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Charges suspended

By Susan Enge
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EDMONTON

The Paul band Eagles' hockey team have decided to suspend legal action against the Mayerthorpe Spurs for allegedly inciting hatred against their team in a game held in Mayerthorpe Dec. 10.

Some Spurs' hockey players went onto the ice with what appeared to be black stripes painted on their faces and allegedly called the Eagles' players "wagon burners" throughout the game.

The action offended the Indian teenaged players and coach because they felt intimidated and that their Indian heritage was being made a mockery of during the game.

A formal complaint was lodged against the Spurs team and filed with executive members of the Alberta Rural Junior Hockey League, of which the two teams are members. The Spurs' coach and manager were immediately suspended until a formal hearing could take place.

Three representatives of this league met in Westlock Dec. 18 and discussed the case at length. They decided to remove the suspensions, a decision based on a written report by head referee Dale Schwab.

Schwab writes: "I noticed a number of Mayerthorpe players had writing in black paint stick on their faces...At this time I was informed that it was part of the Mayerthorpe teams rookie night. Deeming it not a necessary part of the game, I insisted it be removed...At no time during the period was there any type of protest from the Paul Band regarding the writing."

The Mayerthorpe team explained to Schwab the paint on some of their rookies inscribed the word "rookie" on their faces as part of an "initiation ritual."

League president Vic Hawryluk, secretary-treasurer Jack McIntosh and Com-

missioner Ron MacKenzie endorsed Schwab's analysis of the incident. The three officials rendered the Mayerthorpe teams' conduct at "no fault."

"After further investigation by league officials, it was determined that no wrongdoing was done or implied," states their letter.

Although the hearing was limited to officials only, Windspeaker has learned the coach and manager from the Mayerthorpe team attended the meeting while no representatives from the Paul Band were invited.

Hawryluk said "they (Mayerthorpe) were not invited per se."

Instead, he said they just appeared at the hearing, but said, "they were not allowed any input."

Both teams submitted their written version of what happened that night which clearly contradict each other.

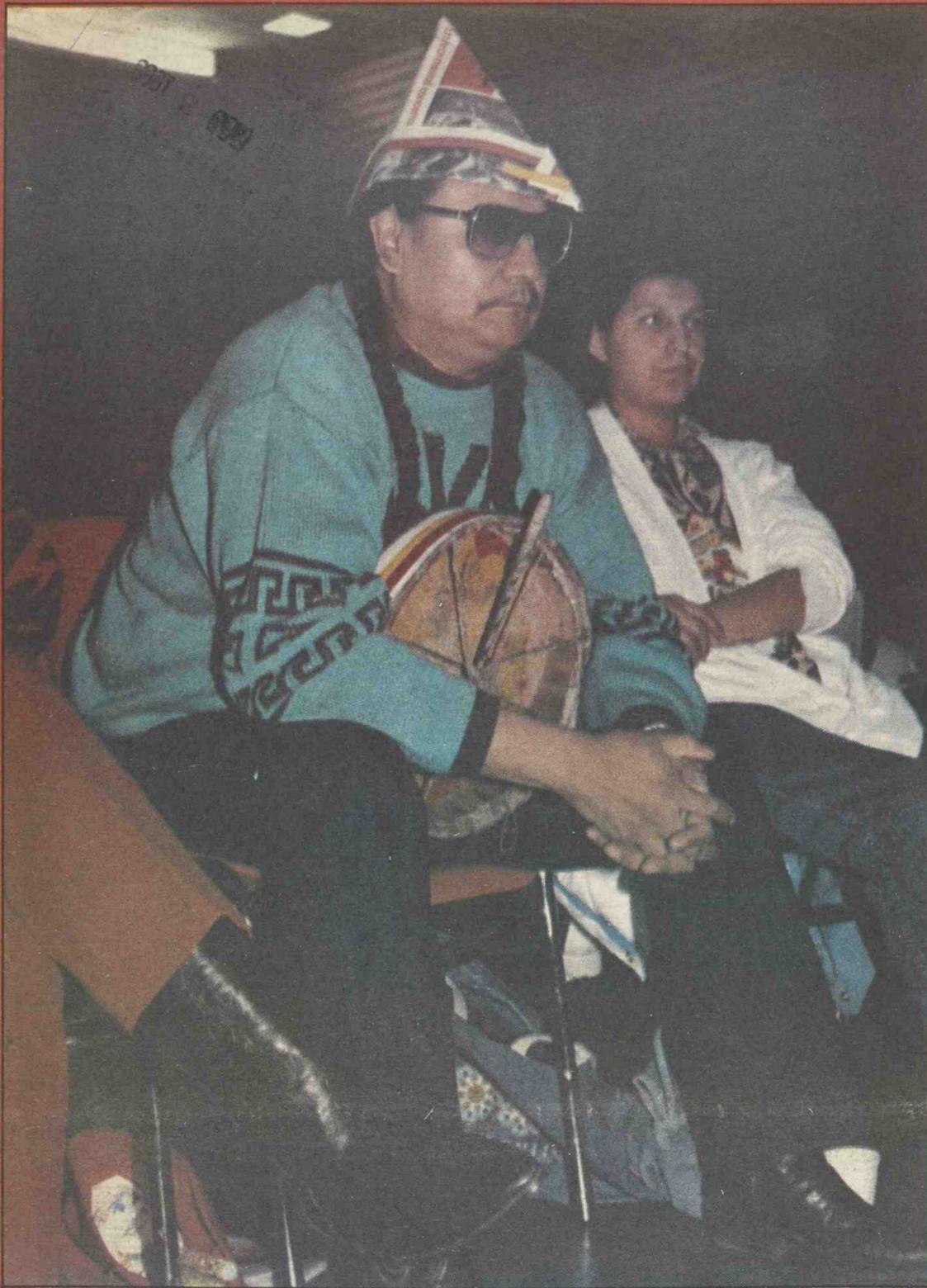
Alex Belcourt, the Paul Band recreation director says they don't have immediate plans to appeal the league's decision, taking it one step further to the Alberta Amateur Hockey Association executive. For the time being they plan to take their case to the media.

"We want to let the public know that what was done was uncalled for in a hockey game. Maybe in our initiation we'll wheel a player out on a stretcher and shave him. Are they going to let that happen?" said Alex Belcourt.

The Paul Band Eagles have two more games against the Spurs this season. But, since the incident seven Eagles' players have quit the team. Belcourt is uncertain whether they will have enough players to complete the season.

The Alberta Rural Junior Hockey League is holding a meeting in Edmonton Jan. 17. The incident and possible policy changes preventing similar incidents from taking place is on the agenda for discussion.

In the meantime, a representative from the Canadian Human Rights Commission is maintaining contact with Belcourt.



Handgame thinking cap

Cecil Nepoose, Hobbema, wears his Windspeaker thinking hat at a recent handgame tournament held at the Louis Bull recreation centre.

Nepoose's team, and other Hobbema teams, defied

bad weather to catch up on some winter visiting and maybe win some money, too.

For more on handgames see pages 10-11.

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University to offer Native Studies degree

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EDMONTON

The government of Alberta has approved a new university degree for people interested in Native studies at the University of Alberta.

The new four-year program will allow students in the bachelor of arts program to major in Native Studies.

An official from the university's Native Student Services welcomes the program. Academic advisor Marilyn Dumont says "it at least allows a Native student official recognition of an interest area." She adds that students have always been interested in the area but can

now access an official established institution.

A bachelor of arts degree with a major in Native Studies gives the graduate four years of training, that is recognized by employers or others who are looking for experts or professionals in Native issues. It is also possible to complete the degree in less than four years, if students are ambitious.

Teaching the program is Richard Price, director of the School of Native Studies. Price's teaching style is the use of Native leaders and elders. People like Harold Cardinal, former president of the Indian Association of Alberta; John Samson, Hobbema elder, and Mau-

rice L'Hirondelle, elder and former leader of Alberta's Federation of Metis Settlements, are some of the lecturers invited to the university.

Since it first opened its doors, the school has steadily developed and this fall one can look to a full-blown degree program offering a wide range of courses.

In addition to Cree, students can also take Slavey and Inuktitut. Courses will also be offered in Native arts and Metis history and culture.

As an important part of the contemporary Native movement, the school offers instruction in economic

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CLOSE TO HOME

E-12 dispute continues

By Kim McLain
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NATIONAL

Indian student groups from across the country wanting to halt the processing of a proposed policy called Circular E-12—a federal government plan to

change the way post-secondary funds are given to Treaty Indians—lost one battle but opened the doors for another chance at victory.

"We've met with the government personally, wrote letters, got band council resolutions opposing the changes," said Albert Crier, volunteer coordinator for an

Alberta students' group rejecting the proposal.

"Other groups from across Canada have held protest demonstrations — some Ontario students were even fasting in protest," said Crier.

The first complaint anti-Circular E-12 groups had was that the government's consultation process was not long enough. The job of getting responses to the proposed changes began July 1988—the deadline was set at Dec. 31, 1988. The target date for implementing the proposed changes is set for April 1989. Groups protesting the changes in the circular have been engaged in a campaign to extend the deadline for feedback another year.

"We want to know if the government officials heard us," said Crier.

However, their demands are facing opposition from federal officials.

"We don't need to extend it (deadline for consultation) beyond Dec. 31," said John Reyner, assistant deputy minister to Bill McKnight, minister of Indian affairs. He explains that although his staff is only half way through evaluating the written responses, he feels "we have a very good measure of the feeling" toward the proposed policy.

The next step, Reyner said, is to hold a workshop to discuss the feedback and

what changes may be possible. He said he'll invite concerned members of the Indian community to gather at the end of February or early March.

Asked if he thought that would leave enough time to make revised changes before the April target date: "Yes, that would be feasible."

According to a government official from the Alberta region, most respondents have rejected their new policy.

"Overall, the responses have been negative," said Dave Schepens, the man

coordinating the consultation process in Alberta. Schepens estimated "well over a thousand" policy proposals were distributed. He said he's gotten back "dozens of responses."

But, Schepen said the Indian Association of Alberta forwarded their official response obtained from their All-Chiefs meeting in Enoch last October. At that meeting, IAA officials rejected Circular E-12 and proposed their own alternate policy.

