

QUOTABLE QUOTE

"The disgusting situation where the government is trying to create a new band, the Woodland Cree band, to overpower and then eliminate the Lubicon Cree is just another example of bureaucratic immorality and manipulation. ... Indian Affairs is attempting to use this so-called Woodland Cree band as a Trojan horse to destroy the legitimate rights of Chief Bernard Ominayak and the Lubicon Band. The newly-created band will soon have nothing -- no money and no mineral rights. It will be the newest victim of Indian Affairs' divide-and-rule policies." — National Assembly of First Nations Chief Ovide Mercredi

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Constitutional moves anger Metis

AFN and Clark reach historic agreement

By Amy Santoro
Windspeaker Staff Writer

OTTAWA

Canadian Metis may set up their own constitutional committee, says Ron Rivard, executive director of the Metis National Council.

Rivard is furious for being excluded from a historic meeting between Canadian chiefs and Constitutional Affairs Minister Joe Clark July 5 in Morley.

Assembly of First Nations Grand Chief Ovide Mercredi didn't consult with the Metis National Council while organizing the Morley meeting.

"We were not invited (to the meeting), we were not notified. The AFN doesn't represent Metis people but the constitutional talks will affect the Metis

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Indians' remains fill U.S. museum

By Rocky Woodward
Windspeaker Staff Writer

CHICAGO, ILL.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

The National Museum of the American Indian at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. holds the remains of about 750,000 North American Indians dating back to the 1800s, says a Blood tribe researcher. Many of them may be remains of Plains Cree Indians.

"Floor after floor is filled with our ancestors' remains and something should be done about their return," said Kathy Brewer, a researcher from the Blood reserve in southern Alberta.

Brewer said the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago has a list of Cree remains in its collection, but it will only deal with Cree councils and "only if there is a request made for their return."

Indian Association of Alberta Treaty 8 vice-president Richard

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HIS LAST FIGHT?

Canadian light heavyweight champion Danny Stonewalker has been knocking opponents to the canvas for the last two decades. In an exclusive interview with *Windspeaker* he reveals his Aug. 4 fight may just be his last. Please see page 9.

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Calgarian Stephen Wuttunee is making steady progress on his canoe trip to Quebec City. But he's had to battle mosquitoes, rain, boredom, sandbars, whitecaps...please see page 17.

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Dana Wagg

Last July heavily-armed Surete du Quebec police officers seemed to be on almost every street corner in the resort village of Oka. Their presence was especially visible on and around the hill leading to Kanehsatake Mohawk territory, the scene of a failed police assault July 11, 1990. A drum-beating parade of Native people marched through the village a year later to mark the first anniversary of the crisis that gripped the country.

Quebec: One year later

Mohawks still trying to rebuild their communities

By Amy Santoro
Windspeaker Staff Writer

KAHNAWAKE, QUE.
KANEHSATAKE, QUE.

Quebec Mohawks are still trying to put their communities back together after being ripped apart by a bloody standoff last summer.

One year after the unprecedented clash between Mohawk Warriors and police Natives at Kanehsatake and Kahnawake face the same issues.

"Everything is still the way it was the day after the barricades were taken down," said Kahnawake Coun. Richard White.

After the crisis ended "the media slipped away and left us alone to wake up to another world but we're still struggling to get our land recognized by the government," said Kanehsatake Vice-Chief Clarence Simon.

The 78-day conflict began July 11 as Quebec provincial police armed with a court injunction stormed a Mohawk barricade at Kanehsatake at the request of Oka's mayor. The 150 police

officers hurled tear gas and fired shots. Cpl. Marcel Lemay died in the shootout.

Mohawks patrolled their barricades for three months protesting Oka's plan to expand a nine-hole golf course on to Mohawk claimed land.

The expansion would have meant the destruction of a pine forest, the location of a Mohawk cemetery.

The same day Mohawks at the Kahnawake reserve set up blockades in solidarity with their neighbors at Kanehsatake.

Simon said the standoff was "worth it because at least it opened the eyes of the bureaucrats. They must listen to our land issues now because they don't want another Oka."

University of Alberta political science professor Gurston Dacks agrees saying the federal government now "realizes aboriginal issues can't be put on the margin anymore. Aboriginals have shown they can make the country occasionally ungovernable."

But White said Mohawks "would have gotten more if the blockade lasted a week. We would

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too. We have our own constitutional meetings down the way. There's not much we can do about his (Mercredi) committee, we're more concerned now about our involvement" in the constitutional talks," said Rivard.

AFN media relations officer Bill Glaister said the two organizations have been having problems for some time. But he refused to elaborate.

The Morley meeting led to a landmark move. Natives will now have an equal voice in the upcoming round of constitutional talks.

Clark agreed July 5 to the assembly's demand for a parallel constitutional process. A Native-appointed committee will now make recommendations to the government on proposed constitutional changes. It will parallel a House of Commons in-

vestigation on the Constitution. Ottawa had wanted to get Native input by taking advice on Native issues from a government-appointed subcommittee. But Mercredi threatened to boycott that process.

"For the first time the wisdom of Native people will be accepted as part of the constitutional reform process by the Canadian government," said Mercredi, following the Morley meeting where chiefs from across the country gave the parallel process the thumbs up.

The Native constitutional committee will make recommendations affecting them but will also provide recommendations in "other areas so the whole country will be a better place to live," said Mercredi.

The parallel committee will sponsor constituent assemblies for Native elders, women, youth and urban Natives and will meet and work in tandem with the

parliamentary committee, said Mercredi.

Viola Robinson, president of the Native Council of Canada, said her group is still looking at the parallel process so "I'm not prepared to endorse it yet but we do want to establish our own process."

Robinson was not present at the Morley meeting but she did meet with Mercredi before he left Ottawa.

If the parallel constitutional process isn't approved by the Native Council of Canada and the Inuit Tapirisat, Mercredi said "we will do it ourselves."

The constituent assemblies

will report to the constitutional circle which would then place the recommendations before a special assembly of chiefs in 1992.

Although the process will be independent of government, Clark will appoint officers to work with the committee. The recommendations approved by the chiefs would then make their way to Clark's super-constitutional committee for incorporation into its report to Parliament.

Meantime, a report from the Citizens' Forum on Canada's Future released June 27 found Canadians "were highly concerned" about aboriginal issues.

"Their comments were urgent," said the report.

"We can never be a united nation until the rights and concerns of the true founding peoples...are addressed and settled," said one participant.

"Quebec and the Native question are tied very closely together, a question of nationhood," said another.

Despite the unprecedented agreement and the considerable support aboriginals seem to have from Canadians, AFN Alberta Vice-Chief Lawrence Coutoreille said Natives are not a priority for the government. "Quebec is their main priority."

Woodland settlement accepted; 'pitiful situation'—Ominayak

By Amy Santoro
Windspeaker Staff Writer

CADOTTE LAKE, ALTA.

A "pitiful" situation has been created by Ottawa and the Alberta government by "toying with people," says Lubicon Lake

Chief Bernard Ominayak.

"Both Mulroney and the Alberta government should be ashamed of themselves," said Ominayak, following the acceptance of a land settlement by the Woodland Cree band.

"It's kind of sad the whole thing was operated by Indian Affairs to divide and conquer the Lubicon people," he said.

The Woodland Cree voted overwhelmingly July 6 in favor of a \$56-million federal government package.

The Lubicon band rejected a similar offer in 1988 leading some disgruntled members to split from the band.

Following a deadlock in negotiations with the Lubicons, Ottawa created the Woodland Cree band using section 17 of the Indian Act in 1989. About 25 per cent of the band is made up of frustrated Lubicons.

The 700-member Woodland group will receive \$1,000 each later this month. The cash was promised to them if the green light was given to the settlement offer.

Of the 309 eligible voters 264 voted in favor of the deal which gives the breakaway band a 142-km reserve at Cadotte Lake, 60

km east of Peace River, subsurface rights (but not existing discoveries), a total of \$19 million from Ottawa and Alberta to be held in trust and to pay band operating costs, \$28.8 million for community development and \$3 million from the province for vocational training on the reserve.

The grand chief of the Assembly of First Nations is furious over Ottawa's creation of the Woodland Cree band "to overpower and then eliminate the Lubicon Cree."

The government is using the Woodland Cree "as a Trojan horse to destroy the legitimate rights of Chief Bernard Ominayak and the Lubicon band. The newly created band will soon have nothing — no money no mineral rights. It will be the newest victim of Indian Affairs's divide and rule policies," said Ovide Mercredi.

Lubicon adviser Fred Lennarson said Ottawa has manipulated the Woodland Cree to accept an offer which won't benefit future generations. "That's why the Lubicons rejected a similar offer.

"They have subsurface rights on land with nothing. They'll have new houses but they'll still be living on welfare. Cardinal is letting himself be used to subvert his aboriginal brothers and sisters to get something for himself," claimed Lennarson.

But Woodland Cree Chief John Cardinal is elated with the settlement. "The land is ours. We'll have running water and new homes. Our lifestyle will improve, we won't be living like they did 50 years ago anymore. We're going to benefit from this."

Cardinal said he's not bothered Treaty 8 chiefs voted June 26 not to recognize the Woodland as a legitimate band. "Recognized or not we were born here. You can get carried away if you think about it but you have to do the best you can. It's not a battle and we won't get political about it."

Following formal signing of documents this summer or fall the membership will discuss future development plans, he said.

OOPS

The information, which accompanied our page 1 picture in our July 5, 1991 issue was incorrect, says Marie Peters, registration co-ordinator with the Poundmaker's powwow. She says 314 dancers were registered for the powwow, another 20 unregistered dancers also attended. The powwow drew about 3,000 people, she says.

NATION IN BRIEF

Crown appeals acquittal in whooping crane case

WINNIPEG — Keith Thomas says Saskatchewan's Department of Justice appears intent on cooking his goose and he can't understand why. Crown prosecutors are appealing Thomas's recent acquittal of illegal possession of a whooping crane after his friend last year shot the bird and ate it, says *The Globe and Mail*. On April 15, 1990, Thomas, a band councillor for the Withecan Lake Indian band, pulled into a gasoline station in Leoville, Sask. With him was a friend, Wilfred Bear, also of the Withecan Lake band, about 200 kilometres northwest of Saskatoon. A gas station attendant noticed a white bird in the back of Thomas's pickup truck and believed it to be a dead whooping crane. Since there are only 220 endangered whooping cranes left in the world, the attendant immediately telephoned wildlife conservation officers. The bird was never recovered, but Thomas was later charged under the Migratory Birds Act with illegally possessing a whooping crane. At his trial in May, Thomas contended since the bird flew like a goose and looked like a goose it must have been a goose. But Provincial Court Judge Omer Archambault agreed with the Crown's contention the bird must have been a whooping crane, although he said there was no evidence Thomas knew it was a crane. Since the act prohibits anyone from "knowingly" possessing an endangered bird, the charge against Thomas was dismissed. In early June the Crown filed an appeal of the acquittal and Thomas — who continues to protest his innocence — says he can't understand why. Thomas said he is uncertain what Bear did with the bird once he got it back to Withecan Lake. But it wasn't around for long. "He must have eaten it," he told *The Globe*.

Warriors drop their weapons

MONTREAL — Mohawk Warriors have stopped carrying firearms at checkpoints on the Kahnawake reserve in hopes of persuading Quebec to withdraw non-Native police, community leaders say. The Warriors have also reduced their presence at each checkpoint, said Joseph Montour, head of the Mohawk Peacekeepers police force.

Royal Bank signs agreement to promote women, minorities

OTTAWA — The Royal Bank has reached an agreement with the Canadian Human Rights Commission that should lead to increases in the number of Natives, visible minorities and women it hires and promotes. Commission head Max Yalden recently announced the agreement — the first of its kind with a Canadian bank — before the Commons committee on human rights and the status of the disabled.

Prize raises concerns

MONTREAL — The Quebec government wants Mohawk Warriors to spend money they received from Libya as a human rights award on "something constructive," said Public Security Minister Claude Ryan. But he admitted there's little way to ensure that happens. The Warriors are splitting the \$250,000 prize with 20 other aboriginal groups in North, Central and South America.

Siddon's flight to B.C. cost \$37,152

OTTAWA — Indian Affairs Minister Tom Siddon spent \$37,152 taking a private government jet to a signing ceremony last March in Terrace, B.C., show government documents. The signing had been changed at the last minute from Vancouver to New Alyansh, near Terrace. It was that last-minute change that forced Siddon to book the government's Challenger flight, said Monika Quinn, Siddon's press aide. If Siddon, accompanied by one aide and an official from his department, had booked economy seats on a commercial flight, the total cost would have been \$3,043.08.



John Holman

Chief Bernard Ominayak

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Davis said the IAA will be contacting officials at both museums to find out if any of the remains belong to Alberta Cree tribes.

"If there are any, we will definitely want them returned to their proper owners," he said.

The return of Indian remains began after five years of work by Blackfeet Curly Bear Wagoner. In 1989 the Smithsonian returned 16 Blackfeet remains after a federal law was passed ordering any museums receiving government funding to return Indian remains to the proper owners.

Wagoner's fight for their return was instrumental in the United States adopting the Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act in 1989.

The act also allows for the return of funerary objects, communally-owned Native property, ceremonial and religious objects and objects illegally or improperly transferred to or acquired by the National Museum.

National Museum director Richard West Jr. said the Smithsonian is called upon to exercise leadership in repatriation issues.

He said the museum's repa-

triation policy is about keeping faith with the country's Native communities.

"It is about promises made and promises honored. It is about returning to the Native peoples of this country those vital materials that have sustained them and their brilliant culture through ages and to this very day," West said.

The Field Museum is also following the repatriation policy.

Presently, the Montana Blackfeet are negotiating for the return of 35 Blackfeet remains from the Field Museum.

"It is historical," said Brewer. Caskets filled with pine and sweetgrass will be taken to Chicago to bring the Blackfeet remains back to Montana by train, she said.

"The remains will be smudged and a cleansing sweat will be held at the museum and on the train. They will be buried in the traditional way," she said.

Brewer said the Blackfeet remains will be returned sometime this summer. They will be buried southeast of the Blackfeet reserve at Old Agency.

The Blood Indian nation at Stand Off is also having success in negotiating for the return of ancestral Blood remains from the Field Museum.

Quebec Mohawks trying to rebuild

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have made more points that way."

Although the Canadian army, which moved in to replace the provincial police, is gone now the "police and RCMP are here harassing our people," said White.

But Quebec provincial police media relations officer Daniel Lemirande said "there's no tension on the reserves. We patrol there like anywhere else."

Meanwhile the International Human Rights Federation released a 200-page report on the crisis. The report says the rights of Natives were clearly violated but so too were the rights of non-

Natives.

"To stop food and medication from going into the Kahnawake reserve was a breach of human rights. But people who lived in Chateauguay and couldn't get across the Mercier Bridge because it was blocked by the Mohawks — those people had their rights violated too," said federation vice-president Gilles Tardif.

