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QUOTABLE QUOTE

"I'm really upset with the low regard owners and managers have for the job of coach. Never mind who's got the job. It's terrible what's going on here with the Sabres. They should be having daily parades for this team with the improvements they made and all the awards they won: the MVP, the Selke award, the coach of the year.

— Buffalo resident and Hockey Night in Canada analyst, Harry Neale, commenting on the way the Sabres have treated former coach Ted Nolan.

Check out *Windspeaker's* feature story on Ted Nolan and his future plans as an NHL coach. Buffalo may have given him the brush-off, but Nolan is confident his days in the bigs are not over.

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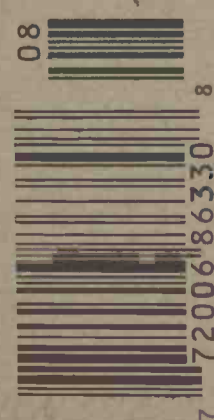
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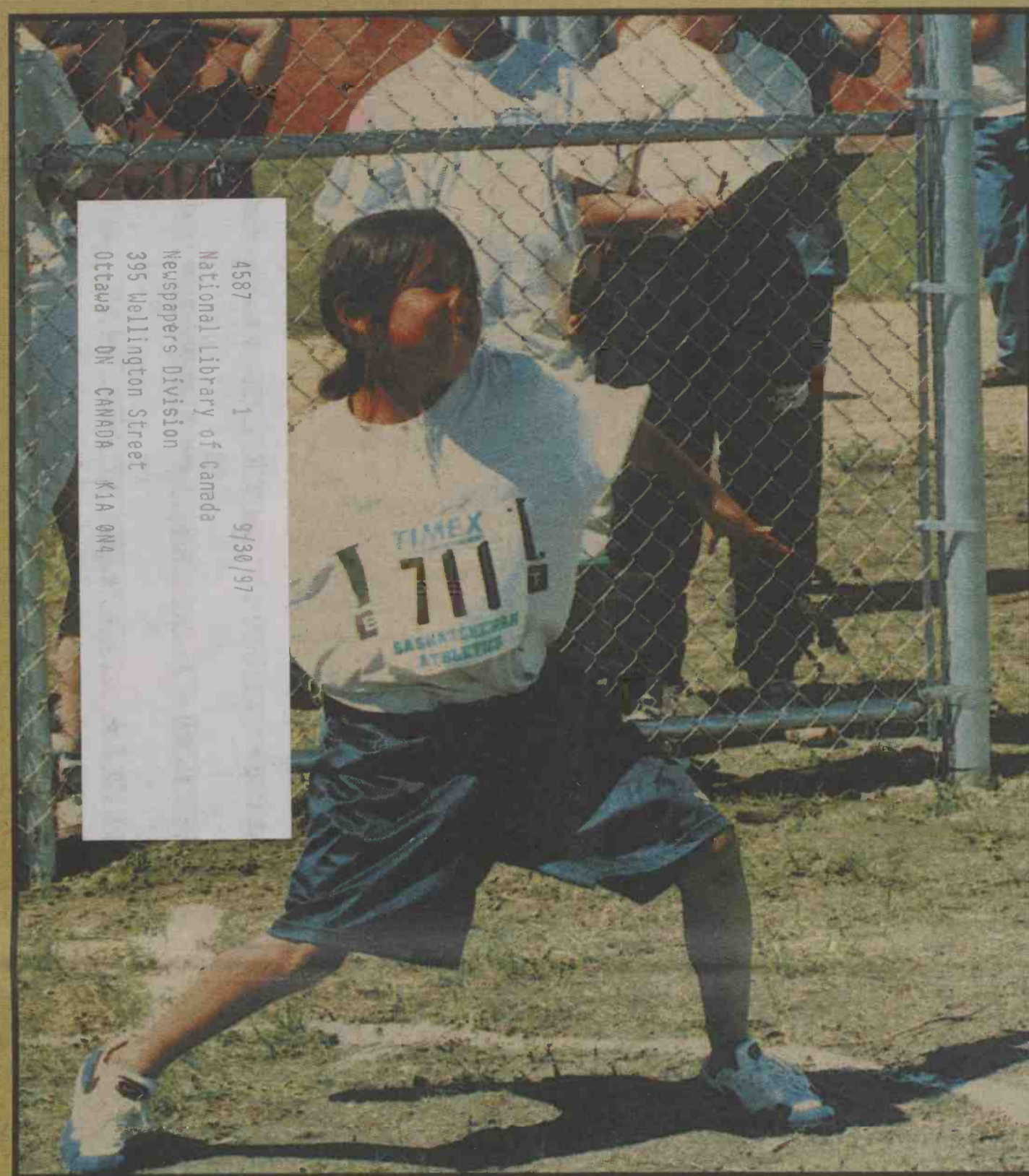
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Extreme effort!

Young competitors, like this discus thrower, from First Nations across Saskatchewan showed their athletic prowess at the Saskatchewan Indian Summer Games, held on the Whitecap Dakota-Sioux First Nation July 6 to 10.

Customs battle won

By Kenneth Williams
Windspeaker Staff Writer

OTTAWA

It's been a nine-year court battle but Mike Mitchell, grand chief elect of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, has won a major victory for his people's right to bring personal and community goods into Canada from the United States without paying duty.

The Akwesasne territory straddles the Canada-U.S. border. Canada Customs had a remission order in effect since June 1991 that exempted residents of Akwesasne from paying duty on goods for personal use. The court, however, ruled that this is a right affirmed in Canada's Constitution.

"Winning this case opens up the possibility of Canada's First Nation communities to begin trading with each other," said Mitchell from a prepared statement.

The case stems from an incident in 1988 when Mitchell was charged for refusing to pay about \$360 in duty on goods he was bringing to the Tyendinaga territory near Belleville, Ont. In his 105-page ruling, Justice William P. McKeown, concluded that the Mohawks had an existing Aboriginal right to cross a border that did not exist before their habitation or control of their current territories. McKeown also ruled the federal government is liable for Mitchell's \$294,000 legal costs.

Collette Gentes-Hawn, a spokesperson for Revenue Canada, said the department would abide by the ruling but wouldn't comment on whether it would appeal. Revenue Canada has until Sept. 29 to make that decision.

"The decision is indefinitely confined to Akwesasne and the Mohawks," said Gentes-Hawn.

Family outraged by minimal sentence

By Paul Barnsley
Windspeaker Staff Writer

SARNIA, Ont.

The Ontario Provincial Police officer who was convicted of fatally shooting an unarmed Aboriginal land claim protester will serve 10 hours of community service each month for the next 18 months.

On July 3, acting-Sgt. Kenneth Deane — who Ontario Judge Hugh Fraser ruled lied to investigating officers and an Ontario court in an attempt to avoid punishment — was sentenced to serve two years less a day in jail. But, because of relatively new changes to the Criminal Code of Canada, the veteran OPP officer will not serve any jail time.

Recent changes to the criminal code give judges the option to decide if society's best interests will be served by jailing persons sentenced to less than two years in jail. A conditional sentence which allows that person to remain out of custody can

be entered for an offender if the judge deems it appropriate.

The conditional sentence imposed by the judge on Deane requires the police officer to perform 180 hours of community service. He is prohibited from using firearms and must remain within the jurisdiction of the court during the period of his sentence. He must also "keep the peace and be of good behavior" and report his whereabouts to court officials. Norman Peel, Deane's lawyer, is expected to appeal the conviction within 30 days of the sentencing. The convicted police officer is currently assigned to a desk job, remaining on the OPP payroll at full salary.

Members of the George family and Aboriginal leaders across the country were outraged by what they perceive to be the leniency of the sentence. As far away as British Columbia, the chiefs of the First Nations Summit issued a statement condemning the sentence.

"It's hard to believe that in this

day and age we have a judicial system that clearly discriminates based on race. The sentence given to Sgt. Deane tells Canadians that those convicted of committing offences against Aboriginal people will be given leniency. This is highly offensive and unacceptable to our people," said Grand Chief Edward John.

Chief John called on the Ontario government to appeal the sentence. The Summit chiefs believe Deane should lose his job and the right to own firearms for at least 10 years.

The Crown prosecutor in this case, Ian Scott, told *Windspeaker* that he has recommended to his superiors in the Ontario attorney general's ministry that the sentence be appealed, saying he is concerned with the proportion of the sentence given the severity of the crime.

Lawyers representing the victim's family say they were shocked and puzzled by the sentence.

"The family was extremely upset," said Delia Opekokew, the

Cree lawyer from Saskatchewan who leads the family's legal team. "They considered the sentence to be light."

Opekokew suggested that the sentence may be an indication that the judge agrees with her legal team's position that Deane was put in a difficult situation by others who deserve a share of the blame for the Ipperwash tragedy.

"The first feeling is that the sentence was a total devaluation of the guilty verdict," said lawyer Murray Klippenstein. "But after, as we tried to account for the sentence and what it meant, we reflected on the judge's comment that so many people aside from Sgt. Deane were responsible for the build up of force and the events that night."

A third family lawyer, Andrew Orkin, said the family was devastated by the decision, especially when they realized that the law was changed a year after the shooting to more severely punish offences involving weapons.

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Ipperwash sentence

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"If he'd committed the offence a few months later he'd have been sentenced to a minimum of four years," Orkin said. "The law was changed to increase the minimum sentence for anyone who committed an offence with a firearm. It was part of the gun control legislation. To me, society sent a signal with that change."

Family members and Aboriginal leaders accuse the Ontario government of influencing — if not ordering — the OPP's decision to use force during the confrontation at Ipperwash Provincial Park. Klippenstein said it's a possibility that the judge's choice of sentence was a message from the bench that the police officer should not shoulder all of the blame for the fatal shooting.

"Part of me says that's it," Klippenstein said.

More and more information — some accessed under freedom of information laws and some leaked — is being obtained by family lawyers and by provincial opposition parties. The information suggests that Premier Mike Harris and members of his cabinet were directly involved in the events leading up to the shooting.

A logbook kept by police officers at the scene during the days leading up to the shooting, indicate that Harris and Solicitor General Robert Runciman were monitoring the situation, something the premier denied shortly after the shooting.

On page 53 of the logbook it is recorded that the OPP commanding officer at the park, Inspector John Carson, said the morning of Sept. 5, 1995, the day before the shooting, that the "Premier and Solicitor General want to deal with this."

On page 69 it is recorded that the provincial member of Parliament for the area, government member Marcel Beaubien, was in direct contact with the premier's office three hours before the fatal shot was fired.

Beaubien sent a fax to the premier's office demanding immediate action. It's noted in the logs that he expected a response.

"If people are hurt, so be it"

A copy of that fax was obtained by *Windspeaker*. The cover letter, signed by Beaubien and addressed to a senior staff member at the premier's office reads: "I am attaching a letter from a respectable, responsible, tax-paying, law-abiding lawyer in my riding. He puts the message across much better than I could. Further to our telephone conversations and faxes of Sept. 5, 1995, I totally agree with [lawyer's name removed by government freedom of information censors.] It could also be said that he agrees with my suggestions of yesterday."

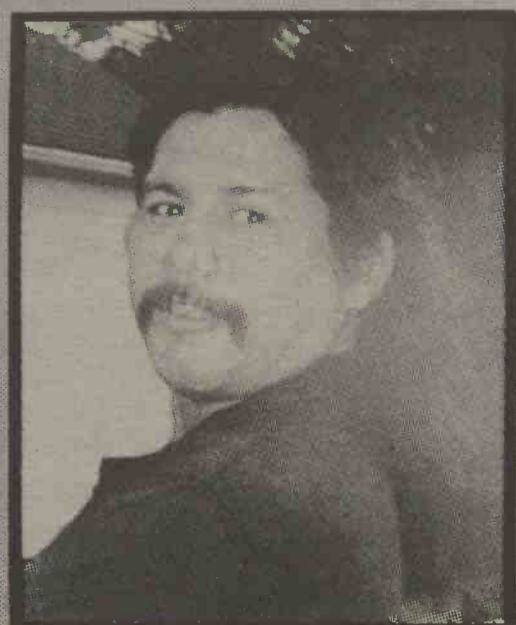


PHOTO COURTESY OF MAYNARD SAM GEORGE

A government member faxed Premier Mike Harris demanding action. "If people are hurt, so be it," the fax read. Hours later, Dudley George was fatally shot.