Some Indians, who regard unlimited post-secondary education funded

totally by the federal government as a treaty right, feel Circular E-12 threatens that right. "The federal government does not regard post-secondary education as a treaty right," said John Reyner, in a telephone interview from his Ottawa office. He added that probably all Indians would disagree, "but I don't think there will be any change."

Reyner adds that the department of Indian affairs regards post-secondary as an important policy. In fact, he said the department just got a 10 per cent increase in the budget, bringing the money set aside for post-secondary education for Indian and Inuit students to \$130 million this year.

But critics of Circular E-12 say that the increase in funds is enough for the increasing number of Treaty Indians seeking a higher level of education.

They believe one part of the new policy would shorten the potential student funding period to four years. To date, the department covered student costs up to eight years. Many students, feel one degree is insufficient and doesn't go far in today's mainstream economy.

The biggest irony, say critics, is that while increasing numbers of Native people are choosing the road to higher education, more roadblocks are being set up by the government.

NEWS BRIEFS

Indian dentist returns

Deb Crowfoot, a Blackfoot dentist trained in the U.S., will be setting up practice at the Blackfoot reserve where he was born and raised. Crowfoot, 29, had twice failed an exam required for all foreign-trained dentists entering Canada—he got passing marks on his third try.

He says the exam is a "way to keep dentists out—it's not fair at all." He adds: "A lot of qualified people are not working in Canada because of the exam."

But now he wants to put the frustration of the costly exams (about \$15,000 in travel and other costs) behind him and is excited about returning to the Blackfoot reserve.

Crowfoot attended the University of Washington State for eight years. He'll be moving his practice and his family back to Canada in a few months. He hasn't been home in eleven years.

Ghostkeeper new director

Edmonton's friendship centre has hired Ralph Ghostkeeper-Richard, 26, as interim program director. The Paddle Prairie Metis was attending a University of Lethbridge management course prior to his hiring. Before that, he worked five years for Hobbema recreation.

"I've been hired just to keep the (present) program going," said Ghostkeeper-Richard. The centre officials are redefining the program director's job description and will open the job for competitions about the end of February.

Ghostkeeper-Richard is filling a vacancy left by long-time staff member Gordon Russell.

Cree lady seeks nomination

Pearl Calahasen, 36, announced her intent to run for the PC nomination for the Lesser Slave Lake riding after MLA Larry Shaben announced he would not be running in the upcoming provincial election.

The Cree woman, originally from Grouard, has a degree in education, masters from the University of Oregon and work experience at AVC Grouard and the Northlands School Board.

Others that have announced their intent to run for the PC candidacy are Bill Pearson, mayor of Slave Lake; Dena Joans, director of Slave Lake's social services; and

Stan Jenkins, an employee for the Whitefish band sawmill.

At press time, well-known Metis politician, Sam Sinclair, said he was "seriously considering" seeking nomination. "I'll probably make an announcement before the week is out."

To date, only one Liberal has announced her intent to run; Denise Whalston is a teacher at Slake Lake.



Wants votes: Calahasen

The New Democrats were not available for comment at press time.

Press are speculating that Premier Getty will call an election very soon.

Youths to gather in Ottawa

By Kim McLain
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OTTAWA

Future Aboriginal youth programs and policies being undertaken by the federal government will be high on the agenda at a National Aboriginal Youth Conference scheduled Feb. 10-13 at Ottawa.

The conference hopes to bring together Aboriginal youth, leaders, resource people and elders from across the country to discuss issue of concern to Aboriginal youth.

There will be no registration fee for the conference, however, potential delegates who have not already been contacted are required to make their own sponsorship and transportation arrangement. All Aboriginal youth between the ages of 15-25 are invited to attend.

Deadline for pre-registration is Jan. 18. For more information contact Greg Young-Ing at (613) 238-3511.

Band elections in South

By Kim McLain
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PROVINCIAL

Five southern bands went to the polls to vote for chief and council recently, another will hold elections in February.

The Blood band re-elected Chief Roy Fox for another two-year term. Councillors elected are Narcisse Blood, Rodney First Rider, Randy Bottle, Monica Spear Chief, Martin Eaglechild,

Adison Crow, Peter Big Head, Helen Many Fingers, Kirby Many Fingers, Bernard Tallman Sr., Calvin Williams and Richard Mills.

At the O'Chiese reserve, George Strawberry was elected new chief, defeating former chief Theresa Strawberry. Councillors elected are Martin Iron Bull, James Beaverbones, Neil Strawberry and Robert Strawberry.

The Peigan band elected a new chief—Leonard Bastien began his two-year term Jan. 10. Councillors

elected are Floyd Smith, Rod North Peigan, Leander Strikes With A Gun, Rosemary Crow Shoe, James North Peigan, Albert Little Mustache, Hugh Crow Eagle, James Knowlton, George Little Mustache, Gordon McDougal, Patrick Provost and Edwin Yellowhorn.

At Sarcee, voters elected Roy Albert Onspot (Whitney) for the new chief. Councillors elected are Alex D. Crowchild, Gordon Crowchild, Peter K. Many-

wounds, Bruce Starlight, Gilbert Crowchild, Bradford Littlelight, Thomas Runner and Sidney Starlight.

The Sunchild band members will go to the polls for a chief and council election before the end of February.

Election results from the Stoney bands were published in the Dec. 30 issue of Windspeaker.

The Blackfoot band held their elections January 1988 and are not scheduled for elections until January of 1990.

DEGREE

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development and land use. In stride with the overall university's drive toward excellence in research, the school offers instruction in communications, negotiating and community development

One of the greatest concerns of Native people is their desire to achieve

greater control over their communities and affairs. As part of this concern, the school offers courses in self-government, Native law and management issues. The 1988 Native law course was taught by Wilton Littlechild, a Native lawyer from Hobbema, Alberta and the first Treaty Indian to be elected to the House of Commons.

The president of the

Metis Association of Alberta, Larry Desmeules says that he is "totally in support of the degree in Native Studies." Carolyn Buffalo, of the Montana Band and leader of the university's Aboriginal Student Council, is also pleased with the announcement. "This new degree is a wonderful opportunity for all students, Native and non-Native, to become more knowledgeable about aspira-

tions of Native people in western Canada."

History of the school goes back to 1972 when the Indian Association of Alberta asked that such a school be set up at the university. Carl Urion, a professor, played a big part in getting the school off the ground. The school opened its doors in 1986 by offering courses in Cree, and Natives issues and insights.

CLOSE TO HOME

Leadership re-elected in Whitefish band

By Susan Enge
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ATIKAMEG, Alta.

Although the number of candidates running for the chief and councillor positions reached an all time high, with seven candidates running for chief and 27 for the seven councillor positions, the Cree in Atikameg made it clear their leadership did not require change.

Instead, incumbent chief Eddy Tallman and four of its seven councillors were re-elected for another two year term in their Jan. 5 band election.

The voter turnout was extremely high. About 80 percent of Atikameg's 270 eligible voters cast their ballots.

The results for the chief's position are: Eddie Tallman, 77 votes; Joseph Nahachick, 64; Robert Grey, 34; Amedee Laboucan, 26; Frederick Thunder, 15; Gene Marie Whitehead unknown and

Raymond Tallman, 0.

Councillors re-elected are Robert Grey, Gilbert Laboucan, George Tallman, Cacy Gaudette. New councillors are Ivan Auger, John Laboucan and Gene Marie Whitehead.

Some Atikameg residents find Chief Tallman's successful low-key style of leadership a major reason for his re-election.

"He kept it very quiet - didn't make a big show. It wasn't too political or worldwide. I don't think anyone could have done it any better than him," said Rosie Chalifoux.

Another member echoed Chalifoux's sentiments. "I believe he knows what's best for his people," said Marina Thunder.

One band employee felt Chief Tallman executes a new approach unique from previous chiefs.

"The previous leaders were kind of intimidated by caucasians - the white people. They kind of listened to

what they had to say and did what they said. But, Eddy is opposite to that. He does what he thinks is right - not what other people tell him," commented Earl Laboucan, the band's recreation director.

In fact, Laboucan adds prior to Tallman's leadership, the community's style of leadership was "kind of old-fashioned."

"Most people here, in my opinion, are 10 to 15 years behind in the community. The intimidation factor from the white society...they're confidence level is lacking a bit," said Laboucan.

Tallman is preparing for the referendum the band council expects to conduct on the reserve in February which will ask their membership whether they support their land claim agreement-in-principle reached Dec. 12 with federal and provincial governments.

Chief Tallman could not be reached for comment on his new two-year term of office.



Announcing a successful claim: Chief Tallman, flanked by Ken Rostad and Larry Shaben

TAKING CARE OF OUR OWN

This week's foster child: Brian

Brian is a 12-year-old Native boy who will refuse to live anywhere where his dog can't be with him. He's used to fending for himself and will need a home that is both strong and loving in nature.

He loves riding his bike and is quite good at doing stunts. His social worker describes him as being a "sensitive" boy with a "warm heart" who has a "gentle side to him."

Brian has had involvement with the law and has had problems in school. He is of average intelligence.

We are looking for a foster home with the following qualities:

1. Though Brian has some Edmonton connections, a rural placement would be preferred.
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4. Brian needs someone who will sit down and help him with his school work every night. He will need some direction in forming good study habits so he can keep up with the rest of the class.
5. Brian has to know that he is a good enough person to have people care for him. He has to feel he is worthwhile.
6. He needs a strong male role model, a man or older sons in the house.
7. Finally, we have to find Brian a family that will accept his dog. He dearly loves his pet and his heart would be broken if they were separated.

If you feel Brian would be accepted into your family and that your family has the time and patience to work with him, please call Susan at 431-6690.

Atikameg land claim gets mixed reaction

By Susan Enge
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ATIKAMEG, Alta.

The people of Atikameg are making it clear the \$19 million cash settlement falls distinctly in second place compared to the extra 8.6 square miles of land contained within the land claims agreement-in-principle their leaders reached with federal and provincial governments Dec. 12 in Edmonton.

