a logging camp all the time we were growing up, friends were brought home to celebrate, I don't know, days off? Maybe.

I went out for high school and it was then that I tried drinking a couple of times. I met my husband

and started to drink even more so probably because I realized that I was more independent and had easier access to alcohol.

And to think back on my drinking days I am "TRULY" sorry for any heartache I caused my two girls, Cindy and Priscilla, my son Henry is fortunate to not ever have seen me under the influence.

It has been seven years since I went to Kakawis for the six-week session.

I had one slip, but I promised myself that was going to be the only one, for the rest of my life. Now this past July was my fifth sobriety birthday. And it feels great.

My life today is much more together and I hope now all the alcohol that was ever in my system is flushed out forever.

I sit back and look upon my dad's children and how "he" (my dad) broke the cycle himself. He sobered up nine years ago this past April.

One by one . . . Archie, Paul, Janet, Pauline and myself followed his example.

Everyone needs someone to love and be loved by, and I thank the Lord for my husband, Henry and my three children, Cindy, Priscilla and Henry Jr. Thank you from the bottom of my heart to my dad, John Vincent, who put up with me when I tried to be grown up and mature when I wasn't even ready.

How I ridiculed him in my drunken stupor every time he came to see me.

Thank you dad for helping us to make the one intelligent choice.

Between your patience, caring and love we have grown to be responsible also, by your example we've learned to stay sober and

respect the fact that it is the best thing we can do for ourselves and our children.

Thank you so much to my special friends and family (Floss, Jan and Velina) who have either received a call from me at such odd hours of the day, or even an occasion or two, a scared knock on your door.

To Louise (Wee-zy) who has received numerous long distance calls from me, thank you for being there.

In closing, I would just like to take this time to sincerely congratulate anyone and everyone who has beaten that god-forsaken habit.

And for those who are now starting to realize that now is the time for a change for the better: "We can't do it for you, but we can do it with you."

Another special recognition goes to my mother and father-in-law. Their second sobriety is coming up fast, in December to be exact. They've definitely come a long way.

Happy birthday to all those who have and will be celebrating a Sobriety Birthday in 1991! So take care my friends and "One Day at a Time."

I would like to dedicate the Serenity Prayer to the people who have quit drinking and to those who are thinking about quitting.

SERENITY PRAYER
 God grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change. Courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

NATALIE JACK
 Kyuquot

Language renewal and maintenance - a practical guide

Please find following some extracts from an article by E. Brandt,

Arizona University and Vivian Ayoungman, Blackfoot Tribe, Canada. These areas of language can serve as thoughts to ponder or discuss with education committees prior to workshops planned for immersion or structured lessons.

Reality of language loss. If there is evidence that the language is not being successfully transmitted, that community may wish to consider a language renewal program. (Cultural interruptions have occurred where long absences occur from the family and the family no longer uses the family unit to transmit education.)

Language fluency is essential for tribal self-determination.

Factors in main-

taining the language.

- Language renewal is easy! We need only to speak the language so that we are understood and a response is possible. (Same as early language acquisition or learning "normally", this is why immersion programs work.)

- Normal speech will not result if only lists of words are taught. (One should talk to children all the time in the language using normal functional phrases.)

TIME IS REQUIRED for language input and practice. (Try to practice the language as a nuclear family.)

- Be aware of negative influences to language. Try to compensate translated material for pastime activities, scrutinize policies and attitudes affecting language. (A list of myths about language follow.)

- The success of immersion programs

depends on the language being learned and the status given to those languages.

- Where minority children are "submersed" in English and their Native language is not considered the results in overall achievement is low.

Myths about language learning and bilingualism.

1. The more English is taught, the more English is learned. Wrong. (The continued use of a first language assists in acquisition of the second. The larger the Native language instructor component, the better the students perform in English.)

2. Using the first language while learning English will cause a child to be delayed in language development or confused. Wrong or not necessarily true, delays are due to the use of English and the

lack of teaching the content areas in the child's first language.

3. Use of a Native language causes poor academic achievement. Wrong. (A body of research demonstrates that use of the first language improves academic performance.)

4. The Native language is obsolete and can't be used for modern things. Absolutely wrong!

Our Native orators today have displayed how our language can translate any concepts of teaching, learning, sociology, religion, philosophies, etc. As any language transforms we have also borrowed many terms from other cultures.

5. There are no materials which can be bought so we can't use the language. Wrong.

There are many models (careful which one you choose) and materials developed by

communities with relatively little money. As well the most effective immersion program requires only the dedication of existing speakers. Some models can tap the knowledge and experience of children themselves in making materials for others.

"With the advent of cheap computer desktop publishing today, any community can turn out typeset quality material and graphics in special alphabets for a low cost and low investment in time."

6. These kids can't speak any language. They're semi-lingual. Wrong, wrong, wrong.

This judgement is based on the old standardized conclusion by tests. (This theory is imply another version of old cognitive deficit models and ignores what sociologists has taught us about language variation. Our own Elders would never

speak of deficiencies as ours were tested in normal conditions in context of their own culture!)

7. Native language teaching is the responsibility of the family and no one else. Wrong.

The schools must also assist in its maintenance because pressure and the family situation has changed. Other agencies such as youth groups, sports clubs, cultural centres, etc. can promote language use.

(We can draw on our own experiences and data to determine the truths of many myths about language. We look forward to your participation in further workshops in the area of language and education. For now I hope this guide will help you in your programs.)

Submitted by Bernice Touchie, NTC Language Co-ordinator.

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- 2) Potluck Dinner
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Contact Gertie for more information at 723-8281.

The disease of alcoholism is still the most significant problem Natives must contend with.

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With the media bombardment we've been experiencing this past year on the social ills and grief created by cocaine and other narcotics, it's easy to overlook the consequences of excessive consumption of beer, wine, and spirits. The disease of alcoholism is still the most significant problem Natives must contend with. Fact is, it's the number one killer.

