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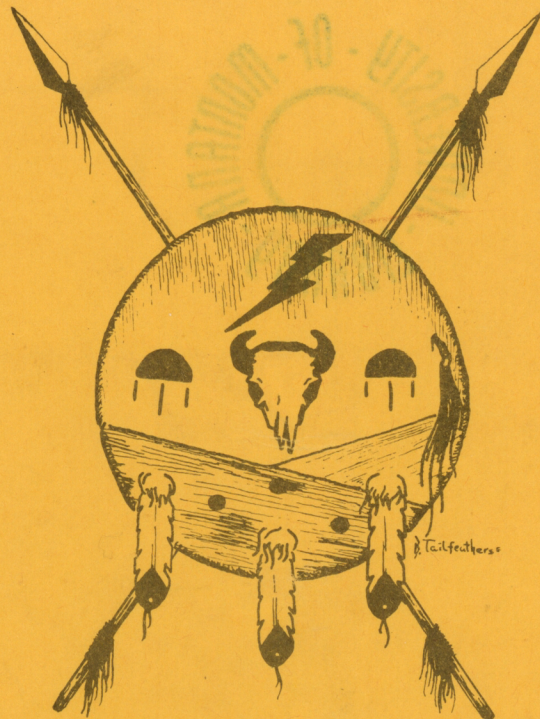
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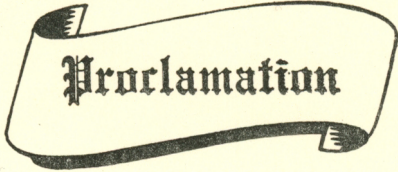
ANNUAL **KYI-YO**
INDIAN YOUTH
CONFERENCE

FOURTH MAY 4, 5, 6, 1972
UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA
MISSOULA, MONTANA

“BEING INDIAN IS”

gift

State of Montana



WHEREAS, The culture of the American Indian is an expression of belief in beauty and life and the harmony of man with his environment; and

WHEREAS, It is particularly important at this time that all Americans understand and appreciate Indian culture; and

WHEREAS, The struggle of the American Indian to protect his people and land from the advance of the frontier is one of the bravest chapters in all of the history that has been written in this country; and

WHEREAS, It is essential to remember and honor these great Indian patriots; and

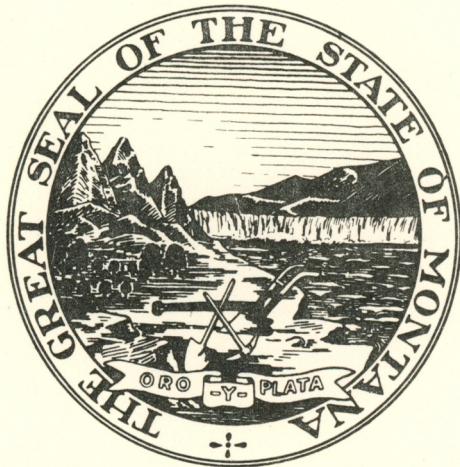
WHEREAS, Indians in Montana today are become increasingly active in political and economic affairs; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FORREST H. ANDERSON, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim the week of May 1-7, 1972, as

INDIAN WEEK IN MONTANA

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



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF MONTANA to be affixed. DONE at the City of Helena, the Capital, this18th.....day of April....., in the year of our LORD, one thousand nine hundred and ..seventy-two

ATTEST:

Frank Murray
FRANK MURRAY
Secretary of State

Forrest H. Anderson
FORREST H. ANDERSON
Governor of Montana

PROCLAMATION

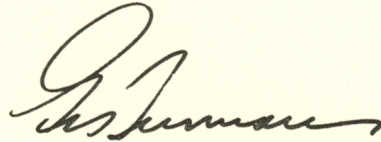
WHEREAS, the 4th Annual Indian Youth Conference is scheduled for May 4, 5, and 6 of the year 1972 to better acquaint people, young and old, as to the political issues of the American Indian, and,

WHEREAS, it has always been the policy of the Kyi-yo Indian Club, in the past, to invite people of all race, color, or creed, to better acquaint them, and give them a better understanding, of the American Indian and their culture,

BE IT RESOLVED, that, I, Mayor George Turman, of the City of Missoula, do declare the week of May 1st to the 7th as

"INDIAN WEEK"

in the City of Missoula.



