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Indian oil and gas report

New Indian economic order proposed

BY Albert Crier

EDMONTON — Indian governments are one step away from gaining full control over oil and gas development on their lands after meeting with the minister of Indian Affairs, following an all Chiefs meeting on March 6 at the Edmonton Inn.

An Indian oil and gas task force set up last year to look into the existing level of service provided by the federal government to Indian bands with current and potential resources presented its report to Indian Affairs Minister Bill McKnight at the Chiefs assembly.

The report calls for sweeping changes to the present handling of oil and gas resources and revenue generated to Indian bands, and requested that the government adopt temporary measures toward a permanent transfer of control from the federal government to the Indian band governments.

The task force report indicated revisions to the Indian oil and gas regulations to ensure full participation by bands in the management and development of their resources.

The chiefs' meeting also deliberated on replacing Indian Minerals West with a new body called the Indian Resource Council that would work with Indian Oil and Gas Canada.

The establishment of an Indian Resource Council was favored over the setting up of an Indian oil and gas corporation, which was voted down as being too

bureaucratic in the long run.

"Management must be put back into Indian hands," said Joe Dion, chairman of the task force, in his report to the minister.

"I think the consensus of the report states that we can and must transfer management to the Indian people," said McKnight in his reply to Dion, as Indian leaders attentively listen to the exchange.

Calling it a significant step for Indian economic development, McKnight promised to adopt some of the recommendations of the report and to ensure the federal government's obligation to assist Indian aspiration toward economic self-sufficiency.

"I agree that these measures are of a short term nature, however we need to have something in place that would run on a company basis under federal direction," said McKnight.

The task force proposals would give more power to chiefs in oil and gas resource development, and allow for the opting out by bands if they so wish, said Dion.

Other aspects of this report call for federal tax incentives to industry involved in resource development on Indian lands and for training programs so Indian people can tap into job opportunities in the oil field.

"Government will work with chiefs to establish such a council (Indian Resource Council), if that is their wish," said McKnight. He also promised to include Indian chiefs in a review of the Indian Affairs lands and trust department. He said the Indian Act must be changed to transfer the federal trust responsibility over to band governments, which would provide control and management of funds to Indians.

"We can proceed toward the ultimate goal of Indian control" of resource management, said McKnight, noting that in 1985 there was 3.3 million cubic feet of gas found on Indian lands generating \$295 million in revenue.

Exploration has been completed on 2 million hectares and the remaining 600,000 hectares may include more minerals, said McKnight.



— Photo by Rocky Woodward

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMMSA

Aboriginal Multi-Media Society of Alberta (AMMSA) President Fred Didzena and General Manager Bert Crowfoot are all smiles prior to cutting the cake celebrating the organization's 4th birthday. See special section, Pages 29 to 48.

MAA to elect new board members

By Albert Crier

Metis Association of Alberta (MAA) voters will be choosing from a slate of candidates, to elect directors to 4 Zone positions being contested on election day, March 30.

Two zone directors have already been filled by acclamation in the MAA elections, which will see the use of province-wide polling stations for the second consecutive MAA election.

Roy C. Dumais of Zone 2 and Jeff Chalifoux of Zone 5 have been acclaimed to their positions, reported Bill Haineault, MAA Chief Electoral Officer.

MAA members in Zone 2 and 5 will not have to go to the voting booths, because of the acclamations, but approximately 54 polling stations will be set up in Zones 1, 3, 4, and 6, on election day said Haineault.

Candidates contesting the positions, and the MAA zones they hope to represent,

are:

Zone 1, northeastern Alberta: James T. (Gerald) Thom (incumbent), Harrison Cardinal, Delphine Erasmus and Glenn Tremblay.

Zone 2, east central Alberta: Roy C. Dumais, acclaimed.

Zone 3, southern Alberta: Freda Martell and Joan B. Major-Malmas.

Zone 4, Edmonton and western Alberta: Russel Plante, Mike Woodward, Everett Lambert, Ron Larocque and Len Gauthier.

Zone 5, Slave Lake (North Central Alberta): Jeff Chalifoux, acclaimed.

Zone 6, Peace River (north western Alberta): Florence Henry, Joe J. Christian, Gloria Bishop and Dwight Carifelle (incumbent).

Thom was appointed on March 2 to the Zone 1 board position to fill a vacancy left by Frank Spence, who was appointed to take over the vice-

presidency after former vice-president Sonny Bourque was impeached.

Haineault explained the election procedures to be used in the MAA elections, which were delayed because the 1986 MAA annual assembly was delayed to March 14 and 15.

Nominations for candidates were opened on January 27, 1987, and were closed on February 27. The list of candidates in the running was posted on March 6.

Polling stations on the advanced election day, scheduled to be held on March 21, and the actual election day on March 30 will be opened from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., said Haineault.

The exact location of the polling stations will be announced on March 16, by letter to the presidents of all MAA locals, reported Haineault.

An unofficial count of the votes cast will be announced on March 31, followed by

the official election results, which will be announced on April 7 or 8, said Haineault.

To be eligible to vote, explained Haineault, a person has to be a Metis, a member of a MAA local, at least 16 years old and should be a resident within the zone they are voting in.

Metis people have up to the MAA election day to join the membership of a Metis local if they want to vote, said Haineault.

Those persons who are incapacitated or cannot make it to the polling stations because of illness, on election day, can still vote if they want.

"They should notify the Chief Electoral Officer right away on election day. He will direct his staff to bring the necessary voting papers to them if they want to vote, said Haineault.

Each candidates will be allowed a maximum of two scrutineers per polling station, Haineault added.

National

Saskatchewan hunger strike abandoned

By Bruce Spence

REGINA - Kevin Daniels was there presenting the opening address on national television when the first Ministers' Conferences (FMC) on Aboriginal rights began four years ago. With the last FMC looming on the horizon, the 25-year-old activist is so worried Saskatchewan Metis and non-Status Indians will get nothing from the process he says his recently-abandoned hunger strike will probably be resumed on Parliament Hill.

Daniels gained province-wide notoriety when he appeared on the front steps of the provincial Legislature February 11 "to protest the government's lack of response to our right to land and self-government, and having it entrenched in the Canadian Constitution." He announced he would remain at the Legislature and not eat until he died, or got some kind of guarantee from the Devine government.

But after six nights of camping beneath a pile of blankets, Daniels had a meeting with provincial Native Affairs Minister Grant Schmidt (PC-Melville) after the NDP allowed Daniels the use of their caucus room. He decided to quit his hunger strike later that day, saying he needed his support committee and meet with people in the community.

Daniels kept up a mainly solitary vigil during that week, which was unusually warm for mid-February. He did get some support, with individuals coming out to stay with him for a few hours. "New Breed" Editor Jean-Paul Claude emerged as his staunchest supporter

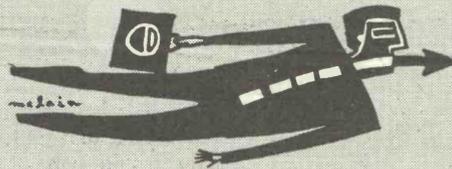
and was chairman of Daniels' support committee. Daniels was not surprised that representatives of the mainstream Native organizations did little to help.

"Our people have accepted the government programs that have been handed out and basically those government programs only support a few of those people who are elected to look after these programs. The only way you can get a job with those programs is if you're close buddies with these people," he said in a February 27 interview.

Daniels says the provincial government is only willing to discuss self-government but has remained steadfastly silent on the issue of land for Metis and non-status Indians. A spokesman in Schmidt's office told "Windspeaker" there was no hard and fast position going into the March 26 FMC. Schmidt was unavailable for comment. Premier Grant Devine's Cabinet was holding closed door meetings in preparations for the provincial budget speech to be presented when the legislature's spring session opens. Whether or not the province is willing to commit some of its crown land to Metis and non-Status Indians is not known.

Daniels had announced to the press he would resume his hunger strike Sunday, March 1, but later said he might pitch a tent at the old Territorial Government House where the trial of Louis Riel was held, he might go to a provincial summit meeting of the Association of Metis and non-Status Indians of Saskatchewan (AMNSIS) this

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month in Prince Albert, or he might take his hunger strike to Ottawa and take part in a demonstration to be held there March 11. At last report he was in Ottawa.

But Daniels says he remains committed to the idea of land and self-government for his people. He says if he doesn't get what he wants, stronger

tactics than just a solitary protestor could be used.

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— Kevin Daniels



OTTAWA REPORT

By Owenadeka

A recent two-day meeting in Toronto may — repeat may — have broken the constitutional logjam. Native leaders and federal and provincial government ministers were hopelessly deadlocked when they went behind closed doors. Indian, Inuit and Metis leaders went into the meeting with the same hard line. They insisted that the Constitution be amended to recognize the Aboriginal right to self-government. On the other side of the table, the federal government and most of the provinces refused to budge from their position. They said Native people should get self-government but only if the terms and powers are defined first by negotiation. Neither side showed any willingness to give in at the start of the meeting.

The break came when the province of Nova Scotia tabled a compromise proposal. The development was no accident. The Native Council of Canada had been lobbying the province for some time. On the night before the Toronto meeting, Native Council President Smokey Bruyere and Nova Scotia Minister Edmund Morris sat down to draft the compromise.

Under the Nova Scotia plan, Native people will still be required to negotiate the terms and powers of self-government. But the compromise would place strict demands on the provinces because they would be required to negotiate specific issues such as land, resources and finances.

As things turned out, just about everyone had some complaint about the Nova Scotia proposal. Most of the provinces thought it went too far. The Native groups thought it didn't go far enough. And the federal government didn't like the part that would make Ottawa pay the bill. But by the end of the meeting, almost everyone agreed to use the Nova Scotia proposal as the basis of further talks to be held this coming week. If the talks go well — a big if — the Nova Scotia proposal will form the agenda for the First Minister's Conference. But one province — Alberta didn't go along. Even Saskatchewan and British Columbia looked like moderates when Alberta refused to consider the Nova Scotia plan as the basis for further talks.

The Native groups say the Toronto meeting was another example of Ottawa's failure to play a strong leadership role. They complained that all Ottawa wanted to do was push its proposal — a proposal they didn't like in the first place.

The interesting thing about the complaint is that it was the one thing that prompted the federal justice

minister, Ray Hnatyshyn, to speak English. When he met with reporters at the Toronto meeting, Ray Hnatyshyn was always helpful and friendly. The trouble was that when he spoke it all came out as smiling, meaningless mumbo-jumbo. But when he was questioned about the leadership complaint, he became visibly annoyed. His annoyance pushed him pasted the edge of coherence, almost to the point of eloquence, to say that Ottawa is the best friend the Native groups have at the constitutional table.

That may be true, but the federal government is not the only friend the Native groups must have. The only other government with an absolute veto is the government of Ontario. Although it doesn't hesitate to throw its weight around at other federal-provincial gatherings, Native leaders say Ontario, normally a pro-Native province, has been strangely silent. In fact, they say Ontario's attitude at the Toronto meeting was not just neutral, it was negative. So much so, they say, that the province has reversed its position over the past year.

The province's attorney-general, Ian Scott, got much of the blame. He certainly didn't make many friends when he said at one point in the closed-door meeting that he didn't want self-government to be defined by the Supreme Court of Canada because the court was just, as he called it, "seven old men and one old woman."

Ian Scott, remember, is the number one lawyer for the government of Ontario.

The four Native groups went into and came out of the meeting with a common front. Federal officials, however, were happy to point out the cracks in the common front and hint that a split is just below the surface. A few days before the Toronto meeting, federal officials said Ottawa had made no decision on just how many Native groups would have to support a constitutional amendment for it to proceed. But just four days later, Ray Hnatyshyn told reporters that a constitutional deal does not have to have the support of all four Native groups. His statement was aimed at the Native Council of Canada and the Metis National Council. Both groups agreed with the weaker offer on the table at the 1985 conference. Ottawa clearly hopes the Metis, and possibly the Inuit, will desert the hard-line Indian position and use the last chance offered by this conference to make a deal.

Officially, the common front hasn't cracked — at least not yet. At the close of the meeting, the Metis National Council said they will go down fighting for the deal they want rather than accept a federal deal they say is not good enough.

But the big problem facing the Native groups may be that there just won't be enough provincial support at the conference for the Nova Scotia plan or even for the federal proposal. If that happens, the conference is doomed. The first ministers and the Native leaders just might make a deal. But there's a lot of work to be done and there isn't much time left. The way things are going now, no one will know if a deal on self-government can be reached until the last minute of the last day of the last constitutional conference on Aboriginal rights.

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Provincial

Voter 'coaching' charged

George Mallet chosen president at court-ordered CIFC elections

By Terry Lusty

CALGARY-A January court ruling by a Calgary magistrate that the Calgary Indian Friendship Centre's 1986 elections were unconstitutional has caused the centre to hold new elections this past weekend. The court action was brought by one of the centre's members, George Chatsis.

In light of the judge's decision, the centre was required to return to the polls in order to operate lawfully. A total of 101 voters turned out to what proved to be a relatively quiet meeting, according to board member Leslie Crossingham. The number of voters was significant given the fact that the past few elections have drawn about 70 people, she said.

Two Catholic nuns acted as scrutineers and when the ballots had been cast and counted, the results were:

Three-year terms for Pauline Dempsey, Allan Giroux, Lila Healy and George Mallet.

Two-year terms for Lloyd Ewenin and Jack Kakakaway, and

One-year terms for Leslie Crossingham, Henry Standing Alone and Lorraine Stevens.

I didn't see any coaching...it is not manipulation, it is lobbying for votes.

— George Mallet

Dempsey, Healy, Kakakaway and Mallet are all newly-elected members. The others are all former board members who were returned to office. Continuing board members are Hart Cantalon, Aurele Dumont (formerly president) and Mary Porter.

Following the elections a brunch was served and the new board held a separate meeting to elect their executive. Allan Giroux, Mallet and Dumont were nominated for president. Dumont declined his nomination and Giroux lost to Mallet, who is to fill the president's position for the next year. Giroux became the vice president and Kakakaway the treasurer. Crossingham was elected secretary by acclamation.

George Chatsis, who ran for several of the board

positions, was unable to secure a seat. When contacted by Windspeaker, he accused members of the group of electing a slate of people they had "predetermined to vote for." Chatsis voiced his disapproval, saying people were told who to vote for. "They shouldn't let people manipulate them," he said.

Mallet, the new president, denied that there was anything unorthodox that happened. "I didn't see any coaching," he commented. Even if that had been the case he added, it happens at all levels of politics and, "it is not manipulation; it's lobbying for votes."

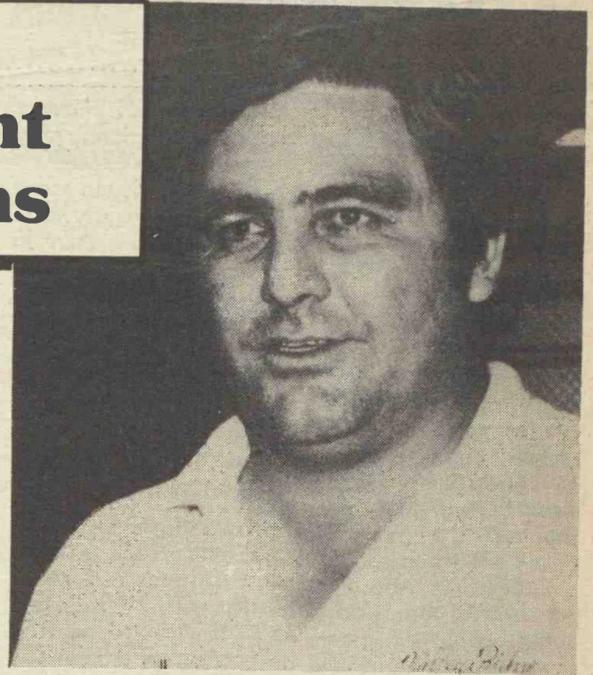
When questioned by Windspeaker, Chatsis sounded pleased with the selection of Mallet for president. "To me, he's one of the best people elected," he

stated. When pressed as to whether he will involve himself in centre activities, Chatsis said that he has a family to take care of and his time is quite occupied with coaching floor hockey and baseball.

Mallet, who has previous involvements with the Winnipeg and Edmonton centres, says he has been active with the Calgary centre for about five years but not as a board or staff person. He does express some concern for the image of the centre. "There's no positive promotion with the general community," Mallet says and "there needs to be better recognition of the centre in a positive." People are "unaware," he added.

The president further denounces the fact that, "the centre was being used as a political platform and shouldn't. It's a gathering place for Natives coming to the city ... a fun place to be at," he explained.

Mallet says he has not yet had sufficient opportunity to think about what he will do or what is really important for the centre. However, he does say that he "will review what's been happening (with the centre over) the last few years and just what needs to be done."



AURELE DUMONT
...past president

The Windspeaker Calendar of Events

Check it out!

Alberta Inspirations; A Contemporary Native Art Show, NOVA, an Alberta Corporation, Main Lobby, 801 - 7th Ave. S.W., Calgary, February 24 - March 20.

Spring Classic Hockey Tournament, (4th Annual 12-team "no contact"), March 20, 21 & 22, Alexander Reserve. For more information call Brian Arcand at 939-5887 or Tom Burnstick at 939-7238.

Mini Alateen/Alanon/AA Roundup, March 21 at 4:00 p.m., Kehewin Reserve. Contact Herman John at 826-3333 for further information.

Pee Wee Hockey Tournament, March 21, & 22, 1987, Enoch Arena. Call Lorraine at 470-5647/5646 for more information.

Men's Senior Hockey Tournament, March 20, 21 & 22, 1987, Paul Band - Duffield. Call Alex Belcourt at 428-0188 for more information.

Fun Time Hockey Tournament, March 20, 21 & 22, 1987, Alexander Band. For further information call 939-5887.

Pee Wee Hockey Tournament, March 21 & 22, 1987, Enoch Arena. Call Lorraine at 470-5647/5646 for further information.

Special Healing for the sick. Father John Hascall will be touring Alexander Reserve March 21, 1987. For further information call 939-5887.

National Education Week, March 23 - 27, Grande Prairie Holy Cross School. Featuring Native Talent.

Senior Hockey Tournament, March 27, 28 & 29, 1987, Alexander Band. Call 939-5887 for more information.

Victoria Cougar's Evaluation Camp, April 3, 4 & 5, 1987, Enoch Arena. Call Lorraine at 470-5647/5646 for more information.

Native All-Star 1st Annual Hockey Tournament, April 10, 11 & 12, 1987, Enoch Recreation Centre. For more information call Lorraine at 470-5647/5646.

1st Annual AA Sober Easter Round Dance, April 18, 1987, 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m., Alexis Band Hall. For further information call Gladys Kline at 937-2225 - Band Office.

Sturgeon Lake factory will produce chopsticks for Japanese markets

By Rocky Woodward

STURGEON LAKE RESERVE — "If everything falls into place with the funding agency, our first chopsticks made from the best wood will be heading for Japan very soon," commented Sturgeon Lake Band Counsellor Keith Goodswimmer at a recent interview with "Windspeaker."

Negotiations have been taking place between representatives from the Sturgeon Lake Band, located 20 km west of Valleyview, and the Japanese for months now, and a trip to Japan has been planned for further negotiations.

Chief Francis Goodswimmer sees this as a very good opportunity, economically, and although some people may only humor the idea about making "chopsticks" for the Japanese business, it is a viable market and, Goodswimmer

believes, it is a market that will also create many job opportunities.

Under the title "Cree Valley Industries," the Chopstick Project hopes to have an answer from its funding sources within the next 10 months. Sturgeon Lake, to prove its good intentions and credibility to the Japanese, is planning to sink \$575,000 into the initial investment, and to extend their line of credit.

"We want to prove our credibility to the people in Japan," says Keith Goodswimmer.

Keith added that it is a partnership deal with a Korean businessman, Jay Ahn, but the Band will own 51 per cent of the shares while Ahn will hold the other 49%.

"His basic involvement is expertise in this sort of business and the contact of the Japanese market, which he has already done. It's a go, and we are just in the pro-

cess of establishing passports to make the trip to Japan, probably in a week."

The Sturgeon Lake Band will provide 100% capital, which also includes the construction of the chopstick factory. The factory will be built on the reserve and it is estimated that over 100 jobs will be created immediately after the "go ahead" is given.

"We will be running two shifts so we will be employing a good number of people," said Keith Goodswimmer.

Asked if it will help to change the economy in the Valleyview-Sturgeon Lake area, Goodswimmer says the overall picture shows that a high percentage of capital will be pumped back into the local economy, "and when I say that, I mean into the Valleyview economy, in many ways, including what band members spend at Valleyview."

It is the band's intent to use logs on the reserve, but later they will be venturing into the surrounding areas of Sturgeon Lake for their wood.

"We have already talked with the Forestry Service, and they have indicated that there is room to move into these surrounding areas for timber berths," said Goodswimmer.

The total cost for such a project is estimated by the band at around \$2.5 million.

The band sees this opportunity as a sound economic move that will create work in the factory, logging, skidders and transportation business.

Among all that, what is the band prepared to offer the chopstick market in Japan?

According to Keith Goodswimmer, the band is offering the best chopsticks made from the best hardwood (aspen) in Alberta.

Forum preview to FMC

Government policy said not public view

By Albert Crier

Canadian acceptance of Aboriginal self-government is not translating into government policy. That was the message Native leaders gave at a forum previewing the First Ministers Conference on Aboriginal constitutional matters.

This Forum held at the University of Alberta March 6, was the last of a series of forums organized by Native university students to heighten the general public's awareness of Native self-determination.

Leaders of Aboriginal national organizations spoke about their respective positions going into the first ministers talks on Aboriginal self-government.

Albert James, northern vice-chief of the assembly of First Nations (AFN); Sam Sinclair, co-chairman of the Metis National Council (MNC); Doris Ronnenberg, president of the Native Council of Canada (Alberta) (NCC(A)); John Amagoalik, co-chairman of the Inuit Committee on National Issues (ICNI), and Peter Manywounds Jr., spokesman for the Prairie Treaty Nations Alliance (PTNA), comprised the panel addressing the topic of Aboriginal constitutional positions.

"Completing the circle of confederation" is the theme of the upcoming First Ministers Conference (FMC) on Aboriginal matters, said Amagoalik.

The "so called two founding nations" of Canada will have to recognize the third party to Confederation, which is Native people, said Amagoalik.

"Until their rights are recognized, the circle will not be complete," said Amagoalik.

Referring to a recent national poll completed by Decima Ltd. that shows 58 percent of Canadians supporting Aboriginal self-government and an additional 12 percent saying they strongly support Aboriginal self-government, Amagoalik said Canadians in general favor recognizing the rights of Native people to self-government.

"Canadians are much tolerant of Aboriginal people than Americans are," said Amagoalik, "but this does not translate to government policy."

Amagoalik urged the government not to shrink from the responsibility of recognizing and entrenching the right of Aboriginal people to self-government in the Canadian Constitution.

Moving on to talk on the topic of Arctic Sovereignty,

Amagoalik said that asserting sovereignty by increasing Canadian military presence is not the answer.

"The best way to assert Arctic sovereignty is to allow the people there to assert their own government," said Amagoalik.

"The Americans want to fight the Soviets. I want to fight the Soviets, too, but in a hockey rink," said Amagoalik. "The U.S. has the Cruise missile; we have Wayne Gretzky."

The Aboriginal people are getting back on their feet, said Amagoalik confidently, adding "it's not just a local phenomenon; it is happening all around the world."

Amagoalik reported that boundary division in the north is well underway with a motion on holding a territory-wide plebiscite on division now being deliberated in the N.W.T. Legislature.

The AFN is finalizing its position to take to the reported James.

"Severe and unnecessary prejudice will be directed to people if more than one has veto power over Aboriginal self-government," said James.

James outlined AFN for self-government, including the recognition and affirmation of the inherent right to self-oblige for a bilateral with the federal government by each Aboriginal government-constitutional protection section 35 of the Canada no provincial or federal Aboriginal consent to changes, and no government-constitutional protection that would diminish Aboriginal rights.

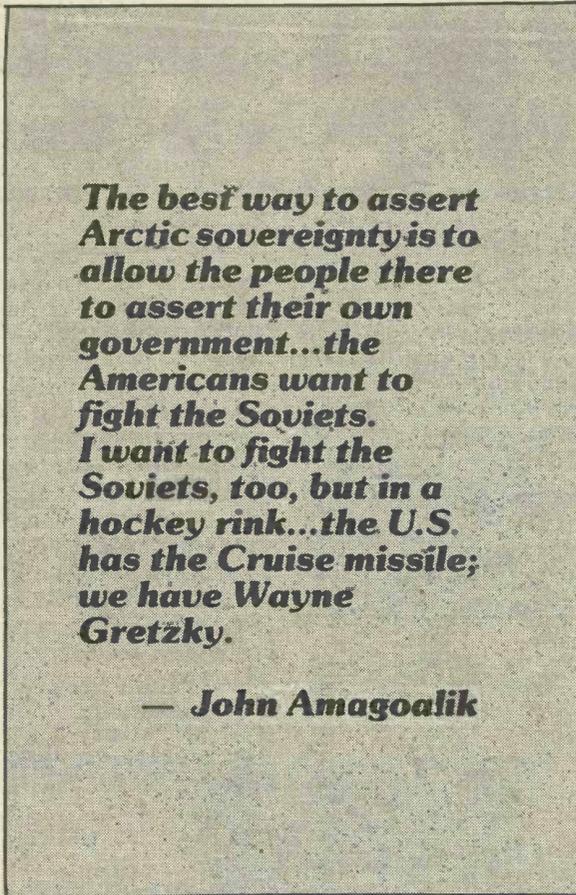
James conceded that "First Nations which had signed treaties with the Crown have been given less attention than other Aboriginal groups, and that self-government negotiations in the future would constitute a new treaty-making era.

Before he elaborated on the Metis national position regarding the self-determination aspirations of Metis people, Sinclair added a little humor to the forum.

Having been brought up in a big family, Sinclair said, there were many times that he slept at the foot of the bed.

"When I was young, I slept at the foot of the bed so much, that now when I smell feet, I get sleepy," said Sinclair.

The MNC is going to Ottawa to demand that the inherent right to self-government, with accompanying rights to a land base and sub-surface



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resources, be recognized and affirmed in the Constitution, said Sinclair.