Amnesty International is still gathering information about allegations Mohawks were mistreated by provincial police during the confrontation, said media relations officer John Tackaberry.

Of the 200 complaints Amnesty received, it's only investigating five.

NATION IN BRIEF

Quebec Inuit leaders to negotiate self-rule

QUEBEC — Inuit leaders and the Quebec government have signed an agreement to proceed with negotiations aimed at creating a form of self-government for the 6,000 residents living in 44 villages in Nunavik, north of the 55th parallel in Quebec. If the deal is reached, it would be the first of its kind in the province, possibly serving as a model for future agreements on self-rule with Quebec's Amerindian Nations. The proposal includes the creation of legislative, executive and judicial branches of the Nunavik government. The deal also recognizes special rights and freedoms supplementing those guaranteed under the Canadian and Quebec human rights charters.

B.C. Indians block highway

RISKE CREEK, B.C. — About 100 Natives blocked a highway in support of Toosey Indians who want the Canadian military to stop conducting training exercises on Toosey claimed land. The situation will become increasingly violent if the military doesn't stop conducting training manoeuvres at the military reserve, said Irvin Charlebois, a spokesman for the Chilcotin Nation. Natives set up a 90-minute blockade July 11 on Highway 20, about 330 km north of Vancouver.

Bishop in B.C. sex case resigns

WILLIAMS LAKE — Natives in Williams Lake are elated Pope John Paul has accepted the resignation of a Roman Catholic bishop facing trial on four sex-related charges. "It's excellent," said Bev Sellers, chief of the Soda Creek Shuswap band. "We asked for his resignation a long time ago." Seller, along with chiefs from three other Native bands in the area, asked the Pope in a letter sent Nov. 1990 to suspend Prince George Bishop Hubert Patrick O'Connor pending the outcome of a police investigation. O'Connor is charged with sex offences alleged to have occurred between July 1964 and July 1967 when O'Connor was principal of the St. Joseph's mission school, a Native residential school near Williams Lake. A date for O'Connors B.C. Supreme Court appearance will be set Sept. 3.

Judge approves swearing-in ceremony

ST-JEROME, QUE. — In a precedent-setting decision, a judge has decided 40 Mohawks charged in last summer's Oka crisis can be sworn in under the wampum ceremony. In the centuries-old ritual, a spiritual leader hands brightly colored beads to a witness and asks in Mohawk that the person pledge truthfulness in the eyes of the Creator.

Diet a problem for Nova Scotian Natives

HALIFAX — One quarter of Nova Scotia's Native population over the age of 40 suffers from diabetes, mostly related to poor diet. The incidence of diabetes has increased among aboriginal North Americans over the last 50 years and has become a major health problem, states a recent study. The report estimates about five per cent of Nova Scotia's Natives have diabetes but after age 40 the figure jumps to almost 25 per cent.

Regina outlaws harassment

REGINA, SASK. — The City of Regina has its first-ever policy outlawing harassment, in an effort to protect city employees like Natives, women and people with disabilities. The harassment policy is part of a report last year on affirmative action. Unwelcomed remarks or jokes about a person's racial or ethnic background, color, place of birth or religion are among the unacceptable behaviors outlined in the new policy. By the end of 1990, Natives made up 3.4 per cent of city hall's workforce.

Buffalo Point signs \$1.4 M agreement

WINNIPEG — A \$1.4 million agreement has been signed by the Buffalo Point First Nation and Ottawa. Under the five-year deal the band will receive money for education, social development, community services, band management and policing. The agreement will transfer responsibility for government-run programs to the band which has an on-reserve population of 31.

Mohawk blames alcohol binge

MONTREAL — Mohawk Warrior Ronald (Lasagna) Cross said he missed a court appearance because of an alcohol and drug binge. Cross was to appear in court July 5 for a hearing on whether his bail would be revoked as a result of a brawl at the Kahnawake reserve in May. Cross told the court July 9 he drank several beer, some wine, whisky and took cocaine the day before his hearing. A ruling will be made on whether Cross will be sent to a treatment centre or held in custody for the remainder of his trial. Cross faces 59 charges arising out of the 78-day Oka standoff last summer.

News



Canadian Armed Forces

A Leopard tank - the 42.5 metric ton tank can be sealed off against nuclear contamination.

SQ drops Leopard hunt

By Amy Santoro
Windspeaker Staff Writer

MONTREAL

The Quebec provincial police has backed away from plans to buy Leopard tanks for use in clashes with Mohawk Indians, says a police spokesman.

"We do not go to war. We are policemen. We are not in the market to purchase armored tanks," said the force's media relations officer Pierre Lemaribe.

Lemaribe said he doesn't expect any future confrontations with Mohawks.

Last summer the SQ and Mohawks clashed violently as police tried to tear down an Indian barricade at Oka, Que. One SQ officer was killed in the feud.

Mohawks were opposing a development plan by the village of Oka to expand a golf course and condominium on land claimed by the Natives.

In January, media relations officer Pierre Rochefort said the Surete du Quebec (SQ) was looking into the purchase of three Leopard tanks. The police force sent a team to the United States in January to survey the types of armored vehicles used in civil unrest. The Leopard tank is used by the Canadian Armed Forces as

a main battle tank for its NATO forces in Germany, where it was designed in the 1960s.

At the time SQ Staff Sgt. Richard Bourdon told *Windspeaker* the tanks could "possibly be used in confrontations with Mohawks." Recently, Bourdon, who couldn't recall the Leopard tank search, said there'll be no further confrontations with Quebec's Natives because "we haven't received any new information about it."

Following last summer's heated standoff, Amnesty International received about 200 complaints Mohawks were mistreated by SQ officers.

Camera recorded final days

REVIEW

Okanada: Behind the Lines at Oka
Directors: Catherine Bainbridge and Albert Nerenberg

By Amy Santoro
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

In a chilling scene viewers are greeted with a fallen cross on a



Dana Wagg

Warrior at Kanehsatake

tombstone and then taken slowly through the cemetery in The Pines to the beat of haunting music.

The scene is interrupted by the tear gas and gunfire of July 11, 1990. *Okanada* is a gripping documentary of the last 17 days of the Oka crisis recorded by journalist Albert Nerenberg, who snuck barefoot through army lines armed with a small video camera. It was the only camera to record the final days of the standoff. All network television crews went home fearing for their safety as tensions mounted between Mohawk Warriors and the Canadian army.

The village of Oka wanted to expand a nine-hole golf course on to The Pines, destroying the Mohawk burial ground. But the attempt at invading Mohawk claimed land failed. Mohawks fought back and the eyes of the world focused on a country known for caring for the welfare of its people.

Okanada gives us a glimpse at what it was like to be trapped behind army wires. We are taken behind the barricades to the Mohawk Warrior encampment.

Ronald (Lasagna) Cross, leader of a faction of Warriors, said he'd die for the cause "that united all Indian people."

"It's like a twilight zone...we can't believe this is going on," said Warrior Boltpin.

We're shown dramatic scenes of army tanks and armed personnel carriers contrasted with a somewhat humorous poster reading: "Be all you can be, join the Warriors. We want you."

It's followed by a shot of Prime Minister Brian Mulroney speaking in the House of Commons urging Mohawks to "submit themselves now to the finest justice system in the world — the justice system of Canada."

We're privy to shots of food rations behind the lines — most of it damaged — symbolic of the damage Canada's reputation has undergone as a result of the bloody siege.

Although the entire documentary is fraught with tension, scenes of Day 78 are particularly tense as Lasagna passionately screams at soldiers to "send the SQ (provincial police) back in, they started it. We have no battle with you. Send them in and we'll finish it."

On that last day when Mohawks were confronted by soldiers Nerenberg was arrested. He said he was beaten in jail. In the melee Nerenberg handed his camera case to a photographer and the tapes survived unharmed to comprise this 32-minute documentary.

The video was launched July 11 in Montreal, Toronto, Oka, Saskatoon and Edmonton. It'll be shown in Vancouver Aug. 1.

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Send them candles

Quebec Energy Minister Lise Bacon warns if the Great Whale project is delayed, Quebecers could be lighting their homes with candles.

That sort of doomsday gobbledegook is about the best the Quebec government and its supporters has to offer in the debate over the mammoth hydroelectric project proposed for the territory of the James Bay Crees.

The government and its supporters is also fond of trotting out the argument the megaproject is needed to give the Quebec economy a giant shot in the arm.

But if the government of Premier Robert Bourassa were so keen to reap the benefits of this project, it would have done its homework. It would have undertaken the needed environmental impact studies and sat down to seriously talk with the Crees.

Not having done so, the Great Whale project is blowing up in its face.

The latest nonsense coming from Quebec City is that Ottawa is treading on its turf by having ordered public hearings into the project.

Clearly, however, the federal government had the authority to launch such a review. And it had the responsibility to act since the project would impact Native people, marine mammals, fisheries, migratory birds and navigable waters — areas of federal authority.

The review ordered by federal Environment Minister Jean Charest comes on the heels of cancellation of public hearings by a Quebec environmental review commission.

The ball having been dropped by Quebec, Ottawa picked it up.

Progress is being made. The next step is for Ottawa to order a moratorium on construction until the review is complete.

What has happened in Alberta should never be permitted to happen anywhere in the country. The Oldman Dam is virtually complete while much work remains to be done on an environmental assessment.

That's the way provinces like to do things. Build first and ask questions later.

But Ottawa, too, is guilty of that sin, having supported a massive river diversion project proposed for the Nechako River in west-central British Columbia by Alcan Aluminum Ltd.

A Federal Court judge earlier this month denied an application by Alcan to suspend a court order requiring Ottawa to undertake a complete environmental review.

A lawyer for the Carrier-Sekani Tribal Council deemed the decision an important victory and a precedent.

Having failed to ram Great Whale through, the Quebec government now promises to be boxed in by similar decisions.

It's probably not too early to send candles.



Don't count me in - yet

Canada. It's really an ancient Iroquoian word, loosely translated to mean 'our home'. As the July long weekend tumbled to an exuberant conclusion, millions of Canadians gathered in parks, fairgrounds and public squares to celebrate the birthday of their home. For me it's always been questionable whether a celebration is what's called for.

As an aboriginal person, the Canada I have seen and experienced is a dubious source of celebration.

That's why I refused to be counted in. When the census forms were distributed earlier this year, mine was tossed aside. I really couldn't see the necessity to answer the role call of a government that's largely ignored aboriginal people and aboriginal rights since this country was formed — and before.

A man came to my door demanding an answer. When I flatly refused to complete a form, he threatened me with legal action, incarceration or a fine. He didn't have the time to listen to my rationale, nor did he seem too impressed I didn't want to be counted in.

His experiences as a Canadian differs greatly from mine.

The bottom line to all this is I see no reason to be counted into a process of government that is

not willing to define my rights as an aboriginal person. Section 35 of the Canadian Constitution merely says aboriginal rights are recognized and affirmed. It does not tell anyone what those rights are.

When my rights as an aboriginal, and hence, my rights as a citizen are given scope and definition like everyone else's, then count me in.

When Native people living in Third World conditions on reserves in all areas of this country begin to receive better than substandard housing complete with running water, electricity and other amenities most Canadians take for granted, then count me in.

When the government becomes willing to live up to its legal and moral obligations to fulfil treaties — especially in terms of Native education — rather than find interpretive and technical loopholes to avoid them, count me in.

When the powers that be in this country cease to plow ahead with hydro developments that are ultimately genocidal, that threaten the continued cultural, philosophical and spiritual well-being of communities and entire First Nations, as well as being environmentally catastrophic, feel free to count me in.

When self-government is seen as the simple and inherent right of individuals and communities to determine their own needs and then to be granted the freedom to deliver to those needs rather than have to seek permission from the Department of Indian Affairs via the Indian Act, I'm willing to be counted.

And that's just the aboriginal side of the issue.

I can't see the sense in being counted when the government itself must strike a committee to determine whether Canadians in general should have a say in constitutional changes that will affect their lives. It's like being alive but voiceless.

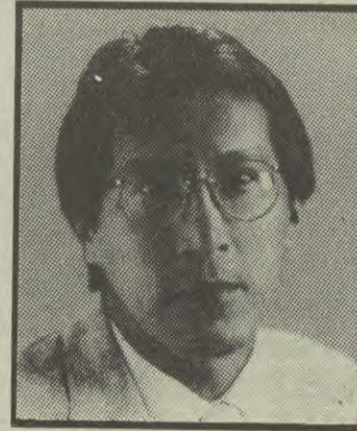
Why be another nebulous statistic when countless thousands are forced by circumstance or societal ill to reside on the riverbanks, in the alleyways, the flophouses, emergency shelters and hostels in every Canadian city? If anyone needs to be counted identified and evaluated, it's Canada's homeless, poverty-stricken and rootless.

There's more, of course, but in the interest of space this brief outline is more than sufficient. My small act of civil disobedience exists because for me as an aboriginal and as a Canadian, to allow myself to be counted is to signify approval of the state of Canada 1991. When the government becomes willing to listen to the heartbeat and the conscience of the country, rather than determine what they will be on our behalf, then I will gladly fill out a census form and be counted in. Until then, I suppose, there will be a conflict because I refuse to rubber-stamp my approval.

And it has nothing to do with not being proud to be a Canadian. It has nothing to do with not wanting to be a part of this country. Aboriginal people have always believed in Canada as a concept. They've fought its wars and contributed to its growth and I'm rightfully proud to be a part of a country whose nature is pluralistic, all-inclusive and humanitarian.

I'm proud international folk can come here and forge a better life for themselves and their children. That their cultures and lifestyles can add to the diverse fabric of this country. And I'm proud diverse millions of dreams can and do come true on a regular basis between these borders.

But until aboriginal rights are given scope and definition like everyone else's count me out. **Eagle feathers:** to my friends for listening, understanding and supporting despite the differences.



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Your Opinion

Justice system 1, convict 0, says ex-inmate

Dear Editor:

Regarding Richard Wagamese's column in your

April 26, 1991 issue; I know exactly how he felt. I have been one of the 30 per cent of Native people in an institution. I would

like to share with the readers of *Windspeaker* a predicament I am going through.

Back in 1987 I was sentenced to four years, but was released in July 1990 on mandatory supervision. I was out for three months when my problem began. I was walking down the street Oct. 31 when a vehicle pulled over. I knew the driver and got in because he offered me a ride to my destination. An RCMP officer, who was following the vehicle, arrested us because the vehicle was stolen.

Later at the RCMP detachment the arresting officer asked me why I got into the car? 'Now look at all the trouble you're in,' he said. But I knew I could beat the charges because I was innocent. When court day came my lawyer told me not to worry because he made a deal. I asked why we would make a deal since I wasn't guilty. 'Plead guilty to

possession of stolen property and it will run concurrent with the time you're serving,' he told me. After a lengthy discussion and wanting to get it over with, I agreed to the deal.

Standing before the judge I listened as my charges were read, six to be exact, three were immediately withdrawn, the other three were read again.

