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B.C. TREATY LECTURES

KAMLOOPS—UCC Human Rights Committee presents a series of lectures on the treaty negotiation process in British Columbia, beginning with a presentation from Nathan Matthew, chief of the North Thompson Indian Band, Oct. 12.

Matthew's lecture, titled Land: Treaties, Histories, Rights, begins at noon in the Arts and Education Building, Room AE262.

Darrell Laird, chair of the UCC Human Rights Committee, says the group has organized the series as part of an educational commitment to students and the outlying community.

"Treaty negotiations in B.C. have been ongoing for 10 years now with limited progress. In keeping with its educational mandate, this year the Human Rights Committee is presenting a variety of perspectives on land claims, the treaty process and human rights, including an opportunity for the audience to raise questions and concerns with each speaker" said Laird.

The committee has arranged to host representatives from the federal and provincial government as well as the B.C. Treaty Commission throughout the month of October.

The next speaker in the series is Eric Denhoff, appointed Chief Federal Negotiator in 1996, who will make a presentation Oct. 15 at noon in the Old Main Building, Room OM1611. Subsequent lectures will be announced as speakers are confirmed.

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