"We all need land and the proper resources to govern ourselves," said Sinclair.

Legally, the Metis want to have governing powers under sections 92 and 91.24 of the Constitution, according to Sinclair.

Section 92 of the Constitution (formerly called the

British North America Act), sets out the governing powers of Canadian provinces. Section 91.24 covers federal powers over Indians and Indian lands.

"If we still have our Aboriginal rights in place after the FMC, then we haven't totally lost," said Sinclair.

Sinclair later indicated he will leave Metis politics after

eight years as president of the Metis Association of Alberta when his term expires in August of this year.

Ronnenberg, one of the two women presidents of the 12 member organizations of NCC, was a lat-minute replacement speaker for NCC President Louis "Smokey" Bruyere.

The NCC represents non-status Indians and some general registry Indians, said Ronnenberg. She reported that one of the member organization of the NCC, the United Native Nations of British Columbia, has whole Indian bands as members.

If the inherent right to self-government was recognized by the federal government, the local Native community would initiate negotiations that would have the strength of a modern-day Treaty, said Ronnenberg.

Ronnenberg echoed the position of the previous speakers, noting that the national Aboriginal organizations have agreed on a common position.

"The world is looking at us, as to how we deal with one another and how fair we are to each other, concluding Ronnenberg.

The constitutional process is an opportunity to accomplish something that has been tried in Canada for the last 100 years, said Manywounds.

Treaty rights are already entrenching, including the right to self-government, but the right to self-government for other Aboriginal groups has yet to be recognized, said Manywounds.

"We want to reach an agreement to implement our treaty rights," he said, adding that the PTNA has not been given a seat at the FMC talks.

The PTNA represents 120,000 Treaty Indians making up 128 nations in Canada, reported Manywounds.

The PTNA broke away from the AFN in 1985 because its leaders felt Treaty issues were not being represented well by the AFN.

"We don't want anything to do with the provincial governments. That is probably one thing we agree on—they don't want anything to do with us either," said Manywounds.

The government has a responsibility to deal with Indians, but not a responsibility to dictate to Indians, said Manywounds in describing the "bureaucratic terrorism" civil servants use on Indian people.

"If the FMC talks break down, we are in a better position than other Aboriginal people," said Manywounds, referring to the bilateral link Treaty nations have with the Canadian government.

Prime minister 'still not convinced' to grant PTNA seat at FMC

By Albert Crier

The Prairie Treaty Nations Alliance (PTNA) announced March 5 they have yet to convince the prime minister to allow them direct participation at the upcoming First Ministers' Conference (FMC) on Aboriginal constitutional matters.

The Indian organization representing 120,000 Treaty Indians from Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and B.C. was left out of the federal talks when they broke away from the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) just prior to the last FMC talks in 1985.

The PTNA leaders suspect that the prime minister will say no to their participation at the last minute, as they claim happened at the last FMC in 1985.

At a PTNA conference held on the Enoch Reserve March 3, 4 and 5, Indian chiefs decided to continue their two-year-old lobby to press the government to grant them two seats, just as each of the four other

national Aboriginal organizations have at the upcoming FMC scheduled for March 26 and 27.

The PTNA wants to be at this, the last of the scheduled constitutional conferences, so they can represent Treaty interests which they feel were not well represented by the AFN.

Narcisse Blood, vice-chief for the Indian Association of Alberta (IAA); Ernie Daniels, representing Treaty 1, Manitoba; Richard Behn, representing Treaty 8 bands in northeastern B.C., and Vern Bellegarde of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indians spoke at the press conference announcing the PTNA stand.

If the prime minister does not allow PTNA representation, then the Treaty protocol of over a century will have been seriously breached, PTNA leaders claim.

"It is going to go down in history that Treaty people were not involved in the

FMC. We represent a significant factor of the whole history of Canada," said Blood.

When the PTNA was formed by a chiefs' convention that was dissatisfied with the handling of Treaty issues by the AFN, and also recognized that there are other Treaty nations which have opted out of the FMC process, Blood added.

When the PTNA was formed, it claimed to speak for a great portion of people represented by the AFN, with a total of 128 tribes in the western provinces, Blood said.

The PTNA is asking that the Treaties made with their members be honoured, and calls for the government, other Native groups and Treaty nations to respect PTNA intentions to protect their Treaties "in the manner we choose," said Behn.

"We still see self-government as an inherent right, but there are a number of outstanding Treaty issues which the Crown has failed to live up

to," said Behn.

He gave Indian resources and membership of Indian nations as two examples of issues that have yet to be resolved.

"These were never at the table at the time of the signing of the treaties," said Behn.

The PTNA does not recognize the joint AFN-Canada Task force on Treaty issues, and does not want the task force findings to be presented at the FMC because prairie Treaty nations did not participate in this process.

Although the task force and the upcoming FMC include issues of direct importance to PTNA members, the PTNA rejects these processes unless the PTNA has direct participation, Daniels says.

The PTNA wants the government to examine alternatives aimed at resolving Treaty issues with Treaty Indian nations, including the FMC, and a review of federal laws for the purpose of bringing federal laws in line with Indian treaties, said Blood.

U of A Native Student Club forum

Varied views on economic development presented

By Albert Crier

Economic development within the Native community was discussed by Native business leaders at a forum hosted by the U of A Native Student Club March 4 at the Newman Center of St. Joseph's College.

"Forums tend to be a problem centered, however it is equally important to look at the initiatives and achievements by Native people," said Mattie McNeill, president of the U of A Native Student Club in her opening address to the forum.

Roy Louis, chairman of Peace Hills Trust, Chief Walter Twinn of the Sawridge Band, Yvonne Wuttunee of the Alberta Aboriginal Women's Steering Committee and Craig Barraclough of Esso Resources spoke on the increasing economic activity within the Native community.

It takes community commitment and effort

such as what the Samson band went through to set up their own bank to overcome the many obstacles to economic development, said Louis.

Louis sits on the federal Native Economic Development Program (NEDP), set up to promote Native business ventures. He was also the chairman of the Native Business Summit held last year in Toronto.

"We are Canada's first free traders," said Louis, in encouraging Native people to be creative in developing sound business ventures.

"We never hear of success stories of Native businesses," said Louis, although there were 5,000 Native businesses doing \$55 million worth of business in Canada, identified at the Native Business Summit.

He would like to see more Native communities set up industries and corporations and buy land if need be, as part of the eco-

economic development of self-government Native communities.

Native people want and are starving for economic development which would be part of Native self-government, said Louis.

"Native business is not promoted in the Native community," said Barraclough, the only non-Native speaker, who is the Native affairs advisor for Esso.

The corporate philosophy of Esso, said Barraclough, is that it makes good business sense to develop local talent in Native communities. His job is primarily to communicate business opportunities to the local community.

Esso has worked with Native communities and businesses in the north and elsewhere in Alberta, such as Pemee Well Servicing at Bonnyville, reported Barraclough.

"We feel some obligation for programs for the common good, and will always

be an equal opportunity employer," said Barraclough.

He mentioned the Native Internship Program of the Canadian Council of Native Business and a Junior Achievement program in Cold Lake, involving Grade 9 and 10 students in business experimental learning, as two worthwhile programs.

"Survival that's what economic development is," said Twinn. "If we had not started the Sawridge Hotel, we would have stayed in the labour force."

Getting the market is the most important thing to consider in setting up a business, said Twinn. Sawridge Hotel is located off the reserve, in the town of Slave lake, because that's where the market is, explained Twinn.

Twinn criticized over-reliance on government business subsidies, and said that government subsidy should be only used to start up a business.

"If we depend on grants, it could be dangerous," warned Twinn.

He also does not like conditions being placed on industry, such as cultural conditions.

"On small business, conditions put a strain on us," said Twinn. "A socialist approach to business is not good."

"We have to play by corporate rules," said Twinn, who favors free enterprise as the route for individual and community businesses. The NEDP is the best program Twinn said he has ever seen in the western world, although he conceded that the minister has to give final approval on grants to business.

Wuttunee painted a dismal picture of business opportunities for Native people.

"We don't have the money or the collateral," making it difficult to finance new business ventures in the Native community,

Wuttunee also complained that Native businesses are not supported by their own people and that there is a lack of a Native business network.

When asked if they support the Lubicon Lake Band in its bid for a land base, all speakers announced support.

Twinn suggested that Lubicon Lake accept the government offer of 24 sections plus mineral rights, if the offer is true.

"If it's true, they should accept," said Twinn, adding that Lubicon Lake could benefit from oil on that land, which he said contain a billion dollars worth of oil.

He blamed the non-Native consultants and lawyer working with Lubicon Lake for stalling the band's bid for land.

On self-government, "we can not blame the white man anymore. I would like all mineral rights turned over to the Indians," said Twinn.

Yellowhead Tribal Council

Agreement transfers control of Indian children

By Terry Lusty

A group of Indian bands have taken a major step in preventing the loss of their children to the dominant society and assuming control over their children's welfare.

The Yellowhead Tribal Council (YTC) has just signed an agreement with Indian Affairs Minister Bill McKnight and Alberta Social Services Minister Connie Osterman that will place the control of child welfare programs in the hands of five Alberta Indian bands: Enoch, Alexis, Alexander, Sunchild and O'Chiese.

Through the agreement, funds will be directly received by the YTC from Ottawa. The money will be used to purchase child welfare services from the province until the bands' own staff and programs are fully operational. In the past, bands have obtained such services from the province, which then billed the federal government. With this new system in place, the bands will pay the province for services rendered with the money that they get directly from Ottawa.

A special advisor on Native issues with Alberta Social Services sees the signing as "a real tremendous story, an historical event" and accomplishment. Baldwin Reichwein says "from our perspective, this signing is quite consistent with the intent and spirit of the Child Welfare Act of Alberta."

In effect, the agreement delegates third party

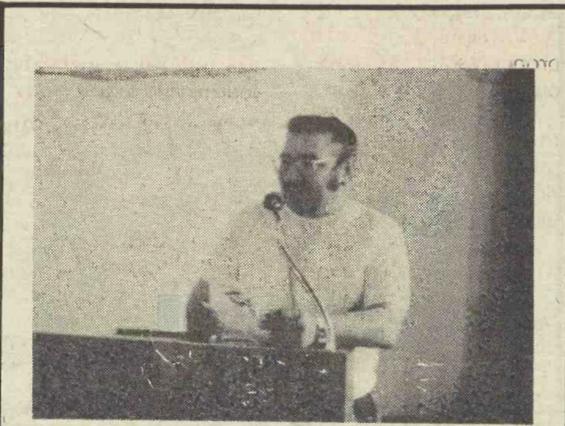
authority to the YTC. Reichwein praises the action because "the YTC member bands have been historically reluctant to accept provincial authority or any other trilateral structure which includes the province."

Lee Ann Tyrrell is the director of Native child welfare for the Yellowhead Tribal Services Agency (YTSA). She explains that they have 29 people enrolled in a social services program at Grant MacEwan Community College in Edmonton. That program will "train and prepare their people to take over all the responsibilities that go with the authority" of the child welfare services. Tyrrell's role is to oversee those services.

YTC Executive Director Richard Arcand told *Windspeaker* that the initial idea for the program came up at a regular council meeting when they had a workshop with the Lesser Slave Lake Regional Council. The basic thrust at that time, he said, was to be "more involved" in child welfare.

In a recent statement to the Edmonton Journal, Arcand claims that 75 per cent of Indian child welfare cases are off reserve, with the bulk of them being in urban centres. "We started finding we lost a number of kids in the (dominant society's) system, completely lost them... this was most apparent and we found it appalling," he said.

Under the recently signed agreement, the



RICHARD ARCAND
...director of YTC

I want to see the kids stay where they belong — with their families, with their Elders, and this is going to make that possible.

**— Richard Arcand
YTC Director**

YTSA child welfare program is based on an important underlying assumption, says Tyrrell: "... that there's a better way in the Native community of caring for children than has historically occurred in the provincial child welfare system." This sentiment is echoed by the social services minister, who says that "what we've been doing with the best of intentions has not been working well and I think that this looks like the appropriate

solution."

Many Native leaders and social workers have been expressing that very same point for a good number of years, but to no avail. The solution, to have Natives care for their own, is also what Native leaders are professing as one of their examples of self-government which they are seeking to have entrenched in the Constitution. Control over programs that affect their people is what this agreement is all about. It is also

what self-government is all about, claims the leadership.

Osterman says she was "surprised at the number of Native children and juveniles who were in our care or institutionalized; I was just appalled at that," she exclaimed.

Arcand bemoans the fact that band members are lost to the outside community. Grandparents especially, he says, are the ones who most often inquire about these children. They wonder where they are, what they are doing and how they are doing.

Now that the controls will be in the hands of Indian people, those kinds of situations may be resolved. Osterman expresses her empathy, saying "I want to see the kids stay where they belong—with their families, with their Elders, and this is going to make that possible."

Realistically, the program will not be able to address itself to all the children who have been "farmed out." According to Tyrrell, it is an onerous task to try to recover children who have been adopted by outsiders because they are not under provincial jurisdiction.

Osterman says her department is "going to be pressing the federal government to continue to receive the bands that would like to participate in this kind of arrangement." She contends that the most important aspect of the agreement is the consideration for children and that they'll be with their own people.

"If we had been able to supply some extra support at home, maybe we could have been keeping the kids there, and that applies to all aspects of (people in) our society," she adds.

Some bands have already established special committees to deal with child welfare, explains Tyrrell. For example, she says, the Alexis and Alexander reserves have volunteers on their committees who are approved by their councils. "They both have Elders on their committee, and the other three reserves are in the process of trying to get committees established."

The actual transfer of control is to occur next month. Ron Dawson, the regional director of social development for Indian Affairs, is "very pleased" with the agreement. He commented on the funding process:

Traditionally, any services to Indians by the province have been billed from the province to the federal government. Now, says Dawson, the province will provide the services and the YTSA will pay the province with the funds they (the YTSA) receives from federal coffers.

When questioned by *Windspeaker* as to whether the agreement will ease the process of delivering child welfare services, Dawson says, "I have no doubt about that... because it's community driven, it gives the community the say and the control over what's happening with their children."

Opinion

Response to letter

Woman's 'political' remarks defended

Dear Editor;

I am writing in regards to a letter appearing in the February 13, 1987 edition of Windspeaker entitled, "Remarks sour anniversary celebration."

I, too, was at, and thoroughly enjoyed the Canadian Native Friendship Centre's (CNFC) 25th Anniversary banquet but was sorry to have later read

the letter referred to above.

The writer did not mention names so I will not either. There were three Native women speakers at the banquet the president of the National Native Friendship Centre's Association; the vice-president of the CNFC; and a long-standing member of the CNFC's board. There were two speeches which were similar - both containing

comments about self-government, Aboriginal rights and other topics which could be labelled as "political."

The writer uses such comments in reference to one of the speakers as "rude, distasteful, embarrassing and totally inappropriate for the time and setting." In addition, the writer claims to have been "appalled at her total lack of

good manners and viewed this particular display with both disgust and dismay."

I have been attending Native functions of all kinds all of my life. Unfortunately, there was a time when we used to be embarrassed by some of the actions, discussions, comments, etc., made by Native people. And there was a time when we used to "hide the banock" because of our embarrassment, and when

we spoke in secret of "our ways-culturally, socially and politically "because of the harsh judgements and misunderstandings.

Then there was a time when we could open up and freely and proudly state our claims and practice "our ways" in front of each other and before non-Native people. That was a time not too long ago when we were proud of ourselves and of each other for speaking up as Native people and we did not find each other distasteful, rude or disgusting. But perhaps we have come full circle again a destructive circle in my opinion.

If, indeed, as the writer suggests, "the government guests in attendance (at the CNFC banquet) will view her politicking for what it was: her expression of her own singularly narrow-minded views, "then they are politicians in great need of some maturity.

The politicians I have dealt with over many years have usually been more than willing to develop a maturity about the issues and conditions of Native

people. Many times I have provided as much background information as I can to these issues. If they are politicians who don't want to listen and learn from Native people, or find it embarrassing to do so, then there's not much we can do except to let them bury their heads back in the sand.

I hope that our expressions on the important and complex issues of self-government, Aboriginal rights and many other issues concerning Native people, do not at any time become sources of embarrassment or become distasteful to other Native people as they had to our writer of February 13.

I further hope that the extremely negative comments of the February 13 letter do not discourage Native women throughout this province from speaking out.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,
Dorothy Daniels
Edmonton

NNADAP defended after criticism

Dear Editor:

RE: Windspeaker issue January 16, 1986
"Cuts Threaten Alcohol Program"

Didzena alleges "It seems that NNADAP is working to cut off funding because we are not providing them with little reports."

In all fairness to NNADAP, I am compelled to respond to this totally negative attack against the only funding agency the Cold Lake First Nations has had a good relationship with. But then, we have provided NNADAP with timely financial records and reporting. It is only fair that they receive this reporting regularly otherwise their many programs across the country would be in absolute chaos.

We, of the Cold Lake First Nations Chief and Council have identified alcohol and drug abuse as our #1 killer and thus our #1 priority. We've designed a program which currently works and we make certain that our commitments to NNADAP are fulfilled.

If Didzena was really concerned with the "fate of people who needed help and support delivered by the alcohol program" he might expend the little extra time it takes to provide financial records and reporting to NNADAP. I'm certain that the other alcohol programs do.

Chief Francis Scanie
Cold Lake First Nations

U.S. reader says AMMSA is doing 'fine job'

Dear Editor:

I enjoy reading **Windspeaker** and just wanted to let you know that I think you are doing a fine job. I've been coming to Alberta about once a year since 1982 and first saw it on one of my trips. So I subscribed after I returned.

Once I was reading it in a restaurant in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and the waiter started reading it over my shoulder. Turns out he was a journalism major and said the layout caught his eye. He thought it was very well done. (I don't believe my steak was.)

In any case, I especially enjoy the cultural articles -- the history, the art, the music coverage. Truthfully, tribal politics bores me -- and I don't think that's what's going to matter or be remembered even 10 years from now. The cultural will. I hope you con-

tinue to give it a good coverage.

On another subject, I wonder if you could send me a back issue or a copy of an article from your files. I remember reading a serious, fact-filled article giving many statistics about alcohol and drug abuse that Gunter Somebody wrote about six months ago. It was published in the weeks following the sad deaths of the youths in the north. I would really appreciate if you could send me another copy of that issue -- or at least photocopy the article for me as that's the subject I'm working on now here. Thank you. And also thanks for publishing the article on Big Bear's medicine bundle. It was great to see it in print.

Sincerely,

Sandie Johnson
Potomac, MD



Samson Band praised for art show support

Open letter to the Chief and members of the Council of the Samson Band, Hobbema, Alberta, Canada:

On Behalf of my wife Nancy, and my partner Raoul Bennett, thank you for making the Celebration of Canadian Native Art exhibition in Los Angeles a resounding success.

The money you contributed and especially the great talents of your dancers, singers and speakers including Morris Crier and the Saddleback Family were more than appreciated. You knocked them out. Comments heard at the gala openings ranged from:

"Never before has such a wide range of native talent from a country been seen in L.A., ever,"

"It was a privilege to behold," etc.,

"Please, please come again and stay longer," to

"You should be extremely proud and congratulated on being the chief sponsor of your peoples' art," and

"You have the recognition of the people of L.A. who have seen the show and those from the various museums."

The people from the Museum of Natural History were visibly shaken by the beauty and scope of the exhibition.

All of Canada already knows what the Samson Band and Peace Hills Trust have done. Through your participation and, hopefully, your continued participation, we hope all of North America of your people. The Samson Band and Peace Hills Trust will be on the map.

I would like to work with you and the other Hobbema Bands on projects that would benefit your people socially, economically and artistically in particular your proposed arts college.

Invite me to Alberta and we can discuss the benefits, aims and the needs of your community and how my "high visibility" can be of service.

Thank you all for your input. I hope our relationship will continue and that I learn more of your culture, heritage and directions.

Sincerely,
John Vernon

Speakers discuss programs, policies

Native education theme of U of A forum

By Albert Crier

Awareness of education programs directed to Native students in Alberta was the theme of a forum on Native education held at the University of Alberta (U of A) March 5.

Presentations were made by community-based, government and university education programs by several speakers to the large audience filling the Kiva Room of the campus Education Building.

Dr. Ralph Sabey, director of the Native Education project of Alberta Education, spoke on the provincial effort to work with the Native community.

The Native Education Project communicates with Native people of Alberta towards improving education services, including the development of school books and materials,

reported Sabey.

There are two textbooks on Indians that Alberta Education produced in cooperation with Indian bands.

Books on the Piegan and the Blackfoot were introduced to the Grade 7 social studies classes, and two more will soon be completed, said Sabey.

A policy on Native education is still forthcoming, reported Sabey, however the Native Education Project team has been working to get views on education from the Native community since 1984.

Alberta Education Minister Nancy Betkowski will be announcing the Native education policy of the Alberta government some time after the provincial budget is revealed in March, her office reported when contacted on March 6.

Jane Tuesday of the Alexander Reserve School spoke on that community-based education program.

The Kipothakaw Education Center at Alexander is a band-controlled school, which embodies the cultural philosophy of the Alexander people.

Eva Cardinal of the Sacred Circle education project of the Edmonton Public School Board (EPSB) spoke on both the Sacred Circle and Awasis programs.

There are about 3,000 Native students in the EPSB system in Edmonton, said Cardinal.

Cardinal is a consultant with Native Home School Liaison, which now has 198 students and 68 parents using their service.

"Rapid urbanization and the increasing migration of Native people to the city prompted the need for these programs," said

Cardinal.

"We help facilitate the successful integration of Native people into the city," added Cardinal.

The Awasis program is operated out of the Prince Charles Elementary School and the Sacred Circle program is being integrated into the overall ESPB system.

The liaison department of Sacred Circle is situated at the Oliver Elementary School. Cardinal credited the Native Home School Liaison unit for encouraging Native Student Services in the Edmonton education system.

Susy Sequin of the Ben Calf Robe School reported that the Native-based school, now at the St. Pius X Catholic School, is looking for a bigger home due to increased demand.

There are now 80 students at Ben Calf Robe School taking a combination of Native curriculum and the regular provincial junior high school courses.

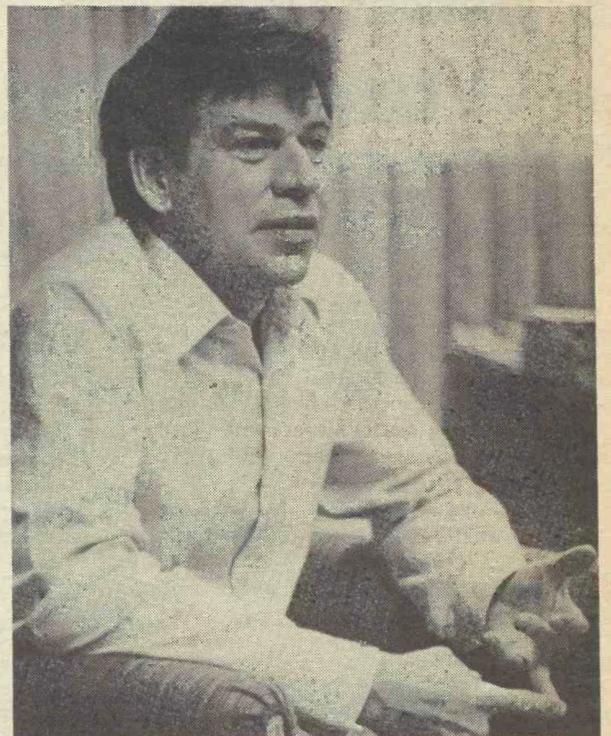
The reason a junior high school was chosen to combat high dropout rates among Native student population, said Sequin.

There are about 1,500 Native students in the Separate School system, reported Sequin.

The rest of the forum time covered university programs created to help Natives enter and finish university education.

Dr. Carl Urion, director of Native Student Services (NSS) at the U of A, set aside his chairing of the forum to give an update on Native Student Services program.

NSS began operation in 1975 to ensure that Native students received proper services from the university.



DR. CARL URION
...forum chairman

It has since expanded to include: off-campus services to the Native community of Alberta; administration of a coordinated University Transfer program, and community liaison with the university, said Urion, who then introduced his staff.

Doreen Richardson, NSS community liaison officer, explained her work with the Native community.

"The service provides a link from the university to the community schools, colleges, correctional centers and transfer programs," said Richardson.

Marilyn Dumont, NSS academic counsellor gave her impressions of a Native student profile she has worked on since June 1985.

The average age of a Native university student applicant is 29 years old,

with 39 percent of those interviewed not meeting the university entrance requirements, 21 per cent being a transfer student, 25 per cent entering as non-matriculated adult, 13 per cent entering as a matriculated student and two per cent going on to graduate studies, reported Dumont.

"There are now a growing number of off-campus programs that help Native people to prepare for university entrance," said Gillian Sanderson, coordinator of the Coordinated University Transfer Program at NSS.

Higher and higher marks are required for entering university, remarked Sanderson. However she expects to see an increase in Native students at university from off-campus transfer programs.

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DROPPIN IN

By Rocky Woodward

Hi! We are into our second week for the great "Ugly Pussycat Contest."

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That's a lot of cans of Meow meat for your favorite ugly pussycat.

Here's a few notes to live by.

About making it in a career.

"The past is but a cancelled cheque. The future is but a promisory note, so live for the moment. Go after your goals now," says Rita Davenport.

Here is my thought for the day.

"The time I like to remember most is when the playground was the most important function in my life."

Here is another one by Harry Rusk, who almost drove us crazy with it when we travelled to Nashville, Tennessee last year.

"Are we happy!"

Yes we are happy Harry.

You know. Spring is on the way. Once again proud Native people across Alberta have made it through the

drudgery of another winter. For some of us there was sadness, for others goals were reached and there was happiness.

Now we can look to another great summer and get-togethers. Everyone knows the news we have heard on radio, seen on television and read in the print media has not been the greatest, but we can overcome all this worry simply by leaning on each other for support, the odd smile and working together.

I think we all have one common goal. That goal is our strength and I believe it is that we all want the same thing out of life...security and assurance that everything is going to be okay. It can be accomplished by standing together, again, working together and most importantly, by believing in ourselves.

Spring, to me, is a time to freshen up the soul...to take a look at past accomplishments no matter how small they are...time to take a deep breath of worries of the world dirty my back yard!"