George Turman, Mayor

SEAL



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KYI-YO INDIAN CLUB

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Member of the Flathead Tribe
Junior: School of Arts and Sciences
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Kyi-Yo Indian Club President
Academic Year 1971-72

1964 Graduate of Busby Boarding School

Salish tongue: Ah! cast skil-chalt thlu Que slacht, lam lemt thlu
Quil Ah yat thl-wha...

Translation: Hello! Good day my friends, I'm very glad that you
are here today.

I extend to you, on behalf of the Kyi-Yo Indian Club, University of Montana, a welcome and an invitation to participate in the Fourth Annual Kyi-Yo Indian Youth Conference.

The theme of this year's conference is "BEING INDIAN IS...". As in past years, the conference will focus upon high school and college age youth from primarily a six-state area and Canada.

It is of a personal belief that by your very attendance at this conference, then truly we all understand what "BEING INDIAN IS!" We, as Indian people, still possess those treasurable "intricacies of life" that we so dearly value. Whether the occasion be a tribal celebration, reservational gathering or for purposes of assisting one another, we, as Indian people, still "feel honored" to be a part of that event or occasion. It is a feeling that strongly binds Indian people together. As time passes, so will we, but an everlasting guarantee we will have of our future generations is that they to will understand what "BEING INDIAN IS".



PANTZER STATEMENT ABOUT KYI-YO CONFERENCE

I heartily welcome to the University of Montana all participants in the fourth annual Kyi-Yo Indian Youth Conference.

Like all universities, this institution must recognize, understand and preserve Indian culture. UM has been fulfilling its responsibility in several ways.

In 1970, the UM Indian Studies department was established. The opportunities the department offers are threefold: diverse students become acquainted with Indian culture; Indian students are drawn to UM and glean knowledge from a campus community; two cultures, American and native American, confront each other.

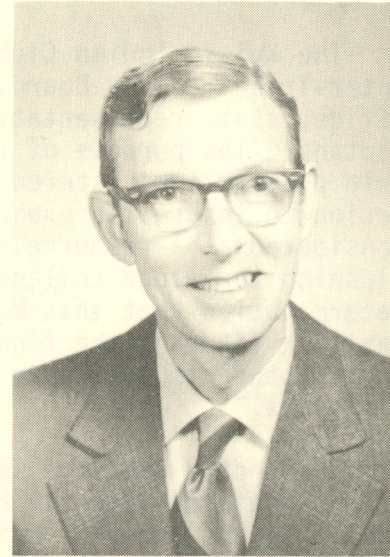
This program, among other types which are administered on campus and throughout Montana and neighboring states, hopefully will increase understanding between all citizens and will demonstrate the importance of the native American culture to the heritage of all Americans.

Countless persons are responsible for the success of UM Indian programs. But to the Indian people themselves goes the most credit -- to those Indian citizens such as Kyi-Yo Club members who have worked hard to strengthen present programs and have aided in the initiation of new ones.

I wish you an enlightening conference and a worthwhile visit to UM and Missoula.

CITY OF MISSOULA
CITY HALL
MISSOULA, MONTANA 59801

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



*Kyi-Yo Indian Youth
Conference
University of Montana
Missoula, Montana 59801*

Dear Conferees and Guests:

The people of Missoula are delighted that your Fourth Annual Conference is taking place here. The public activities associated with your conference, particularly the parades, have been a source of enjoyment to the entire community. I know from my participation in your conference last year that the community also benefits in terms of social awareness from your discussions and the presentations of your distinguished guests.