However, some people are not too happy with the location of their new land.

"I was told it was more muskeg than anything else," said Rosie Chalifoux, a 35 year-old bookkeeper and mother of six children.

Although she strongly supports what Chief Eddy Tallman and band councillors negotiated for their band, Chalifoux thinks in this case, the "money was more valuable than the land."

Looking at the deal she believes Chief Tallman and negotiators "didn't try to be huggy, or try to get more money." But Chalifoux thinks the "value of land should have been more

important."

"There are people that said we should have got more land, better land. It would take more and more time. Finally, we wouldn't have gotten anything."

Under the circumstances, Chalifoux believes the Whitefish band negotiators "reached the best deal they could." The style in which the agreement-in-principle was obtained was conducted "in a well done manner."

She said Chief Tallman didn't "make a big show", instead he "kept it very quiet." She added "it wasn't too political or worldwide."

The strong faith in the leadership was echoed by another member.

"I believe he (Chief Tallman) knows what's best for his people. He did the best he could to get the best for them," said Marina Thunder, a 42 year-old teacher's aid working at a band-run kindergarten.

The Whitefish band's recreation director thinks the land claim package appears in the eyes of the general public to be a good deal, but added they have a general opinion of "whatever we get is good enough for us." Earl Laboucan

attributes this attitude to the Cree's loyalty towards their leadership. "I have a feeling they would have been happy with whatever the chief and council decide(d)."

He said although "\$19 million is not exactly a small amount of money...I think they're (community) a lot happier with the amount of land that we got in the agreement.

"I agree with the general train of thought because land is going to be here forever."

The particular land site the Whitefish negotiators settled for, although it is thought to be muskeg-type of country, was due to the fact the leaders had "to face some trade-offs," stated band employee Brian Pitcairn.

"They made a decision that they felt was the best one," he added.

Chief Tallman, just recently re-elected Jan. 5 for another two years, expects a referendum in February, putting the question to his people whether or not they endorse the agreement-in-principle. A date has not been specified. Appendices to the document are being added. They include specif-

ic budgets for operation of the Whitefish band.

Although a majority of Atikameg residents favor the land claim package, there was one member, who ran unsuccessfully for the chief's position last week, who is dissatisfied with the quantum of land to be set aside for the reserve.

Gene Marie Whitehead said if he had to choose between the two, land would be worth more than money.

"Money... you have it in your right hand and it goes out on your left. But, the land...it doesn't" said Whitehead. Settling for the Mink Creek area is the reason why the band received such a large cash settlement. Their first land selection area were rich oil-producing lands.

Whether or not Whitefish band members support the agreement will be determined next month in Atikameg. In the meantime, Rosie Chalifoux says comments from adjacent reserves will likely continue.

"They've been saying we're rich, but that's not really what it's all about," said Chalifoux.



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YOUR WORDS

Res schools: the damage is done

Dear Editor:

The Native residential schools that flourished in Canada and other countries, did an injustice to the very people they intended to help.

The first explorers of Canada described Native people as heathens. Later, they found the Native people had spiritual beliefs and a moral awareness.

However, the Europeans believed Native religion was wrong. The Christians believed and still do, that their way of worship is better. The Catholic missionaries that first arrived in Canada were undoubtedly happy. Here was a whole land of people waiting to be 'saved.'

The best approach to 'saving and converting' the Native people was to start with the young. Therefore, residential schools were built while the priests ministered to the reserve population.

The Indian agent, representing the government, would closely watch on Native families. Any children who experienced family breakup were sent to the residential school. At the school, Native children were subjected to institutionalized life.

For a child born close to the earth, with a spirit as free as the wind, the results were terrible. Often, no one explained to the children why they were there. So the children urged each other to "toughen up."

Anyone caught speaking a Native language was punished. Perhaps unconsciously, some children believed their language was

bad. Some who went home spoke only English; they didn't understand much of their Native language or culture any longer. Of course, this pushed parents and children apart.

How could a pride in a culture be kept up, if the children were reading books that depicted his ancestors as savages?

Sadly, not enough was said of the good the Native people did in aiding the early explorers with survival skills.

True, early residential schools taught the Native children some skills. Girls were taught home-making skills, as well as English and math.

Boys, on the other hand, were taught blue collar skills. They were taught carpentry and farming. These skills were learned

through the work experience at the school. Many schools were self-sufficient. Some even made their own shoes. By using child labor, the schools kept expenses down. Consequently, less time was spent in the classroom, especially for the older, stronger students.

The children's diet had very little fruit. To keep away scurvy and rickets, cod liver oil was dispensed. To supplement the diet, raw carrots and turnips were served once or twice a week. Lard was used on bread. The school staff thought this was what the children were used to.

Perhaps not too much blame can be placed on the nuns and priests; maybe they forsook the worldly show of affection. Maybe they didn't want to show favorites. Or perhaps there was too many

children to show affection for.

The Catholic religion was the predominant church that served the Native people. I would like to believe that in its heart, it really believed it would help the Native people. There are some who believe the church helped the government to destroy Native people's pride.

I was in Onion Lake residential school in the early '50s.

In the '60s, things started to change. Education was stressed and schools brought in a certified high school program. The nuns and priests became more aware of the human aspect of the children.

But for us, for the children who attended those early schools, change came too late. When we left the schools we felt lost. We weren't quite sure where we fit in. The expectations that had been formed by exposure to the white culture could not be fulfilled on the reserve. Yet, we did not have the skills to completely fit into the mainstream society.

Today, psychologists are referring to studies they are doing on inmates. The studies indicate that total adjustment never comes. Residential children, now adults number into the thousands and we wonder why we had a hard time coping with family life. But often, many of the residential school children do not know why they are bitter.

We learned some good things at the schools, but we have to search hard for the love of ourselves. That wasn't taught.

Gail Duiker

Lubicon chief denounces ad

Dear Editor:

The Dec. 30, 1988 edition of Windspeaker contained a paid ad proposing a New Year's toast from the Lubicon people to all of our friends. The ad shows the hands of two obviously well-dressed, probably white middle class people lifting a champagne glass and a brandy snifter in toast to the New Year.

The Lubicon people want the readers of Windspeaker to know

that we didn't approve this ad, and it doesn't express the kind of New Year sentiment we want to send to our friends. The New Year message the Lubicon people want to send to our friends is a little more serious and sober message of deep gratitude for their support, and of sincere best wishes for the coming year.

Sincerely,
Chief Bernard Ominayak
Lubicon Lake Indian Nation

Elders key to culture

Some people say the essence of our culture is in the hearts of our elders. The evidence, they say, is in the twinkle of their eyes.

Others fear that as our elders pass on, so too will our culture.

I must admit, being an urban Indian, that sometimes I forget who I am. It's easy to forget. I look outside my window and see concrete. I'm being bombarded by mass media trying to sell me the Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue and gourmet cat food. The clock dictates me relentlessly.

Sometimes the only thing that reminds me who I am is thinking about my grandparents. Both are still alive and well, living on the Cold Lake reserve. My kookum speaks English, Chip and Cree, but my moosum only talks Cree. I speak only English.

Once, at a powwow, I had this incredible urge to communicate with my moosum. He was sitting in a white canvas tent, smoking and thinking, when I joined him. I sat close to him, also lighting up a cigarette.



EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK
By Kim McLain

It was so frustrating to sit there in silence, not being able to talk to my moosum. I knew he wanted to speak to me, like I wanted to speak to him. Instead, we settled for having a quiet smoke together.

I've often wondered what kind of things he'd tell me—what lessons he'd give me to pass on to the next generation.

But many things I've learned from the elders in my life go beyond words, like respect and tolerance. And most importantly, to see the good in everything.

Despite my moosum's material poverty, he once told me (through a translator) that only now was he reaping the rewards of life. It took me a few years to see what he meant. He has family, a lifetime of friends, respect, memories, and other treasures that I'm too blind to see.

Will today's youth be capable of passing on the spirit of our culture to the next generation?

I don't know. But I have a feeling that as long as we can keep that twinkle in our eyes, we'll do okay.

GRASSROOTS

KEITH MATTHEW, Windspeaker

Dene plan for Arizona trip

By Keith Matthew
Windspeaker Staff Writer

ASSUMPTION

Fairview college students from Assumption are working towards a trip of a lifetime to Shiprock, New Mexico, to visit with the Navajo at the end of March.

"The trip is for the benefit of the students here in Assumption that are taking the upgrading and office assistance programs," says Doreen Chow, one of the organizers. "Assumption has such a negative picture and this is to show that the students are capable of doing a trip like this."

In all, there are 20 students who will be making the 7,400 km round trip to Shiprock to visit the rural

campus of the Navajo Community College.

"It is a unique facility for the Navajo people. It has been in existence since 1968 and it offers degree programs. The facility has over

'There are similarities between the two groups of people... they have the same Athabaskan language.'

1,600 students," explains Chow.

The content of the education is especially interesting to Chow because it combines both the western non-Native teaching with tradi-

tional Indian teachings as well.

