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Language Seminars: Preserving the Indian Language

by Tony Longclaws

On December 15, 1989, the first of six Language Seminars was held. These particular seminars revolve around the Indian language and the history of the Indian language and Indian people.

These sessions were arranged by Dave Danielson and Dan Anderson. Danielson is a Research Assistant in the Fond du Lac Education Division and Anderson is Curriculum Developer at FDL. They wrote the proposal and are Project Directors.

Funding for the project was provided by the Minnesota Humanities Commission. Four sessions have been held and the remaining sessions will take place at the AIFA and at the Fond du Lac gym.

The first session focused on language renewal. Written language texts were also distributed then. Guest speakers were Matti Kaups, Professor of Geography and Cultural Anthropology at UMD and Larry Aitken, Director of the Indian Studies Program at UMD.

The second session, held on January 5th, was based upon the use of historical Ojibway language versus modern English language translation. Guest speakers were Jimmy Jackson, Spiritual Leader at FDL and Wilfred Cyr, Language Specialist at Rainy River College.

On January 19 the third session was held at the AIFA. It

focused on re-introducing the language back to the people. The audience also discussed the effects of language on culture. Matti Kaups and Larry Aitken were guest speakers along with Dennis Joanes and Phil Sayers.

Session 4 was held at FDL on February 2nd. Participants discussed techniques for modernizing and accessing the language.

The 5th session was held at the American Indian Fellowship Association from 1:00 to 5:00 on Friday, Feb. 9th. The focus was on the views of the elders and on whether modern technology can be incorporated with the language.

The final session will be held on February 23rd at the FDL gym from 1:00 to 5:00. Participants will be asked what they learned from previous language seminars and what direction this project should take. Tape recordings and transcriptions will be used to further the message of the seminars.

The elderly residents who attend will be provided with a meal at noon each Friday in conjunction with the Elderly Nutrition Program at Fond du Lac. Transportation will also be provided.

Everyone is welcome to attend the language seminars to understand the importance of preserving the Indian language within our community.



James Couture Attends Leadership Conference

James Couture, a junior at FDL, attended the 1990 National Young Leaders Conference sponsored by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council with approximately 400 outstanding juniors and seniors from around the country who have been selected for this unique honor based on demonstrated academic achievement, leadership and citizenship.

The theme of the Conference, which ran from January 16th to the 21st, was The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today. Throughout the six day conference, the scholars met with key leaders and newsmakers from the three branches of government, the media and the diplomatic corps.

James described the trip as being a tremendous experience. Although his group was not able to be addressed by Senators Durenberger or Boschwitz, who had previous engagements, they did meet with staff persons of the senators.

James was impressed by the discussion among Fred Barnes of The New Republic, Eleanor Clift of Newsweek, Jed Duvall of ABC News, Susan King of WJLA-TV, and moderator Milton Jaques. They discussed current topics such as peace talks, the problem of the homeless, and the possibility of Jesse Jackson running for mayor of Washington, D.C.

Other highlights of the Conference were the tours of the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum, The Museum of American History, The Museum of Natural History, the Capital, the Jefferson Library, the Supreme Court Building, and the National Archives.

James compared the Conference to his previous Close-Up trip to Washington. He said the Conference was more involved and gave a more in-depth view of the workings of politics and the media.

Nickels for Naughty Words

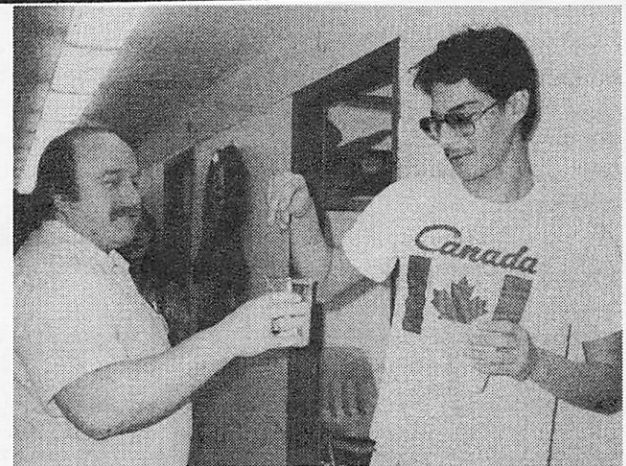
by Christine Knowlen

You'd better watch your language around FDL school. There are money-hungry people just waiting to take your nickels.

Yes, a new source of income has been planned. Everytime a staff person catches you using vulgar language, you owe them five cents, and if you can't afford that, an I.O.U. will do!

This includes staff also. All money raised will go to the B.A.N. (behavior, attendance, and demonstration program.