The people of Missoula take their role as your hosts seriously and we shall be doing what we can to make your stay with us pleasant as well as informative.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George Turman".

George Turman

HISTORY OF THE KYI-YO INDIAN CLUB

The Kyi-Yo Indian Club as host to an educational meeting with the Montana Inter-Tribal Policy Board, BIA personel from the local agencies and area office, state representatives and Indian students from other colleges in Montana. The purpose of this meeting was to review the Federal Grant Scholarship program administered by the BIA. The BIA had not taken appropriate action to insure the exemption of Indian Claims Judgment funds from being considered as a resource in determining financial need of the Indian students planning to attend college or those already attending school. HEW made a determination that this money should be considered and used on a pro rata basis in figuring the financial aide package for the Indian students. The Indian students were very concerned and involved in the validity of these determinations.

The Indian students were invited to the First National Speech Tournament at Dartmouth College, in Hanover, New Hampshire. Ten team's participated from the following schools: Brigham Young University, Arizona State University, Dartmouth College, University of Colorado, Stanford University, University of New Mexico, University of South Dakota, University of Minnesota, Oklahoma Northeastern State, and the University of Montana. As a team the UM placed second in Extemporaneous Speaking, third in After Dinner Speaking and third in Debate. First place individual awards were received for Best Extemporaneous Speaker and first for Debate by the UM.

The Kyi-Yo Indian Club and the Indian Studies program sponsored the First Montana Indian High School Student Debate Tournament. The Indian students coordinated all the activities and were involved in all phases of the tournament. Six high schools were represented with four students from each school. Indian people have an unlimited amount of potential in many fields among which is; public speaking and have one of the most outstanding oral traditions of any people - contrary to the old sterotype that Indian people are shy, quiet, withdrawn and backward. Through this tournament we hoped to break down this sterotype. One of our intentions for hosting such a tournament was to give recognition to the talents and to provide the opportunity for these to develop, especially in the younger Indian students.

A group of UM Indian students participated in the Indian Education Conference in Helena. These students expressed their viewpoints concerning Indian Studies Programs.

The students are very active in sports participation such as intra-mural basketball and softball. The players participated in many of the Indian Basketball Tournaments both in and out of the state. This year we placed second in the Homecoming Parade.

The Indian students have been involved and worked on various activities throughout the year and devoted their time for these projects which we feel are significant and meaningful to Indian people. Without the support, co-operation and participation of the UM Indian students we would be unable to host the Kyi-Yo Indian Youth Conference.

AWARENESS was the format for the Third Annual Kyi-Yo Indian Youth Conference. The conference was focused upon trying to make the young Indian of Today AWARE of what was happening to them. Panels spoke on Native American Religion, Termination, Tribal Governments and other pertinent problems.

Keynote speakers:

Ed McGaa

- Assistant Director of Indian Education in Minnesota. A declared adherent to Tradition Indian Culture, Mr. McGaa has twice been pierced in the Souix Sun Dance.

Vine DeLoria, Jr. - Then Director, Ethnic Studies Program, Western Washington State College, Bellingham, Washington. Former Executive Director, NCAI. Author of Custer Died For Your Sins and We Talk - You Listen.

Entertainment was in the form of a very moving and emotional concert by Mr. Floyd Westerman, from the Sisseston-Wahpeton Reservation in South Dakota.

Estimated attendance at the conference was 3,000.

Conference Coordinators were Jack Plummage and Gerald Stiffarm.

"BEING INDIAN IS..."

Is the theme for this years Fourth Annual Kyi-Yo Indian Youth Conference. In more recent months there has been an ever increasing proponderance to the question of WHAT IS AN INDIAN??? The conference this year will try to air some of these puzzles.

HISTORY OF THE UM KYI-YO INDIAN YOUTH CONFERENCE

The Kyi-Yo Indian Youth Conference was conceived by a minimal number of University of Montana Indian Students during the academic year 1968-69. The conference has since grown at a rate never really anticipated by the Kyi-Yo Club.

