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Alberta leads way on C-31 membership codes

By Jamie McDonell

Northern Alberta Indian bands have led the way in taking control of their membership under Bill C-31.

Seven of the first 12 bands to establish band membership codes in response to Bill C-31 are from northern Alberta, two are from B.C., two from Ontario and one from Saskatchewan.

The first band in the country to take control of its membership was the Sawridge band of Slave Lake. Its membership code went into effect July 8, 1985 -- less than two weeks after C-31 provisions allowing bands to establish codes went into effect.

By establishing membership codes, a band avoids a wholesale dumping of those enstated under C-31 onto their band lists.

"The impact of a band not having a membership code will be that first generation (descendants of disenfranchised band members) and others will simply be tacked on to band lists," says Jim Allan of the Department of Indian Affairs (DIA).

While membership codes cannot keep out those who have been struck from band lists (and the Indian

Register) unjustly, they can be used to restrict their descendents.

The question in Alberta is, for the present, academic since only two individuals have asked to return to their ancestral reserve (as compared with 469 in B.C., 290 in Manitoba and 193 in Quebec).

Besides Sawridge, other Alberta bands that have assumed control of their membership codes are Lubicon, Swan River, Horse Lake, Ermineskin, Driftpile and Fort McMurray.

As of June 28, the closing date for the government's moratorium on additions to band lists, 26 in Alberta's 43 bands (and 149 of 615 across the country) had submitted membership codes for DIA's approval.

The moratorium is being extended for these bands and any other bands that posted their codes to DIA before the June 28 deadline.

At the end of last May, approximately 90,000 people had applied for entitlement under C-31, roughly 11,000 applying from Alberta.

Of the 90,000 approximately 30,00 have been added to the Indian Register and 6,500 have been turned down. In Alberta, just over 2,700 have been reinstated and about 670 have been turned down.



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LOVED ONES REMEMBERED IN SADDLE LAKE

A memorial dance was held with the give-away dance during the Saddle Lake Powwow, held June 26, 27 and 28. The Whiskeyjack family and relatives mourned the loss of Kathleen and Emma Whiskeyjack, who passed away two years ago within 12 days of each other. On the right is Caroline Whiskeyjack and behind her is Alsenia Whiskeyjack. A memorial dinner was also hosted before the powwow grand entry.

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Fifty western chiefs refuse to give up rights

By Terry Lusty

An alliance of 50 Alberta and Saskatchewan Indian chiefs are refusing to bow to Canadian government policies and tactics designed to alter or remove what they consider their base Treaty rights.

The chiefs who make up the Treaty 6 Chiefs Forum, recently sponsored a delegation to meet with support groups and government in London, England. According to Allen Jacob of Cold Lake, the group is looked upon as "rebels" because of the strong stand they took by not participating in the constitutional talks.

Jacob explains that their predecessors made treaties with Great Britain and not the Dominion of Canada. Therefore, he argues, it is Britain with whom Indians should be dealing. For this

reason, he says, Treaty 6 chiefs continue to oppose such things as Bill C-31 and membership codes which reinstate former Treaty Indians.

The delegation to London consisted of Chief Alphonse J. Lameman and councillor Gabe Cardinal of the Beaver Lake Tribe number 131 who met with Shridath Ramphal, Secretary General of the Commonwealth Secretariat.

Lameman was delegated to the United Kingdom (U.K.) to remind the British government of their moral responsibilities to ensure that Aboriginal and Treaty rights are not suspended by the Canadian government.

In 1982, the High Court in the U.K., in a case launched by Alberta chiefs, ruled that Treaty rights still continued even though the Canadian Bill transferred

full independence to Canada.

According to Lameman, Canada has violated the basic human rights of the First Nations by denying them the right to exercise, through their own institutions, their culture.

"Canada says it is bound by international human rights treaties like the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, but has denied that we are indigenous peoples with our own culture and land rights," says Lameman. "This denial of our right to self-government is racist," he adds.

"Look how easy it was to recognize the right of the Quebecois, who are white, to be a distinct society in Canada, but when we, the First Nations, make the same claim, we are shut down," professes Lameman. Chief Lameman says: "It

looks as though the current government (of Canada) has taken us off the national agenda, but our international lobby will ensure that other states and peoples are reminded of Canadian racist oppression of the First Nations."

Lameman, speaking on behalf of the Treaty 6 chiefs, was critical of the imposition of the Indian Act's new provisions on Indian status and membership.

"In no other country are the indigenous people classified by race, only in Canada you say! The imposition of people into our communities who have a racial, but no other connection -- in some cases one-sixteenth Indian blood, to our communities is a blatant attempt to undermine our land base."

In support of his claim, Lameman cites the case of

the Klamath and Menominee tribes in the United States who voted to sell their reserves following pressure from non-Indian tribal members.

Speaking on behalf of Lameman at the Saddle Lake band office, Wallace Many Fingers said that the constitutional talks regarding Indian rights are "a dead issue as far as the Conservatives are concerned."

In reference to bands' membership codes, he reported, "bands have rejected the whole framework. The government has tried to shove it down their throats."

Indians from Treaty 6 do not take the matter lightly and promise to continue to oppose such impositions.

Many Fingers charges the Canadian government with fostering an attitude which says, in no uncertain

terms "take it or leave it." He argues, "if you take -- then you do it the way they want." On the other hand, if you leave it, they will implement whatever policy they wish to, he adds.

There is something to be said for the decision-making process on the part of Indian people, says Many Fingers, who pointed to the extremely low numbers who have met the now-past deadline for bands to submit their membership codes.

Only six Alberta bands have had their codes accepted and "out of 550 bands in Canada, there wouldn't be more than 15 nationally," he stated.

The issue is far from being dead as far as Treaty 6 chiefs are concerned say Many Fingers and Jacob, who promise to pursue not just their treaty rights, but their very "survival."

National

By Robin Kuhl

Why do we educate ourselves? What purpose does it serve? Is it just to satisfy our curiosity? Is it just to help us make more money and get a better job? Do we use education to control social behavior and to dominate others?

These questions faced over 1,500 educators at the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples' Education held in Vancouver, June 8 to 13.

For six days, those who teach and those who develop curriculum shared their dreams, visions, experiences, concerns and methods of dealing with their problems.

Throughout the week, indigenous people from over 17 countries met and

Vancouver World Conference

Educators seek solutions

discovered they share similar history, similar traditions and similar struggles for independence. They shared how they were overcoming their struggles and going forward to build better communities for themselves, based on strong cultural foundations.

Each country was at a different stage in their development, but all had at least started on the road to change.

In keeping with the cultural theme of the

conference, the first two days were spent concentrating on the traditions of Native people. Tuesday (June 9), the delegates were bused to the Squamish Longhouse in Capilano.

Verna Kirkness, co-chairman of the conference and the director of Native education at the University of British Columbia, called the events at the longhouse, "truly a practice and demonstration of Native culture in a living, meaningful way in 1987." The day's

events, the prayers, the songs, were carried over into the last four days of the conference. During the remainder of the week, keynote speakers from around the world addressed the areas of tradition, change and survival. They addressed how each of these areas touched and affected indigenous education, in what way each area was important and how they felt it could be integrated into indigenous education.

Tradition was the theme of Wednesday, June 10, and the keynote speakers addressed the need for a culturally-based education system.

Poka Laenui, vice-president of the World Council of Indigenous People, asked the question, "Why do we educate ourselves?" He focused on what he considered the most important reason, that of "building continuity of consciousness," or of continuing our culture. This included maintaining the songs, chants, dances and stories or literature that have grown through the ages.

Laenui says, "Education is not found in a cultural vacuum." He adds education is "the foundation for our whole perception of the world." Laenui also says "advocates of a value-free education system were advocates of a valueless society."

The day's second keynote speaker was Jeannette Armstrong, a Native educator from the En'owkin Centre in Penticton, B.C. Armstrong took the question of education beyond simple schooling. She says, "We not only need to find the best way to do things to continue life, but we need to learn the practice of living." Armstrong says there is an "instinctive need to continue each species, to pass on the culture from one generation to the other." She says this helps each generation to survive in a healthy way.

Along with the need for traditional, culturally-based education, keynote speakers addressed the area of change and the role it plays in indigenous education. John Kim Bell, chairman of the Canadian Native Arts Foundation, asked the question, "Can we change and still be traditional?" He points out that education isn't the only problem facing indigenous people. He says, "We must deal with all our problem areas at one time." Bell also stresses what was most important to him -- personal human development and the need for parents to motivate their children, to be their role models. He asserts that people need to learn the technology of today to survive.

The day's second keynote speaker was John Mohawk, professor of Native American Studies at the University of Buffalo.

Mohawk approached education from a different angle. He spoke a great deal about the Amish people in the United States. Mohawk told how his people had the only successful rural economy in the country.

He related how the Amish "speak their own language, own their own land base, and suffer from none of the same problems being faced by Native Americans." He also spoke of how the Amish had done this without getting involved in the technology of today.

Mohawk says, "Education at its best should do two things: it will empower people and give them confidence in themselves, and it will give them the confidence and ability to know they can decide their own destinies."

Throughout the keynote speeches a common thread could be seen. Each speaker agreed that Native, indigenous people had to be the ones to develop their own education systems.

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Workshops carried out Wednesday, Thursday and Friday gave delegates the chance to discover what other countries were doing and to share their solutions and concerns.

In the evenings, culture was shared freely through traditional songs, and dances from participants throughout the world. The final day of the conference gave delegates the opportunity to share what the week had meant to them. Young people expressed a deep desire to be part of the changes happening in Native education, but were disappointed because they were overlooked a number of times.

But, looking past the few problems, the first-ever world conference on indigenous peoples' education can be termed a definite success. For six days educators were drawn together by their common bonds and were bound together by their common goals. All who attended agreed it was a time to stand tall and be proud of who they are.



OTTAWA REPORT

By Owenadeka

'Yesterday's heroes have become today's crooks.'

If there was a hall of fame for Native communications, Josepi Padlayat and Paul Lumsden would have been in it a long time ago. After all, they built the northern Quebec Inuit broadcast organization and they ran it for years. The organization is Taqramiut Nipingat Incorporated (TNI). Josepi Padlayat used to be the TNI president. Paul Lumsden used to be the administrator. Together, the two men built TNI into a \$2-million-a-year operation.

The trouble is that a lot of that money stuck to their fingers. As a result, yesterday's heroes have become today's crooks. They were convicted in an Ottawa court recently of swindling the organization they helped to build. They're probably on their way to prison.

The story begins in 1981 in northern Quebec. Padlayat and Lumsden arranged a housing deal that made a \$98,000 profit for TNI. But they didn't want the profit to show up on the TNI books. They were afraid the Government would force TNI to return the money because TNI is a non-profit organization.

So Lumsden had an idea. He convinced Padlayat that a dummy housing corporation should be set up to handle the money. They then persuaded the TNI board of directors to approve the plan. But they apparently did not say anything to the board about the \$98,000 and they apparently didn't say that the money would be handed over to the dummy corporation.

The president of the dummy corporation was Josepi Padlayat. The administrator was Paul Lumsden. After the dummy corporation received the money, Padlayat signed a \$7,000 cheque to Padlayat. Neither payment was approved by TNI or the dummy corporation. The two men eventually explained the payments by saying they were "loans."

In addition to the housing scam, Lumsden was also convicted of defrauding TNI on another matter. He overcharged TNI \$8,000 for charter aircraft flights he arranged for the organization. In one case, he arranged to have the charter company send a phony invoice to TNI to cover up the fact that it was his own airplane that was used for the flight.

After the TNI board learned about the \$98,000, a bitter power struggle erupted. One lawyer called it a dogfight. TNI spent almost two years trying to get the money back. Before the fight was over, a half-dozen staff members were fired or forced to resign. The beginning of the end finally came when some of the staff complained to the Government and to the police.

The verdict was sad news for those people who respected and admired Josepi Padlayat and Paul Lumsden. But it was a day of celebration for those

people who had struggled for years to break the stranglehold the two men had on TNI. Lumsden's and Padlayat's opponents were happy because they say the cloud that's been hanging over TNI has finally been lifted. They say the verdict has finally placed the blame for TNI's tarnished reputation where it belongs -- on two men whose greed overcame their principles.

All in all, the trial and the verdict was a healthy development for the Native movement. The frightening thing about the case, though, was not the fraud itself. It was what Padlayat and Lumsden said to defend themselves. Here's a list of some of the things their lawyers said on their behalf:

1) They said they didn't read legal documents before they signed them. 2) They said they didn't ask to see the financial records. 3) They said they intended to pay back the "loans." 4) They said they did what they did for the good of the organization. 5) They said that the people who testified against them were biased and out to get them. 6) They said they might be guilty of a conflict of interest but they said that wasn't a crime. 7) They said they might have committed a mistake in judgement but they said that wasn't a crime either. 8) Lastly, they said that since they built the organization there was no reason why they would want to steal from it.

Their whole argument scared the hell out of me. Why? Because over the years I've heard exactly the same excuses from a lot of other Native people involved with a lot of other Native organizations.

Maybe that's the lesson that should be learned from this whole episode -- that too many Native groups take too many shortcuts and trust too many people. And that not enough Native groups demand the highest level of performance and the strictest standard of accountability.

I think, therefore, that every Native organization should now take a long, hard look at their own operation. The people who should be doing the looking are the people on the board of directors. Being a member of a board of directors means a lot more than just going to a meeting and sticking up a hand to second a motion. It's a serious responsibility. Just as the name implies, the directors direct the affairs of the organization. But they also have a duty to protect the organization from theft and fraud, among other things.

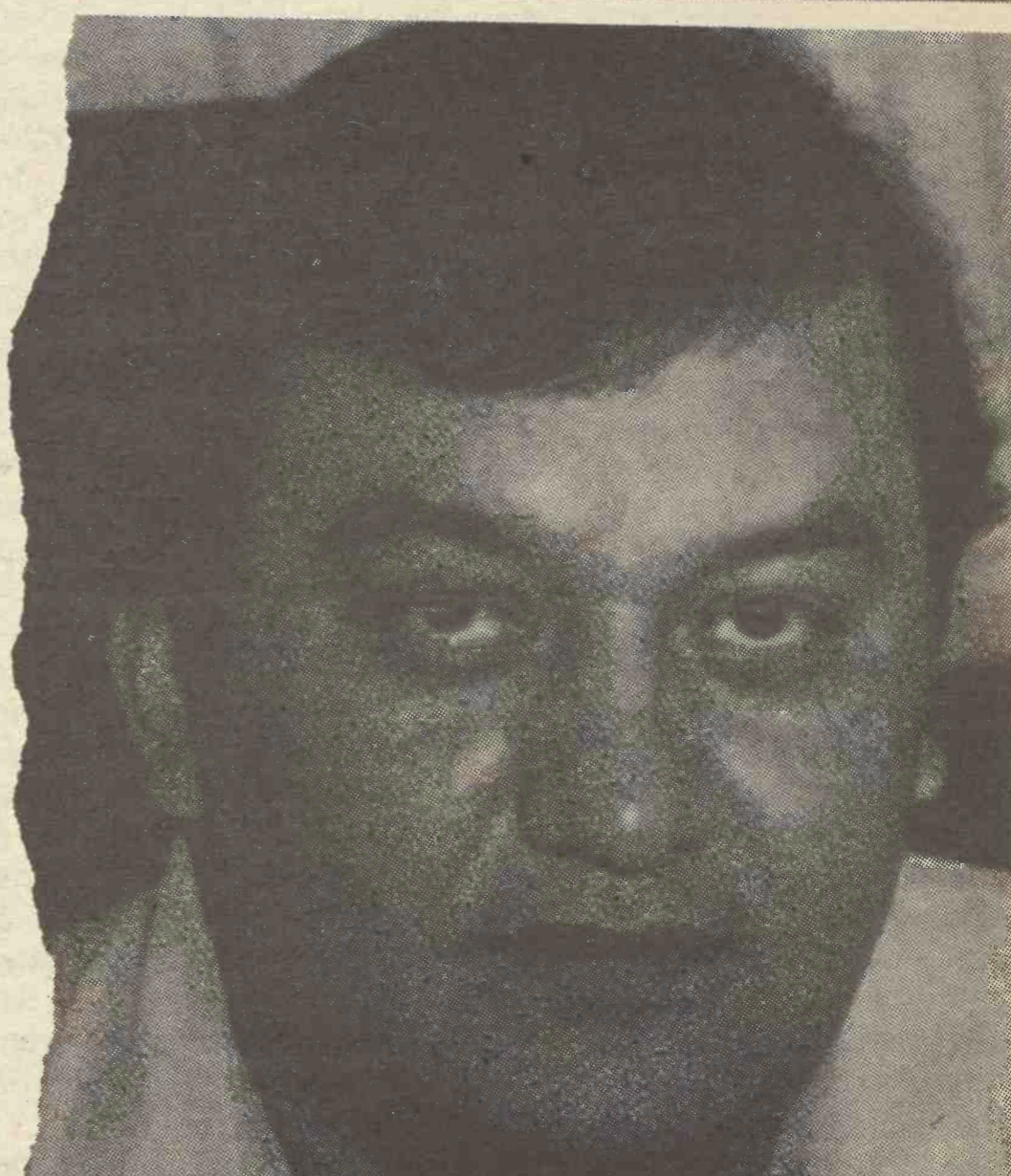
The mess from the TNI affair is finally being cleaned up and I'd like to think that the lesson won't be wasted. I'd like to think that other directors in other organizations will clean up their act too, but somehow I doubt it.