Each staff person will have a nickel jar and collect nickels in an attempt to curb the excessive use of swearing in the FDL halls.



Charlie collects a nickel from Dan who uttered a foul four-letter word.

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Faculty Notes

Mary Cane teaches social studies at FDL. She enjoys teaching at FDL because the smaller student population allows for a more meaningful and intimate teaching experience. "The Native American element is also an attraction," she says.

Mary attended Duluth Cathedral (now Marshall) from grades 9 to 11 and graduated from Duluth East. A favorite memory for Mary was being the Cathedral mascot for Hockey and soccer during her sophomore year. "I had to skate around in a bear costume," she recalls. "It was a blast!"

Besides teaching, Mary is working on her Master's degree in Art History. She is also a licensed real estate agent.

Two of Mary's best experiences at FDL are her chance to bring FDL students to Washington, D.C. on the Close-Up Program and her time as host to Teruyo who interned from Japan.

Art teacher Dale Sautbine has been teaching at FDL for seven years. He enjoys the small class sizes and the students.

Dale attended Walker High School and his art teacher there talked him into going to college to get an art degree. Dale decided Art Education was more suited to him and he became a teacher.

Dale did not spend all his high school time in the art room, however. He recalls that "a bunch of us would sneak into the gym during lunch hour and climb the basketball backboards and swing off of them with a rope. The problem was there were no lights on and when I jumped off the backboard, I crashed into the principal. He still doesn't know it was me."

Along with teaching art, Dale coaches the girls basketball and volleyball teams. Out of school his hobbies include water and snow skiing, racing radio-controlled cars, playing softball, and fishing.



Dale



Mary

A Friend Leaves

by Christine Knowlen

"Good-by. Enjoy your Life." Most of us received this message just before Christmas vacation with mixed emotions. The sender of this message was Teruyo Akiyama, the Japanese intern who arrived here in Minnesota last April 23rd from Tokyo, Japan. While we were saddened to see her leave, we were happy we had been able to get to know her.

Teruyo resided with social teacher Mary Cane during her stay here. She spread the Japanese language and culture throughout our school. Teruyo assisted Mary on Fridays with grades 7-10 and often was seen in the elementary wing of the school. She will be remembered for her fine drawings and crafts.

Teruyo left for another intern teaching assignment in Iowa. Her current address is:

Teruyo Akiyama
c/o Ms McCaw
2057 Cater
Dubuque, IA 52001
Phone: (319) 583-6874

She will be staying there until March 13th. After that she can be reached at:

c/o Mr. & Mrs. Gillis
510 Danzille, CA 94526
Phone: (415) 743-0589

Teruyo would welcome your letters and would like to stay in contact with her Fond du Lac friends.

Adding On by Christine Knowlen

Has anyone noticed the strange building sitting just south of the Ojibway school?

Our principal Phil Minkkinen is so dedicated to our beloved school that he decided to relocate himself and his family next door.

And if you believe that, I have a beautiful Mercedes to sell you real cheap!

Actually the building is another new addition for the FDL school. The building was moved here last November. "It will give us at least one additional elementary school room, and maybe a computer room, also," states Mr. Minkkinen.

Plans for a new school are still large in thought but small in reality. Hopefully in the years to come there will be a new school built for future students.

Say Cheese! by Tony Longclaws

February is National Dental Health Month. Min-No-Aya-Win Dental Clinic is excited to be part of the dental health activities at the Ojibway School.

On the morning of Wednesday, January 17, 1990 at the school, Greta Martin, a photographer came to take pictures of the staff and students who were willing to participate in the "Smile Contest."

The Smile Contest will be held on the 8th of February. This will consist of the staff and the students' smiles. Then pictures will be chosen and placed on a bulletin board.

Staff and students will then have a chance to guess whom the smiles belong to. Then they will submit their written entries.

The prize for the contest is a "Hard Rock Cafe" T-shirt. The only way to win the prize is you have to try to guess whose smile is whose. The person with the most correct answers will win the T-shirt. If there is a tie for the most correct answers, a drawing will be held to determine the official winner.

So Good Luck! to the staff and students in guessing the owners of the smiles.

FDL Pow-Wow A Success

by Melvin Defue

The Fond du Lac Ojibway School held its 7th Annual Pow-Wow on Friday, January 12th from 1:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the school gym.

The host drum for this year's pow-wow was the Little Otter Singers from Mille Lacs Reservation. There were also 12 visiting drums along with approximately 60 dancers.