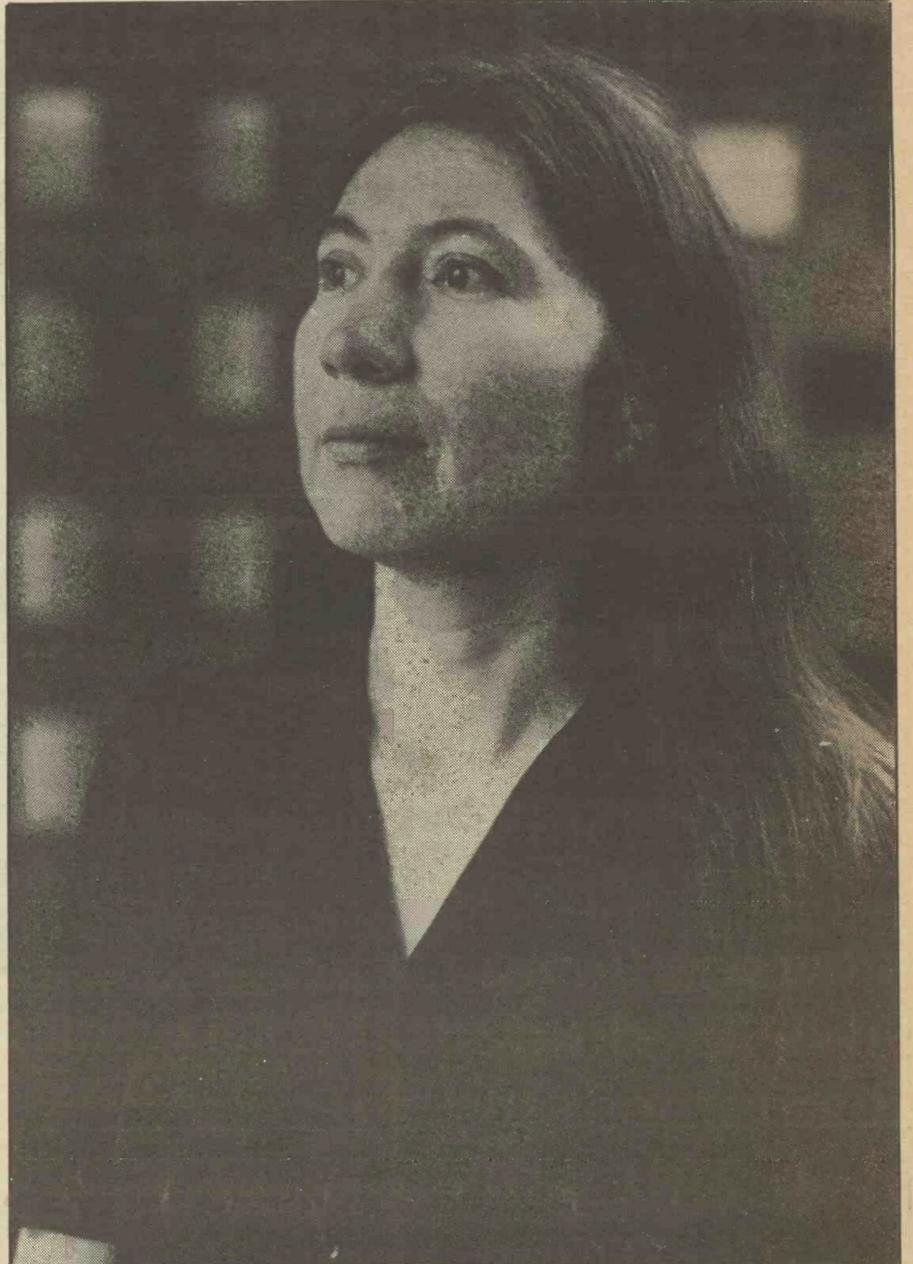
"They have developed their traditional values into the curriculum," she says. "They have elders come in that are specialized in medicine where they are taking sciences and are able to come into the college and give instruction."

Or the students are able to take instruction outside of the classroom on field trips with the elders. "It is a very well rounded education that they receive."

Legends that are told in Assumption include an account of the relationship that the Southwestern United States Navajo have with the Dene Tha' band. "There are similarities between the two groups of people. The people in Assumption call themselves Dene whereas the Navajo also call themselves Dene. They have the same Athabaskan language," she explains.

According to the legend of the northern people "there were two brothers and they got separated and one went in one direction" and the other brother went in another, claims Chow.

She says the Navajo are gearing up for their visit. "They're going to do some sort of ceremony for us. We are going to do a tea dance for them and the stu-



Seeking a cultural exchange: Doreen Chow

dents are preparing gifts because the people in the south really don't have any fur-bearing animals."

She has been working on organizing the trip since the beginning of this school year in September and has been helping raise money for the trip. "We have had bottle drives and we are

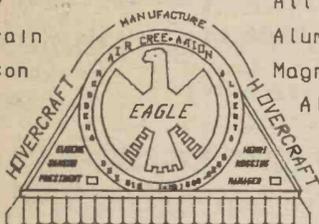
going to have a bingo this month," she explains. "There have also been benefit dances and raffles that we have put on and that is basically what we have done so far."

The Fairview College Foundation is accepting cash donations for this trip. "The donations are tax deductible

and Fairview College is issuing receipts."

The students are really looking forward to the trip. "They have participated in the fund raising and they have worked really hard" and the trip is to show "they really have dreams outside of their 100-mile radius."

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GRASSROOTS

Morin back from Nashville promo tour

Hello family, friends and neighbors. Tansi? Gla Ne Ttou? Ready for another busy week folks? Two weeks into the New Year already! Hope '89 proves to be one of your better years. Have you mailed in those New Year's resolutions I requested last week? If not, it's still not too late to submit them. Let's hear them. Let me say again: Droppin In is your column. Don't hesitate to deliver your messages for publication. Your comments, ideas and photos would be much appreciated. And, thank you for the Christmas cards. I was pleasantly surprised when I received that mail. Now, let's travel the 'Arctic deep freeze' (Alberta) for some community news and highlights...

Lac La Biche: CFWE radio director Ray Fox (The Fox) and country singer Priscilla Morin travelled south to Nashville for a couple of weeks over the Christmas holiday. The pair sought to establish contact and exposure with major record promoters and publishing houses for the 18-year-old Native singer.

Morin performed at four reputable night clubs such as the Stockyard, where a large crowd of 400-500 applauded Morin for her standing-room-only performance. "The turnouts at the clubs were just fantastic," said Fox.

Fox confirmed the \$3,000 promotional tour was a success for the young entertainer's exposure. One major publishing house has agreed to accept Morin's material for further consideration.

"The only big problem we found was with the non-



DROPPIN' IN By Bea Lawrence

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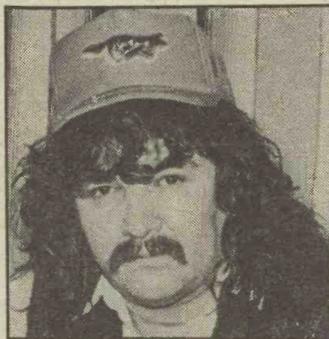
major publishing places. These places concentrate mainly with big-name stars because of their cash flow shortage. But, they are willing to help us market," said Fox.

"The timing for the promotional tour wasn't too great either," continued Fox. "Because of the Christmas season, many of the offices were shut down."

Watch for Morin's promotional tour performance which will be televised on Nashville Network's Star Show in March.

Fox and Morin have no formal contract agreement between them although Fox performs the management duties.

Morin resides at the Kikino Metis settlement near Lac La Biche and is currently working on a duet with Canadian county talent



Club turnout was fantastic: Fox and Morin

Brian Festukian.

The young Metis star won \$1,000 in a CFCW talent search contest in 1987. That was her debut as a professional entertainer.

The Fox and the singer welcomed the 65 F temperatures bestowed throughout their Dec. 13-27 promotional tour, which no doubt, made up for their 'six-days on the road' trip.

Edmonton: Native film director Gil Cardinal will be presenting the National Film Board film entitled Foster Child at the Avonmore School (7340-78 St.) Jan. 18 at 7:30 p.m.

The city's Families of Native Children group are hosting and extending this invitation to the public. This special interest group is comprised of a few adoptive and foster parents in affiliation with the Adoptive Parents Association of Alberta.

"Gil has something important to say to these primarily all non-Native adoptive and foster parents. Because he too was raised in a non-Native foster home, we feel he is the information source for our cause," said chairperson for the group Fran Wolver. "Personally I've enjoyed the 40-45 minute film numerous times and have enjoyed it fully. It's a special film." Wolver can be reached at 437-1287 for details.

Watch this column for the Families of Native Children's slated activities for February and March.

Ft. McMurray: Nistawoyou Association Friendship Centre is hosting an elders' program every Wednesday from 2-4 p.m. Everyone is welcome to the weekly craft program.

Something for everyone. Youths 13-17-years-old can enjoy an evening of sports, movies and games every Saturday beginning Jan. 21 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Suggestions for other activities are most welcomed. Meet at the centre.

A family potluck supper and talent show is slated for Jan. 22 from 3-5 p.m. Share togetherness, good food and laughter. Bring your share of something to eat and if you would like to entertain call Cecil or Kym at the centre: 743-8555.

That's all the room allotted for this week's community news folks! Tune in again next week for your community news publications. Have a safe and happy week. Okay...smile! (It makes people wonder what you've been up to)...you've seen this saying on those collectable novelty buttons.



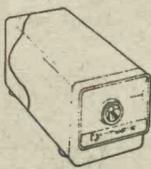
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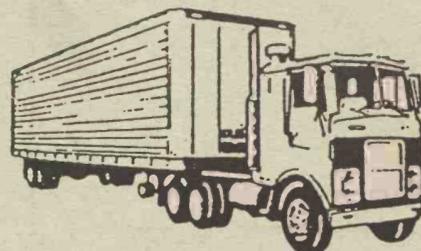
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'Teen Parenting - Let's Stop Kidding Around'

Symposium set to discuss teenaged pregnancies

The first major symposium in Canada to focus on the staggering social and economic problems associated with teenagers having and raising their children will be held in Edmonton, Feb. 22-24, 1989, announced co-ordinator RoseMarie McCarthy. The event is hosted by the Provincial Advisory Committee on the Family.

The symposium, entitled: Teen Parenting - Let's Stop Kidding Around, will bring together junior and senior high school students, parents, and professionals in the fields of education, health care, law and counselling for intensive three-day sessions in the Fantasyland Hotel and the Edmonton Convention Centre. Organizers anticipate attendance of between 400 and 500 participants from a diversity of professional fields.

Keynote speakers already confirmed include Deborah Gilboy, director of the Governor's Initiative on Teen Pregnancy in Colorado, and Terrance Olson, associate dean of the College of Family, Home and Social Sciences at Brigham Young University and a former member of President Rea-

gan's Panel on Teen Pregnancy.

The committee identified the immensity of Alberta's teen parent problem while examining adoption issues. For example, in 1987, of all teenagers under 15 years of age who bore children, adoption was not an option taken - they all kept their babies.

Statistics indicate that the issue of teenage parents is becoming more and more of a social tragedy. This year in Alberta an estimated 3,000 teenage girls under 18 years of age will become mothers. Most of these will choose to keep their babies.