Possession of stolen property, guilty. dangerous driving, guilty, refusing breathalyser, guilty. I leaned over and asked my lawyer what he was doing and he told me not to worry, that I would get concurrent time. But the judge ruled 18 months consecutive to the time I was already serving. I appealed the conviction and sentence. And I applied for a Legal Aid lawyer but was denied.

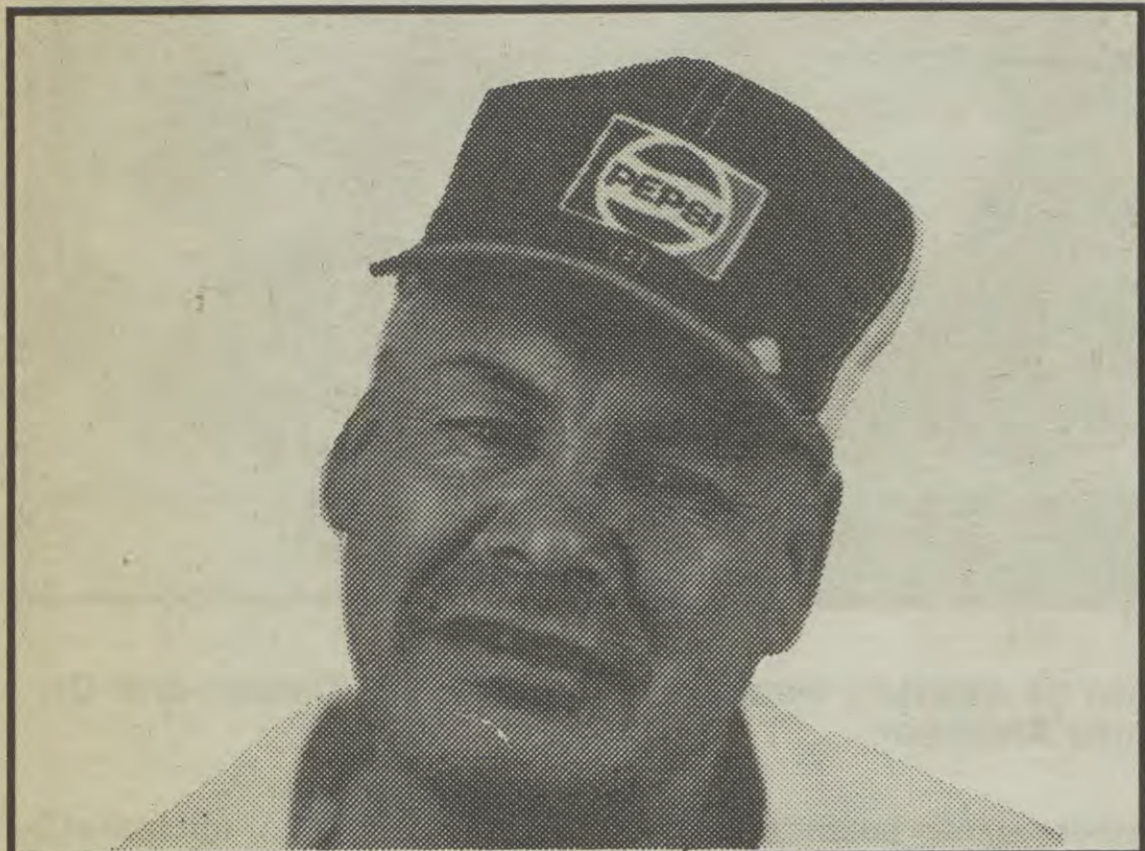
On April 29 I went up for my appeal and having no lawyer and a Grade 9 education things

did not go so well for me so they set it over until September. Without a lawyer I know I'm beat. I've decided to abandon my appeal because if the system worked, something should have been done already. Justice system 1, convict 0. I know when I've been beaten.

Here is my message to all the brothers and sisters out there who are going through the courts, don't give up as I did, talk to someone who can help you. There are Native courtworkers who can explain the law and the procedures you have to take if you feel you are being taken for a ride.

I have promised myself, my higher power and the people who believe in me this is the last time I go through this system. Life's too short to waste.

Fabian Delorme
Grande Cache, Alta.



Leo LaChance

What others say Inquiry needed

Grudgingly the federal government has come around to the view it must deal with issues involving Canada's Natives, including their suspicion of the justice system. It took the collapse of the Meech Lake accord and a military standoff at Oka, but the government finally appointed a royal commission and declared itself sensitized to Native concerns.

So why cannot Justice Minister Kim Campbell even address a reply to Native requests for an investigation of the slaying of a Native by a white man (and white supremacist) in Prince Albert, Sask.? The trial and manslaughter conviction of Carney Milton Nerland raised disturbing questions among Natives and others, and now threatens to harm the fragile relations between whites and a Native population that makes up 35 per cent of Prince Albert's citizens. Some federal response is called for.

The trial presented a disturbing picture. Leo LaChance, a northern Saskatchewan Native was shot last winter as he left a gun shop owned by Nerland, the leader of a Saskatchewan chapter of a white supremacist group. Nerland defended himself by saying the shooting was accidental (he fired two shots before the one that felled LaChance). Testimony showed he refused to let a passer-by use his telephone to call for help for LaChance, who was dying in the street. Nerland pleaded guilty to manslaughter and received a four-year sentence, which the Crown didn't appeal.

Unsatisfied by the response of the Saskatchewan justice department, Native leaders and Prince Albert Mayor Gordon Kirkby have appealed to Campbell, the federal minister. The response has been astonishingly inadequate. Owen Lippert, a spokesman for Campbell, says her office doesn't have enough staff to respond to all the correspondence she receives. He also said there was a question of jurisdiction.

Some correspondence deserves the minister's attention more than others might. A dispute over a question of Natives and the justice system, which is at the basis of many Native grievances, ought to attract the attention of someone in the minister's office. A dispute that threatens to divide an entire city is worthy of some consideration from a federal cabinet minister.

It may be the federal government is constrained because of the provincial jurisdiction over justice. Native groups offended by the Nerland case went first to the provincial government, but to no avail. The Saskatchewan government would like the matter to end there.

Ottawa is thus constrained, but it is not totally unable to act. The federal government can call inquiries in situations where the social well-being, particularly if it includes Natives, is in question. It can investigate the racial overtones in an incident in which a Native is killed by an avowed racist — something that should perhaps more properly be investigated by a public inquiry than by way of the criminal courts. It has appointed a royal commission in Native affairs that perhaps ought specifically to inquire into the Prince Albert incident.

What Ottawa should not do is slough the issue off without deigning to reply. The credibility of the country's institutions in Native eyes is low enough without added indifference from those institutions. Campbell should begin by replying to the concerned groups that have written to her. She should then examine the role Ottawa could play in dealing with a situation that threatens to do considerable harm to Native-white relations in northern Saskatchewan.

(Edmonton Journal editorial/7 July 1991. Reprinted with permission.)

GST discriminates against off-reserve treaty Indians

Dear Editor:

I have fired off a letter to Willie Littlechild, MP for my district, who is also a treaty Indian living both on and off the reserve. I have informed him that according to the brochure — Information for Canada's Indian Peoples — which he sent me, that he gets the best of both worlds, no property taxes and no GST if his purchased goods are delivered to his home on the reserve.

The information in the booklet states off-reserve treaty Indians have to pay the GST. But, if you live on a reserve, you do not have to pay the GST. I answered the brochure by writing to my MP, stating that off-reserve

treaty Indians are being discriminated against again.

I am a treaty Indian, living off-reserve for the past 32 years. I did not have many choices in my life. I had no parents, I was an orphan, I had no home and no job skills. I was raised in a residential school. As far as homes and plots of land on the reserve were concerned, the strong men with families staked out plots of land for themselves. I had to leave, so I had to pay the white society's taxes most of my life. I paid for my own housing and land where my house sits. I paid income taxes, property and school taxes, hidden provincial sales taxes. And until June 1985 when I regained my treaty sta-

tus, I paid my own medical and dental bills, for my schooling and my children's schooling and all other taxes.

Now, because I do not have dual residences I have to pay the GST on goods I purchase because I live off the reserve. You are a treaty Indian whether you live on or off a reserve. All treaty Indians should have the same rights as the next Indian. My lot and house in Alix should have been purchased for me as I am a treaty Indian. This piece of property is my Indian reservation. There are four treaty Indians living on that reserve!

Sophie E. Maglione
Alix, Alta.

COORDINATOR FOR THE EDMONTON ABORIGINAL REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE

The Edmonton Aboriginal Representative Committee, comprised of members of the Indian Association of Alberta, the Metis Nation of Alberta and the Mayor was formed to address relevant aboriginal peoples' issues and pursue strategies of action within the City of Edmonton.

The Committee is looking for a coordinator to act as the primary resource of the Committee in fulfilling its mandate. The position, to commence on September 3, will be a contract position.

Prospective applicants must be highly motivated with several years experience in community development with familiarity and knowledge of the Metis and Indian people's culture, history and concerns. They must also have good organizational skills, excellent written and verbal communication skills and demonstrate an ability to work independently.

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What's Happening?

Droppin' In becomes a murder victim



Droppin' In

By Rocky Woodward

Hi! Lyle Donald is presently coordinating the Metis Nation annual assembly activities, scheduled for Aug. 16-18. He also helps coordinate the Edmonton Canadian Native Friendship Centre's square dancers.

But I've never felt so angry as when Lyle brought his group to the newly-formed Edmonton Country Rodeo Association's information reception at the Regency Hotel July 3.

The centre's dance group and the White Braid Society powwow group were asked to perform at the reception as part of the association's Native component. There were other groups there as well, Wildrose Old Time Fiddling Association and country dancers Edmonton's Country Heat.

But what bothered me to extremes was how Lyle and his group were treated after finishing two dance routines.

Lyle had explained to the audience there would be four dance routines. Just when he was ready to introduce the third dance, the president of the association John Vrolijk walked up to a microphone and without an "excuse me performers" cut in and announced it was now time for the door prizes' draw!

I looked at Lyle standing in the middle of the floor. He made a gesture to the president as if to say, 'Hey! We're not done yet,' but the president wasn't looking.

It was embarrassing for Lyle and his group to be cut off in such a way with an audience

looking on.

It was a thoughtless act by Vrolijk and I would think an apology is due to Lyle and the CNFC square dance group.

I was there when managing director Don Grey offered an explanation to Lyle (time was the excuse) but that's not enough.

Surely, I'm not trying to make this an issue with the association but if this is the way Native people can expect to be treated by the association, then maybe we'd best take a second look at our participation in next year's week-long Edmonton Country Hearts celebration. What say you ECRA director of Native involvement Bob Vandal?

WHITECOURT: There's a 13-year-old Metis who is burning up the golf courses in Alberta with his superb golfing.

Rocky Thompson placed second in the Edmonton Jr. championships and hung in there at the Alberta golf championship rounds for two days before being cut.

Can you imagine having a 72 round against 18-year-olds? Rocky doesn't imagine, he does it!

Rocky have your parents call us at 455-2700. I spoke with your



Two of Alberta's leading ladies: Christine Daniels and Dr. Anne Anderson

father recently but didn't get the phone number.

Way to go champ!
DROPPIN' IN: On July 9 I finally got the chance to act, not in *Dances with Wolves, Part Two* or any upcoming Hollywood movie, but something more close to real life.

I was asked by the Edmonton Police Department's Native liaison officer, Jim White, to play a part in a re-enactment for Crime Stoppers of a murder that took place one year ago.

In the early hours of July 4, 1990, 34-year-old Leonard Beaudry was stabbed by a lone male inside the International Hotel at 96 St. -103A Ave.

Beaudry staggered outside and collapsed at the rear of the hotel. He died shortly after.

The attacker is described as in his late 20's, about 5' 10", 180 pounds with brown hair and a moustache. He was last seen standing outside the cafe holding the knife in his hand.

Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$2,000 for information leading to the arrest of the person(s) responsible for this crime.

There-enactment will air July 22-30.

If you have any information about any crime, call Crime Stop-

pers at 422-8477 or toll free at 1-800-922-8477 (TIPS).

I was the victim. Watch Crime Stoppers ITV.

EDMONTON: It's not often you get two well-known celebrities like Christine Daniels and Dr. Anne Anderson together in one picture but Droppin' In did it! Yeah!

We all know what Dr. Anne does — she runs the Metis and Indian cultural centre in Edmonton — but did you know Christine works as an alcohol and drug counsellor for the Mission Indian Friendship Centre in Mission, B.C.? She does.

And Christine says she loves B.C.

Did you know Vicki Smith and Kim McLain are tying the knot? They are, in a full traditional wedding at Poundmaker's centre Aug. 3.

Hey Vicki! Droppin' In will be there with the shotgun.

PEIGAN NATION: Members of the Lonefighters Society travelled from Vancouver to the first annual Kanehsatake cross-cultural spiritual gathering in Quebec, July 11-14.

The Lonefighters, along with other groups like the James Bay Cree, left Vancouver Canada Day, stopping at various dam locations along their route for spiritual ceremonies.

It was a success as media across the country reported.

The Lonefighters made the trip with leader Milton Born With A Tooth.

METIS SETTLEMENTS: Of Alberta have a new president.

Former Peavine settlement chairman Ken Noskey was elected July 12 to head the Metis Settlement General Council, the political voice for the eight settlements in Alberta.

Also elected as MSGC vice-president was Gary Parenteau from Fishing Lake settlement, elected treasurer was East Prairie's Alphonse L'Hirondelle and elected secretary was Richard Poitras of Paddle Prairie.

Congratulations to the newly-appointed executive.



Photo courtesy of ITV

Droppin' In listens on for next scene in Crime Stoppers plot

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POWWOW TRAIL

SARCEE NATION ANNUAL RODEO & POWWOW, July 26-28, Sarcee Nation Reserve, Bragg Creek, AB.

KAWACATOOSE POWWOW, July 26-28, Kawacatoose Band, Quinton, Sask.

ANNUAL SEAFAIR INDIAN DAYS, July 27-29, Daybreak Star Indian Cultural Centre, Seattle, Wash.

PEIGAN NATION ANNUAL CELEBRATIONS, Aug. 2-4, Brocket, AB.

LONG PLAIN FIRST NATION POWWOW, Songs of All Nations, Long Plain, Manitoba.

SQUAMISH NATION YOUTH PEOPLE POWWOW, Aug. 2-4, Capilano Indian Reserve, North Vancouver, B.C.

OCHAPOWACE 6TH AN-

NUAL INDIAN CELEBRATIONS, Aug 2-4, 12 miles N. of Broadview, Broadview, Sask.

PAUL BAND 35TH ANNIVERSARY COMPETITION POWWOW, Aug. 2-4, Paul Band Reserve, Duffield, AB.

ROCKY BOY POWWOW, Aug. 1-4, Rocky Boy Reservation, Montana.

OGLALA NATION FAIR POWWOW, Aug. 1-4, 1/2 mile W. of the agency, Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

5TH ANNUAL OCHAPOWACE POWWOW; Aug. 2-4; Ochapowace Reserve near Whitewood, Sask.