Provincial



ERASMUS — Assembly of First Nations

IAA and AFN Will they kiss and make up?



SMITH — Indian Association of Alberta

By Lesley Crossingham

The Indian Association of Alberta (IAA) is about to start a closer working relationship with the Assembly of First Nations (AFN), however, President Gregg Smith sidesteps the question of reconciliation with the assembly.

"We will be working with the AFN but I see it as a protocol arrangement, not a reconciliation. It (IAA) would prefer to see them join us," he added.

The IAA, made up of

Treaty Indian nations of Alberta, officially broke away from the Assembly in September 1985 and formed a new national body, the Prairie Treaty Nations Alliance. However, since its formation, the Alliance has received no federal funding and has only been able to maintain its Ottawa office with donations transferred from supporting bands.

The Alliance was also unable to gain a seat at the First Ministers Conference held in Ottawa in March,

whereas the Assembly of First Nations was able to address the ministers on Indian concerns.

"But, as it turned out, Georges (Erasmus, National Chief of the AFN) defended the case of the Treaty Indian nations. In fact, his speech could have been taken right out of our position paper," says Smith.

During the three-day annual IAA assembly, held on the Eden Valley reserve June 15, 16 and 17, several

speakers urged delegates, chiefs and councillors to reconcile with the Assembly of First Nations.

During a debate on education, Alexander Chief Allan Paul joined with Education Task Force leader Adele Arcand in urging bands to "rejoin the AFN."

A common theme in the three-day debate was unity and the need to work together. In his opening address, Smith pointed out that the Association will be working closely with all

Native and Aboriginal groups.

"We do need to work together with all Aboriginal groups," he says. "And during the next year the Association will be liaising with several groups, including the AFN."

Smith points out that Alberta bands split with the AFN primarily over the implementation of Bill C-31 which amended the Indian Act and reinstated many Indian people who had lost

status under the old Indian Act.

"They (AFN) supported the implementation of C-31, whereas the Plains Indian nations generally did not."

However, with the inclusion of urban new status board members, the reconciliation process between new status Indians has already begun at the Indian Association and Smith foresees more involvement of new status Indians in the Association.

MAA announces cost saving annual assembly

By Mark McCallum

The Metis Association of Alberta (MAA) has announced its annual assembly will be held on August 15 and 16 in the Peace River area, at the Bear Lake Stampede grounds (three miles west of Grimshaw).

The assembly will be used to discuss issues and accept nominations for the election, to be held before September 1. However,

nominations for candidates will begin on July 2 and close before the assembly on August 1.

MAA President Sam Sinclair says the ballot box election system, used at the last election, will be utilized this year. Sinclair adds MAA motions made last March determined that terms of office will be extended from two year to three year terms.

Zone 6 will host the assembly for the first time in 59 years. Hosting vice-president George Amato says the zone "will be able to cut down on the cost of the assembly because we will donate wood and water to (MAA members who will be camping on the assembly grounds). In previous years MAA members had to pay for these necessities."

Amato also says the zone will be able to cut down on expenses by holding the assembly on outdoor grounds, under a canopy, in case of rain.

SAM SINCLAIR
...will he run again?

Federation elects Howse

By Rocky Woodward

The annual meeting for the Federation of Metis Settlements held in Edmonton saw Ernest Howse elected as vice-president on June 27.

Howse, a member of the Metis Settlement of Buffalo Lake (Caslan), was elected after four rounds of secret ballot box voting took place. He defeated two other candidates vying for the position: Albert

Wanuch of Paddle Prairie and Lawrence Cunningham from Peavine.

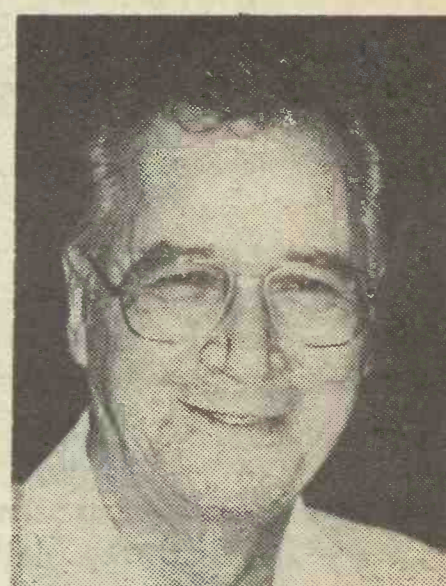
Communications officer for the Federation, Kevin Stringer, mentioned that much of the four day meeting revolved around Federation business such as the approving of accounts and budget review.

An election was also held for a Federation treasurer. Re-elected by acclamation for his second term was Walter Anderson, a member

of the Fishing Lake Metis Settlement.

Each individual running for a position was elected by secret ballot, by each of the eight settlement chairmen.

The president's election will occur next year. Current president, Randy Hardy, won the election last year for a two year term. He is from the Kikino settlement and was unavailable for comment on the recent elections.

ERNEST HOWSE
...new vice-president

Tragic accidents claim two lives

By Donna Rea Murphy

ST. PAUL — Two tragic accidents, only days apart, have taken the lives of Blue Quills Native Education Centre secretary Priscilla Brertton and student Terrance Moosewah.

Nineteen year old Brertton was killed near Lamont the same week Moosewah died on Saddle Lake reserve. Both were residents of the reserve.

Students and staff alike mourned their loss last

week and attended both funerals, only days apart.

Blue Quills A/President Peter Buggins says the double loss has hit the school very hard. "Blue Quills is a very closely knit community and to lose two was a shock. It's hit people pretty close to the heart."

Buggins says students and staff dealt with Brertton on a daily basis and her sudden death created an impact in the daily life of the school.

Buggins says the secretary

was "very enthusiastic about every aspect of the school." She'd assisted with the fund raising group and coached the girls fastball team on the Saddle Lake reserve. "She was more than willing to always help out," Buggins stated.

Terrance Moosewah, 17, had registered in the high school program's Grade 10 classes last September. He was well liked by his fellow students, a spokesperson explained and was a ready participant in the RCMP-

sponsored 15 mile relay race from St. Brides to St. Paul that was run this past May.

The deaths come at a time when the centre is facing a financial crunch with recent lay-offs and possible closure of the highly successful high school component. Adding to the stress is the upcoming graduation exercise which must be planned and carried out by a staff reduced by 25 members.

Foster child seeks real family

By Rocky Woodward

Perry has been looking for his real mother for over a year now.

The 20-year old Metis was given up for adoption when he was only three months old. What is known about his real family is vague, but Perry says that he, along with a friend and member of Parent Finders, Ray Ensminger, will not

give up the search until something is learned about his family.

It is known that Perry's mother was born in Alberta in about 1945, is Metis and was a single parent. She is Roman Catholic and worked for a time as a waitress. She is described in a report from Alberta Social Services and Community Health, as being a well-groomed girl with a round shaped face.

The record also indicates that Perry's mother had a son born in 1964 and a daughter born in 1965 who remained in her care.

Perry was born in the University of Alberta Hospital on October 29, 1966. He was adopted shortly after, but when his adopted mother suddenly died his "father" felt he could not take care of Perry and he was sent to a group home near Fort Saskatchewan. Perry was then three and a half years old.

He was raised in the group home for nine years and when he turned 13, he was placed in a foster home in Edmonton where he remained until he was 18. Since 1984, he has been on his own.

"I think it is time I knew who my mother, sister and brother are. For almost 20

years it didn't bother me, but now I would like to know," Perry says, pointing out his given name is Darryl Raymond and his surname is unknown.

Perry and Ensminger came to Windspeaker so that the many Native people who read the paper might help him find his mother.

"I put an ad in Windspeaker for anyone having information regarding Andrew Belcourt to phone me and eventually his mother called and they had a reunion," says Ensminger, indicating the media sometimes plays an important role in helping families get back together.

Ensminger adds that Perry has handled his life very well and that his only wish now is to get to know his real family.



PERRY
...looking for clues

At present Perry works for McDonalds Restaurant in Edmonton. "I am just about finished my schooling. I hope to have a diploma soon," he says, smiling.

Perry's dream is to someday join the armed forces, possibly the air

force, but "education and finding my real family is the most important thing in my life right now."

If you have any information that might help Perry in his search for his family, please call Ray Ensminger at 466-3335.

Transfer plan not enough for bands

By Mark McCallum

A new federal government policy which transfers authority over Native programs and services to the nation's bands, has been criticized by the Indian Association of Alberta (IAA) as, in fact, retaining government policy, legislative and financial control - placing it upon a three-man steering committee from Ottawa.

The designated committee has "more power than the minister of Indian Affairs, Bill McKnight," charges IAA official Peter Many Wounds Jr.

Responding to this criticism, DIA Assistant Deputy Minister John Rayner admitted the committee has final decision-making power over Canada's 592 bands. He pointed out that "bands deal mainly with district and regional offices."

"The transfer program must meet certain require-

ments...because the tax payer's money is being used for it. So, it's only fair to meet some standards," Rayner says.

Many Wounds Jr., who did in depth assessment of the policy, feels the "corporate management plan" is not transferring control because it only gives bands administrative powers. Many Wounds indicated the committee retains authority to set policy, allocate finances and decide which programs and services will be transferred to bands.

"The committee makes approvals on their requirements, not the bands and tribal councils of Canada," Many Wounds explained.

He added that in Alberta alone the committee has authority over an estimated \$256 million in resources, plus capital assets and other funding arrangements, which will eventually be transferred to Alberta's bands.

Media boot called a mistake

By Lesley Crossingham

The decision to bar the media from last year's IAA annual assembly was a "mistake" says President Gregg Smith.

"We've got nothing to hide so why not let them in. I think we should be more open about our business," says Smith in an interview after this year's annual assembly.

The IAA annual meetings had traditionally been open to the media, however, last year a request was made to remove the media in order to discuss a Calgary Herald request to the government for the financial records of

ten Alberta bands.

A request was made by the IAA's board that the media be removed during discussion of the financial statements; Elder John Samson recommended the removal of the media from all sections of the assembly.

However, in minutes released this week, taken verbatim during the meeting, a further request from former treasurer Frances Weaselfat that the media be barred had been lodged "to prevent outsiders or the press getting a hold of our report."

In a verbal report, no written report was included, Weaselfat complained that during the course of her two-year term she was "prevented on a lot of instances in fulfilling my duties as a treasurer."

"Of primary concern is the supposed authority of certain individual staff members to make decisions on providing other individual staff members to make decisions on providing other individual executive members with large advances from IAA funds without having prior

received proper clearance either from the executive sitting in a meeting or from the board of directors," says Weaselfat.

Weaselfat complained that she had not been given straightforward direction, that decisions were "unclear" and that during the two years only three board meetings had taken place.

"I was yelled at and I was told I had no authority to look into records...I was never allowed to act as treasurer."

During the discussion, another board member, Marie Smallface-Marule, also complained of the way decisions are made regarding disbursement and expenditures of IAA funds.

"For instance, I was not aware until February of this year that we had a staff board workshop, that the association had been paying the rent on an apartment for a full year for the president. Nor was I aware until then that he had a car leased by the IAA for his exclusive personal and business use...at no time were the board of directors informed of such decisions

for such expenditures."

Smallface-Marule also complained about what she termed "excessive" salaries paid to executive positions.

"They are certainly far above many Chiefs of this province...I think \$68,000 travel expenses excessive and I don't think that when a person is really receiving \$46,000 a year salary that we should also pay for their rent."

A motion made to adopt the treasurer's report was made but when taken to the vote was defeated with no votes for and five abstentions.

The elections, held on the final day, saw Weaselfat replaced by Roy Louis of the Samson Band. Former president Wilf McDougall was also unsuccessful in his bid for re-election and was replaced by Peigan band member and former Treaty 7 vice-president Gregg Smith.

Both Weaselfat and Smallface-Marule are board members of the Indian News Media Society which operated the Native newspaper, Kainai News, based in Cardston near the U.S. border.

In an interview after this year's annual assembly Smith says he could not comment on what had taken place under previous administrations of the IAA. However, he pointed out that he was working toward a stronger more open relationship with the media.

During this year's assembly the media were conspicuous in their absence. Apart from one Windspeaker reporter, only reporters from Kainai News were in attendance. In previous years reporters from both Alberta daily newspapers, the Edmonton Journal and the Calgary Herald along with Canadian Press representatives had attended.

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Second Class Mail Registration No. 2177

By Lesley Crossingham

A rally to protest new government policies over post-secondary education is to take place at the Alexander reserve in August.

The resolution was made after Education Task Force leader Adele Arcand made a blistering attack on the new government policy which dictates that Treaty Indian students will only be funded for a maximum of 40 months, approximately ten semesters of university education.

Arcand attacks education plan

Students wishing to return to university to study for their masters or doctorate degrees will be effectively precluded from doing so as these degrees usually take an additional two to three years after the receipt of a bachelor of arts degree.

During an impassioned address to delegates on the second day of the three-day

annual assembly, Arcand urged the often divided Indian nations to join together to fight the new policy.

"If we don't unite, we are going to lose the battle. If we lose education, we are doomed. Until we nationally unite together in a joint effort the government will continue to defeat us," she says.

Chief Allan Paul of the Alexander band joined Arcand's plea for unity and offered his reserve as the rallying ground for the protest.

"We have to unite as Indian people," he urged. "These people of Alexander are taking a great risk, but we can't go any further, we have to do something and

that's why we are here to get support and to address this national problem," he says.

Paul blasted department policies on education funding and pointed out that they were contravening the Treaties which guaranteed the right to education.

"We have a big problem and it's (the Department of) Indian Affairs. We have to fight. We have to discuss it with the AFN (Assembly of First Nations); because of these cutbacks we cannot offer our young people decent education."

Arcand joined Paul's statements and added that the Association should immediately undertake a media blitz to inform the

non-Native population of the new cut-backs.

"We need to inform all our people that education is the key to self-determination. We must use the media effectively because Ottawa's all but locked the door. They are not listening to us."

Arcand explained that many students are now unable to finish their final year of university and that many new high school graduates will not be permitted to enter university.

The Association's Education Task Force was

formed in October 1986 shortly after the announcement of the education cut-backs was made by the

Department. However, since its formation, Arcand reports that the government has steadfastly refused to meet with members of the task force.

"A telex was sent to the minister regarding our concerns and a request for a moratorium on changes until the task force completes its study. To my knowledge no reply has been received to date," says Arcand.

Arcand has also met with Regional Director Dennis Wallace with no result and requests for funding for workshops and conferences has also been turned down.

After further discussion a vote on the proposed symposium and rally was taken and passed unanimously. The date has been tentatively set for August 3, 4 and 5 at the Alexander Reserve north of Edmonton.

Cutbacks worries education watchdog

By Mark McCallum

The Sacred Circle Advisory Committee is concerned with a 40 per cent cut in Native education programs.

Funding has dropped from \$610,000 in the previous fiscal year to \$370,000 for the 1987-88 year.

A mediator for Native education since 1982, the advisory committee is worried that non-Native resource people will be used to teach Native culture.

Committee member Ralph Bouvette urges that a 75 per cent cut in Native resource staff at the beginning of the school year will deter cultural studies. He points out "the (Edmonton public) school system can't expect non-Native people to teach kids about pipe ceremonies, sweats or traditional dances,

for example. We don't want any guess work done where the Native culture is concerned. It has to be done right..."

A new policy announced last March eliminates "the special project focus and direction Native education was structured on. Now, it's just part of the regular school system," he adds.

Elaine Mills, a spokesperson for the school board, says the cuts are necessary because other regions of the province are accessing funds for Native education programs in their areas.

She adds funds for the Native liaison worker and Awasis programs are secured for the next school year.

The public school board has no mandate in place for the hiring of resource personnel to help teach and deliver cultural material.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Indian athlete in training for the 1988 Summer Olympics

Alwyn Morris, a Mohawk Indian from Quebec is in training for the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul, South Korea. He will be training for most of this summer in his kayak throughout Canada and United States.

Alwyn won a gold medal in the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics for the 1,000 meter two-man kayak event.

Millions of television viewers may recall the proud moment when Morris held up an eagle feather at the winner's podium.