Now I know many people out there will not agree with me, and I didn't say I have all the answers... However, I do know that I have only one life to live...and as I grow OLDER...I learn that it is a short life, one that I am not going to take so lightly anymore.

Yesterday I took my boy for a haircut and after that we cruised the arcades...It makes me smile because I accomplished something.

NATIVE NASHVILLE NORTH: People keep sending in those tapes. We want you on Native Nashville North...You can do it.

Look at this...three people who went after the show for a spot and did it!

- Leonard Collins from Peavine.
- Celeste L'Hirondelle from Edmonton.
- Albert Burger from Gift Lake.

Welcome to Native Nashville North and thanks for your soon-to-be contribution to Native awareness as talented individuals willing to offer your talents to the public.

DRUMHELLER: Hello Lise and Daniel Beatty. Daniel sent me some photographs a while back, and now I would like to share with you a pic of the two, just after their marriage.

Below is Daniel singing his heart out to his lovely wife Lise.

Daniel said that the song he was singing when this photo was snapped was an Alabama number called "Close Enough To Perfect For Me."



Hey Dan! Are you still there? It's going on two years that I expected you and now Lise to visit us here at Windspeaker. Come on, Man. I'm growing old!

DROPPING IN: Is very light this week because nothing is going right in my life. That's when I become giddy.

When nothing goes right for me, I eat a lot. Some people call it overeating. I call it pigging out! Yesterday all the chocolate melted in my jacket pocket, so I closed my office door and ate it anyway...cloth and all!

FORT VERMILION: Below is a picture I took of two wild and woolly friends beating up on each other in a playground in Fort Vermilion. I was going to interview them but they threatened me. "Stay out of our Playground!" they warned me.



EDMONTON: By the time you read this, the Metis Association of Alberta will have already held its general assembly at the Continental Inn in Edmonton, and since I can't see into the future...we'll let you all know about it next week! I only hope they have free food there. Lots and lots of free food. Have a nice weekend everyone.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Camp Mannawanis

Children's camp already fully booked

By Mark McCallum

Last year, more than 120 children went to Camp Mannawanis free. They were joined by another 240 campers who paid about \$60 for a full week of camping.

The camp is completely owned and operated by the St. Paul Manawanis Native Friendship Centre, which started a massive campaign

called Send A Kid To Camp last year, gathering sponsorship from local businesses, Alberta Social Services and Indian Affairs. gathering sponsorship from local businesses, Alberta Social Services and Indian Affairs.

Friendship Centre Executive Director Ray Chambers says "this year we are already totally booked for the whole

summer, when we plan to run eight camps." He says 490 kids will go through Camp Mannawanis this summer and 175 of those kids will go on a sponsorship basis.

According to the executive director, single parent families making less than \$11,000 a year are qualified to apply for sponsorship.

Svava Griffith, regional coordinator for the Boys

and Girls Club of Alberta, says their organization rented the camp for a provincial leadership program, at a cost of about \$40 a head for the 55 youths who went to the program last August. "The facility was great, although it wasn't quite complete yet," she says, "The kids really enjoyed the canoeing, sailing and archery activities the camp offered."

The friendship centre began building the "accredited" summer camp, which will be completed by the end of 1987, at lower Therian Lake two years ago. Chambers says Camp Mannawanis is accredited because it has a fully qualified medical staff, water-front workers and counselors. "It's the first Native-run accredited camp because everything is built to code

on it," he says.

The camp has modern facilities, a large activity area, an outdoor stage and three cabins that each sleep 24 children comfortably.

"We're really proud of the camp because it's a big accomplishment we've been able to do for the kids in this area," concluded Chambers.

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IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Kermit Karnival success again for Frog Lake ladies' group

By Diane Parenteau

FROG LAKE — For the third year running, the Wechitow Ladies Club of Frog Lake has succeeded in their efforts to organize and run the Kermit Karnival. Held at Nepahewean School on the shores of Frog Lake, the event, in its seventh year, entertained young and old.

The school gym accommodated a good number of participants and spectators during the busy three-day event. The first day, Friday, was for school participation only. Students competed in their very own ribbons of achievement. Banners hung on the walls of the gym, set the "colorful" mood of the carnival.

As in many family events at Frog Lake, children were numerous, running, laughing, having fun, under the watchful eye of parents and grandparents. There was even more room for the family dog, with a sche-

duled dog show.

Doing things a little differently from last year, the usual final event was held first. The Talent show started things off Saturday afternoon. Although entries were scarce in the dancing competitions, there were enough singers to provide hours of musical entertainment.

A local man, Adelard Quinney, sang his way into the hearts of the three and won a trophy for first place. Stewart Cardinal and Wayne Morin each received a trophy for their second and third place finishes.

In ladies' vocals, Susan Quinney took first place when she sang a couple of old favorites. Second place went to Irene McFeeters of Beaver Dam and third to Katharine Faithful.

Junior female vocalist Shirley Badger from Elizabeth Settlement, was awarded the first place trophy. Kim Scanni, who sang in front of a crowd

only once before, was runner up in second.

Close to a dozen jiggers registered to compete. Christine Soloway was awarded first, Sylvia Desjarlais took second and close behind was Glenna Dion in third spot.

The morning of the final day, a bingo game was held indoors, while outside, horses and riders prepared for the noontime parade.

The warm sun was deceiving, as anyone standing idle outside can attest. It was a cool day. From behind the school, horse bells ringing, and hooves pounding, meant the wagons were coming. A couple teams of Clydes and two other pony teams decked out in ribbon and silver, tugged on wooden sleds painted red, green and blue. There was also a handful of chariots and saddle horses. It was tough for the five judges, but Ervin Quinney and Ross Quinney both of Frog Lake took first

and second respectively, for their teams. John Stanley received an award in the chariot category.

Continuing with outdoor events, participants warmed up with pillow fights, nail driving, log throwing, one-on-one snowshoe races, honeymoon races and the popular tug-o-war.

Having had a good supply of fresh air and exercise, go-getters moved into the school gym for crocheted afghans and homesewn quilt contests. If the laughing contest wasn't enough to make everyone chuckle, the pie eating contest was. There was also men's and ladies' arm wrestling.

Nonstop throughout the ongoing steam of events, Wechitow ladies provided snack food, coffee and an endless supply of bannock burgers and chili.

When it's all done, according to Mary Jane Quinney, ladies club member, "we usually break even."

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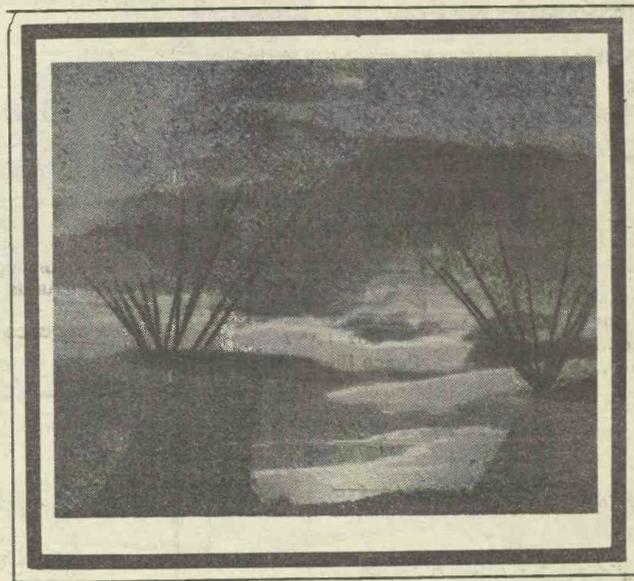
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Business

Cold Lake First Nation

Sawmill to provide jobs, boost economy

By Donna Rae Murphy

LEGOFF — The Cold Lake First Nation's ambitious sawmill project to provide employment and a viable economic base for the reserve is progressing slowly but surely. With funding talks with the Northern Alberta Development Program (NADP) slated for next week, the reserve already has a stockpile of 400,000 board feet of popular and birch logs and hope to begin sawmilling immediately.

Late last year the chief and council launched a proposal to build a large scale lumber operation that would provide employment for most of the reserve's employable adults and housing that would create a sound economic base for

the band that would generate spin-off industries for individuals. After securing a loan from a local bank, equipment was purchased and logging began.

At this point, the crucial piece of equipment necessary is a hardwood drying kiln. That purchase is dependent on a nod of approval from a funding agency yet to be determined.

"With it (the kiln), we can double the volume of the product and guarantee a market," says Cold Lake First Nations consultant, Mitch Kilgour. One of the things in their favor, he says, is the fact the reserve owns its own gas wells and the energy for the kiln could be supplied at a relatively low cost. "We'd pay the reserve for the gas and it

would greatly reduce the operating cost, plus the money would stay on the reserve."

Without the kiln, the project would be reduced to half the size and the revenue isn't there for rough-finished material. Kilgour says "if we can't get funding we'll be reduced to a job-creation program and we'd be simply paying salaries and meeting expenses. That's not what we're aiming for. We're trying to develop a profit-oriented business."

At this point, they could set up and saw rough material and sell raw lumber to markets in Edmonton and Calgary. "We could sell a million board feet to Sunchild Industries in Edmonton for pallet construction and we

have furniture manufacturers who'd also buy our product, but that isn't where the real money is." Kilgour explained that while these markets are available they are also limited and competition is high. With a kiln to dry the hardwood there is a potential of virtually 100% better return on their product.

Rough and green aspen, grade #2 used for pallets will bring a return of \$140 per thousand board feet but #1 rough clear-cut and dry brings in \$1,400 per thousand board feet. Birch, plentiful in the Lakeland

area has even greater potential.

Although funding is not entirely promised as yet, the provincial government has given its approval to the project and is assisting in training courses for the future.

Recently, the Energy and Natural Resources Forest Products Development Branch sponsored a hardwood seminar which Kilgour attended along with CLFN Woodlands Manager, Vance Strebsky, and trainee, Violet Watchapais. This seminar, Kilgour said, was especially helpful in learning

methods of assessing a tree in a stand for potential value.

An important contact was also made at that time. A seminar instructor was brought in from Virginia Technical College in Blacksburg, Virginia. This viable institution offers a complete course in timber management with all facets including equipment operation and maintenance and market development. This particular instructor stated he would be willing to come to Legoff to train prospective lumbermill employees.

Subsidiary Agreement

Program provides funds for variety of projects

PEACE RIVER — Ten northern Alberta communities, businesses and educational institutions have accepted offers of assistance totalling \$677,511 under the Canada/Alberta Northern Development Subsidiary Agreement. The projects assisted under this new federal-provincial agreement will invest over \$2.1 million in northern Alberta, with six part-time and 20 full-time jobs expected to be created.

The funding was announced today by federal Regional Industrial Expansion Minister Michel Cote and by Al "Boomer" Adair, Alberta's Minister Responsible for Northern Development.

-- Highway North Holdings Ltd., of High Prairie, will use assistance in the amount of \$60,900 to establish an industrial service centre to provide services to resource-based industries in the area. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$405,400 with two full-time and four part-time jobs expected to be created.

-- Fort McKay Indian Band, located near Fort McMurray, has accepted two offers of assistance totalling \$37,700 for management and accounting services and to prepare a community economic plan and business opportunity identification and feasibility analysis. The study is expected to become the basis for future economic development initiatives on the Reserve. Total cost of the two

projects is estimated at \$51,000.

-- Grande Prairie Regional College will use the \$135,854 received under the terms of the Agreement to support the establishment of a Rehabilitation Practitioner Service Program at the College. The total cost of the program is almost \$592,000 over three years. Two immediate jobs are expected to be created and the anticipated 20 trained practitioners graduating each year will fill a need in the current job market.

-- Teil Inc. of Fort Vermilion has accepted \$108,800 for the establishment of a grocery store featuring fresh meat and produce. In total, this project is estimated to cost \$280,000 and to create eight new jobs.

-- Keyano College, in Fort McMurray, will receive \$85,548 over three years, to be used for counselling services to residents of northern remote communities who attend the college. This project is estimated to cost \$147,000 in its entirety, create one full-time immediate job and lead indirectly to employment of graduates.

-- The Paddle Prairie Mall Corporation, located on the Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement, has accepted \$57,500 to establish a general store to serve the needs of residents as well as travellers on the Mackenzie Highway. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$161,000 and it is expected that four full-time jobs will ensue.

-- Kevin Greschner, of Manning, has accepted \$8,772 for the establishment of a welding and fabrication operation which will serve resource-based industries in the region. The total cost of the project is estimated at over \$47,000, with one additional full-time job resulting.

-- A new Regional Economic Development Board in Valleyview has been provided with \$35,000 per year over five years under the terms of the Agreement to stimulate diversification and to promote effective use of local human and natural resources. Two full-time and one part-time jobs are involved. Total cost of the project is estimated at \$387,000.

-- Redi-Cross Fix-It Ltd., of Fort Assiniboine, has accepted \$15,000 for the construction of a car wash and for expansion of existing garage and parts-room facilities. The project is estimated to cost \$110,000 in its entirety with one full-time job being created.

-- Grant Duckett's Cold Lake Game Farm has accepted an offer of \$8,437 to conduct a feasibility study into game-ranching on a commercial scale. This project is expected to cost \$16,875 in total.

The Subsidiary Agreement, which was signed October 2, 1985, is jointly administered and equally funded by the federal Department of Regional Industrial Expansion (DRIE) and Alberta's Northern Development Branch.

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Bonnyville Native Church

Small Native fellowship groups develops into church

By Donna Rae Murphy

BONNYVILLE — A Native Christian fellowship that started seven years ago with only one family meeting in a home, has evolved into the formation of the Bonnyville Native Church.

Situated on a quiet side street in Bonnyville, the Native Church holds services in the Baptist Church, following a facilities use agreement, made between two churches in early January this year. The small building is just big enough to hold the congregation. At the rate it's growing, a larger building will be needed soon.

Pastor Stan Tait, a Native graduate of Kee-Way-Tin Bible College in Lac La Biche, says more and more people are coming out for services and the majority are between 18 and 30 years of age. Not all are Native as evidenced by the number of non-Native people sprinkled throughout the congregation. "They're looking for answers," says Tait, "they've tried other things and nothing has

worked so far and they're turning to the one thing that will change for their lives — faith in Jesus."

Tait, a young man himself, preaches his powerful messages interspersed with humour and dramatics that catches the listener and keeps them intent on his every word.

With a solid training in Bible and doctrine, he presents the gospel in a language that people can understand and relate to. His guitar rests against a wall behind him and accompanied by his wife Lilly, he leads the worship services with lively, joyful songs that induce the people to clap along, sing and tap their toes in time to the music.

This particular Sunday there was a special treat — the Kikino Gospel Singers were featured on the program is provide a fine blend of country gospel and traditional songs.

The trio, sisters Anne House, Mary Cardinal and Vicki Tremblay have been together as a gospel group since 1981, and have been

invited to sing in various places, including the Edmonton Native Fellowship and in Fort McMurray besides the local area.

This summer they will travel to the Twinn Lakes Bible Camp outside of Red Earth and later this year will be featured on Tribal Trails, a Native Christian talk show in the format of 100 Huntley Street.

Tribal Trails is produced by the Northern Canada Evangelical Mission out of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. The TV crew is also expected to film the Bonnyville Native Church during that same time.

Former pastor Rodney Flett, also a graduate of Key-Way-Tin believes people come to the services partly because they feel they can be a part of a fellowship where they don't have to dress up to come to church. "Some of these people have gone to other churches but felt out of place because of their clothes. Here, they can come as they are and feel comfortable." Certainly, other churches make them

welcome, he said, but the Bonnyville Native Church is set up specifically to reach Native people.

On Sunday afternoon, while the children are downstairs learning their lessons in the two Sunday School classes, adults are learning about the message Christ proclaimed to the world — that He is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Tait says the gospel is presented, not to make converts to a religious system or particular denomination but to encourage people to place their trust in and turn their lives over to God; not a 'white man's God, or 'white man's religion,' he explains, but one who accepts all and is for all, regardless of nationality. The people's response to this message, he feels, is best expressed in the look of hope he sees that replaces despair, the attitude of 'get up and try again' and seeking answers to tremendous living problems in the Bible rather than the bottle.

The Native Church was

founded in 1980 by missionaries Debbie and Dale Kenyon. At first people met in each others homes but as the group grew, arrangements were made to hold regular services in the Bonnyville Mall, in one of the basement rooms. Early this year, the Bonnyville Baptiste Church agreed to let the Native group utilize their building. The pastor's salary is paid jointly by the congregation and the founding group, Arctic Missions Inc. (AMI).

The AMI is an evangelical, inter-denominational missions organization whose main office is in Portland, Oregon with a Canadian office in Calgary that serves both Canada and Alaska.

Dale Kenyon and the AMI took a survey a few years before the Kenyon's came and it was determined there were approximately 7,000 Native people living in a 75-mile radius in Bonnyville. After they came to the town they met people and shared visits. "It took about a year before people trusted us and saw that we weren't out to lie to them or deceive them

about our reasons for being there," Kenyon says.

After the group had grown to the size where a permanent pastor would be needed, the Kenyons contacted the Bible college in Lac La Biche and asked for names of graduates of the program who would be suitable as pastors. Flett's name was given and he was invited to Bonnyville. Flett and his wife, Peggy, also a graduate of studies, moved from their home in Gift Lake to take on their duties. Flett recently gave the position over to Stan Tait.

Church business is attended to by the pastor and four board members elected by the congregation. Already in the planning stages are a summer Bible camp to be run in conjunction with other local churches. Other nights of the week there is a regular prayer meeting open for anyone to attend and Bible studies in private homes.

Anyone wishing to contact the Kikino Gospel Singers for a copy of their English/Cree cassette tapes may write to Box 1651, Lac La Biche.

CNFC honors policemen

By Terry Lusty

Edmonton Police Chief Robert Lunney and RCMP Assistant Commissioner Dave White were recently honored by the Canadian Native Friendship Centre (CNFC) in Edmonton. The event attracted an overflow crowd at a noon-hour steak dinner.

The two law enforcement officers are leaving their positions in Edmonton, and the centre felt that both were deserving of recognition for their involvement with and support for CNFC. (Lunney is moving to Winnipeg to become that city's commissioner in charge of police, fire, ambulance, parks and culture. White is retiring from the RCMP and will be moving to WhiteRock, B.C.)

By 12:30 noon, the downstairs banquet room at the centre was jam-packed with well-wishers who had come to bid farewell to the officials. Both were mildly surprised when, after being introduced, they were presented with not one, but two gifts each.

The first gifts to each of the men were caricatures of themselves from the CNFC, created by Windspeaker's resident artist and production editor, Kim McLain. They were presented by CNFC President Vic L'Hirondelle on behalf of the centre. Upon receiving the humorous portrayals, their faces lit up and broke into the widest smiles one has



CHIEF LUNNEY DISPLAYS McLAIN CARICATURE
...CNFC President Vic L'Hirondelle (right) looks on

likely ever seen on the face of a police official.

A second gift to Lunney and White were original paintings by Ojibway artist Roy Thomas. These were presented by Thomas LaPointe, president of Peace Hills Trust Company. Lunney and White said they will treasure them in the years to come.

However their greatest pleasure, they said, will be the keepsakes from the CNFC-McLain's caricatures. They simply couldn't get over them. Thomas' work is very good but the personalization of the caricatures is a real attention-getter.

White became a personal friend at the centre through his interest in boxing, and the centre sometimes had dealings with the RCMP. The real focus of the event was to honor Lunney.

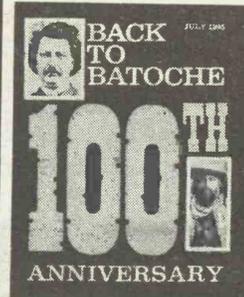
Chief Lunney "probably had a soft spot in his heart for Natives," said Jim White, who is a community worker, particularly with Native people for the city police. Sometimes he was called upon when urban Natives were in conflict with the law. Also, organizations such as Native Counselling Services had a direct pipeline to him.

A "very fair and perso-

nable individual," is how White described Lunney. Lunney would drop in at the centre quite often, White said, and was on the CNFC building committee. He was also known for his participation in the centre's annual Alex Decoteau Road Race. That, incidentally, was the subject of McLain's caricature of Lunney-him in his jogging attire.

CNFC Executive Director Georgina Donald, told "Windspeaker" that Lunney was associated for a decade with the centre and that the centre really enjoyed working with him.

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Jebeaux reveals name's source**Elder explains pipe holder's role****By Mark McCallum**

KEHEWIN — Elder Norbert Jebeaux says that time and time again he is questioned about the curious French name the 57-year-old inherited from his grandfather.

Translated into English, Jebeaux means "small boy." "In the 1800s," Jebeaux explained, "a lot of crees were wiped out by smallpox at Moose Lake. My Grandfather was the lone survivor of the epidemic which took his parents, brothers and sisters. His whole family perished."

Jebeaux' grandfather, later named Antoine, was found on the shores of Moose Lake by missionaries, who took him to a convent in St. Albert and raised him there. Not knowing anything about Antoine except for the terrible incident he survived, the missionaries asked the child what his name was, but the boy was in a state of shock from his previous days of misery. Antoine's real name would remain a mystery. Thus the French missionaries, who were barely able to communicate with the Cree child, gave him the name Jebeaux—the small boy.

What is an Elder?

Jebeaux says that "an Elder is a spokesperson for people of all ages. When our people look to an Elder, they look at him as a man of knowledge in all areas. And our people have always respected the Elders' decisions on whatever issues surfaced." He explains "it's an Elder's duty to pray for people who have marital, financial or social problems with alcohol. Years back, an Elder was always referred to for advice whether it be political or spiritual.

"I've been practising the Native spiritual philosophy for 18 years and have learned that it takes a lot of discipline," said Jebeaux, who gained this discipline in Arizona where he fasted in the desert for days at a time.

A new meaning in life was found after these experiences in the desert where Jebeaux was without the conveniences of modern luxuries. At night when the cold bit into his shivering, hungry body, Jebeaux says, he learned all the humility that goes with being an Elder—a pipe holder.

Sweetgrass: "A spiritual tool"

"My Elder taught me about the philosophy of sweetgrass. 'My boy where ever you travel,' he use to tell me, 'when you see a sweetgrass, you will see a human being.'" recalled Jebeaux, remembering the teachings of his Elder, who was from Wyoming. According to Jebeaux, sweetgrass is "a spiritual tool" used for purification composed of three strands "that represent the mind, the body and the spirit of humans."

He said, "everyday when I come to work all I have to do is look at my sweetgrass, inhale its fumes, and smudge myself with the sweetgrass, and it directs respect which is needed towards all who are around me.

"I am not scared of death..."

"I thank those who gave me direction. I feel at ease and at peace with myself. I am not scared of death because I'm committed to helping others," said Jebeaux in a quiet, trance-like tone. "Within our reservation, there is a lot of pipe holders. Each and everyone of them has their own way of helping people. And these Elders Have that same commitment—to help the next person who seeks advice in health within the mind and spirit.

The pipe holder

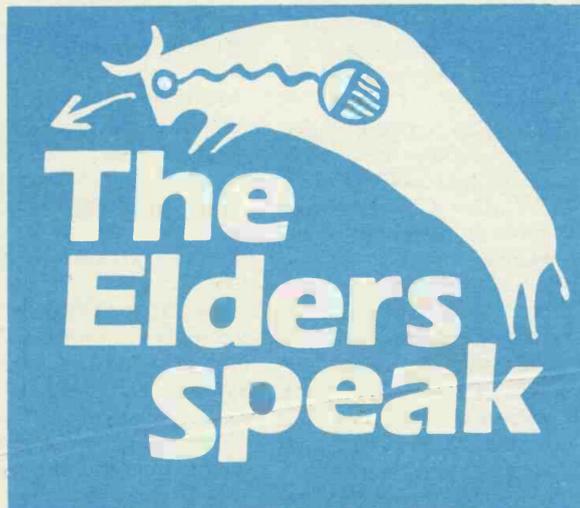
"A pipe holder," says Jebeaux, "can be defined in so many ways. Within the concept of the pipe itself, the pipe stem represents an unchanging way of life. According to the teachers of the spiritual practises, it represents honesty, respect and tolerance to issues that surface on a reservation."

Alcoholism, money problems and abuse of all forms to family members are issues that the Elder and pipe holder is trying to cure on his reserve.

Jebeaux explains that "our philosophy was given to us by the great spirit. In whiteman's terminology—God. Within the Native spiritual circle he is the boss of all of us—the creator. A pipe holder will ask the creator for direction."

Pipe directed for prayers

"We direct our pipe towards the east where the sun rises from every morning to gather the power sources the sun offers," Jebeaux says. "When the sun begins its day, you get strength from the creator to visualize the things the Greater Spirit gives us to enjoy." But, he



says, "because of depressed attitudes, people fail to take advantage of resources the sun points out.

"As the Elders look to the south, we ask the Thunder Spirit to be a voice for us so the creator can hear our needs—needs like water, which is the main ingredient in life. All the living animals, humans and Mother Earth consume water. It is life," says Jebeaux.

"We pray to the north where Grandfather the Buffalo has the power of vision. Our Native people were the first inhabitants of the North American continent," he continued. "It is the belief that as life was being developed, Grandfather the Buffalo gave up on his life so humans could feed and thrive on him. Consuming his flesh for food, Grandfather the Buffalo's hide was used for clothing and his bones for tools.

"Our prayers to the west are for Grandfather the Four Winds. He is energy and oxygen," says Jebeaux, who explained that Grandfather the Four Winds eliminates "all the sicknesses and ailments we have in life. No matter what kind of depressionary feuds we have that hurt us, we ask for his power."

Jebeaux last performed his duties as a pipe holder last year at a Sun Dance on the Kehewin reserve. But he did not limit pipe holder duties to this one ceremony. Pipe holders actively take part in other Native spiritual ceremonies such as Sweats and Chicken Dances.

He adds that the number four is important to the Native culture. Jebeaux says, "we pray to the four directions and there are four faces or cycles of life: the infant, teenager, middle age group and Elders."