The next two pages of the three-page fax consist of a letter to Beaubien, signed by the un-named lawyer and copied to the premier, the solicitor general, the attorney general and the Minister of Natural Resources, the ministry responsible for administering the park.

In that letter, the lawyer refers to the occupiers as "hooligans." He added he was upset by the events at the provincial park because it "is the first place my parents took me camping."

Without dealing with the legitimacy of the land claim on the area, something the federal government recognized within a week of the shooting, the lawyer attacked the actions of the occupiers and demanded that the government confront them.

"I do not want to see the provincial government back down in the face of lawlessness. . . The time to act, and act decisively, is now. If people are hurt, so be it — laws must be enforced to be respected," the lawyer wrote.

"The Conservative government had a large law and order plank in its platform — I want to see it live up to its election promises and my expectations. I want to see Ipperwash Provincial Park remain in the public domain, and I want the law enforced to see that it does," the lawyer concluded.

Klippenstein noted that Conservative MPP Beaubien fully endorsed the sentiments expressed by the lawyer and urged the premier to act on them. He and the George family members believe that establishes a connection between the premier, his government and the death of Dudley George. They will continue with their \$7 million wrongful death lawsuit against Premier Harris, several cabinet members and others. They continue to demand a public inquiry into the events of that night.

The family also asked the new Indian Affairs Minister, Jane Stewart, to order a federal inquiry. Stewart has not yet responded to that request.



PAUL BARNSELY

Two-year-old Lahtiesha Scalplock, of Siksika Nation in southern Alberta watched her dad, Aaron, compete at the Calgary Stampede Indian Village Powwow July 12. She decided to join in on the dance, ducked under the rail and made her way to the stage. After completing his dance, dad delivered Lahtiesha back to her mom, earning a sunny smile for his efforts.

Crown refuses to file charges

By Kenneth Williams
Windspeaker Staff Writer

ONION LAKE, Sask.

It's been almost 30 years, but Violet Quinney is just now able to talk about the sexual assault she suffered when she was a student at an Indian residential school in Saskatchewan. The alleged perpetrator was a teacher at the school, who would be convicted later of similar offences in British Columbia.

Even though the man has now completed his sentence, Quinney wants him brought to justice for the assaults she, and probably other students, suffered in the late sixties and early seventies. But that's not going to happen.

The Crown prosecutors in Saskatchewan refuse to prosecute the pedophile for two reasons: it would be difficult to convict him; and, even if he was convicted, he probably wouldn't serve any more time in prison.

"In Saskatchewan, we have two criteria before we lay any criminal charges: one, whether there's a likelihood of success and whether there's a public interest in laying charges," said Daryl Rayner, a Crown prosecutor who reviewed the case. "We looked at this case in light of those two criteria."

The perpetrator had already been charged, convicted and sentenced to similar charges in British Columbia and prosecuting him again would probably not lead to more jail time. Rayner referred to this in an earlier interview with the *Saskatoon Star-Phoenix* as the "totality principle."

"I want to challenge the totality principle," said Quinney.

She felt that if she committed a crime, like murder, and had served her time, the Crown wouldn't let her go if they discovered she had committed an earlier murder that she wasn't

prosecuted for.

But Rayner wanted it to be clear that the Saskatchewan Crown prosecutors don't ignore historical abuse cases.

The perpetrator "was convicted of the [sexual assault charges] in British Columbia in 1985. At that point in time he received treatment while incarcerated. From all reports we received, he successfully completed his treatment. . . and [it was decided] that he wasn't a risk for re-offending," said Rayner.

In Gimli, Man., however, there is another case involving a convicted sexual abuser where the RCMP are trying to contact his victims so they can lay more charges. Despite the fact that these charges might not mean more jail time, the investigating officer, Const. Tom Boyle, said the province was proceeding with prosecution.

"We make the decision to lay or not to lay charges in this province," he said. "Totality should mean squat. I would see going for [prosecution] whether it was totality or not."

Quinney also felt that she hadn't received fair treatment from the RCMP detachment at Onion Lake who were handling the case. She filed a complaint with the RCMP Public Complaints Commission alleging that one of the officers, Sgt. Wally Bednar, had stated to her that she would get better service if she paid taxes.

Bednar, however, said that the tax comment was just a misunderstanding and that he never said it the way she's reported it. It stemmed from Quinney's complaint about the length of the investigation. Bednar responded that the resources of the RCMP detachment and North Battleford Crown prosecutors were stretched to the limit.

"I think I said something like 'the only way for the government to get more resources is to

collect more taxes,'" he said.

The comment was not directed toward her personally as a treaty Indian, he added.

But far from being upset about the allegation of unfair treatment, Bednar sympathizes with Quinney because he was not able to file charges against the man who abused her.

"It all went to the attorney general's office and they said 'no.' I explained to her that we'd have trouble with it because he had served time," said Bednar. "The end result is that it's not our decision."

But Quinney isn't satisfied with the decision and is trying other avenues to get this case reopened because she feels this is necessary for her to get some sort of closure for herself.

"I wanted this pedophile to apologize to me," she said. "It's taken a lot of therapy. It's taken me so long to deal with it. It's still affecting me today."

The real insult is the government's failure to prosecute, so the abuser feels like he got away with it, she added.

"I do forgive the guy, but it's taken quite a few years to forgive him," she said. "All I wanted was an apology. I wanted to face him myself [and] I was never given that chance."

"We are always concerned about the victim's desires. It's always a major emphasis in our decision-making process," said Rayner. But "what do we hope to attain by a prosecution? At the end of the day, we did not see that there would be much for us to gain by this prosecution even if it was successful."

"From my perspective, the case is closed. We've made the decision that we're not going to prosecute this case," he added.

"It's unfortunate that the attorney general's office hadn't proceeded," said Bednar. "I appreciate her concerns. . . We sort of didn't meet her needs on the end results."

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MORICETOWN, B.C.

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eral policy forbids negotiation while a case is before the courts. The Wet'suwet'en chiefs asked the government to reconsider but they were rebuffed.

The new minister's announcement was made after a nine-month hiatus. Representatives of all three parties met within two days of Stewart's decision to prepare for the resumption of formal negotiation.

"We welcome the resumption of treaty negotiations and the renewed opportunity to communicate with our neighbors in Wet'suwet'en territory about mutual interests related to treaty settlement," George said. "We're pleased the other two parties have agreed to return to the table."

Wet'suwet'en sources say the quick offer to resume negotiations appears to them to be a reflection of the strength of their position in the court case — that Canada and the province see the need to negotiate a favorable deal before the court hands down its decision.

"That's the feeling that I get," said Robert Sebastien, Wet'suwet'en media relations spokesman. "The impression we got from the province's presentation to the Supreme Court is that they want to negotiate. They know there's work to be done over and above the court case."

Count down to election

By Paul Barnsley
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VANCOUVER

The deadline has passed and it's official: there will be six candidates for the chiefs to consider when they gather at the Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre to select the next national chief.

Campaign workers are hard at it figuring out the angles and sizing up their opponents as July 30, the middle day of the Assembly of First Nations General Assembly when the election will take place, approaches.

Three candidates have British Columbia connections, although Vancouver businessman Joe Dion is originally from Alberta. Two, including Mercredi, hail from Manitoba and the other is an Ontarian.

Incumbent Ovide Mercredi, Wendy Grant-John and Joe Dion have been profiled in past issues of *Windspeaker*. Three other candidates filed papers with the Assembly of First Nations' chief electoral officer prior to the June 20 deadline.

Phil Fontaine, the Grand Chief of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs; Larry Sault, band council chief of the Mississaugas of the New Credit in Ontario; and Bob Manuel, the former chief of the British Columbia Neskonlith Band are each well-known in their parts of the country and in many circles at the national level.

Manitoba Chief Phil Fontaine was defeated by Mercredi in the 1991 AFN election, but he believes the intervening years have allowed him to show the chiefs that he is ready to be the national leader.

"Leadership is an issue," Fontaine said. "We have to re-organize and stimulate the AFN, make it relevant, position it so it can influence policy."

A grandfather who proudly points out that he runs marathons to stay in shape, the 52-year-old Ojibway from the Sagkeeng First Nation is in his third term as Grand Chief of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs. Before that, he spent time as a regional director with the Department of Indian Affairs and was the Assembly of First Na-

tions vice-chief after serving as the chief of his home community from 1972 to 1976.

Fontaine said he believes that each region must determine its own future. If elected, he said, he will not attempt to expand the Manitoba framework agreement for self government to a national scale.

"That was a Manitoba decision. The chiefs saw it as right for them. They see it as the way out for them," he explained. "Each of the regions must decide what is right for themselves."

Fontaine believes that those who are critical of Manitoba's take-over of many of the Department of Indian Affairs' responsibilities misunderstand what the Manitoba chiefs have done.

"It's not devolution of administrative control," he said. "It's very much based on treaties, on a government-to-government relationship."

Fontaine believes strongly that self government is the most important issue that the national chief must pursue.

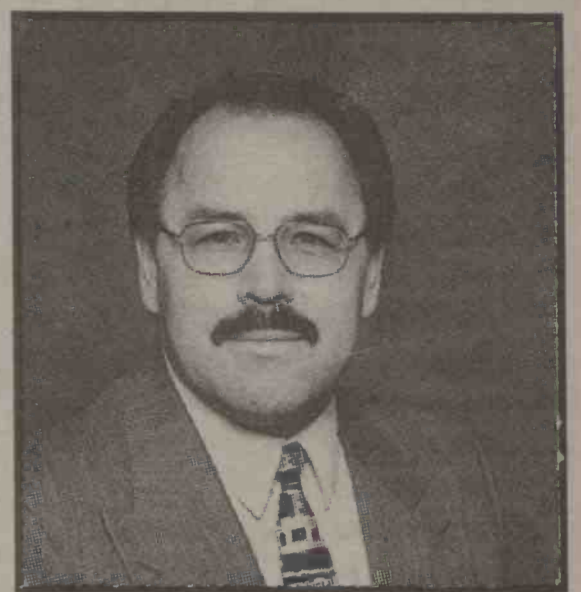
"There's nothing more pressing than self government," he said. "We have to control our own destiny."

A national strategy to implement the Royal Commission on Aboriginal People needs to be developed right away, Fontaine said. In order to get support for the recommendations in the report, the Canadian public must be educated about the issues and that also will be a priority.

"Why can't we meet with the editorial boards of all the major dailies? Why can't we meet with the private sector, with government?" he asked.

Chief Larry Sault's council in southern Ontario recently concluded a \$12.8 million land claim settlement with the federal government. New Credit, whose territory is adjacent to the site of the infamous Hagersville tire fire of the early 1990s, has been successfully battling the outside governments regarding the clean-up from that environmental disaster.

Sault, 43, said his council has won those battles because they instituted a 20-year plan when he was first elected chief and then stuck to that plan. It's something he believes will work at the national level.



Larry Sault, AFN leadership candidate.

"I'm talking about an entirely new approach for the AFN," he said. "I believe the chiefs have to strategize and come up with a national 20-year plan. What's happened up to now is that we just put out fires. It's one thing to say something but you have to get to the reality of what you're going to do and how you're going to do it."

Sault also believes that the national chief has to remember where the real power rests.

"The national chief is not superior to the chiefs. He just carries a certain role. I've always said that the AFN is not a government — the First Nation is the government," he said.

The New Credit chief believes that economic development is the key to a better future for First Nations in all regions of the country and it's important to remember that the grassroots people can't get too excited about esoteric jurisdictional issues when there's no food on their tables.

"We want to get our people off welfare and that means we need jobs," he said. "And not just make-shift jobs. What the government has done in the past, well, they've called it economic development but it's just a program line and it's not the answer."

While Grant-John has the support of the members of the First Nations Summit in British Columbia (a group formed by First Nations involved in the British Columbia treaty process,) Robert Manuel has the solid endorsement of many — if not all — of the leaders of the Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs (the First Nations that aren't participating in the treaty process.) (see AFN election page 23.)

