

Prof hosts aboriginals conference

Press Release

The time has come for the aboriginal people to tell their stories and discuss how the past has affected them, says Sidney Pobihushchy, chairperson of the department of political science at the University of New Brunswick, Fredericton. Prof. Pobihushchy is an organizer of the upcoming conference which examines the 500-year relationship between the aboriginal and immigrant societies.

The three-day conference, *Celebration of Survival: Meditations on Aboriginal-European Relations Past and Future*, is the collaborative effort of UNB's political science department and the Fredericton Native Friendship Centre. Conference registration begins at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 30, at the Hugh John Flemming Forestry Centre and opening ceremonies, observing traditional native custom, follow at 8 p.m. Conference presentations take place all day Friday and Saturday. Friday evening, a Maliseet Feast at Communautaire Ste. Anne will feature such aboriginal delicacies as corn soup, salmon, fiddleheads, moose stew, venison, harvest vegetables and rice pudding. The \$40 participation fee includes all conference events as well as lunch and the feast. The fee may be waived in special

circumstances. Participants may register in advance by calling 453-4826.

"For five centuries now the aboriginal people have experienced oppression, genocide, torture and debilitation," says Prof. Pobihushchy. "We want to celebrate the people who have survived. They are the people of this land. As immigrants, our culture is a stranger to this land. What we need to do is focus on the history of our relationship and move towards healing. It's important to come to an understanding so we don't repeat the horrendous mistakes of the past."

Prof. Pobihushchy says the conference offers the immigrant society a chance to reflect on the past relationship can be built. "It is a coming together of the two societies. It's an opportunity for the aboriginal society to speak and be heard and for the immigrant society to listen and to hear. We hope this will be a step towards greater harmony."

Conference presentations will address such topics as conflict resolution, economic relations, resistance to Europe's political domination over the aboriginal cultures, and the relationship between nature and the human species from the perspective of the variety of indigenous American cultures and history.

Among the guest speakers

presenting the aboriginal perspective at the conference are authors Isabelle Knockwood, who wrote *Out of Depths: The Experiences of Mi'kmaq Children at the Indian Residential School at Shubenacadie, N.S.*, and Jeannette Armstrong, educated in the traditional ways of the Okanagan and director of the En'owkin International School of Writing in Penticton, B.C.; Andrea Bear Nicholas, a Maliseet historian and Chair of Native Studies at St. Thomas University; Billy Two Rivers from Kahnawake, Que., spokesperson for the Mohawk Council, and Ernie Benedict, a Mohawk traditionalist.

Offering a cross-cultural perspective are Montreal author Robert Vachon, editor of *INTERculture*, Anne Simon, and Marta Torres, a Guatemalan labor lawyer known for her involvement in the struggle against oppression and a resource person for the Vancouver-based Christian task force on Central America. Jim Potts, an inspector for the RCMP in Ottawa, will participate in a special discussion on security issues.

Funding for the conference was provided by the Department of Canadian Heritage, the Cooperative Security Competition Program EAIC, Military and Strategic Studies, the University of New

Brunswick, St. Thomas University and the Union of New Brunswick Indians. contact Sidney Pobihushchy or David Bedford in UNB's political science department at 453-4826.

For further information please

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Alumnus to give inaugural speech for law lecture series

Press Release

A senior member of the New Brunswick Bar will give the inaugural lecture in the Visiting Practitioner Series sponsored by the faculty of law at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton on Thursday, October 7, at 7:30 p.m.

Donald M. Gillis, QC, who has practiced law in Saint John and throughout the province for almost 50 years, will speak on *The Practice of Law: 1946 to 1993 and Beyond*. Both the lecture and the reception that follows are open to the public and free of charge. It is expected that the event will be well attended by law students and members of the practicing bar.

Born in Centreville, N.B., Mr. Gillis was admitted to the Bar of New Brunswick in 1946, after graduating from UNB as a member of a class returning veterans. Mr. Gillis has acted in many high profile New Brunswick cases, such as the successful defence of the Irving newspaper interests on combines charges in the 1970's and the successful defence of former premier Richard Hatfield on charges of possession of marijuana.

Mr. Gillis has practiced since 1946 with the Saint John law firm of Gilbert, McGloan, Gillis. He has served as president of the Saint John Law Society and was named a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers in 1975. In 1958 Mr. Gillis received the designation Queen's counsel and was at the time the youngest person in New Brunswick to

have been so honored. While a member of the Royal Canadian Artillery, Mr. Gillis rose to the rank of major and was awarded the Military Cross in 1944.

This will not be the first lecture that Mr. Gillis has delivered at UNB Law School. He was class valedictorian in 1946 and lectured on various subjects from 1951 to 1958. In his lecture on Oct. 7, Mr. Gillis will reflect on changes in the practice of law,

notably on how matters have become more complex and how costs of litigation have risen.

The inaugural lecture will also mark the 101st anniversary of the founding of the UNB Law School. The Visiting Practitioner Series is one of the six projects supported by the Heritage Fund, established by graduated and friends of UNB's Law Faculty on the occasion of the centennial of the founding of the faculty.

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Movie Review. Come join us to watch, review and discuss some well known and not so well known movies. This week "Regarding Henry", a movie about getting our priorities straight. All are welcome. After our spaghetti supper. Monte Peters' Residence, Apt 2, Bridges House.

Spaghetti Suppers. Every Fri. 5:00pm. Monte Peters' Residence Apt 2 Bridges House. All welcome.

Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. For an evening of bible study, discussion, fellowship and fun join us every Thursday evening at 7:30 PM, Monte Peters' Residence, Apt 2 Bridges House. All are welcome. topic for discussion Oct. 7, "Why are you at University?"

"Seekers and Doubters" An informal opportunity to ask questions about relationships, spirituality, God, meaning of life, etc. Every Wednesday, 3:30 PM at Monte Peters' Residence, Apt 2 Bridges House. All are Welcome.

Christian Meditation. The Christian Meditation group which follows the teaching of the Benedictine monk John Main (1926-82), will meet every Monday at 7:00 PM starting September 20, 1993. At Monte Peters' Residence, Apt 2 Bridges House. The meetings are free and non-denominational. Everyone is welcome. For more information contact Kathleen Crowley 459-9623.

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