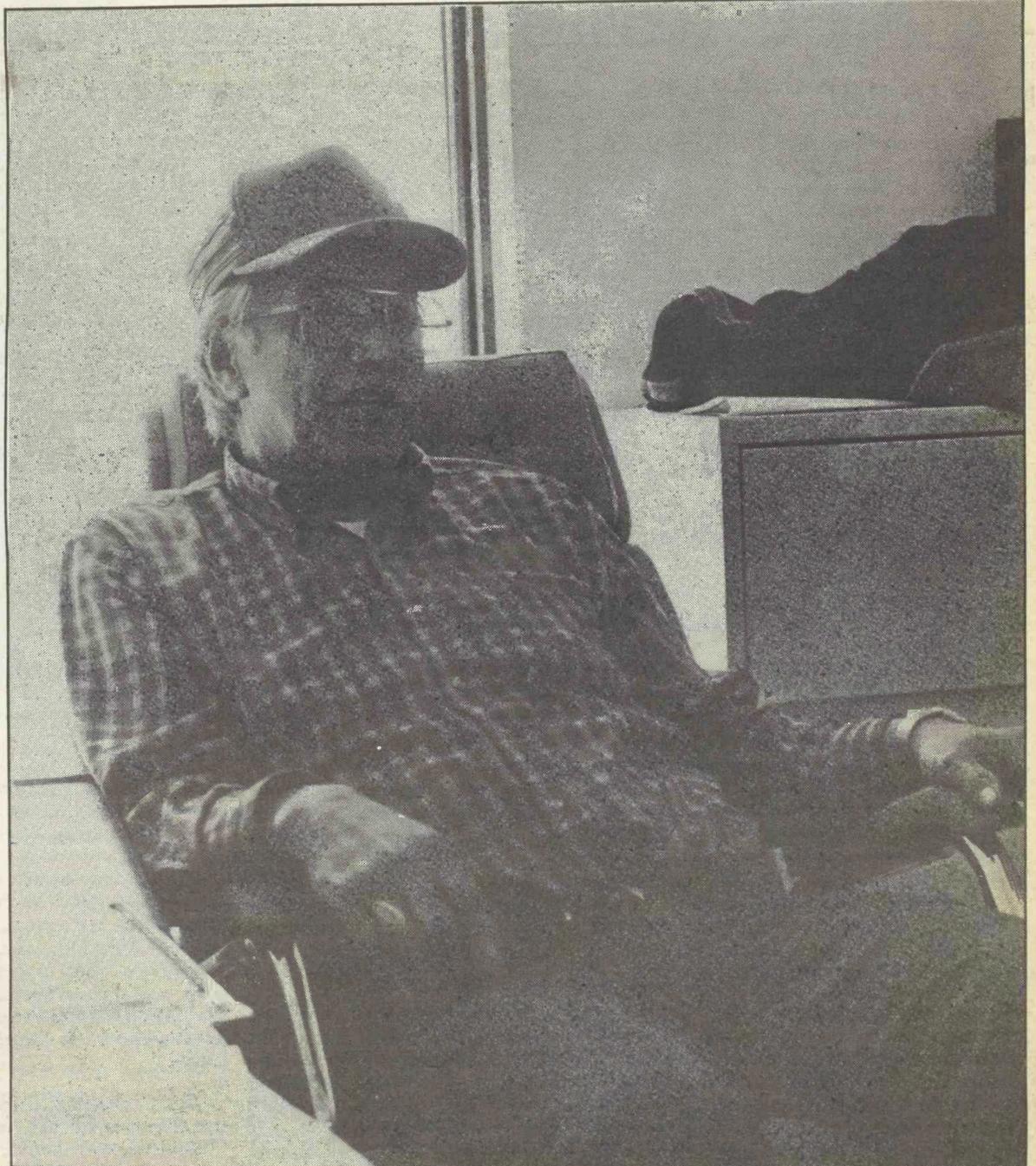
Mother Earth

People are sometimes confused about the Native spiritual philosophy," says the pipe holder. "Some men are confused and have no respect for their women. Sometimes men have an attitude of forgetting the pains of our womenfolk: Who is it that bears life? Who is the one who wakes up at night when the babies cries? A mother will not rest until all her children are safe in bed."

Jebeaux admits that "many times in my younger days my Elders spoke to me about respect towards women because I have abused women physically in the past.

"Where is the kindness in our culture and the dignity in a man who beats his wife. Without women there is no life. So the Elders will ask the Mother Earth to assist women.

"Right now Mother Earth is sleeping under a white blanket. But," advises Jebeaux, "remember when a man hurts a women emotionally or physically—he is hurting his mother."



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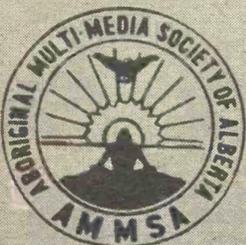
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Founding Executive Director

Crowfoot heads AMMSA management team

By Rocky Woodward

On February 21, 1983, after months of planning and negotiations on the part of some of the old staff from the defunct Alberta Native Communications Society (ANCS), Bert Crowfoot was made the acting director of the Aboriginal Multi Media Society of Alberta (AMMSA).

It was the beginning of an organization whose primary goal was to strive towards self-sufficiency as a leading Native Newspaper.

The newspaper took off from a little office supplied by Secretary of State, and from their building, a group of people began to work towards that goal.

In May of the same year, Crowfoot applied for the position as executive director of AMMSA, and was accepted.

Crowfoot believes that it was the Nation's Ensign newspaper that provided the testing ground and necessary groundwork "had been done by the Nation's Ensign. It served a function in that it proved a Native newspaper did not have to rely on government funding and could become self-sufficient," says Crowfoot while explaining the Ensign proved that Native newspapers could make

money...when given seed money to operate with.

The Nation's Ensign ceased to exist in 1983, the same year that ANCS folded.

When Crowfoot took over, his dream was to see a Native newspaper that would become totally independent and self-sufficient, and "that is still my dream today."

His dream, along with others who feel the same way within the organization, is fast becoming a reality. Crowfoot says that he always felt, with the proper financial management and "if the organization was run like a business, it could generate money."

"I found that advertising is basically a license for printing money, which means a lot of money can be made."

AMMSA has gone through many growing pains since its beginning four years ago. There has been staff turnover, board members who have resigned and been replaced by others.

"We progressed a lot faster than anticipated. There have been sacrifices and growing pains, but growth can only be achieved through learning and sometimes learning means, the hard way."



CROWFOOT

Crowfoot has learned about newspapers over the years and sometimes he learned the "hard way."

An established photographer, he once put together a magazine full of photographs and information on Indian people and traditional powwows.

Along with another newspaper enthusiast, Dave Anderson, the two of them began the Native Ensign Newspaper, which later renamed the Nation's Ensign.

Crowfoot also worked as a photographer and editor

of the Native People newspaper under the Alberta Native Communication Society and was a part of the staff when the society went under in 1982.

Crowfoot, along with other past employees from ANCSA, then formed the new society which eventually became AMMSA.

A lot of credit must be given to the first board of directors, people such as Elmer Ghostkeeper, Gordon Williams and Joe Couture, and credit also lies with people who managed AMMSA affairs as Bert

Crowfoot, Laurent Roy and Jeff Bear.

"The direction of AMMSA and ARTS was pre-determined by the management team which in turn endorsed by the board, so credit must go to management," said past editor of the Windspeaker paper, Laurent Roy.

According to Roy, he believes that Crowfoot has the necessary skills to take AMMSA in the direction of self-sufficiency.

"I know he has a good business background. He knows how to invest and how to get a return that I have no qualms with," commented Roy.

Crowfoot believes that the first step to self-sufficiency is a solid base, a foundation, something he says AMMSA now has.

"We found a base when we purchased this building. It is a foundation that we can spring more projects from."

The AMMSA building was purchased in March, 1986, for approximately \$240,000. Although some people felt that the building should have been bought on a long-term payment plan, Crowfoot maintained that it could be paid for and out of the way quicker. "And we will be making our final payment in July of this

year," Crowfoot smiles.

Crowfoot stated that thanks must go to the federal government and Secretary of State, who contributed \$80,000.

"We paid the rest for the building through generated revenue."

Future plans for AMMSA is to see the newspaper delivered nationally.

"We envision publishing a national newspaper. That is the goal we are striving for. Another goal is other publications produced by AMMSA," says Crowfoot.

Indeed, the vision does not stop there. A graphic shop, print shop, and a video production house are some of the visions Crowfoot talked of.

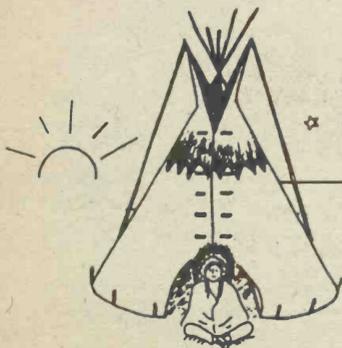
"We hope to have our AM radio station that the society would own. And of course a recording studio is another possibility."

By doing this Crowfoot believes responsible team effort will make it happen.

"We have an excellent staff who are dedicated. Management has come a long ways. We have an excellent board that is a volunteer board and without that combination of staff, management and board all sharing the same dream, these dreams would probably not be accomplished."

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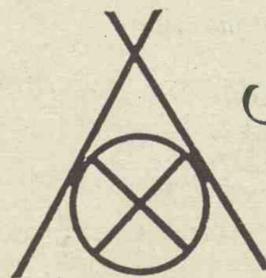
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Fred Didzena

New president has dreams for AMMSA

By Rocky Woodward

Just as Fred Didzena, band manager for the Dene Tha Nation, has a dream to see the Dene someday become totally independent and "not rely on anyone," so his dream as president of the Aboriginal Multi-Media Society of Alberta (AMMSA) is also the same.

"I see this happening for AMMSA just as it will for our band. I see us not only as a national publication someday, just as the previous president of AMMSA (Allen Jacob) had stated, I see us becoming self-sufficient," said Didzena.

Fred Didzena hails from the Assumption area, located 120 km west of High Level, and like many of the Dene of his era, he was brought up in the Mission School in Assumption.

Didzena entered the school when he was almost five years old and stayed there for the next 10 years of his life.

When he was old enough, he ventured out of Assumption and enrolled in school at Grande Prairie.

"I took two years of high school in Grande Prairie, and the last year I finished in Edmonton."

In 1975, Didzena majored in economics at Mount Royal College in Calgary and in 1977, when he finished college, he was approached by the Assumption Band to take over as the assistant band manager.

He worked in this capac-



DIDZENA

ity for one year, and then joined Indian Affairs in 1978, where he stayed for the next five years.

Since 1983, Didzena has been working as the band manager for the Dene Tha. In September 1986, Didzena was appointed president of AMMSA.

"We have accomplished very much in the few short years of existence," Didzena says of AMMSA, "and we will accomplish much more. We do have a goal in mind which is self-sufficiency for this organization. This goal is at the forefront on every decision we make," Didzena says.

Didzena says he holds the AMMSA board members in the highest esteem.

"They are a great board and every one of them has a vision, goals for this organization. We do not try to create problems for ourselves. This is one of the best boards that I have had the pleasure of being a part of. Everyone conducts themselves in a business-like manner."

Didzena added that the board members, like himself, all have common objectives they would like to reach. "We know that we are all a part of striving toward these objectives."

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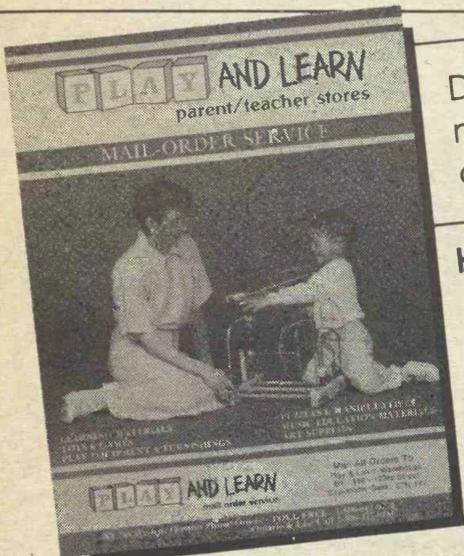
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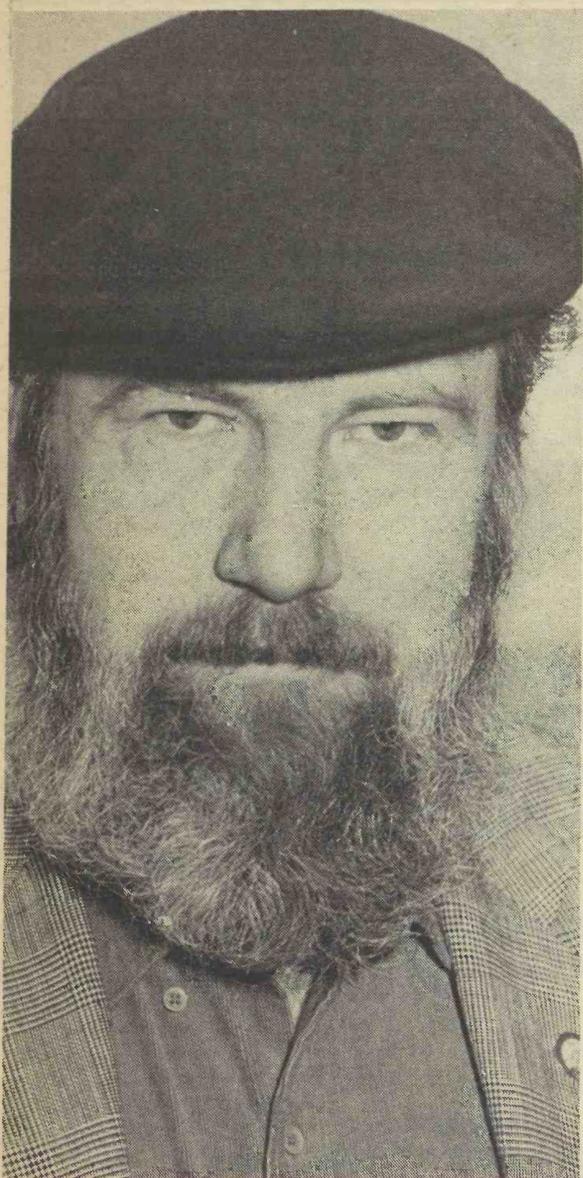
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Clint Buehler

Windspeaker editor is journalist with long and varied career

By Terry Lusty

Windspeaker Editor Clint Buehler has a long history in the communications field. Even before he became involved in Native communications more than 15 years ago, he was already a seasoned journalist, having filled not only the role of reporter but also that of editor and publisher, for a variety of publications including major daily newspapers.

Between 1967 and '71, Buehler also worked in radio, as a newsman for CFAC Radio in Calgary, and as a talk show host for CJCA Radio in Edmonton.

Since 1971, Buehler has worked primarily in Native circles in communications, and as a consultant to a variety of organizations and communities.

Some of Buehler's participation with the Alberta Native Communications Society, from 1971 to 1977, included editor of The Native People newspaper, project development, staff training and development and advisor to the executive director and board.

Buehler first joined

AMMSA as a freelance writer and consultant while splitting his time between Edmonton and New York City. He was hired as the editor of the AMMSA (now Windspeaker) newspaper in August 1985. It is a role which requires dedication, and often sees him working many evening and weekend hours.

Buehler's accumulated knowledge and experiences have guided him to certain conclusions regarding Native communications. Over the past 20 years, it "has played a significant role in the successful efforts of Native people to take control of their own destiny, to solve the numerous problems that have plagued them and to develop programs that will ensure the kind of future they want to create."

Stressing that information is power, Buehler stresses his belief that "a Native-controlled communication system is essential to ensure that Native leaders and those they represent have the information they need to exercise the power that is their right."

Buehler believes in the "grassroots" people. He believes AMMSA has a responsibility to inform them of what is happening, not only in government, but also in Native circles, that affects them, "so they can decide for themselves how effective Native leadership is, how well they are being served by it and what steps they can take to make it better."

Often it is only the Native media that is informed and cares enough to give such information, he says.

In analyzing the progress of AMMSA over its first four years, Buehler feels it has achieved a number of goals. Significant ones, he says, are the growth in the newspaper's size, AMMSA's expansion into radio, the purchase of its own building and its gains in moving toward self-sufficiency. However, he also suggests the need to look beyond to other important aspects.

"As a leading Native communications organization in Canada," he says, "we must set an example with the independence and freedom with which we practice journalism, the

fairness, balance and courage with which we cover the issues and activities of the Native community (as well as) the concern we show for Native people individually and collectively."

An important responsibility of AMMSA, Buehler claims, is "to inspire and nurture young Native people so that they are motivated and trained to assume this important responsibility in the future."

Understanding and patience are essential to the development of people, Buehler says. While he acknowledges that failures sometimes seem to outweigh successes, after more than 15 years in Native communications he is still "encouraged by the success of some individuals and the overall progress I've seen."

Buehler and prominent Native artist Jane Ash Poiras have a 14-month-old son, Joshua, who is "a special blessing and joy."

Buehler also enjoys painting, creative writing and songwriting "when time is available."

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Carol Russ

Accountant now supervises AMMSA marketing, too

By Terry Lusty

AMMSA's director of finance and marketing, Carol Russ, was raised in 'grasshopper' country, Saskatchewan. She also lived in B.C., but Alberta has been her home base for years now.

Russ comes well qualified for her position, with a degree in Charter Management Accounting. In her work capacity, she handles the accounting, and financial controls, does filing, monitors advertising sales and prepares budget reports and financial statements for AMMSA and government.

At AMMSA, Russ climbed the ladder from bookkeeper to her present position. She feels she has benefitted since arriving at AMMSA in learning more about management, finance,



RUSS

sales and advertising. With little previous experience, Russ has also expanded her abilities in computer literacy.

Russ gets along well with the staff and is happy with the growth she has seen in AMMSA. "Owning our own building," she says, "is a step towards self-sufficiency." She points out that what she has to keep

uppermost in her mind is the fact that AMMSA is striving for self-sufficiency. She is also looking at drafting long-rang goals for the society within the next year or two.

Since its beginnings, Russ has noticed improvement and changes in the newspaper, Windspeaker. Content, she says, has shifted more to 'newsy' type stories but those 'hard' issues need to be focussed upon if the problems and concerns of people in the communities are to be overcome. Also, so they will know how to exert some measure of control over their own destinies.

On the lighter side, Russ is an avid reader and sports minded. Mainly, she enjoys fastball, skating and swimming. She is the mother of an eight year-old son and a five year-old daughter.

Susan St. Laurent

Assistant accountant welcomes chance to gain new knowledge

By Ivan Morin

If some of the readers were to come around the Windspeaker office at about the middle or the end of the month, it wouldn't take them long to figure out what position Susan St. Laurent holds with Windspeaker. She's the assistant accountant and the person who hands out the payroll cheques, so employees try to be real nice to her at those times of the month.

Only 31 years old, St. Laurent has been in the accounting business more than 13 years. She fell into the job right out of high



ST. LAURENT

school and learned the ropes as she went along.

Susan says "working here has given me a greater understanding of the Native perspective, and I've

learned a lot about Native people. I like working with the people here. And I really enjoy the challenge of working on the computer they have here at Windspeaker."

St. Laurent's hobbies include cross-country and downhill skiing. She says she loves downhill skiing because she likes the speed of it. Susan also likes to read a lot.

Although she was born in Calgary, she says she grew up in Edmonton and is a true Edmontonian at heart.

Susan is married and has three boys nine, eight, and five.

Colleen Agecutay

First AMMSA secretary returns, is now executive assistant

By Terry Lusty

The gal who couldn't stay away, Colleen Agecutay, was born in Virden, Manitoba, and raised in Edmonton. In 1978, she graduated with honors from a secretarial program at the Alberta Vocational Centre (AVC).

Agecutay was hired by AMMSA in April of 1983 as its first secretary. About a year later, she became executive secretary to the general manager.

When she heard wedding bells in late 1985, Agecutay left AMMSA, only to return in late 1986. She assumed her previous role, but as executive assistant, and lauds the tremendous changes in the organization.



AGECUTAY

"It's really come a long way," she states matter-of-factly. She recalls how the Aboriginal Radio and Television Society (ARTS) program was but a "baby"

when she left in '85, but is now broadcasting on a regular basis from a new location.

Additional growth, in Agecutay's opinion, includes increased advertising, higher standards, a beautiful building owned by AMMSA and a marked improvement in the Windspeaker newspaper, especially with the addition of Kim McLain.

A new addition to her family is in the near future and will join her seven-year-old daughter and six-year-old son.

Also on the personal side, Agecutay loves to read and to write poetry. She detests television, but enjoys visits with the Native Brotherhood.

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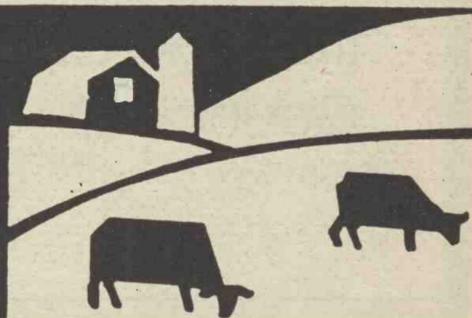
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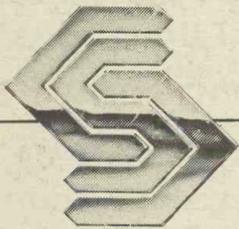
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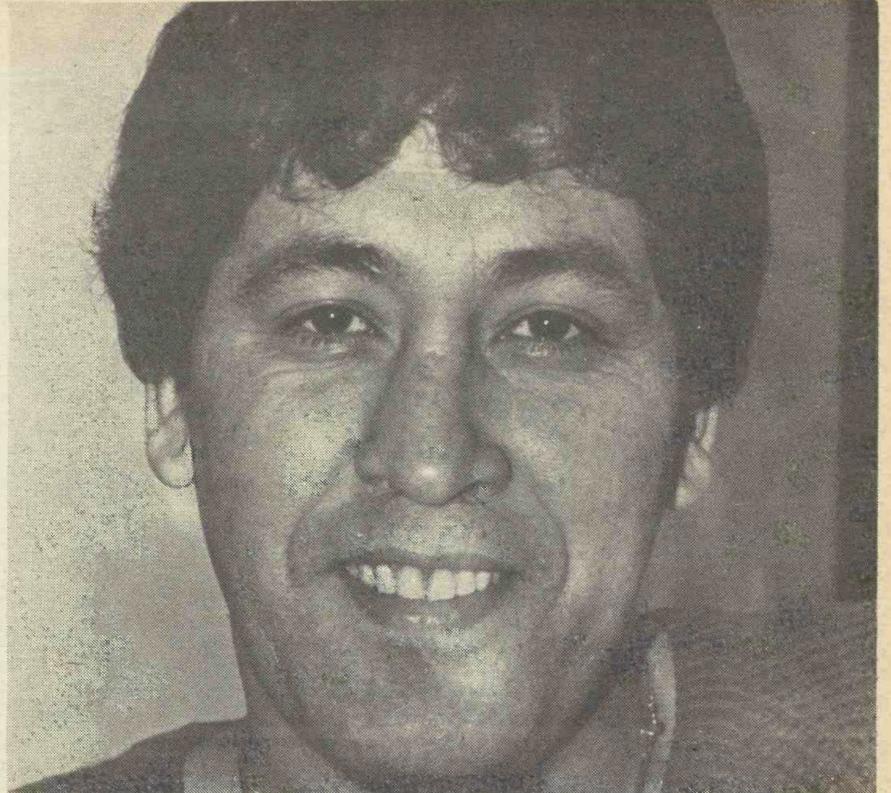
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Rocky Woodward

Column, TV show provide much public exposure

By Terry Lusty

If you don't know who owns four "ugly dogs" . . . and now, one ugly cat . . . you are not an avid reader of Windspeaker. The claimant to these animals is none other than Rocky Woodward, whose "Dropping In" column is one of the most widely read in Native country.

Woodward, born at Anzac (in a wagon!) and raised along with three sisters by his dad in Fort McMurray, is something of an institution with AMMSA. He came to AMMSA in the fall of '83 following a stint with the Nations Ensign Native newspaper. That was his first real experience as a freelance reporter.

His involvement in communications, however,

predates his newspaper work. In the mid-1970s he wrote radio scripts for the now defunct Alberta Native Communications Society (ANCS). He also did TV editing and was studio director in the production of TV videos for ITV.

While Woodward's role with Windspeaker provides him with much visibility and experience,, he has also gained public exposure through his Native Nashville North TV program on CBC-TV. He originated the show in 1982-83 under QCTV's banner, where all his guest artists and the studio crew were volunteers — a true Native community effort.

Woodward is an ardent supporter of community stories, and says if he had his way, "I'd be a roving

reporter and hardly ever in the office." Contacts with, and coverage of, communities and their people, he believes, is a very important aspect of Windspeaker.

He acknowledges the "ups and downs" of being a reporter. "You make enemies and you make allies," he says, "and sometimes the enemies outweigh the allies." He does not allow that to interfere with his work, however, and says one has to "be strong and believe in the merits of the paper and what you stand for."

Woodward is a family man with a wife, Gail, and two sons aged seven and 11 years. It is a close family which stands together, he says, and he enjoys sharing his time with his sons' interest in hockey.

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Kim McLain**AMMSA production editor also cartoonist, too***By Terry Lusty*

One could hardly argue that one of AMMSA's most talented individuals is Kim McLain. Due to his talents and skills, Windspeaker has become the envy of Native North America. This year, again, Windspeaker is the main contender to win in the categories of layout and design and in overall excellence at the Native American Press Awards next month.

McLain was born at Oxbow, Saskatchewan and has lived in various parts of Canada and the States. His (deceased) father was a teacher and since '76, McLain has resided in Alberta.

Following three years at Grouard, he moved to Calgary, graduated from high school, then spent a year at the Alberta College of Art. He moved to Edmonton with prospects for work with Sweetgrass Gallery, but it never got off the ground. Armed with a batch of his art illustrations, he approached AMMSA in 1982 and was hired as a freelance cartoonist. Three years later, his job became permanent and he's been with it ever since.

In '83 and '86, McLain was runner-up in the Peace Hills Art Contest. He also placed in the Asum Mena

**McLAIN**

competition in '85 and '86. More recently, he has had a book of his cartoons, entitled "The Best of McLain" published by AMMSA.

While AMMSA's newspaper has made tremendous strides thanks to McLain, he has likewise benefitted in the process. His talents have expanded to include graphics camera and darkroom work, advanced layout, paste-up and structure and organization of his time and skills.