BEAVER LAKE MULTI-CULTURAL DAYS, Aug. 1-4, Beaver Lake Reserve, Lac La Biche, AB.

KAHKEWISTAHAW POWWOW; Aug. 6-8; Kahkewistehaw Reserve near Broadview, Sask.

ERMINEKIN POWWOW, Aug 9-11, Ermineskin Reserve Powwow Grounds, Hobbema, AB.

STANDING BUFFALO POWWOW; Aug. 9-11; 6 miles W. of Ft. Qu'Appelle, Fort Qu'Appelle, Sask.

PRINCE ALBERT POWWOW; Aug. 13-15; Prince Albert Exhibition Grounds, Prince Albert, Sask.

PIAPOT CELEBRATION 1991; Aug. 17-18; Piapot Reserve,

Indian Country Community Events

Piapot, Sask.

KEHEWIN BAND RODEO & POWWOW; Rodeo, Aug. 17 - 18; Powwow, Aug. 23 - 25; Bonnyville, AB.

LIVING WITH THE LAND; July 27, 2 p.m.; Dog Days Presentation Series; Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump; Fort McLeod, AB.

WHOOOP-UP TRAIL; July 27, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Cheesman Memorial Arena; Cardston, AB.

SHORT COURSE FOR PRINCIPALS OF FIRST NATIONS SCHOOLS; July 29 - Aug. 2; University of BC; Vancouver, BC.

CANADIAN NATIVE WOMEN'S FASTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP; August 2 - 4; Ohsweken Ball Park, Six Nations Reserve, Ontario.

OH PE KI YOUTH CON-

ERENCE; Aug. 5 - 9; Peter Bull Memorial Centre; Hobbema, AB.

INTERNATIONAL FIRST PEOPLES GATHERING; Aug. 12 - 18; Victor Lake, Grande Cache, AB.

COMMUNITY AWARENESS DAY; Aug. 17; McCauley School; Edmonton, AB.

WAYNE BABYCH HOCKEY CLINIC; Aug 24 - 28; open to all treaty youth 8 - 18 years; Hobbema, AB.

WOMEN AND WELLNESS CONFERENCE II, "A GATHERING OF THE WOMEN"; October. 6 - 8; Saskatoon Inn, Sask.

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News

AIDS will hit Natives hard: study

By Amy Santoro
Windspeaker Staff Writer

VANCOUVER

Further evidence indicating Canadian Natives will be hard hit with death from AIDS has been revealed in a recent study.

Dr. Michael Rekart said his study on aboriginal street people in Vancouver is further evidence for alarm and fear.

"AIDS in the Native population will spread," warns Rekart. "Canadian Natives should now be convinced AIDS is not a white man's disease. It doesn't discriminate. Natives must look at this."

Rekart's study, presented at the international AIDS conference in Florence, Italy in mid-June found the rate of AIDS infection was about 50 per cent higher among Vancouver aboriginal street people than non-aboriginals.

The study tested 1,649 people, including 448 aboriginals, for HIV, the virus that leads to AIDS, between March 1988 and Nov. 1990. Six per cent of aboriginals tested positive while

caucasians scored 4 per cent, Hispanics 3 per cent and other ethnic groups had a 2 per cent infection rate.

The statistics are "borderline significant," said Rekart, but he said the question still remains why aboriginals would have infection rates higher than other persons?

Jay Wortman, AIDS consultant for the Indian and Northern Health Services branch of the federal government, said Rekart's study is the first of its kind because it firmly shows the extent of AIDS among Natives in Canada.

The study also provides "further evidence of how demoralized Native people become. Leading lifestyles that are very self-destructive as a function of poor self-esteem. They're not in control of events so they end up in dangerous places" like the streets of Vancouver, he said.

Wortman said Natives may have higher infection rates than other groups because "they have a lower tolerance. We're dealing with people who aren't healthy to begin with. They can't fight the disease off for as long as

others."

But Rekart disagrees citing other possible factors for the high AIDS infection rate in Natives. "They may engage in more high-risk behavior" like intravenous drug use, prostitution and unprotected sex.

A high mobility rate among Natives and less access to health care may also put Natives at greater risk for the HIV infection, he said.

A greater proportion of aboriginal women are infected with the deadly disease, which could result from moving back and forth from the city to the reserve, said Wortman.

Many Natives deny the existence of homosexuality or bisexuality leading them to head for the city for such encounters returning home to have sex with wives or girlfriends, he said. Twenty-five per cent of AIDS cases in Native circles are women.

There are 31 reported aboriginals with full-blown AIDS, said Dr. Maura Ricketts of the Federal Centre for AIDS in Ottawa. The figure is based on a total of 5,228 Canadians with

AIDS. Of that number there are 1,705 whose ethnic background is unknown, she said. Doctors sometimes don't fill out the ethnic background question, not a countrywide requirement, when submitting their forms to the centre.

Wortman said "thirty-one is not a reliable number. There are many unreported cases. This is just the number who have gotten sick and have gone to a doctor to be diagnosed. I think there's a greater number."

Ethnic information has been available only since 1988.

The figure also fails to indicate how many Natives are HIV

infected, said Wortman.

To stop the vicious spread of the lethal disease "we must arm Natives. You can't have a bunch of white doctors arriving on the reserve. A solution requires people to become aware and take responsibility for the problem," he said.

Non-Natives responsible for "education, prevention and care have to start supporting Natives," said Rekart. "Non-Native programs won't be effective. They need their own programs but they need support and money from the non-Natives, who've been working in the field for some time, he said.

Bigstone and Gambler to work out separation plan

By Rocky Woodward
Windspeaker Staff Writer

CALLING LAKE, ALTA.

The Bigstone Cree Nation at Wabasca has agreed on a work-

ing committee of equal partners to work towards a proper separation of the Jean Baptiste Gambler band at Calling Lake from Bigstone.

At a July 2 Calling Lake meeting both band councils agreed to have three members from each

band work together in finalizing a legal plan of separation.

Calling Lake treaty Indians, who were under the control of Bigstone, voted June 13 to break away from Bigstone. The new leaders said they were tired of the way they had been treated over the years by Bigstone.

Bigstone Chief Eric Alook said Bigstone hasn't been against a split by treaty Indian members at Calling Lake. But he added the Gambler band has to go through proper procedures.

Gambler band Vice-Chief John Gambler said although Bigstone doesn't recognize the newly-formed council at Calling Lake, he's still optimistic the two communities can work together.

"The Gambler band membership recognizes us as appointed leaders. And there is a new communications line open with Bigstone now. I see no real problems in legalizing ourselves as an independent band away from Bigstone," said Gambler.

He said at least 90 per cent of its members are in favor of splitting from the Bigstone band.

Meanwhile, said Gambler, a report that a band manager was elected for the Gambler band is false.

He said it was reported Pierre Fournier was elected band manager July 13 "but he was only an observer."

"He was never a part of the group of elected representatives. He was merely a spectator," Gambler said.

Gambler said he is happy the Bigstone band is willing to support the separation.

"I admire Bigstone's commitment to this," he said.

Gambler admitted there will be a lot of growing pains ahead.

"There will be but there is light at the end of the tunnel. We will eventually have a recognized band and reserve. It's our goal," Gambler said.

Gambler Chief William Beaver was unavailable for comment.

There are about 150 treaty Indians at Calling Lake.



Jenifer Watton

A demonstration sponsored by the Lonefighters Communication Network against Quebec's proposed Great Whale hydroelectric project drew about 15 people to the Harry Hays building June 20 in Calgary. Last week federal Environment Minister Jean Charest ordered public hearings on the \$12.7-billion project.

Coming Up

Sacred Run Canada 1991

On Aug. 6 Sacred Run Canada 1991, a spiritual run from Vancouver to Montreal covering 3,800 miles, will begin. Native American, Japanese, European and Canadian runners will join to carry the message of the sacredness of all things and prayers for the healing of Mother Earth. In 1978 Dennis Banks organized the first annual spiritual run in California. Since then the Sacred Run has covered more than 22,000 miles and included runs across the United States, Japan and Europe. Manitoba MLA Elijah Harper has endorsed the Canadian run. "It gives me great pleasure to endorse the Sacred Run Canada event. I cannot stress the importance unity will bring to aboriginal people. We must continue to support each other. Unity plays a major role in the future for all people of the world."

Each day of the run will begin with the burning of tobacco and cedar. Each runner will carry a sacred staff and every mile will be filled with prayers for all living species. Every morning the runners will gather in a circle and offer tobacco in a ceremonial way. Purification ceremonies will be conducted along the way.

In addition cultural exchange programs will be scheduled providing the runners and local communities an opportunity to share traditional songs, dance and customs. No one participating in the run shall be in the presence of alcohol or drugs at any time.

Local communities and organizations can help Sacred Run Canada 1991 in many ways including fundraising projects, donations to sponsor runners, providing needed vehicles for transportation, donations of oil and gas, preparing meals for the runners or lodgings, organizing cultural exchange programs and arranging media coverage and receptions in your area. Anyone interested in supporting or participating in Sacred Run should contact Kelly White at (604) 872-1003 or fax (604) 432-7071 in Vancouver or Arnie Louie at (604) 498-3444 or fax (604) 498-6577 in Oliver, B.C.

Lawyers to explore alternative ways of resolving disputes

CALGARY — At a time when Native land claims, treaty implementation and sovereignty are at the top of the aboriginal agenda ways of diffusing disputes are needed. Alternative methods of dispute resolution will be discussed at the annual meeting of the Canadian Bar Association Aug. 20 in Calgary. Panelists specializing in dispute resolution will be on hand including Philip Awashish, chief negotiator for the James Bay Crees, and Harry Laforme, Indian commissioner of Ontario

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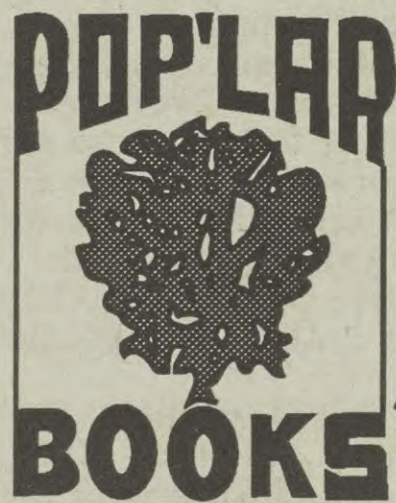
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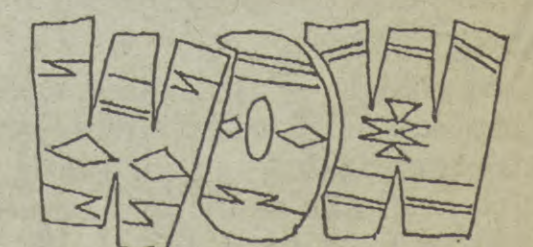
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Sports

Stonewalker's Aug. 4 fight may be his last

An exclusive interview

By Rocky Woodward
Windspeaker Staff Writer

FORT McMURRAY, ALTA.

Canadian light heavyweight boxing champion Danny Stonewalker is thinking of leaving the ring after two decades of knocking opponents to the canvas.

In an interview with *Windspeaker*, the 29-year-old Stonewalker said a scheduled Aug. 4 title defence fight with Drake Thadzi in Moncton, New Brunswick might be his last.

"I have to do something else with my life. I don't know. I'll probably move back to Fort McMurray and take it from there," he said.

Stonewalker said although a decision to quit the ring is not etched in stone it remains a big possibility.

"I might defend my title out of Fort McMurray when it's necessary. Whichever way it goes, I'm definitely looking for something else to do with the rest of my life," he added.

Stonewalker's road to becoming one of the top boxing contenders in the world has not been without controversy. His drinking habits, barroom brawling and once quitting the ring "because there was no support from anyone," made Stonewalker over the years a No. 1 contender with sportswriters across the country. "Some good publicity but mostly bad," he

smiled.

"The media prints more about me when I screw up than they ever do when I fight a good fight," he added.

When you look at Stonewalker's career record and compare it to the publicity lesser fighters have received from the media it's understandable why Stonewalker is sometimes bitter.

"Bitter! It doesn't haunt me. I expect it. I concentrate on my fights and not what the media says about me," he said.

Stonewalker's amateur record stands at 75-14 with 45 KOs. His professional record is just as impressive.

The Canadian Professional Boxing Association rates him in the Top 10. When he went eight rounds against American light heavyweight champ Michael Moorer this year, Stonewalker was rated sixth in the world and gained the respect of Moorer who classed Stonewalker "as the only fighter he ever had a hard time with."

He has fought internationally in Sweden, Finland and Greece.

From out of 500 athletes across the country he won the Canada Sports Achievers Award and he's even managed to have dinner with the Queen.

His professional boxing record is 24 wins against seven losses. In the ring Stonewalker has never been down for the full count.

His boxing ability gained him

respect from the Native community.

A few years ago, after attending sweatlodges and sweetgrass ceremonies under medicine man Fred Nadue, Stonewalker was told his spirit is the Bear and he was given his new name.

"I was told the name Stonewalker is reserved for the best warriors of a tribe. I was filled with pride when I received the name.

"I have always been proud of being Indian. But I give credit to the people at Hobbema who taught me something about my heritage and culture," said Stonewalker, who also received a chieftain headdress from his Hobbema peers.

And Stonewalker is proud of his successes although they haven't come without some personal pain.

It's a career that has seen Stonewalker flounder, yet rise back up to meet the occasion — whether it was in the ring or in his personal life.

During his younger years Fort McMurray was just witnessing an oil boom that turned the town of 700 into a city of 35,000. Seven-year-old Stonewalker found himself many times defending himself against the town bully or in schoolyard fights — sometimes merely because he was Native.

After an uncle of his saw Stonewalker's potential to become a boxer and while other boys his age were learning to

play Canada's favorite sport — hockey — Stonewalker was learning the art of boxing in his uncle's basement. The rest is history.

In 1985, he lost his younger brother Lambert in a single-car accident while the two were returning to Fort McMurray from a boxing match in Hobbema.

It devastated Stonewalker, who disappeared for weeks because he felt responsible for his brother's death.

"We were close, like twins. We always chummed together. Lambert was more talented than me as a boxer. Yes, I miss him."

Stonewalker argued with managers and boxing promoters who said he had a booze problem, was a quitter, a street brawling boxer who would

never amount to anything in the ring.

But he fooled them all, winning fight after fight in the ring to become the light heavyweight boxing champion of Canada. "That's something no one can ever take away," smiled Stonewalker.

It's been a rocky road for Stonewalker but he said he is content with his life today. "I've made some mistakes in life, but mistakes made me a top contender. I've learned a lot over the years."

Today, the love of his life is his little daughter, Poppy. Poppy still comes to every boxing match Stonewalker is scheduled to fight.

