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195.1 Correspondence

* Preposterous paper gets a splendid rebuttal

From Anthony Grant (Anthony.Grant3@btinternet.com) 12 Jul 2003:

In case you haven't seen it, here's the URL for a preposterous article on the age of the Celtic languages and their relations within IE, published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences a few weeks back and widely publicized in such places as the New York Times:

www.pnas.org/cgi/content/abstract/1331158100v1

And here in response to it is Larry Trask's splendid rebuttal:

www.linguistlist.org/issues/14/14-1876.html

--Anthony Grant Bradford, UK (Anthony.Grant3@btinternet.com)

* Saskatchewan Indian college changes name and address

From Galloway, Brent (BGalloway@SIFC.EDU) 30 Jun 2003:

This is just a short note to let you know that in May and June 2003, the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College moved to its own (spectacular) new building on property immediately next to the University of Regina. We are still federated with the University of Regina--teach courses for each other, give credit for each other's courses, share some facilities, and our graduates get degrees from both us and the University of Regina--but we outgrew our old space. The new building was formally dedicated a week or so ago at a ceremony that was attended by Prince Edward, the Premier of Saskatchewan, and about 1000 people, and featured both Native drummers and the Regina Symphony Orchestra. The building was designed by Indian architect, Douglas Cardinal, who designed the National Museum of Civilisation in Ottawa and a number of other buildings.

At the dedication we also officially changed our name from SIFC to First Nations University of Canada. (Since we now have graduate programs in three of our four departments we have been upgraded from college to university.) SIFC was founded in 1976 and we now have about 1,000 students, four campuses in Saskatchewan, and exchange agreements with (and students from) aboriginal people in Mexico, Central America, Taiwan, and Siberia.

> --Brent Galloway Dept of Indian Languages, Literatures and Linguistics (DILLL) First Nations University of Canada (bgalloway@sifc.edu)

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195.2 Upcoming Meetings
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* Revitalizing Algonquian Languages (Mashantucket, CT, Feb.18-20, 2004)

From David Costa (pankihtamwa@earthlink.net) 21 Jul 2003:

A second conference on "Revitalizing Algonquian Languages Conference: Sharing Effective Language Renewal Practices" will be held on February 18-20, 2004, at the Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center, Mashantucket, Connecticut.

Papers are invited in the areas of Algonquian linguistic preservation, revitalization, education programs, and innovational technologies.

Types of Presentations:

Workshops (2 hours): Intensive sessions in which participants learn and practice native language teaching methods, develop classroom teaching materials, or do other hands-on type activities.

Papers (45 minutes): A description and/or discussion of something the presenter(s) is doing or have done related to indigenous/tribal languages. Presenters are encouraged to use handouts and audio-visual aids and to present a summary of the paper rather than a prepared text.

Demonstrations (45 minutes): Presentation of a specific teaching or testing technique. Presenters are encouraged to use handouts and audio-visuals aids.

Panel Discussions (2 hours): Panel presentations provide a forum for a group to discuss issues related to the maintenance and renewal of Algonquian languages.

Conference proceedings will be published.

Note: All presenters are required to register for the conference.

For a copy of the registration form e-mail <dgregoire@mptn-nsn.gov> or phone 860-396-2052.

Send submissions to :

Charlene Jones, Chairperson Historical, Cultural and Preservation Committee PO Box 3060 Mashantucket, CT 06338

Please include: registration form, academic affiliation or area of research, tribal affiliation, title of presentation, a one page abstract and a summary for advertising purposes.

Deadline for submissions is October 15, 2003.

* Friends of Uto-Aztecan (Ignacio, CO, July 15-16, 2004)

Jim Copeland and I have agreed to host the 2004 FOUA meeting on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation in Ignacio, Colorado. To my knowledge, this is the first time we have held the meeting on a Rez. We will hold it at the Sun Ute Community Center, a rather plush facility, and are trying to schedule it back-to-back with the Southern Ute Sundance, for those of you who might want to hang on and observe the ceremonies. We have chosen Thursday-Friday, July 15-16, 2004 (with a potential 3rd day either Wednesday or Saturday), a date that is dictated by the (probable) timing of the Sundance.

There are some logistic constraints involved in holding the meeting on the Rez, chiefly that the only local motel in Ignacio, the Sky Ute Casino-Motel, is small (ca. 30 rooms), and Durango is 25 miles away. To secure rooms at the Sky Ute motel you will have to make very early reservations. Their toll-free phone # is 800-876-7017. The many motels in Durango can be accessed through the Web. We will circulate a list of Durango motels and phone numbers later on.

At some point toward the end of 2003, we would like to get some idea of who wants to come and who wants to present papers, including topics/titles. If there is great demand, we can extend the meeting to Saturday July 17th, or--preferably--start it on Wednesday, July 14th. 195.3 Websites of Interest

* NativeLanguages.com

Various Indian Peoples Publishing, Co. (Box 833216, Richardson, Texas 75083-3216) works with Tribes, primarily in Oklahoma, to produce materials for Native language education programs. They also maintain a useful website:

http://www.nativelanguages.com/

where they make these and other hard-to-locate pedagogical materials available for purchase. Included are primers, dictionaries, audio and video tapes, and CD-ROMs. Languages for which materials are available include: Caddo, Cherokee, Choctaw, Chickasaw, Muskogee (Creek), Apache, Cheyenne, Comanche, Lakota, Kiowa, Navajo, Shoshone, Western Delaware, Mohawk, Leni Lenape, Ojibwe, and Passamaquoddy.

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