McLain is at a stage where he could easily offer

his talents to others. He finds he now works faster and with less stress because he has developed a system.

Professionally, admits McLain, "I always dreamed of being an art director and that's what I'm doing." He has always seen himself in visual communications and remarks that, "that goal hasn't changed...it gets clearer and clearer."

Apart from his work with Windspeaker, McLain enjoys movies, playing snooker and riding his 10-speed bicycle.

Margaret Desjarlais**Production assistant plays important newspaper role***By Ivan Morin*

If a poll was to be held at Windspeaker asking which employee is the most pleasant individual to work with, the nod might go to Margaret Desjarlais.

Margaret, 34, began working part-time at Windspeaker in July, 1985, and has since worked her way up to become production assistant.

Along with production Editor Kim McLain, Margaret has the responsibility for putting together the entire paper. With this immense responsibility, one very seldom sees Margaret leave her desk.

Although she enjoys the work she is now doing, Margaret says she would someday like to try her hand at writing. "I think it's more challenging," says Desjarlais.

Originally from the Elizabeth Metis Settlement, Margaret has lived in Edmonton, off and on, since 1969.

She is the mother of

**DESJARLAIS**

three children 11 to 14.

Among her hobbies she includes playing bingo, winning money, gardening, and canning fruits, vegetables, and berries.

Last year Margaret completed the Christopher Leadership Course. She has also completed a one year business administra-

tion course at AVC Grouard, and has a grade 12 diploma. She is also at present taking Desk-top publishing course at Grant MacEwan College.

Prior to coming to Windspeaker Margaret worked as a bookkeeper for the Native Women's Pre-employment Program.

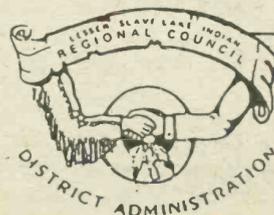
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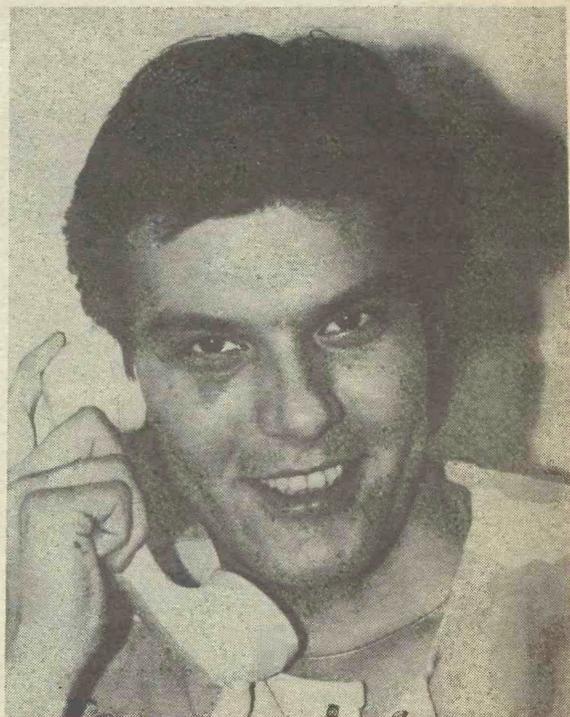
Mark McCallum

Sports columnist interested in also talking to Elders

By Terry Lusty

A genuine Edmontonian, 21 year-old Mark McCallum came to Windspeaker in the fall of 1986 as a freelance reporter. However, his first experience in Native communications was as a writer for Metis Local 1885's Metis Sentinel. He also did some volunteer work with the youth of Local 1885.

Since his arrival at Windspeaker, says McCallum, "I knew almost nothing about Native problems to the extent which they actually exist," he explains. He feels he has gained a greater appreciation for the need of communications, which has helped him to get a better handle on Native issues and concerns...a true learning experience.



McCALLUM

McCallum's interest in the area of expanding with the organization as it grows and improving his journalistic skills as well as the quality of his work.

Apart from writing various kinds of articles, McCallum writes a weekly column on Natives in sports. His other interest lie in the fields of child welfare, education and Elders.

The value of Elders, says

McCallum, is that we can gain from their past experiences. An under-lying basis for this strong interest was his inability to access the wisdom of the Elders in his young years. For that reason, he wholeheartedly supports Windspeaker's decision to focus more on Native Elders and the wis-

dom they have to share. Such information would do a great service to the communities, says McCallum.

In his spare time, McCallum works at keeping fit through weightlifting and summertime jogging. He also pursues reading, particularly newspapers and magazines.

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Barbara Fayant

AMMSA losing friendly receptionist

By Ivan Morin

When the readers visit the Windspeaker offices, it's almost guaranteed that the first friendly smile they'll see will belong to Barb Fayant.

Barb, 32, has been the receptionist for Windspeaker for the past 14 months. If you haven't had a chance to be greeted by Barb, you may be too late as she finishes working at Windspeaker at the end of March to pursue other adventures in life.

Barb says that the thing she enjoyed most while

working at Windspeaker was having the opportunity to meet the public. She says that she has found working for Windspeaker a very interesting time and a learning experience. "I really enjoyed it here. I like being around people," she says.

Fayant is from the Fishing Lake Settlement and has lived in Edmonton for the past nine years. She is single with two children ages fourteen and eight years. When she's not at work, Barb likes to take in the odd game of bingo, or she may attend one of those hard hitting movies

she enjoys so much.

Prior to coming to Windspeaker, Barb worked with BANAC (Business Assistance for Native Albertans Corporation) and the Metis Association of Alberta. She began her clerk/typist career by completing a clerk/typist course at the Blue Quills School at St. Paul.

Barb has also completed the Native's Pre-employment Program, and the Family Life Improvement Program (FLIP) offered by Native Counselling Services of Alberta.



FAYANT

Edie McRee

Job provides new experiences

By Ivan Morin

Looking every bit the student she is, Edie McRee,



McREE

27, comes to Windspeaker through the Native Women's Pre-employment.

Although she has only been with the Windspeaker for a month, Edie has been given the responsibility of co-ordinating mailouts for national advertising with the sales crew.

Her previous employment experiences include being a chambermaid and barmaid. At the 10 week pre-employment training program, she spent the first three weeks on personal development and the second three-week phase doing resumes and practicing

for interviews.

She says the program has helped her and the other women a lot; "most of the girls who are in the program are really shy. Once they get into the program, they seem to come out more. It's done a lot for me. It's got me ready to go to work and helped me decide what I want to do."

"My work experience here at Windspeaker has been really good. It's a nice place to work. Everyone is friendly, helpful, and easy to work with." McRee says she would like to go back to school and eventually find a job in the art field or as a secretary.

Edie is married and has three children.

Florence Thomas

Subscription clerk up to date on readers

By Ivan Morin

Florence Thomas, 40, might be the only person who works at Windspeaker who can say that she knows each and every one of the paper's subscribers. As the newspaper's subscriptions and accounts clerk, she drafts up the list of people who receive Windspeaker and keeps track of their changes of address and general moving about so that she can get the paper to the customers.

As well as handling subscriptions, Florence types and acts as a jack-of-all trades for Susan St. Laurent, assistant accountant. You might say she's the assistant to the assistant.

Hailing from Inuvik, North West Territories, Thomas worked for the Territorial government as a clerk-typist and receptionist before earning herself a supervisor's position in the Central Registry department.



THOMAS

Thomas came to Windspeaker through the Native Women's Pre-employment Program. She did her employment placement at Windspeaker and was hired by Windspeaker through the Priority Employment Program (PEP). Florence says she enjoys working at the Windspeaker because the people are so friendly. Thomas is separated and has three grown children.

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— Professor Bob Rupert



Workshop for Windspeaker staff

AMMSA staff gets professional training

By John Copley

In a continuing effort to achieve even higher editorial standards for our readers, AMMSA recently began a series of workshops designed to improve staff performance and journalistic professionalism.

The first in this series, held in the AMMSA boardroom March 5 and 6, dealt primarily with reporters and their responsibilities.

Bob Rupert, professor in the renowned journalism program at Ottawa's Carleton University, provided vital and viable instruction and information (written and oral) as he conducted the two-day session with 15 of AMMSA's managers, reporters, photographers and production staff.

Always interested in minority groups, Rupert became involved with Native people in 1972 when he was asked to instruct small summer training programs for the Department of Indian Affairs in Ottawa.

He has conducted many workshops over the years since, and has loaned his expertise to such Native publications as the Native Press (Yellowknife, NWT), Wa-Wa-Tay (Sioux Lookout, Ontario), Yukon Indian News (Whitehorse, Yukon), the Micmac News (Sydney, N.S.) and Okalakatiget (Nain, Labrador). He also served on a one-year training program with the Inuit Tapirisat of Canada.

Rupert's past journalistic endeavours include positions at the Toronto Telegram, Ottawa Citizen and CBC Public Affairs. He has also served as director of the Canadian Newspaper Guild.

"A professional reporter is one who takes any assignment and treats it like it is going to be the best and most important story in the paper," said Rupert as he began the first day's sessions.

"Treat every story as though nobody knows, understands, or cares about your article or topic. If you approach every assignment with this in mind, you'll find you can produce a story that everyone will understand."

Rupert told the workshop that a reporter should be neutral when approaching any story, but that it is sometimes difficult to keep personal feelings separate from the story.

"Journalist first, personal thoughts last," said Rupert.

"If you satisfy the tough reader, you'll do alright. Remember, if it happens, report it."

He said that if the audience's need for understanding clearly outweighs the delicate feelings of others (when dealing with sensitive issues), the reporter should go with the story every time.

"It is a reporter's job to report the facts," said Rupert. "It is not decide who or what is right or wrong. You write the facts and never, never sacrifice your integrity for the wishes of another."

Friday, the last day of the session, was not easy for all of AMMSA's workshop "students."

Rupert, having studied several issues of Windspeaker, broke into a rhetoric that startled and amazed the AMMSA staff.

An accomplished newspaperman, Rupert flipped easily through the pages and pinpointed errors small and large, and suggested ideas on how to effect change.

Selecting several stories, Rupert explained sentence by sentence the good and the bad of what AMMSA's reporters had done in the past.

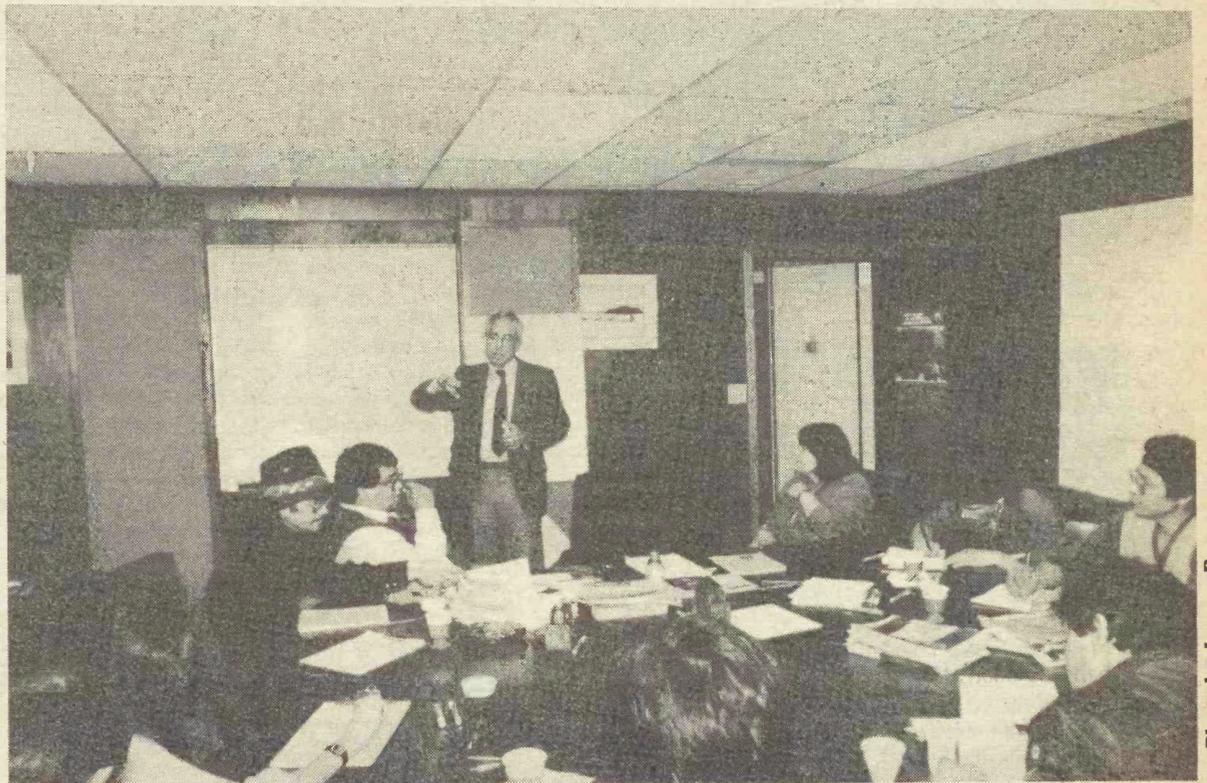
A story by Cold Lake correspondent Donna Rea Murphy was one of several examples critiqued in the afternoon session.

"He was very tough," Murphy commented, and 'though it was a bit embarrassing, I really didn't mind. That's why we're here—to become better reporters. I've got a thick skin, and besides, I really appreciate the constructive criticism. I've learned a lot today."

Rocky Woodward, a long-time reporter with AMMSA, volunteered one of his articles for a critique.

Rupert was equally tough with Woodward's material, and said more technical editing was required.

"Expound (clarify detail)



BOB RUPERT WITH WINDSPEAKER CREW ...improving performance and professionalism

on the content and ask more questions," Rupert suggested. "Too many things are left unanswered."

Woodward was pleased with Rupert's handling of the workshop, and said that 'though he'd been on several previous courses, he'd "never heard the facts put into layman's language as well as Bob did it. The instruction and the criticisms were easy to understand because he equalled himself with us. He came to our level and made the two-day session a rewarding experience."

Windspeaker Editor Clint Buehler was also impressed with the workshop.

"The course has provided us with a solid reminder of the ethics and techniques of good journalism, and it will serve to help all of us focus on doing a better job for our readers in the future," he said.

Some of the thoughts Rupert left behind were designed to encourage AMMSA staff to strive even harder to meet the highest of editorial standard. These ideas and suggestions include the important areas of word usage, spelling, legalities, source verification, personal integrity and attribution of quotes and

researched facts.

"Be sure, be accurate and present both sides of every story. Always print your errors and mistakes immediately, and strive for better quality with each story you write," Rupert said as he concluded the sessions.

Also in attendance at the seminar was AMMSA General Manager Bert Crowfoot, Production Editor Kim McLain, Production Assistant Margret Desjarlais and reporter Mark McCallum.

Freelance writers Lesley Crossingham, Jackie Red

Crow, Diane Parenteau, Terry Lusty and Norm Blyan were among the other workshop participants.

Missing in action (due to other responsibilities) were local freelance writers Albert Crier and Ivan Morin.

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A personal reminiscence

Reporter remember career highlights

By Rocky Woodward

I remember when I first took an interest in writing as a career. I was employed as a freelancer for the Nation's Ensign Native newspaper, which at that time, I believe, was the best-by-far newspaper in the province.

At the time, I had just started in a career as a writer and had just finished a course in journalism in the Grant MacEwan Community College Native Communications Program.

Writers of the day that I recall who I looked up to were people like Laurent Roy, Marlene LaPratt, Lefty Thompson and sports writer Terry Newborn. All of them at one point in their lives worked for the Alberta Native Communications Society (ANCS) before it went under, and all of them, to me, were writers I could learn from.

As a freelancer for the Nation's Ensign, under Dave Anderson, I was given the chance to learn about reporting the news from a Native angle. Of course I made many mistakes, but still it was a learning experience.

When the Nation's Ensign closed its doors in 1983, AMMSA had already started up and so to continue my education, I began to freelance for this organization.

By this time AMMSA had moved to a rented building on 107 Avenue, and as luck would have it, the person I would now report to was the editor at that time, Laurent Roy.

Again it was a learning experience, because never before did I have to sit with other reporters and plan a

paper. "Is this how it's done?" I asked.

I was used to working and digging for stories on my own and didn't realize there was a method to reporting news.

AMMSA again offered not only me, but other reporters and freelancers, the opportunity to grow along with the organization. Journalism courses were demanded of us, to better our skills as writers, and many times the editor would order a rewrite of my stories. Some days were even worse. Those were the days when I was told to do rewrites on stories already done.

It was then I began to realize how important writing for people, about people, was. When I was hired as a staff reporter by AMMSA, in 1983, the importance of journalism became clearer, because now I was asked to travel to different communities in northern Alberta, and bring back community news.

Meeting people can be difficult, especially when you feel that the people you are about to meet may think you're a spy. Such were my feelings.

It was not that hard. People, I found, wanted to voice their concerns and opinions. I also found that there was much that AMMSA had to cover.

Powwows, Native rodeos, sports and politics lit up my life like a clear spring morning ... and that's when I found that news reporting can be fun.

I found that I never really knew what an Elder was or why powwows were held or just who the heck is this cowboy, Jim Gladstone,

It was then I began to realize how important writing for people, about people, was.

— Rocky Woodward

until I began writing for AMMSA.

While I was meddling in other people's business, AMMSA began to grow even more.

Computers became more abundant in the building ... which scared me. I began to long for the life of a freelancer once again, and wished that the Nation's Ensign was still in existence. At least there we never had the luxury of these newfangled things.

Eventually, AMMSA moved into a new building and soon, along with a new name, "Windspeaker," we could truly say we had a home and name that we could be proud of.

AMMSA went even further with the opening up of its radio branch. They struggled, but today they too have found a home in Lac La Biche.

Then Native Nashville North came along, and after two years of community telecast, AMMSA took the project under its wing and gave it the opportunity to grow.

Today, Native Nashville North can be seen on CBC television throughout northern Alberta, the Vancouver area and places in the Northwest Territories.

reached a large audience of readers. Designated to cover northern Alberta, Windspeaker has picked up subscribers across the country and into the United States.

In a recent report by Bob Rupert, a Carlton University professor in journalism, he stated that Windspeaker, in his mind, the leading Native newspaper in the country.

Rupert was hired by the federal government to do a report on all the Native papers in Canada.

Today, Windspeaker has a large staff of writers, photographers and freelancers to report the many things

that take place in Native people's lives.

Upgrading ones skills in journalism is still very important to this organization, thus workshops in the trade are constantly held.

With a good staff of people who work in advertising capacities and executive positions, along with a knowledgeable, experienced and patient board, AMMSA has a future in the media world.

I imagine, long after this staff reporter who was once a freelancer looking for a career, a home, is gone, AMMSA will still be here, because there is no doubt in my mind that AMMSA is here to stay.

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Gail Stewart

Varied experience helpful

By Ivan Morin

Part of her job description says she must "promote Aboriginal multi-media communications," and Gail Stewart, 43, certainly does that and then some.

As sales manager at Windspeaker, Gail heads up a four person sales crew which handles sale of the advertising that appears in Windspeaker each week.

She has been with AMMSA/Windspeaker for almost one and one-half years, and has been sales manager for four months. Stewart has had 25 years experience in sales and sales management in a variety of areas.

Born in Wetaskiwin, Stewart has earned a legal secretary's certificate from Alberta College, and has completed a fashion merchandising course.



STEWART

Gail has four grown children she and her husband Dave have been married for 15 years. As a family, they like to go out camping in the summer time. Gail says they generally like to stay in Alberta, but they have been known to travel to the Queen Charlotte Islands and up to

the Yukon when they get the urge.

And what does Gail think about working at Windspeaker? "I love working here, the people here are great to work with. I believe in what AMMSA is doing, the issues they report to the communities. The communities need the news."

Sharon Boudreau

Latest addition to sales crew enjoys working at Windspeaker

By Ivan Morin

Sharon Barbeau is another newcomer to Windspeaker. She says in the short month she has been with the newspaper in advertising sales she has come to really enjoy her work.

She says she likes working at Windspeaker "because there isn't a pressurized atmosphere here. Everyone is friendly and the management treat you like a real person-like your not here just to do your job. It's kind of like one big happy family."

Her previous work experiences include having



BOUDREAU

number of years working as a telephone solicitor and room manager.

Just prior to coming to Windspeaker, Barbeau attended the Roncor Associates school, taking a managerial and supervisory course in retail business.

Sharon has also completed a computer course at NAIT.

When not working or going to school, Sharon enjoys reading mystery and science fiction books.

Sharon will also admit to listening to both country and western and rock and roll music.

Sharon is 36, married, and has three children.

worked as a cook on the oil rigs, barmaid, cashier and dishwasher. Her sales experience comes from a

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Mel Miller

Salesman enjoys learning more about Native communities

By Ivan Morin

He left his home of Flin Flon, Manitoba to come to Edmonton for a summer job and hasn't turned back ever since.

Mel Miller, 46, has lived in Edmonton for 30 years, but has only been with Windspeaker for four months.

Miller is part of the Windspeaker sales team and spends a good part of his day on the phone. He has been in sales for a number of years. Previously Miller was in the tire business, selling and in management.

He says that working at Windspeaker has given him the opportunity to learn more about the Native community. "I look forward to learning more about the Native people and their community."

"The general atmosphere here at Windspeaker is good, the people are good, and I sometimes



MILLER

wonder why it took me so long to get here," says Miller.

Mel is now single and has raised two grown children.

He has a daughter who attends business college and a son who is assistant greenskeeper at a local golf course.

May Strynadka

New member of sales team says AMMSA serves 'world within world'

By Ivan Morin

From selling hamburgers as a thirteen year old, May Strynadka, has walked her way through the sales offices of a national advertising company to the doors of Windspeaker.

Strynadka, 34, is a relative newcomer with Windspeaker she has only been here for less than two months.

In her first job with a Native organization, May muses that "it's like a little world inside of another world." She adds that she finds the businesses that Windspeaker reaches out to are very friendly and easy to work with. She also finds other Windspeaker employees to be positive influences and very positive people.

Hailing from Outlook, Saskatchewan, May has

been married for 14 years and has no children, although she and her husband plan to adopt a new-born baby.

Among her hobbies outside the office, May lists

crocheting; leather work, which includes wallets, belts and purses; playing volleyball, and in the summer she likes to get out on a diamond for a little baseball.



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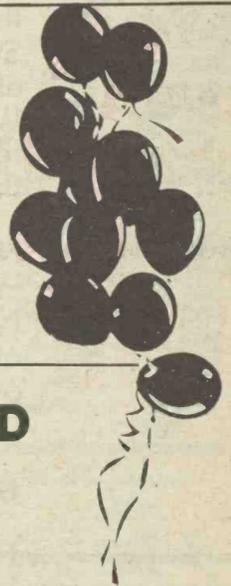
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Albert Crier

Freelancer specializes in covering varied Native political activities

By John Copley

Albert Crier has been a freelance writer since 1983.

Raised in Saddle Lake, Albert made his way to Edmonton to seek an education in political science, and plans to pursue this goal further by returning to the University of Alberta (U of A) to finish his Bachelor of Arts degree later this fall.

Albert took a year off from his studies to learn more about government and its relationship with Native people.

Through his writing, he has been working to build a

solid rapport with Native leaders in the province and establish himself as a political writer.

His assignments have included covering the 1984 federal election and the more recent provincial election in 1986.

Although other publications have sought Albert's work, he has remained loyal to AMMSA.

"I've stuck with this organization and they've stuck with me," says Crier. "It's nice to work from a solid base and AMMSA and its staff definitely provide that foundation."

Albert, who refers to himself as "a Cree first and a journalist second," is a graduate and valedictorian from Grant MacEwan College's Native Communications Program.

Finishing in top spot in the class of '83, Albert says he never planned to be a writer.

"Writers are generally as popular as politicians," laughs Crier. "The pay is terrible and everyone is suspicious of you."

Albert, 32 and single, says before committing to marriage he must first achieve his goal a masters

degree in political science.

Past positions include a term as president of the Native Brotherhood (Edmonton) in 1979; U of A Native Student president in 1980, and vice-president of the same board in 1986.

An occasional volunteer with Native organizations, Albert's varied interests include Native youth, who are, as Albert says, "the leaders and decision-makers of tomorrow."

Watch for Albert Crier's features in Windspeaker leading up to the First Minister's Conference, which is to be held later this month in Ottawa.



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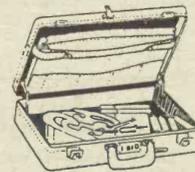
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Lesley Crossingham

Calgary freelancer wants to be best, thrives on facing new challenges

By Jackie Red Crow

Lesley Crossingham, Windspeaker freelance writer, thrives on challenges.

Travelling Indian reserves, Metis settlements and urban centres in her familiar red Jeep for news stories is no easy task. But Crossingham has overcome the barriers that are often associated with gathering news in Native communities. She believes she has gained trust and confidence, which are the most important assets any news reporter must have.

From reporting on heated Native political meetings riddled with tongue lashings among delegates to a relaxing, interesting interview with Elders, Crossingham has written miles of newspaper copy. What motivates her to produce so much copy that she puts many other newspaper reporters to shame? "I want to be the best (reporter) in the country. But I still have a long way to go," says Crossingham.

Covering Native communities is a challenge, she says. Band council meetings are closed to the media. When a controversial issue erupts in Native communities, Native people are reluctant to speak to the media. And the role of the media is often misunderstood in Native communities.

But Crossingham always manages to get the news, and sometimes "breaks" the story ahead of other media.

It takes time to gain trust and confidence when covering Native news, she says. "There is a natural suspicion" when she first interviews Native people on various political, social, cultural and economic concerns.

"But once the ice is broken, they (Native people) are cooperative. They see you as a person, rather than as a media person."

Crossingham says the

commercial media has at times reported one-sided, distorted new stories on Native communities, which has made it difficult for her to do her job. "I have to spend some time explaining that I'm not nosy for my own personal use, (that) it's my job to get the information. It's up to them (tribal leaders) as well as others to disseminate information."

Crossingham admits she has been "kicked out, and snubbed, especially at Native political meetings," but there is also reward and satisfaction in her job.

"The Elders have been great. Once you get their confidence, they remember you. They'll feed you and take time to explain many things to you," Crossingham says.