Three Navajos diagnosed as having AIDS

WINDOW ROCK, Arizona — An Indian Health Services doctor has diagnosed three Navajos as having Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, AIDS.

The doctors said that two of the three have died within the last year. The third is still being treated.

The doctor has speculated that the victims may have contracted the disease through sex or blood transfusions. He doubts that the victims were affected by intravenous drug usage, another high risk group, since shooting drugs is rare among Navajos.

There is no known cure for AIDS. Victims usually lose their ability to fight off infections and slowly die.

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Editorial

As the gov't reports come out over years, are we any further?

In the beginning...there was the White Paper in 1968, which proposed to blend Indians into society and ultimately do away with reserves.

Then there was the Red Paper -- in it Indians rejected the White Paper, maintaining they were citizens "plus" and the government owed them certain compensations.

The 70's looked progressive as the government mumbled about putting control of Indian's affairs into their own hands. But, today, with the emergence of the Neilsen Task Force policy and the more recent "corporate management plan," just set in stone in April, one wonders if any ground's been covered at all?

Another government game is at hand regarding control of Indian Affairs. The Neilsen Task policy has suggested doing away with the Department of Indian Affairs and handing duties over to appropriate federal or provincial departments, or to give it to bands under a "municipal affairs" type of government, wherein the bands act as government arms in administration.

The "corporate management plan" is here to ensure again, and once and for all, that Indians will remain as "rubber stampers." All management mechanisms remain within the DIA.

Generally, the corporate plan states that the DIA is being downsized and this will be done as Indians gain increased control over delivery of services. This will "greatly enhance the aspirations of Indian people."

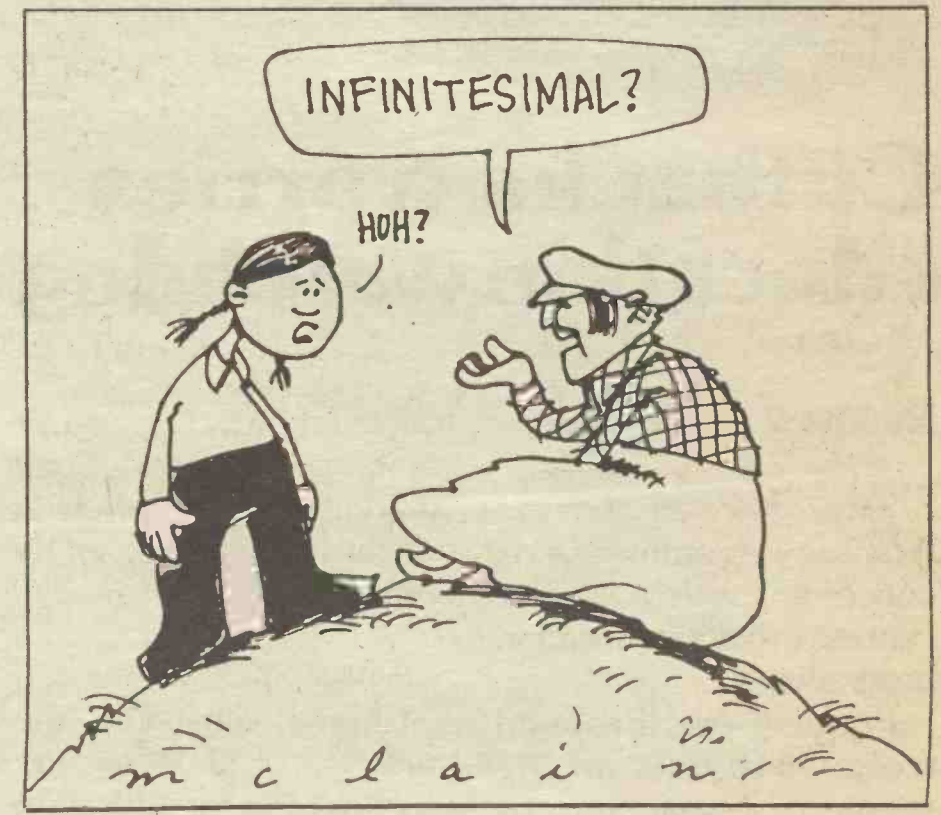
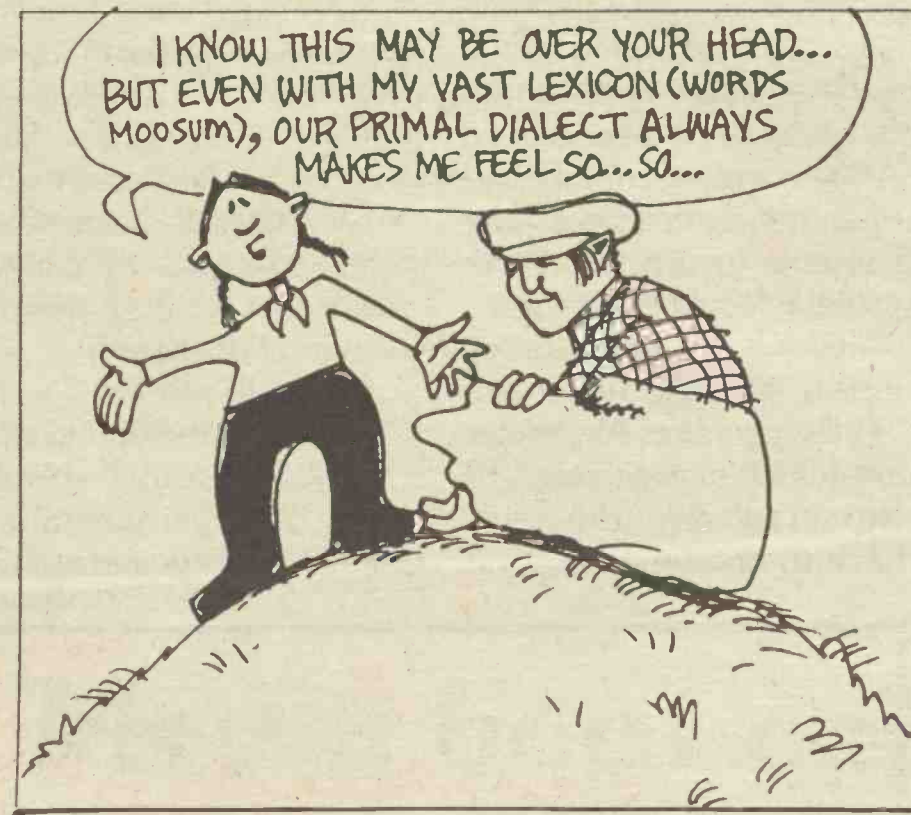
It will do no such thing. The downsizing that will be done is only in the administration end of things. There will be less people to make the telephone calls and carry out day to day tasks which currently "deliver" Indian services and programs.

But, at the decision-making level, things are possibly bleaker now than ever regarding Native input.

A three-member "steering committee on organization" has been designated to oversee the transfer of activities, downsizing and reorganization. They control the decision-making process and purse strings. And, knowing the track records of the individuals involved here, Indian leaders are saying the committee's main purpose is to serve the needs of bureaucracy -- not those of the first nations.

Also, government offered no forum for Indian leaders to oppose the plan. Whispers of the plan's development were heard, but it's difficult to protest rumours.

A good working relationship and balanced fiscal arrangement which allows Indians authority over their own livelihood is what's needed, but it seems a long way off. All of this may be even more tightly and rigidly controlled by this little committee. Far from "greatly enhancing the aspirations of Indian people" the new plan only wraps a little more binder twine around their hands.



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Opinion

Eye opening letter to McKnight on education policy — a wake up call

Dear Editor:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter that was sent to Indian Affairs Minister Bill McKnight, regarding his Department's decision to change the funding policy

for Native education. This letter can be seen as sarcastic, but my feelings on this issue are easily seen. I believe it is important that Native people see the detrimental effect this decision will have

on our collective future, hopefully this letter will spark an interest in at least a few people, so that they too will stand up and speak their mind. I would appreciate the publishing of this letter, and ask that

you encourage your readers to write McKnight and demand that he reverse this decision as it clearly threatens our people as a whole.

T. Mitchel Staats

The Hon. William McKnight (P.C.) M.P.
Minister of "Indian" Affairs
Ottawa, KKKanada

Mr. McKnight:

I am writing you at this time to express my dismay and displeasure of your Department's most recent funding policy for Native education, and the detrimental affect implementing such policies will have in this crucial field. Your government, in one fell swoop, will achieve what 500 years of European domination has failed to do, that being the total denial of the "Fourth Class" citizen's

aspirations of being near equals in the Canadian academic world.

Not only has your Government reneged on its promise to insure Native education, they have also failed to adhere to past promises set down in the treaties. We gave you the land, you gave us a handful of shiny beads and a promise of education. As this agreement no longer is binding, signified by your recent actions, we now wish to work out long term leases for all lands owned by the Native population in the northern part of this continent. Included in this are Ottawa and Winnipeg which, based on today's

real estate prices, amount to a substantial educational fund, once sold to the Americans. So you have three choices: firstly you can decide to reinstate full funding for Native education, no exceptions to this; secondly you can remit retroactive rental fees to the Native people of Canada, this would be applied to our educational survival; last but not least, we can take this matter into the streets for the world to see how Canada honors her obligations.

The squatter nation north of the 48th parallel, which consistently condemns South Africa for her racist policies towards her

Aboriginal people, refuses to act in a manner which could be construed as different then that of P.W. Botha's. In 1983, at the "Regressive Convertible's" national convention, your illustrious leader is credited with stating that "we must build a country that is more generous, more tolerant and more just." Beautiful words, empty promises, which should not surprise me as I have watched him disregard the largest mandate in Canadian political history. You either pull it together, or we will pull it apart.

Yours in Racial Inequality,
T. Mitchel Staats

POWWOW

Powwow time is here again
Drumbeats pound like falling rain
Dancers step to the beat
Sweating from infernal heat.

The day is hot as it is long
Drum keeps beat to Indian song
Voices life with tones high
Carried on winds to the sky.

Moccasin feet rise and fall
Traditions old respond to the call
Ancient ones passed on the dance
Pupils learned, now they prance.

All dance with such ferocity
Their eyes aglow with destiny
Once again the land does ring
And wind does hear warriors sing

Blackfoot, Cree, Stoney and Sioux
Blood, Peigan and Sarcee too
Moving together under flaming sun
Moving as if they all are one.

Bodies pivot, sweep and sway
Stored energy transformed this day
Powwow time is here once more
The circle renewed on grassy floor.

© By Terry Lusty
June, 1987

Message 'touched the hearts'

Dear Editor:

The Alberta Vocational Centre's Convocation '87 (Grouard), held on June 18, was the first-ever outdoor convocation in northern Alberta. It was also the centre's first convocation to feature a valedictorian address.

The valedictorian, Michael Lamouche, an Addictions Resource Worker student and resident of Grouard, delivered an excellent address which touched the hearts of the graduates and all who were present.

We feel that the sentiments expressed by Mr. Lamouche really capture what this centre is about. We think your readers, particularly those who are considering future academic and career training, would be inspired by the words from this young man. We hope you will be able to print the text of the valedictorian address, with this letter.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,
Terry DeLorme
Convocation Chairman

"Good afternoon, Ladies and Gentlemen, honored guests and graduates.

On behalf of the 1987 graduating class, I am very pleased to welcome you to Convocation '87. I am also very honoured to be the first valedictorian, and happy that this day is a celebration of the theme, 'Looking Beyond Tomorrow.'

(In Cree) I am very honoured to come up here and say a few words.

I want to begin by saying that this has been a very exciting year at the Alberta Vocational Centre. I am sure most of the graduating students feel the same way.

In fact, for some of us, this year has become a first step to further education at colleges or universities elsewhere. For others it will involve moving into technical careers and trades. Graduating from the centre's programs will also prepare many of us for new careers in the workplace. Many of my fellow graduates, even now, have been hired into good jobs in northern Alberta and further away.

The instructors at the centre have helped us get this far, and we thank you.

This has been my third year as a student at the centre. I began in the

academic programs at only a Grade 8 level. The past year I have been a student in the Addictions Resource Worker Program, where we have been challenged to a greater level of maturity and knowledge by the instructors.

I believe I speak for all the graduates when I say that we have been stimulated and improved, in our skills and our personalities.

My fellow students, our year together has not always been easy. We have had our misunderstandings and our great debates. What is important is that we learned how to resolve them and appreciate our differences in opinion.

Each of us has enrolled at this centre for our own reasons, and has worked to gain something tangible.

We have learned from books, lectures, and first-hand experience. For many of us the field placement experience in our programs has made us even more resolved to learn as much as possible.

In my program, the students were drawn by a sincere interest in helping others. Throughout the year we have realized that many skilled helpers are needed in the health care field.

For most graduates, we have been shown that there are good jobs out there that we can fill. The job

placement effort in many programs has, like in mine, been valuable.

Our learning experiences have also taught us to be patient. Our education takes time!

For myself, three years has meant progress from basic courses at the junior high level, to being a proud recipient of 9 university

stop at the end of our class, or after convocation. We should have resolve to continue our learning as much as we can. This will help us to understand ourselves and our situations. With understanding we can bring about change for the better.

And speaking about understanding, I sincerely

from my family encourage me more than ever to reach my goal.

My fellow graduates and myself sincerely thank you our instructors. They have given freely of their knowledge and have shared their lives with us. But it is not only the instructors, but the administrators, counsellors, and dedicated support staff who make this place such a success.

Personally, I wish to express a special thanks to my instructors from this year, Mr. Wib MacLennan, and Dr. Kendel Tang. These knowledgeable men have had a tremendous impact on myself and classmates. And these are only two of the many staff members who have our sincere gratitude.

(In Cree) My fellow natives, I wish to urge you to continue your education. No matter how hard it gets, do not give up. There are jobs out there. We need people who are smart.

As graduates of this centre, we should also be grateful to our fellow-students for our time here together. We have shared much, and have learned much from each other.

In closing, I wish each of your hopes and dreams to continue to challenge and to inspire you.

Thank you very much and good luck in your future.

"My fellow Natives, I wish to urge you to continue your education. No matter how hard it gets, do not give up. There are jobs out there. We need people who are smart. As graduates of this centre...we have shared much, and have learned much from each other."

credits, as part of my program.

For me this is a major accomplishment, because none of the courses I have studied have been 'Mickey Mouse' in content. We have learned hard core facts. We were never served 'Baby Pabulum.' For this I am grateful.

We must also realize that our education does not

wish to thank my wife and children for their support and patience. I am certain that my fellow students are also grateful to their families.

After a long day of stretching gray matter and forcing my body to sit still, I am always uplifted in spirit when I go home and receive a hug from a small, active child. Gestures like these

People

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I'd like to see the IAA continue to be strong and be the political force in this province as it was in the early 60's and early 70's... I want to get that back. And, I think we're going to have to start getting back together as Indian people in a united front, in terms of dealing with the issues and not being arms of the federal government when tackling issues.

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By Mark McCallum

IAA leader keeps lines open to people he serves

The Indian Association of Alberta's youngest ever President, Gregg Smith, 37, vows to be a leader who's in touch with his people.

Smith explains, "I think it's important to have personal contact with people because it helps to develop relations with them. I try to get out to communities (rather than) being an administrator and sitting in an office or flying around the country all the time."

In the past year, he has been to every reserve in Alberta at least once and says now the rotation will start again. Only when a community can't be reached by vehicle from centrally-located Edmonton, where his office is situated, will Smith charter a plane for a trip.

Smith still calls the Peigan reserve, where he was born, his home. In fact, he owns a house on the reserve and his family, wife Karen and their two children Gregory Lee and Kristen, still live in Peigan. Smith admits it gets "tough" at times, because he's separated from his family, but he plans to move them to a reserve closer to Edmonton. He won't move them into the city though, simply because he has always lived on a reserve.

Politics entered Smith's life in 1979 when he ran for Peigan council. He later became a Treaty 7 board member and ran for the IAA vice-president position in 1982. Presidency followed three years later.