Since the arrival of the European settlers in the 16th century, Indians in North America have gradually undergone a terrible transformation, losing their lands, their Native traditions, and finally their spirituality.

The French, Spanish, and English fur traders introduced their own brand of alcohol to Native peoples as an enticement to form alliances, or as a bartering tool. It was without question the single most destructive element Natives have ever had to deal with. And they're still dealing with it today ... without much success.

Vast numbers of Native people are weighed down with problems associated with alcohol. It's a problem that affects not only individuals, but whole families, even whole bands. In his book "The Grieving Indian" former clergyman, counselor and alcoholic Arthur H. offers some penetrating insight into this continuing drama.

"Over the years, as I listened to close to two thousand Native patients share their inner problems and hurts, I began to see a pattern. Almost everyone was bothered by the same two problems - unfinished grieving and separation from their parents during childhood or early teenage years. They were also having difficulty with alcohol or drug addiction, but these seemed to be an attempt to escape the pain of other deep, emotional hurts."

Alcoholism then, is most often a way of escape from deeply-rooted psychological problems. Alcoholism is usually associated with symptoms such as low self-esteem, an urge to be needed, an

unhealthy desire to change or control others, and a willingness to suffer.

Native alcoholics are also characterized by delusions and denial, compulsive actions, and bitter resentment.

Now, more than ever, the Native communities must take a

stand against alcohol. Elders and leaders must become positive role models of sobriety and strength to break the generation patterns of alcoholism. Native culture and traditions must also be renewed in the family and community. And Native pride must be rekindled.

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Re-united after 16 years

June 30, 1991 was the happiest day of my life as my daughter Ruth Anita, whom I had not seen in 16 years was re-united with myself and my five other children.

A very special "Thank You" to Christopher Paul who helped Ruthie look for us. It took her two years for her to find us after she turned 18. Thank you Chris!

Thank you to my mom and dad, Armande and Barney Williams Sr. who went to Victoria, as soon as they heard from Ruth, and told her about her family.

Thank you to my family in Nanaimo who went to meet Ruth at my dad's place. Thank

you to my brother Ray Williams and family, my sister Cherie and her kids who came from Port Hardy, my sister Rose Fred and family, my auntie Margaret August, my brother David Williams, my brother Pierre Williams and Theresa, my sis Rose Williams.

Thank you to all my kids who prepared a special dinner for their little sister. Thank you also to my kids for the beautiful cake and gifts you gave Ruth and Chris.

Kleco to my brother Benny and Precious for coming to the dinner.

Also thank you Precious for the fresh strawberry pies. Thank you Pat and Levina

Williams and family for the flowers.

Thank you to uncle Bob Martin for speaking in our language and giving Ruth money.

Thank you to Bev Martin and kids, Cecelia George and kids, Joe Martin and Julie, John and Karen, Ruth's auntie Nellie Frank for coming to the dinner.

Thank you to my brother Barney Williams Jr. and Trina for phoning Ruth as they could not make it down.

Thanks again to everyone who made our weekend special and complete. We love you all!

Sincerely,
Cecelia Arnet
(Williams)



Back row, left to right: Dennis Martin, Brian Martin, Richard Martin; front row, left to right: Carol Martin, Ruth Martin (Ogilvie), Cecelia Martin and Marlene Martin.

New USMA staff work towards "Strengthening Nuu-chah-nulth Families"

The USMA Nuu-chah-nulth Family and Child Services Program has recently hired several new staff members.

Wilma Keitlah has been hired as the "Strengthening Nuu-chah-nulth Families" bookworker.

She is doing research and writing for this book which will document some of the traditional teachings and values that are being passed on by the Elders.

Wilma is presently gathering information from tapes of Elders' Advisory Committee meetings and conferences.

She will be working in consultation with USMA Elder Advisor Roy Haiyupis and other Nuu-chah-nulth Elders to ensure accuracy.

All of this information is being categorized for the book. Some of the categories include "Prenatal care", "Birth-infancy, the importance of touch, lullabies, preparing the infant for life", "Childhood - preparation for the responsibility of adulthood", "parenthood, Elderhood", "The role of the extended family", "The role of spirituality", "The concept of respect - Isaak", "The concept of the family circle."

This book, when completed, should be a very useful guide for strengthening Nuu-chah-nulth families and

should be of special interest to young parents.

Wilma Keitlah is an Ahousat Band member, originally from Tsehaht.

She is a graduate from the NITEP Program at UBC in 1988 and she taught for one year in Ahousat.

For the past two years she has worked in Port Alberni as a co-ordinator for a Work-Orientation Workshop, sponsored by the Haho-payuk School and School District #70, and as a CORE training program co-ordinator for the NTC.

She is presently on the Board of Directors for the Port Alberni Friendship Center.

Wilma is the mother of four children, three boys and a girl.

Betsy Mack, a member of the Toquaht Tribe, has also been hired by the USMA Program.

She works as an Elder's assistant, helping to organize Elder's meetings and luncheons, and is also working with Wilma Keitlah and Roy Haiyupis on the "Strengthening Nuu-chah-nulth Families" book, by typing the transcripts.

Betsy is a 1984 graduate from Alberni District Secondary School and she has furthered her education at

North island College, where she studied automated office programs, bookkeeping and receptionist courses.

She is working part-time with the USMA Program and will also be working on a part-time basis with lawyer Judy Sayers.

Another employee recently hired by the USMA Program is Ed Samuel, who is developing kinship charts for children in care of USMA.

Ed interviews family members and documents all the information into family data sheets.

He is also taking courses at North Island College and hopes, in the future, to pursue post-secondary education in the businesses field.

Ed worked previously with the NTC Health Board as an environmental researcher.

He is a member of the Ahousat Band and his interests include his two children, Ian and Nia, Connie, sports, audio/visual and bicycling.

Last but not least USMA has hired Leona Dick as its secretary/receptionist. Leona, from the Tsehaht Band, has worked with the NTC and the Tsehaht Tribe on the "front desk" since 1981.