The FDL Ojibway School Princess and Brave for the 1989-90 school year are Nikki Reynolds and Junior Van Nett. The two were crowned by 1988-89 royalty Chandra Mullen and Spud Fairbanks. When asked if she thought this year's pow-wow was a success, Ojibway Language teacher and pow-wow organizer Panji Gawbow said, "It was awesome!"

The Pow-Wow Club would like to express a Me Gwitch to all who attended.

B.A.D. NEWS by Christine Knowlen

BAD is Back! Behavior, Attendance, and Demonstration tabulations have begun. A point system is totaled for each grade 7-12 by the teachers. They rate the classes on their classroom behavior, classroom performance, hourly attendance, daily school attendance, schoolwide behavior, and student-staff interaction.

Daily computations are recorded and each Friday the results will be announced. At the end of the year, the grade with the most points due to good behavior, attendance, and demonstration will choose an activity for their reward. Possibilities include Valley Fair, rollerskating, or an outdoors trip.

The losing grades will then divide the bill among the five classes and pay the way for the winners. So remember: when you're bad, you're BAD! And that could mean a class trip at no cost!

Editorial

Whose Building Is That?

by Christine Knowlen

In 1983 the Fond du Lac gym was built. That same summer Big Bucks Bingo moved in. Since then it has become more of a bingo parlor than anything else. "It's our gym! Kick the bingo bums out!" has been heard repeatedly throughout the Ojibway school.

There has been a lot of controversy about whose building it actually is and who has more rights to it.

Through an interview with Jean Mulder, FDL's RBC Executive Director, I have learned that the building was built through a grant from H.U.D. The proposal to H.U.D. stated that the building was needed for the Brookston, Sawyer, and Cloquet communities as an economic and recreation center. So Big Bucks Bingo falls under the economic category and the use by the Ojibway school could fall under recreation center.

The proposal also stated that the Ojibway school would rent the building four hours per day for five days a week for the price of \$2500 per month.

Revenue from the bingo hall goes to a number of programs on the reservation. And most likely, without the bingo hall, our reservation would be as far in the hole as our government.

The bingo hall is currently paying off the bills from the construction and factory buildings.

So, as Mulder states, "This building was not built exclusively for an Ojibway school gymnasium."

As this controversy continues regarding whose building is whose, just remember the building is fair game for both parties.

Also, if you have heard the rumor about the bingo hall moving across the parking lot to the factory building, keep in mind it is only a rumor.

Renovation costs would be so high that it would almost be as cheap to purchase a new building.

"Maybe in a couple of years the bingo hall will get their own building," says Mulder.

In conclusion, the bingo hall is not the villain on this reservation. In fact it actually keeps us out of the dark.

Happy
VALENTINES'S
Day



Moccasin Game Is Back

by Christine Knowlen

The "Shoe Game" returns. Once again Jerry Ojibway has come to bestow his knowledge to FDL's male youth.

Ojibway says, "This is the second time the school has had the game shown to the male students. Most of the male students from the previous showing have not forgotten the game. When I say forgotten, I mean the learning of how to keep track of sticks and the game.

The boys themselves have developed respect of themselves and the game, just by participating. The game has been controversial because of the gambling aspect that has been attached to the game in the past. The boys are beginning to develop a sense of accuracy; however, they still need to work on how they express themselves during the game, but this is part of the game."

Jerry Ojibway and Panji Gawbow chaperoned nine FDL male students on January 25th to Nay-Ah-Shing to compete in one of their many games. FDL triumphed in all three games.

The nine boys selected to compete were Peter Diver, Jay Smith, Jerrad Ojibway, Spud Fairbanks, Rick Benjamin, Dan Aubid, John Aubid, Phil Houle, and Erik Gawbow.

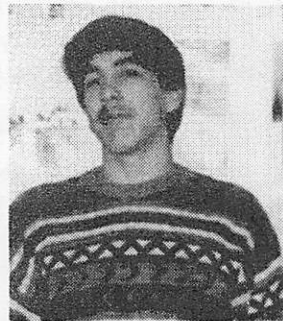
Senior Plans

We asked our seniors what their plans are after high school. Here are some of their responses.



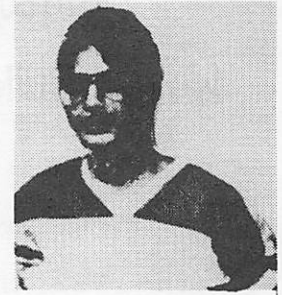
Lisa Northrup: "I'm going to college at Vermillion Community College, and I'm going to be a first grade teacher or business manager."

Pat Houle: "My plans for after high school are first to take about six months off and then go to college, maybe for winter quarter. I would like to go into law enforcement so I could help people. Then I will get married, have 2.5 kids, own 2 BMW's, and have a white picket fence."