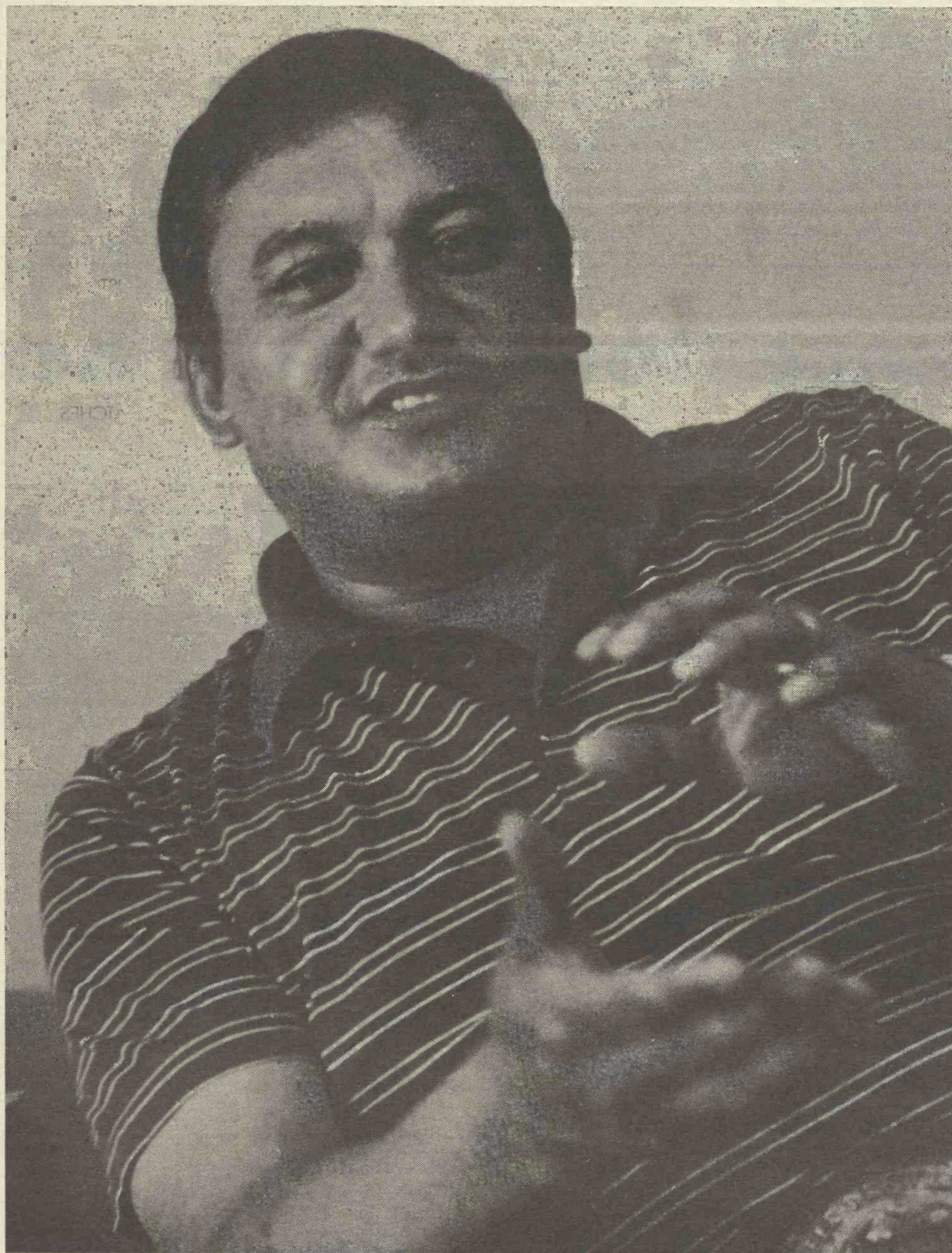
Because Smith is the youngest president in IAA history, is there a new generation of ideas he'd like to instill in his supports?

There have been some changes, such as the hiring of political advisors, which keep him informed and on top of issues. And, he also made sure an executive director was hired to manage administrative duties, so he wouldn't be tied up in the office.

"A politician's duty is to set policies. You can't do that if you don't get out into the communities and listen to the people."

However, Smith believes "the direction that older leaders have taken in the past still has a huge impact on the direction I take."

A major concern of Smith's is that Indian people are becoming more and more divided, through



IAA PRESIDENT GREGG SMITH

government manipulation. Smith explains: "In the past seven or eight years a lot of the blame for issues has been switched from the government over to the

chief and council. And, I don't see why. Band members want to see things done on a community level. But, in a lot of cases, it's not the chief and council

who are at fault. The federal government is not ensuring that people are supplied with the necessary resources to look after their needs. The chief and

council only administer what resources they receive."

Explaining the direction the IAA will take, he asserts: "I'd like to see the

IAA continue to be strong and be the political force in this province as it was in the late 60's and early 70's...I want to get that back. And, I think we're going to have to start getting back together as Indian people in a united front, in terms of dealing with the issues and not being arms of the federal government when tackling issues. The feds are continually trying the old 'divide and conquer' tactics with us and that breaks up unity."

Smith feels the most important issue to undertake is education because the government is making restraining cutbacks in this area. When asked about band controlled education, he replied, "I wouldn't advise any bands to look at band controlled education simply because there are no guarantees beyond the first term of agreement that finances will continue to be provided."

Bill C-31 has been a hot topic in Indian country in the past year. But the June 28 deadline for band membership codes has passed and Smith views the bill as a mistake because bands didn't have any input into it and had little time to deal with it.

Bill C-31 effectively gave Indian rights to a number of reinstated Natives. But, Smith says this was wrong because the government did not give Alberta band resources to deal with the overflow of added band members.

With all the pressure that comes from being the top man, Smith gains strength from his one and a half year stint in the RCMP to combat stress that comes with the job.

"My RCMP days taught me discipline. I never had to go to any special program to deal with stress. I deal with it in my own way. Whether it's getting away from the office for a couple of hours, playing golf or going to a movie in the evening."

Smith also goes to rodeos to relax and sometimes even tries his hand at events he formerly competed in his "rodeo days" -- the steer wrestling and team roping events.

"Rodeo is part of my blood. I enjoy it," he says with certainty. Certainty that the Indian people of Alberta can rely on.



DROPPIN IN

By Rocky Woodward

H! I just finished playing in my first golf tournament in two years this past weekend (June 28). Although I came in last I feel good because it was also my first game in two years.

I was paired up with my 12-year old son T.J. and a friend of mine, Jerry Donahue. Naturally, I wanted to play good so early Saturday morning I snuck out of the house, went over to the Golden West Golf Club and hit golf balls on the driving range for over three solid hours. No way was my boy gonna beat me!

Well, it didn't work that way. I lost six golf balls...hit some in the water. On a 340 par three hole, it took me six strikes to reach it and on two other holes I counted 12 both times.

When the game was all over my final score for 18 holes was 132! T.J. had 110 and Jerry totalled 99 points. As you can see, in golf I do not shine. The awful thing about it all was that they never even gave me a prize for best loser. Actually, I lied and told them that I thought the highest score won!

Hey Fred Didzena. Think you can still beat me? Playing backwards?

Have you noticed the news lately and how because of the country's deficit the government is going to tax us families to kingdom come? It's true. I guess that old saying is true about...the rich get richer and the poor play bingo.

The one nice thing that government has done is that people in lower income brackets will not have to pay as much federal income tax. The reason for this is because of the poor economy -- government knows already that they are the ones starving. It's so nice of them.

So you see, government is not so stupid after all. They realize if they tax the rich too much, they won't be able to go to any fancy parties or win their votes, if they tax the lower income families, most of the people in Canada will starve...so they did the next best thing. Hit the guy in the middle! The problem is...when they hit the guy in the middle he is then forced to join the lower income people and there are just not enough bingo halls to hold us all...so we starve.

MORINVILLE: I just talked with country singer Percy Tuesday who tells me that he and his family are packing their bags and leaving for Manitoba this July.

I know that many people, especially on the Alexander reserve, will miss Percy and his wife Jane, who taught school there.

The Tuesday's have five children and after arriving here a few years back, two of the girls, Stephanie and Tracy, brought with them some of their own culture...that of Jingle Dancing. The Tuesday's belong to the Ojibway Nation.

Percy has always been one of my favorite country singers and in 1986 he performed on Native Nashville North. Many of you will probably remember his smooth voice and great talent as a country singer. Percy has also performed throughout Alberta many

Golf, picnics herald summer

times at various Native functions.

We're going to miss you...Percy, Jane, Stephanie, Tracy, Otis, Robin and Jason.

"We don't know just where we will stay in Manitoba, but it's one of three isolated areas. I'll let you know," Percy said.

ASSUMPTION: Is having a great time right now. People from all over the Northwest Territories, British Columbia and Alberta gathered at Assumption for four days of an Elders' conference and fun and games!

"Last night we had a Tea Dance and we will be holding them everyday," said Harvey Denochoen.

Even understand people from the Sarcee Band have gathered there to take part in the four day event and many Elders from different nations are addressing the crowds of people at the assembly. Hope you had a good time. Harvey.

HIGH LEVEL: How you doing, Marion Shulte? We are sure sorry we missed your sod-turning awhile back and I sure appreciate your note asking us to STILL drop in anytime. I understand a brand new Friendship Centre is being built at High Level. It sure will beat working out of a trailer, Marion.

Right now the Friendship Centre is located in the old Fairview College building, next to the High Level Public School. Thanks. Hope to see you soon.

EDMONTON: On August 8, Metis Local 1885, will be holding their fourth annual picnic at Victoria Park, starting at noon.

The Local will supply hotdogs, corn on the cob and soft drinks, but if you really want to...bring along a picnic basket and join in the fun!

Many games are planned for the children, so Lyle Donald says to make sure and bring your whole family! Great, Lyle! That means I get to bring my four ugly dogs! Finally, they can eat off of someone else. A whole local can be responsible for feeding them. Families will be able to hand over their picnic baskets full of goodies. I'll be there, Lyle...along with my doggie bags.

For more information on the picnic please call Violet or Leonard at 421-1885.

BEAR LAKE: For the last week I have heard stories that the Metis Association of Alberta (MAA) will be holding its annual assembly at Peace River, so I decided to check.

I found out that it's not true and that the annual assembly will instead be held at Bear Lake. Bear Lake is only a few miles from Grimshaw. Grimshaw is approximately 30 km north of Peace River, so wherever I heard the rumour, it wasn't too far off.

The MAA annual assembly will be held on August 15 and 16.

I understand that our president of the MAA Sam Sinclair's term is up for election, so for those of you who want voting privileges, don't forget to check your membership card to see if it is up to date...or join a local.

I wonder if Mr. Sinclair will run again? I know he said he will step down at the next assembly (the one coming up) but you never know with politicians.

Who will be our new president? Or will it be Sam again? Tune in next August to find out what really happened. Sounds like a soap...

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Kainai Indian Days

Something for everyone at Blood reserve

By Jackie Red Crow

BLOOD RESERVE — All "Indian Days" celebrations consist of feasts, dances, visiting and parades — the annual Kainai Indian Days are no exception.

Traditionally held during the third week in July since 1967, the Kainai Indian Days are staged on the largest reserve in Canada. About 5,000 Indians from throughout Canada and the United States attend the four-day cultural event each year located in Southern Alberta.

The Kainai Indian Days are held in conjunction with a rodeo, golf and baseball tournament to cater to the diverse interests of both Native and non-Native people. Dancing is also a major attraction; in 1986, over 800 performers vied for \$20,000 in prize money. Celebrities such as Lanny McDonald, team captain of the Calgary Flames, and others who were inducted into the Kainai Chieftainship (the highest honor bestowed on prominent individuals who made significant contributions to the Blood Reserve) have been added

attractions in the past years.

For the last two years, Ninastako Centre, a cultural organization on the Blood Reserve has co-ordinated this event. A \$30,000 grant from the Blood Tribe Chief and Council and an additional \$14,000, derived from concession stands and booth fees, offsets the

many expenses of Indian Days.

Kainai Indian Days highlights many dance competitions attended by competitors who travel Canadian and American powwow circuits. Gloria Wells, Ninastako Centre co-ordinator, said many Native dancers and singers

look forward to the summer "to make some money at Indian Days celebrations."

Before grant money was awarded for Kainai Indian Days, Wells said they contacted many people, including dancers, to find out what should be the focus of the event. Dance competitions were cited as

the number one reason for attendance at Indian Days celebrations.

July's Indian Days format will be similar to those of past year's, with hopefully more participation from the Blood Tribe Chief and Council.

Wells says American Indians have been faced

with a confiscation problem over the years at the Canadian border at Carway, 20 miles south of the Blood Reserve. The Canadian government does not recognize the Jay Treaty which allows Indians from both Canada and the United States to pass the borders freely without having to pay duty taxes. American Indians have had to pay taxes and have had their goods confiscated at the border until duty taxes were paid.

According to Wells, last year a number of American Indians were stopped at the border. "Some were told to pay \$50 before they got their goods back. We had to help them out," she said.

This year Wells will forward a letter from the Blood Chief and Council to the custom officials at Carway in the hope they will recognize Treaty rights.

Carway custom officials refused comment when contacted about the border crossing issue.

Despite this obstacle, Wells said visitors will continue to be treated to the best of Blood hospitality and entertainment.

Chief Youngman organizes huge international powwow for Olympics

By Lesley Crossingham

If there is one chief who is a familiar face at the powwows, it is Chief Leo Youngman, who not only participates in the dancing and celebrations, but also helps judge and organize several powwows each year.

"The powwow is very important. An essential part of our lives. Each year I help organize the Calgary Stampede powwow so I know how much work is involved in organizing a powwow."

Youngman, who often takes his place at the drum, is currently organizing a huge international powwow for the Calgary Olympic Games scheduled for February 1988. Originally the powwow was set to take place in the Calgary Lindsay Park arena, however, there are fears that the huge arena will not be big enough for the event.

"We are still working on the plans. But it is very difficult — very hard work," he adds.

However, despite the hard work, the Chief is

quick to point out that the powwow is worth any amount of extra work and organizing skills.

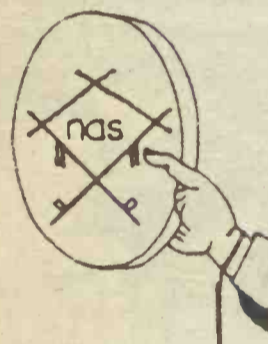
"It is a gift from the Great Spirit. During this powwow, and all powwows, we try to teach our young people the ways of their people. This is how we pass our traditions on."

Youngman says he is pleased that so many people are interested in the powwow rather than seeking the disco or the concert hall for entertainment. "Our young people are enthusiastic. They still need

instruction of course, because they don't always realize the significance of many of the ceremonies. But they do enjoy the social aspect of the powwows," he says.

Youngman says he has no fear that the powwow will ever die out because it has become far too popular and part of everyone's life.

"Many years ago, the government tried to suppress the powwow. They said it was heathen. But today it has returned. I hope it will never fade away."



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Old Sun graduation

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Recognized were 31 OSCC 1987 graduates receiving diplomas and certificates in basic education, high school completion, homemaker and health careers. Included in the ceremonies were 14 1987 Siksika senior high school graduates, and 18 1987 post-secondary graduates. Post-secondary degrees included several Bachelors in Social Work, Education and Civil Engineering, a Masters in Political Science, and a Doctor of Dentistry. Also honored were the more than 26 past university graduates since 1970.

Mervin Wolf Leg, B.Ed.,

master of ceremonies, made the comment that the number of Blackfoot graduating students has increased by 700% in the last decade, due in part by the example of past graduates returning to contribute to the reservation community.

Addressing the graduates, Chief Leo Youngman said, "You will prove to be a great asset to the development of our people." He congratulated the parents, husbands, wives, and families for their support to their related students. He urges everyone to continue to stand behind them for their great inspiration to future generations, "Education is a top priority to our Band Council." He added, "Education is a Treaty right if we accept it, and no government should do anything to lessen the

worth of these guarantees."

The evening's highlight came in the challenging message of invited guest speaker, Alwyn Morris (Mohawk) 1984 Olympic Gold & Bronze Medalist. He noted that more and more hearts of Native youth are turning toward their Elders, a priceless strength, because "once we lose them, we lost their wisdom."

