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68.1 IN MEMORIAM: Floyd Lounsbury

- From (whalen@haskins.yale.edu) 20 May 1998:

It is with immense sadness that we must report the death of our friend and colleague, Floyd Lounsbury, on May 14th, 1998. Although he had been in poor health for over a year, his indomitable spirit and active research agenda led us to believe that he would pull through. His passing is a great loss to colleagues in his many fields. Floyd was born in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, April 25, 1914. He served as a master sergeant in the 22nd weather squadron as a meteorologist in the Army Air Forces during World War II. He was a graduate of the University of Wisconsin with a B.A. degree in mathematics in 1941 and an M.A. in anthropology in 1947; he received his Ph.D. from Yale University in 1949 in anthropology and an honorary degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1987. He began teaching at Yale University in 1947, retiring in 1979 as a Sterling Professor. A scholar in many fields, he made outstanding contributions to linguistic theory and the study of American Indian Languages, of Mayan hieroglyphic writing and of kinship systems. Among his many honors, he was elected to membership in the National Academy of Sciences, the American Philosophical Society and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Endangered Language Fund, Dept. of Linguistics, Yale University, New Haven, CT 06520.

~Doug Whalen

68.2 CORRESPONDENCE

Vancouver Sun article

- From Dennis King (donncha@eskimo.com) 16 May 1998:

My posting (Bulletin #67.6) about the web location of the Vancouver Sun article on disappearing languages in the NW seems to have lost its value. I've heard from two interested readers who can't get the URL to work, asking what to do. I sent them copies of the articles, and will be happy to continue to oblige inquirers except when I'm out of town. I've also sent Victor Golla and Scott DeLancey the relevant material, so they will also be able to field requests from desperate searchers.

~Dennis King
Seattle, WA

68.3 UPCOMING MEETINGS

Athabaskan Conference schedule (Calgary, June 12-14, 1998)

- From Gary Donovan (donovan@acs.ucalgary.ca) 19 May 1998:

The 1998 ATHAPASKAN LANGUAGE CONFERENCE will take place on the weekend of June 12-14 at the University of Calgary. Sessions will be held in the Blue Room of the University Dining Center.

- **FRIDAY JUNE 12**
 - Alex Crowchild (Tsuut'ina Nation), WELCOMING ADDRESS (introduced by Bruce Starlight)
 - Alesdine Andre & others (Gwich'in Social & Cultural Institute), LANGUAGE IN THE COMMUNITY
 - Merton Sandoval & Priscilla Vigil (Jicarilla Apache Tribe) and Melissa Axelrod, Jordan Lachler & Catie Berkenfield (U of New Mexico), LANGUAGE REVITALIZATION IN THE JICARILLA APACHE COMMUNITY
 - Bill Poser (U of Northern British Columbia), FIRST YEAR UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM FOR TEACHING THE CARRIER LANGUAGE
 - Sharon Hargus (U of Washington) & George Holland, WITSUWIT'EN LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION AT UNBC
 - Allan Adam (Chipewyan Interpreter & Writer), THE BUSINESS OF LANGUAGE: A DISCUSSION OF NON-ACADEMIC LANGUAGE WORK AND SUPPORT
 - Heather Blair (U of Alberta) & Lynda Holland (Holland Educational Consulting), DENE LANGUAGE RETENTION EFFORTS IN BLACK LAKE, SASKATCHEWAN
 - Brian Potter (U of Calgary) & John Dawson (Apache Community), COMMUNITY NEEDS AND LINGUISTIC THEORY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF WESTERN APACHE LANGUAGE RESOURCES
PRESENTATION OF THE WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE CROWN DANCERS: THEIR ROLE IN CULTURAL EXPRESSION AND IN LANGUAGE PRESERVATION
 - Judi Tutcho (Northwest Territories Language Commissioner), LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT IN NORTHERN COMMUNITIES (Keynote address)
- **SATURDAY JUNE 13**
 - Gary Holton (UC-Santa Barbara), REMARKS ON TANACROSS TONE AND PHONATION
 - John Alderete (U of Massachusetts), A PROBLEM IN THE DESCRIPTION OF TAHLTAN ACCENT