Three parties take steps to address concerns

By Linda Dumont
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HALIFAX

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The agenda for the forum has yet to be finalized, but it is the opinion of the Mi'kmaq that topics such as self government

and treaties, economic development, natural resources, education, social programs, health and justice should all be areas of concern, said Donald Julien, executive director of the Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaqs.

"As well, the newly released Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples will be placed within the context of the community needs of the Mi'kmaqs of Nova Scotia."

New Indian Affairs minister Jane Stewart signed the memorandum on behalf of Canada.

"Partnership is about people and, by working together in a spirit of respect and dignity, we can better understand each other and achieve consensus," Stewart said.

"The government of Nova

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— Joe Marshall, president of the Union of Nova Scotia Indians

Scotia is committed to working in partnership with the Mi'kmaq Nation and the federal government in advancing the self government process," said Nova Scotia Premier John Savage.

"Threaded through all discussions are the issues of Mi'kmaq jurisdiction and self determination," said Joe Marshall, president of the Union of Nova Scotia Indians. "These two issues will temper all discussions and negotiations as the forum contin-

ues its restructuring process."

This is the third attempt at a forum, explained Julien.

"The first one in the 70s ran into difficulties. We had another one that ran for three years. It had to do with justice."

The second forum was developed in 1991.

One result of the last forum was the formation of a tribal police force. Other initiatives resulting from the forum include the Mi'kmaq young offenders project, Mi'kmaq hu-

man rights officers program, the Shubenacadie Native diversion program, a conservation officers program, and the building of a Native learning centre.

The second tripartite forum fell apart after 18 months due to problems of representation.

The new forum recognizes the 13 chiefs as the officials with the Mi'kmaq union and the confederacy at a second level.

Julien said the Mi'kmaq First Nations are expecting a lot from the new forum.

"I believe that, through the forum, all parties can create a climate towards mutual respect for inherent rights for our First Nations," said Julien. "Hopefully, if it goes smoothly, it can start a process that will go across Canada."

Accountability workbook to get nations on track

By Paul Barnsley
Windspeaker Staff Writer

OTTAWA

By the end of the year every band council in Canada is expected to have participated in an assessment of its accountability and management practices.

Federal government officials will review each band council by examining how the membership and the council interact, and how the council and its employees interact. The goal is to assure an adequate level of openness and accountability in First Nations communities.

The Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development has long been criticized by opposition members in Parliament — and on two notable occasions, by the auditor general — for the looseness of its control over the federal money that is transferred each year to band councils, a figure that will total \$3.3 billion this year. A recent poll commissioned by the government showed that 60 per cent of Canadians believe that band councils and Indian Affairs are not managing the money efficiently.

Partly in response to those criticisms, and partly as an effort to assure Finance Minister Paul Martin that the government is getting the right amount of bang for its Indian Affairs buck, department officials sent

out assessment workbooks to all band councils in May. The assessment exercise must be completed by the end of the year.

"I think it's a good 'heads-up' for us that there's that level of concern," said Stuart Swanson, Indian Affairs' director of transfer payments, "and we look at this thing because money's tight right now and we've got to put our best foot forward."

The workbook poses questions designed to expose problems or potential problems in all areas of band governance and program management.

The workbook is 92 pages long. It contains more than 300 specific questions about the current band practices in nine basic areas ranging from leadership selection and governance structures through management structures for administering social services, education and housing programs. It goes on to a review of financial management practices. To the eye of someone familiar with common complaints First Nations people have about the way band councils govern, the questions reflect a careful study of how a lack of accountability and transparency in band council decision-making has led to abuses and unequal treatment for some band members.

The government-commissioned poll also revealed that the Canadian public does not feel that First Nations are ready

for self government, something that Indian Affairs is committed to implementing. The auditor general last year told Indian Affairs that it must be sure, as it prepares to introduce a new funding arrangement with First Nations, that the individual First Nation has the management resources and expertise to handle the increase in responsibility.

"That's a significant issue," Swanson said. "We're going to deal with the rate of change based upon where people are at. I'm very pro this assessment thing, first as a development tool. I'm less worried about the auditor general and public opinion. It's a good thing that we do this assessment because it reflects where we're at and shows what we can do to manage effectively over the coming years."

Swanson believes the assessment process will be a positive experience for everyone involved. He said the government is being careful to work alongside of the First Nations rather than exert its authority.

"We're really starting to work with the First Nation's government rather than just funding a bunch of programs, and we're trying to ask First Nations to review themselves as if they were the government. 'Where am I strong? Where am I weak? What do I have to do to progress?'" the director of transfer payments said. "It's a fine balancing act: we want to

improve the accountability to Canadians at large but we want to do it in a way that's not so prescriptive."

So careful is the Indian Affairs bureaucrat to position the federal government as a partner in this process, rather than as the authority which requires compliance, that he refused to discuss what would happen if a band council decided not to participate in the assessment process. He believes all First Nations leaders can be persuaded that it is in their best interest to do the assessment. He also added that the purpose of the exercise is not to uncover or correct any possible past abuses. That's something some sources say is an indication that the Canadian government is in no position to be preaching openness and accountability to First Nations.

With the still-fresh memory of the ineffectiveness of the Somalia inquiry and the consternation in Ottawa when Horace Krever of the Krever inquiry attempted to name names and assign blame in the tainted blood scandal, people are prone to believe Canadian-style accountability is toothless and is not structured to force senior officials to be held accountable for their actions.

The government's position that it is "helping" First Nations with the assessment process raises questions about just how effective the assessment will be,

according to several Aboriginal sources.

"With any other government department there would be a certain level of enforcement," said Bernard Charles, the president of Vancouver's Institute of Indigenous Government.

While it may be politically necessary for Indian Affairs to be an authority that doesn't want to appear authoritarian, it's a contradiction, Charles said. It spotlights the basic problem with the entire devolution process.

"There's a Catch-22 involved in devolving responsibility, but not the resources," he said. "There's a mixed message throughout the whole process of devolution."

Charles suggests that the Indian Act and the government's long record of paternalism has a lot to do with problems in band council accountability and management practices.

"There are so many holes that it's possible, through the interpretation of the Indian Act, to really centre power in the hands of a few people," he said. "That has created a kind of unholy alliance or unholy co-dependence between the department and band councils."

All assessments will result in final reports that outline where the band council stands and what it needs to do to meet standards of openness and responsibility.

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masters are considering their options on the matter.

"With over 400 recommendations in the report of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, I would think that there would be a response to many of them — some sooner, some later," Watson said. "Parliament will be back at the end of September. I would think that would be the time the government would signal its intent on a broad range of issues, including this one. The matter is actively being considered."

A stony silence echoed throughout the Musqueam gymnasium at the First Nations Summit in Vancouver as former provincial court Judge Cunliffe Barnett read the final report of the Alkali Lake Aboriginal Inquiry.

The seven-page report was a synopsis of what was heard from nine Alkali Lake residential school witnesses during an emotional three-day inquiry from May 19 to 21. The inquiry was conducted by the Alkali Lake community in response to the federal and provincial governments' lack of action on the residential school issue. The witnesses who, as Shuswap children, were sent from their homes to attend St. Joseph's Residential School near Williams Lake, disclosed shocking stories of the physical, emotional and sexual abuse they encountered while at "the Mission."

"I don't think any Canadian

can feel proud about hearing stories of kids that were literally trucked away to communities for many months without the opportunity to see their families," Watson said.

He also lamented the fact that these children were told that the use of their Aboriginal language was inappropriate.

A representative of the provincial government was also present to hear the reading of the report.

"I will certainly bring back this report to the government and I'm sure there will be a response," said Maureen Maloney, the assistant deputy minister to British Columbia's attorney general.

As if to underline the lasting damage inflicted by the residential school system, the news of the tragic death of one of the people who testified before the inquiry just five weeks earlier cast a deep shadow over the meeting.

Cyril Paul, 47, attended the mission for 10 years beginning in 1957. He testified on May 20, recalling that he was beaten, ridiculed, and humiliated because he was a bed-wetter. He said he was also made to eat rotten food and then was punished when it made him sick. He recalled being sexually abused by one of the Oblate brothers. Still, he expressed the hope that one day he would no longer need to "hide his tears in the rain."

Two weeks later, Paul pointed a high-powered rifle at his stomach and took his own life.



BERT CROWFOOT

Though giving testimony at the Alkali Lake residential school inquiry was difficult at times, it was a necessary step toward healing the wounds left by the experience.

According to Father Bob Douglas, the Bishops of Canada are very aware of the abuses that transpired at residential schools and have been urging the federal government to implement the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples.

"I can't speak on behalf of the official leader of the Catholic Church," said Douglas, who has lived in Alkali Lake for the past three-and-a-half years. "But as a member of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate [the Roman Catholic order that operated St.

Joseph's Residential School] I know the Oblates are committed to continue to assist in any possible way with the journey of healing that needs to take place."

"At Alkali Lake I think we have gone through so much hell that it's hard to turn to one another for help," said Phyllis Chelsea, who shared some of her own painful memories during the inquiry. "Sometimes we have to reach out. . . I guess that's what we're doing here, trusting the government that somehow things are going to be. . . deal with."

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9:00 am Opening Prayer - Elder
9:10 am Opening Remarks - Jean Goodwill
9:30 am "The Healing Sound of Laughter" - Bea Shawanda
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10:30 am Coffee
11:00 am "Walking our Path with Nature & Mother Earth" - Lea Bill
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12:00 pm Lunch
1:00 pm "From Legacy to Choice" - Jane Middleton-Moz
2:00 pm Coffee
2:30 pm "Legacy to Choice" - Continued
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11:00 am "Stepping Forward from Grief and Loss" - Vera Manuel
12:00 pm Lunch
1:00 pm "Street Pain" - Rainbow Youth Theatre presentation
2:00 pm "One Woman's Journey" - Keitha Kennedy
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10:30 am Coffee
11:00 am "The Power of Dreams" - Sylvia Greenaway
12:00 pm Lunch
1:00 pm "Going Home - What Do I Do When I Get There???"
Adele Arcand & Cecelia Firethunder
2:15 pm "Keeping Up With My Wandering Spirit" - Verna Whitford
4:00 pm Closing Prayer & Remarks
Closing Drum Song - Daughters of the Wind

Caught in a bind

Grand Chief Mike Mitchell's recent victory in Federal Court asserted his Aboriginal right to bring goods for personal and community use across the Canadian-United States border. The ruling raises an important question: why do Aboriginal people need to go to court to have their rights protected when they are already protected in Canada's Constitution?

Section 35 of the Constitution states that existing Aboriginal and treaty rights are affirmed. If this is truly the case, then why is Canada constantly contesting the rights of Aboriginal people when those rights are exercised?

Paul Williams, one of several lawyers who represented Mitchell in his border crossing case, summed up the question succinctly.

"It stunned me that well over a million dollars was spent on both sides during this case," he said. "People of good will could easily have sat down and negotiated an agreement in two days."

Williams said a senior Indian Affairs official refused to negotiate, telling Mitchell's legal representatives that if they believed Mitchell had that right they'd have to prove it in court.

The Judge said Mitchell proved that the Mohawks of Akwesasne had established a tradition of moving goods in this area before a border was created.