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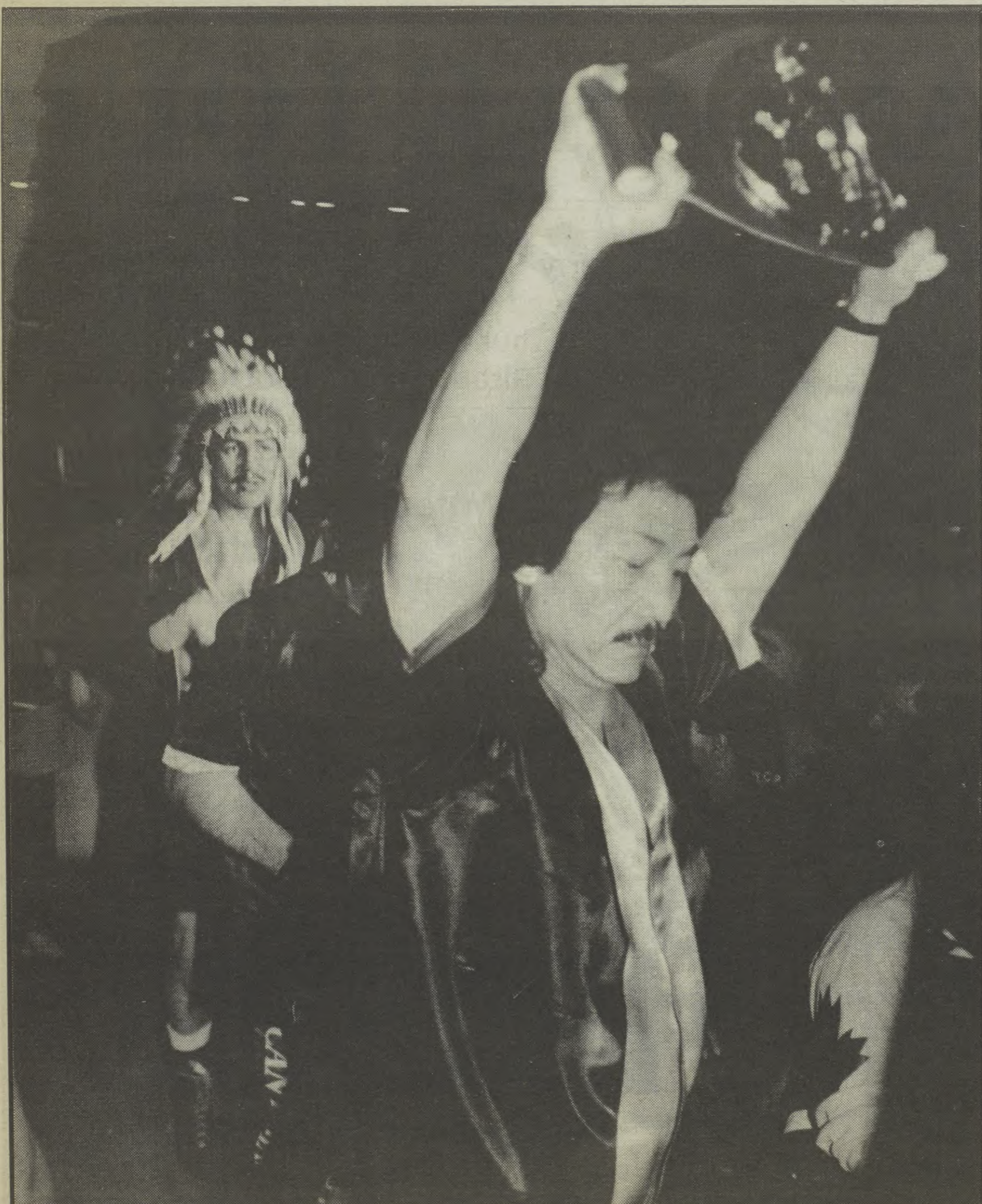
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Correctional officers graduate from basic training

By Molly Chisaakay
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Nineteen Alberta Natives graduated recently from a correctional officers basic training program in Edmonton.

Keep the Circle Strong was the theme of the graduation ceremony held June 27 at the Solicitor General Staff College.

The highlight was the presentation of certificates and awards. The Helen Hunley Award for the top student was presented to Darcy Desjarlais and the most improved student award was shared by Les Carifelle and Janette Simpkin.

Hank O'Handley, assistant deputy minister of correctional services division, said "the rehabilitative, correctional officers' work and career is most difficult and challenging as they are the behavior change agents."

Instructor Ken Likin said there were many talented students from various backgrounds at the college.

Each student in the class "performed as a professional without doubt," he said. "They are the most respected group I've ever associated with."

Likin told the graduates they will need the continued support of their families. "It's very important."

The Office of the Solicitor General, together with the departments of Advanced Education and Career Development and Employment and Grant MacEwan Community College sponsored the program to increase the number of trained

aboriginal staff working in Alberta's correctional centres.

The graduates began training in April. They attended classroom sessions at Grant MacEwan and the staff college and were given placements at Peace River Correctional Centre, Fort Saskatchewan Correctional Centre and the Edmonton Young Offender Centre. Their training will conclude with a three-month work placement.

The closing remarks and prayer was given by Native elder and honored guest Peter O'Chiese, originally from Sunchild/O'Chiese. He was there to give blessings to the students. He told them to "try to understand the four directions and learn what it is to be learned."

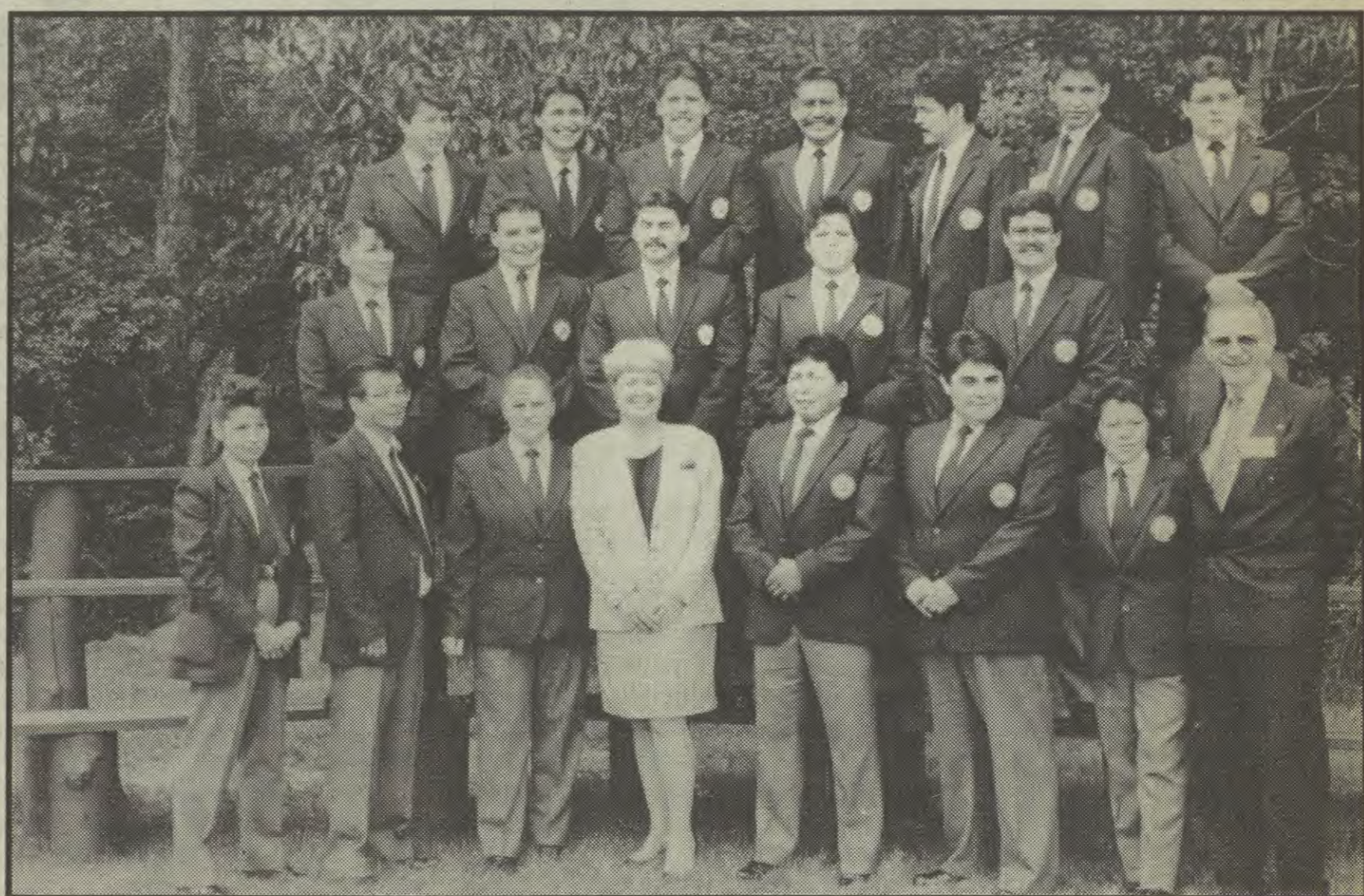
"Teach by helping, bring it back to the people, everyone has to try, when we start to close our ears, something gets confusing," he said. "Praying with your family is important."

Student Lonny Jeffery said "the Native issues and cultural component was most significant."

Graduate Julian White said the schedule was hectic. He said students had to be flexible and willing to make sacrifices. He said "natural comedians brought down tensions, it was fun learning."

A video produced by graduate Robin White was viewed by the audience. He referred to the theme, Keep the Circle Strong, and used music, visual images and words to depict the program.

A poem by White, Tears of



Molly Chisaakay

Top (l-r): Lonny Jeffery, Julian White, Darcy Desjarlais, William Hunt, Walter Laboucane, Allan Beaver, Lyle Willier. Middle (l-r): Janet Simkin, David Cardinal, Art Tomkins, Chantelle Favell, Robin White. Bottom (l-r): Susan Jacknife, Jim Bourdeau, Laura Morin, Irene Knulton (G.M.C.C.), Ed Courterielle, Les Carifelle, Marlene Cooper and Bill Griffen (Institutional Training Manager for Solicitor General). Missing Ed L'Hirondelle.

the Warrior, was on a picture presented to the college by the students.

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As we ask for the inner peace he can only provide us!
As we cry for the children of today.

We can only hope the children of tomorrow,
can stand proud and free.
So they can ride our ponies like the wind,
with their hair that flows like the

stream of the mountain springs.

We see the fears and tears in our mothers' hearts as they can hear the howling of the wolves.
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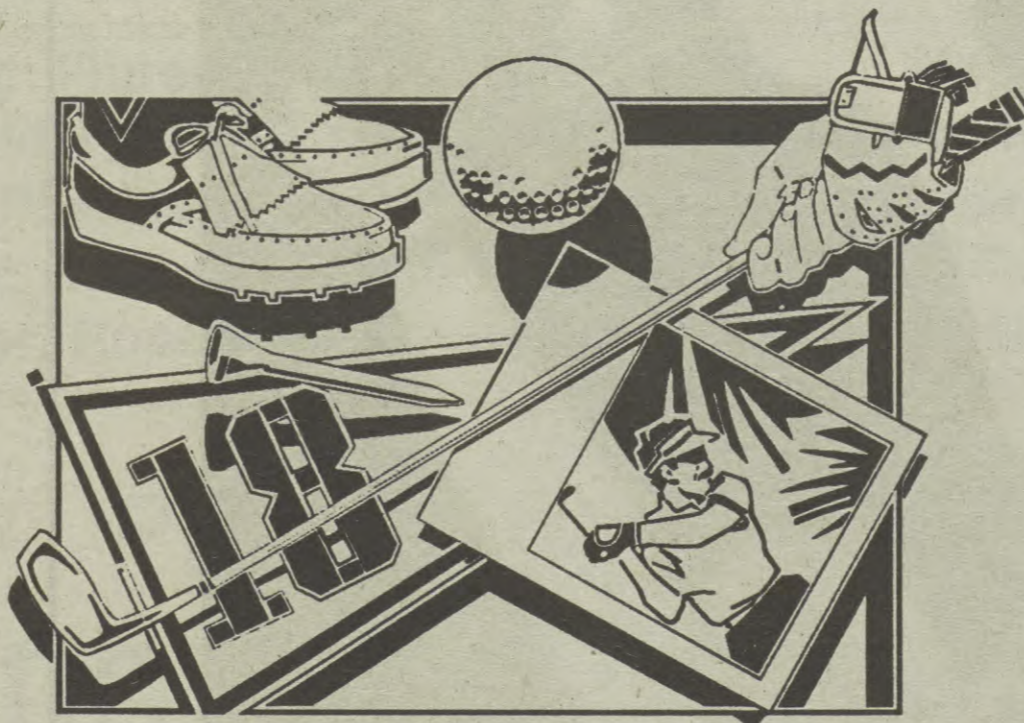
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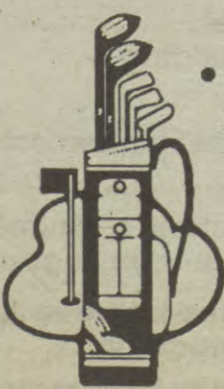
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Ermineskin's kindergarten students given awards

By Heather Andrews
Windspeaker Staff Writer

HOBBEEMA, ALTA.

The importance of encouraging young people early in their scholastic endeavors was demonstrated at an awards ceremony and year-end powwow on the Ermineskin reserve.

The 170 proud students receiving presentations June 20 were from the seven kindergarten classes. "We believe in recognizing the young students' contributions, whether it is academic, athletic or congeniality," says school secretary Jean Cardinal.

Awards were also presented to those deserving of recognition of improved use of Cree, which the school encourages the children to use. "An instructor spends time in every classroom throughout the year, saying a prayer, singing, practising numbers, all in Cree," she says.

At the kindergarten level students are also encouraged to learn social skills. The congeniality award is given to those who showed a helpful attitude towards their classmates and teacher and who co-operated well with other students in group activities.

"The attendance award is given to children who attended 90 to 100 per cent of the time," says Cardinal, proudly adding her son Ian was one of the students who didn't miss a day.

A drum group of local singers and drummers performed for the powwow dancers who entertained following the awards' ceremony. "The singers are really good, mostly dads and uncles, and they are all local fellows who provide the music for us anytime throughout the year when we have cultural events," says Cardinal. Members of the community as well as students and staff participated in various dances.

Special awards were given in memory of Phyllis Rose Deschamps, who passed away June 23, 1990. "Mrs. Deschamps gave of her time and energy to the kindergarten for many years and it's fitting to remember her in this way," says Cardinal. The award recognizes the contribution of parents in the realization of the kindergarten's goals and objectives.

Twelve parents were presented with the Deschamps Award: Angela Crane, Jenny Saulteaux, Phyllis Montour, Crystal Fineday, Ruby and Percy Soosay, Fran Ermineskin, Sherman Alexander, Patti Johnson, Irvin Roasting (and family), Patty Wildcat, Judy Ermineskin, Brian Roasting (and family), Ardell Bird and Eileen Raine.

Principal Valerie Tootoosis says it was hard to narrow it down to 12 parents. "They were all so helpful throughout the



Heather Andrews

Kendar Soosay and Leah Crane from the class K-5 enjoyed their graduation celebrations

year."