The teen parent often lacks the maturity and the parenting skills to undertake the difficult task of raising children. They lack the education and experience in the work force to effectively support themselves. All too often young mothers, and even some young fathers, become dependent on welfare and other social services for survival. The costs to society over the long term are staggering.

Although the obvious solution is to prevent teenage pregnancies, February's symposium will primarily address the services

and issues related to the existing teen parents. Organizers noted that "we have to consider" the role of society in assuring that these young parents and their children are given the support and the education and guidance to realize their full potential. Then we have to deal with the delicate issues of sex education, birth control and the concept of morality." The committee feels that the bringing together of professionals to share related information at the symposium is a giant step in the right direction.

"We cannot continue to ignore this problem any longer," organizers stressed. "Teen parents are real people, with real problems...not something to be hidden in the family closet."

The committee is appealing to members of the public who are teen parents or who have some related personal experiences to write or phone the symposium co-ordinator. A call for papers has also been issued to the professional community along with their conference invitation. Portions of the symposium, including an informational display area, will be open to the general public.



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10th anniversary powwow celebration

Cultural school to host powwow

By Bea Lawrence
Windspeaker Staff Writer

CALGARY

The Plains Indians Cultural Survival School (PICSS) will host a non-competition powwow Feb. 1st in Calgary. The celebration begins with a feast at 4 p.m. followed by a grand opening ceremony at 6 p.m.

Powwow dancers will commence performances at 6:30 p.m.

"PICSS is and has been very instrumental in creating a new era in Native education," states a press release.

This city's all Native high school has been in operation for the last 10 years. "Our Native oriented school is the first of it's kind in Canada," said Principal Jerry Arshinoff who's been with the school for eight years.

PICSS education curriculum is based entirely around Canada's Natives. "An example is the Social Studies program. Students are instructed strictly about the Indian's history and right up to the current issues facing them," adds Arshinoff. "We don't spend our classroom hours learning about early

European's history and discoveries."

Beside the regular curriculum focussing on Native's social lifestyles and issues, the students are taught about Native crafts, dances, traditions and survival techniques used by our ancestors. Today, the school's enrollment list includes 175 students.

"Our 10th anniversary powwow celebration is a special one. For a while there, some people didn't think the school would last as long as it has," said Arshinoff. "We're also

thinking about putting together a 10th anniversary graduation powwow in May or June."

Powwow dancers and drum groups will be paid an honorarium. The fees are tentatively set at \$20 for adult dancers, \$10 for children and \$150 to the drum groups.

"We hope that all present and former staff and students will attend, as well as all others who are interested in the school and/or Native education," states the press release.

"Everyone is most welcomed," confirms Arshinoff.



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DIANE PARENTEAU, Special to Windspeaker

Local teams vie for big bucks

Saddle Lake hosts gambling games Moosewah wins

By Diane Parenteau
Windspeaker Correspondent

SADDLE LAKE, Alta.

Years ago, people would return home after playing days of handgames without even the shirt on their backs. Horses and wagons, blankets, even clothes were wagered and lost. Today the stakes are different, but they still play for days.

The Saddle Lake handgame tournament held New Year's weekend entertained 11 teams for 12 hours the first day, with only a short break at midnight to welcome in the New Year. Day two was much the same.

"Long ago they used to play for two or three days at a time," says Saddle Lake councillor and handgame player George Breriton. "Some of the bigger powwows, they just go 24 hours steady."

Teams from Saddle Lake, Onion Lake, Frog Lake and Hobbema played a double knockout for \$3,000 in prize money. Side bets were in the hundreds of dollars. One player says he made \$1,000 in personal side bets.

The sound was deafening

in the reserve shop building with all teams playing and drumming in unison. It's a game of facial expression and body movements. The hands and eyes tell it all. There are no reasons to talk.

"Concentration," says Breriton, "is what they need. The pointers have to watch their pointing and same with the hidiers. They might always start with the right hand or always point to the left first. The players have to watch and remember."

Under colorful wool blankets, jackets or hats, the hidiers roll the two small, smooth bones between their fingers before deciding on a hand for each. With arms folding across their chest it's time for the pointer to guess which hand holds the stripped one. A wrong guess means the loss of one of the five sticks given to each team. The game is won when one team captures all 10.

"This is very entertaining," said Ben Houle. Houle, Elie Breriton, Alphonse Delver and Austin Quinney from the Saddle Lake handgame committee hosted the tournament. "You go to a dance and half the people are drunk. You go to

a handgame tournament and very seldom you see people drinking. People young and old like it for that. It's a sober activity."

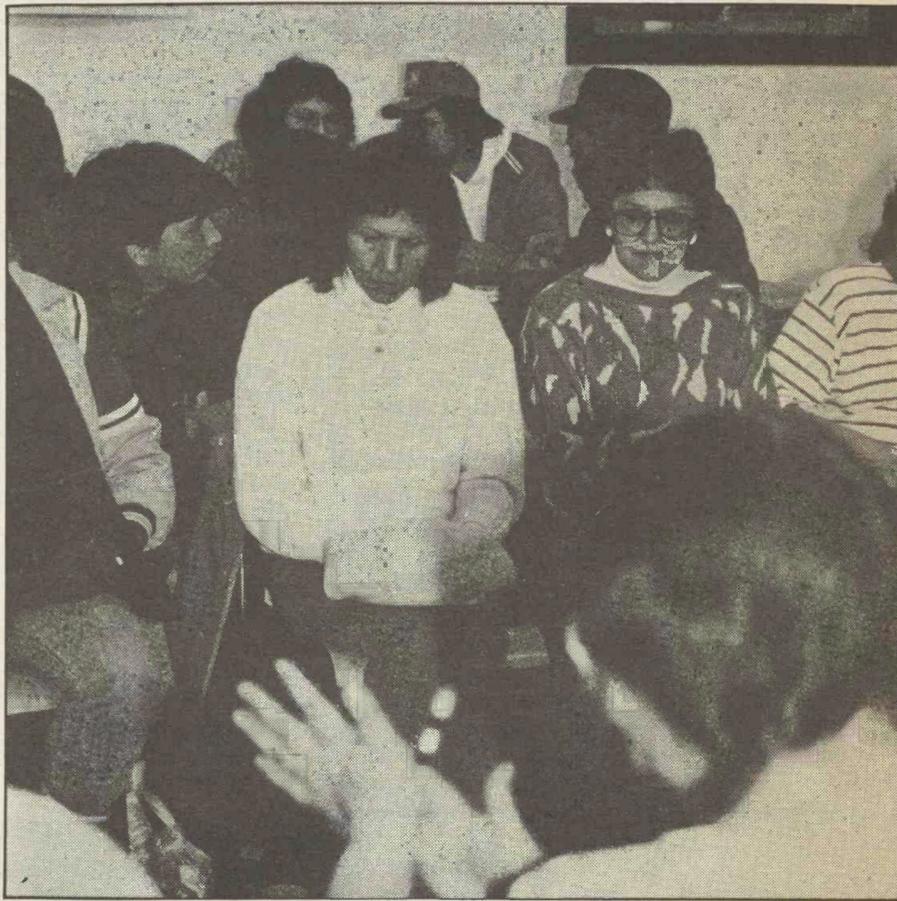
The winning team in the two-day event was a local team made up of six sisters. Forty-two-year-old Margaret Moosewah says they don't always win.

"Sometimes we just come home with enough money for gas. We always put away some money for gas," says Moosewah, who follows the handgame circuit in the summer.

It can get expensive but Moosewah says that you have to set a limit for yourself.

"My late father taught us how to play," adds Moosewah. "He also said you have to know how to sing before you can win. We all sing. There are nine girls in our family and only one doesn't play handgames."

With a \$150 entry fee in the tournament the Cora Moosewah team took the \$1,000 first prize. The second place \$800 prize went to the Morris Quinn team. Bill Wapass from Thunderchild and Joe Stick from Onion Lake split \$600 in the B side final.



Six-sister team: Margaret Moosewah hides the bones

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Old pros: Lawrence Steinhauer, sitting, and Raymond Cardinal, kneeling

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KEITH MATTHEW, Windspeaker

Hobbema hosts handgames

By Keith Matthew
Windspeaker Staff Writer

Louis Bull Reserve, Alta.

Bad weather and cold temperatures both combined to put a damper on the hand game tournament sponsored by Louis Bull rec centre's Bill Godin on Jan. 7-8.

Ten teams from the south had to cancel plans for attending the tournament as a blizzard swept through southern Alberta making travel difficult. Add to that

temperatures that hovered around -28 C and you have less teams to participate.

However, tournament organizer Bill Godin improvised. "We only ended up with eight teams but we were hoping to get 20 to 25 teams. So I had to cut down on my cash prizes."

The final cash prizes were \$900 for first, \$700 for second, and \$500 for third. "I had nine teams and they paid \$100 per team to get in and I threw in \$1,200,"

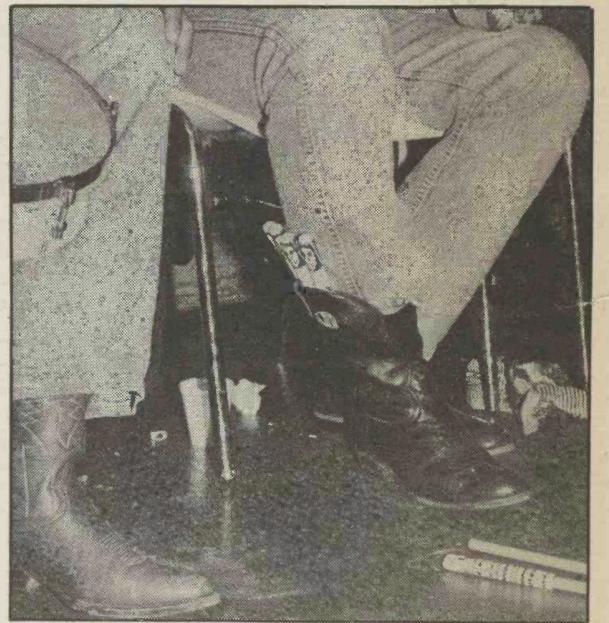
explained Godin.