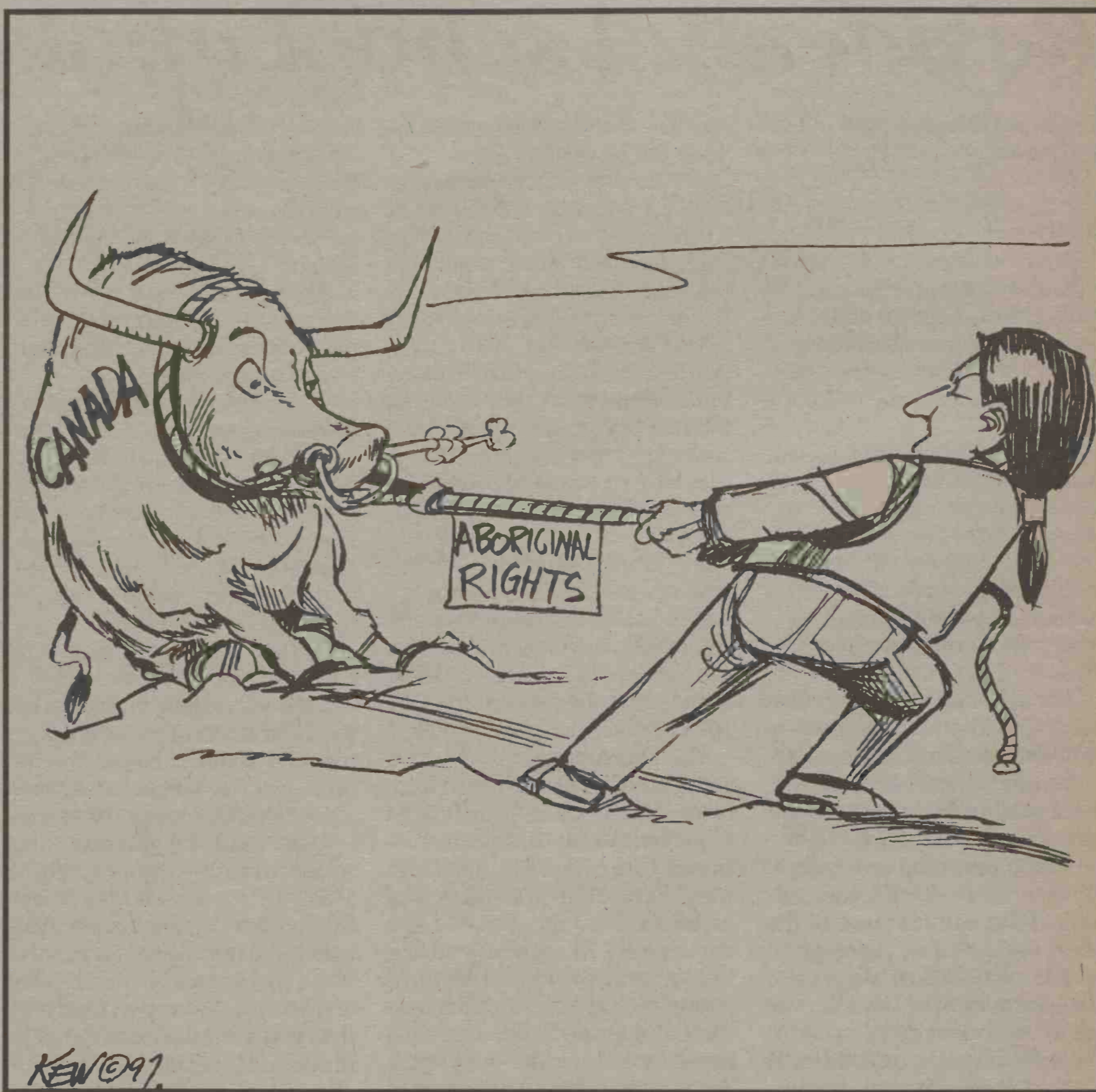
Canada's Aboriginal people are caught in a bind. By law, their rights exist because of the Constitution, but they can't safely exercise these rights until they're able to assemble a crack legal team and fight it out with Canada in the courts.

It is especially troubling that Canada's lawyers would try, as they did in this case, to declare that Mohawk people are not Indigenous to a certain area, such as the banks of the St. Lawrence River.

In an earlier case before the Supreme Court, Canada tried this tactic and that evidence was discredited. The fact that they'd try it again is ludicrous and insidious. Canada is trying to prove that its own First Nations people are not Aboriginal as a tactic to erase their rights!

Canada prides itself on being a law-abiding nation, and yet it continually breaks its own supreme law whenever it denies Aboriginal people their rights.

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Open letter to all First Nations people and interested supporters

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We are requesting the ministry allow an additional 120 days to give us meaningful participation in the review period. The 60-day period is inadequate for many people on Haida Gwaii have not had an opportunity to review the plans. Plus there has been a public review in Queen Charlotte City, Skidegate or Old Massett. This additional 120 days would give us an opportunity to effectively analyze the plans, the individual roads and cutblocks with them, and provide us sufficient time to submit comments to the licensee and the Ministry.

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Preserve residential school history

GUEST COLUMN

By Denis J. Okanee Angus

In February of this year, my wife, Trisha, and I traveled to the Six Nations Reserve near Brantford, Ont. This is her home. We took our smallest son, Jack, who had just turned one, home to this territory and to meet the rest of his family.

During our trip, we stopped at the Woodland Cultural Centre. This museum is located in the city of Brantford about 20 minutes from my wife's "reserve" — a word her people don't like using. It is a very special place and many people have worked hard to turn it into a good place. It used to be the residential school that the people of Six Nations were forced to attend. They call it the "mush hole" after the porridge they were fed meal after meal. The sign outside the "Mohawk Institute" reads:

"The Mohawk Institute was the first residential school in Canada to complete 100 years of service to the Indian people. It had its origin in a day-school founded in 1826 by the New England Company, organized as early as 1649 to provide religious instruction for the Indians of the American Colonies. In 1827 the Company, sent the Reverend Robert Lugg as its new resident missionary to Upper Canada. Under his direction the Institute was established and from its inception in 1831, offered academic and vocational training to children of the Six Nations



Reserve. In 1858 a new building was constructed but this was destroyed by fire in 1903. In the following year, the present building was erected."

I am not so sure that I am so proud of some of the accomplishments listed on the sign. It amazed me to know how old the residential school tradition was in Eastern Canada. However, it remains important to me to be able to see that one community has remembered and turned something hard for our people into such a positive place of learning and remembering.

During our tour of the museum, I took the photograph of the "notice" that Indian Affairs used to put out. I think this poster

is an important part of our history, something we should know about. Our parents survived so that we can be here today.

It is interesting to know that there are laws out there that actually protect the reserve. I was surprised when I saw this notice. Many people who have since seen the photograph were also surprised. There are parts of the Indian Act that could be used to protect our reserves. But very few people know about the parts of that act that we could use for our own good.

It is a tribute to the people of the Six Nations that a place like the Woodland Cultural centre exists.

CORRECTION

In last month's issue it was reported that Jane Stewart is the first woman ever appointed to the Indian Affairs and Northern Development portfolio. In fact, Pauline Browes was the Indian Affairs minister for a brief period in 1993. We regret the error.

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only about environmental issues and economic sustainability, but also about cultural sustainability. Davidson Creek is the only area in which we may exercise some of our constitutionally protected Aboriginal rights.

This letter is to publicly request assistance from people across the country in our endeavours to 'protect our lands.' We have collaborated with the Ministry of Forests in an eloquent, professional and non-violent manner. Our goal is to protect our lands and stop the unnecessary destruction. During the course of our two meetings I acquired video tapes and documents which I am requesting any professional or skilled people assist me in putting into a public video. Presently, we are planning various fund raising strategies to raise money for our anticipated expenses.

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Thank-you for giving me the opportunity to voice our concerns. I look forward to positive comments.

Sincerely,
Pansy Collison



ROB MCKINLEY

Windspeaker staff writer and Saskatchewan Sage editor Ken Williams displays his award-winning photo spread of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indians 50th Anniversary Powwow and Indian National Finals Rodeo. Windspeaker, Saskatchewan Sage, Alberta Sweetgrass, and Raven's Eye, British Columbia's Provincial Aboriginal Newspaper, are published by the Aboriginal Multi-Media Society of Alberta.

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Windspeaker writer Mrs. Noah Black received honorable mention for her feature article entitled "Conflict on reserve." This article dealt with the many things band members, councils and administrations can do to avoid disputes and increase accountability.

Saskatchewan Sage editor and Windspeaker staff writer Ken Williams was given first place

honors for his photo spread of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indians 50th Anniversary Powwow and 1996 Indian National Finals Rodeo which appeared in the November issue of Sage. Williams also won honorable mention for a story he wrote which appeared in Windspeaker's November issue. The story dealt with the efforts of Aboriginal veterans protesting the European fur ban.

By Karl Terry

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Monument marks grave of artist

By Murray Angus
Windspeaker Contributor

OTTAWA

The memory of Benjamin Chee Chee received new honors at a graveside ceremony in Ottawa. The occasion was the unveiling of a monument to mark the place where the famed Ojibway artist was buried in an unmarked grave in 1977.

"We are honoring a great First Nation artist who made a huge contribution to First Nation as well as Canadian art and culture," said Alex Akiwenzie, president of the Ottawa Native Concerns Committee. The committee worked for two years to raise money for the monument and the related ceremonies and feasts that were held to mark the event.

The graveside service was attended by Chee Chee's mother, Josephine Roy, as well as relatives and friends from the Temagami First Nation in northeastern Ontario. Mrs. Roy helped with the unveiling of the monument. The cloth used to veil the stone was later given to her. Chee Chee was 33 years old when he committed suicide in an Ottawa jail cell, following his arrest for intoxication. His death came just as his art was gaining wider recognition. Since then, it has become internationally renowned.

"He was one of the seven First Nation artists who made a breakthrough with his own style of art," said Akiwenzie. "His legacy is everywhere today."



MURRAY ANGUS

From left to right: Willie Dunn and Alex Akiwenzie of the Ottawa Native Concerns Committee paid tribute to the memory of internationally renowned artist Benjamin Chee Chee.

The remembrance service was opened by Elder Peter Wynne, with the assistance of Jim Eagle. Chief Jim Twain of the Temagami First Nation officially welcomed those in attendance, reminding them that "it was not just Benjamin as an artist who was being remembered, but Benjamin as a person."

Singer Willie Dunn performed an original song based on a poem by committee member Albert Dumont. Additional songs of remembrance were performed by the Whirlwind Singers, a well-known group with roots in the

Ottawa area. The graveside monument includes an image of Chee Chee, depictions of his work, and a quote from the artist himself:

"My works are not influenced by inventions of mythology but honour the totems of the present."

These words were engraved in Ojibway as well as English, thanks to the work of local artist and Native languages professor Helen Wassegijig.

According to Akiwenzie, there was no clear reason why Chee Chee's grave went unmarked for so long. (see Graveside marker page 24.)

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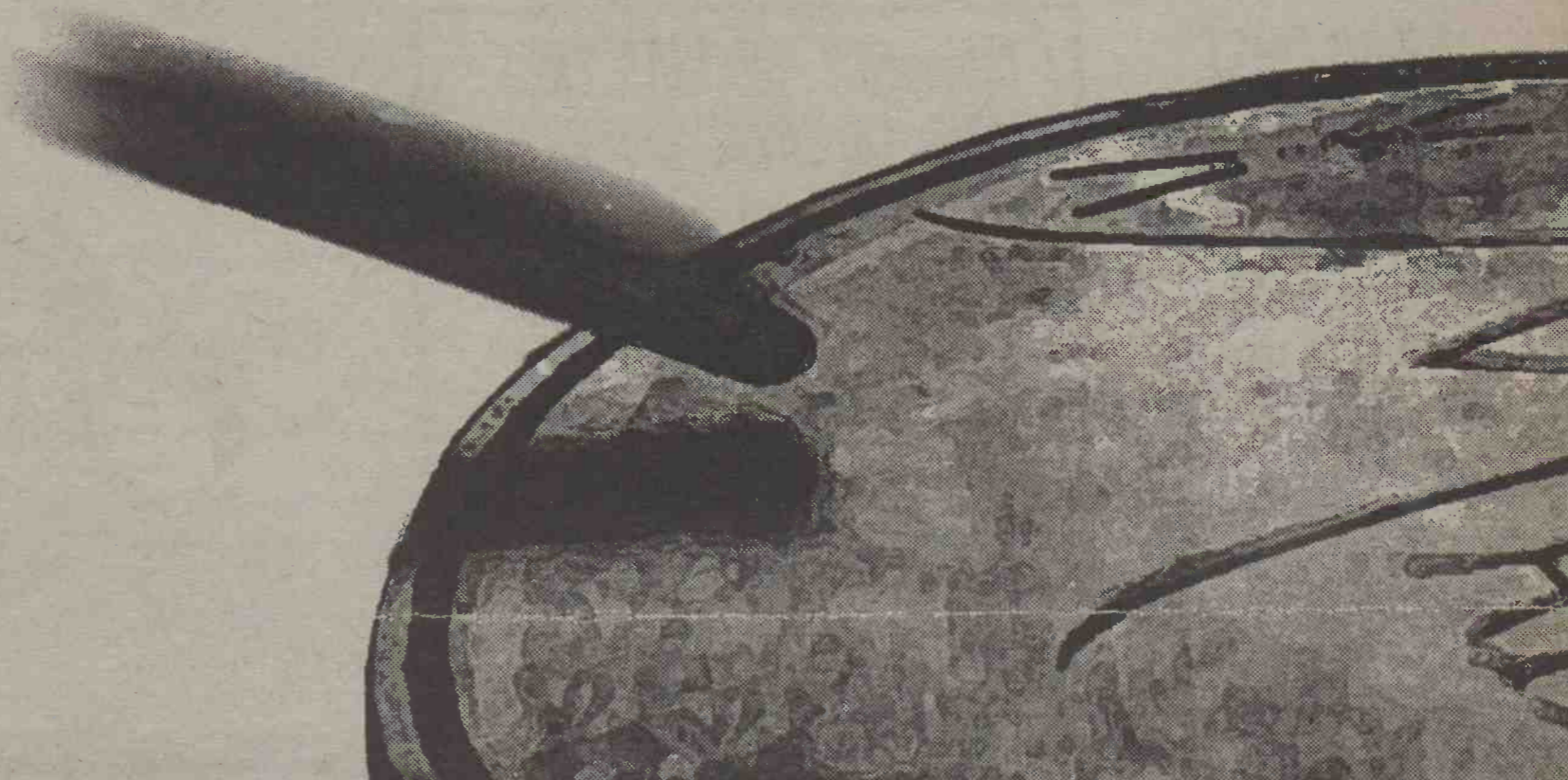
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SPIRITUAL GATHERING
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August 14 - 21, 1997
DELINE, NT