Cecelia Arnet, Ruth Martin (Ogilvie), Barney Williams Sr., Armande Williams.

SPECIAL NEEDS RESOURCE HOME

The USMA Program is in urgent need of Resource Homes for Nuu-chah-nulth teenagers. The resource parents should have experience in dealing with difficult teenage behaviour. The parents will work closely with other members of a resource team including the USMA social worker, counsellor, child care worker and probation officer to help meet the needs of the child. Contact John Mayba, 724-3232.

Needed Immediately

USMA Nuu-chah-nulth Family and Child Services requires a **SPECIAL CARE HOME** (preferably Native) to provide long-term care in their home for a 14-year-old Native girl. The caregivers should be able to work closely with Social Workers and other professionals, and have prior experience with Child management. USMA will provide an extra rate plus the basic maintenance each month. Please contact Darlene Hoppner at 724-3232.

WOMAN'S PROGRAM

The Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council has employed Fikile Mlotshwa to facilitate the woman's program.

Her responsibilities include:

- assisting in the development of community-based plans to build on the strengths of women for the good of the whole community;
- assisting communities to identify people and resources to implement their plans and facilitate involvement of other NTC and community programs and services;
- keeping the band councils informed of project activities;
- travelling to all Nuu-chah-nulth communities to meet with Chief and councils and community leaders.

The following women were recognized by the women who attended the meeting:

Debbie Little: She is a caring person who has in the length of time devoted all her energies to the youth.

Elizabeth Gus: A single mother whose whole life has been a true struggle. Rather than giving into the system she took it upon herself to be re-educated and get

Meeting staff women of NTC: As a kick off, a meeting was called of all women working in the building of the NTC.

This meeting was an informative meeting to announce to the women the Woman's Program and to get ideas from the women.

At this meeting Fikile also introduced a project to identify those women within the NTC who make an effort to uphold the values and traditions of Nuu-chah-nulth women.

Since it was a new idea it was neat to see how the women made an effort to identify the women who to them was meeting the criteria.

This is not a competition. It is a recognition of those women who are in their own small way show leadership role in their care and dedication for their work and for other staff members.

She is a caring person who has in the length of time devoted all her energies to the youth.

A single mother whose whole life has been a true struggle. Rather than giving into the system she took it upon herself to be re-educated and get

away from the dependency of social assistance.

Kathleen Robinson: She comes from a very respectful family who contribute a lot to the community.

She is a very warm, friendly, knowledgeable, happy person.

Phyllis Sam: Because she takes the time to care for others whether needed during the day or at night.

Always willing to help out with other families, dinners.

Jeannette Watts: Dedicated, encouraging, objective person. Gentle assertiveness open-minded, confident person.

She has been there when needed and helpful.

She is approachable, caring and is in a position to have met and meet most NTC people.

She is concerned for the progress of women.

She is dedicated to NTC.

Devotes time, personal to get this program. Always puts other

people ahead of her own needs.

Anna Masso: Is always respectful. Cares for herself, presents herself well.

Carol Clutesi: Always acknowledges people, this is an important Nuu-chah-nulth teaching.

She also cares for herself, presents herself well and hears you.

The meeting also decided to acknowledge all other women, as Women of the Month within NTC for dedication, service to others and their work.

The meeting also decided that these meetings will be held every month and each month women will be recognized within NTC.



Jeannette Watts...Nuu-chah-nulth Woman of the month of October.

After 12 months one woman shall be awarded as Nuu-chah-nulth Woman of the Year.

The women also saw this as an example that could be followed in

the communities.

Challenge to Nuu-chah-nulth Women: The 1989 declarations of Nuu-chah-nulth women is written in Indian and English.

The challenge is to learn to say the whole declaration in Indian. Second challenge is to learn one Indian word a week.

Women's program logo: We ask all women who have the ability to draw. Our women artists within NTC, to draw a logo for the Woman's Program.

WOMAN OF THE MONTH: Jeannette Watts, therefore has been identified as Woman of the Month of October.

"They're extended family hey. Each child was being told, this is your relation. You can't intermarry because this is your relation."

"In a lot of ways we're talking about extended family because of this intermarriage because this is what a child was trained to do, trained to understand who your families were, your closest families were."

"Whatever you do, the family is the undergirding of our Nuu-chah-nulth society. And our ancestors knew that. And our laws, our customs were based on that undergirding formed by the family."

"Families can still keep in touch and they need to. We need to keep in touch. And this is part of what Cosmos was saying. The responsibility for anyone with any problem lies with the family cause this is the way our people were historically."

"... the potlatch, where the basis for our identity is. That's how we keep contact with ourselves, our family, our ancestors, those songs and other customs that have meaning for us, that have spiritual meaning for us."

"The family circle starts with your wife. You have links on that through your children. It's very important, keeping that family ring together cause what you're seeking, the answer you want is in that circle. You have to apply yourself to that ring. That's where the answers are, where the law is, the advice, concerning your family members. Follow policy, law in that circle by your participation. It'll be weak and you have a position that you're expected to hold. If you don't hold that position you have a weak link. Frustration sets in."

"Everyone knew where the host of the potlatch came from. It wasn't one person who stood up, it was three or four who stood up and said to the host, This is where you come from. This is how you're related to this person. This is how you came from this person. This is where you got this song from. And this is what we're talking about, the extensive families. That's what the potlatches were all about and this is what we're talking about."

"They took care. They took care when they had a child, when getting children, telling them how they will grow up right."

"This is what was said: You will not forget this. You will also say this, telling, because you will also have children, you will talk to them like this. It was generation to generation that they talked like this."

"The uncle, he will then tell him about the way it is, the way he is now related to, because this is what he really wanted him to know, why it was called a grandparent, where his grandfather came from, your dad, where his mother was from. His uncle who was from his mother's side. His grandfather to be. This is what they said, telling all."

"This were the first thing they spoke, to tell how much, how fond they were of them, when they had a nephew, niece, even the ones far away."