Last fall, she wrote several stories on a group of Blood band members who strongly opposed a proposal from chief and council to hold elections every four years. Although the council had released a press statement on the proposed change, the group successfully led a public campaign to persuade the council to withdraw the change.

"That (Blood dispute) was freedom of the press in action. The news stories were an impetus for the people to get action together."

"It diffused a bad situation," Crossingham says.

She feels strongly that a "free press" is needed in Native communities today more than ever, especially when there is so much talk about self-government.

"I'm worried to death about free press. It's heart-breaking to see that there is no communication between chief and council and the people."

Crossingham is a graduate of the two-year print journalism program at the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT) in Calgary, where she served as editor of the institution's bi-weekly newspaper.

Upon graduation, she worked as the Calgary Bureau reporter for Kainai News, the Native newspaper in southern Alberta.

Besides freelancing for Windspeaker, Crossingham works with the Metis Association of Alberta (MAA) in Calgary on their constitutional concerns. She is also secretary of the Calgary Indian Friendship Centre, and is a part-time student at the University of Calgary, majoring in political science.

Lesley lives in Calgary with her husband, Paul, and their two sons.



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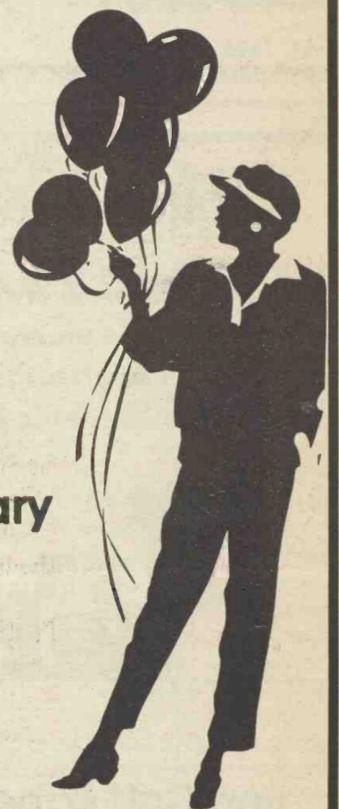
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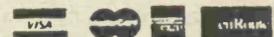
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Joe Redcrow

Elder helps preserve Cree language

By Terry Lusty

"Our culture is in our language," is often a statement used by Indian people. As a form of communication, Elder Joe Redcrow has been instrumental in preserving the Cree language through his valuable contributions to Windspeaker.

Originally from the Saddle Lake Indian Reserve, Redcrow used to write the Cree syllabics for "The Native People" newspaper and has been doing so for Windspeaker since 1985.

Redcrow's dedication and commitment to preserving the Cree language is commendable. He used to instruct Cree classes through the Canadian Native Friendship Centre in Edmonton and, despite his years, he continues to foster the language in print form.

The writing of a Cree dictionary is one of Redcrow's current pursuits and his involvement with AMMSA and the Windspeaker newspaper are greatly appreciated.

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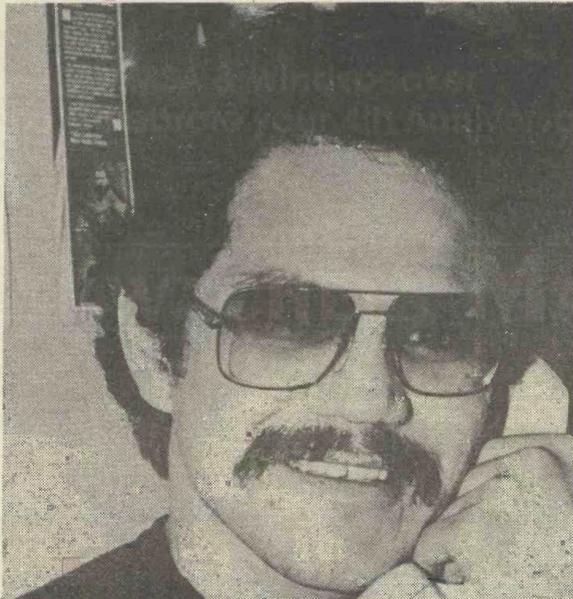
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Ivan Morin

**Freelancer considering careers in both
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MORIN

By Jerome Bear

Ivan Morin, 27, has been a freelance reporter for Windspeaker since October, 1985. His first story published in the paper was "Diary of a day in the 'hole'," based on his experiences in penitentiaries.

Morin, a Metis from Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan, started his writing in prison. He wrote a daily journal and, when released, started writing stories for Windspeaker based on what it was like in a penitentiary.

Morin has a Grade 12 diploma, two years in Athabasca University's General Studies program and a five-month night

course in photography and phototechnology at the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT).

Morin's favorite assignments are "Boucher Suicide Reviewed," in the November 22, 1985 issue and "New Princess Crowned," in the June 27, 1986 issue.

Morin originally started the Sports Roundup column now written by Mark McCallum. "McCallum is doing a good job with the sports column," Morin says.

Morin thinks that Windspeaker is "a great paper," and hopes to be writing stories for it for a while longer. He feels that it is a great service to the Native people of Alberta.

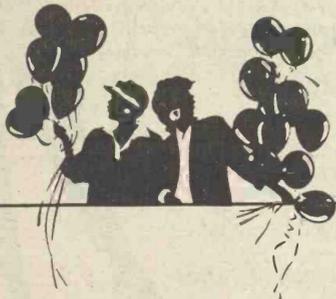
"When they write the paper," comments Morin, "they don't leave anything out."

"They write stories that concern Natives from all parts of the province."

Morin hopes to return to university to study social work and wants to work his way up in the communication field.

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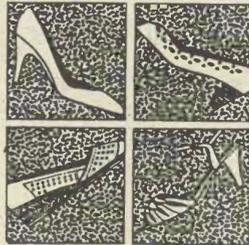
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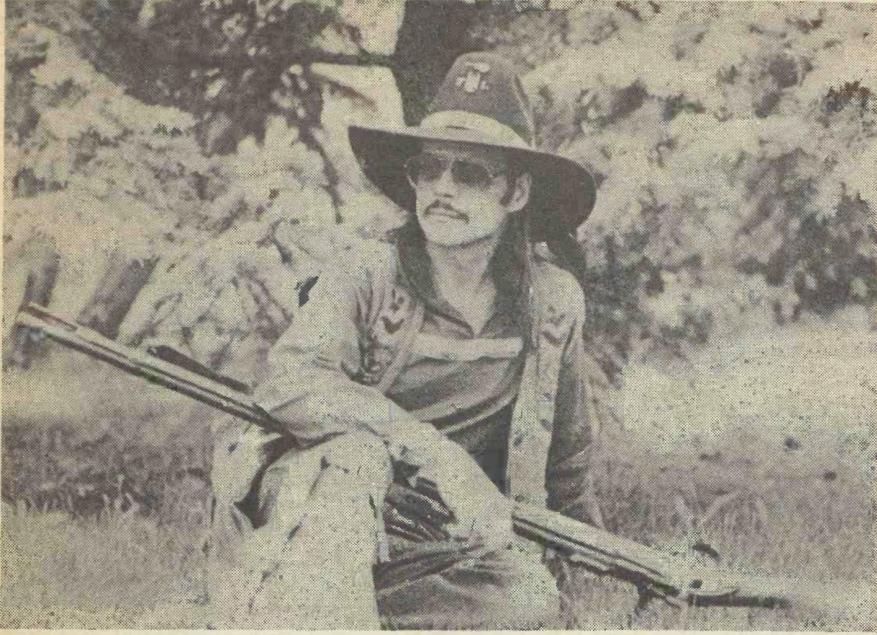
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Terry Lusty

Education, journalism combined in freelancer's busy schedule

By Mark McCallum

Freelance writer Terry Lusty started reporting for Windspeaker early in 1985, after leaving Wabasca where he had been teaching school. But journalism has been a long-standing career for Lusty since the mid-sixties, when he worked for the Winnipeg Free Press. The Red River, Manitoba native was involved in the layout of the Free Press.

In 1966 and '67, Lusty became the founding editor

of the Calgary Indian Friendship Centre newspaper, the Elbow Drums. For the next six years, he was a freelance correspondent for the Native People newspaper, published by the Alberta Native Communications Society.

Lusty, who has a bachelors degree in education and is taking his masters in education at the University of Alberta with the financial assistance of Pope John Paul II Commemorative Scholarship, proudly says that his "largest contribution to Windspeaker was (his series on) Louis Riel and the Northwest Resistance."

AMMSA later published

the series in magazine format entitled "Back to Batoche." Lusty says "it was certainly one of the tasks I've enjoyed the most."

Lusty firmly believes Native print and electronic media play "a significant role in serving Native communities in terms of providing information and understanding to them." More specifically, he says that "it's very important that Native people understand their relationship with individuals, groups or institutions that touch their daily lives. To do that, communication is needed, and that's what Windspeaker is all about."

John Copley

Freelance wants newspaper career

By Albert Crier

John Copley is a self-taught journalist who enjoys doing investigative reporting on controversial issues.

Copley was born in Victoria, B.C., and was raised on army bases across Canada and overseas. His father was a member of the Canadian Armed Forces for 32 years.

John moved to Edmonton in 1969 where he met and married his wife, Denise. They have two sons, Nick, 13, and Erich, six.

Copley began working with AMMSA's sales department in October 1985.

He had worked with AMMSA's predecessor, the Alberta Native Communications Society

(ANCS), in 1970-71 as a radio production manager. He then went to do local sales work with the CKSA radio station at Lloydminster.

Since then, he has worked in sales for various auto dealerships, the Sears department store and with other Native newspapers.

Copley's writing experience includes drafting auto warranties and writing news articles on a freelance basis for other Native newspapers in Alberta. Another interesting thing about John is that since 1975, he has been creating puzzles that have been printed in a variety of publications in Canada and the United States, and which appear regularly in Windspeaker.

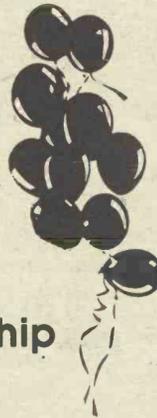
John's eventual goal is to write for a major daily newspaper.

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Jackie Red Crow

Freelance has strong views

By Lesley Crossingham

She often sits at the back of the room quietly observing the discussions, saying little, but writing everything down. Jackie Red Crow doesn't say a lot but she doesn't miss a thing.

"Journalism, true journalism, is very important to me. In fact I am concerned about the way many Native newspapers are reporting on the issues that affect people. So very often they can become just propaganda vehicles for those in power," she says, tossing back her long dark hair.

Jackie, who attended Calgary's Mount Royal College journalism program, has been a reporter and editor for almost 14 years and takes her craft very seriously.

"With the current discussions on Native self-government, it is vital that people have a strong form of communication so they know what is happening in their community."

Jackie was a reporter for the Native newspaper, *Kainai News*, for nine years and was editor of the Blood reserve-based newspaper for four years. Jackie is

taking a break from full-time newspaper reporting to pursue her studies at the University of Lethbridge. Now in her first year of a Bachelor Arts degree in management, Jackie graduated last year from the University of Lethbridge's one-year Native Management Studies course.

"I thought when I went back to school that I would like to take a rest from reporting," she smiles. "But I soon found I started to miss writing and talking to people, so when *Windspeaker* offered me a position as a free-lance writer, I jumped at the chance."

Jackie who now reports on the Lethbridge, Blood and Peigan Band area for *Windspeaker*, adds that it is a great way to find out what is happening in her community.

Jackie is a Blood band member and likes to maintain strong ties with her reserve and her people. Her mother, Dinah, is the holy-women of the tribe and erects her tipi each year at the Sundance. Jackie says she is proud of her roots and culture and is particularly proud to be a descendent of the great Blood chief, Red Crow, who signed Treaty 7 and



RED CROW

negotiated the land base for the Blood tribe. The Blood band has the largest reserve in Canada.

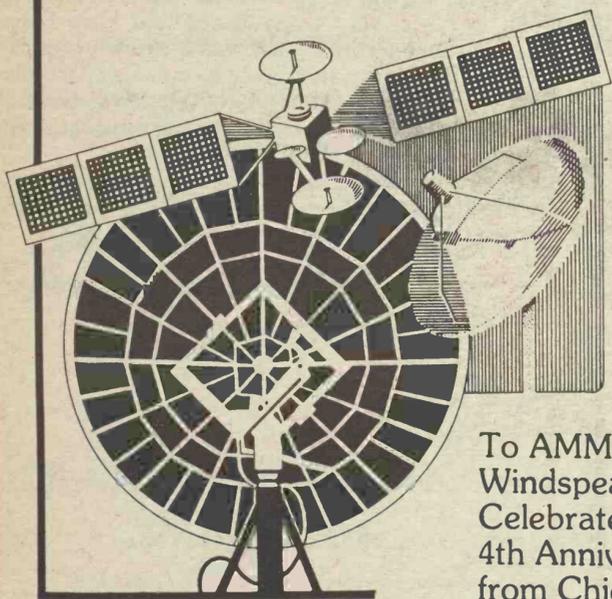
Jackie looks back on her career with a lot of pride, but with some fear for the future of Native journalism. Jackie is best known for a long battle she eventually won with the Alberta government over editorial control of *Kainai News*. At the time the government wanted four pages of the newspaper set aside for government program and

service content. Jackie felt this would set a precedent for government interference in the editorial content of the newspaper.

"It was a long and hard battle, and I don't think I made any friends," she laughs, "But in the end I think we made a point."

Jackie now lives in Cardston and after graduating from the University of Lethbridge, hopes to move to Ottawa to pursue honors degree in journalism from Carleton University.

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Jerome Bear

Uncle inspires student

By Mark McCallum

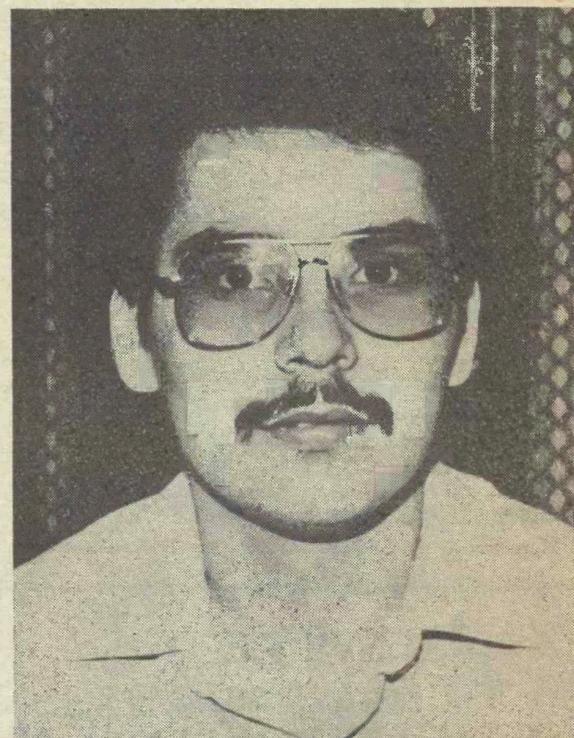
Jerome (J.J.) Bear Jr., is an aspiring 23-year-old photojournalist, pursuing a career that he hopes will see him work for a Native newspaper.

J.J. says "photography is something I always wanted to do. I decided to become a photojournalist because my uncle, Jeff Bear (who is the chief executive officer for the National Aboriginal Communications Society in Ottawa), always seemed to be doing something interesting when he worked as a photojournalist for *Windspeaker*."

While attending the University of New Brunswick for one year, J.J. was studying business administration, but, he yearned to follow his uncle's footsteps and study newspaper skills.

J.J. will be getting practical job training experience with *Windspeaker* until March 21, when he plans to return to the New Brunswick Community College, where Jerome is studying communications arts, majoring in photojournalism.

Windspeaker Production Editor Kim McLain, who has helped J.J. adjust into his job training position at the newspaper, praised



BEAR

the young photojournalist. "The pace is very fast in this business, but Jerome has handled it well. He's a young professional who's easy to work with."

McLain explained that, "because of his background in journalism, Jerome came to us

prepared."

Jerome Bear Jr., born on the Tobique reserve of the Maliseet Nation, plans to take pictures at the First Ministers' Conference in Ottawa later this month, and to finish his courses in New Brunswick which end in June this year.

Diane Parenteau**Artist becomes writer****By Mark McCallum**

It is almost one year since Diane Parenteau, born in St. Paul, started freelance writing for Windspeaker.

Parenteau, 25, says it was through contributions to Rocky Woodward's weekly Dropping In column that the paper first caught her attention. She asked Woodward if the newspaper could use her as a correspondent for the fishing Lake Metis Settlement where she lives at present.

The visual layout of newspapers have been Parenteau's basic interest in media productions. She worked for the St. Paul Journal for four years in the layout department after graduating from a local high school there. Then, Parenteau met her husband, Billy, and moved to Fishing Lake where she was the lone producer of a local newsletter for 10 months.

The Parenteaus moved to Edmonton in 1984 and she began doing layout work for the St. Albert Gazette until '86 when they moved back to Fishing Lake.

"I've always had an interest in the lay-out and visual effect of newspapers," Parenteau says. "So after I moved to Fishing Lake, I

**PARENTEAU**

felt that corresponding for Windspeaker from my community would be a way I could keep in touch with the newspaper business.

"I wish there was more input from other communi-

ties," she said, "but Windspeaker does a good job with its coverage on the local level in the 'what's Happening In Your Community' section of the paper."

Norman Blyan**Writer now in radio, too****By Terry Lusty**

A Windspeaker freelance writer is a recent addition to the ARTS program.

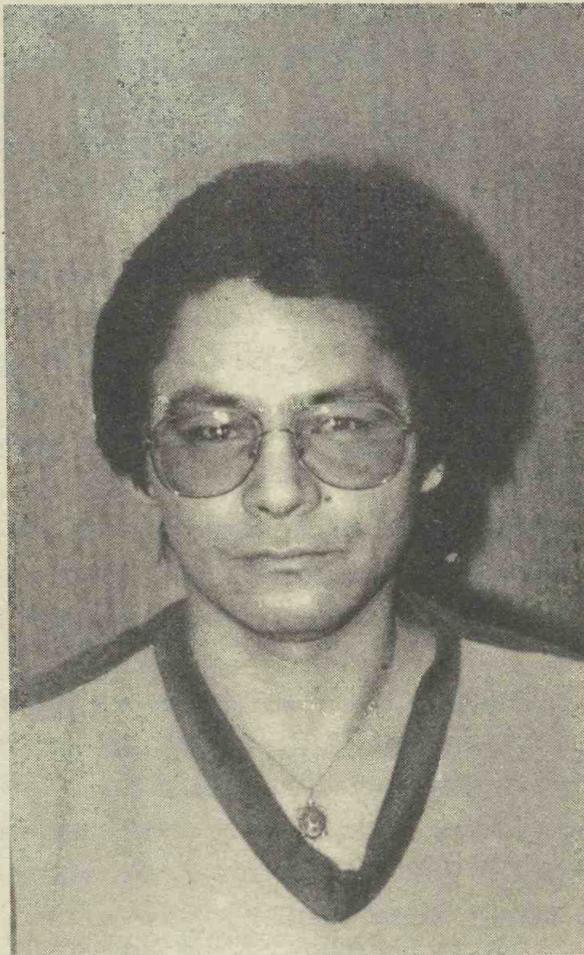
Norman Blyan, born and raised at Vermillion and later Caslan, was one of 14 children.

Blyan's schooling was at Vermillion and Lac La Biche. In the early '70s he worked at the Grand Centre Friendship Centre, which was then a satellite of the one in Bonnyville. His duties included cultural director, referral worker and program co-ordinator.

In 1977-78 and 1981-82 Blyan served as the recreation director on the Caslan Metis Settlement. It was at Caslan that he had his first involvements with communications when he worked on their community newspaper.

Blyan has some strong opinions about communications which he feels is important to the Native communities up north "because there is not any real communication in the north." To some extent, he says, that void is filled by AMMSA.

His first association with AMMSA was in the summer of 1984 when the organization conducted a survey in Alberta's northern communities. His position with

**BLYAN**

ARTS is as a radio trainee where he will develop skills in research, writing and broadcasting.

Blyan is the father of three girls aged two, four and six, and one newborn son.

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In everything that Native people do, we have to start further back than anyone else. Someday I would like to see Native people accepted for what they are. I see the Windspeaker newspaper as probably the best medium to tell of the accomplishments of Native people and to bring an awareness of unification. If this newspaper can play a role in some sort of unified way, it would of course help.

I believe in this day and age we must, as Native people, stick together because of the many things that are happening such as sovereignty and self-government issues.

Windspeaker can help to bring those issues closer to realization by being a vehicle of information. This in turn will help Native people to understand Native issues that concern them.

I would like to congratulate the staff first of all, because if it was not for the staff, we would not be where we are today. I must thank the board of directors for their input which is strictly on a volunteer basis. I thank them for their donation of time and expertise.

I would also like to thank our funding agencies for helping to make it happen and of course, many thanks to our readership.

It should not be forgotten that everything AMMSA has accomplished happened in the span of four years. At this point it seems reasonable to add that we have never really, personally, said thank you to the employees and freelancers of this organization. Thank you.

To the staff, remember that people say many things, but as long as we know the direction we are taking, and as long as we know that we are doing an effective job, then let people say what they must. They will come to know.

On behalf of the board of directors, I would like to personally congratulate each and every one of you for your involvement with Windspeaker. We appreciate the work that you are doing. Once again, thank you.

**Fred Didzena
President
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From across continent

Elders gather to share common vision

By Jackie Red Crow

BLOOD RESERVE — Inside the new St. Paul's Alcohol Treatment Centre

here about 100 traditional Elders and spiritual leaders gathered in a sacred circle to share a common vision.

The Elders, representing almost every tribe in North

America, gathered for five days from February 23 to 27 to review the philosophies, activities and future plans of the afour Worlds Development Project,

based in the Faculty of Education at the University of Lethbridge.

The same group of Elders came together in December 1982 to discuss

the elimination of alcohol and drug abuse in Native communities. They were instrumental in providing inspiration and guidance to the Four World Project.

The Elders are the foundation of the project and believe in a wholistic concept. They believe that by following Native traditional values such as honesty, kindness, forgiveness, understanding, sharing, and courage, Native people will re-emerge as a proud people and make major contributions to the health and healing of the entire human race.

The project's powerful film, "The Honor Of All - The Story Of Alkali Lake" depicts how Native people near Williams Lake, B.C. conquered alcoholism. The film move audiences to tears and was a turning point for many Native people on what they could do in making their communities a better place to live.

As Alkali Lake Chief Andy Chelsea put it, "stopping the booze was only the beginning. Underneath the alcohol are all the root causes that took us to the bottle in the first place."

Despite the many sufferings and injustices faced by Native people, Phil Lane Jr., co-ordinator of the Four World Development Project, said those who hurts must be set aside.

"The time has come when we must forgive ourselves and one another to what has been and go forward in faith and love with members of the human family."

He said through pain and sacrificing, Native people can progress positively. But Native people must not overlook their own people in success and become materialistic or oppress their own people.

Rose Yellow Feet, Blood Elder, was at the first Elders' meeting with Four Worlds Development Project. She said Elders are the traditional teachers in Native societies and have played a leading role in the project's development.

"We knew there were many problems facing Native people—alcohol, drugs, glue sniffing. Our pride was taken away when the welfare system was introduced.

"We thought about what we can do so that we can get (back) our self-esteem so that we can look after ourselves," said Yellowfeet.

She said an Elder told her 25 years ago that Native people had hit rock-bottom in their lives and were now on their way up again.

The importance of a cultural foundation is stressed in the projects's goal of eliminating alcohol and drug abuse by the year 2000. The Nacho Nyak

Dan (Big River People) Indian Band of Mayo, Yukon turned to the project a year ago because many of their cultural beliefs and traditions were lost.

"We had a collective vision of where we wanted to go (in alcohol treatment), but we were blocked by guiding in our vision. Four Worlds released those blocks by guiding us in our quest to eliminate alcohol and drug abuse in our community," said Bob Roach, an alcoholism counsellor.

With the highest rate of alcoholism per capita in Canada, Mayo, the capital of the Yukon, has a population of 15,000 and 27 bars.

Roach said with the support of their chief and council they have introduced an alcohol and drug abuse curriculum in the schools and other have followed suit. They have also built a group home for troubled Native children involved in alcohol and drug abuse.

The Big River People Band Council has donated 15.9 acres to construct two "safe houses" for battered women and a proposed alcohol treatment centre.

The Flathead Reservation in Montana has been involved with the project since its inception through its alcohol treatment centre. Cathi Dupuis Shortman said the project has most importantly brought her community together.

She said there were many cliques on the reserve and they were working in isolation on various projects in the community. With the project's wholistic concept, communication and co-operation has improved in her community.

While the project attracted a loyal group, it also influenced others who wanted to know more about the project to improve their communities.