O-TAK-SEEK
/
(Yesterday)

AH-NHUTS
/
(Today)

WA-PAK-KEE
/
(Tomarrow)

With these three Cree Words the First Annual Kyi-Yo Indian Days Youth Conference was born.

Keynote speakers:

Robert Bennett
Ben Reifel
Iliff McKay
Arnold Olsen

Entertainment:

Ed Wapp
Jay Silverheels

Special Guest:

Miss Indian America XVI - Thomnsina Ruth Hill

Conference Coordinator was Mrs. Doreen Huffer

"EDUCATION IS YOUR MOST POWERFUL WEAPON.
WITH EDUCATION YOU ARE THE WHITEMAN'S EQUAL:
WITHOUT EDUCATION YOU ARE HIS VICTIM."

-Plenty Coups

The Second Annual Kyi-Yo Indian Youth Conference was focused on EDUCATION. Much prestige was added to the conference because of a keynote adress by the Honorable Edward M. Kennedy, Congressman from Massachusetts.

Keynote speakers:

Lehman Brightman
Alonzo Spang

Entertainment:

Buffy St. Marie

Conference Coordinators were Mr. George Harris and Miss Thelma Stiffarm.

FOURTH ANNUAL KYI-YO INDIAN YOUTH CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

"BEING INDIAN IS..."

PANELS

- Panel I - Comparison of the Glasgow Project and the United Tribes of North Dakota Development Corporation
- Panel II - "Being Indian Is...Knowing Your Rights"
- Panel III - "Being Indian Is...Joining Effective Indian Organizations"
- Panel IV - Governors of Montana stating their Indian Platforms
- Panel V - Indian High School Debate Team Winners. Resolved: That the Tribal Councils do not represent to its capacity the Indian People

WEDNESDAY - May 3

1:00 P.M. Continuous Registration in the basement of the Indian Studies Building, 730 Eddy St., Missoula

THURSDAY - May 4

9:30 A.M. Opening of 1971-72 Conference. Opening address by Ruben Snake, "Being Indian Is..."

10:00 A.M. Tom "Bearhead" Swaney --- "Being Involved"

10:30 A.M. Panel Discussions
University Ballroom

1:30 P.M. William Veeder, "Indian Water Rights"

2:30 P.M. Panel Discussions

8:00 P.M. Miss UM Kyi-Yo Indian Queen Contest
University Theater. \$150.00 Kyi-Yo Indian Club Scholarship awarded to the contest winner. Scholarship given in the name of Billy Mills.

Contest will be judged on the following criteria:

Appearance	-30%
Personality	-20%
Talent & Originality	-10%
Indian Knowledge	-40%

10:00 P.M. Rock Dance - All Indian Rock Band

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE CONTINUED

FRIDAY - May 5

9:30 A.M.	Leon Cook, President of NCAI
10:30 A.M.	Panel Discussions
1:30 P.M.	Panel Discussions
6:00 - 8:30 P.M.	Banquet Guest Speaker - Billy Mills University Center Ballroom
10:30 - 1:30 A.M.	Rock Dance - All Indian Rock Band

SATURDAY - May 6

10:00 A.M.	Panel Discussions
1:30 P.M.	Parade
2:30 P.M.	Exhibition Dances University Clover Bowl
7:00 P.M.	Pow-Wow University Center Ballroom BRING YOUR COSTUMES

EVERY CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PARADE THROUGH DOWNTOWN MISSOULA!!!

PANELS - STATEMENT OF PURPOSE - PANEL MEMBERS

FOURTH ANNUAL KYI-YO INDIAN YOUTH CONFERENCE

PANEL I - Glasgow Project & United Tribes of No. Dak., Development Corp.

The Glasgow Project Issue will be reexamined. If you'll recall, it was a controversial issue in the year of 1970 and 1971. The United Tribes Development Corporation of North Dakota runs a similar project. Only, this is tribally run but with the same goals.