"They forget the haahuupa, the way they spoke to their children because this is all they did, telling how they can do right, telling them how they will grow up, to find the way they can be well, what they can eat, what he will hunt for. They would tell this to their children. They spoke gently. They weren't harsh."

"You will speak like this when there is a new generation, how you will lecture, when you have a child, because you will have children. This was the way our first people talked."

STRENGTHENING NUU-CHAH-NULTH FAMILIES

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THE TRIBAL PROPOSAL TO MAKE REGULATIONS ON CUMULATIVE EFFECTS GOES BEFORE THE FOREST PRACTICES BOARD OCTOBER MEETING

(Part 20 of a series about research on fisheries co-management by Nelson Keitiah of Port Alberni and Lyn Pinkerton of UBC, supported by a grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada)

On October 9th, the Washington Forest Practices Board held a special meeting to consider, among other things, a tribal proposal. The Washington State treaty tribes hope to get the Forest Practices Board to finally make regulations which set out the proper way to measure the impact of logging on fish and water quality. The regulations would put into law both the method of measuring the impact, and at what point logging has to stop to protect fish. (See Ha-shilth-sa, June 14th) The tribal leader explained:

"This is pretty much the same proposal we have put before the Timber/Fish/Wildlife Policy Committee this year, and the Sustainable Forestry Roundtable last year. (That was the forum of TFW co-operators plus the counties and new radical environmental groups that tried to reach agreement on cumulative effects, plus sustainable rate of logging and clearcut size). In both

cases it was rejected by the industry. But we have gotten the Departments of Fisheries, Wildlife, and Ecology to all support it. The environmental groups too.

"TFW and SFR were both consensus processes; since there was not consensus on this, we brought it to the Forest Practices Board at the last meeting. They promised to study it before this meeting. They promised to take some action by this meeting. Both the tribes and the environmental groups threatened to take the board to court if they did not act at this meeting. The judge in the Lake Roessiger court case last year already told them they had to do something about cumulative effects. But they have delayed and delayed."

What makes you think this will be any different?

"The governor met with the agencies on the Forest Practices Board. They met again for two hours last night. He didn't order them to vote for the tribal proposal. But he did say he hoped they could avoid a court case. It doesn't look good for him if the federal courts have to resolve political problems in his state. We have a very good case now on the Hoh River. It has been badly damaged by logging,

and we have it on videotape, before and after. But of course the tribes too would rather settle things politically if possible. We'd rather not go back to the old wars. When you are talking to each other, there are more possibilities."

So does this mean you have the majority of votes on the Board?

"We aren't sure. It might be a draw. There is a lot of legal uncertainty. The industry might try to find a way to take the board to court if we seemed to rule too arbitrarily on cumulative effects. We don't know which side would get the injunctions.

"But the board process will do one thing for sure. It will reveal to the public exactly what the industry is or is not willing to do. That is important, because public opinion will have a lot of weight in the end. After all, fish and water are both tribal and public resources, 50-50. Industry can't afford to look too unreasonable. If they do, there will be a public backlash in the legislature. So they have to compromise somewhere."

What about the environmentalists?

"Well, they might go to court too. But then, they already have, in the Lake Roessiger case, and the board keeps postponing action.

They too would be better off with a political process.

"We tribes are the key players in the political process here. We are the ones who help make the compromises possible. Without us, the industry and the environmentalists would be too polarized. They would never be able to reach agreements. The governor understands that. He knows that a process without us is not going to work. That is why I think eventually the board WILL come up with a cumulative effects package that is reasonable. Or at least make a start.

"So we play a key role. This time we are making the environmentalists slow down. We are asking them to wait a little longer before going to court. They are very worried about the process getting put off again. But we have waited a long time for this. We know it is a risk, but it is a better risk at the moment. Sometimes you have to just stop and bail out your canoe for awhile in order to get somewhere."

Where does it stand now?
 "The board has now taken our proposal, along with a set of questions they will put to it. They will go through a public review process, and come up with a response by January."

MALACHAN RESERVE RECEIVES COMMUNICATIONS GRANT

PORT ALBERNI - and CBC North application for this programming will be PEETS grant which will be available for the first provide access to a time to the 120 wider range of residents of the television programming Malachan Indian Re- for native people in the serve No. 11 on Nitinat area.

The Knowledge Network is the two satellite dishes, province's satellite three transmitters and television service which all related electronics focuses on the and engineering costs. educational, cultural, Native Affairs also needs of British Columbia residents.

The Communications Grant Programs, administered by the Ministry of Development, Trade and Tourism, were designed to aid in the development and extension of communications systems in British Columbia and are funded by the Provincial Lottery Fund.

15TH ANNUAL HESQUIAT BRAVES BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
 "6th Annual Richard Mack Memorial"
 JANUARY 17, 18, 19/92
 ALBERNI ATHLETIC HALL
 Senior Men's and either Intermediate Men's or Senior Ladies
 For more info contact
 Connie Charleson at 724-7133

New Staff hired in NTC Land Question Department

The Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council has hired Alan Tweedie as its Land Question co-ordinator.

Also hired recently was Jerry Jack Sr., as one of the Land Question researchers.

Allan takes over for Angela (Cantryn) Wesley who has now moved to Terrace.

Allan's work will include facilitating research towards a successful resolution of the land question and supervising the NTC Land Question staff.

The big question today is "what do we want?", says Allan, as we move towards settlements in the near future.

He expects some major announcements from the provincial and federal governments regarding the B.C. Land Question.

A lot of discussion and important decisions about the Nuu-chah-nulth land and sea claim will be dealt with at the upcoming annual assembly.

At this time Allan will be presenting some proposals for structuring and setting up of sub-committees.

Allan was born and raised in Bella Coola and he graduated from high school there. He has also taken courses in forestry and business administration.

He has worked as a commercial fisherman and in various positions in the forestry industry with the Ministry of Forests, with private companies and as a consultant.

He also has consulting and research experience in the area of specific claims with several native bands.

Allan is presently single and he is the father of two daughters. In his leisure time he enjoys camping and hiking, coaching soccer and playing racquetball.

