

# Education project report due soon

OHSWEKEN — Citizens of Six Nations will receive the first report from their Community Education Project at an education conference titled Education 1991: Our Decision or Theirs. The two-day event will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 4, at Ohsweken Community Hall.

An opening address will be given in the Mohawk language by Bob Jamieson, project co-ordinator, who will deliver the project report, and Audrey Powless-Bomberry will acknowledge student poster winners.

Keynote addresses will be given by Joe Miskokomon, assembly of First Nations Chiefs Committee on Education, and Chief Billy Diamond, Cree School Board, James Bay. A panel discussion entitled Iroquoian Concepts of Jurisdiction Over Education is scheduled between Arnold Goodleaf from Kanawake, Chief Angie Barnes of Akwesasne, and Bob Antone, of the Oneida Settlement.

## Other speakers

Other Iroquoian speakers are John Mohawk from Cattaraugus, Ray John of Oneida Settlement and Jan Longboat of Six Nations. Joann Sebastian Morris of the Alexander Band of Alberta and Michael Bopp of the University of Lethbridge will reveal success stories and community strategies in education. A closing address will be given by Chief Jacob Thomas.

"We're trying to provide a forum so we can get direct community input into the education project," says Ms. Jamieson. "Hopefully, any questions that parents and students may have about our educational future will be discussed at the conference."

Canada's Department of Indian and Northern Affairs has determined that it will relinquish its administration of education responsibilities on April 1, 1991. Native communities choosing to administer education according to

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Canadian government standards may do so by providing an acceptable developmental plan.

At Six Nations, the Community Education project staff has been assembling community desires, expectations and the realities of determining whether or not these Canadian government standards are satisfactory to the Six Nations people.

All elementary students are invited to design a poster for the event. Deadline for entries is Feb. 22 and the theme is Iroquoian Education in the year 2000. Entries will be displayed at the conference and ribbons of commendation will be awarded to winners.

Volunteer Education Steering Committee members are Carolyn Beaver, Steve Bomberry, Vivien Bomberry, Audrey Powless-Bomberry, Barbara Curley, Larry Green, Minnie Henhawk, Reg Henry, Eric Hill, Glenn Hill, Kim Hill, Marilyn L. Hill, Keith Lickers, Dianne Longboat, Jan Longboat, Lawrence Nanticoke, Graham Smith, Anton VanEvery, Sharon Van Every and Steve Williams. Confederacy observers are Steve Hill and Norman Jacobs. Gloria Thomas is a staff member of the project.