PANEL MEMBERS:

1. Executive Board - Glasgow Project
2. Executive Board - United Tribes Development Corp.

PANEL II - BEING INDIAN IS ... KNOWING YOUR RIGHTS

This panel will deal with the rights of an Indian. Each panel members, are very knowledgeable in this field and will talk specifically to Indian rights as it relates to his topic.

PANEL MEMBERS:

1. BARNEY REAGAN, Director, Montana Legal Services Association.
TOPIC: Rights of an Indian as it relates to his tribe.
2. RUSSEL MEANS, Director, Cleveland Indian Center
TOPIC: Social Rights
3. Percy DeWolfe, Senator, District No. 29, Glacier County
TOPIC: Credit
4. JOHN T. VANCE, Commissioner, Indian Claims Commission
TOPIC: Treaty Rights
5. JIM BEAR GHOST, Assistant Executive Director, Indian Opportunity
TOPIC: Indian Education

PANEL III - BEING INDIAN IS ... JOINING EFFECTIVE INDIAN ORGANIZATIONS

This panel will deal with various Indian organizations that are set-up throughout the United States for the good of the American Indian.

PANEL MEMBERS:

1. Ozzie Williamson - Former Chairman of American Indian Alliance
2. WYMAN J. MCDONALD, Executive Director, Tri-State Tribes, Inc.
3. MERLE R. LUCAS, President, Helena Indian Alliance
4. ANN MASSEY, Director, Qua Qui Corporation
5. DALLAS HOWARD, Chairman, Montana State Low Income Organization and
Candidate, Governor of Montana.

6. ROLAND KENNERLY, Chairman, Inter-Tribal Policy Board

PANEL IV - CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR OF MONTANA STATING THEIR INDIAN PLATFORM

These people will be exact and right to-the-point in stating what they would do, if they were elected Governor in relationship to the Montana Indian.

PANEL MEMBERS:

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|---------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Lt. Governor Tom Judge | 4. Dallas Howard |
| 2. Frank Dunkle | 5. Ed Smith |
| 3. Dick Dzivi | |

PANEL V - FIRST MONTANA ALL-INDIAN SPEECH AND DEBATE TOURNAMENT WINNERS

This should prove to be very interesting as it involves the youth and self-expression in relation to Tribal Council Representation.

PANEL MEMBERS:

1. Harlem High School Debate Team
2. St. Ignatius High School Debate Team

FOURTH ANNUAL KYI-YO INDIAN YOUTH CONFERENCE

"BEING INDIAN IS ..."

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Mr. Rueben Snake

Mr. Snake is currently the Education Director for the Nebraska Indian Inter-Tribal Development Corporation from Winnebago, Nebraska. Recently he came out with a pamphlet entitled, "BEING INDIAN IS...". We are using his title as the theme for the 4th Annual Kyi-yo Indian Youth Conference. Just recently this pamphlet has been illustrated and put into booklet form.

We are very fortunate in having Mr. Snake here to attend the Conference.

Mr. Tom "Bearhead" Swaney

Mr. Swaney or "Bearhead" as he is better known, is an enrolled member of the Flathead Reservation. He is currently serving a term on the Salish and Kootenai Tribal Council.

There was a recent move to terminate the Flathead Reservation. The people of the reservation organized and made a bold stand against it. It was people like Bearhead who for the love of his people and land, fought the hardest. Because of such leadership, the Flathead Reservation was not terminated.

Swaney or "Bearhead" is the former Director of the Flathead Ranger Program - a unique program and one of its kind - the program is involved with keeping pollution off the reservation, keeping the wild animals in their original habitat, restocking lakes and streams, working for alternatives for chemical, pesticidal pollution in our streams and lakes, they have in operation a fish hatchery and work to eliminate the ecology problems that we are faced with today.

LIKE CHIEF JOSEPH, BEARHEAD BELIEVES, "THE EARTH AND MYSELF ARE OF ONE MIND."