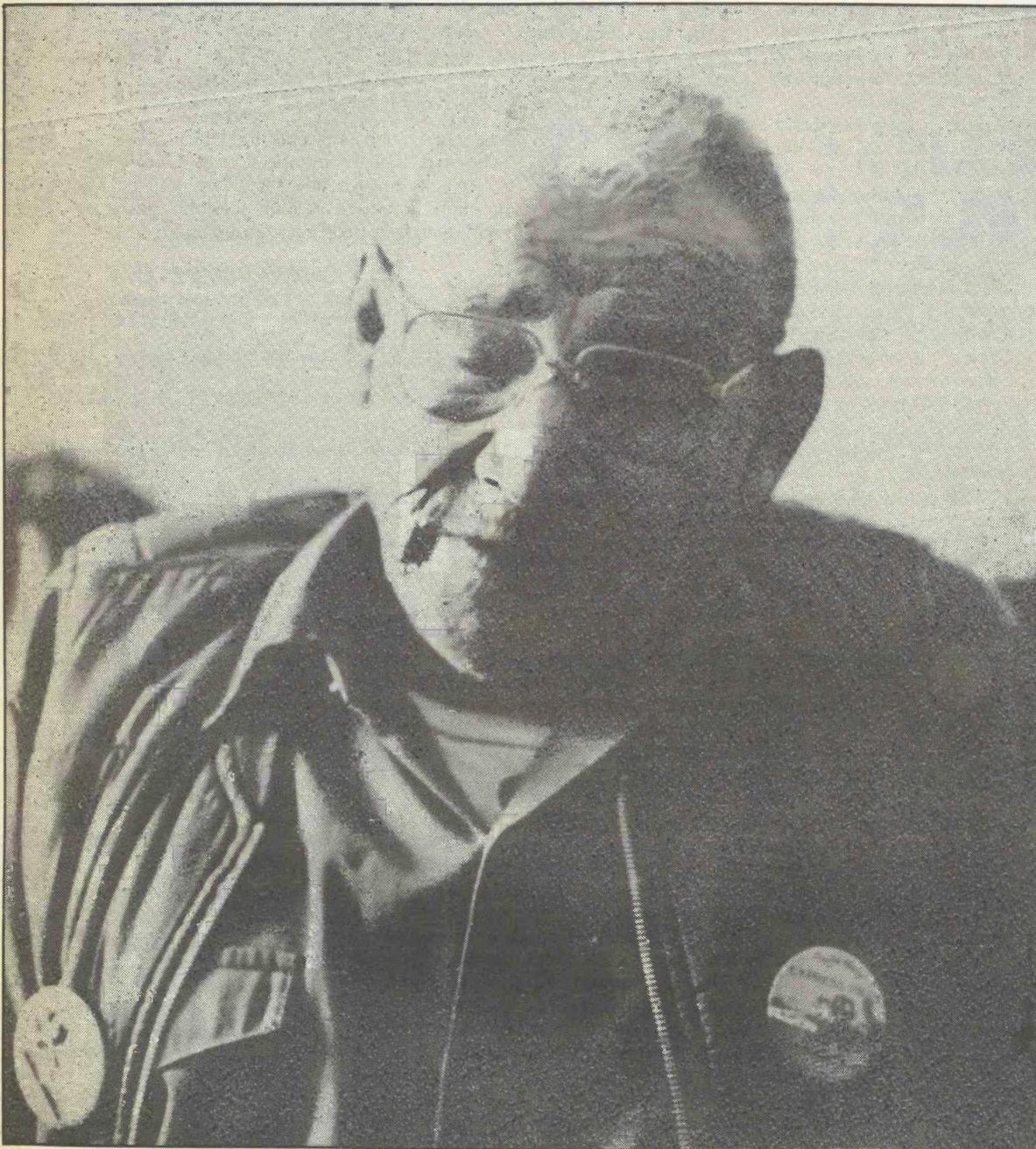
Sam Bald Eagle Augustine of the Big Cove Reserve in New Brunswick wants to introduce the project to his reserve.

But he realizes that will be a problem since many of his tribal members have lost their traditional beliefs and customs.

"The Catholic spirituality is very dominant in our community. Some of my people make fun of the Native religion," said Bald Eagle Augustine.

"I really believe the project will work and I'll pass the word around," he said.

Elders have identified four areas of development for the next four years including curriculum supporting human and community development, networking of communities across North / and community support.



ELDER ALEX CRIER AT KEHEWIN LODGE
...a room for him at new Saddle Lake complex

Elder unhappy about old house but still wants to return home

By Mark McCallum

Elder Alex Crier said his Saddle Lake home has "no bathroom or running water." The Elder angrily shouted, "I call it an old chicken coop — a dump!"

Saddle Lake Reserve housing manager Oliver Brertton says that "it's up to the individual to keep the houses in shape."

Crier, who was born in 1919 on the Saddle Lake Reserve, says, "I stay 10 years in that house. I have to get out of there." He reluctantly admitted, "I'm kind of weak, gettin' older every day and I can't stay

there no more."

Contacted by Windspeaker Brertton, indicated that he remembered Crier and the house he received from the Saddle Lake Band. The housing manager said "Alex was given an old house because he lived off the reserve for a long time. The house was in pretty rough shape."

But, Brertton says, Crier's home is in better condition than many other homes on the reserve. "There's only so much money allowed for housing on the reserve," said Brertton.

Crier is staying at the

Kehewin Elders' Lodge now. "They saved my neck," he says.

The lodge was built in the fall of 1985, and employs two community health workers whose "primary responsibilities are to look after the personal needs of the Elders," according to the lodge director, Margette Laurena Gadwa.

The director explained "we also have a group called the Candy Strippers who go to the Elders' rooms and find out their needs once a week."

Gadwa says the 11 Elders staying at the facility are served traditional meals

that they are accustomed to such as wild meat and bannock.

"We had 15 Elders here before Christmas," Gadwa conceded, "But they get lonely and leave."

Alex Crier says he would like to return to Saddle Lake. He says "I have no complaints here at the Kehewin Reserve, but I miss my home. I don't know if I can go home or not."

Brertton says a new senior citizen' complex has been built at Saddle Lake, and Crier should contact the reserve band office because there is room in the new complex for him.

Culture

Foundation seeks moccasin makers to enter international competition

TORONTO — The first international footwear competition ever to be held in Canada amongst Native craftspeople is being undertaken by the Canadian Native Arts Foundation (CNAF) in co-operation with the Bata Shoe Museum Foundation (BSMF).

The Decorated Moccasin, An International Competition and Exhibition is offering \$6,000 in cash prizes to participants from Canada and the United States. Certificates of merit will also be awarded for the best examples of Native footwear made with authentic materials and traditional techniques.

"In addition to providing a showcase for Native artisans to exercise their creative talents," says John Kim Bell, CNAF's founder

and one of the organizing committee members for the competition, "The Decorated Moccasin will create an awareness of and appreciation for Native craftspeople who have maintained their cultural traditions for hundreds of years."

"The winning entries," says Bell, "will be exhibited to help generate interest in and recognition for the superb skills of contemporary Native craftspeople. Outstanding examples of traditional footwear will be purchased by the BSMF which already possesses one of the most important and extensive collections of moccasins in the world.

"The competition is one way we can take positive steps in not only preserving our history but in passing it

on to the next generation. We are grateful and pleased that the Bata Shoe Museum shares these concerns and interests," says Bell.

Entries for "The Decorated Moccasin" will be judged by a jury of recognized authorities on art and culture appointed by the competition's organizing committee. It will be headed by Ted Coe, curator of "Traditions Lost and Found" and "Sacred Circles." It will evaluate all entries for strict adherence to the traditional footwear styles and techniques of the tribe, band or nation of the craftsman.

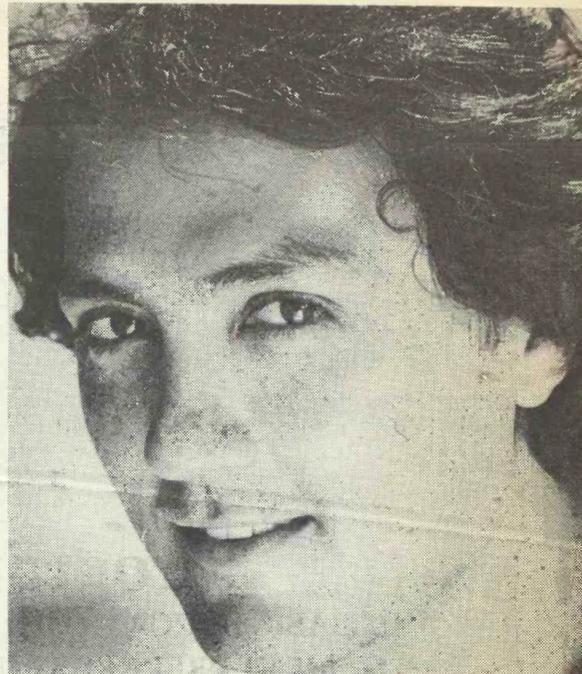
"The competition will address an art form," says Coe, "in which artists consciously apply traditional art forms to the creation of a contemporary piece of

work."

"The Decorated Moccasin's" organizing committee includes John Kim Bell, CNAF's vice-chairman Suzanne Burnett, BSMF's chairman Sonja Bata and project co-ordinator Juanita Rennie.

CNAF is a national non-profit organization devoted to assisting gifted Native people who wish to develop their traditional or contemporary talents and skills.

BSMF is a charitable, non-profit organization founded in 1979. Its purpose is to contribute to the knowledge and understanding of the role of footwear in the social and cultural fabric throughout the ages.



JOHN KIM BELL
...force behind foundation

Critic says book on bishop suffers from self-interest

Book Review by Albert Burger

Indian Bishop of the West: The Story of Vital Justin Grandin, 1829-1902, by Frank J. Dolphin, Ottawa, Novalis, 1986, Softcover, 208 pages, with map and illustrations, \$8.95.

This is one of those books that tells the story of a man's event-filled life but somehow leaves the reader unsatisfied.

Frank Dolphin is an Edmonton journalist who has worked with the CBC and the Western Catholic Reporter. He has popularized for the first time in English the life of the first bishop of St. Albert, Vital Justin Grandin.

While the writer admits the book is "not a scholar's treatment," this reader wishes he had been a little more punctilious about identifying his sources. Dolphin's use of writing techniques used by authors of fiction (the omniscient narrator who can see into the heart and mind of the protagonist, for instance) are inappropriate and at times leave us wondering whether a particular incident really happened or was invented by Dolphin as paraphrasing a diary or other source. In the absence of such assurance, some of the anecdotes become unbelievable and finally irritating.

Grandin was born in a small French village, at age eleven was a shepherd, at fourteen became one of the Brothers of Joseph, and at age sixteen entered a seminary. Dolphin tells us that "even as a young man of eighteen he broke into uncontrollable sobbing when he talked about life in the seminary." Unfortunately, we are not told why, and it makes us wonder what was left out of the story.

In 1852, Grandin entered as a novice to the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, and in 1854 went as an ordained priest to St. Boniface on the Red River, arriving there by oxcart from St. Paul, Minnesota.

The Metis settlement at St. Boniface had a beautiful cathedral. "The interior was painted and well kept. In contrast with the village, the cathedral was a marvel set among the primitive homes of the Metis. Many lived in lodges with gaps where the walls tried but often failed."

The diocese stretched to the Rocky Mountains and the Arctic Ocean, and the half-century that Grandin spent there as a missionary makes for a fascinating story indeed. Much of the story, presented as "a life of heroism," has another unreported aspect.

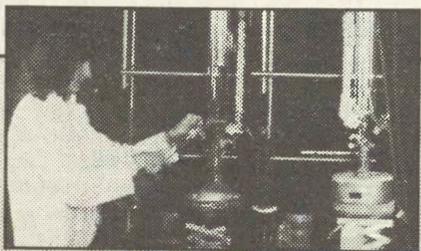
The work of Grandin and fellow priest Lacombe in persuading the Blackfeet and other bands of the south not to join the Riel uprising would benefit from an historical perspective that includes the Native view.

Dolphin states that "Grandin could easily have been embittered by the death of his two priests and the destruction of eight missions. Few people would have disagreed with him if he had resigned his diocese and returned to France."

Few of the people in Dolphin's circle perhaps, but history likely would have been harsher on a bishop who abandoned his mission when the going got tough.

All in all, we wish someone else had told this story.

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Carver Vic Reece

L.A. exhibit sparks calls to artist

By Terry Lusty

PRINCE RUPERT, B.C. —

"Everyone is a unique individual," or so the saying goes. One of those individuals is Vic Reece, who is one of the exhibitors in the Los Angeles Celebration of Canadian Native Contemporary Art which continues until April 26 at the Southwest Museum there.

Reece, who lives in Prince Rupert, B.C., contributed a carved wooden portrait mask called "Spirit of Shaman" to the display. Since then, he says, he gets "a lot of (phone) calls" about his work.

A carver of wood and bone for the past dozen years and of metal for the last couple of years, Victor Reece has found his niche. Apart from his profession as a carver, he also does public speaking engagements and story telling.

Reece born in 1946 of Tsimshian parents still carves and the pride he displays through his art is evident from the products he turns out. His art is masterful whether it is masks, fish clubs, halibut hooks, paddles, or any other item.

His work has been exhibited in the Orient and has the distinction of being displayed elsewhere such as in the offices of Petro Canada in Calgary and at the New York Art Federation.

Raised at Hartley Bay, B.C. (about 50 miles southwest of Kitimat), Reece is the product of a culture in which oratory and story telling were dominant. As a youth he listened and remembers many of the stories he heard as a child. Today, he tells those same stories to young and old alike.

Coupled with that knowledge has been additional information garnered as a result of extensive research into his people's history and two-year art program he completed in 1974 at the K'san School in Hazelton. The school has an international reputation for the fine crop of Indian artisans who have gone through its doors including such eminent masters as Dempsey Bob and Glen Wood. In fact, one of Reece's most major works was a 16-foot pole carving that he and Bob completed at Metlakatla, Alaska in 1979.

Because he has established a fair reputation as a carver, Reece no longer works on speculation. That is beneath any good carver and would not be appropriate. Any works which he does today are commissioned pieces.

The cultural knowledge which Reece has acquired over the years he now applies to his art. It provides the very foundation for whatever carving he



PRINCE RUPERT CARVER VIC REECE
...also enjoys public speaking, story telling

works at and through his art, he keeps the traditions of his own heritage alive. Each and every one of his carvings have a story behind it.

Reece views his artistic talents as an endowment from the Creator. He is quick to point out that he feels "gifted to live in a time when our culture can be continued." He acknowledges the fact that "Native culture almost disappeared" but "with education being what it is, there's a renewed move to preserve the culture."



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To his credit, Reece does not speak singularly about Native culture. Certainly, he has a special place for it in his heart and thinks that what he does "is valuable not only to my culture, but others." The man had been active in planning and operating youth programs and it is those youth who have provided him with the opportunity to practice the art of telling stories. And, they listen, spellbound, as he weaves the stories and legends of his people.

This summer, Reece took his first stab at addressing an adult audience. Speaking at a public gathering at Prince Rupert's gondola lift station, he began by providing some background about his upbringing and how he came to be doing what he is doing and enjoying today. While his presentations are formal, he keeps the tone and atmosphere as informal as possible.

What led Reece to pursue his present vocation was a chance meeting with an inmate from the B.C. Penitentiary about 15 years ago. The inmate, who is a well known artist today, "inspired me to get into my culture," said Reece. That person, he explained, "was locked away but his spirit was not." His ability to create and to inspire others had not left him. Today, that spirit flourishes in the art and actions of Reece.

As a child care worker,

he cares for and guides four young children through life's journey, instilling in them self-identity and pride in their culture. What he learned from others, he now passes on to the youth, thus sharing the legacy of his own cultural roots.

Reece has a penchant for the reserve communities. The villages, he says, "continue to be a secure place for people to live in."

"There are about 25,000 Native people who live in and around Prince Rupert" he informed "Windspeaker." For Natives, he added, "cities are different and problems Natives have are different. In every culture, there are problems. To deal with this we must understand one another."

To Reece, one means of accommodating that understanding is through stories. "They're not intended to impose ideas on others but to instill values associated with growing," he claims.

Raven, a central figure in many of his stories, is the subject of his messages. Through the stories about Raven, he weaves in morals and values which help to assist one in developing individual strengths such as honesty, goodness, sharing, and other positive traits that contribute to being a good person.

Reece maintains that if one doesn't share values with others, they will be lost. Given that, he has

more incentive to share his stories, stories with a message, stories that teach values.

Reece's grandmother shared her stories with him during his childhood years, or rather the stories of her people, for no one individual owns them. It was "her way of teaching and of practicing the oral tradition," says Reece.

And what of the future? Reece is part of a team that is at present striving to establish a Native fine arts school, probably in the Rupert area, that would "create more employment and encourage cultural awareness."

He also hopes to purchase a van that could be used to do a North American tour. The tour would involve a package that he would develop on North West coast stories, songs, regalia, foods and medicinal plants as well as examples of his carvings.

In the meantime, Reece is on contract (Sept/86 - July/87) to the Port Simpson Band. He is on staff at the reserve school as an art instructor for grades eight through 10. Port Simpson lies about 20 miles north of Prince Rupert.

In his capacity as an art educator, Reece is teaching Northwest Coast design, flat painting and basic wood carving as well as Native culture and history with special emphasis on Tsimshian culture.

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Alberta, B.C. entries

Spills, speed at Hobbema snowmobiles races

By Rocky Woodward

HOBBEEMA — "It was real scary when I saw my brother fly into the air in a cloud of snow," said Marilyn Buffalo, describing Gerry Buffalo's spill in the third annual 1987 snowmobile championships held on a small lake near Hobbema, March 7 - 8.

Sanctioned by the North Western Snowmobile Association, snowmobile racers from across Alberta and British Columbia vied for prize money that ranged from \$400 to \$3,000 in the various racing events.

Oval and drag racing categorized at three different levels, Formula, Modified and Stock built machines roared across the ice on both event days with little mishap other than Buffalo's incident, from which he walked away unhurt.

The races, along with a rodeo and curling bonspiel, were part of a Winter Magic Weekend put on by the Four Bands Administration.

The "Hobbema Team" saw Richard Brown of Hobbema hold on to second place after four laps demanding sharp driving skills, on machines that sometimes reach in excess of 140 kilometers per hour on the stretches in the Modified 440 race.

According to Peter Campiou of Faust, watching for the green light and

getting a good start is where most snowmobile races are won.

"I have been racing for some time now, and 85% of the races, especially in drag racing, are won at the line. You have to hit the light at the right moment and then the other 15% of the racing is done on passing."

In the Formula 340, some of the machines cost from \$15,000 to \$20,000 to build for racing...and in one of the races where Glen Bradko beat out number 99 of Edmonton, Dennis Clark, these machines proved their worth.

Low to the ice, the formula machines sounded as if the Indi 500 was taking place as each drivers fought swirling snow, ice and each other for first place money.

Hollering over the roar of the engines, Campiou pointed out that there is a fine gas line in these engines and sometimes lean air prompts the machine to give, something that did happen throughout the racing.

"Look at that guy go! That's Robinson. He's been around for years," Peter hollered as we watched Dave Robinson come from behind in the C-Stock competition where regular gas is used.

"Robinson is near 60 years old and he knows how to race," smiled Campiou.



POWER, SPEED FEATURED AT SNOWMOBILE RACES
 "...85% of winning is fast start"

Robinson started last in the pack of six in the oval race and when it was all over, he ended up second, just behind Blain Bell of Edmonton, who raced first past the checkered flag.

According to Campiou, another North West Snowmobile Association race took place in Slave Lake, and Campiou is coordinating another one in Faust for March 22.

"It will be straight drag racing and it is organized strictly by Native people. We have donations now at \$1,500, so it's going to be a good event."

Campiou is dubbing the

event "The Muscle Machine Shootout."

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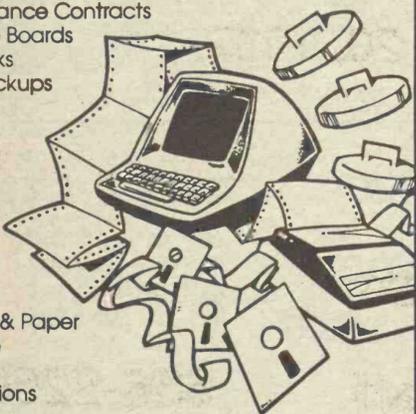
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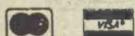
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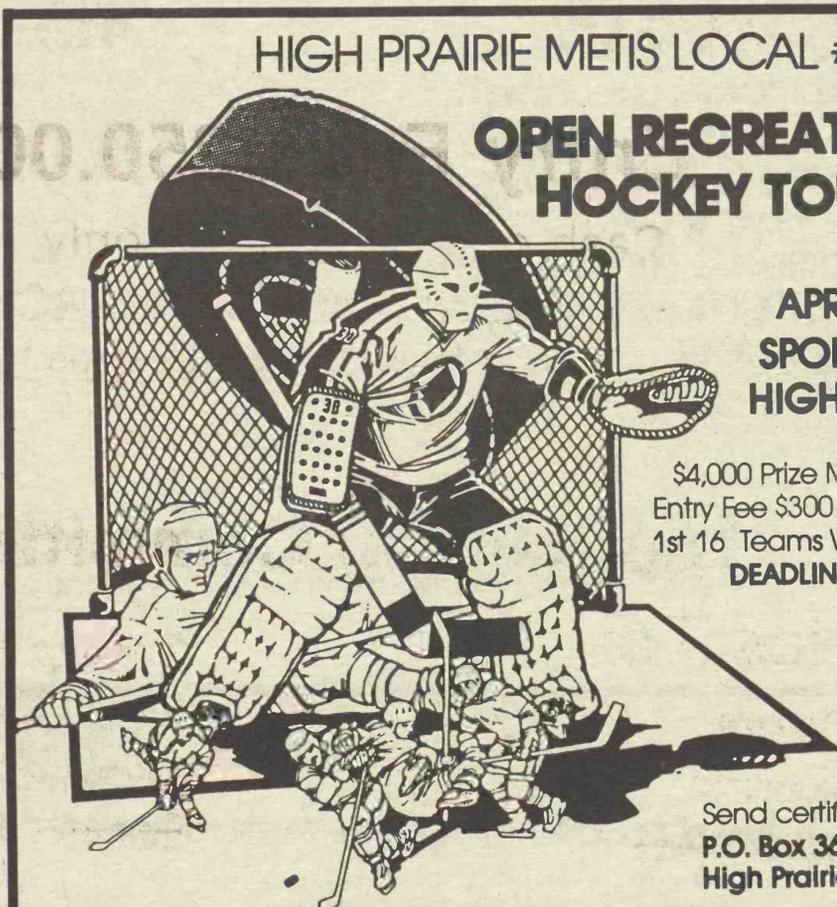
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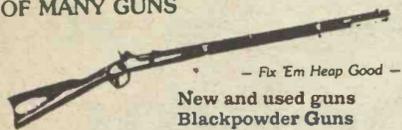
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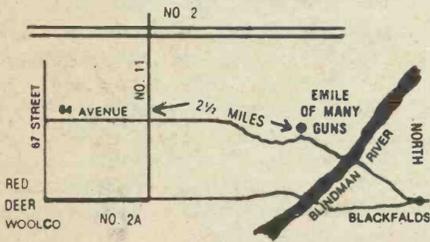
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**By Mark
McCallum**

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Tennis? Yah, complete with racket and bleached white outfit.

There are plenty of Natives in professional sports like hockey. Take the National Hockey League's John Chabot, for example. He's a consistent goal scorer and veteran player for the Pittsburgh Penguins. But, you never hear the name Roger Running Creek of Done Darn Lake, Saskatchewan at Wimbledon.

You can argue that tennis is an expensive sport. Courts, rackets and shorts cost money. But, add up the total cost for hockey rinks and equipment and I bet you'd come up with a big dollar sign that outweighs tennis by at least a moose call echo. And the same could be said for volleyball and softball. These sports didn't just happen, and it took hard work and energy to develop them. But, who the heck wants to play tennis anyway?

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EDMONTON - The Edmonton Eagles Native Fastball Team will be holding tryouts March 17 (6-8 p.m.), at the Lady of Fatima Elementary School (157 Street and 98 Avenue). Team coordinator Alvin Waquan says the division city league team is "looking for top calibre ball players to help the Eagles go to the Calgary NIAA (National Indian Athletic Association) Fastball Championship this summer."

Team coach Eric Fayant added, "we need committed players who will stick with the team for the whole season."

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Canadian Native Friendship Centre Recreation Director Gordon Russell says they're still accepting teams for a men's and women's volleyball tournament on March 21 and 22. The tournament will be held at the Howard Buffalo Memorial Centre in Hobbema. Your team will need \$150 to enter the tournament. Call Gordon at 482-6051 and register today.

CALGARY - A 3-on-3 co-ed basketball tournament is being hosted by the Calgary Friendship Centre on March 28. Tournament organizer Shelly Bergstrom says the first eight teams to pay the \$100 entry fee will be accepted. Call Shelly at 264-1155 for details.

ALEXANDER RESERVE - On March 20, 21 and 22, the Alexander Knights will be hosting a "fun-timers" hockey tournament. Recreation worker Norm Kootenay says the Alexander Braves will then host a senior hockey tournament from March 27 to 29. And he adds that the Alberta Pony Chuckwagon Chariot Association races will be held at the reserve, on May 16, 17 and 18. Call Norm at 939-4346 for more information.

PAUL BAND - Recreation Director Alex Belcourt says an eight-team senior hockey tournament will be held on March 21 and 22. You have 'til March 16 to pay the \$400 entry fee. Alex said, "\$4,500 in total prize money will be awarded." Phone 428-0188 and ask for Alex, if you want to get in on the action.

SWAN RIVER - The first 48 entries will be accepted for the BT Memorial Pool Tournament which will be held on May 15, 16 and 17. Half the \$50 entry fee must be paid when a player registers and the other half on the day the event begins. The \$50 fee will also include a complimentary steak dinner and souvenir. So dig out your cue stick because they'll be playing for over \$3,000 in cash prize money. Contact Donna at 775-3512 for additional information.

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Sports

Regina tourney

Hobbema Oilers eliminated early by SIFC team

By Bruce Spence

REGINA — It doesn't happen very often, but the famed Hobbema Oilers were eliminated before the quarter finals of the Regina Native Sports Association's fourth tournament Sunday, March 1.

Hobbema arrived in the Saskatchewan capital just minutes before their first game Friday afternoon. They lost a close match to the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College (SIFC), who scored into an empty net to win the game 4-3. The loss sent Hobbema to face weaker teams and defeat them, if they were going to get another chance at the prize money.