With the hiring of Allan Tweedie, there are presently four employees working full-time on the NTC Land Question.

The three researchers that Allan supervises are Darrell Ross, Jack Little and Jerry Jack Sr.

Jerry Jack was also hired recently and he will be working out of the Ehatesaht Band Office, serving the four northern tribes of the NTC.

Jerry is a Hereditary Chief of the Mowachaht and has been a strong advocate and supporter of the resolution of the land question for many years.



MR. & MRS. ROBERT KNIGHTON

It's been one year for us now, August 11/90, and we'd like to say very special thanks to Mom and Dad. I know you guys went all out for us. Love you both.

Special thanks to the following:

- Cuz, Donna Morris, for making the bouquets, veil, boutonnières, centrepieces for the head table and all the other flowers;

- Monique Knighton for the wedding cake;

- Uncle Allan Dick and Auntie Agnes Dick for all their help;

- my sis, Joy Dick, for helping prepare invitations and wrapping cake and decorations;

- Christine Edgar - for being head cook. My mom, Deanna, for doing a lot of the cooking;

- all the cooks: Bessie Sam, Betty Knighton, Charlene Tate, Audrey Carlidge, Christine Dick, and Helen Dick;

- very special thanks to Dad, Jim Knighton, for all his help;

- thanks to Pam Gus, Lisa Watts, Lena Ross and Lorraine James;

- Decorators: Connie Dick, mom, dad, Leona, Gloria Ross, Sherry

Ross, and Alex Tutube; Cars: the people who let us use their cars: Gordon Morris, driver Wayne Dick, Dave Smith, Gloria Ross, Carl Edgar Jr.;

Dancers: Nitinaht Dancers: thanks Carl Jr. for setting up the practice. Special thanks to the Duncan people. Really appreciate you for accepting me into your family and the speakers from Duncan for sharing their knowledge on marriage and togetherness.

People: thank you to all the guests for putting up with the hot weather on this special occasion. Thanks for the many gifts we received.

Special thanks to Grandpa, Archie Thompson, for being Master of Ceremonies. Thank you, Bob Soderlund, for taking pictures for us on such short notice. They were great!

Also, thank you Eli Wesley for taking pictures. We appreciate it.

I'm sorry if I missed anyone, but it's not intentional. We thank you all. Thanks for making our day very special.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Knighton.

"TO SERVE AND PROTECT" We often refer to the duties of various police agencies by way of a motto such as this.

In Port Alberni, our local RCMP feels this motto is appropriate as well. "We will do all we can to provide the quality of service that the public has come to expect of our force," said Constable Dianne Monteith. Cst. Monteith is in charge of Crime Prevention and Victim Services in our town. As recently as February of this year, Cst. Pearl Gouchie has joined the Crime Prevention Unit as well, however, there is one unique distinction. Cst. Gouchie applies similar programs and initiatives as they pertain to the local Native Indian population.

Native Policing and Crime Prevention initiatives is of prime concern to the RCMP. Therefore, recently, a Community Sub-Station has become available to the public but primarily to the Native population on the Tsheshaht Reserve.

The initiative is hoped to be a small office on the second floor of the Tsheshaht



We'd also like to announce the birth of our son, Robert William Jacob Knighton, who was born July 6, 1991 at West Coast General Hospital.

From the proud parents, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Knighton.

RCMP OPENS COMMUNITY SUB-STATION AT TSESHAHT

Band Office where people can easily gain access to the RCMP without having to travel any distance or ever feel intimidated by the larger office located at 4110-6th Avenue.

The project will facilitate an open-door policy with Cst. Gouchie, in particular, on Tuesdays from 1 to 4 p.m. Here will be the availability for the residents of the reserve to report crimes which may have gone unreported previously. Here also is the opportunity to voice crime prevention concerns. Many of these concerns would be similar to those in town, break and enter; shoplifting; lost or stolen items; vandalism, etc. Cst. Gouchie will be more readily available

to hear these concerns and plan a strategy to deal with them. Perhaps films, literature or an open-door policy may address many of these.

This Community Sub-Station is one of the few in the province and will be closely monitored by Inspector Ben Andersen, the Officer in Charge of Port Alberni Detachment.

It is anticipated that very positive results will quickly be seen. It is hoped that the Native population on the reserve will value this new service and voice any concerns to Cst. Gouchie, who will act appropriately to either a crime prevention concern or a criminal concern.

Phil Fenn, the band manager of Tsheshaht

Band will be monitoring this program as well and has indicated that should this service be used as intended that the RCMP would receive a larger office with more time availability for use by our local members of the RCMP.

Inspector Andersen and Cst. Gouchie invite any concerns to be directed to either the office at 4110-6th Avenue or to the Community Sub-Station on Tuesdays from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Tsheshaht Band Office.

K.R. Harrach, S/Sgt.

HOT SPRINGS HOTLINE

New rates for the Matlahaw Pride are as follows:

From Hot Springs Cove to Tofino	Seniors \$ 5.00...\$10 return
Youth	\$10.00...\$20 return
Adults	\$20.00...\$40 return
Leave Hot Springs	9:00 a.m.
Arrive Tofino	10:00 a.m.
Leave Tofino	12 noon
Arrive Hot Springs	1:00 p.m.
Leave Hot Springs	1:30 p.m.
Arrive Tofino	2:30 p.m.
Leave Tofino	3:15 p.m.
Arrive Ahusat (student pickup)	3:45 p.m.
Leave Ahusat	3:50 p.m.
Arrive Hot Springs	4:30 p.m.

Note: This schedule is in effect until further notice. Also Matlahaw Pride will only carry a maximum of 10 passengers per trip.

The Hot Springs Lodge is open for the winter, so if you want to get away for a quiet weekend keep the Hot Springs in mind. Rates. . . \$75 per couple, \$15 per extra person. Maximum of four people per room. Row boats are included.

