

Oliver Everette Poem Finds Way To Indian Studies

A poem entitled "Chippewa Sage", written by Oliver Everette, an English professor at the University of Alaska, will be used in the Indian Studies Program in the Minneapolis, Minn. schools.

As printed on the editorial page, the poem tells of the Indian's reverence for the natural world around him.

Everette's work found its way into the Minneapolis school system through Esther Nahgahnub, the former editor of an Indian newspaper, Drumbeat.

Currently a member of the Audio Visual Dept.-Indian Studies of the Minneapolis schools, Miss Nahgahnub is now writing educational units.

She requested the use of Professor Everette's poem for such a unit.

In speaking of the Indian's "religious ceremony or deep gratitude", the poem would emphasize the deep feelings that we harbor for the Great Spirit," Miss Nahgahnub wrote in a letter to Everette.

She is a Fond du lac Indian.

"With your help," she added, "we could bring a lot of feeling into some of these units."

"You must feel very deeply about "the original people," she wrote Everette, "and without having been told otherwise, I would have taken you for one of us."