Tootoosis feels events like the awards' day are necessary. "It's important culture is integrated into our school. We begin the

day with prayer and include traditional activities in our curriculum," she says. As an example, in their "kinder-cooking" classes, students learn how to

make bannock and smoke meat. She feels strongly about community involvement in the school's activities, too. "Our community and our school have

a unique relationship, with many of the same members common to both, so it's important they work together closely," she says.

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Hobbema

Students, teachers and parents are partners

By Heather Andrews
Windspeaker Staff Writer

LOUIS BULL RESERVE, ALTA.

Today's students are in the driver's seat when it comes to completing their education, says a well-known educator of Native children.

"Teachers and other staff are simply the navigators," guest speaker Audrey Breaker told the crowd at Louis Bull's student awards night June 25.

Breaker, who has had extensive experience teaching young Indian students in Alberta and Saskatchewan, compares education to an automobile journey. "There are backseat drivers, such as parents and friends, and there are potholes and other obstacles along the way."

But teachers are by far one of the biggest influences. "They are the role models for the children they teach and their effort, when it comes to their pupils, can make a difference to the degree of success the students realize," she says.

Over 300 students from kindergarten to Grade 11 were honored for achievements in the academic, athletic, general, most improved and attendance categories. Many won multiple awards.

Breaker lauds the effort of the Louis Bull education department for its continuing encouragement of education. "Ken Dion himself is an excellent role model and the entire staff is to be commended," she says. Breaker also noted the presence of the off-reserve officials including the county's assistant superintendent, county administrative staff and the school principals.

"Their presence gives a good message to the community," she says. After several years of teaching, Breaker is now Native education coordinator for the County of Wheatland in southern Alberta and works with eight schools which Indian youngsters attend.

Breaker also recognizes the role parents play in their children's success. "The perseverance and determination to com-



Heather Andrews

Carolne Deschamps won a general award for her achievements. She attends Norwood School in Edmonton.

plete school must come from within the children themselves. But the parents' contribution is imperative."

Parents who work in partnership with teachers give children the unity and sup-

port they need. "Students whose parents are involved in their education always have such a high self-esteem. And with the increased confidence in themselves, they naturally have a much better chance to succeed," she says.

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Hobbema

Ermineskin to host national education forum

By Heather Andrews
Windspeaker Staff Writer

HOBBEEMA, ALTA.

The Ermineskin Education Trust Fund considers it an honor to be hosting the fourth annual National Aboriginal Education Forum.

"This yearly conference has become accepted as the vehicle which accommodates the

streamlining of education across Canada in Native schools," explains conference co-ordinator Patricia Littlechild.

From Aug. 6-9 delegates will discuss pertinent issues like curriculum planning, language retention and cultural content. "One of our most important components will be our elders' panel which will keep a traditional focus on our discussions," she says.

As many as 500 people are expected to attend. The forum

has been held in various locations across Canada in the past including British Columbia and Kahnawake, Quebec and every year the attendance has grown.

"It's popular because it is a chance for Indian people to exchange ideas and feelings. It's an open forum where we can deal with our concerns," says Littlechild.

The lineup of speakers is impressive. Del Anaquod, who was instrumental in the operation of the Saskatchewan Indian Feder-

ated College, Jeanette Armstrong, director at the En'owkin Internation School of Writing at Penticton, B.C. and Alberta's own Clive Linklater are just a few of the presenters already confirmed. New Zealand Maori Henrietta Maxwell and educators from the United States are also hoping to be present to bring an international flavor to the discussions.

Community control of schools, empowering parents, learning through mu-

sic and the roles of elders will be discussed as well and a good deal of time will be devoted to the youth in attendance, says Littlechild.

Not all will be work, though. "We will have a strong cultural component as well, with a pow-wow, a mini-round dance and a buffalo barbeque and dance as well," she says. Headquarters for the event will be the junior high school on the Ermineskin reserve at Hobbema.

Littlechild has been totally absorbed in the conference planning during the past weeks. "Most of the work we had to do in our hosting position has been accomplished in the last two months. The staff here has been great with so much organizing and co-ordination needed. And volunteers are a big part of the forum too. They are not only needed, they will find many benefits themselves if they choose to get involved," says Littlechild.

More details can be obtained from Littlechild or any of her staff at the Ermineskin Education Trust Fund by calling 420-0008.

Oh Pe Ki conference a big draw

By Heather Andrews
Windspeaker Staff Writer

LOUIS BULL RESERVE, ALTA.

If initial registrations are any indication, the second annual Oh Pe Ki youth conference is going to be even more successful than last year's smash hit.

"It looks like close to 300 young people will be attending, double last year's numbers," says co-ordinator Leona Lafond.

The conference will be held Aug. 5-9 at the recreation and education centres on the Louis Bull reserve. With the theme for the five days being 'sharing, humor, healing-putting the pieces together', Lafond says many of the topics scheduled for discussion are unique to the Oh Pe Ki assembly.

"Sibling rivalry for instance. Now that's a topic that is not often addressed and yet we all admit it's there," she says. Other topics include volunteerism, community ownership and pride, leadership and peer pressure, to name just a few.

Young people aged 12-18 attended from all over Western Canada last year. "They came as

members of youth groups and they came as individuals," says Lafond. This year registrations have already been received from many locations in British Columbia and Alberta and several from Saskatchewan like the Sandy Lake people who are returning again.

"Last year the Sandy Lake youth went home and as a direct result of the conference approached their band council about starting several groups including a community youth group and a parent-youth group," she says.

The example of the Sandy Lake people shows what youth can do when provided with constructive ideas and methods of achieving goals. "The adults have to learn to step back and let the kids do it for themselves. Mistakes are just learning tools and we all benefit by trial and error. We have to let the kids take the initiative and be secure with the knowledge they can accomplish it on their own," says Lafond.

Special guest speakers this year are Wilton Goodstriker of the Blood tribe at Stand Off and Chief Leonard George of the Burrard band in British Columbia. Throughout the five days Lafond, Travis Dugas, Joe Dion, Ruth Ahenakew, Greg Murdoch and Dwane Gaudry will also give

presentations.

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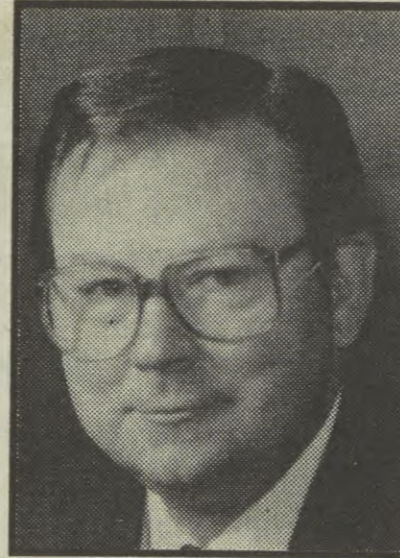
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The adventures of a modern day voyageur

Stephen Wuttunee
on the river

Editor's note: Modern day voyageur and Calgarian Stephen Wuttunee, a 22-year-old of Cree descent, left Edmonton June 9 on a four-and-a-half-month canoe trip to Quebec City. He's filing biweekly accounts of his adventure with Windspeaker. This is an excerpt from his first segment.

By Stephen Wuttunee

June 9

After a few picture taking sessions and some emotional "see ya later's" from family members and relatives I shoved away from the shore of the North Saskatchewan River. This is it, I thought to myself, there's no turning back now.

Miles out of the city nagging second thoughts began creeping in. Being on the river felt eerie. Whirlwinds of emotions swelled around inside me, ranging from sadness and fear to joy and pride. For every discouraging thought, I paddled harder and harder until I realized Fort Saskatchewan was well behind me. Time to set up camp. Combine a severe lack of sleep with a mild sunburn and you get a very tired man.

Because of the unpredictability of water levels, I had to drag all the gear out of my canoe. It was pure torture since I felt so sleepy, but it had to be done. No telling how high the river would be tomorrow morning.

Up there on the grassy slope, I swallowed two extra strength Tylenols and hit the ground. The mosquitoes were hell.

June 10

The grandfather clock upstairs has just struck 12 and here I am, my belly stuffed from a fantastic supper provided by a family who lives by the river.

The river is high now and a pleasure to travel. I'm in a comfortable bed but this morning's scenario was an entirely different story.

All night, damn mosquitoes tried to populate my eardrums and nostrils. Obviously these little creeps never heard of insect repellent. I should have brought the tent instead of just a tarp.

The amount and variety of wildlife in the area is astounding. So far I've rubbed elbows with beavers, herons, mallards, widgeon, sandpipers, hawks, eagles, deer, geese, crows, at least 30 to 40 different species of songbirds, pelicans — you name it! Judging by the quality of the water however I'm not so sure

fish are doing so well.

I'm staying at the home of Ken and Sheila Smith. Sheila and I ran into each other by accident down by the river just as I was starting a little hunt with my bow and home-made arrows for some fresh meat. She was looking for her prized goats. Bad combo.

I must have been the sight — dirty, smelly trousers, soiled flannel shirt, two days of stubble growth and a dangerous weapon to match. Well, after some explaining, she was convinced I wasn't an escaped killer and kindly invited me to have supper with her and her family. I had landed squarely in her backyard.

Supper was great. We had roast beef, fresh vegetables and some bread. I had my fill.

Despite some hardships, this trip is really turning out to be all I had really hoped it would be. I can't say I'm disappointed at all. If this is a pipe dream, I think I'll nap a little more.

June 11

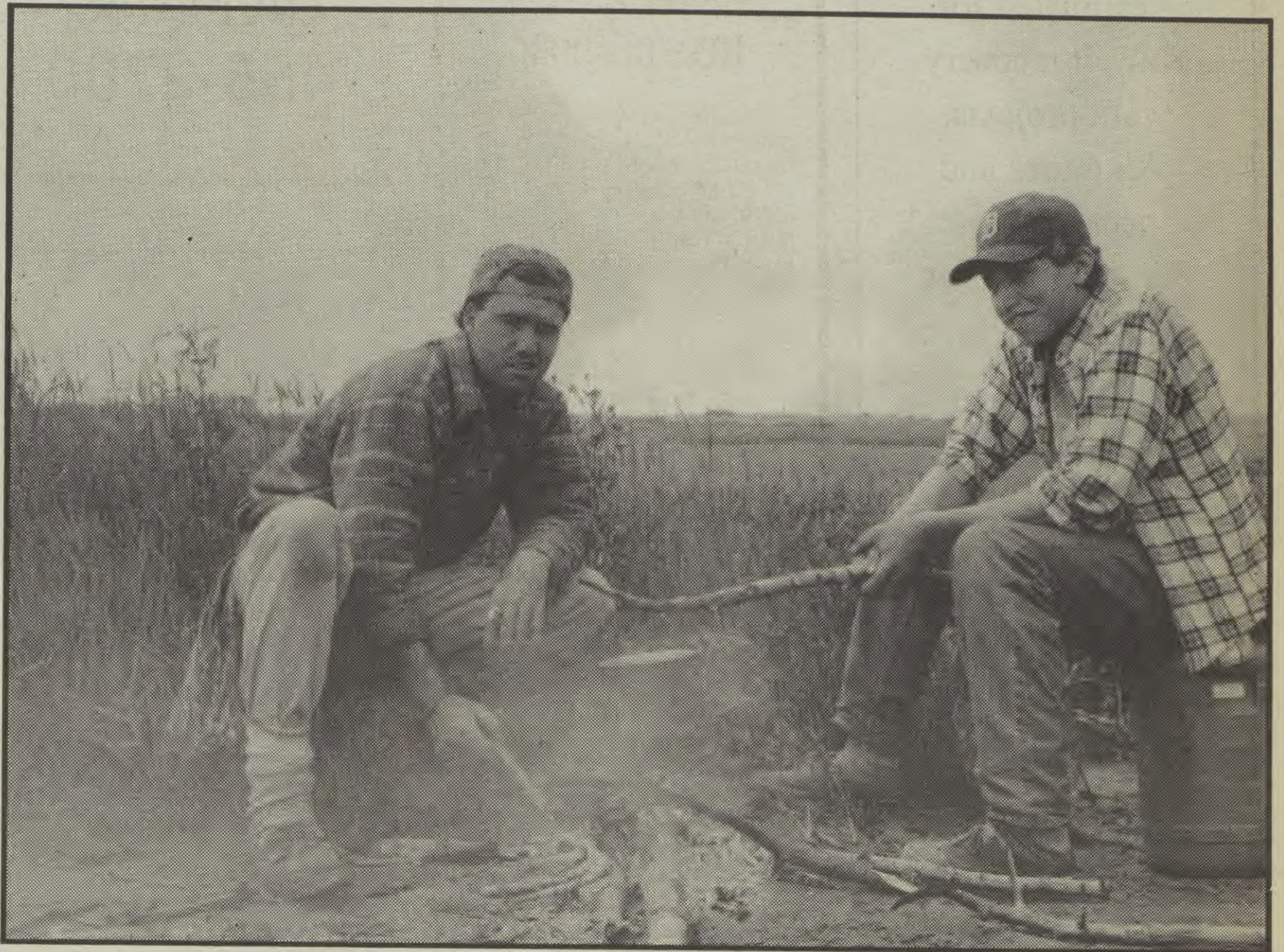
Few words would describe the way I feel right now. It is 11 o'clock at night as I write this and I'm sprawled under a makeshift camp. Raging thunderstorms and hailstones the size of marbles forced me to pull ashore and halt progress. It is still raining so I'll just stay the night and resume tomorrow (good weather permitting).

S a l t pork and a few pancakes the Smiths had the generosity of giving me this morning is all I had for supper. Not once in my lifetime have I ever had so much trouble getting a fire going. Nothing wanted to take the sparks. I went through an entire box of matches before one finally caught.

I'd be lying if I said it doesn't get lonely out here. Without being overly sentimental, seeing so much gorgeous scenery and wildlife and having no one to share in the experience is a shame.

June 12

Well, it's been another powerhouse day. Strong tail winds, along with some treacherous rapids, seemed to plague me relentlessly. With whitecaps all over the river, the rear end of my canoe swung from side to side as I struggled to set myself back on course. Sometimes the winds pushed me back to shore and I had to use the paddle as a pole to avoid crashing into the rocks. But with the shore barely a few feet away, I felt safe should I capsized.



Stephen and Leslie Wuttunee

My drinking water is now coming directly from the river and I make sure I take extra precautions in boiling it sufficiently before using it. I also have iodine solution to disinfect it and I've already put it to use.

One thing I've noticed about the river is one second she's your best friend and the next she's trying to do you in. Rapids are never more than a curve away so I try not to take any unnecessary risks. I feel at times like the proverbial city slicker here in the bush. But gradually the old bushcraft skills are beginning to re-emerge.

Morale is still high and I always find myself wondering what the next day will bring. I pray for a safe trip by burning sweetgrass and asking for blessings.

The trip hasn't been without its hardships. I've continually been tested physically and mentally on a daily basis. Blisters and calluses on my hands and fingers have been so bad at times I've had to apply layers of chapstick on them to keep going.