"My involvement in the stick game tournament is that I work with Louis Bull recreation and instead of someone setting it up outside of the building I got access to any part of the building," he explained.

Most of the teams were from the Hobbema area and after it was announced that there would be a reduction of prize money a team from Saddle Lake returned home without competing in the tourney.

However, "four or five players from Sweetgrass" reserve in Saskatchewan stayed around and participated in the games. Both Saturday and Sunday saw competitions lasting until 3 a.m.

Godin explained that it is not an annual tournament but it is for the older people. "It is something we put together for adults. We thought adults needed — the older age group 50 and up — a little more recreation."



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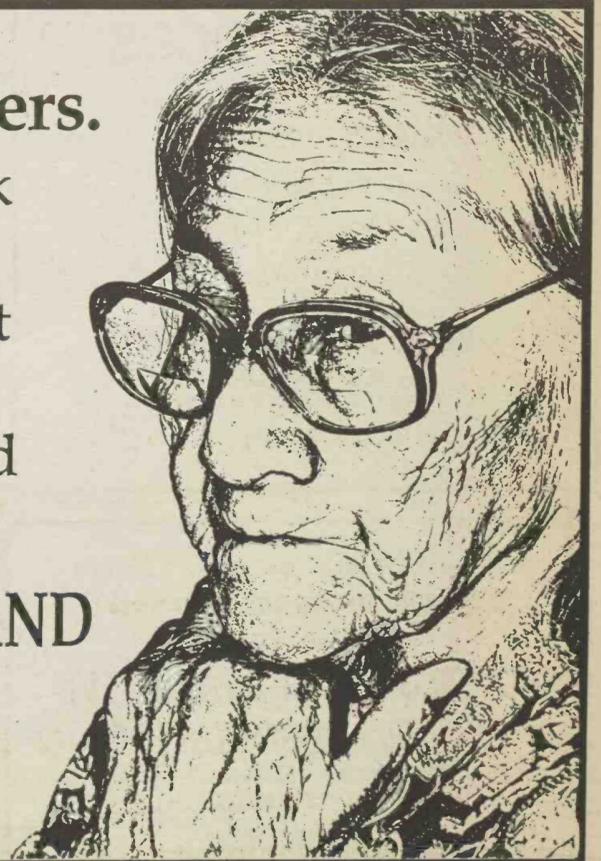
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THE ELDERS SPEAK

Elders married 60 years, 'love' was the ingredient

By Bea Lawrence
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Elders Pat and Victoria Lafleur are awaiting entrance into the Linwood nursing home in Edmonton's Jasper Place district. "Mom has finally made up her mind to go into the home," says their oldest son Ken.

The Metis couple's 59-year-old son lives with the elders in their two-bedroom apartment in the city's west end. Lafleur moved in with his ill-ridden parents last summer to assist with the nursing care attention the couple require.

Essentially, the couple agreed to commit themselves into the nursing home. The 81-year-old elderly lady has been wearing a neck brace now for about two years and also requires the assistance of her walker to move around the suite. "The doctor told me that my neck muscles are too weak," says Victoria as she cups her chin in her hand to keep her head in an upright position.

Her 84-year-old husband sits beside the kitchen table in hushed silence as she speaks. The old man is in his second childhood. "He's been like that now for about three years," says the son. "Sometimes he talks but then, he gets his stories mixed up." The elder is rolling a morning cigarette as his son speaks.

The aged couple married



Awaiting entry into a nursing home: Pat and Victoria LaFleur, inset picture taken 16 years ago

and lived in Fort Vermilion where they raised six boys and two girls. "One girl lives in Westlock," says the brother. "We haven't received an address from the other girl since her last move."

"My two older boys joined the army and we lost one two years ago," adds Victoria. "We lost another son in infancy but the rest are all living." The couple

have 14 grandchildren and family get-togethers are common place in their residence.

Mrs. Lafleur was one of 13 children born in South Vermilion and Mr. Lafleur was one of 19 children born in North Vermilion. Formerly, Fort Vermilion was called North and South Vermilion.

The elders will be celebrating their 60th diamond anniversary June 29, 1989.

"I was 21 when I married Pat," says the old lady.

When asked what ingredient it took to hold their marriage for so long, she said: "Love."

"At one point in our lives, when things weren't going so well, and my husband got sick, someone asked me what I was going to do if my husband had to be committed into a home, I replied, 'I lived with him this long, I

am going to live with him for the rest of my life.'"

The old lady's hobby is knitting. She can still follow those patterns for design sweaters and accepts custom orders. Though a chair neck brace is essential to keep her head up in position she says, "I can still read and I enjoy my knitting." These quality heavy-knit sweaters were brought out for display by her son at her request.

Asked what the old man's hobbies were, she says, "Oh, he used to play poker and really liked his pool games." As a young man the elder was a teamster (one who drives a team of horses) with

the Hudson's Bay Company. "He also worked on road surveys and worked as a nightwatchman."

"Myself, I worked in a convent for seven years then in a hospital for about a year and later helped the Catholic mission in Assumption."

There are no plans for the couple's relocation to their Metis hamlet. They've committed themselves to enter the nursing home nearby the Misericordia Hospital in about a month. Meanwhile, their son will continue to live and maintain for his parent's health requirements.

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EVERETT LAMBERT, Special to Windspeaker

90-year-old Enoch lady reminisces

By Everett Lambert
Windspeaker Correspondent

ENOCH RESERVE, Alta.

"Moya nikiskayeten," says the 90-year-old elderly lady of the Enoch Indian Band in central Alberta. "Moya nikiskayeten," is Cree for "I don't know."

Margaret Alexandra, a humble lady, could probably give Native experts and leaders a history lesson of old Native ways. She could definitely tell you something about old Muskeyko, otherwise known as the Enoch Indian Reserve.

As a young lady, she worked for Irish Indian agent John Folly in the days when Indian agents were a part of life for Canadian Indians. "I been here, I don't know how many years," she recalls. Margaret cleaned

offices for the agent. "I used to work every week," she says.

She sits on her couch, and every once in a while looks out of the picture-window at the farmland of the oil-rich reserve, Edmonton on the horizon.

Every so often she shuffles nervously in her seat, gradually becoming more relaxed. Hard at hearing, she has to be spoken to clearly and loudly.

Margaret was born in 1898 when the buffalo roamed and the nearby North Saskatchewan River flowed through a little settlement known as Fort Edmonton.

She recalls the days when Enoch "used to be a big reserve," which stretched into present day Edmonton.

She feels the land was



Generation gap: Margaret Alexandra and her great-great-granddaughter

stolen. Enoch is one of the many bands which has recently been through the Native land claims process, but was unsuccessful.

In the early days the Alberta capital was nothing but a fort which served as a fur trading post. Her fellow Crees once called it "Mistawaskihikun," or "Big House."

Some 57 year ago, Margaret moved onto the Cree reserve where she married the late Pierre Alexander.

Prior to that, she lived with a man from Calihoo, Alberta known as Louis Calliou. She is the mother of two daughters, Julia Alexander and Alexina, as well as a son who died at birth. She was also the adoptive parent of Percy Cowan and William Lapatac. Originally from Lac St. Anne, she is Metis.

According to Marilyn Alexander, her 29-year-old grand-daughter, the family consists of 11 grandchil-

dren, some 30 great grandchildren and one great-great-grand-daughter.

Mary Alexander, 37, is also her granddaughter and responsible for her through Enoch's elderly care program. Mary, a floral designer, recalls her youth when the family lived together with Margaret. "When we used to live in the old house, we use to chop wood, haul it and sell it in town."

For today's youth Mar-

garet gives her nod of approval, "Yeah, they're okay."

Recently, about 150 friends and family gathered for a supper and dance to celebrate her 90th year.

From the days of the buffalo and living in teepees, this elderly lady's life has spanned nearly all of the 20th century. She was born before Canada's last Indian treaty was signed, roughed the Dirty '30s and watched Satellite television.

Salute to the Elders.

The Chief, Council and members, of the Peigan Nations would like to extend a special salute to all elders. We appreciate the wisdom and guidance you have given. Your knowledge of the past makes our future much brighter.

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THE ELDERS SPEAK

City elders meet

By Lyle Donald
Windspeaker Correspondent

EDMONTON

The seniors program, run by the Metis Women's Council and the Canadian Native Friendship Centre, brings together Native seniors in the city for group sessions and handicrafts. Seniors worker Florence Giroux says they meet once a week at the Grierson Centre for handicrafts, and near the end of the month, at the friendship centre to discuss ways of making extra money so they can go on field trips and other projects.

Fifty-nine-year-old Mabel Hall says since her husband George passed away eight years ago, it has been a lonely time for her. "Most of my friends drink and want to go to the bar, and being allergic to cigarettes and smoke and a non-drinker, I feel uncomfortable going into the bar. So when I found out about



Don't have to be alone: Seniors gather at a lunch social

this group I started coming out regularly. I also know a lot of the people here and we all get a chance to share our ideas," she says. Hall spends her spare time at home making moccasins, gloves and parkas. She sells them at different arts and crafts shows, but has slowed down because of the high booth rent some of these groups charge. "I do get a widow's pension," said Hall, "which does get me by."

The seniors decide on the projects they want to do. They are planning a trip to the mountains this summer

and want to have a couple of socials, and bake and handicraft sales to offset the costs for the trip.

Right now, there are 16 seniors involved in the program with room for more people says Giroux, who as a seniors worker, is kept busy dealing with different problems seniors have in the city. The seniors are faced with problems such as getting pensions, being that some are illiterate and need help filling out forms.

Many have housing problems. They do not get

enough pension to cover rent, so they dig into their food money and end up having to call in for food hampers. There are also the sick elders in the hospitals that Giroux visits. During Christmas the seniors group went to the Charles Camsell Hospital to sing carols in Cree.

As a seniors worker, Giroux deals with most all crisis situations that seniors face. If you need any help or if you have interest in joining the seniors group contact Giroux at 452-7811.

BEA LAWRENCE, Windspeaker

Unforgettably Large

By Diane Parenteau
Windspeaker Correspondent

SADDLE LAKE, Alta.