- Sharon Hargus (U of Washington), AN ACOUSTIC STUDY OF WITSUWIT'EN VOWEL QUALITY
 - Bruce Starlight (Tsuut'ina Nation), Jeff Leer (Alaska Native Language Center) & Gary Donovan (U of Calgary), THE TONE SYSTEM IN TSUUT'INA WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON VERBS
 - Sally Rice (U of Alberta), METAPHORS AND METONYMIES IN CHIPEWYAN LEXICALIZATION
 - Robert Young (U of New Mexico), THE NAVAJO LANGUAGE: A STORY OF SURVIVAL (Keynote Address)
 - Jessie Sylvester (Dene Nation), YOUNG PEOPLE WORKING WITH ELDERLY: TRANSLATING, INTERVIEWING AND TRANSCRIBING THE DENE LANGUAGE
 - Ellavina Perkins (Little Singer School), TRADITIONAL STORIES AS DISCIPLINE FOR NAVAJO CHILDREN
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- Saturday evening: BANQUET: TRADITIONAL MEAL & ENTERTAINMENT WITH APACHE CROWN DANCERS & OTHERS (Tsuut'ina Nation Sportsplex - buses provided). Welcome by Ronald Dodginghorse of the Tsuut'ina Nation. (Buses will be provided to take participants from in front of the University of Calgary Dining Center to the Tsuut'ina Nation Sportsplex.)
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- SUNDAY JUNE 14
 - Jeff Leer (Alaska Native Language Center), PLANNING SESSION FOR CONSTRUCTING AN ATHAPASKAN LANGUAGE DATABASE FOR USE IN BUILDING DICTIONARIES AND MAKING CROSS-LANGUAGE COMPARISONS
 - Eung-Do Cook (U of Calgary), TOWARDS A SUBCLASSIFICATION OF ATHABASKAN BASED ON MORPHO-SYNTACTIC COMPARISONS
 - Leslie Saxon (U of Victoria), OBSERVATIONS ON PERFECTIVE VERBAL PARADIGMS IN DOGRIB
 - Theodore Fernald (Swarthmore College), Lorene Legah (Dine College), Alyse Neundorf (U of New Mexico), Ellavina Perkins (Little Singer School) & Paul Platero (Navajo Nation, Director of Research), CONVERSATIONAL IMPLICATURE IN NAVAJO DISCOURSE
 - Nicole Horseherder (U of British Columbia) NAVAJO 3RD PERSON POSSESSOR PREFIX: YI-
 - Timothy Jon Thornes (U of Oregon), POST-VERBAL EXPRESSIONS OF MODALITY IN TOLOWA
 - Cody Shepherd & Carrie Gillon (U of British Columbia), INTONATIONAL PAUSES AND RIGHT-DISLOCATION IN NAVAJO
 - Janne Underriner (U of Oregon), THE TOLOWA PASSIVE
 - Willem de Reuse (U of North Texas), THE HISTORICAL PHONOLOGY OF WESTERN APACHE NOUNS

30th Algonquian Conference (Boston, 22-25 October 1998)

The Thirtieth Conference on Algonquian Studies will take place from 22-25 October, 1998, at the Boston Marriott Hotel in Burlington, some ten miles from the city, which has agreed to a special conference rate of \$95. Public transportation is available to Cambridge and Boston. The Conference will be dedicated to the memory of Dr. Frank T. Siebert, Jr. (1912-1998). Papers are welcome on topics from any discipline relating to the Igonquian speaking peoples, and may be delivered in English or French. Registration fees are \$50 for non-students, \$40 for students. For early registration (before September 15) the fee will be \$40 for non-students and \$30 for students.

Early registration is encouraged. Those wishing to give papers should send a title and an abstract (one page maximum) before September 1, 1998, to: Karl V. Teeter, 14-1/2 Woodbridge St., Cambridge, MA 02140-1220 (tel: 617/495-8888; fax: 617-495-0403). Kindly indicate any audiovisual equipment you may need along with the proposal for your paper.

Abstracts and titles may be sent by snail mail, or by e-mail to: kvt@fas.harvard.edu

68.4 WEBSITES OF INTEREST

SIL-Mexico

- From J. Albert Bickford (bickford@flash.net) 18 May 1998:

The Mexico branch of SIL has just launched a new website, which is a subsite of the main SIL website. We hope to make it a major outlet for a variety of things, including previously published, newly-published, and unpublished materials. Some things are already posted already. It is located at: <http://www.sil.org/americas/mexico/>

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68.5 ALGONQUIAN PAPERS PUBLISHED

From A.C. Ogg (acogg@cc.umanitoba.ca) 19 May 1998:

Volume 27 of the Algonquian Conference Papers (Winnipeg, November 1995) has just been published and is available for \$44 (\$Canadian to Canadian addresses, \$US elsewhere). Some back issues are also available; write for pricing to Arden Ogg, Managing Editor, Papers of the Algonquian Conference, c/o Linguistics, U of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB R3T 5V5, Canada (Arden_Ogg@UManitoba.ca).

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