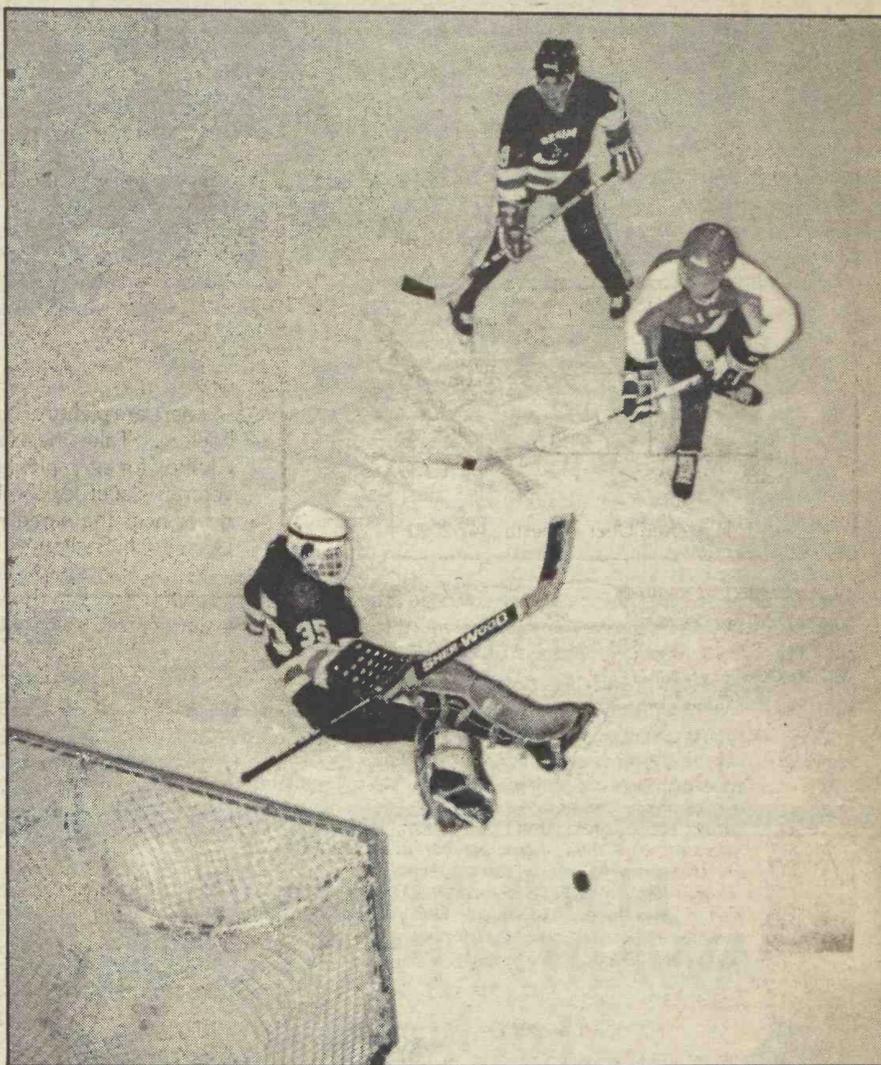
At noon Saturday, Hobbema began its climb back into contention. They outscored the team from Pasqua Reserve and went on to

win again later that afternoon against the St. Phillips Rangers. This set up a rematch for Sunday morning against SIFC. In the rematch, Hobbema came out flying but was unable to get in front of SIFC. They applied some late pressure, but lost the game 4-3. Their driver got their new bus warmed up a little head of schedule. SIFC won their next game over the Regina Braves, but ran out of gas in a losing effort against the eventual finalist, Ochapawace Pontiacs.

Ochapawace went into the final looking for revenge against the Ebb and Flow flyers, who had defeated them in a close contest by a 5-4 margin in the quarter final. But it was the more experienced Flyers who preserved, winning the \$2,000 first prize by letting the speedy Pontiacs play

themselves out early, playing solid defence by lining their blue line, then outskating the Pontiacs and getting some late goals. Ex-Oilers Paul Chippeway and Eli Tacan played well for the Flyers, who led offensively by NHL prospect Stacy Pratt and well-known Manitoba star Dennis Hunter. They led the Flyers out of a second period 5-0 deficit, tying the game midway through the second period, taking the lead midway through the third and eventually winning the game by scoring three unanswered goals late in the game for a 11-8 victory.

Both goaltenders Lawrence SanTERS of the Pontiacs and George Manchese of the flyers presented the crowd with strong performances between the pipes, adding to the quality of an excellent hockey match.



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Venne raps government proposals

By Albert Crier

The rich will get richer and the poor will get poorer, in Indian and Metis communities, if Native people accept the economic plans the government proposes for their people, said Muriel Stanley-Venne, to a group of Native Studies students at the University of Alberta on February 5.

Venne, a board member of the Native Economic Development Program (NEDP) and a long time advocate for the Native community, was one of the guest speakers at the Native Studies introduction course instructed by Richard Price, director of the School of Native Studies, at the U of A.

She made the statement to sum up her viewpoint of the government plans towards economic development in Native commu-

nities, stating that in the present system, businesses are set up to make money for the business owners.

"The burning issue facing Aboriginal people today, is whether to go along with the 'richer get richer, poor get poorer' idea being pushed by government," said Venne.

"If the business does not bring benefit to the whole community then it will not work," said Venne, while adding, "We have to educate our people away from the richer get richer, poor get poorer idea and replace it with a concept of community benefit."

Venne wants to return to the old concept that says, "If you have more than you need, it is because you have not given enough away."

Venne stressed community controlled economies and community owned cooperatives as a means to

achieve mutual benefit for the whole community.

"There are ethics in business, it can be good," says Venne, as she concluded by adding that the challenge for Native students is to work to set up Aboriginal governments, community control and economic authority "that will work for you and your people."

According to Venne, Native economic development could and has worked where it is controlled by Aboriginal people. An example of a successful Native controlled economic operation that Venne gave, is the Huron Village within the Quebec City limits, that has 80 per cent of its people working.

"There are private businesses owned by individuals, but they found that the best performance by business, were the ones

owned by the band," explained Venne. "They rejected the richer get richer idea and they look after every one's needs."

In the not so distant past, Native people were self sufficient, they fed their families, the whole community pulled together, so that nobody was left out, unfed

and cold, Venne stated.

Canadians also have to control their addiction to servicing Aboriginal social problems and recognized the right of Aboriginal people to have control over their lives, said Venne, if economic improvements are to be made in Native communities.



STANLEY-VENNE
...at U of A forum

Cardinal says government pretending Supreme Court never made Native ruling

By Albert Crier

The federal government is pretending that a 1985 Supreme Court ruling which recognized the government's legal responsibility toward Indians never happened, charged Harold Cardinal in a presentation March 5 to a university Native studies class.

The Supreme Court of Canada ruled that the federal government was obligated to fulfill its fiduciary responsibilities to Indians, in a judgment on the Musqueam case involving a non-Treaty tribe in B.C., Cardinal said.

Cardinal was a guest lecturer in the class at the University of Alberta. He talked mainly on the process at present underway to define and entrench Aboriginal rights in the Canadian Constitution.

Cardinal believes that the Supreme Court delivered a landmark decision on the relationship between the government and Indians when the Musqueam band of B.C. took the government to court over the handling of their land held in trust by the government.

This particular Supreme Court ruling forced the federal government to change their tactics in dealing with Aboriginal rights of Canadian Native people, said Cardinal. He said of Indian government's jurisdictional powers was a "separate regime" not required in that particular court decision, said Cardinal.

The main point of the court decision, as interpreted by Cardinal, is that Indian title or ownership to land is the court decision,

as interpreted by Cardinal, is that Indian title or ownership to land was interpreted as being the source of Indian sovereignty and rights.

"The fiduciary trust responsibility was regarded to be a legally enforceable obligation the Crown had to Indian people," said Cardinal.

The Musqueam court case decision and the Penner Report of an all-party committee on Indian self-government led the federal government to waver on their stand on Aboriginal self-government, Indian rights, etc., claimed Cardinal.

Cardinal said that the government has since taken the position that self-determination applies to all Canadians and not to a segment of Canadian society.

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Mike Woodward proposes MAA three-party system

By Ivan Morin

A three-party system would be better than the present no-party-affiliation system now being used in Metis Association of Alberta (MAA) elections, says Mike Woodward, a Zone 4 director candidate in the March 30 MAA election.

Woodward and fellow candidate Leonard Gauthier were speaking to members of Metis Local 1885 at an 1885 membership meeting.

"The three-party system would make Native politicians more accountable to their constituents, and they could be kept on their toes by opposition members of the Metis Association executive," Woodward said.

He also endorsed using the delegate system in MAA elections, saying "this may take out the 'rule by inner sanctum' which he says is the way the Metis Association is now being run. Woodward says that at present, "if you get your-

self into hot water with the Metis Association executive, you find yourself out in the cold pretty quick."

Gauthier doesn't agree that a three-party system is needed at present. He says the system now being used can be effective with the right people in place. Gauthier says that he sees communication between the locals and the zone directors as the major problem. "Since the last elections, the locals have been forgotten and the lack of understanding of the Metis Association's recent problems is a sign of a real lack of communications between the governing executive and the people at the local level."

Gauthier says that he can effectively represent the locals and all the Metis in Zone 4 and effectively bring back communications between the Metis Association executive and the people he represents.

At present attending Grant MacEwan College in Edmonton, working toward

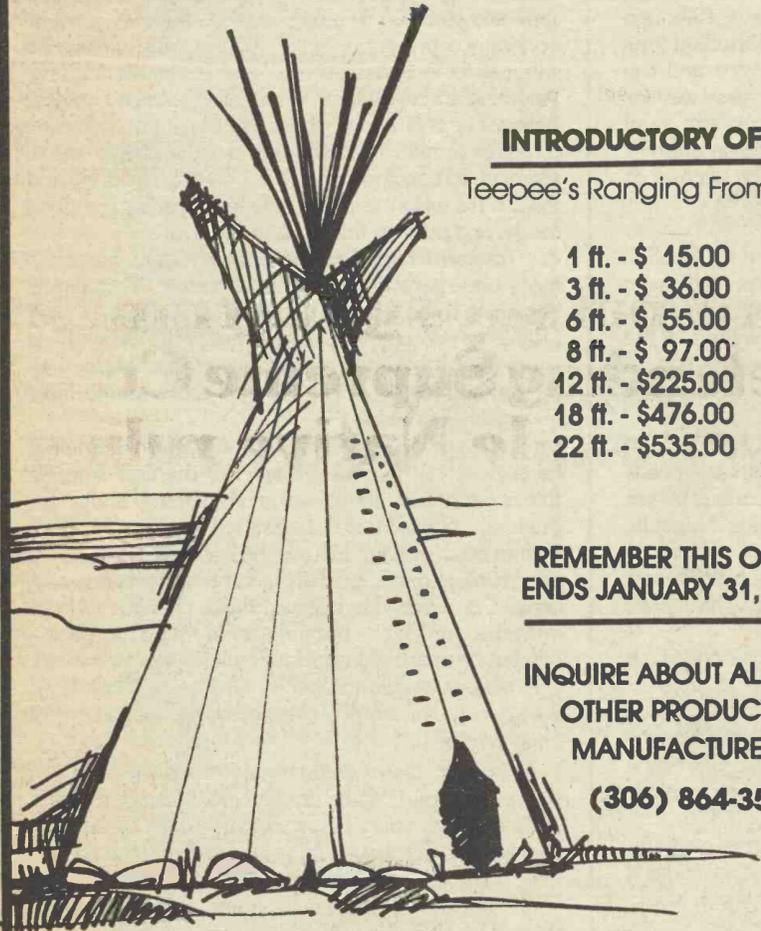
a social worker certificate, Gauthier is a member of Metis Local 1885 in Edmonton. Originally from Bonnyville, Gauthier moved to Fort McMurray to finish school, then worked as a crane operator. He also took a business education course before moving to Edmonton to attend Grant MacEwan College.

Woodward has a long history of involvement with the MAA, beginning as a fieldworker in 1969. Woodward has twice been the association's executive director, and has previously held board positions with the association. He says he was instrumental in starting a number of programs such as Metis Housing, Alberta New-Start, and the MAA's Outreach Program, which has since shut down.

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All interested members of the public are invited to observe, and to gain an understanding of their Board operations.

A question and answer period will be provided for the public as an agenda item.

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I. ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

Alcoholism is caused by the drug alcohol. Because it is a drug, the things that happen are not all that different from what happens with any other drug. There is dependency on the drug, a loss of control of one's own lifestyle, and a heading into self-destruction. Alcohol is one path whereas other drugs have their own paths. Many points applying to alcoholism apply to the course of events following abuse of any drug.

II. DISEASE CONCEPT OF ALCOHOLISM

A. Definition of Alcoholism

Traditionally, alcoholism has been seen as a moral weakness. The alcoholic was seen as drinking because he wanted to. The belief was that the alcoholic could use a little willpower to stop. Over the years this idea of alcoholism has changed and it is now seen as a disease, or an illness.

As a disease, alcoholism can be compared to other diseases, such as diabetes, tuberculosis, or cancer. When a person first contracts cancer, he may only suffer from a minor irritant, such as a sore stomach or tired feeling. However, if it is left untreated, the disease will progress to the point where the patient is in great pain and may eventually die. Alcoholism also starts in a minor way but it can also cause pain and eventually death.

Tuberculosis and diabetes are diseases that can be arrested but are seldom totally cured. Alcoholism is a disease that can be arrested, or stopped from getting worse, if the alcoholic maintains sobriety. A person suffering from tuberculosis must always be careful of his health in order to avoid a relapse. An alcoholic can lead a normal life if he does not drink. If the alcoholic does drink, he will relapse again into alcoholism.

Alcoholism is therefore a disease, or illness, that is both progressive (moves in stages) and chronic (permanent).

B. Phases of Alcoholism

Every disease has its own particular symptoms and in order in which these symptoms occur. Alcoholism also has its own symptoms and its own particular pattern in which they appear.

To examine these symptoms, it is useful to divide the development of the disease into four phases. Although every person who suffers from alcoholism has experienced these symptoms, people vary and the symptoms may not appear in the exact same way for every person. For example, one person may experience a blackout in Phase I, whereas another person may not experience one until the second or third phase or may never experience one.

Phase 1. The Pre-Alcoholic Stage

The Social Drinker Threatened by Alcohol

1. **Attitude:** A person will use alcohol to escape from their problems while most people use it for recreation. **Danger Signs:** a) the enthusiastic one-nighter; b) the party-planner - one who plans parties so he has an excuse to drink; and, c) when others stop drinking, he wants to keep on drinking.
2. **Gulping and Sneaking Drinks:** The "working at it drinker," on any occasion needs a few belts and needs them fast. This drinker hides liquor in various places and sneaks drinks. He might have a "quickie" before he sees his boss.
3. **Guilty Feelings:** He feels guilty about his drinking. He realizes he is not drinking like others. This makes him self-conscious and he...
4. **Avoids Talking About Alcohol and his drinking.** It bothers him to talk about it.
5. **Blackouts may occur.** These are time periods when he functions apparently normally but has no recollection of what he did, where he was, or who he was with. Blackouts may never occur, or may come in Phase 3 or 4
6. **Preoccupation:** Drinks and drinking are never far from his mind. He may plan parties to set up drinking occasions. He wants no part of any occasion where there is no alcohol. Everything, including family, friends, food, and entertainment, begins to take second place to alcohol.

When these symptoms occur, this drinker is going to go over the line into Phase 2. Phase 2 begins when there has been a physical change and the person is now physically dependent on, or addicted to, alcohol.

Phase 2. Early Stage

1. **Loss of Control:** No longer can one drink according to the way he plans to drink. If he plans not to drink he will drink; if he plans to have two, he may end up with ten, fifteen, or twenty. He finds extremely more difficult to set limits on his drinking. He seems powerless.
2. **Rationalization becomes prominent.** Other areas of his life are slipping because he is spending so much time and effort on drinking. Family, friends, work, or conscience pressures built. To live with himself, he rationalizes — finds all sorts of reasons for his drinking. Anything and everything is to blame, except him. He believes he is not an alcoholic as he is not on skid row.
3. **This drinker becomes grandiose and aggressive.** As much to convince himself as others he talks big and throws his weight around. He feels inadequate deep inside, and puts on this front to cover up.
4. **Tolerance to alcohol is greatly increased.** He needs more and more to get the same result. Drinking is beginning to be less fun than it was. He finds himself drinking to escape, to knock himself out. When he is sober, he is tormented by remorse. He is unhappy with himself and his life. He no longer gets a comfortable feeling while drinking.
5. **When he decides to change his pattern of drinking he is close to the next phase.** For the first time, he thinks seriously about doing something about his drinking. He still has not admitted to himself that he cannot do anything. Instead, he convinces himself he needs only to drink cocktails rather than beer, or vodka instead of wine. He believes these changes will cut down his drinking — but it does not. If he has been a bender, he may become a daily excessive or vice versa. A bender is able to abstain for varying periods — days, weeks, or months. However, he has no control once he starts.

A daily excessive gradually increases his intake, or the number of times he drinks. He does not increase amounts each time. He spaces his drinks throughout the day. He may never appear to be drunk but he may never be sober. He puts out a lot of energy to keep up a front. For a long time, family, friends, and co-workers do not realize the truth. He cannot abstain without having withdrawal symptoms. He cannot reduce intake for long.

Phase 3. Middle Stage

1. When changing his drinking pattern does not work

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too well, he decides to "Go on the Wagon." Total abstinence will show everyone, including himself, that he (not the bottle) is in the driver's seat. This too works for awhile, but mentally a date is set to drink again. When that day arrives...

2. He is drinking again. He feels awful mornings after, a night of drinking and the only help for him is to drink as soon as he wakes. With the morning drink, he is really on his way.

3. He starts protecting his supply. His idea of disaster is to be out of liquor — especially before the vendor opens. He hides liquor here-there and everywhere so he will always be able to put his hands on some. Many things happen around this time. One of these is behavioural changes.

4: Behavior Changes

a) He will look for quarrels. What he really wants is a happening that will help him justify his drinking. "You made me do it."

b) He drops his non-drinking friends, his sissy drinking friends, his church, sports, clubs, and all generally useless activities.

c) If his family has not put him out, he is very likely to take himself out. There are two reasons for this: i) The family, like his friends and activities, gets in the way of drinking; and, ii) He has a great need to be with people who accept him with his drinking.

d) He almost constantly feels an anger and resentment because he is not happy with himself or with the way his life is going. He becomes quite unreasonable and hard to live with.

e) When he is not feeling angry, he is apt to be feeling sorry for himself. "Poor me; no one loves me; no one cares if I live or die; everyone picks on me."

f) He more or less stops eating to drink. Alcohol has lots of calories so he does not feel hungry. This is good since food spoils the effect of the booze. Alcohol's calories are naked calories with no food properties. Soon he begins to suffer signs of malnutrition, with liver trouble, neuritis, sore eyes, rashes, puffy feet and hands...

g) He is likely to find himself in the hospital, as a result of alcohol.

h) He finds himself in a stupor or drunk frequently during the day.

i) If he has not yet been in trouble with the law, it may happen with such charges as impaired driving, or fighting causing bodily harm while intoxicated.

5. He may try the "Geographic Escape." He moves north, south, east or west. He goes anywhere to get away from the family, job, bars, and friends who "make" him drink. The only thing wrong with this is that he takes himself along, so it only works for awhile. Everywhere he goes, he will end up with people and places he feels comfortable with. Usually that will be where there is liquor. Nothing has helped so far. The hold alcohol has becomes stronger and stronger. The drinker arrives at Phase 4.

Phase 4. The Late Stage

Things are getting rather grim. In Phase I, he has the choice to remain a social drinker or not; in Phase 2, he is in control as long as he does not take a drink; in Phase 3, the drinker has the choice to drink or not to drink. In Phase 4, he has no choice.

1. The Phase 4 drinker has to drink to be able to face living and to make reality duller so he can stand it.

2. He has to drink to ward off D.T.'s and the terrors of withdrawal.

3. He spends more time intoxicated than sober.

4. His thinking is impaired. He may be aware of this but does not seem to be able to do anything about it. He may actually be psychotic. This is an alcoholic psychosis. Usually when sober long enough, his mind returns to normal and his memory sharpens. However, there can come a time or a binge when he cannot return to normal because he has developed Korsakoff's disease, also called wet brain. Korsakoff's is irreparable, irreversible brain damage.

5. He may resort to other forms of alcohol. If regular alcohol is not available, shaving lotion, cooking extracts, or any other kind will do.

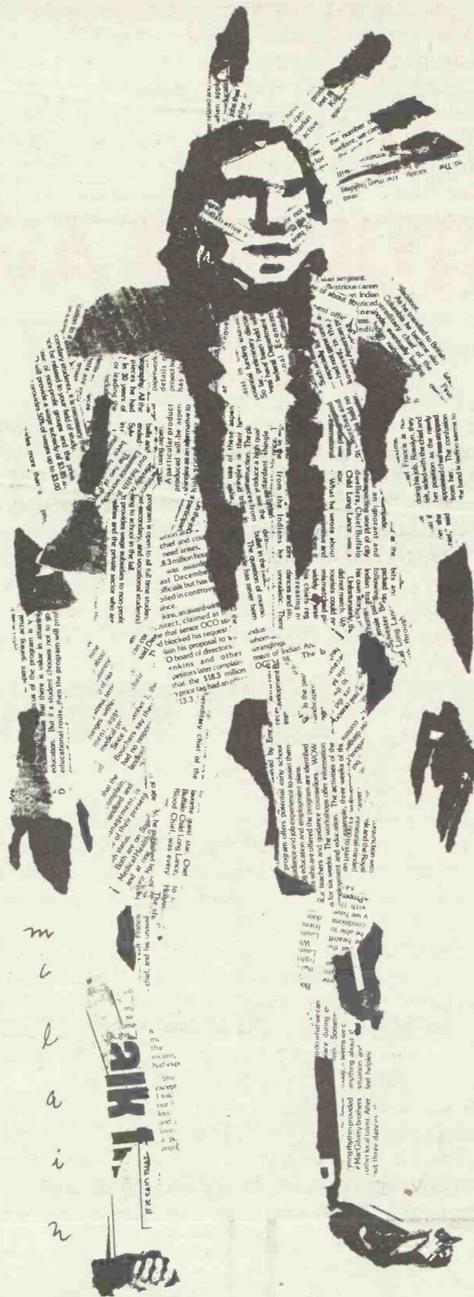
6. He is filled with undefined fears and dreads. He is anxious and feels an impending doom hanging over him.

7. He has tremors and shakes. He may have Delirium Tremens (D.T.'s), especially if he quits cold. D.T.'s is a medical emergency. Symptoms may include extreme restlessness, disorientation, terrifying hallucinations, convulsive seizures, heavy sweating, and vomiting.

8. He loses his tolerance to alcohol. In the previous stages, he could drink vast amounts of alcohol and just get a glow or a good sleep. Now a small quantity makes him ill.

9. He may have vague inner feelings, in which he is seeking help.

10. His alibi system breaks down. Rationalizing ends. He has hit bottom. Every drinker has his own bottom, which is when he has lost all that he is willing to lose in health, possessions, love, peace of mind, and self-respect. Now he admits his need for help.



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Fort Chipewyan Plan 5642NY, Block 3, Lot 6 Fort Chipewyan, Alberta

The Fort Chipewyan Advisory Council will be holding a PUBLIC HEARING to consider a proposal by Mr. Lloyd C. Flett to amend the I.D. No. 18 Land Use Order from "HR" Hamlet Residential to "HC" Hamlet Commercial.

The PUBLIC HEARING will be held at **6:00 p.m.** on the **16th of MARCH 1987** at the **MULTIPLEX CENTRE, FORT CHIPEWYAN**. At that time, the Advisory Council will hear any persons who wish to make representation on the proposed amendment. Copies of the proposed amendment can be seen at the Improvement District office in the Firehall in Fort Chipewyan.

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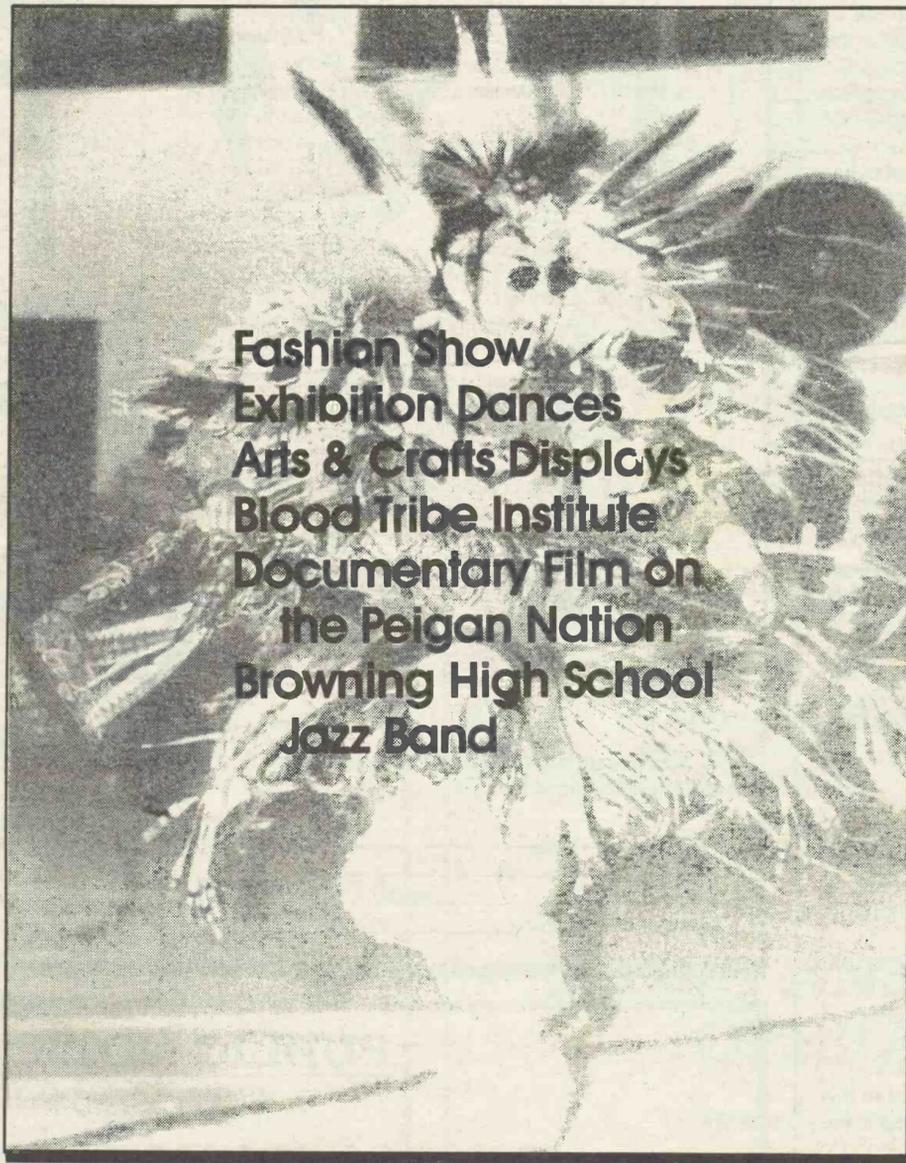
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