Like many of our respected Dene Elders, the Prophet Ayha has been gifted with extraordinary spiritual experiences, insight, and wisdom. In the sacred house constructed in his honor, the annual spiritual gathering will be held to share the gifts of our beloved Prophet Ayha. We invite new and old friends to celebrate with us, share in our ceremonies, and participate in workshops, healing prayers and storytelling. A fire ceremony will be conducted outdoors.

We welcome you to a celebration of our Dene Spirituality.

Thursday, August 14, 1997

- Welcoming remarks by Ehkw'ahtide, Raymond Tutcho, Elder, Alfred Taniton and Spiritual Leader, Charlie Neyelle.

Friday, August 15, 1997

- After opening prayer by the Elders, Facilitator Charlie Neyelle will lead discussion on Prophet Ayha's extraordinary spiritual experience, biography and predictions.

Saturday, August 16, 1997

- After opening prayer by the Elders, Facilitators, Charlie Neyelle and Gina Dolphus will lead discussions on the five stages to healing, dealing with forgiveness, denial, anger, depression and stress.

Sunday, August 17, 1997

- 11:00 am, Sunday Mass at the Church followed by a fire feeding ceremony at the graveyard site.
- Traditional cookout outside the Prophet Ayha's house.
- Elders will share their wisdom and advice with everyone.

Monday, August 18, 1997

- After opening prayer by the Elders, Facilitators will lead discussions with the Youth on the problems that youths face today.

Tuesday, August 19, 1997

- After opening prayer by the Elders, Facilitators will lead discussions on the effects of addiction with alcohol, drugs and gambling. The participants may also share their personal experience with the effects of addictions and the road to recovery and the help that is available in communities.

Wednesday, August 20, 1997

- After opening prayer by the Elders, Charlie Neyelle and Gina Dolphus will review the past week's presentations and will close off the Spiritual Gathering sessions by deliberating on the topics of What is love?, What is forgiveness and healing?
- Charlie Neyelle will do the closing prayers along with the Elders.
- Closing remarks by Ehkw'ahtide, Raymond Tutcho & Elder.
- Closing ceremonies by community drummers, prayer songs and drum dance.

Thursday, August 21, 1997

Participants Departures

For information, or to register, please phone the Deline Band Office at (403) 589-3151 or fax (403) 589-4208. After hours call (403) 589-4919. Inquiries may be directed to Peter Menacho. Travel Day ETAs - 10:30 am & 5:00 pm from Norman Wells, NT. 4:30 pm from Yellowknife, NT, via North-Wright Air Ltd. scheduled flights. Billeting is available to all guests. Currently, we have no hostelry accommodations, but bed & breakfast services are available in the community. Arrangements are available on request. Guest arrivals, billets and registration will be done at the Cultural Centre.

Seven 'C's of colonization

On June 24, all of Newfoundland celebrated the 500th anniversary of the landing of John Cabot's ship, the Matthew, on the Island. A fabulous party was held, including a cameo appearance from her Majesty, the Queen herself to celebrate the landing back in 1497.

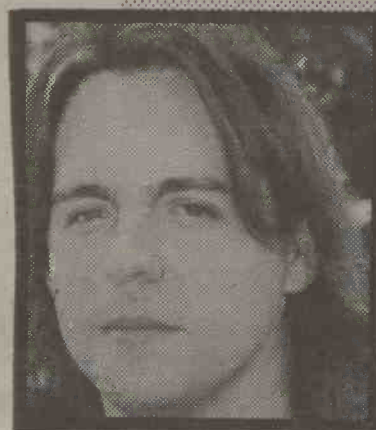
But not all were happy with the planned festivities. Some consider Cabot's arrival as the beginning of a campaign of genocide and cultural destruction that has lasted 500 years.

As an example, the Beothuks, Newfoundland's Indigenous people, were soon extinct. And while that blame can't be specifically laid on Cabot's shoulders, most Natives believe it started with him. At least in Canada.

But did it? History has shown that many European explorers have laid their own foundation for the colonization of our little country. Other venturers into the unknown have had effects on Canada and the Native people here. And a surprising and interesting fact is, unusually, the name of many of these explorers start with the letter "C." Perhaps this is a prerequisite for conquering Canada.

COLUMBUS — The man who made getting lost an art form. He is the prototype for men declining to believe they are lost and refusing to ask for directions. While not specifically or directly connected to Canada, his arrival in the Bahamas can be viewed as one simple earthquake starting several tidal waves. However, it is ironic that many white people every year still prefer to "discover" the Bahamas, and other spots in the Caribbean and Mexico that he came upon. Perhaps white people are migratory.

CORTEZ — Again, while not directly related to Canada, his actions have had wide-reaching effects. He conquered an empire (the Aztecs) and was actually one of the few Conquistadors to die a rich man. At one point, he took a Native woman as a mistress and Christianized her to make her more acceptable. He was known as a womanizer and was



Drew Hayden Taylor

twice arrested for breach of trust.

CABOT — Cabot's real name was Giovanni Caboto. He was probably the first of many men to change his name to get into Canada. He was amazed by the number of fish available offshore. It is rumored the crew attached ropes to baskets and lowered them into the water, then pulled them up, overflowing with fish. Ahh, the memories. Again, the first case of foreigners plundering the Grand Banks.

CARTIER — Founder of Quebec City in 1534. He misunderstood what the local Natives were saying when he asked "what do you call this land?" He indicated the countryside with his hand and, unfortunately, the Native people looked where he was actually pointing, at their village, and replied "Kanata." Translated it means a group of huts or a village. This was the first misunderstanding between the French and the Native population. Not the last.

CHAMPLAIN — The explorer of much of central Canada. Though he spent decades in the New World, oddly enough Champlain never bothered to learn any of the Aboriginal languages of the people he worked with and exploited. Even then, Quebec's Language Bill 101 was in effect.

COOK — Explored much of the coast of British Columbia after discovering Tahiti and the Hawaiian islands while looking for the Northwest Passage. He first came to light for his meticulous charting of the St. Lawrence River in preparation for the British assault on the French at Quebec, and also his precise charting of the whole length of the rugged coast of Newfoundland. One of the first cases of Easterners

moving to the West Coast.

CHRIST — Subject of the world's first and best-selling "biography." Christ did more to change the lives of Canada's Indigenous people than all of the explorers put together, unfortunately, sometimes for the worse (the Jesuits and more recently the residential schools.) But many have embraced the teachings of this man and found happiness. The church also brought more than just Christ's messages to the Native people, they also brought bingo.


Other honorable mentions of people "discovering and conquering" this continent whose names begin with the letter "C" include Clark (of Lewis and Clark fame) who went to the Pacific Northwest looking for dinosaurs.

Also included in that list is Custer, every Aboriginal's favourite example of "do unto others as you would have them do unto you." But these men lack that specific Canadian connection.

Most of these men were crawling through Canada looking for either gold, jewels, spices, or more specifically, a new trade route to India or China.

On June 24, I thought it would be fitting for there to be a whole line of Native protesters waiting on shore for the landing of the Matthew, all holding signs saying "India and China: That Way" and pointing north to the Northwest Passage. It would have done more to honor the spirit of these explorers than what the people in Newfoundland had planned.

Or better yet, they should have had some Chinese or South Asians waiting on shore. That would have thrown them for a loop.



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September 16 - 19, 1997

Well-functioning families are essential to the achievement of good government and vital economies. They instill in each generation the values of their culture and the skills to participate in productive work and harmonious relationships. The stresses of poverty and powerlessness and the disruptions imposed by external institutions have compromised the capacity of far too many Aboriginal families to fulfill their responsibilities for nurture, protection and education of their members. This leadership symposium will bring together Aboriginal resource persons who are playing a lead role in reshaping human services to support family renewal, federal and provincial government personnel who are engaged in policy reform, and participants who have an active interest in the design of family policy and services that fit with the emergence of Aboriginal self-government. The symposium will include a mix of information sessions on current developments in services and policy and small group discussions using an interactive, problem-solving format. Relevant sections of the Report of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples will be made available as a source of information, analysis, and options for community action.

THOSE WHO WILL BENEFIT THE MOST:

- Administrators and planners in First Nation, Inuit and Metis child and family services
- Board members of current or prospective service institutions
- Political leaders negotiating space for institutions serving Aboriginal families
- Public servants in federal, provincial or territorial government ministries concerned with human services and policy development

FACULTY LEADER: MARLENE BRANT CASTELLANO, a member of the Mohawk Nation, has pursued many careers; a social worker in child and family services, a professor of Native Studies at Trent University, and most recently, Co-Director of Research for the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples. She holds a M.S.W. from the University of Toronto. Her teaching, research and publications centre around social and cultural issues, participatory research, and the application of traditional knowledge in contemporary settings. Marlene was awarded the title Professor Emeritus on her retirement from Trent University in 1996. She received an honorary LLD from Queen's University in 1991 and from St. Thomas University in 1992. She was inducted into the Order of Ontario in 1995 and in 1996 received a National Aboriginal Achievement Award for her contribution to education. Marlene now does consulting work on social development.

OTHER FACULTY MEMBERS:

Kim Scott, Kishk Anaquot Health Research
Lorna Downey, Metis Child and Family Services
Debbie Foxcraft, Nuu-Chah-Nulth Child and Family Services
Wayne Helgason, Social Planning Council of Winnipeg
Fred Chafe, Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
Berndt Walter, former ADM, Family and Children Services, BC
Burma Bushie, Hollow Water representative

COSTS:

Tuition Fee - \$500.00 (plus GST)
Room and Meals - \$140.00 per day (plus GST)

Symposium on the Interpretation of Sui Generis Indian Treaties

September 20 - 23, 1997

Previously restricted to justices, the Symposium is now open to the public.

This symposium offers what the law schools of the nation do not teach. It will gather some of the best Aboriginal minds in Canada, who will engage participants to challenge their understanding and beliefs about "existing" Aboriginal and treaty rights within the Canadian Constitution.