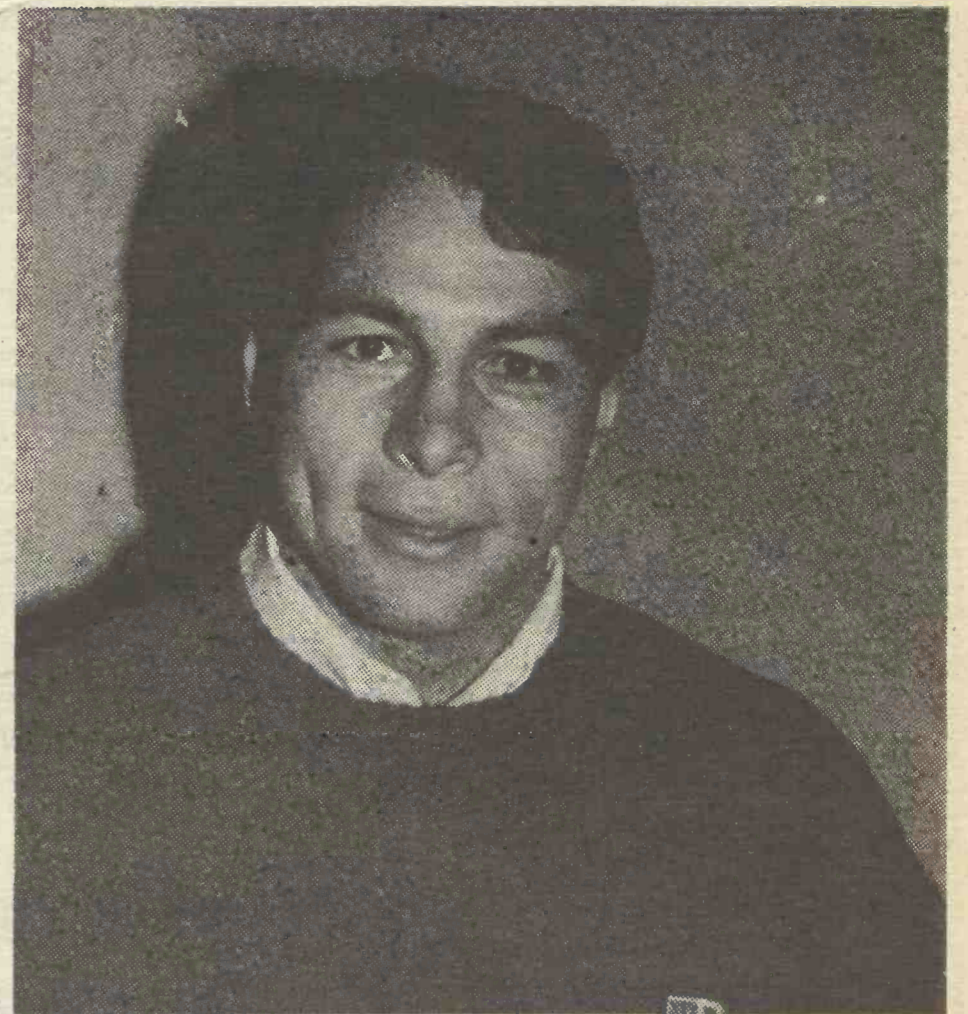
Speaking of the struggles Native people face, he commented that, from his own experience, he wouldn't have had it any other way. He says, "We are a competitive people. Remember when we were young and someone pushed us down? What happened? We got up and we pushed back!"

Morris traced the path of sacrifice for his Olympic participation and likened it to the successful realization

of educational goals. "You can never put a value on what education can do for you. Without it we have no future. Your time is here!"

Because of his Olympic training his own educational pursuits were interrupted, though he did receive a certificate in Outdoor Recreation Management and sports Administration from Capilano College in North Vancouver, B.C. But he says many times life points us in new directions. "Doors close and doors open. Go as far as you can. I have to do something more than paddle. I want to finish my degree and sit among you."

Morris also lectures for NNADAP (National Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program). He said he believes in potential: "I've seen too many friends and too many relatives and too



ALWYN MORRIS
...gave message of encouragement

much potential washed away. I do not like hearing what you 'could have done.' I want to hear 'I did' and 'I'm going to.' We all walk the subtle path of example. I wish all the graduates the

best of luck and challenge you to do more. Continue to grow in your town (or whatever you serve) and you will see an awful lot of Native people as leaders in this country."

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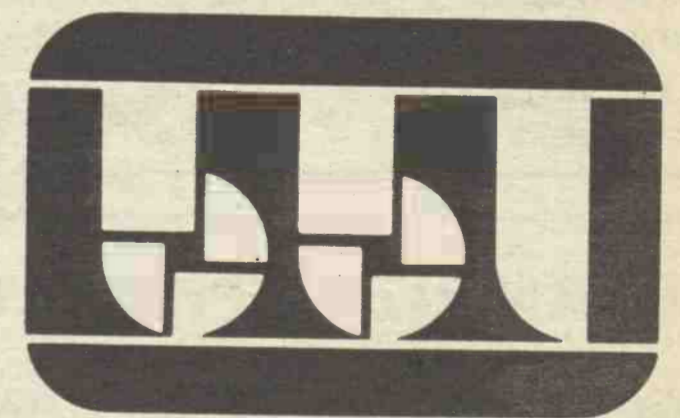
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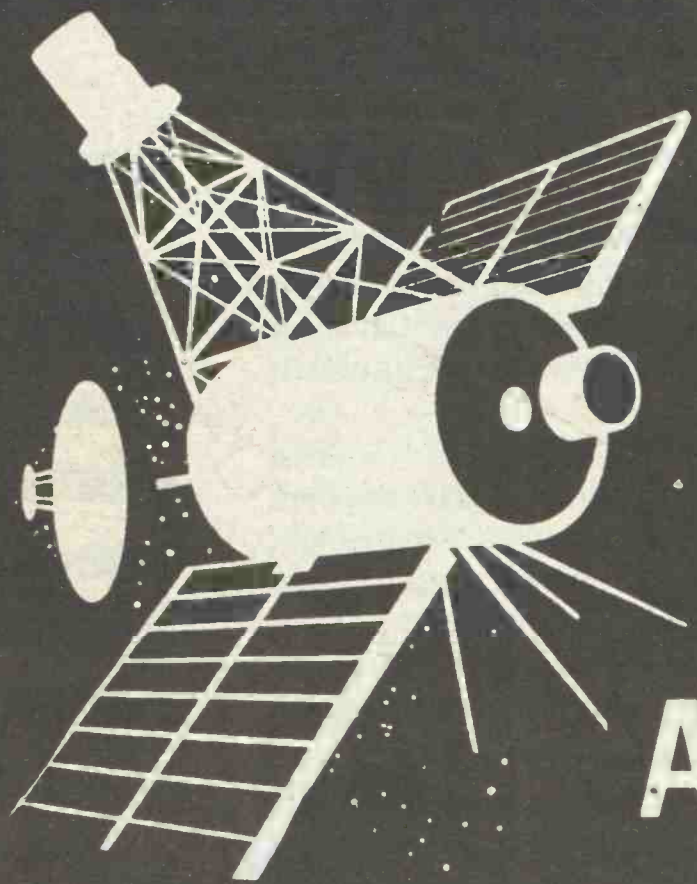
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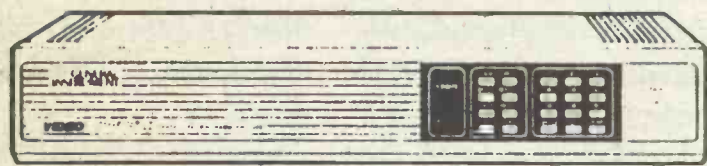
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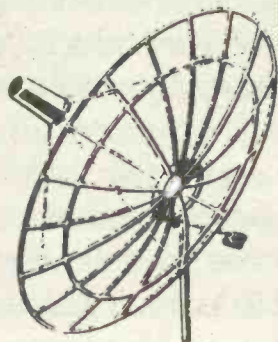
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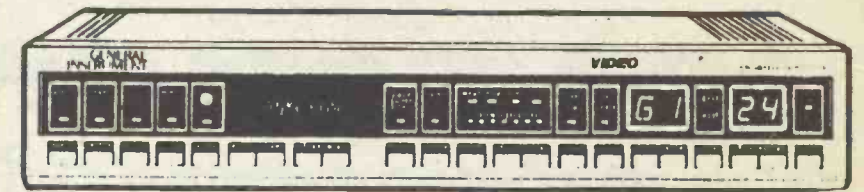
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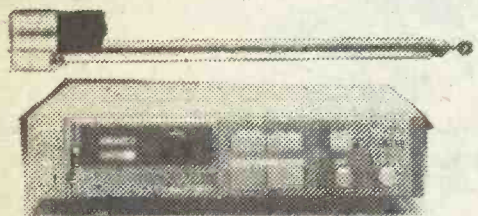
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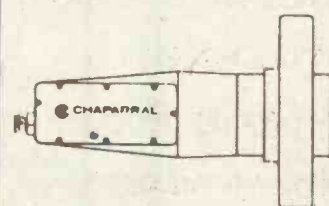
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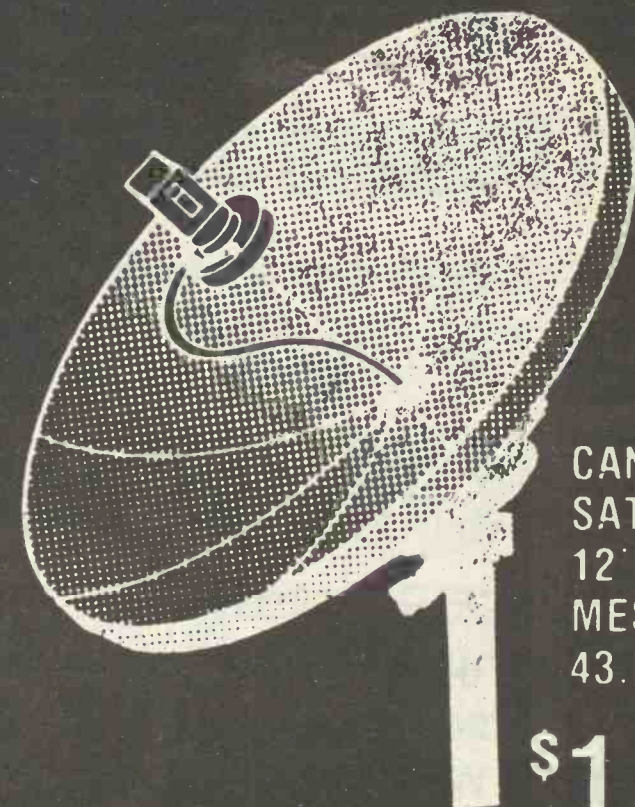


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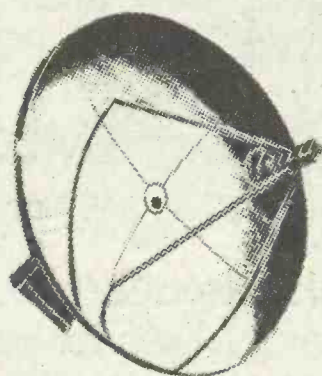
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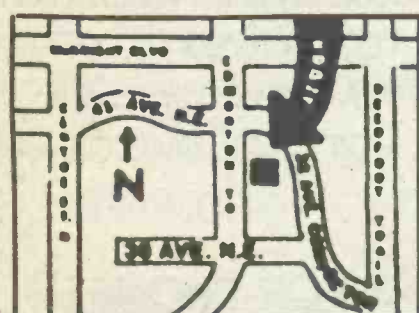
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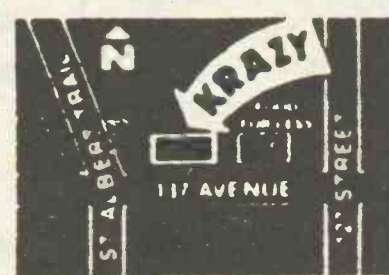
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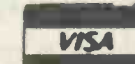
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By Lesley Crossingham

The new Morley community school is nestled between the rolling foothills of the Rocky Mountains and the Bow River which slowly curls its way towards Calgary, more than 100 km away.

The bright and architecturally innovative school was built to house Stoney tribe children from Kindergarten to Grade 12, but now has a new role -- as lynch-pin of the community.

The new principal, Rod Mark, the first Stoney band member to hold the position, sees many changes on the reserve since the news that natural gas resources on the reserve were being quickly depleted and that royalty payments of about \$400 every two weeks would soon be cut. Not the least of these changes is the swift and almost sudden return to school for many band members.

"We have suffered many cutbacks here on the reserve and we had a lot of layoffs. Many people who got used to receiving payouts every two weeks had to tighten their belts. A lot of these people have returned to school, which is a good thing," he adds.

The Stoney band hit the

headlines 18 months ago when news that the natural resources on the reserve were running low and that band members would soon find themselves back on welfare.

However, Mark and other Stoney band members now feel this occurrence, which at the time seemed tragic, will bind the band together and will force many band members who had assured jobs, back to school and higher education.

"I think it has all been a blessing in disguise," says Chiniki band member Sykes Powderface, a former band official who is now the Native liaison coordinator with the Calgary Olympics.

"We used the money to provide good centres, such as the school, the administration building and the Nakoda Lodge. Now many of our band members will have to return to school in order to find decent jobs. It will be a growth experience," he adds.

Now many adult students are returning to the school to pursue their high school diplomas and to eventually move on to university.

"We help the adult student establish goals. We give counselling on programs and alternatives at their own speed. They are

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not stuck in the program."

Mark is quick to point out that, had the Morley school been still under the jurisdiction of the Department of Indian Affairs, the reserve would be facing a much bleaker future.

The old school was a ramshackle iron building which was constantly in danger of being condemned. But more importantly, the old school had the reputation of being an outsider in the community -- part of the Department of Indian Affairs, explains Mark.

Three years ago a plan was made to replace the old school with a new and modern school paid for with the gas royalties which were at that time seemingly

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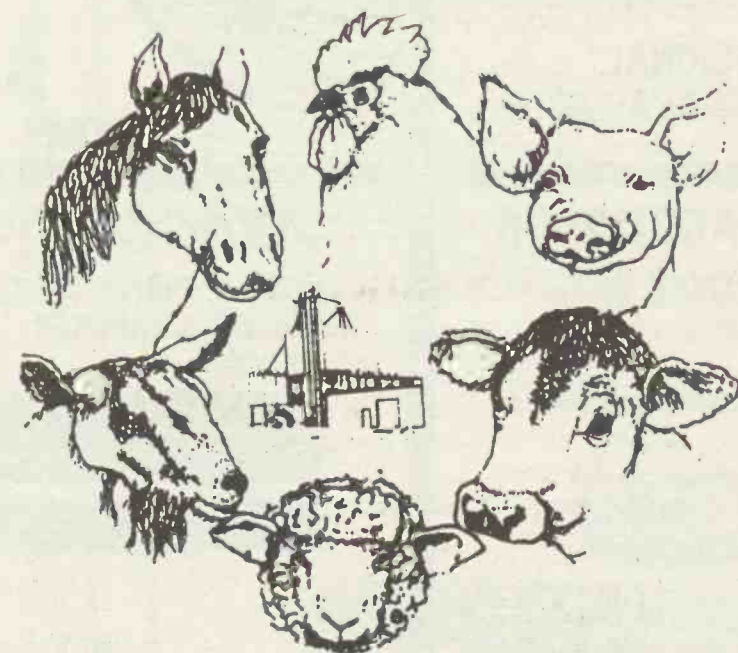
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assured for many years to come. An architect was employed and the new school was built with the input of the community and Mark himself.

"We first had the idea of our own school ten years ago," confesses Mark. "But it wasn't until three years ago that we actually made plans. We hired Daryl Swanson, the same architect who designed the Nakoda Lodge. We designed the school so that extensions could be added on later. We are now in the process of expanding and adding on a gym," says Mark.

The school was finally opened in September 1985, still under the jurisdiction of the Department of Indian Affairs. During the following

year the control and administration of the school was slowly transferred to the Stoney Tribal administration and in September 1986, the school was officially opened with its first Stoney principal.

Now the school is part of the community. At one time there was little or no involvement of parents in the school, but now a large proportion of parents visit the school on a regular basis.

Marka also points out that, at one time, a large percentage of Stoney children would be bused to nearby schools at Exshaw and Springbank because many band members felt the standard of education at the Department-run Morley school to be too low or just plain inadequate.

"These children are returning now and in fact we are getting some enrollment from non-Native students," adds Mark.

The major problem of high absenteeism is also being conquered, says Mark.

"It is now down from 80 per cent or so to 65 per cent. It's slowly going down. Indian Affairs made a big stink about attendance. But we understand each student and each family.

We know why they don't attend and we don't pressure the kids."

"Our goal is to offer the child a wholistic approach. The parents have handed the child to us and we have the programs. In other schools they are in an alien culture, they are the whiteman's schools. They do not understand our culture."

The school is controlled by a Stoney school board which consists of three members from the council and Chief John Snow, as chairman. Mark eventually foresees an elected board based on a municipal style school board already in operation in most major cities.

"This school has made a big difference here on the reserve. When we first talk of taking over education many people said they thought we wouldn't be able to do it. But although it has been hard, we have made it. And if any band asked my advice, I would say, go for it. It will be productive and creative for your reserve."

The Morley school is located on the Stoney Indian reserve, west of Calgary, one of two Stoney reserves in the Treaty 7 area.

