



CALL TO CONFERENCE

Racist Imagery in Popular Culture and Education: Warriors for the People

10th ANNUAL CALL TO CONFERENCE

***16th ANNUAL CALL TO PROTEST RACISM AGAINST
THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES***

March 30-31, 2008

In Memory of Vernon Bellecourt

The 10th Annual Conference will be held at Baldwin Wallace College in Berea, Ohio. Berea is a suburb of Cleveland. The conference will be in memory of Vernon Bellecourt, a true visionary. He was a strong presence at our conferences, opening day demonstrations and any playoff games and Word Series games the Cleveland baseball team was in during the past 16 years. We valued Vernon's friendship, leadership, insight, and great humor, and always quick with a joke or a story. His teachings and compassion for the rights of the Indigenous peoples will always be with us as we go forward

Speakers for this 2008 Conference year will be **Charlene Teters**, a Professor of Arts at the Institute of American Indian Arts, and served as Dean for Arts and Cultural Studies at the Institute of American Indian Arts, Charlene is also with the National Coalition against Racism in Sports and Media, **Dr. Gavin Clarkson**, an Assistant Professor at the University of Michigan, School of Information, School of Law, and Native American Studies and Steve Blake, artist and American Indian Movement, Minneapolis.

Clyde Bellecourt will be in attendance as our spiritual leader.

As we've done in all previous conferences, we have a housing list for conference participants who would rather stay in a home than a motel. This is on a first come, first serve basis. If you would like information on local hotels please contact us.

We are asking for a donation of **\$10.00** to help defray the costs of the conference which will include a year's membership. There will be membership forms at the registration table for those wishing to continue as a member or become a new member of the Committee of 500 Years of Dignity and Resistance. We look forward

to all and any support.

Hope to see you take a stand.

Proposed Agenda:

Sunday, March 30 **Baldwin Wallace College, Student Activity Center,**

96 Beech Street, Berea, Ohio

12:00 Noon	Registration
1:00 PM	Introduction / Greetings – Chris Begay Prayer - Clyde Bellecourt Drum Maza Napin ~ prayer song Open Mike – 10 minutes for each speaker
2:30 PM	Last ten years/ Short Video Presentation What is/could be future?
3:30 PM	Dedication to Vernon Video, Vernon’s accomplishments, what Vernon brought to Cleveland
	AIM Song/ Warrior Song Maza Napin/ Elk Trail Singers
4:00 PM	Chris Begay -Introduction Elk Trail Singers / Crooked River Dance Troupe
4:15 PM	Clyde Bellecourt - Introduction Steve Blake
5:00 PM	Dinner Prayer – Clyde Bellecourt
6:00 PM	Elk Trail, Crooked River Dance Troupe, The Old Moccasin Dancers
7:00 PM	Clyde Bellecourt - Introduction Keynote Speaker -Dr. Charlene Teters -

Monday, March 31

9:00-10:00 AM 30 minute classroom speaking time – Speakers will be talking to various classes
at Baldwin Wallace College

12:00 Noon March to Progressive Field Ball Park, meet and gather on West
25th Street and Detroit Avenue

1:00-3:00 PM Demonstration against Cleveland Indian's ball team at
Progressive Field Ball Park
* NorthWest Quadrant, Gate A, on Ontario Street, Downtown
Cleveland.

5:00 PM Dinner Prayer/ Presentation of gifts to speakers

7:30 PM Introduction-Chris Begay
Crooked River Dancer Troupe
Keynote Speaker -Dr. Gavin Clarkson

8:30 PM Closing Statements

*Please join the Indigenous community, friends, and supporters, for a weekend of
education, fun and entertainment.*

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more information call, 216-252-1622**

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The American Indian Movement (AIM) is proud to announce it's 40th
Anniversary. A.I.M. started in July 28, 1968 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Its founders are still with us today. Clyde Bellecourt, Dennis Banks, George
Mitchell and Edward Benton-Benai are still defending the rights that
affect our Native American and all Indigeonous People of this world.