The Supreme Court of Canada has created interpretative principles for viewing sui generis Indian treaties under section 35 (1) of the Constitution Act (1982). This program will provide an in-depth understanding of those principles and their contexts, explain the interpretative principles and assess how to implement them. It will discuss the sui generis nature of Indian treaties from an Aboriginal perspective and world view, recognizing that Aboriginal societies are multicultural and multilingual. Other topics that will be covered include the problems associated with the North American colonization process in constructing a balanced historical context; the elusive clarity of treaty

texts and the principle of a fair, large and liberal interpretation; and the issue of ambiguous terms within the treaty texts.

THOSE WHO WILL BENEFIT THE MOST:

- Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal lawyers working with Aboriginal organizations
- Academicians who teach treaty law
- Treaty rights policy developers and treaty table negotiators
- Grand Chiefs of each Treaty area
- Justices from the provincial and federal courts

FACULTY LEADER: SAKEJ YOUNGBLOOD HENDERSON was born to the Bear Clan of the Chickasaw Nation and Cheyenne Tribe in Oklahoma and has become one of the leading Aboriginal philosophers, advocates and strategists of North American Indians. In 1974, he was one of the first American Indians to receive a Juris Doctorate from Harvard Law School. After graduating, he embarked on a scholarly pursuit and litigation strategy to restore Aboriginal culture, institutions and rights. During the Canadian constitutional amendment process (1978 - 1993) he served as constitutional advisor to the Assembly of First Nations and the Mikmaq Nation. He is a member of the College of Law at the University of Saskatchewan.

OTHER FACULTY MEMBERS:

Eric Tootoosis, Cree Statesman
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Aboriginal and Treaty Rights Symposium for Justice Canada Legal Council and Lawyers Representing Aboriginal Peoples

September 24 - 26, 1997

This Symposium is designed for senior government lawyers and lawyers or negotiators representing Aboriginal organizations. The objective is to provide a neutral setting for open and creative discussion of the differing viewpoints of legal professionals on Aboriginal issues. Topics to be addressed include litigation over Aboriginal and treaty rights, self-government policies and negotiations, land claims processes and drafting agreements.

The Symposium will encourage participants to examine the context of professional engagement with Aboriginal issues and consider less adversarial, or non-adversarial, approaches to renewed relations between Aboriginal peoples and governments. The Symposium will adhere to clear ground rules of respecting differing opinions and sharing ideas in a way which promotes discussion. Each session will present balanced views of the topic with ample opportunity for discussion.

THOSE WHO WILL BENEFIT THE MOST:

- Senior government lawyers
- Lawyers or negotiators representing Aboriginal organizations

FACULTY LEADER: MARY ELLEN TURPEL-LAFONDE is of mixed Cree and Scottish ancestry. She is a Treaty Indian originally from Manitoba who now resides in Saskatchewan. Mary Ellen received her BA from Carleton University, her LLB from Osgoode Hall Law School, her LLM from Cambridge University and her SJD from Harvard Law School. She is a tenured professor of law and practices law, specializing in the area of Aboriginal and treaty issues. She practices on the Muskeg Lake Reserve in the city of Saskatoon. Mary Ellen has published over 30 articles and two books, both academic and popular. While she focuses on legal and political issues, she has particular interests in issues affecting Aboriginal women and families.

OTHER FACULTY MEMBERS:

Katherine MacCormick, Assistant Deputy Attorney-General for Native Law, Justice Canada
Other faculty will include prominent Aboriginal lawyers, and non-Aboriginal lawyers working for Aboriginal

organizations as well as leading government lawyers responsible in various areas of Native law and policy.

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Effective Financial Management, Control and Accountability in Aboriginal Governance

September 28 - October 3, 1997

In this program Aboriginal leaders will learn how to be financially responsible to their members through the application of sound financial management systems. They will examine a variety of important financial topics, such as the principles of a good financial audit; methods for reporting financial results to the membership; the hallmarks of an efficient and publicly accountable internal financial administration system; and the checks and balances that must be in place to prevent overruns or deficits. This program will also look at public finance from the government perspective. Topics covered in this context include the types of transfer payments from the public purse; intergovernmental equalization payments and the Aboriginal interest; and the new system of block funding to the provinces for expenditures in education, health, social assistance, child welfare and income security.

THOSE WHO WILL BENEFIT THE MOST:

- Aboriginal executives who are responsible for public finances within their respective communities, including community-owned economic and commercial enterprises
- Financial administrators and managers who are responsible for the financial wellbeing and success of their organizations
- Chartered accounting firms doing accounting for Aboriginal communities
- Federal and provincial government funding agencies that have financial trust obligations toward Aboriginal communities under treaties, land claims settlements or financial agreements

FACULTY LEADER: CRYSTAL MANY FINGERS is a Blackfoot member of the Blood Tribe in Southern Alberta. After graduating from the University of Lethbridge's Faculty of Management, she began her career as a member of the start-up team for Canada's first on-reserve Correctional Centre. Crystal has spent the last several years working within Aboriginal communities in the fields of financial management and economic development. Currently she serves the First Nations community as a Financial Services Manager with the Bank of Montreal.

FACULTY CO-LEADER: RON JAMIESON, Senior Vice President for Aboriginal Banking at the Bank of Montreal, National Co-Chair of the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business, National Director of Junior Achievement and President and CEO of Ontario Energy Corporation.

OTHER FACULTY MEMBERS:

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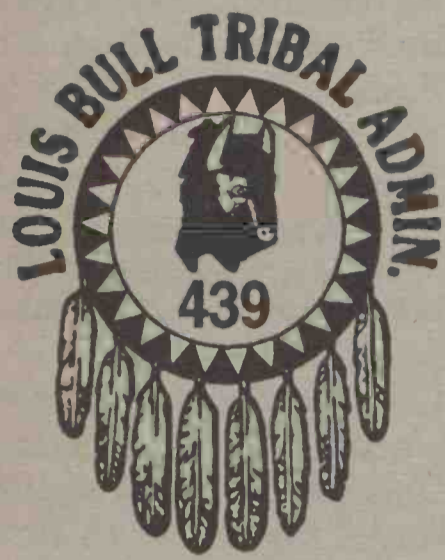
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By Eva Weidman
Windspeaker Contributor

WINNIPEG

There was sweetgrass, a model airplane and curious employees at an employment agreement signing ceremony in Winnipeg on June 20. The agreement between Air Canada and the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs includes: increasing the number of Aboriginal employees, developing a scholarship program and a commitment to outreach programs and recruitment initiatives by Air Canada.

Air Canada is the most recent Crown corporation to sign an employment equity agreement with the assembly as a result of a complaint filed with the Canadian Human Rights Commission in November 1990.

Grand Chief Phil Fontaine said the Air Canada agreement is especially significant because it is the first such agreement with a national transportation company. Since the first employee equity agreement was signed in March 1996, there have been 35 Crown corpora-

tions and two private companies that have signed similar agreements.

Air Canada's chief executive officer, Lamar Durette, said the company looks forward to their "partnership" with the assembly.

"The result will be an Air Canada — and an airline industry in Canada — which better reflects the reality, skills and abilities of the peoples which make up the land from coast to coast."

Michelle Falardeau-Ramsey, chief commissioner with the Canadian Human Rights Commission, said the equity agreement is a good business decision.

"The company should be a reflection of the population it serves and I congratulate Air Canada for taking a leadership role in the transportation industry."

There are less than 100 Aboriginal employees on Air Canada's payroll of 18,000 employees, Falardeau-Ramsey said. She is confident that "travellers will see a national airline which includes the reality of Aboriginal people in Canada."

Native union formed

By Roberta Avery
Windspeaker Contributor

SOUTHAMPTON, Ont.

Employees of the troubled Saugeen First Nation band are celebrating their certification as Canada's first independent Aboriginal union.

The Saugeen Employee Association represents 105 employees of the Saugeen Nation, on the Ojibway reserve, near the Lake Huron town of Southampton. It was certified as a trade union by the Canada Labour Relations Board on June 27.

The reserve has been divided since March when the band administrator was fired by a seven-member faction of the band council headed by Council

Lester Anquot.

Chief Richard Kahgee and five other councillors stated they didn't want to be part of a corrupt council that condoned unfair labor practices and resigned a few days later.

The long awaited certification came as welcome news after the months of labor and political tensions, said union president Gerald Anquot.

"It's been difficult — sometimes dangerous. But employees didn't turn away, they stuck together and built a union," said Anquot.

"The tide is turning. This is an historic accomplishment. It's a victory for Saugeen employees, the labor movement and all Aboriginal peoples," Anquot said.

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National Native role models needed to inspire youth

By Linda Dumont
Windspeaker Staff Writer

KAHNAWAKE, Que.

Is there someone in your life who serves as an inspiration, someone whose dreams can help others build dreams of their own?

The National Native Role Model Program helps provide role models for youth.

These role models are Native individuals from across Canada who have shown leadership in their communities. They show in their words and their deeds the seven traditions of wisdom, love, respect, bravery, honesty, humility and truth.

The National Native Role Model Program began in 1984 at the summer Olympics when Alwyn Morris won the gold and bronze medals in kayaking for Canada. He became one of the first group of role models, responding to the many public appearances he was asked to make.

The first group, which in-

cluded hockey player John Chabot, actress Margot Kane, and Ted Nolan, former coach of junior A hockey in the Ontario Hockey League and current coach of the year for the NHL, were all role models with high profile careers.

In 1983, the focus of the program shifted to ordinary people who were serving their communities so that young people could set realistic goals for themselves, because not everyone can be an Olympic gold medalist.

Since the rephrasing, communities take a more active role in the selection of role models. Role models now serve two-year terms, and are nominated in their communities.

Dawn Willier was among the second group of role models from 1993 to 1995.

"We were basically introducing the program in a different way," Willier said.

It was no longer about things you did like winning a gold medal.

"At the time when I was cho-

sen, I was really involved in youth," Willier said. "As home school co-ordinator, I worked with the high school. We organized trips and I volunteered time to chaperone."

Gerald Auger is one of the current group of role models whose term ends in 1998. Auger owns a publishing and promotions company run by First Nations people for First Nations people.

As a role model, he is required to make at least 10 community visits. So far, Auger has made 28 or 29.

"I talk to the kids on a range of issues depending on what issues are dominant in the community," he explained. "I go to schools, youth conferences, and banquets. By the time I'm done a visit, there may be one or two out of the group of two or three hundred. They wait in the back and approach to ask questions."

"You can see it in the eyes of the troubled kids, that their dreams are possible," Auger said.

Auger knows what it's like to

be a troubled kid. He was on the street at the age of 12, then with the help of people who taught him to survive, put himself through college and went after his dreams. He went on to work with 12 inner city street youth on a program called Young Pride.

"It's busy. I like the experience but it's not all a bed of roses. Whoever gets nominated, there is a lot of dedication and sacrifice and time away from their communities," Auger said about being a role model.

The Native Role Model Program is funded by Health Canada through the treasury board.

All First Nations and Inuit people can nominate a role model, but Native youth are especially encouraged to help in selecting role models. Each nominator can select only one.

To nominate a role model, pick up a nomination brochure from a community health representative, Native alcohol and drug abuse prevention program workers, regional organizations,

reserve schools and media locations throughout Canada.

Nominations must be received by the National Native Role Model Program by Sept. 30.

All nomination ballots received from First Nations and Inuit individuals will be entered into a grand prize and a regional draw. The grand prize is round trip airfare and accommodation for two at the gala evening in Ottawa where new role models will be presented.

One role model will be selected from each of the nine regions. The individuals who nominated the selected role models will win a portable CD player each.

To get involved in the National Native Role Model Program, community leaders can host role model celebrations to recognize people who have helped youth in their community or region.

Booths and displays can be set up at events such as powwows, feasts and round dances.

For more information about the program contact Arlene Skye at 1-800-363-3199.

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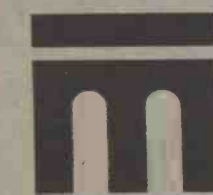
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Foundation expands mandate

By Kenneth Williams
Windspeaker Staff Writer

TORONTO

The Canadian Native Arts Foundation is now the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation, but John Kim Bell wants us to know that it's more than just a name change. Bell, the founder and president of the foundation, said the change came because more and more Aboriginal students needed scholarships that weren't in the arts.