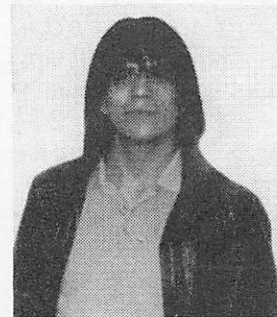
Christine Knowlen: "I plan to attend Vermillion C.C. and become an elementary teacher, marry at age 30, and have a child at 35."

John England: "I will be attending Vermillion C.C. I hope to be making \$35,000 a year by the time I'm 28 years of age in some sort of business or teaching. I'd like to have two kids."



education at Staple Tech to become a forestry technician or get into wildlife management."

Dan Aubid: "I don't really know what career I'll go into but something along the line of management. But school is my number one priority and I want to learn as much as possible and take it from there."



Rick Benjamin: "I hope to find a job at Potlatch and have kids when I'm 25."

Morris LaMarche: "I plan to go to college and major in political science. Then I'd like to go to law school."

Graphic Arts Classes To Begin

Learn the basics of a print shop. Attend the Graphic Arts program. The classes will be held in the FDL factory building beginning March 12th. The graphic arts classes are open to all adults and will run from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For students, the classes will run from noon to 3:00 p.m. The classes continue for a quarter and count for three elective credits.

Girls Crush White Earth

by Melvin DeFoe

The Fond du Lac girls' had no trouble disposing of White Earth in a basketball game at Fond du Lac on January 16. FDL broke the game open early on several fast break layups en route to a lopsided 51-18 victory.

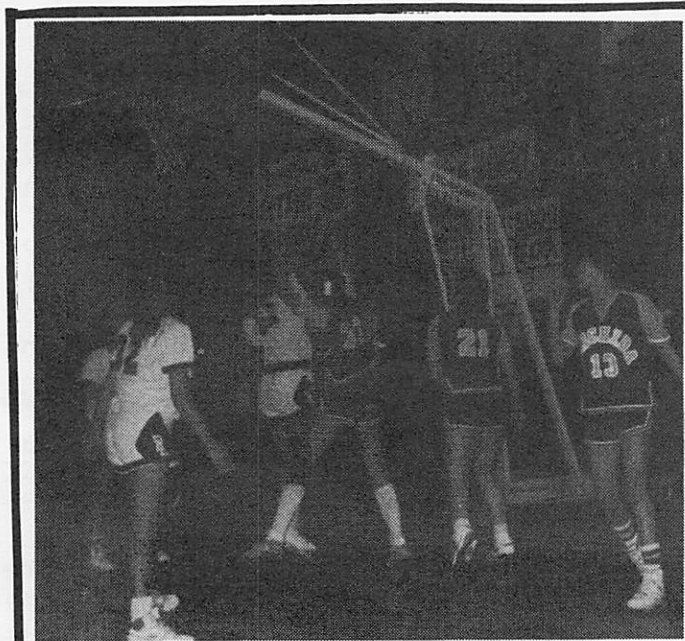
Mel Diver and Shannon Mullen scored 6 and 5 points respectively in the first quarter as Fond du Lac jumped out to an 11-2 lead.

The defense, lead by Chandra Mullen, remained stingy in the second quarter and allowed the Warriors only 4 more points. Mel and Shannon combined for 19 of the 21 second quarter Ogichida points. Fond du Lac led 32-4 at half time.

Becky Reynolds scored 6 points in the third quarter as FDL increased its lead to 43-11.

The defense and rebounding of Lisa Northrup, Tara DeFoe, Shannon Mullen, and Cindy DeFoe controlled the Warrior offense the entire game.

Mel led all scorers with 18 points. Shannon finished with 15 points and Becky added 10. Cindy had four points and Lisa and Richelle chipped in two apiece.



Chandra (31) scores against Red Lake. Tara (21) and Richelle (13) help out.

Boys Defeat White Earth...

Lose to Silver Bay,

Heart of the Earth

by Tara DeFoe

Seventeen-point first and third quarters propelled Fond du lac to a 57-to-50 victory over White Earth. In the first quarter Ken Morrin made a two-point basket followed by a three-pointer, then went on to make two more baskets. Pat Houle, Pete Diver, Dave Gitzen, and Russ Diver also made two point baskets in the first quarter to put the team in a 17-to-8 lead.

Kenny started off a hard second quarter with two more baskets. John England made the next basket after an impressive drive. Pete scored two more points and Kenny scored four more to put the team ahead 29-to-20. The defense of Dan Aubid, Ken Morrin, and Pat Houle held the opposing team to 20 points in the first half.