June 13

Gradually this trip is beginning to assume the air of a job rather than an adventure. I'll try to be careful about this and take the time off to do things I enjoy. Perhaps a short walk in the forest would do me some good.

Two thick slabs of fried bannock is all I've had for supper. In fact, it's the only morsel I've had all day! I estimate I've covered about 45 miles today. Not bad. But my muscles are saturated in pain.

I can't pinpoint what motivates me to keep going when every instinct inside me is screaming for mercy.

Sometimes images of my family pop into my head. Other times, though I know it's wishful thinking — visions of people, throngs of them, stand atop the bridges as I paddle underneath them. I imagine them shouting and cheering me on.

To pass the time I sing songs, mostly French, and in the tradition of the voyageurs. I sing them over and over, sometimes repeating the same chorus four or five times before I finally re-

alize my mistake.

I am not enjoying the same "joie-de-vivre" I usually feel when in the woods. I think maybe it is because I'm living in the future, not the present. Many of the minor discomforts suffered so far would have been saved if I only had to take care of my basic needs instead of the demands of a hectic schedule. I have a place to be and a time to be there. Perhaps I'm living the same kind of social disease so many folk are used to.

June 15

Day off. Joe Quinney and Susan invited me to the Bonnyville Fair with them. It was a small exhibition, but the hustle and bustle of so many people along with all the activity was a welcome relief from the river's solitude.

June 16

Though I enjoy visiting and meeting different people, the river's beckoning is too strong to resist. I couldn't wait to get back on the river again.

I can't even see what I'm writing for the lack of light. The North Saskatchewan River flows at a gentle pace below me.

The Harlan Bridge is a kilometre west of my position. That means one thing: I'M IN SASKATCHEWAN!

June 17

I'm in Deer Creek right and again under the tarp. Ninety or so miles left to the Battlefords and I'm really aching. Enthusiasm seems to evaporate by the minute. This isn't to say I feel like quitting, but boy am I pooped!

Rain, rain and more rain. Rapids, head winds, sunburn, sleepiness, thirst, hunger, loneliness — I've been through it all! But now there's a new foe to deal with — sandbars! I may as well kiss my best paddling efforts goodbye when I hit one of these dudes. Sometimes there's no other choice than to hop out of the boat, strap the painter over the shoulder and sash ahead. I must have walked about three miles across them today.

There are times when I feel like throwing my head back and yelling in despair. But I persist, believing I'm working in harmony with nature's elements rather than against them.

I'm so used to being wet, tired and hungry that eventually a tolerance level is attained. I just don't care anymore.

When it comes to paddling I've reached the point where self-motivation no longer matters. There are no songs to sing, no memories of family gatherings, no glimpses into fame or fortune. Nothing. All I do is plant the paddle in, brace my shoulders and arms and heave.

June 18

I'm at the ferry near Paynton, Sask. Dad came here a few days ago and told the Sandersons (ferry operators) to watch for me. They had hot coffee and a warm bed waiting for me. What a surprise.

Covered nearly twice the mileage today, close to 65 miles in all. With sandbars, searing heat and my thirst, just getting here seemed to take forever.

I'm not looking forward to being back on the river tomorrow. Need sleep...bad.

June 19

Arrived in Battleford at five this evening. After securing my gear and canoe by the river, I phoned my Uncle Henry and Aunt Delores Gardiply to meet me. Funny how some people can read minds. The first thing they did was take me to A&W for a cheeseburger.

My cousins told me there'll be a wedding Friday, so I'll likely stay at least until Monday morning. The river needs as much a break from me as I from it. I'll stay. Gladly.

June 20-24

My brother Leslie, in from Sioux Lookout in Ontario, is joining the trip from here to Thunder Bay. Having him along would be fine. I needed two things: a good, strong paddler and some company. Telling jokes to yourself is boring. Welcome Les.

We took off on the 24th in late evening, bound for Saskatoon. Sixty miles of sandbars, heat, rain, hunger and all. No use subjecting my younger kin (17) to such treatment — not on the first day anyway. We'd make sure we took it easy. A little fishing. Nice scenery all around. Twice the paddling speed. Hey — we're set! Pass the fried bannock bro...

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The achievements of Enoch students are applauded

Enoch Nation students honored

By Heather Andrews
Windspeaker Staff Writer

ENOCH CREE NATION,
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The 348 students from Enoch Cee Nation were honored with presentations and awards July 3.

Awards were given for attendance, sports and academic prowess and congeniality.

But the focus of the evening was on the six Grade 12 students graduating from high school. The local school offers only kindergarten to Grade 9 so the senior high students are bused to Edmonton's St. Francis Xavier, Jasper Place Composite and St. Joseph's Composite schools or to Spruce Grove to complete their education. This year's successful students were Clayton Ginther, Shane Peacock, Candace Thomas, Stephanie Ward, Janice Shirt and Joel Ground.

Award presentations were alternated with short speeches by special guests seated at the head table. Elders Isadore Thomas, Joe Morin and Antoinette McDonald all stressed to the students the importance of education in today's complex world.

"Stick to your studies kids and see it through to graduation. We're all proud of you. And after you get your secondary education, we hope some of you can come back here to Enoch to work," said McDonald.

Local resident Shelley Morin, who last year was chosen the Yellowhead Tribal Council's Indian princess, said becoming well-educated was one way to change the popular conception many people still have of Native people.

"The possibilities are endless. Let's take up the challenge," the Grade 10 student urged her fellow students.

She also noted a high school diploma is only the first step in having a successful career. "Today college or university is the only sure way," she said.

Miranda Callingbull was awarded the outstanding student award for the second consecutive year. When giving her the award, acting chief Robert Sharphead praised the junior high student's all-round efforts in everything from athletic to academic achievements.

Mary Ward, Enoch's school committee chairperson, noted it was the third year for the awards. She said the students need all the encouragement their parents

and the community can give them. Ward said parents, who get involved with their children's schoolwork and participate in activities, always enjoy the experience and it can have only positive effects on the students as well.

Counsellor and liaison worker Gladys McDonald agreed. She recognized the importance of parental involvement. As well, parents and volunteers help to make events like the awards' night possible.

"Our chief and council are really behind the children here at Enoch, especially Coun. Barney Ward whose portfolio is education," she said. Council members visit the school regularly and support many events.

Ken Symarozum summed up the feelings of all the educators. "The involvement of parents is evident in the students' marks. And today education is often the only way employers are deciding who gets the jobs," the assistant principal at St. Joseph's Composite high school told the six Grade 12 graduates.

"Pick a style of learning that suits you, whether it's college, university or distance learning, but continue after today and you can be whatever you want to be," he said.

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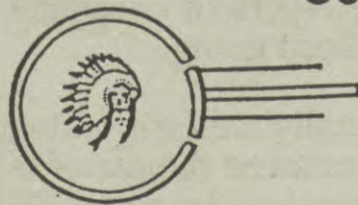
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By Molly Chisaakay
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Hire A Student offices in Edmonton and Calgary offer help to Native students in increasing their employment, education and career opportunities.

Class of '91 graduates

By Diane Parenteau
Windspeaker Correspondent

SADDLE LAKE, ALTA.

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The largest-ever graduating class Saddle Lake's Onchaminahos School has ever produced followed this theme and shared a step of the journey of a dream with family and friends during graduation ceremonies at the school May 30.

Grade 12 was completed by 37 high school and adult students at the band-run school.

Saddle Lake elder Stanley Redcrow offered a blessing to the Class of '91.

He told them of meetings he attended in the south many years ago when Indian people were working on obtaining better and

The Native student network in Calgary is designed to address the specific employment needs and concerns of Native students. Working with various Native agencies, Hire A Student provides program information to Native students.

There are two workers in Calgary with the Native Student Network — Will Willier and Mieka West.

Hire A Student in Edmonton

higher education on reserves.

"The answer was there was no high school," he said. "Now today I see you graduating and I am very proud. And there will be more people graduating. You are the ones who are going to show your children about education."

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"Education gives you endless opportunities. Let the opportunities be endless."

Mary-Ann Sokolotosky called the adult education graduates "students who challenged and won the challenges." She said they were undoubtedly the best Saddle Lake has seen.

Scrolls and eagle feathers were presented to all graduates by principal Phyllis Cardinal and elder Noah Cardinal with Saddle Lake Chief Carl Quinn looking on.

employs Vern Gladue in the Native student program.

West, Willier and Gladue are employed under the Native Internship Program (NIP) to work with other Native students looking for summer work.

NIP, which is offered by Canada Employment and Immigration, provides aboriginal students with work experience through placements at CEIC offices during vacation breaks from school. This gives students an opportunity to consider the public service as a career alternative.

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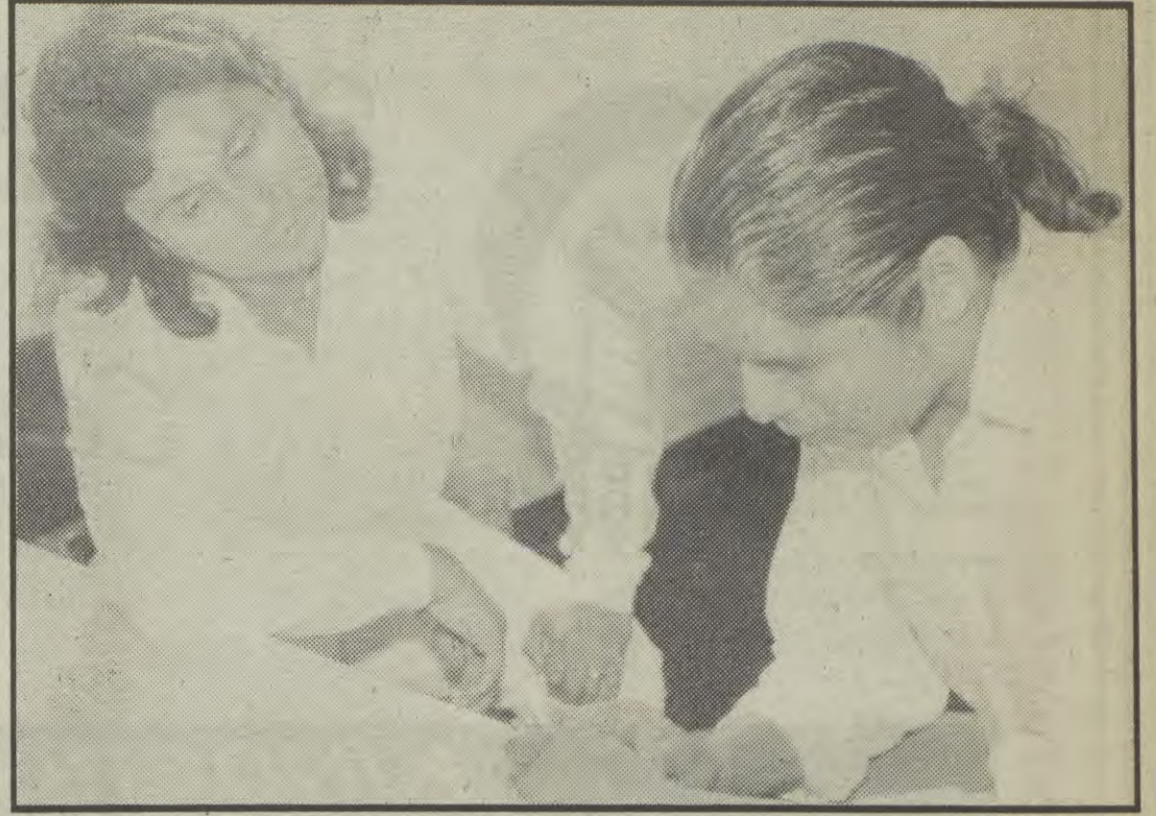
Last year 485 students benefited from the program in Edmonton.

Willier said similar personalized help is given to Native students in Calgary. The office works with the Plains Indian Cultural Survival School, puts up posters in the offices of all Native agencies and contacts Native students at Calgary high schools to make them aware of its services.

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Vern Gladue with upgrading student Sam Bull (right)

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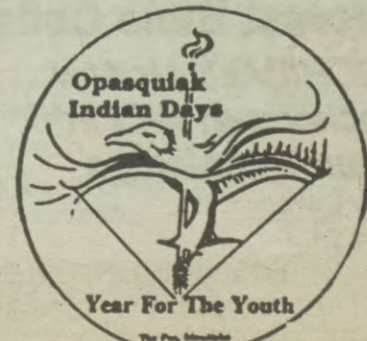
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Youth

Hard-working mother keeps son on ice

By Molly Chisaakay
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Debbie Buchanan works many hours, juggling three jobs to keep her young son, a talented Metis figure skater, on ice. Andy Buchanan, who is origi-

nally from Wabumun, is not only an excellent skater, but he's a role model and a modest all-around athlete with a lot of patience, says mother Debbie. Before becoming a serious competitor he enjoyed teaching skating to young children.

Competition is expensive. Andy, 14, has to board with a family in Edmonton, find money for ice time, travelling,

coaches, equipment and summer school.

His mother sighs at the thought he may be chosen to go to the Canadian championships this year. "I just can't afford \$10,000 a year. It is so hard to watch him achieve all this and then have to tell him 'you can't do it.'"

But, she says, "it is too hard on me to continue working around the clock. It takes long hours, I

only have a few hours to myself, working seven days a week. I just can't keep going like this."

"I really want him to reach his goals and dreams, especially when there is talent and natural ability," she says.

Andy's interest in skating started when he began playing hockey at eight years of age. He has been competing four to six times a year as a figure skater since he was 10. He's now a novice figure skater.

His first real success came five years ago when he captured first place at provincial competitions in Swan Hills.

This year he finished in the top four at the Canada Winter Games in Prince Edward Island. To date he has won nine provincial medals: six gold, two silver and a bronze. He is now preparing for the Canadian championships.

Buchanan will continue the gruelling long hours of skating at the Olympic Oval in Calgary at a summer school. An honor student, he enjoys skating and practises seven to 14 hours a day if he is not in school, says his mother.

One major accomplishment has been completing the double-axle, triple jump which was difficult to do. "But I did it," he says shyly. "Falling is painful.

'It is so hard to watch him achieve all this and then have to tell him he can't do it.'

When I get a new jump it's like a weight is lifted. If I want to do it bad enough, I know I can do it I just keep trying I just do it," he says with conviction in his voice.

He has worked so hard to achieve and realize his goals, says Debbie. "I am truly proud of his achievements, but the costs are so great, much more than I can afford," says his discouraged mother.

"I really don't want him to give up something he has worked so hard for.

"Andy is so close to a dream I cannot afford," said Debbie.

She'd like to see a trust fund started for him so he can compete in the Canadian championships. He is a great ambassador for other kids, she says.

She smiles and nods with pride, watching her son, a rising athlete, do his powerful spins and jumps on the ice, hopeful he can continue to follow his dream.



Andy Buchanan

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Ben Calf 'family' salutes its best at awards night

By Molly Chisaakay
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Ben Calf Robe junior high school celebrated the year ending with a barbeque and awards night June 25 for students, families, friends and visitors.