"Two years ago, we started Blueprint for the Future: a career youth fair [that] exposes kids and inspires them to all of the non-traditional careers available to them. Because of that, more and more people were calling about projects that were not in the arts," said Bell. "We could really no longer call ourselves the Canadian Native Arts Foundation. Our new goal is to be a national education foundation."

Two other factors were involved in changing the mandate: one, a national organization of Aboriginal veterans wanted the arts foundation to administer their scholarships; and two, the increased profile of the foundation because of the National Aboriginal Achievement Awards.

"The awards ceremony extends beyond the arts," said

Bell, referring to the variety of disciplines the awards recipients come from.

Bell created the Canadian Native Arts Foundation in 1985 to fulfill a need for scholarships for Aboriginal students wanting to study the arts. The expanded mandate also fills a need, especially with more Aboriginal students qualifying for post-secondary education in a time of education funding cutbacks from Indian Affairs.

"We hope to fill a gap," said Bell, who added that the foundation couldn't realistically fund every eligible Aboriginal student in Canada. He also said the federal government still has to fulfil its fiduciary obligation.

Bell said there needed to be different approaches for Aboriginal people to fund their education.

"We have to build durable instruments that are not solely reliant on federal funding," he said. "As [the federal government] continues to withdraw [funding] we have to draw upon the private sector."

Bell envisioned the arts foundation as one of those instruments, which receives donations from both the private and public sector. In its nearly 13-year existence, the foundation has given out \$5 million in grants. This year, it will give out about \$800,000 in grants. Bell credited the small but en-

ergetic staff for keeping administrative costs low and ensuring that most of the money the foundation raised goes out to students.

Despite its history, Bell sees the foundation as something that can continue to grow and prosper. He also envisions a time when he'll no longer be involved.

"What I'm hoping for is in 10 to 20 years from now this organization will live beyond me," he said. "I'm looking at the big picture."

The next National Aboriginal Achievement Awards will be in Toronto, on March 12, 1998. This will be the fifth year of the awards and the first time they'll be held in Toronto. Bell thinks this will increase donations to the foundation because Toronto is the centre of finance for Canada.

For Bell, the foundation, career fair and awards show are integrated parts of a circle.

"The career fair introduces kids to what's out there. The scholarships help them get there and then we honor them at the achievement awards. Then those recipients inspire students at the career fairs. It's a circle — there's a logic to it," said Bell.

"We're in a growth area. We're still growing. We're well positioned for the future," added Bell. "Our change comes at a good time."

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Film-maker Barb Cranmer at the Banff Film Festival.

Aboriginal film-makers shine in the spotlight

By Rob McKinley
Windspeaker Staff Writer

BANFF, Alta.

Two short films have been voted the best in northern Canada at the Telefilm Canada Television Northern Canada Awards.

The awards ceremony was held on June 13 at the tail end of the Banff Film Festival, in Alberta's Rocky Mountain resort town.

Taqramiut Nipingat Inc. won the \$10,000 first prize for an Aboriginal language film with its production of *Spirit of Kangirsuk*, a film produced in the Inuktitut language. Qatuwas Productions Inc. took top honors and a similar \$10,000 prize in the English-French language class, for its production of *Qatuwas: People Gathering Together*.

There were 23 production companies competing for the top honors.

Francois Macerola, executive director of Telefilm Canada said the awards night honored those who helped create awareness, education and information of Aboriginal cultures through film making.

The \$10,000 prize will go toward production costs on future projects.

"Telefilm Canada sees these awards as a showcase for the quality and originality of Aboriginal production with its unique cultural importance," he said. "By recognizing excellence in Aboriginal production and providing financial support with these awards. . . Telefilm Canada will provide significant stimulus for Aboriginal production throughout our country."

Abraham Tagalik, chairperson of Television Northern Canada agreed that the awards are important to productions of today, and the ones to come in the future.

"[The award presentation] is an important step in recognizing Canadian Aboriginal talent," he said. "These talented artists deserve praise and encouragement. It is important that Aboriginal producers have access to financing that will better let Aboriginal stories told from an Aboriginal point of view reach wider audiences in Canada and around the world."

Award-winner Barb Cranmer co-produced, wrote and directed *Qatuwas: People Gathering Together*. The recognition and the money is a definite benefit, she

said.

"I was surprised when we won, and excited," said a member of the Namgis First Nation, at Alert Bay, N.W.T. "It was a good shot in the arm for the next film."

Cranmer, who now works out of Vancouver, B.C., said she likes Aboriginal films because people need to see more of them.

"All the work I have done is on First Nation issues. Far too often our stories never get told, and I, as a First Nation film-maker, am trying to get our stories out there."

She said the stories and documentaries are important for Aboriginal people as well as non-Native people.

Her winning story focused on a 1993 gathering at Bella Bella, a coastal community on British Columbia's central coastline.

Over 3,000 First Nation people came to the gathering, including some who paddled 180 km in canoes from First Nations in the state of Washington.

The gathering featured workshops on Aboriginal issues, with a festival-like back-drop of cultural sharing through song and dance.

Cranmer said her production company began working on the one hour documentary of the gathering three years after it happened. They compiled existing footage and shot a lot of new interviews to make the presentation into a very neat parcel. It took about a year for the final product to be ready.

The documentary has already been aired on TVOntario, and will soon be coming to Vision TV.

This isn't the first successful film for Cranmer.

She produced and wrote *The Strength of the River* in 1995, a documentary about the Native fisheries on the British Columbia coast. That documentary won the 1995 South American Indian Film Festival in San Francisco. The film has also been aired on the Discovery Channel.

Cranmer said she is already starting work on her next project. It is a documentary about a fish called an oolichan. The small smelt-like fish is used by many coastal Aboriginal communities for oil. The film will look at the decline of the stock of this fish population, along with the causes and effects of the decline.

Members of the Taqramiut Nipingat production team could not be reached for comment by publication time.

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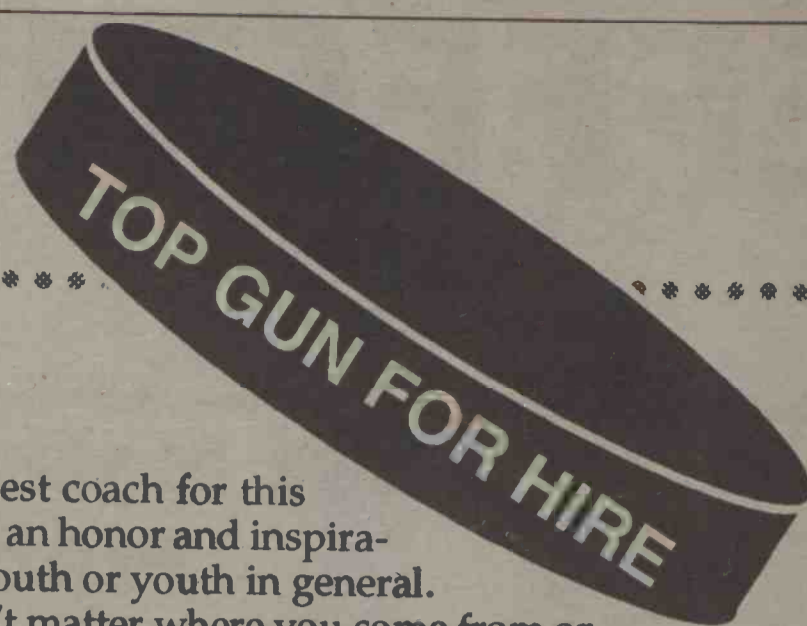
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NHL COACH OF THE YEAR

By Sam Laskaris
Windspeaker Contributor

TORONTO

It's not too often that a person is told he is absolutely the best in his field and then finds himself out job-hunting shortly afterwards.

But that's exactly the situation Ted Nolan finds he's in. During the National Hockey League's awards night held in Toronto on June 19, Nolan, having just completed his second season as the bench boss of the Buffalo Sabres, was named coach of the year.

But less than two weeks later, Nolan and the Sabres parted company. After a lot of very public speculation about his future with the club, the best coach in the league was offered a one-year contract extension by the team's newly-appointed general manager Darcy Regier.

Regier replaced John Muckler, a man with whom coach Nolan had a sometimes stormy relationship.

The offer of a one-year contract didn't satisfy Nolan, who was seeking the security of a three-year deal. The former Detroit Red Wing and Pittsburgh Penguin player who went on to an outstanding Major Junior coaching career with the Soo Greyhounds before making the jump to the big-league coaching ranks, found Regier's offer unsatisfactory, especially considering his accomplishments this past season.

At the start of the 1996-97 campaign, hockey insiders felt the Sabres would be a middle-of-the-pack, perhaps sub-500 team. But with Nolan providing the leadership and Dominik Hasek providing world-class goaltending, the Sabres finished on top of their division with a 40-30-12 record.

Dubbed the hardest working team in hockey, the Sabres' 92 points was good for sixth overall in the league standings. That's a dramatic improvement from the previous season when Buffalo finished 20th overall with a 33-42-7 mark.

Nolan, a 39-year-old Ojibway man from the Garden River reserve near Sault Sainte Marie, Ont., was pleasantly surprised when he heard his name announced as the coach of the year.

Members of the NHL Professional Hockey Writers' Association voted on the award. Nolan beat out a pair of other nominees, Ken Hitchcock of the Dallas Stars and Jacques Martin of the Ottawa Senators.

"Being in the league for two years and then all of sudden you get an award... it certainly was well appreciated," said Nolan, who had also served as an assistant coach with the Hartford Whalers during the 1994-95 season.

Words were hard to come by for Nolan though, during his acceptance speech. Following some quick thank yous, Nolan was visibly shaken and it appeared a thunder-shower of tears was fast approaching. Then he quickly left the stage.

At the NHL Entry Draft two days later in Pittsburgh, Nolan elaborated on how he felt during the awards evening.

"I thought it was a very emotional night," he said. "A lot of players were thanking their families. I lost both my parents a few years ago and I guess I started thinking about them and how they would react in a situation like this. They weren't there. I wish they were there. Sometimes the emotions get the better of you. And they got the better of me that time."

Though the awards night was intended to celebrate accomplishments from the past hockey season, there was a somber tone to this year's affair. That's because the majority of people who came on stage were offering their best wishes to Detroit Red Wings' defenceman Vladimir Konstantinov and massage therapist Sergei Mnatsakanov, who were in serious condition following an auto accident earlier in the month.

Besides the obvious self-satisfaction, Nolan was pleased that his award will also have a significant bearing on other people.

"I think it will be a great sign, especially for the Native youth," he said. "Being born and raised on a Native reserve in northern Ontario, not too many people came around to visit us. We always thought it was for other people to achieve things like this. To be in a position like this in the best league in the world and to

be classified as the best coach for this year, I think it's quite an honor and inspiration for the Native youth or youth in general.

"It proves it doesn't matter where you come from or what material things you have or whatever you want in life that you can achieve things. So hopefully, it's an inspiration for all other people."

Even before becoming an NHL coach, Nolan was a role model for Aboriginal people. During an eight-season (1978-86) pro career, Nolan, who played defence, suited up for both Detroit and the Pittsburgh Penguins.

In 78 NHL games, he had 22 points (six goals, 16 assists.) He also had stints in the minor leagues with teams in Kansas City, Adirondack, Rochester and Baltimore.

Nolan also deserves another award just for finishing off the past year in Buffalo. From the start of the season he had an ongoing feud with the club's general manager John Muckler, a rift which reportedly began when the GM did not give Nolan a contract extension following his first year in Buffalo. Muckler was fired at the conclusion of the season.

Nolan and Sabres' star goaltender Dominik Hasek, who won the Hart Trophy as the NHL's most valuable player this season, also had their differences. Sources close to the team say Hasek was a Muckler supporter. The goaltending standout made it clear during the off-season that he was not interested in playing for Nolan again.

Nolan said considering the off-ice distractions which surrounded him, winning coach-of-the-year honors was even more meaningful.

"It certainly does mean more," he said. "It's tough breaking into this league and being successful in this league. With all the other stuff that happened, it's nice to get it."

As of mid-July Nolan was still looking for a big league hockey job. He told *Windspeaker* that he recently hired agent Robin Burns to help him in the search. Burns is the cousin of newly-hired Boston Bruin coach Pat Burns (formerly of the Montreal Canadiens and Toronto Maple Leafs.)