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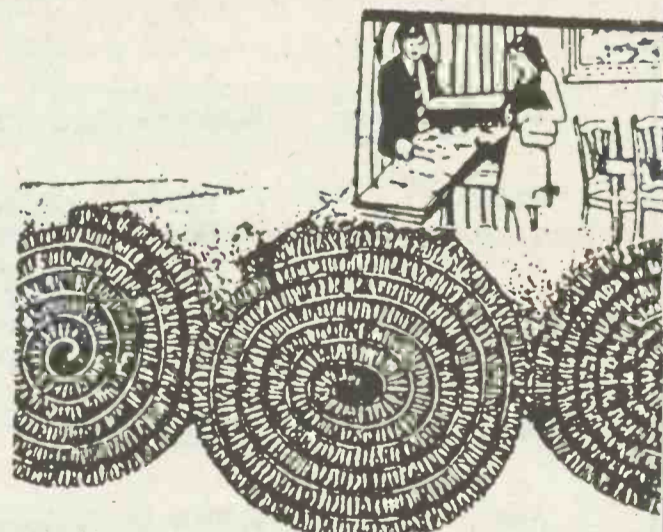
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No ordinary school, says Calgary Mayor in grad speech

By Lesley Crossingham

People from all parts of the country came out to honor graduates at Calgary's Plains Indian Cultural Survival School (PICSS), including Calgary Mayor, Ralph Klein.

The unique school, dedicated to the enhancement of Indian culture is a learning environment, graduated six students this year including Nicholson award winner Shirley Hill.

Calgary's popular mayor, who took time out of his busy schedule to honor the graduates -- the only high school graduation the mayor has attended this year, sang the praises of the school which he first visited when still a broadcast reporter with a local television station.

"I remember visiting the school in 1980 to do a story; you gave me a PICSS jacket which I still use to go fishing. It still fits because you gave me a large size," he added, pointing to his now rotund figure.

Klein explained to the audience that the PICSS school not only means a lot to him personally, but also

to the city of Calgary which helps fund the school.

"It means a lot to graduate from this school. It is something that contributes significantly to the community. This is not just an ordinary school of learning, it is a major cultural centre serving in the sense of community. It brings people together in a sense of understanding to all peoples who need to learn and understand about your way of life."

Klein was then presented with a PICSS sports bag, cap and T-shirt which he promised to wear fishing.

Principal Jerry Arshinoff then explained the beginnings of the school, pointing out that originally classes took place in a basement.

"There are many Monday mornings when we didn't know if we would get enough money to carry on until the Friday," confessed Arshinoff. "But we did have a stroke of good fortune. A student was picked up by city police because he looked like someone they were looking for. After they found their mistake they drove him to the school."

Arshinoff explained that

the police officer was not aware that a school dedicated to Indian people was in operation in the city and asked Arshinoff if they needed any money.

"I, of course, said yes. I expected, \$50 to \$70 or so, but the next week we received \$30,000 and the following two months, \$18,000."

A representative of Calgary city police, Brian Van der Wark then presented an award to the school.

The six graduates: Shirley Hill and Mark Crane from the Blackfoot band; and Pat Lee Carrier, Faye Favel, Cherry and Jody Ledesma, Blackfoot band were then honored.

Arshinoff pointed out that Crane has recently been admitted in to the University of Calgary to study engineering.

After the awards a powwow to honor the graduates took place. Leading the dancing was Blackfoot Elder and teacher, Maggie Black Kettle. Black Kettle teaches the Blackfoot language and traditional beadwork arts at the school.

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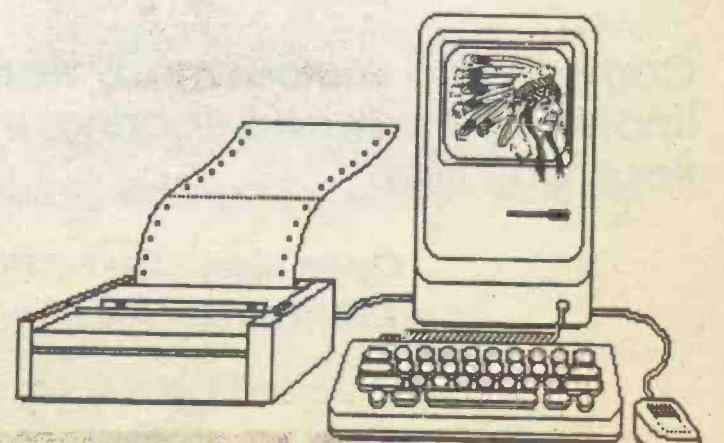
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Psychology grad pushes for top

By Jackie Red Crow

High ambitions and drive motivated a young Metis to graduate from the University of Lethbridge in May with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology.

Brenda Eastman, originally from Alberta Beach near Edmonton, managed to work full time while attending university full time, too.

"I worked the graveyard shift as a child care counselor during my first three

years of study. I then enrolled in six courses in my final semester to complete my degree.

Eastman has been deeply interested in indigenous peoples' issues with special interests in Native women and children. As a single mother of a 10-year old son, Eastman is idealistic, but practical.

Upon completion of high school, Eastman worked in a number of odd jobs but soon realized she needed high education to improve

her chances of securing better employment. "People don't listen to you unless you have a paper (degree) behind you," she says.

However, she emphasizes she knows a lot of people who don't have degrees but are very knowledgeable. "I was open-minded enough to realize that once you get your degree, you don't live happily ever after."

Even though a Native

may possess a university degree, they still face racism and ignorance, says Eastman. She pointed out there are about 3,000 Natives from all over Canada in Lethbridge -- but only six agencies in the city to deal with their needs.

A goal for Eastman is to establish a Native family services agency someday. "That's my dream," she says. "I don't understand why there are no services of this kind."

University education is hard work but not impossible, says Eastman. She says her motivation in university was having a keen interest in her studies and a definite goal.

Eastman believes students must be involved in their studies by doing additional research and reading beyond their regular class time assignments.

Currently, Eastman is working with the provincial

social services as a case-worker. She plans to attend graduate school next September, but has not decided which university yet.

Eastman has previously worked with Project Mother Earth, a program geared for unemployed Native women in Lethbridge. More recently, she was part of a team of Native social workers hired by the Indian Association to study Alberta's new Child Welfare Act.

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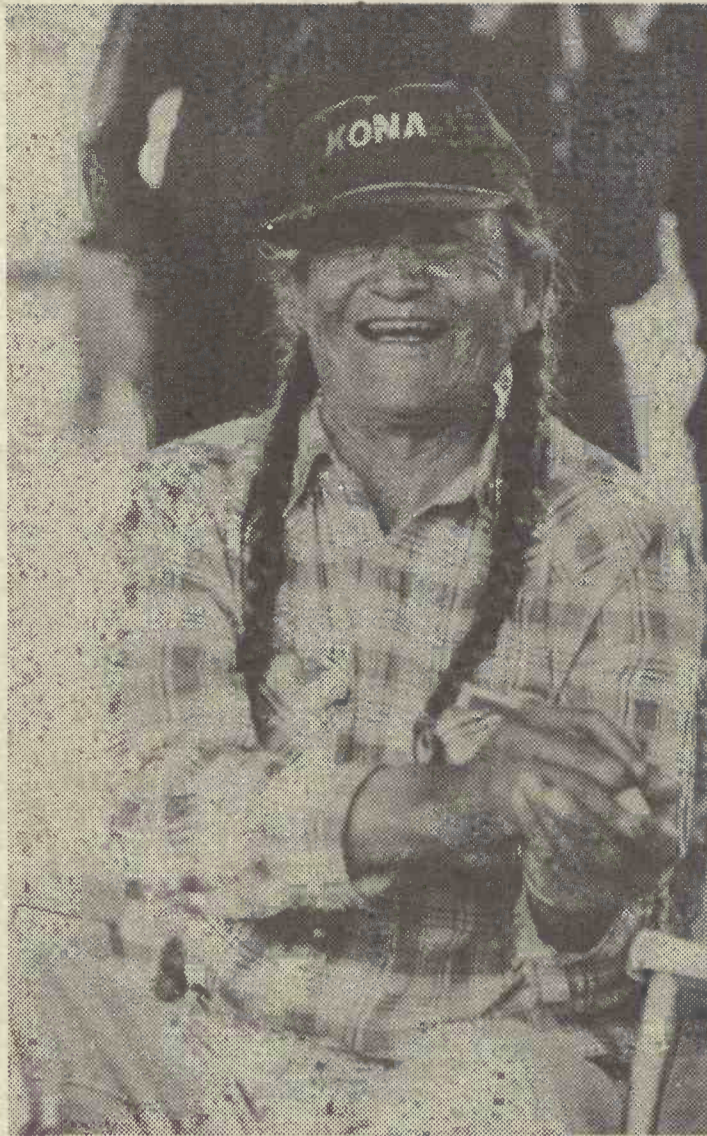
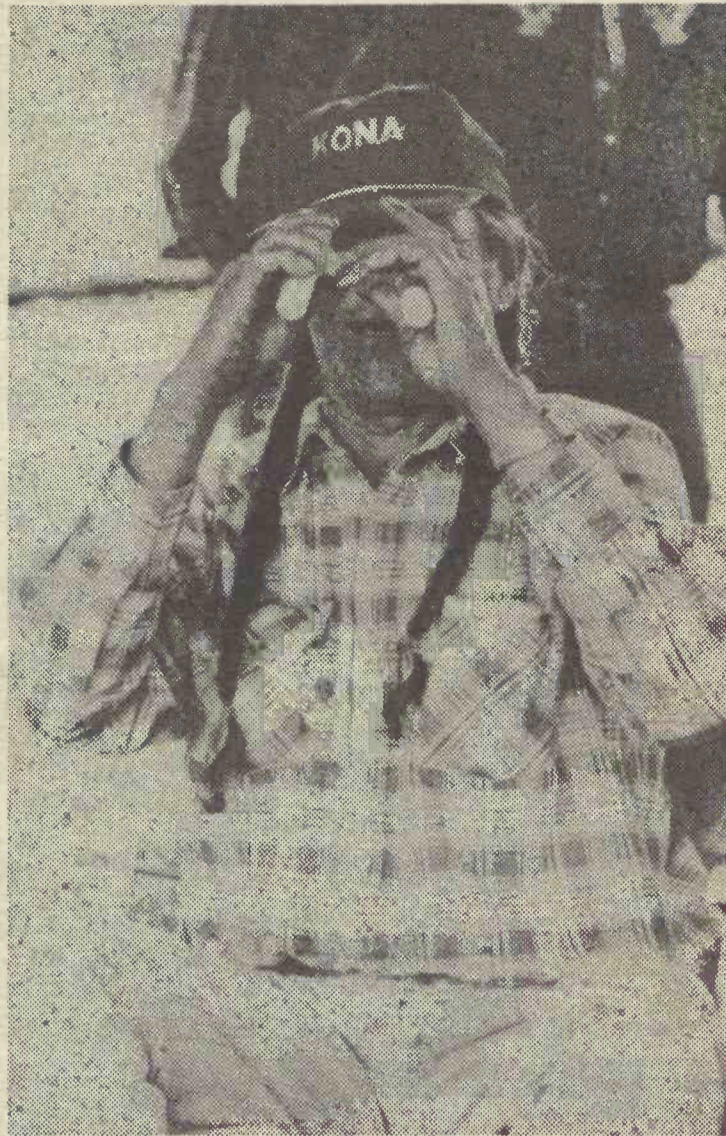
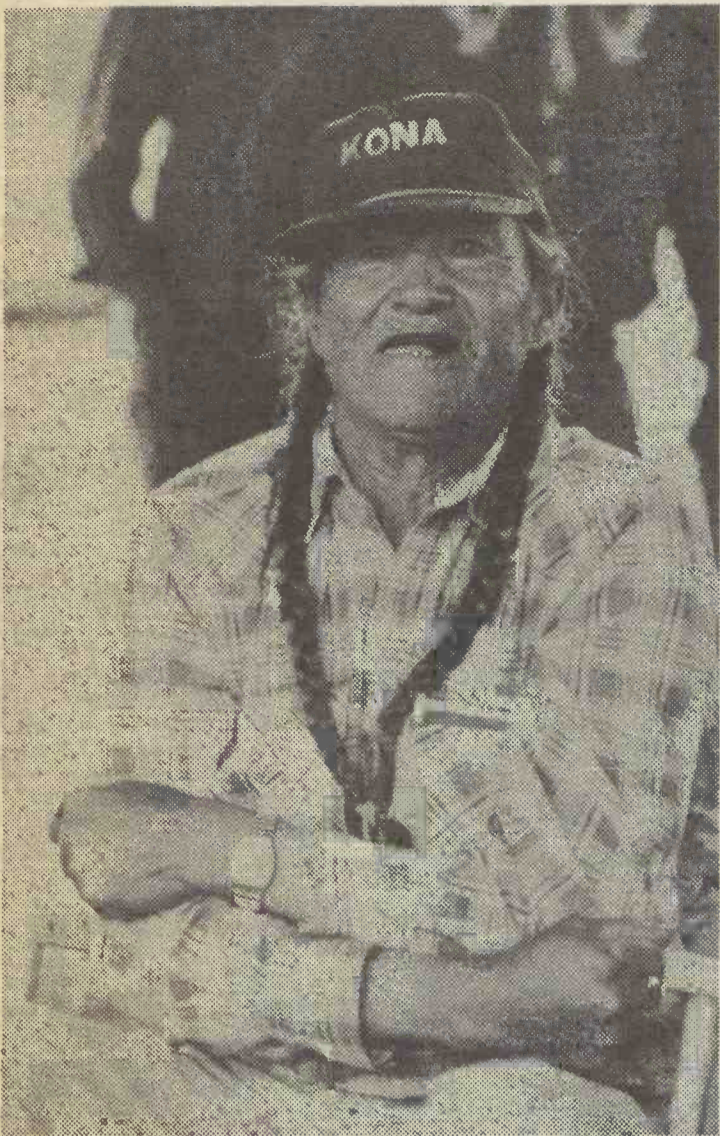
Calendar of Events

- Calgary Exhibition & Stampede**, July 3 - 12, Calgary
- Friends in Sports**, July 6 - 9, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB
- Cold Lake First Nations Treaty Days**, July 9 - 12, Cold Lake Reserve
- International Native Golf Tournament**, July 9 - 11, The Links Golf & Country Club, Spruce Grove, AB
- R.C.A. Rodeo**, July 10 & 11, Buck Lake, AB
- Rodeo, Chuckwagon Races & Parade**, July 10 - 12, Whitecourt, AB
- 2nd Annual Yellowhead Tribal Council Celebrations**, July 10 - 12, Alexis Cultural Grounds
- Mission Indian Friendship Centre International Powwow**, July 10 - 12, Mission, B.C.
- Alexis 10th Annual Mens' & Ladies' Fastball Tournament**, July 10 - 12. For further information call Dennis Cardinal at 967-2225
- Annual Sports Day**, July 10 - 12, Paul Band
- River Daze Canoe & Raft Races**, July 11, Fort Vermilion, AB
- Treaty Days**, July 12 - 14, Fort McKay Band
- Canadian Native Princess Pageant**, July 17 & 18, CNFC & West Edmonton Mall
- Mens' & Ladies' International Fastball Tournament**, July 17 - 19, Enoch Reserve
- All Native Fastball/Slowpitch Tournament**, July 17 - 19, Prime Minister's Park, Prince Albert, Sask.
- Alexis Camp Gospel Meeting**, July 17 - 26, Alexis
- Powwow**, July 18, 2 - 4:30 p.m. (only), Ice Palace, West Edmonton Mall
- Big Valley Jamboree**, July 16 - 19, Craven, Sask., (20 mi. north of Regina)
- Intertribal Powwow**, July 17 - 19, Paul Band
- Mens' & Ladies' Fastball Tournament**, July 17 - 19, Paul Band
- Klondike Days**, July 16 - 25, Edmonton
- Loretta Lynn in Concert**, July 18, Sportplex, Lethbridge, AB
- Louis Bull Mud Bog**, July 18 & 19, Panee Agriplex, Hobbema. For entries call Irvin at 585-2817.
- Klondike Days Breakfast**, July 19, CNFC, Edmonton
- Lac St. Anne Annual Pilgrimage**, July 19 - 23, OMI Mission, Alberta Beach
- CNFC Kiddies Play Day**, July 23, CNFC, Edmonton
- Sarcee Nation Powwow & Rodeo Classic**, July 23 - 26, Sarcee Reserve
- Olde Tyme Fiddlers Contest**, July 25, Cypress Centre, Exhibition Grounds, Medicine Hat, AB
- CNFC Senior's Games**, July 25 & 26, CNFC, Edmonton
- Interpretive Centre Grand Opening**, July 23, Head Smashed In Buffalo Jump (World Historic Site), Fort Macleod
- River Boat Daze**, River Relay Race, Midway, Rodeo, July 23 - 26, Slave Lake
- Back to Batoche Days**, July 24 - 26, Batoche, Sask.
- Elks Stampede & Pro Rodeo**, July 29 & 30, High Prairie, AB
- Lac La Biche Powwow & Fishing Derby**, July 31 - August 3, Lac La Biche
- Peigan Indian Days**, July 31, August 1 & 2, Brocket,
- Standing Buffalo Powwow**, August 6 - 9, Fort Qu'Appelle, Sask.
- Little Pine Powwow**, August 6 - 9, Little Pine, Sask.
- 24th Annual Shoshone Bannock Festival**, August 6 - 9, Fort Hall, Idaho
- Four Band Powwow**, August 7 - 9, Hobbema
- Cold Lake Sports Days**, August 7 - 9, Cold Lake Reserve, Cold Lake
- Piapot Annual Celebration**, August 14 - 16, Piapot, Sask.
- Canadian Native Fastball Championships (Men's)**, August 13 - 15, Invermere, B.C.
- Kehewin's 3rd Annual Celebrations**, Powwow, Rodeo & Unisex Slowpitch Tournament, August 21 - 23, Kehewin
- Alexander Rodeo Days**, August 21 - 23, Alexander Recreation Grounds. For more information call Eric Newborn at 939-5031.
- Rocky Mountain House Native Awareness Week**, August 24 - 29. For information call 845-2788.
- Nakoda 5th Annual Powwow**, September 4 - 6, Stoney Tribe, Morley, AB
- North American Indian Athletic Association Fastball Tournament (Women's)**, September 4 - 6, Hobbema
- Bear Shin Bone Family Reunion Powwow**, November 1, Blood Reserve
- Blackfoot Veteran's Powwow**, November 11, Gleichen, AB



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"It's just a great powwow!" one bystander told Windspeaker. "It's a joyous occasion...the kids are out of school...a lot of people start coming out to show off the costumes they've been working on all summer...everyone's just really happy."