Dan started off the second half for our team with two points followed by Kenny's three-pointer, setting the pattern for the third quarter. John drove the ball in on White Earth's defense and drew the foul and the freethrows, which he easily sank. Kenny and Dave made the next two baskets with jump shots showing their ability to hit from the outside. Two baskets by Pat and another by Ken finished the third quarter with FDL leading 46-32.

White Earth made a run at FDL in the fourth quarter but a basket and freethrow by Dan and an offensive rebound for two by John dampened the Warriors' hopes. Dan, Ken and Pat scored a basket apiece to end the game.

Ken led the Ogichida with 26 points. Pat had 8, Dan 7, John 6, Pete and Dave 4 each, and Russ 2.

Girls Sink Vikings

A fired up FDL girls team stunned Grand Marais by jumping out to a 19-4 first quarter lead. Mel scored eight first-quarter points but got plenty of help from her teammates as Shannon made two baskets and Chandra, Tara, and Cindy each made one. Chandra added a free throw.

FDL's team defense kept the heat on in the second quarter and held the Vikings to just six points. Meanwhile Shannon and Chandra hit early baskets and then Mel made four in a row as the Ogichida built a 35-10 halftime lead.

In the third quarter Grand Marais started a comeback. Mandy Martin scored 10 of her 15 total points and the Vikings outscored FDL 14-8.

In the final quarter Mel scored nine points including a three-pointer and Cindy added two baskets as FDL rolled to a 58-32 win.

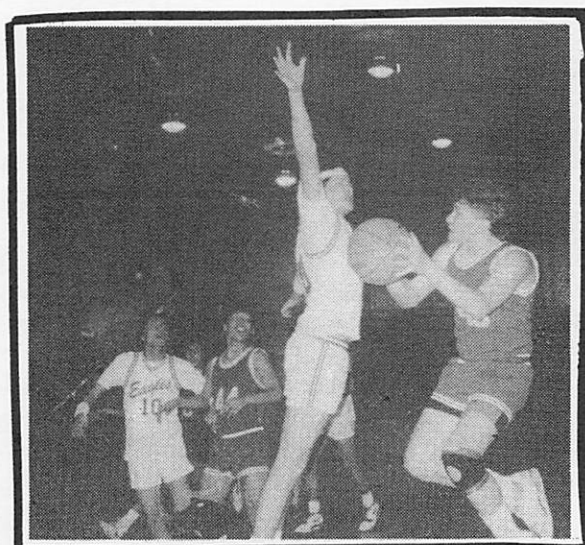
Mel led all scorers with 27 points followed by Chandra with 9 and Shannon and Cindy with 8 each. Ardene, Lisa, and Tara finished with 2 each.

FDL Wins Red Lake Tourney

The FDL girls won the Red Lake Tournament with a 57-49 victory over Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig. Bug school got 25 points from Maureen Moose but couldn't offset the more balanced FDL attack.

Mel Diver had a ten-point second quarter and finished with 22. Shannon Mullen added 15 and Becky Reynolds scored 14. Lisa Northrup added six points to finish the Ogichida scoring.

FDL led 29-16 at the half, but Bug School narrowed the margin to 44-36 at the end of three quarters. The two teams played even the final quarter as the Ogichida won by eight.



Dave goes up for a shot and Pete (44) battles for position against Bug School.

The boys basketball team had an excellent outing at Silver Bay but were done in by a lack of depth. Ken Morrin sizzled with 13 first-quarter points -- including three three-pointers -- as FDL sprinted to an 18-11 lead.

But the Mariners took control in the second quarter and outscored FDL 18-6. Mariner guards Mike Hoops and Tim Simonson continually penetrated the Ogichida defense for easy shots.

FDL hung in the third quarter with 11 points from Ken and two three-pointers from Pete Diver and one from Russ Diver.

Dan Aubid scored 5 of his 7 points in the fourth quarter as the Ogichida tried to rally. However, foul trouble and an inexperienced bench hindered the attempt. FDL fought to the end but fell 68-57.

Ken finished with 34 points and Russ added 8. Dan followed with 7, Pete had 6 and Pat Houle had 2.

The game at Heart of the Earth featured a shootout between Ken Cloud of the Eagles and Ken Morrin of FDL. Both finished with 25 points. But a young FDL team consisting of four sophomores and three 8th graders couldn't stay with the Eagles who placed four players in double figures.

Russ had 6 points, Dave Gitzen 5, and Ira Aubid and Chey Thompson 2 apiece in the 83-40 mismatch.