This Saddle Lake man refers to himself as unforgettably. He's large, Joe Large that is, a big man with a big sense of humor.

"I tell people they can remember me. Just think of me as being large just like my name," says Large. His whole body laughs with him.

At 64, Large is retired, happy and thankful for life.

As the father of 10, there were many hard times. The struggles made him a humble man.

"Sure I went on welfare with my kids and they survived, but I wasn't proud of it," says Large. "I went back to school to get out of welfare."

After receiving an education from NAIT, a trade school in Edmonton, he began a 12-year counselling career on his reserve.

He realizes the importance of education today, but also sees some of the things that get lost along the way.

"When they go out to the white crowd," he says, pointing out that he means no offence, "they're lost. Even their own language is lost. My own kids don't speak their own language."

For his own part, Large is able to use both cultures to his advantage.

"My dad made music and I started dancing to the accordian at seven years old," says Large. "And round dances, it's come back and I like that."

"The Indian way was given to us as a gift, my grandfather used to say. It's the Indian way to be humble. Me, as an Indian, I tell my kids not to discriminate, you're equal, I tell them. You came from a poor family. Don't have pride."

He sees all people as being equal.

"It's what's inside that counts," he says. "That's how you judge a person."

Now a single man, Joe Large enjoys teasing and laughing with people, he dances and tells stories.

"I don't drink, I don't chew snuff," said Large. "I just enjoy life."

The Chief and Council would like to use this opportunity to salute all elders. We appreciate you and we wish you many more prosperous years.

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THE ELDERS SPEAK

Dion, 63, fanatic about round dancing

By Diane Parenteau
Windspeaker Correspondent

GOODFISH LAKE, Alta.

When there is a round dance, this lady is sure to be found swaying her arms and shuffling her feet to the drums and cries of the singers. Born on Christmas Day 63 years ago, Bella Dion loves to dance.

She's the tall, slim grand-

mother wearing a ribbon dress and beaded wrap style moccasins. Her dark hand bearing rings of silver and turquoise clutch those of her 10-year-old granddaughter Isabel as they dance. Together with her husband Peter, they travel the powwow and round dance circuit covering the province and beyond.

"I could dance every dance," says Dion. "Some-

times we go (dancing) three nights in a row."

Two days ago they were in Hobbema, last night back home at Kehewin and tonight it's Goodfish Lake's round dance.

"I never get tired of it, it makes my legs feel good," says Dion.

Always one of the first few up for any song, Dion is a role model of tradition.

Born and raised at Saddle Lake in a very traditional environment, her father Edward Cardinal Sr., taught her many of the old ways.

"When they had a round dance years ago, all the women wore dresses, ribbon dresses and moccasins. Today they dress like men," she says with a teasing look at her niece sitting beside her.

She feels good about the growing interest Native people have in their culture and sees a change in the young people.

"You don't see anyone drinking in here," she motioned around the gym with her hand.

"Kehewin, here and Saddle Lake, they didn't really lose it (round dances), but it used to be every couple of

years. Now they have them more often.

"Anyone can put up a round dance," she adds. "We put one every year as a memorial for my daughter who was killed in a car accident three years ago. People come and remember."

Soon the music starts up again and Bella motions to a friend nearby. Hand in hand they begin the first of many circles.

Chief Eddie Littlechild, Council and members of the Ermineskin Tribal administration would like to salute all elders and to thank them for all of the knowledge and guidance they give to us. We appreciate you and wish you many more years of continued prosperity.



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OUR PEOPLE

EVERETT LAMBERT, Special to Windspeaker

Natives seek jobs in beauty trades

By Everett Lambert
Windspeaker Correspondent

EDMONTON

Many Natives, especially females, are taking a great interest in the different aspects of the beauty trade.

A growing number of women are now trained in such areas as modelling, hairstyling, and esthetics, as well as the business end of the trade. Aboriginal people are entering the market at an increased rate and beauty salons, fashion shops and modelling agencies can be found throughout the countryside. Such names as Nikki Lanis Metis Models, Cherish Fashions and Hair Designs of Hobbema, and Wuttinee Fashions of Calgary are becoming more familiar.

One of those interested in entering the trade is a lady from Hobbema who is thinking about setting up shop in nearby Wetaskiwin.

She attends one of the better training centers in the city, the Marvel Trade and Business College. Twenty-seven year-old Vivian Roasting is enrolled in the colleges hairstyling program.

One of the college's strong points is the instructors. As many people are now turning to higher training and education, instruction has become increasingly important. Roasting, for instance, goes home to six children, so for her, positive and encouraging instruction is important. She says the instructors "are really good people. They show you self-esteem."

Roasting started her training in September. Her education is funded by the Louis Bull Band.

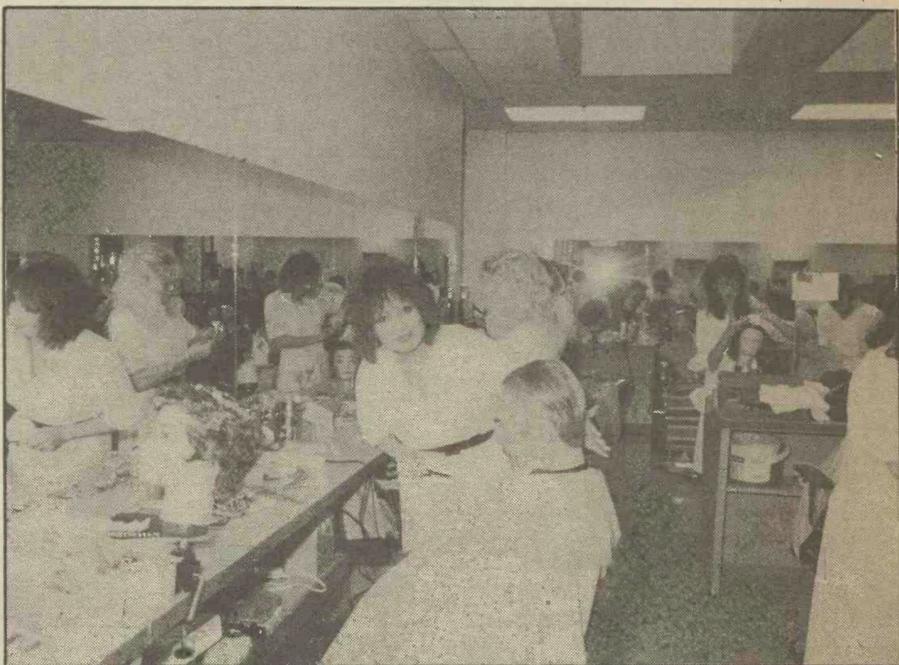
Styling an elder's hair, she stands on the bustling "floor" of the Marvel College. Her backdrop is a large crowd of clientele and students, all going about the particular requirements of

learning the beauty trade.

Marvel is located in the downtown area. Some 100 students armed with scissors, combs, blow driers and other equipment style hair on numerous heads. Most of these are of the human type, but off in a corner classroom of the school students work on mannequins.

Nineteen-year-old Tracy Desjarlais from Edmonton blow dries a wigged mannequin. Desjarlais also likes the instruction given at the school. She chose Marvel over the other beauty schools in Edmonton because she felt the instructors are "better." Desjarlais is also enrolled in a hairstyling course which she started a month and a half ago.

An official from the college, Adele Zimmer, says that the college is equipped to give students a "well-rounded" education in the competitive world of beauty. Upon entering the school, bookkeeper Shauna



Learning self-esteem: Vivian Roasting in class

Cairo introduces Marvel's premises, which are brilliant and modern. Instructors offer the much needed one-on-one attention required for a school which likes to emphasize the practical aspect of training.

In addition to hairstyling the college also offers an esthetics program which gives students training in facials, manicures and pedicures, waxing, make-up, body treatments and product knowledge. Students

also learn about body massages and electrolysis. Options such as make-up artistry and sculptured nails are also offered. For entrance in the hairstyling programs students must 17 years of age and should possess grade 10. For the esthetics program students must be 18 years of age and grade 12 is preferred.

In the area of fashion students also study illustrations, design and fashion merchandising. To enter this

program one must possess a high school diploma and complete an entrance exam.

An important part of the college is the business program which offers a general secretary and legal secretary/assistant program as well as courses in typing and word processing. For the secretarial course, students must be 18 years of age and possess a high school diploma as well as training in the English language.

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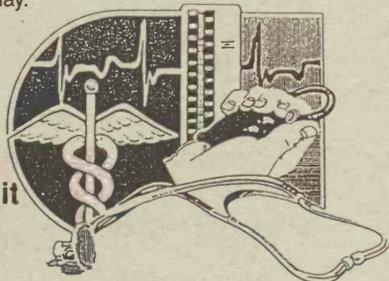
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OPPORTUNITY

Canada World Youth

Youth wanted to travel the globe

Canada World Youth launched its 1989 recruitment campaign with the news that 400 Canadians would be participating in this coming year's youth exchange program with developing countries in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean.

Canada World Youth, funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), and now in its 19th year of operation, is at present accepting applications from young people between the ages of 17 and 20 who are interested in learning about development and intercultural communication in both Canada and the Third World.

These young Canadians, joined by an equal number of exchange country counterparts, will spend seven months living and working in vastly different cultures and communities. Small teams of Canada World Youth participants, each with a Canadian and exchange country group leader, integrate themselves into communities in Canada for three and a half months, and then overseas for the remaining three and a half months of the program. Participants work on volunteer projects in areas such as agriculture, co-operatives, the environment, social services, community groups, and small businesses. They live with local families in

order to facilitate integration into the community and gain technical and social knowledge.

Canada World Youth offers exchange programs that start in June, July and September. The deadline for receipt of applications for all programs is Jan. 27, 1989. All costs during the program - food, lodging and transportation - are covered by Canada World Youth.

Application forms and program information are available from the Canada World Youth Prairies Regional Office at 10765-98 Street, Edmonton, Alberta T5H 2P2 or by telephoning (403) 424-6411.