"Ben Calf Robe is achieving the dreams of growth and in developing faith through commitment, students are applying toughness, knowing learning is not an easy task and takes work," said board member Louis Lamouthe.

"When you receive your award, you will be somewhat shy and excited at the same time. Live with those feelings," he told the students. Lamouthe addressed the audience on how education is changing with Native people.

He said over there are over 400 Native students registered at St. Joseph's Composite high school which drew applause from the crowd. Many Ben Calf students go on to attend St. Joe's.

Ben Calf is proud to recognize the successes of its students, especially those who have worked hard throughout the year, said social worker Pat Dellaire.

Principal Ron Steele encouraged the students to dream. "I wish you well and that you go the extra mile to attain your goals."

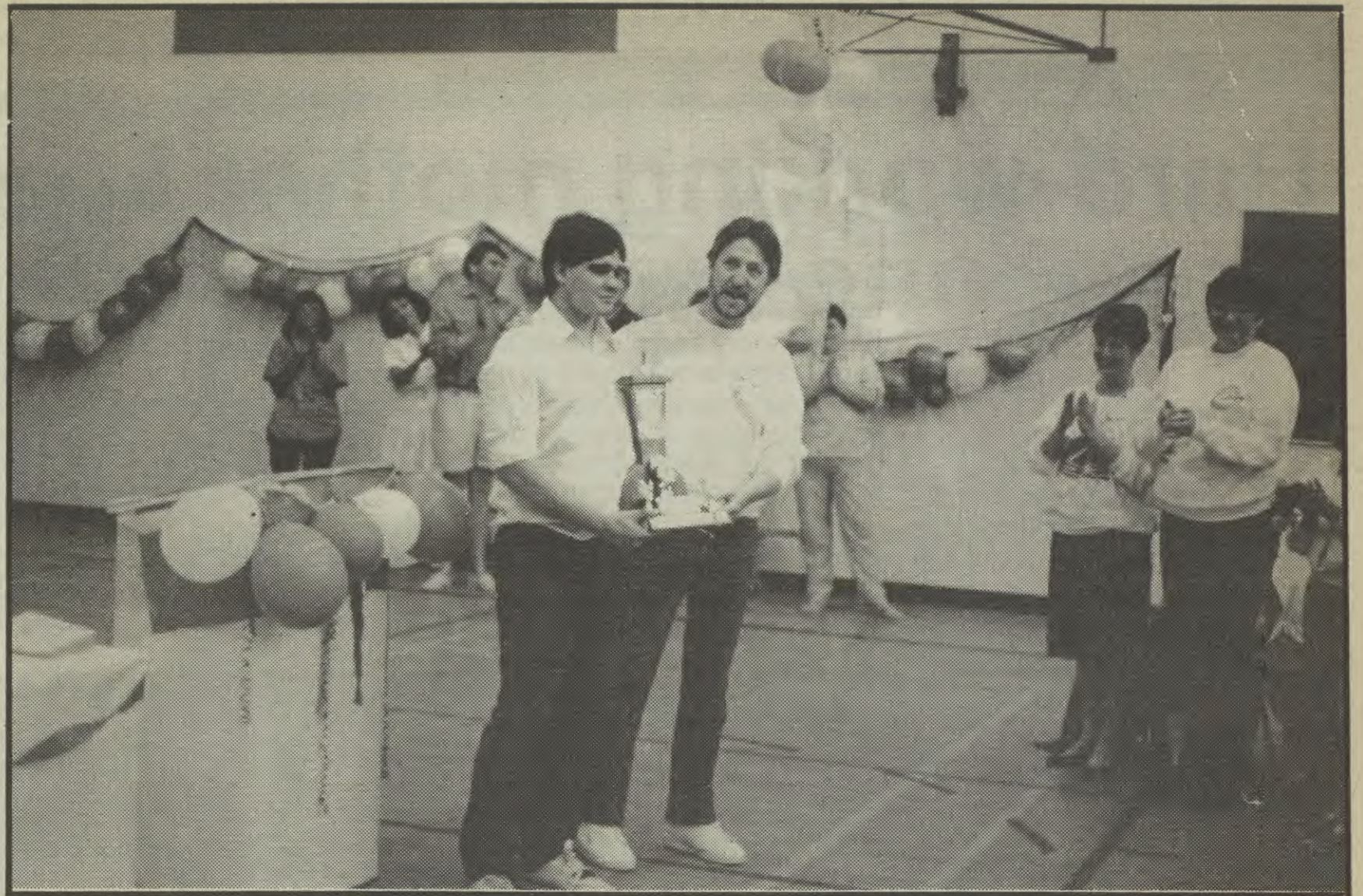
Students from various tribes attend Ben Calf Robe. "It is in recognizing those students who have done well which presents the challenge for us," said Steele. "We are proud of our students." Students were recognized for doing their best and applying their learning, he said.

Two special awards were given out. The Ben Calf Robe award was presented to Darren Rae. "He was recognized for a combination of academic excellence and culturally being aware which exemplifies everyday Native values," said Steele.

The Beverly Grandbois award was given to Freda LaLaberte. "LaLaberte showed the spirit of her determination by working hard, Freda promoted encouragement," said Steele. "In the midst of setbacks, she persisted and accomplished her goal."

"We have all gained. When we are here we are like a family. With the hope of Native education we become one voice," said Steele.

Dellaire said some students come from isolated communities to attend the school because they gain in many ways.



Molly Chisaakay

Teachers Ron Cunningham (right) presents award to Darren Rae

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Enoch student wins award for second straight year

By Heather Andrews
Windspeaker Staff Writer

ENOCH CREE NATION,
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Miranda Callingbull has been involved in sports since she was three years old. And when she came out on top of all the athletes vying for the privilege to represent her zone in discus and shot put competitions at the upcoming Alberta Summer Games in Stettler she knew all the work had been worth it.

But the Enoch junior high student is no stranger to winning competitions. This past spring, for instance, she swept the awards in javelin, discus and shot put at her school and at the county and regional levels as well.

"I find a combination of sporting activities helps to keep me in shape. I play volleyball and basketball at school competing in the local inter-school league," she says. The 14-year-old also plays ball every spring with the Clymont community league co-ed team.

Callingbull's parents have worked hard to keep their five children active in whatever sports they choose. "Lots of times George would be off with the boys at hockey games or tournaments and I'd be with the girls at ringette," Charlotte laughs.

Miranda started figure skating at three years of age, graduating to ringette, gymnastics, basketball, track and field, badminton and baseball as she grew older. Awarded the best all-around student award at Enoch's Kitaskinaw school, Miranda encourages her friends to get involved in sports and competitions.

"First of all, I tell them it's fun. But it's more than that. Their self-confidence increases as they succeed at the goals they have set for themselves. And they will be more at ease in front of strangers. I know my shyness is disappearing as I gain skills," she says.

Carol Carbyn has been a teacher at Enoch for 12 years. "I've taught all the Callingbull children and have admired the family and the involvement the parents have in their children's education and sports activities," she says. Charlotte Callingbull was always the first parent to attend parent-teacher interviews, she laughs. Carbyn says she thinks Miranda is a pretty special young lady.

"She has a good attitude to life and has all the characteristics that make a good citizen. She is a real go-getter and I know she'll go far," says Carbyn.

As Miranda is the youngest, she gets lots of encouragement from her older brothers and sisters. "I'm hoping to attend the Indian Games in Quebec later this summer and my older brother Doug is going along as coach," she says.

Callingbull is often the only Native athlete at competitions. "I don't think about it at the time, I just concentrate on each round and try to do my best," she says. However, her mother agrees her sportsman-like attitude and success in a variety of sports makes her a good role model for Native and non-Native athletes alike. The cross-cul-

Best all-round student



Heather Andrews

Acting Chief Robert Sharphead presents award to Miranda Callingbull

tural integration is an added plus, she says.

In the future, Miranda plans to take part in more sporting activities and competitions. "Maybe even the 1996 Olympics," she says. She is looking forward to increased competition from larger schools as she progresses towards high school — Enoch school only goes to Grade 9. At present her career plans are uncertain.

The young athlete runs daily on a track laid on the family's beautiful, acreage home located several miles southwest of the Enoch administration and school buildings. She has also set a minimum average for school marks which she must maintain before she allows herself to participate in sporting activities. "And she works hard

to keep that average," says her mother.

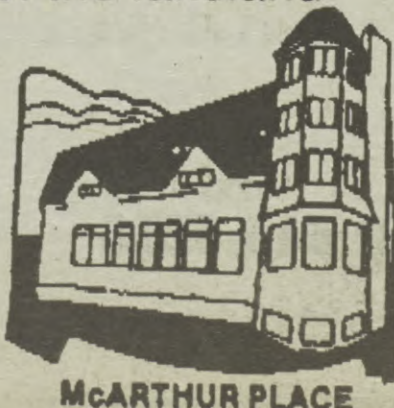
Charlotte Callingbull credits her family's success to a time-honored tradition passed on from grandparents. "Our parents didn't have a lot of schooling themselves, but they recognized the children of future generations would need it," she says. She can recall her parents as hard workers who always found time to participate in various athletic activities.

The old people taught the young people have to become self-sufficient. They often warned they must not be dependent on anyone else for what they wanted in life. She remembers them saying "You have to go after success yourself and you do that through education and through determination."

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By Rocky Woodward
Windspeaker Staff Writer

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Over 100 years ago Indian people regarded the RCMP as a friendly force which cared about their welfare. Known then as the North West Mounted Police, they were the ones who helped keep order in an untamed country when whisky runners, land grabbers, and fur trappers saw Indians as a commodity to be exploited. The Mounties could always be called on to restore order and in fact, they treated Indian people with respect.

But relationships in recent years between the RCMP and Native communities have deteriorated to a point of mistrust. So Edmonton's RCMP K-Division decided to do something to enhance its image and working relationship with Native people.

Realizing dialogue was missing between Native people and the RCMP, Assistant Commissioner Gordon Gregg put in motion a series of projects aimed at changing the old policing system with a new one with input from the Native communities.

About two years ago he arranged a meeting to have RCMP commissioned officers (COs) from across Alberta meet with Native political representatives and Native elders.

From this meeting a four-day conference called Sharing Common Ground was initiated. Native elders and chiefs from various bands in Alberta met with the RCMP to discuss ways for better communications.

The talks were successful.

From these talks a national and provincial elders' advisory committee was formed to work with the RCMP. The purpose was to give the RCMP direction in dealing with Native people and advice on aboriginal cultural differences.

K-division aboriginal policing officer Insp. Ron Lamabe said formation of the committees has changed their working relationship with Native people.

"We've now sort of changed our minds to 'What do you want' instead of the way we were governed to operate in the past under the Indian Act," Lamabe said.

He said many changes were made and pointed to the recent opening of a community-based RCMP detachment on the Saddle Lake reserve.

"The advantage is police work right in the community with its people instead of from

outside the community."

Lamabe said the RCMP has also stepped up its recruitment of Native RCMP officers.

"At one time Native people were recruited only as special constables. This policy was removed by a new RCMP act. The new act entitles aboriginal recruits to the same rank as any RCMP officer.

"We now have excellent officers of aboriginal background. In fact, they relate better with Native communities and in particular with elders," he said.

And the RCMP set up an aboriginal constable development program for Native applicants who don't have a Grade 12 education—a requirement to join the force.

"It's a two-year program that brings new recruits up to the proper standard. However, we still encourage people to get a good education," Lamabe said.

RCMP officers are also being trained to deal with different Native cultures.

"Let's say an officer is transferred from the Blackfoot reserve at Gleichen to Assumption in northern Alberta. This officer would have to take training all over again because there is a cultural difference between the two nations.

"This is something the elders made us aware of," explained Lamabe.

Lamabe has been in charge of aboriginal policing since September 1991. He said in the last nine months he has learned more about Native culture than he did in his 20 years as a RCMP officer.

"Cross-cultural exchanges are important. We must learn about the aboriginal culture and they must learn about our society—the rules and so forth that exist off reserves.

"There is a lot of work where the RCMP are going. We want to see community-based policing established with public advisory committees. We want advice from elders, youth and parents.

"People have to take an active role in policing and become a part of the solution," Lamabe said.

Lamabe was at Makkannaw's cultural camp at Buck Lake Alberta, where he gave a presentation on the role of the RCMP in Native communities to a group of indigenous people from Thailand, Nepal and the Philippines June 20.

Elder Lawrence (Raven) Makkannaw is the head elder of the RCMP's elders' national advisory committee and sits on the provincial advisory committee.



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In the '90's, people who are concerned about their sexual health have learned to be careful when they decide to have sexual intercourse. AIDS is a disease which is sexually transmitted. Having unprotected sexual intercourse with a person who may be infected puts your life at risk and the risk of infection comes from every partner that person has ever had.

Many people wonder if safer sex is forever? The short answer is yes, if we want to avoid life-threatening HIV and other sexually-transmitted diseases. With better information people can make informed decisions about their behavior. But what do we mean by safer sex?

Safer sex may involve choosing to express your sexuality without having intercourse. Or if you do choose to have sexual intercourse, a latex condom acts as a barrier between yourself and your partner, preventing HIV and other sexually-transmitted

diseases from passing from one person to the other.

HIV infection, which leads to AIDS, can be present in a person's system for as long as six months before it can be properly identified through blood testing. Unfortunately, during that time, a person who is infected can unknowingly pass the virus on to their partner. Therefore, safer sex with a new partner involves protection for at least six months. Partners can then be tested for infection and if neither person is infected, unprotected sexual intercourse is usually safe as long as each partner is faithful to the other. Should a couple have a baby, their baby will not be at risk of HIV/AIDS.

Each of us choosing self-protective behavior can turn the tide on the spread of HIV infection. More and more people are accepting the responsibility of self-protection.

People have found safe and loving ways to express their sexuality without putting their health at risk. And they realize the decision to have sexual intercourse is one each person makes on their own.

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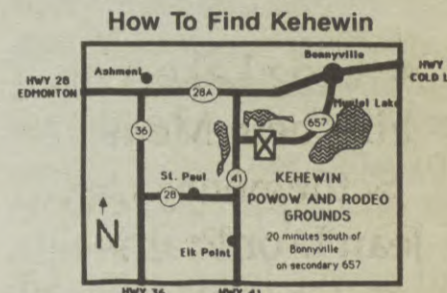
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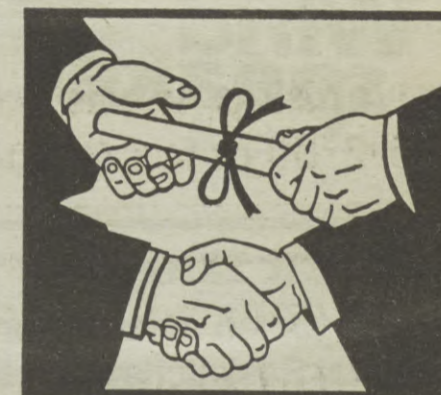
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