Mr. William H. Veeder

Mr. Veeder is currently the Water Conservationist and Water Specialist for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington, D.C.

He is very much respected in the Indian world today because of the stand he took in the Pyramid Lake incident. Indian water rights were being violated and Mr. Veeder, siding with the Indians, was very much in opposition of this.

In the eye of the storm stood Mr. Veeder, a noted and experienced lawyer who enjoys a unique constituency of loyalty throughout Indian country for his long-standing defense of Indian water rights nationwide. For years alone and infrequently heard voice within the labyrinth of Interior, Veeder together with Leon Cook and hydrologist Phillip Corke shifted into high gear under Indian Commissioner Louis R. Bruce in alerting the tribes to the peril of their water rights and assisted in their defense.

Mr. Leon Cook

Mr. Cook is a member of the Red Lake Chippewa's in Minnesota, he is presently the President of the National Congress of American Indians. He is the youngest man in the history of the organization to be elected to this position. Mr. Cook is a former employee of the Bureau of Indian Affairs he worked in the Economic Development Branch in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Billy Mills

Mr. Mills is currently the Assistant Director to the Commissioner Of Indian Affairs. He is also an Olympic Gold Medal Winner and was elected on of the 10 Most Outstanding Men in America for the year 1971. Mr. Mills was the first American to win the 10,000 meters in the Olympics.

Mr. Mills is a member of the Pine Ridge Sioux, Pine Ridge, South Dakota. He is currently helping to organize an Indian Hall of Fame at Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Kansas.



ENTERTAINMENT

Mr. Paul Littlechief

Mr. Paul Littlechief, is a full-blooded Kiowa-Comanche from Lawton, Oklahoma. He is a member of the Kiowa Thiah-Piah Society.

Littlechief made entertainment headlines in Law Vegas in 1970 when he announced plans to take his show to Alcatraz.

"If Bob Hope can go to Vietnam to entertain the troops, then littlechief can go to Alcatraz to entertain ours," he said.

"My biggest ambition is to become the first Indian ethnic comedian."

"It's a wide open field since there are no real Indian comics. Most people think of Indians being shy and introverted, you know, and I feel I can help overcome this impression, and in the process might help my people."

The Littlechief troupe also toured Asia and worked the Tokyo night club circuit, with two weeks in Okinawa and Hong Kong.

So Paul Littlechief of the 1970's is the first ethnic Indian comic in show business. He certainly has the background and credentials!

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1972 KYI-YO INDIAN YOUTH CONFERENCE

COMMITTEES AND CHAIRMAN

Coordinator	---	Tom McKay Emery Gray Kevin Howlett
Finance Committee	---	Gerald Stiffarm
Publicity	---	Belva Rivera
Clerical	---	Deanna McNabb Chris Reed
Housing	---	Charles Collins
Arts & Crafts	---	Virginia Brazill Agnes Ortiz
Parade	---	Gabe "Sam" Grant
Cultural Dance	---	Gabe "Sam" Grant
Queen Contest	---	John Pambrun Pam Rousette
Registration	---	Dean Matt
Banquet	---	Charles "Jack" Plummage
Entertainment	---	Emery Gray
Novelty	---	Gabe "Sam" Grant
Program	---	Robert "Bob" Tailfeathers
Donations (Raffle)	---	Gabe "Sam" Grant Belva Rivera

UM KYI-YO INDIAN CLUB OFFICERS - 1971-1972

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Maryellen LaFromboise (Sec.-Treasurer) Harvey Madman (Sgt. at Arms)

Dean Matt (Public Relations)

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Bobby Tailfeathers		

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We, of the Kyi-Yo Indian Club would like to extend a very heartfelt and special THANK YOU to the following people and organizations. Through their ideas, contacts, and generous donations they have turned a dream of the past into a reality of the future.

Mr. Harold Gray, Acting Director
Indian Studies Program

Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribe

Fort Belknap Community Council

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Indian Students of the Kyi-Yo Indian Club

Mr. George Harris

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