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- Prince Albert Hockey Tourney, Jan. 13-15, 1989, Prince Albert Communiplex. Contact (306) 764-3431.
- Men's & Ladies' Volleyball Tourney, Jan. 14-15, Howard Buffalo Memorial Centre, Ermineskin. Call Michelle at 585-4017 for more information.
- Minor Hockey Tournament (Novice), Jan. 14-15, Saddle Lake.
- All-Native Senior High Volleyball Tourney, Jan. 14-15, Onchaminahos School, Saddle Lake. For further info call Gloria McGilvery at 726-3740 or Gary Jackson.
- Minor Hockey Tournament (Tykes), Jan. 21-22, Saddle Lake.
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- Round Dance, Jan. 29, Sturgeon Lake Reserve - 5 p.m. For further info call Margaret at 524-5520.
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- Teen Lip Sync Contest, March 10, Slave Lake Friendship Centre. Dance to follow - Sorry no adults.

SPORTS & LEISURE

Saddle Lake does hockey magic

By Diane Parenteau
Windspeaker Correspondent

SADDLE LAKE, Alta.

The hosting Saddle Lake Magics did a disappearing act on their final opponents in the fund-raising no-hit hockey tournament held on the reserve Dec. 17-18 to take top prize money.

They beat the Alexis Skipjacks by 11-0 to win the \$1,000 first prize.

"It was a blow out," said Saddle Lake recreation director Ken Kakeesim. "But they (Alexis) had only seven players on the bench and they played a real tough game against Saskatchewan earlier. They really had to work for that win and I think that game took their legs."

"Saddle Lake was well rested and had a full squad."

Alexis took home \$800 for second. Beat by the Magics earlier in the semi-finals, the Goodfish Lake Kings won \$700 for third.

One game earlier in the B finals, Hobbema and the Cold Lake Arrows battled it out for \$600 and \$500 respectively.

"The B side final was a good game," said Kakeesim.



He shoots! he scores!: Hockey action at Saddle Lake

DIANE PARENTEAU, Special to Windspeaker

"It was really close: (Hobbema) Bobtails won it by one goal." Hobbema 137 A's received \$400 for third.

The teams entered don't belong to leagues - their season is one tournament after another.

"All the teams basically knew each other. They've all played each other," said

Dennis Moosewah, Magic manager.

The no-hit version of competitive hockey has gained in popularity over recent years according to Kakeesim. The safety factor is the main reason behind it.

"You don't have to worry about getting hit. Everybody is converting to this kind of hockey. More of the guys

that play this type of hockey are working and have families. It's pretty safe for them not to get hurt."

"It's mixed ages," added Moosewah which also contributes to the attraction. "As long as a guy can skate and enjoy the game, they can play."

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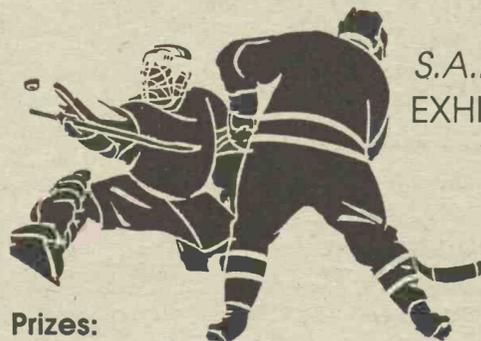
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A limited number of one-year grants are also available to students who have commenced law school. The department may also award financial assistance to a student wishing to pursue graduate studies in law or to attend a

Bar Admission course.

In May of each year, 10 scholarships are made available to Metis and non-status Indians, to cover the cost of attending a special eight week pre-law orientation program offered by the Native Law Centre, University of Saskatchewan, in Saskatoon. This program assists students, who usually have some college or university training, to gain admission to a Canadian law school. It introduces them to basic subjects in law and to the environment

of a law school.

In September, 10 three-year scholarships and a limited number of one-year grants are made available to successful students to cover their monthly living allowance, textbook and travel allowance, necessary moving expenses, special shelter allowance and tuition fees.

The department is accepting applications for the 1989 summer program until April 17, 1989 and applications for Law School until July 17, 1989.

There is no deadline for Bar Admission courses. For further information and the necessary application forms, contact the Program Administrator, Legal Studies for Aboriginal People Program at the following address: Department of Justice Canada, Justice Building, 239 Wellington St., Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H8 (613) 957-9637.

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The Alberta Indian Wildlands Resources Council is accepting applications for the position of Co-ordinator

The Alberta Indian Wildlands Resources Council is a non-profit Treaty Indian organization dealing with hunting, fishing and trapping issues.

The co-ordinator's position involves office management, public relations, project management, research and writing.

Individuals with proven skills in these areas are invited to apply. Knowledge and experience in

trapping and prior work experience in Native organizations are both definite assets. Travelling is involved.

Please forward resumes to:
Alberta Indian Wildlands Resources Council
11630 Kingsway Ave.
Edmonton, Alberta
T5G 0X5

ATTN: Morag Humble
Deadline for applications:
February 3, 1989

O'SKY-YA HOUSING SOCIETY PROPERTY MANAGER

Applications are being accepted for this management position in the independent non-profit housing authority that has been established by the Native Council of Canada (Alberta).

The position involves planning, organizing, and supervising all aspects of the housing corporation. Initial responsibilities will involve working with both government and board, with responsibilities increasing as the project grows each year.

Training will be provided,

however the successful candidate must meet the following requirements:

- Strong managerial and interpersonal skills
- Post-secondary business training and/or property management experience
- experience with a Native organization would be an asset

Please forward resumes, prior to January 29, 1989 to:
O'Sky'Ya Housing Society
414, 10136-100 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 0N8

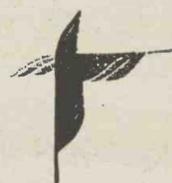
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Session II: February - May 1989
Deadline for Application: Jan. 27, 1989

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS: Minimum of Grade 9 with an average mark of 50% in Math and English (Transcript required with application) or a pass mark of 65% on the Alberta Apprenticeship Trades Entrance Exam.

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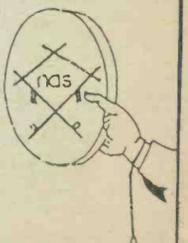
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Blue Quills First Nations College
P.O. Box 279
St. Paul, AB T0A 3A0 (403) 645-4455 Ext. 173

Youth and Family Addiction Counsellor

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Deadline is Jan. 27, 1989.

Native Alcoholism Services
1119 - 1 St. S.E.
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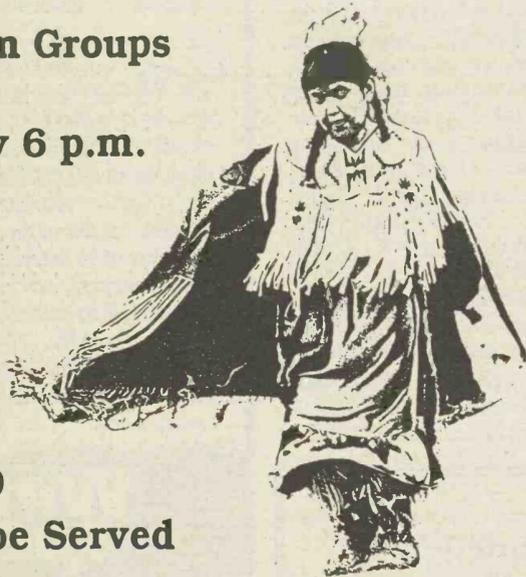
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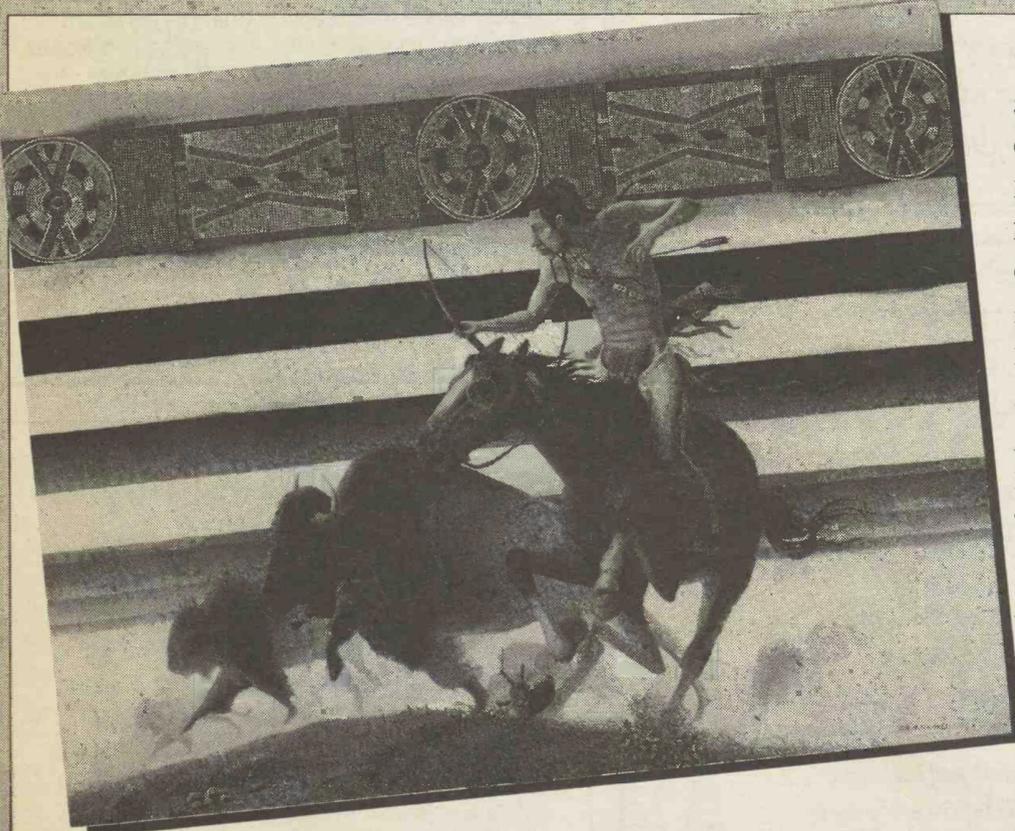
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