

## ***Nike Promotes FN Sports***

Nike's N7 Program is donating \$1M this year to help First Nations groups provide access to sports for young people as well as to help First Nations teams across Canada and the U.S. flourish.

The funds are coming from a portion of profits from the sale of Nike's N7 Collection, which includes the Nike Air Native.

The Program is the brainchild of the Nike N7 division's general manager and board chairman, Sam McCracken, who grew up on the Fort Peck Reservation near Poplar, Montana.

## ***Tribal Parks in B.C and Alberta***

Doig River First Nation plans to dedicate 223,000 acres of their traditional territory in northern Alberta as a Tribal Park.

If successful, it would be the first in that province but certainly not the first in Canada. Since the 1980s, First Nations in B.C. have declared at least three areas as tribal parks — South Moresby, Meares Island, and Haa'uukmin. *[Maybe this is something FHQ or other Saskatchewan First Nations should be looking into?]*

## ***Trade Mission to China***

The AFN's Atleo along with First Nation government and business leaders from BC, Alberta and Ontario are in China this week to stir up Chinese trade and investment interests in our First Nation communities.

## ***New MBA Program On Its Way***

Simon Fraser University will be offering a new MBA in Aboriginal Business & Leadership beginning in September 2012.

The first program of its kind in Canada, students will study not only core management theory but will also explore business and economic issues solely from a First Nations viewpoint.

## ***Pink, Pink Everywhere***

The Saskatchewan Roughriders are wearing pink wrist bands, socks and shoes; the Regina Pats are playing on pink ice; we at ETC are publishing this issue with a pink banner. This is all in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

## ***Upcoming FN Government Selections***

According to INAC, the terms of four First Nation governments in the FHQ area are set to expire within the next six months. These include:

Wood Mountain — February 7, 2012.

Starblanket — March 30, 2012.

Carry the Kettle — March 31, 2012, and

Muscowpetung — April 4, 2012.

## ***SaskParty Justifies Denial of RRS***

SaskParty candidate Greg Ottenbreit suggested to the Yorkton Chamber of Commerce last week that the reason he does not support the legitimacy of resource revenue sharing with First Nations is that "when money comes free and easy (to First Nations), it is often used to buy alcohol and drugs." A few days later Party boss Brad Wall suggested to the media that giving a "special deal (to First Nations) would alienate (groups like) the Métis."

## ***Lawyer Fees to be Scrutinized***

According to an article in the Winnipeg Free Press, an unnamed Manitoba lawyer with few Manitoba assets but huge land and other real estate investments in Israel bilked 26 residential school survivors out of nearly \$400,000.

This and other "unethical" practices by a few unscrupulous solicitors led the national administration committee for the residential school settlement agreement to immediately put in place adjudicators for the purpose of conducting reviews of all past and current fees in order to assure that they are appropriate.