Fire Prevention: The Hot Springs Cove School held a fire prevention poster contest. Donated was \$10 by Julia Lucas from her store "Tu-paut-muckweelth". The first prize winner was Clinton Thomas. Clinton's poster will be sent to a nationwide poster contest for fire safety. Way to go, Clinton. There was also a second prize winner with a prize of \$5 donated by Max and Karen Bishop. The

winner was Erica Tom. Way to go Erica!

Speaking of Karen and Max, the teachers of Hot Springs Cove, they are the proud new parents of a 7 lb. 12 oz. bouncing baby boy, who was born on Oct. 20/91 at 7:14 a.m., at Vancouver, B.C.

Karen and Max went to Vancouver on October 11/91 to await the arrival of Sam, who came into the world nine days later. Congratulations to you Karen and Max.

Speaking of teachers, the Hot Springs Cove School hired a new teacher for the primary grades for the year. Yes, they would like to welcome Chris Thompson.

Did you know? . . . The people in Hot Springs Cove consumed 200 pounds of rice in one month. That's enough rice to feed the people of Ethiopia for a whole year.

The people in the Nuu-chah-nulth used 2,000 rolls of tissue in one week. That's enough tissue to go across the Island lengthwise. (Sick humor courtesy of April L.)

To the Hesquiat Band members. . . could you please get your children registered and please send in your addresses and phone numbers. We need them in so we can send you mail. (Hesquiat Band Office).

The Hesquiat Band would also like to wish those people who are celebrating their birthday in October and November. . . a happy birthday!

In Loving memory of Anthony L. (Tony) Fred
Nov. 13/46 - Oct. 20/87

TRUE UNDERSTANDING
WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND:
Joy.....until we face sorrow
Faith.....until it is tested
Peace.....until faced with conflict
Hope.....until confronted with doubts
Trust.....until we are betrayed
Love.....until it is lost

Gone but never forgotten, and in our prayers, always. Always remembered by Your wife Cheryl, and Precious Babies Harry, Matthew, Thomas, Renee, Melissa & Melanie Fred.

Memory of Nan, Martin Saxie Sr.
At home on the beautiful hills of God,
In the valley of rest so fair,
Sometime, somewhere, when our work
is done with joy we should meet them
there. Remembered always,
Gloria Fred

Remembering Nanny Margaret Shewish
No one knows how much we miss her,
No one knows the bitter pain we have
suffered, since we lost you life has
never been the same.
In our hearts her memory lingers
sweetly, tender, fond and true,
There is not a day, dear Nanny that
we don't think of you.
Love forever,
from her great grandchildren
Christine, Amanda, Catherine and
Samantha Fred

In the Loving Memory of Christopher Saxie
Days of sadness still come over us,
tears in silence often flow memories
keep him ever near us,
though you left us 11 years ago.
Love,
Goddaughter Gloria Fred

In the Memory of Grandfather & Great Grandfather Martin Saxie Sr.
You are not forgotten, dear Nan,
nor ever shall you be,
As long as life and memory lasts
We shall remember you.
Love always,
Gloria, Gerald Jr., Christine, Amanda,
Catherine, Samantha Fred

In the Loving Memory of Martin Saxie Sr., Martin Jr., Issac Joe.
I thought time could never reconcile me to my loss.
I thought that to the end of living it would be my
cross, a heavy weight that I would have to carry to
the last, but time was kinder than I thought -
grief died and sorrow passed.
I thought I'd lost forever all my joys in lovely things,
I never thought my heart would leap to greet a friend
once more - and listen to the welcome sound of footsteps
at the door.
Once again within the magic web of life I'm caught.
Time is kind, for time it's healing brought.
Remembered
Bertha Gus

For all those who have lost a Loved One:
Let My Spirit Go

Let my spirit go
for your sadness slows my journey
This path I chose to follow
is flooded with your tear

Let my spirit soar
That I may protect you
better than in life
No longer am I chained to earth and pain
but finally free

Let my spirit sing
louder than thunder
longer than it takes a cloud to block the sun
And with my song I'll journey onward
to find my place in the universe

Let my Spirit Go

This was written for my Uncle Simon
and Auntie Julia Lucas, however, I am sure
they will be glad to let me share it with all
those who have lost a Loved One.

Thank you,
Gwen Titian

In the memory of brother
Chris Saxie

Though all must suffer loss and grief
Time is kind and brings relief
The passing of the healing years
deadens pain and dries tears.

At first, hearts break and sorrow numbs,
no words consoles, no comfort comes,
But slowly the quiet mind, life flows
back. The day we meet in the promised
land, we'll walk together hand in hand.

Remembered always,
Sis Bertha Gus

"In the Loving Memory"
Margaret Shewish

We are sad in our memory,
lonely are our hearts today,
for the one we loved so dearly
Has forever been called away.
We think of her in silence,
no eyes may see us weep,
But many silent tears are shed
when others are asleep.
Love forever,
Grandson Gerald Fred Jr. and wife Gloria

æekhuu! æekhuu!
Thank you to the many people
who came to sit with me while
my brother was in the hospital,
and at the time of his death.
To the ones that brought food.
Wilma Keitlah, Mae Titian,
the Robinson girls, Kathy, Erma
Irene. You girls have been
taught well. Also to my children,
grand-children who give me
strength. And to Simon Dennis
for the prayers I really needed.
?uušy 'akšix?icuuš
Harold Little and family. (Sr.)

In Loving Memory of my Brother
Wilson Little.
The memories of our childhood
days will always be cherished
and of the days gone by.
Rest in peace my dear brother
Lovingly remembered
Harold SR.

KLECO!

On October 2, 1991
our dad, grandfather,
great grandfather
Wilson William Little
was hospitalized with a
grave illness. October
16, 1991 he slipped
away to his final rest.

Prior, during, and
after his illness, there
were many, many
phone calls, cards, flow-
ers; for all these kind
gestures and tremen-
dous support we are
grateful for.