The traditional setting of the Saddle Lake powwow helps to draw people. All dancing and the give-away take place outdoors in a huge circle. Above the spectator stands is a "canopy" or arbour of cut trees, which contribute to the beautifully green and "natural" atmosphere of the powwow.



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Signing ceremonies officially marks awaited land claim

By George Poitras

FORT CHIPEWYAN — The Cree Band here celebrated their recent land claims settlement on June 21.

The land claim celebrations were held in conjunction with this year's Cree and Chipewyan Treaty Days, June 21 and 22.

In attendance for this historic occasion was the Honourable Bill McKnight, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and other dignitaries including the Honourable Jim Horsman, Minister, Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs; Gregg Smith, president of the Indian Association of Alberta; Jack Shields, MP for the Athabasca Constituency and former Chief of the Cree Band, Lawrence Courtoreille, now vice-president for Treaty 8.

A signing ceremony was held to officially mark the long awaited land claim settlement between the federal and provincial governments and the Cree Indian band.

As Chief of the Cree band, Rita Marten welcomed the distinguished guests to Fort Chipewyan at the outdoor celebrations. "On behalf of the Cree Band, I do hope your stay will be enjoyable, memorable and relaxing," she told her guests.

In introducing Bill McKnight, Dennis Wallace, Regional Director of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, referred to him as being the one responsible for "driving the claim through to conclusion," and a man who "properly represents the interests of Indian people." Wallace also noted that it wasn't too often that he saw such a large array of leaders together at one place and time.

McKnight, speaking to a large crowd who came to join in the celebrations, thanked Chief Marten for the invitation to commemorate the land claim settlement. "It is with the greatest of pleasure that I am here today," he began.

"You chose today to formally observe the signing

of the Cree Band settlement to commemorate the original signing of Treaty #8 by Chief Marten's great-grandfather, Chief Justin Marten, on this date in 1899," McKnight continued, commending the band for their sense of history. "I realize it has been a long process to attain this accord with the governments of Canada and Alberta. Perseverance and the spirit of compromise throughout negotiations have resulted in an agreement acceptable to all parties.

"With the settlement of the Cree Band Claim, Canada, with the cooperation and participation of Alberta, is delivering on the treaty promise made to your ancestors in 1899.

The financial and natural resources provided under this unique settlement will provide an excellent opportunity to enhance the socio-economic conditions of your community," said McKnight.

McKnight also recognized the role played by the Honourable Jim Horsman and the "leadership he has displayed since assuming responsibility for Native Affairs in the Alberta cabinet."

Chief Marten expressed appreciation for the efforts of those involved in the 18 years of negotiations and hard work. She presented plaques to recognize the work of former Chief's Albert Gladue, instrumental in beginning the negotiations of the claim; Lawrence Courtoreille and Archie Waquan.



RAISING THE FLAG
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"Today, we are adding to the rich history of Fort Chipewyan by witnessing the fulfillment of promises made many years ago," said the Honourable Jim Horsman. "The reward of everyone's efforts rests in the signing today of a formal dedication by the duly elected representatives of the Fort Chipewyan Cree Band; the government of Canada and the government of Alberta. You are to be complimented for your patience and dedication during the many days, months and years of discussions which have led to this celebration of your entitlement claim. Your

approach was reasonable and realistic."

Horsman was escorted on an air tour over the sites chosen for reserve lands and was impressed with the vastness and the beauty of the area, and impressed with the Band's "careful, thoughtful and wise selection of the nine sites.

"You have chosen areas which afford the best opportunities to develop economically and residentially.

"The future holds great promise for tourism, mining, expansion in agriculture, and for a continuation of traditional activity in hunting, fishing and

trapping," commented Horsman.


Gregg Smith was pleased to have been invited to this event which he referred to as "a settlement which was long overdue." "It is time for more land claims to be dealt with. Many claims have to be settled." Smith added it was his hope that "our people will get what they deserve, that what is rightfully theirs."

A presentation of a ceremonial Canadian flag was made by Jack Shields to Chief Marten. A Union Jack flag was also presented to Chief Marten by Stan Shallingburger to commemorate the original signing of the treaty in 1899 with the Queen.

Following the speeches, a mock signing ceremony was held with the different levels of government and the Chief and Councillors of the Cree Indian Band. As part of the Treaty Day celebrations, demonstrations of handgames, bannock making and tea dance were held.

The ministers, impressed by the demonstrations, were eager to take part in the events, especially the handgames.


The Cree Indian Band land claim settlement was signed originally on December 23, 1986 and provides for 12,280 acres (4,969.5 hectares) of land for Indian reserve purposes, hunting, fishing and trapping rights and a \$26.6 million cash compensation.



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Entertainment

'88 fast approaching

Two northern communities begin plans for bicentennial

By Terry Lusty

Two northern Alberta communities are to celebrate their 200th birthday in 1988 -- Fort Vermilion and Fort Chipewyan.

For many years now, both have claimed to be a "first" in the province. However, each has a different form of claim, says Fort Vermilion's Bicentennial Association coordinator/project manager, Claire K. Goldsmith.

"It's really not a question of who was first," she explains. Each was, but in their own way. Fort Chipewyan claims to be the oldest human settlement in the province.

"Our claim is a different one...it is the beginning of the fur trading activity and commerce," she states.

Goldsmith does not argue the point and is "delighted to support them." She reports that six sites in the Fort Vermilion area are to undergo archaeological research by the Archaeological Survey of Alberta this summer.

At present, the association functions as a coordinating, planning and umbrella-type system to help others who may wish to participate in the coming celebrations.

Goldsmith says the association is available to assist groups or individuals seeking funds by helping them draft formal proposals. As well, they encourage involvement from communities in the district.

Wherever a community or activity has originated, Native people have been in the picture. It is for this reason, explains Goldsmith, the Native population has been included and involved.

The planning committee is comprised of five Natives: Roy Randolph, Noreen McAteer and Stan Smith of Fort Vermilion, Roy Meneen from Tall Cree and Johnson Sewepegeham of Fox Lake.

The project also has three trainees until next February, through Canada Employment. Some lobbying has been done with the trapper's association to sponsor certain kinds of events and, perhaps, an exhibition as well.

A travelling exhibit of Native artifacts from the Prince of Charles Northern Heritage Museum, based out of Yellowknife, will make an appearance.

Still another activity is a conference at the Provincial Museum in Edmonton in late September of '88. The conference is a joint effort that will offer presentations



CHIEF CHONKOLAY
...his 50th, too

from Vermilion and Chipewyan.

Goldsmith informed Windspeaker that major Native organizations are being invited to hold their '88 annual assemblies at the Fort. The Metis and Indian associations have been invited, as has the Treaty 8 regional body which has also been approached to undertake a special project such as a re-enactment of the Treaty signing.

It also happens that 1988 will be the 50th anniversary of Chief Harry Chonkolay

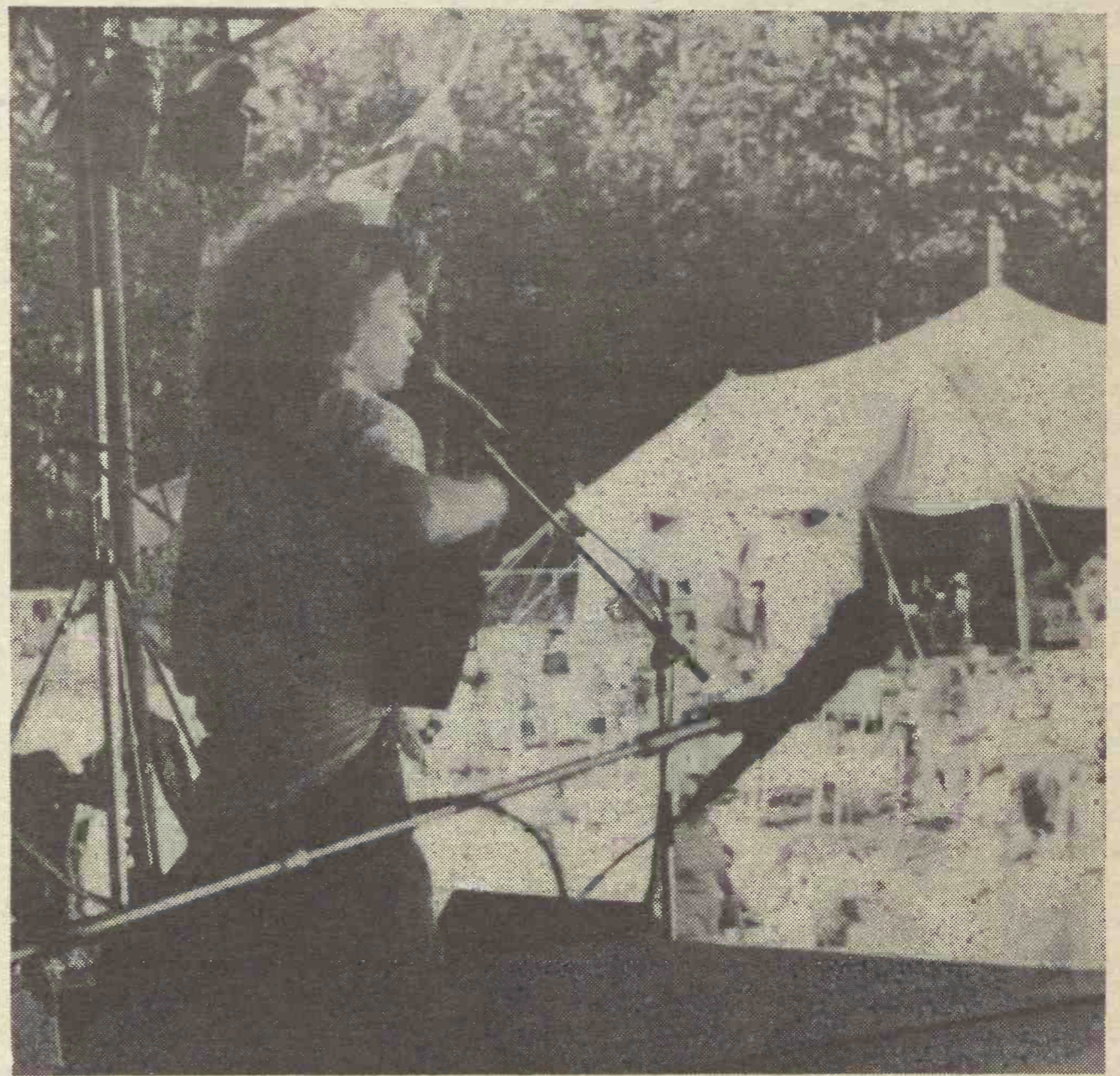
as leader of the Dene Tha at Assumption. "We hope there will be something to mark that anniversary," says Goldsmith.

An invitation to participate has also been extended to the High Level Friendship Centre. They might provide some Indian crafts or set up a display, says Goldsmith.

When questioned, Marion Schulte, the centre's director, says the board has not yet an opportunity to discuss their involvement but that it would be doing so.

Fort Vermilion will also take part in the Olympic Torch Relay and have a stagecoach in the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede Parade as a promotional gimmick advertising the community's birthday.

Goldsmith says the planning committee is very receptive to anyone who wants to involve themselves in the bicentennial. Their offices are located in the town's recreation centre (phone 927-4603).



FOLK WITH FINESSE

Holly Arntzen delivered vocals in a clear, refined voice at the North Country Fair held June 19, 20 and 21, at Spruce Point Park on the Lesser Slave Lake. She was one of many folk artists who performed at the outdoor event. The fair originated to financially support the North Country School situated near Jossard and has been annually held for the last nine years to celebrate the summer solstice (the longest day of the year).

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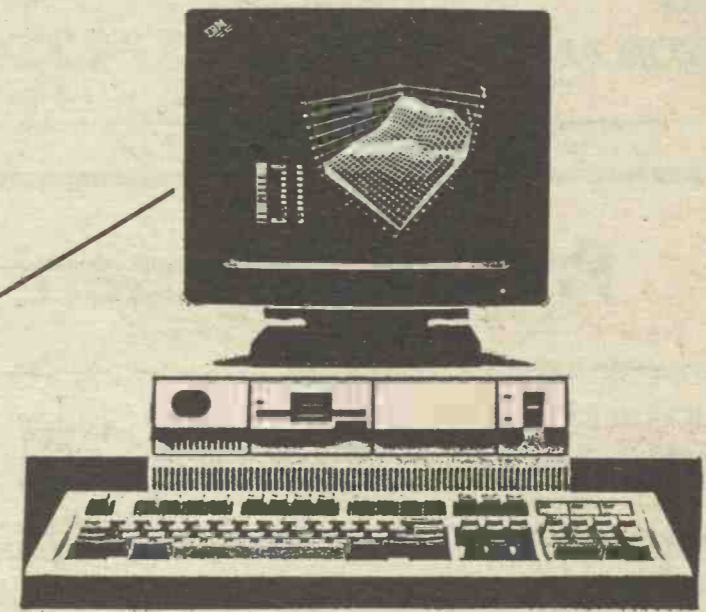
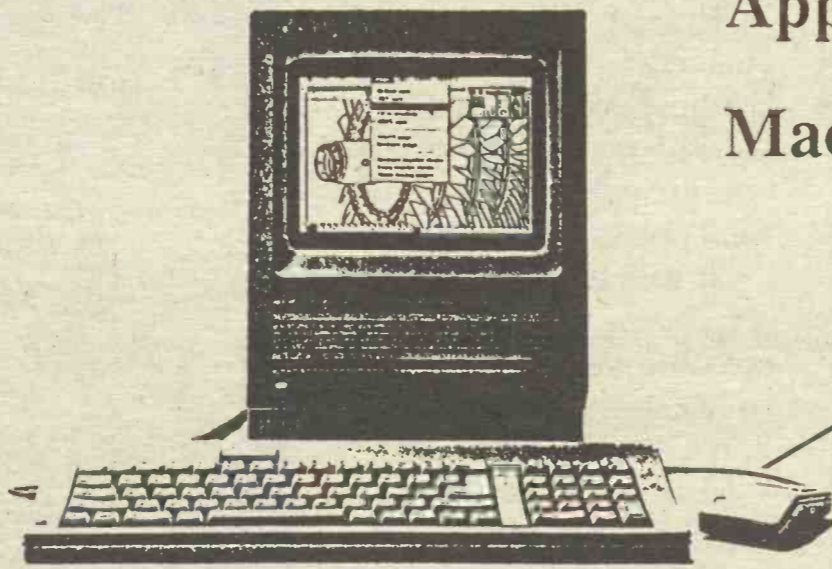
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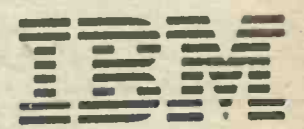
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Sports

Rose McGilvery Road Race

Family members honor lost one for dedication

By Diane Parenteau

SADDLE LAKE — Through the night, rain-showers had settled the dust on the partially oiled 11 km road from the highway turnoff to the Saddle Lake Administration building parking lot. Morning provided bright sun and a slight westwind, just enough to cool and refresh.

As in the past two years, and in conjunction with the Saddle Lake Indian Days Powwow, runners from Saddle Lake and surrounding areas assembled for the 3rd Annual Rose McGilvery Road Race.

Rose Margaret McGilvery, the mother of two, was just 35 when in March of 1984, she lost an ongoing battle with cancer. She was described by her family as an independent person with many goals and a strong drive for success.

