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Vernon Bellecourt, co-founder of the American Indian Movement, will speak at a pre-conference session Thursday, Nov. 17.

Mills, 1964 Olympic gold medalist, Native American activist, author and motivational speaker, will be the keynote speaker at Friday's luncheon in the CSU, discussing "Global Unity through Global Diversity." Bellecourt will be featured at 7 p.m. Thursday in Wissink Center 289.

The conference is intended to build and strengthen awareness and student leadership, and to provide an opportunity for academic scholars, students, professionals and community members to discuss issues that affect Native American communities. The conference, in the CSU, is open to everyone. There is no charge for single workshops, but there is a fee for meals and for the entire conference.

Other featured speakers include Dana Tiger, "Being within the Circle, the Art of Honoring the Life Ways of Our Ancestors"; Richard Williams, "Strengthening Native Education"; David Larsen, "History of the Dakota Nation," including the history of Mankato; Wayne Allen "The Dene Indians of the Canadian Subarctic and Arctic as Seen Through Their Traditional Oral Narratives"; Elden Lawrence, "American Patriotism and The American Indian Warrior Tradition: A Paradoxical Relationship"; and Sabastian (Bronco) Lebeau, "Recruitment & Retention of Native American Students"

The cost of the entire conference is \$45 for students and \$75 for non-students. Single workshops are free. Lunch for non-registered conference participants is \$5 for students and \$10 for non-students.

Those who want more information should contact Jennifer Simon at (507) 389-6300 or [jennifer.simon@mnsu.edu](mailto:jennifer.simon@mnsu.edu), or visit the website <http://www.mnsu.edu/cultdiv/>.

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