To list a few:
Songhees Band,
Nuchatlaht Band,
Ahousat Band, for guid-
ance and support
Elders and Hereditary
Chief of Ahousat,
Hannah White of
Nanaimo, Louie and
Eva Frank. Your never
failing support we are
grateful for.

Pat, Joe, John,
Archie, William, Luke,
Guy, Paul, Maxine,
and families.
Kleco.

Marlene and Peter
Williams, Larry and
Gina Swan for the gen-
erous use of unlimited
time of your vehicles,
thank you.

Jack and Rosie
Little, your untiring trips
to Victoria from Port
Alberni almost daily,
your presence was

A letter of thanks

Edwina & David
Peterson wish to
express their sincere
gratitude and thanks to
family and friends for
their comforting words
and deeds when mother
Ruby passed away.

Thank you to all those
who brought food to the
house and those who
prepared and served at
the luncheon, and those
who gave donations.

To Cyril Charles, Bunt
Cramner, Pauline
Braker and Joy
Hamilton.... thank you
for being there when we
needed you.
Kleco! Kleco!

POET'S CORNER

**"Sometimes I wish I were an Eagle"
Dedicated to my family**

Like our Great, and Powerful Eagle, I sometimes wish that I had his strength, courage, and his keen sense of direction. "Sometimes I wish I were an Eagle" and if I were to be just like he, I'd fly over our entire universe in any direction I please, and look at it like, I've never looked before. To feel the freedom - To have the freedom, is all that I would ask for. He seems to know when I need him the most, As he soars freely above me, I close my eyes knowing that he is near, and I think of him, and me as if we were one, to do as we please. In my heart, and in my mind, I will never forget our great, and powerful Eagle. For it was he that showed me how to stand my grounds. It was he that showed me my sense of direction, and it was he that showed me courage - courage to be as free as he will always be. "Thank God for our Great, and Powerful Eagle."

N.A. Webster
Ahousat, B.C.
1991

YESTERDAY...TODAY AND TOMORROW

There are two days in every week about which we should not worry, two days which should be kept free from fear and apprehension.

One of those days is YESTERDAY with its mistakes and cares, its faults and blunders, its aches and pains. Yesterday has passed forever beyond our control.

All the money in the world cannot bring back YESTERDAY. We cannot undo a single act we performed; we cannot erase a single word we said. YESTERDAY is gone.

The other day we should not worry about is TOMORROW with its possible adversities, its burdens, its large promise and poor performance. TOMORROW is also beyond our immediate control.

TOMORROW'S sun will rise, either in splendor or behind a mask of clouds - but it will rise. Until it does, we have no stake in TOMORROW, for it is as yet unborn.

This leaves only one day - TODAY - any man can fight the battles of just one day. It is only when you and I add the burdens of those two awful eternities - YESTERDAY and TOMORROW that we break down.

It is not the experience of TODAY that drives men mad - it is remorse or bitterness for something TOMORROW may bring.

Let us, therefore, live but one day at a time.
AUTHOR UNKNOWN

DEADLINE
The next deadline for the Ha-Shilth-Sa is Wednesday, Dec. 4th.

Luke and Maria (a) George
Marriage is a very special
time in a person's life
Always be the best of
friends and your life
will always be happy.
I'm the happiest Dad in
the world. Happy 2nd
Wedding Anniversary on
Sept. 23 (belated).
Love Dad



Brian Keith George
It has been a joy to watch
you grow in your 4 years of
life. A very special Happy
Birthday on Sept. 20 (belated)
grandson.
Love Grampa

(L) is for our land we lost
(A) is for our Aboriginal Title
(N) is for Negotiation time
(D) is our destiny that we will achieve

(S) is for our Sovereignty
(E) is for our Elders
(A) is for ancestors that were here before us

(Q) is for the numerous questions that come upon us
(U) is the unity that must be between us
(E) is for the efficiency that is needed
(S) is for the solitude we seek
(T) is for the time frame
(I) is for the issues that we are dealing with
(O) is for the opposition we are up against
(N) is for the nonsense we have to go through to prove to the non-Native that we were here first. But the fact is that they already know!

By Lisa R. Gallic,
Tseshaht Land/Sea Question Co-ordinator

No Guarantee

You have to love from the heart
Knowing someday it'll be torn apart
Your heart will cry for many a day
Still wishing she was here to stay

Love is a powerful obsession
Why hide it, tell her your confession
You have to love from deep inside
Show her your feelings, what's to hide

To hold and hug, even a gentle kiss
Or look into her eyes and see her eternal bliss
Just to reminisce on the time you had
Brings silent tears, your heart so sad

So they say there's many fish in the sea
My heart is locked, and they don't have a key
I'd swim an ocean to be by your side
Walk the longest river, that my heart cried

Never take the game of love for granted
Someday she'll be gone, even if you chanted
Respect and love before it turns to hate
For someday it'll be too late.

WILLARD GALLIC JR.

"EXISTENCE"

The environment, with the land,
and my blood are one.
Obvious to the fact that it
was my Forefathers who shed
their innocent blood for this,
my land.....

Through this I get strength, as
my strength is in my blood
and the stream flows from
my Forefathers.....

My blood is rich with values,
and flows with integrity and
with a heritage full with
songs, dances and spirituality is
my tradition.....

My tradition is in the strength
of my people, as through
countless generations we survived
the times and seasons of
our existence.....

R.B. Edgar

1992 NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER & DANCE

Enjoy a fun-filled evening in Victoria
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 For tickets see: Marie LaFortune, Pam Webster,
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PAFC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

	WHEN	WHERE	TIME
Teen Drop-In:	Nov. 15,22	PAFC	7:00 pm-1:00 am
Intermediate Basketball Tournament:	Nov. 16 & 17	Maht Mahs	
Ray Samuel Lahal Tournament:	Nov. 29, 30 & Dec. 1	PAFC	
Sr. Men's Basketball Tournament:	Nov. 29, 30 & Dec. 1	Alberni Athletic Hall Maht Mahs	
PAFC Christmas Dinner	Dec. 17	PAFC	5:00 pm



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New Board Elected for PAFC

The Port Alberni Friendship Center had their annual general meeting on November 6th.