While enrolled in a trades program at Grouard in 1966, she took an interest in running and went on to win



LOUIS MCGILVERY
...Rose's father

a women's open cross country race.

"It was the commitment to excellence that Rose displayed throughout her life that is the inspiration for the Rose McGilvery Road Race," says the race leaflet prepared by her family.

In 1985, the McGilverys came up with the idea for the race. In keeping with tradition, it was designed to run as a tribute, for five consecutive years.

"That's our traditional way of remembering those gone before us," says Rose's father, Louis McGilvery.

In its three years, the race has continued to grow in size and popularity. This year, 25 challenged the 11 km senior run, nine in the junior five km run and six families of various sizes participated by walking, jogging or biking the three km track.

Trophies sponsored by the family and other individuals, were presented to the first, second and third place winners in the five categories.

As well, T-shirts and certificates went to all participants. Four top winners took home sport jackets, with numerous draws made for tapes, haircuts and a grand prize mountain bike.

Janice McCaffery, from St. Paul, was the overall winner. She finished the race ahead of the pack with a time of 40:45. Close on her heels was men's first place winner Shawn Hogg.

Gloria Boucher, from Lac La Biche, finished second in the women's race and Joane Philips was third. Second place men's winner was Marcus Philips with Armand Cardinal of Saddle Lake in third place.

Winners in the junior girls' race were: Anita Large; second, Charlene Frazer and third, Pamela



MCGILVERY FAMILY HOSTS RUNNERS
...road race attracts many

Paul. Boys' first was Floyd McGilvery; second, Nicholas Halfe and third, Trevor Bird.

The road race enables

the McGilvery family and others who knew Rose to remember her because "she lived her life with a vigorous enthusiasm that is

exemplified in the spirit and comradeship of athletic competition," according to the race information pamphlet.

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Students win top pennant

By Diane Parenteau

SADDLE LAKE — The Saddle Lake Onchaminahos School is extremely proud of their junior high badminton players.

The 22 member mixed team recently participated in the St. Paul Athletic Association Junior High School Badminton Championships and won the county pennant for most total points.

"It was a competition of about ten schools in our area and we're probably the smallest," says team coach Zen Chaba.

Many of the team members practiced in the morning before classes.

"I started out picking up one student on the way to school; pretty soon we had an eight o'clock club," adds Chaba.

The first annual awards day on June 25 paid tribute to the outstanding players by presenting them with medals of gold, silver or bronze in accordance to achievement.

One gold medal winner, Grade 8 student Naomi Cardinal, has never lost a game.

Said coach Chaba: "She won every game she played and she's still very young." Cardinal, the 1987 Jr. High Female Athlete of the year, attributed her success to the coach for "giving me the courage to reach my goals."



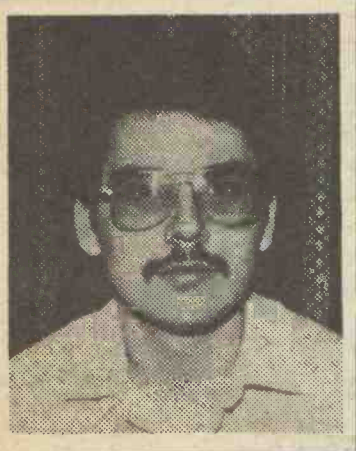
NAOMI CARDINAL
...has never lost a game

Other gold medal winners were Sheldon McGilvery, Bradley McGilvery, Benita Cardinal, Shannon Cardinal, Jessie Redcrow and Micheal Cardinal.

The junior male athlete for 1987 was Bradley McGilvery, while Eunice Jackson received the senior female athlete award. Senior male athlete, Buddy McGilvery, was

presented with a personalized sweatsuit for his many achievements in badminton.

Only sports awards were originally presented at Onchaminahos, but recognition is now given to students in the following categories: academic, industrial education, home economics, business, food prep, art and attendance.



SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Jerome Bear

Ball season heads for home plate and playoffs

Well, a lot of the ball leagues are winding up the season and some teams will come out on top and some teams will not do as good. With this in mind, the Windspeaker team is approaching its last five games before the playoffs and we have a record of three wins and ten losses.

"We're not going to give up hope yet," says reporter Mark McCallum. "We still have the playoffs and maybe our luck will change."

The 'Bear' and the rest of the gang are going to have to pull up their socks and try a little harder on the field or they will be watching the final game from the stands.

FORT CHIP: The second annual Canada Day mixed slowpitch tournament "was a big success" according to Beverly Davies, the recreation director in Fort Chip.

The Fort Smith 26'ers came in first place over the

Fort Chip Strikers. Third place in the men's division went to the Fort Chip Chiefs.

Individual trophies were awarded to the first place team members, plus a \$400 prize. The second place team received \$300 and the third place team received \$200.

Trophies were also awarded to the most valuable player (male and female) and to the player who had the most runs batted in, and also to the player with the most home runs. The MVP's were Eugene Bourke from Fort Smith and Theresa Bourke from Fort Smith.

The players with the most RBI's were Lloyd Benoit from Fort Chip and Theresa Bourke. The player with the most home runs was Lloyd Benoit.

Also, the end of the first season for the slowpitch league is here and in first place were the Needle Drivers. They had to beat the Wagon Burners in a play-off game in order to win the title. The third place finisher was the Wanderers. Trophies were given to each of the finishers and they expect the second season to start around July 6.

LOUIS BULL: The Fourth Annual Native Memorial fastpitch tournament saw two teams come out on top on June 21. This was the result after two days of men's and women's fastball playing.

In the men's division, the Regina Braves came in first place and received \$1,000 and jackets. The second place team was the Alexander Teepee Crawlers and

they won \$800. The third place team was the NEG Braves from Peigan and they won \$600. Fourth place team was the Hobbema Indians and they won \$400.

Prizes went to the best player in game position. Four girls from the Columbia Lake team took prizes for being the best pitcher, catcher, second base and left field. Two girls from the Hobbema Challengers took third base and first base, two girls from the Goodfish Bravettes took shortstop and first base, two girls from the Goodfish Bravettes took shortstop and centre field, and a girl from the Niskree team took right field.

In the men's division, there were three other awards and they were Joe Ironman from the Regina Braves for the Sammy Bull Memorial for left field, Robert Arcand, Alexander, for the George 'Duke' Deschamps award for second base, and Terry Gauthier for the Frank Bull most valuable player award.

The sportsmanship award went to the NEG Braves. Congratulations to the winning teams and keep up the hard work.

In the next two following issues, the 'Bear' will not be giving you the SPORTS ROUND-UP. Mark McCallum will be doing the honors because the 'Bear' is getting married in his home province of New Brunswick. He will be back on July 20 and he will be giving you, the sports fans, the round-up. So until I get back, this is the 'Bear' signing off...

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...two golds and two silver medals

Special Olympics

Athletes make friends

By Jackie Red Crow

CARDSTON — Native handicapped athletes did well at the Special Olympics held here, June 25 to 27, capturing gold and silver medals in track and field events.

The Special Olympics is a non-profit organization which receives funding from Alberta recreation and sports and private donations to assist mentally handicapped people to participate in recreation and sports.

But competition and winning are not the reasons why 450 handicapped athletes throughout Alberta gathered in Cardston for the Special Olympics. As Blaine Hogg, coordinator of the games put it, "Friendship is exactly what makes the Special Olympics so special."

Native athletes from the Northwest Territories and Alberta won about six gold medals in such events as the standing long jump, bowling, and the 200 and

400-metre races.

From the spectacular opening ceremonies at Lions Park, where over 1,000 gathered to watch the event, athletes participated in sports ranging from swimming and bowling to track and field events under perfect weather conditions.

The Northwest Territories did extremely well. Joanais Amagoalik, won a gold medal in the standing long jump. His 65-year old companion Willard Anaeyok, won a bronze medal in bowling.

Young Joachim Rabesia won two gold medals and two silver medals. His two gold were for bowling and the 200-metre race. He also won a silver medal in the 100-metre race and the silver for the 400-metre race.

Bruce Finlayson, coach and coordinator of the Yellowknife group home for Native handicapped people, says he is very proud of his group's showing at the games. He adds the group home which

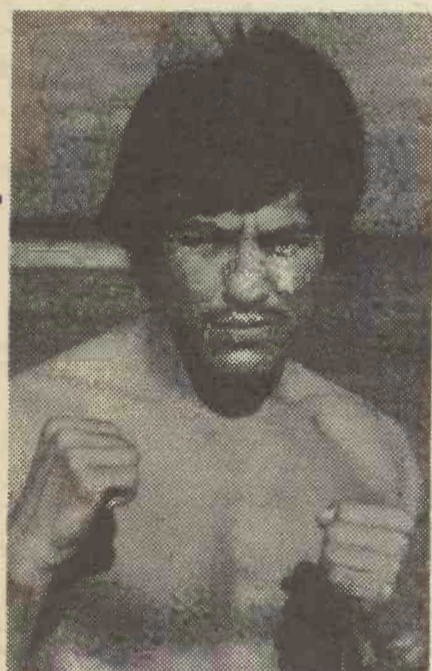
has been in existence for about 15 years teaches Native handicapped people to be self-reliant.

"We teach both lifeskills and job skills so they can do a lot of things on their own," says Finlayson. He says the group home has various light industries such as book binding, plastic laminating, ceramics, and also operates a thrift shop.

"Once they learn a number of skills they are placed in various jobs in the community," says Finlayson.

The home which operates a mobile unit will soon have a new building. The group raised \$250,000 on their own and the territorial government matched their fund raising efforts.

Other Native athletes who won at the Special Olympics were Merel Healy, who won both gold and silver medals and Gregg Morin, from the Mitcher Centre in Red Deer, in the 400-metre race.



DANNY LINDSTROM
...aiming for the top

Boxer finds strength in family

By Jerome Bear

Boxer Danny Lindstrom works steadily toward his goal -- to win the light heavyweight world title.

"I hope to win the title (Canadian) and defend it, and then go after the world title," says the athlete who is currently training in Hobbema.

He will have his chance

at capturing the Canadian title sometime in September, when he will fight Willie Featherstone, the holder of the Canadian title.

Lindstrom, 27, started boxing when he was seven years old in Fort McMurray. Mike Woodward, Lindstrom's uncle, started a club on the reserve and urged Lindstrom to start boxing. Woodward, who

was heavyweight champ in the army for eight years, acted as a motivator for his nephew. Lindstrom comes from a family of 11 sisters and five brothers, and says that he "gets all my strength from my family."

Lindstrom had won the Amateur title and had defended it for three years before he retired in 1984. He says at the time he wasn't planning to fight again, but when he opened up a boxing school and started coaching, he also started to box again.

"I realized that I was too young to coach and that I

had more to give, so I started working out again," says Lindstrom.

His brother, Lambert, had been following in his footsteps before he was killed in a car accident. With this in mind, Lindstrom even pushed himself harder so that he might capture what his brother couldn't.

"I always looked up to my brother and this gave me even more incentive to follow through with my goal," explains Lindstrom.

Lindstrom receives much support from his family, close friends and the Ermineskin Recreation

Centre. The recreation centre is offering training facilities and financial support so that he can be well trained for his fight in September.

When asked how he feels before a fight, Lindstrom replied: "I don't really think about anything. It's natural to get the butterflies before a fight and for me, it helps... it gets the adrenalin going and that helps psyche myself up for the fight."

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Education

Reformed drinkers becoming leaders

By Jerome Bear

Maggie Hodgson, executive director of the Nechi Institute in St. Albert, says leadership among reformed alcohol and substance abusers is growing. Referring to the Nechi Institute graduation she explained, "All of this reflects we have more leadership. Those who choose to be non-drinkers become better role models for the young people in the community."

The institute trains adults to become counsellors and when courses are completed they usually go into their communities to help others with drug and alcohol programs.

"Thirty-nine per cent of the students have gone on to further education, 49 per cent have moved on to management jobs or to management positions in their bands, and 65 per cent of the students volunteer on community boards and associations," says Hodgson.

She added there are training programs in other parts of Canada as well: Tuktoyaktuk and Yellowknife, Northwest Territories; The Pas, Manitoba; and Grande Prairie, Alberta.

Employees already working in band offices, with the federal government and alcohol and drug programs are eligible for counsellor



FRED CAMPIOU
...leads the grads in dance

training, as well.

"The programs are also offered in 13 treatment centres, detox centres and halfway houses; and at 29

urban and community programs that work in prevention and aftercare," says Hodgson.

"I think that this year's

graduates reflect a sense of community which is growing as more Indian and Metis people are becoming leaders in the addictions field."

Nechi students ready to work

By Jerome Bear

Some students were glad, some sad, but most were relieved that the school year had finished and they would be going out into the work force with their training certificates.

On June 27, at the Nechi Institute in St. Albert, about 60 graduates from the Community Addiction Training, Advanced counsellor training and Program Management courses walked away from the school with only memories of the past year. But before leaving, they enjoyed an evening full of fun and laughter.

Following dinner, awards presentations and picture sessions, the graduates went back to the gym to watch a play called "God on the Wagon" which featured student acting. They then danced the rest of the night away to the sounds of Silver Creek Band and Homer Poitras.

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Band controlled education

Takeover in final stage

By Mark McCallum

After five years of band controlled education on the Alexander reserve, its first ever Grade 9 prom on June 20 is a sign of success and accomplishment for the community.

"It feels good to be a part of an historical event like this," remarked graduating Grade 9 student Neil Courtoreille.

The band took over the education on the reserve because it felt the Indian Affairs operated school was not doing an adequate job teaching Alexander students.

Band Education Administrator Edna Arcand explains, "The community had no say in what material was being taught at the (Indian Affairs) school." There was a lack of cultural

material and counselling services being offered to the students by the school.

"It was like an institution, but when we took over we made it more like a home environment so the kids would feel more comfortable," added Arcand.

It took two years to develop the planned takeover of education on the reserve. Indian Affairs, which funds the school, told the band it would have to take complete responsibility of all aspects involved in the operation of the school such as staffing, curriculum, maintenance and busing services.

When the band first took over the school, it had originally planned to only take responsibility of students in Grades 1 to 3. However, a provincial school in Morinville, where

Alexander students attend classes until the reserve gradually integrate all grades to the band-controlled school, could not handle the overflow of students from the reserve. So, the band was faced with an "emergency" situation and had to add Grade 4 to the planned takeover.

The school does follow the required provincial curriculum but adapts it to the philosophy of the community, to deal with the child's physical, emotional and spiritual well-being. A strong emphasis is put on Native cultural content and there is a community resident teacher's assistant in each class.

Education board member Dora Courtoreille explains, "Children are allowed to go at their own pace...that's the beauty of it. She also



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says the students have gained pride in their culture.

The reserve is in the final stages of taking over education on the reserve.

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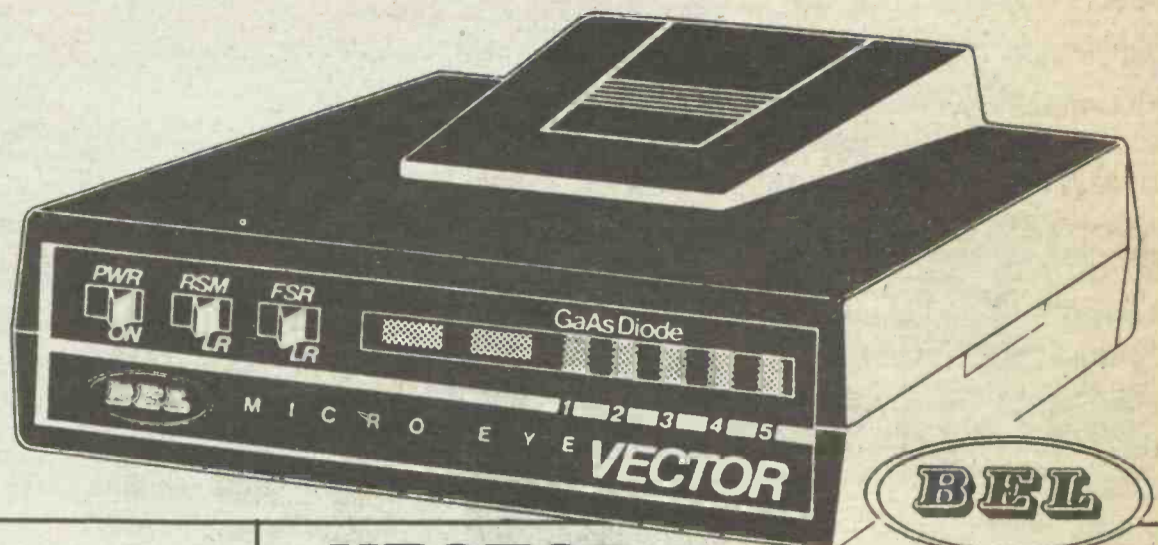
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