After dinner and reports from the board of directors and staff, elections were held for a new board.

Elected to a one-year term were Wilma Keitlah and Patty Surette. Six people were elected to a two-year term: Sharon Styan Jr., Danny Samuel, Jeff Cook, Al Little, Maureen Sager and Ed Samuel. Also nominated but declining were Pearl Gouchie and Linda Ermineskin, who agreed to step in if there was a vacancy in the future.

Charlie Thompson (chairman), Julia Chum, Jennifer Hastie and Jack Little will remain on the board to complete their two-year term.

Pearl Gouchie, Linda Ermineskin and Geri Wesa were thanked for serving on the board during the last term.

New Phone at Hesquiatic Band Office

An auto-tel and fax are being installed in the Hesquiatic Band Office (this week?)
 The number for both will be 734-8570.

MEMORIAL POTLATCH FOR CHARLENE CHARLIE & FRANCIS CHARLIE SR. December 28, 1991

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4 PM Start

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- Edgar Charlie & family
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NOTICE

To all parents & school kids

The Kyuquot Band Council is going to take action in the problems that have been happening with teenage drinking, bootlegging, supplying drugs, breaking and entering and vandalism.

The council is going to remove the problem people or children from Kyuquot. This is being done with the help of the Tahsis RCMP.

This is a measure for parents to start taking action with their kids and to bring control to our community.

Parents see to it that kids abide by the curfew of 10:00 o'clock. Counselling and discipline start at home.

KYUQUOT BAND COUNCIL

NOTICE OF EMPLOYMENT

The Ahousat Chief and Council are pleased to announce the establishment of the "AHOUSAT HOLISTIC RECOVERY CENTRE".

This centre will provide addiction out-patient treatment, aftercare, outreach and prevention services, as well as serve victims of family violence and child abuse. The centre will be located on the Ahousat reserve and should be in full operation by October 1992.

At this time the centres board of directors invites applications for the following positions:

- 1 Senior Counsellor
- 1 Addition Counsellor
- 1 Youth Counsellor
- 2 Shelter Counsellors
- 2 Child Care Workers
- 1 Janitor/Maintenance Person

Qualifications: Grade 10 (minimum; sobriety (two years minimum).
Desired qualifications: Candidates of native origin will be given preference; candidates who live in the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council area will be given preference; ability to speak a native language (West Coast).

Work Experience: Experience in the addiction and/or human service field is preferred; experience in working with children and young adults, and demonstrative office experience.

Note: Selected candidates must be prepared to undergo 11 months of training. The training will consist of classroom and practicum outside the community, plus on-the-job training at the centre.

Application deadline: November 18, 1991.

Please send your resume to:

E.G. Consultant Services
 R.R. #1, Site 5, C-9
 Fanny Bay, B.C.
 V0R 1W0

Attn: Edda Grant

You may also fax your resume to this number: 604-335-1310.
 For further information please call: 604-335-0963 (ask for Edda).

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY YOUTH WORKER NUU-CHAH-NULTH ALCOHOL & DRUG PROGRAM — SOUTHERN REGION

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To provide preventive information about substance abuse and positive alternatives.

To assist with counselling for youth in need.

To make referrals for treatment programs.

To develop networks for continuing support of youth dealing with substance abuse problems.

To promote cultural awareness as a basis for self-esteem.

To report to and receive suggestions from Band Councils.

To maintain a schedule of regular visits to the communities.

To work co-operatively with associated Tribal and other agency program workers to achieve best results.

Qualifications: Preferred qualifications include Grade 12 graduation plus completion of a college certificate program in substance abuse prevention or a related field, and at least one year of similar experience and knowledge of Nuu-chah-nulth communities.

Closing Date: When a suitable candidate is identified.

Reply including a resume, to the attention of: Manager, Nuu-chah-nulth Health Board, P.O. Box 1280, Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 7M2.

Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples

The Prime Minister announced on August 27 the establishment of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, to be co-chaired by Georges Erasmus, former National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations and the Honourable René Dussault Justice of the Quebec Court of Appeal.

The Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples was created to examine a broad range of issues concerning aboriginal peoples in Canada with a goal of bringing about their full participation in all aspects of Canadian life.

The Commission is presently seeking to fill a number of positions in its organization and wants a significant portion of its staff to be aboriginal persons. Candidates with specific experience in the areas of Administration, Communications including Translation, Public Consultations and Research are invited to submit their resumes as soon as possible to:

Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples,
 P.O. Box 1993
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 Ottawa, Ontario
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NOTICE OF OHIAHT BAND MEETING NOVEMBER 16, 1991 PORT ALBERNI FRIENDSHIP CENTER 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Purpose of meeting is to review items which were to be discussed at the October 12, 1991 meeting which was postponed. Introduction of band manager, review of financial statement, etc.

A current list of Ohiaht off-reserve band members is being compiled, please notify the band office of your address and telephone number at 728-3414, or by writing to P.O. Box 70, Bamfield, B.C., V0R 1B0. At the informal meeting which took place on October 12, 1991, a list of names and addresses was started, HOWEVER, this list was removed from the meeting room. This has resulted in the information which was to be sent out to the membership not being forwarded as was promised. Our apologies. Please notify the office directly of your address. Thank you.

RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL STUDY

THE NUU-CHAH-NULTH HEALTH BOARD

IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

A study of the impact of residential school on Nuu-chah-nulth people will be started early in 1992.

We want to hear from you if
 YOU went to residential school, or
 YOUR PARENTS went to residential school,

And you are willing to be interviewed about how this has
 has affected your life.

If you are interested, please leave your name and
 and telephone number with Roberta Jones
 at the Nuu-chah-nulth Health Board office.

Telephone 723-1223

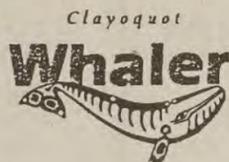
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Nuu-chah-nulth

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