"The problem is I was let go so late that all the jobs were filled, but Robin will beat the bushes for me," he said.

If no big-league job materializes by the time training camps open, Nolan will take it easy and wait for a call. He said he wouldn't consider a minor league or Major Junior position.

"I've proved I can coach in the National Hockey League and that's what I'm looking to do," he said.



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NAIG website gets lots of hits

By Paul Barnsley
Windspeaker Staff Writer

VICTORIA

Editor's note: Across the North American continent this month, competitors and cultural performers as well as their families and other supporters are getting ready to make their way to Victoria for the North American Indigenous Games.

The games themselves will take place from Aug. 3 to 10, but a number of pre-game activities are also planned, including local host band powwows and the 1997 Tribal Journey, a long-distance canoe odyssey beginning July 18 and arriving in Victoria on Aug. 3 to kick off the games.

The Internet site maintained by games staff has been of great help to those making what is an epic journey to the furthest western reaches of Great Turtle Island. The messages those people leave make an interesting story in themselves.

Judging from the comments being posted on the North American Indigenous Games website <<http://www.firstnations.com>> both

This is so fascinating. I never thought I would find this on the net. I am going to the games to watch my younger brother and some friends compete in the rifle competition. See you in August.

— Rachel Jobb, Reindeer Lake, Sask.

participants and supporters are eager for the festivities to begin.

Byron and Rhonda LeClair from Pic River First Nation, Heron Bay, Ont. wrote: Seven athletes from PRFN will be representing Team Ontario along with Sarnia in baseball. Good luck to them. Two years ago, they won bronze. This year will be GOLD.

Kenneth Noskiye from Saskatoon wrote: Good morning from the land of three-time North American Indigenous Games champions: Saskatchewan. Just a note to tell you that we are coming, coming from the land of mighty prairie nations. We are coming to prove to you and the rest of the world that Saskatchewan will once again triumph over any athlete that you send. So send your best.

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Sharon Rice, Amber Rice, Jamie Lee Myiow and Loren McComber from the Kahnawake Youth Centre in Quebec wrote: Team Kahnawake is going to RULE at this year's Indigenous Games.

Rhonda LeClair from Thunder Bay, Ont. wrote: I am also going to Victoria for the [games.] It will be a first time going to Victoria and I am really looking forward to it. I will be chaperoning our community athletes, who will be representing Team Ontario, along with Sarnia, in baseball. The boys are really excited also. It will take two nights and three days to get to Victoria. The chance to travel through the mountains is a chance that we can't miss. Anyone else travelling by van?

Rhonda LeClair also wrote: This website sure answered my questions about [the games.]

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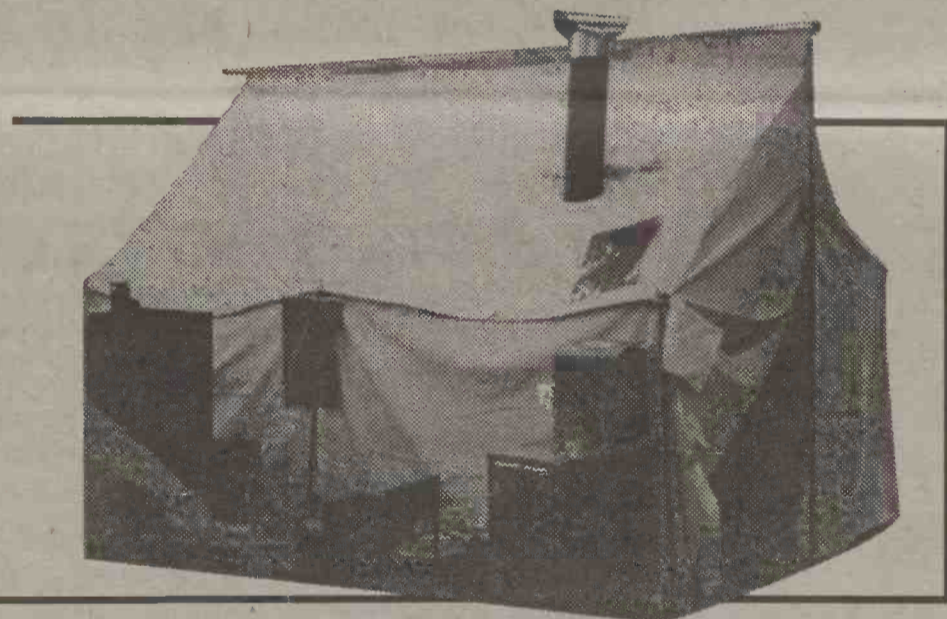
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Track star Angela Chalmers is hanging up the cleats and ready to start a new career and a family. She is currently honorary captain of Team Manitoba for the Canada Summer Games.

By Sam Laskaris
Windspeaker Contributor

VICTORIA

Angela Chalmers has decided to hang up the spikes and look for a new and different way to run to glory, and a big part of her new career could involve working with Aboriginal children.

The 1,500- and 3,000-metre specialist, whose career highlights include winning Olympic bronze at Barcelona in 1992 and earning an equally impressive four gold medals at a pair of Commonwealth Games, announced her retirement from competitive track in early July.

"It's a choice I'm making," she said. "It's not something that's being forced on me."

As far as competition on the world stage is concerned, her career is now officially over, but it's not as if the 33-year-old Olympian is putting away her cleats for good.

"I'll always run," Chalmers said, adding that her future plans include entering the occasional road race and perhaps even a marathon, two things she did on occasion before retirement.

"But it's a bit of a conflict to do both," said Chalmers. "I have come to the conclusion that track is a lot more competitive. And the training re-

quired is a full-time job."

The bronze-medallist excited Aboriginal people across Canada during the Barcelona games in 1992. She was born in Brandon, Man. and is half-Native; her mother Betty is Sioux.

In Barcelona, Chalmers won her medal in the 3,000-metres. As for her Commonwealth Games golden performances, she won the 1,500-metre races at both the 1990 and 1994 meets, held in Auckland, New Zealand and Victoria, respectively.

Chalmers was also considered a medal contender for last summer's Atlanta Olympics. But a leg injury, suffered at a pre-Olympic meet in Atlanta, forced her to miss those games.

Though she is no doubt still capable of registering world-class times in her track specialties, Chalmers said she has lost some of her competitive spark. And she is not interested in putting a half-hearted effort into her performances.

"I think it's a case of not being able to lower my standards," she said.

Throughout her track career, the middle distance runner was frequently asked what she considered her career highlights.

"I had often been hesitant to reflect on the past because I was looking towards the future," she said. "but now that

I am retired and have looked back, it's tough to pick any moment. There have been a lot of highlights and some of them are private ones."

The obvious highs include Barcelona and her Commonwealth Games performances. As for memorable moments the public didn't see?

"There were times I'd be out for a training run and I was saying to myself, 'I am the best or I can be the best.' Breaking those mental barriers was a huge thing for me."

Chalmers said she is uncertain what she will do now that she has time to spare. She did admit that she and her husband and coach Winn Gmitorski — married last August — would like to start a family.

Chalmers is also keen to lend a hand to Native causes. She's been invited to become involved in a stay-in-school program run by the British Columbia Ministry of Education. Chalmers told program officials she would want her work to focus on Aboriginal youth.

She also expects to be involved with a group bidding to bring the 2001 North American Indigenous Games to Winnipeg.

As for this summer, she'll lend her support to the Canada Summer Games being staged in Brandon. She's been named the honorary captain for Team Manitoba.

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Cree boxer gets shot at world junior title

First stop: World Juniors. Then the Indigenous Games



PAUL BARNSELY

Through four rounds of sparring, Jesse Laframboise managed to avoid biting anyone's ear but he's hoping to chew up the competition at the World Junior Olympics in Mexico.

By Paul Barnsley
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

In July, after two years of maintaining his hold on the Canadian boxing championship in the 46 kg (101 lb.) class, Jesse Laframboise went looking for a world championship.

By the time the Saskatchewan Cree fighter makes it to the North American Indigenous Games in Victoria in early Aug., he might just be the world junior champ.

Shortly after his 16th birthday in mid-July, the Regina high-school student was scheduled to board a plane for a flight to Mexico, site of this year's World Junior Olympic boxing finals. The eight-country tournament is the ultimate competition for boxers who are 16 years of age or under. Fighters who excel at that level are tabbed as future Olympians, as the best on the planet. The tournament was completed after *Windspeaker's* press deadline.

The youthful pugilist and his trainer-coach dad, Les Laframboise, are both members of the Muscowpetung First Nation, although they now make their home in the nearby city of Regina. They travelled far and wide in the weeks leading up to the Mexico trip seeking out suitable sparring partners. A couple of Edmonton fighters from the Cougar Boxing Club each put in a couple of rounds on June 3 against the national champion during a stop in Alberta's capital city, helping to keep the young

contender sharp. Then the Laframboises made their way to Spruce Grove, Alta. for another stop in another gym.

The sparring is a part of the fighter's daily training routine that also includes two hours of roadwork and time in the gym.

When they manage to get home for a few days, the training continues in the basement of the Laframboise home where 10 boxers, ranging in age from 10 to 26, work out under Les' direction.

"It's small," said the senior member of the father and son combination.

"The ring is probably from here to there," he said, indicating an area about one-fourth the size of a regulation boxing ring.

Jesse first put on the gloves at the age of 10. In the years since, he has steadily climbed towards the top of the boxing world for his age and weight, winning a bronze at the last world junior championship in Marquette, Michigan.

Like many athletes his age, Jesse isn't comfortable providing long answers to reporters' questions. He said it will mean "a lot" if he can bring back the gold for Canada from this year's games. It's clear he takes pride in his progress as an international-class athlete and when you mention the inevitable future should his success continue — a spot on Canada's Olympic boxing team — his eyes light up.

"Oh yeah," he said when asked if the Olympics was his goal.

With 68 wins in his 82 amateur bouts, Jesse has earned a reputation as a young man with a bright

future. He's regarded as tough, dedicated, hard-working and talented.

"The one thing about Jesse is that he comes to fight every night," said Larry Fleming, president of Edmonton's Cougar Boxing Club. "You know when you step into the ring with this guy that he's not going to quit and he can fight. He's as good as anybody on that Canadian team."

Fleming said the Mexican junior fighters are tough and will be even tougher fighting at home. But he won't be overly surprised if Jesse Laframboise comes home with a result that's a little better than the bronze.

Les Laframboise hinted that he's had his differences with the boxing establishment in Saskatchewan as he has continued to supervise his own boy's athletic progress. But he feels the aggravation — including setting up his own training facility in his basement — is worth it. He and his son have spent countless hours together chasing a dream and it's something that appears to be special to both of them.

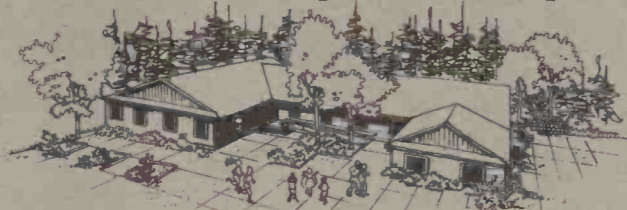
"It's unbelievable the amount of time I've spent with my boy," he said. "It's a great way to spend time together."

For Jesse, it means that he's always got his biggest fan in his corner and the special motivation of seeing the pride in his father's eyes is definitely a factor that gets him through some tough moments in some tough fights.

"It'll feel good to win the gold," he said, nodding when asked if making his dad proud of him won't make it feel even better.

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Small community hosts invasion

By Kenneth Williams Windspeaker Staff Writer

SASKATOON

The Whitecap Dakota-Sioux First Nation is a community of about 300 people just 30 km south of Saskatoon. This usually quiet community was invaded by about 2,500 athletes, 300 volunteers and innumerable chaperones, parents, coaches and cheering fans. But it was a welcome and well-planned invasion that saw nine tribal councils, two independent bands and First Nations from the Athabasca region participate in the largest ever Saskatchewan Indian Summer Games. The tribal councils included Agency Chiefs Tribal Council, Battlefords Tribal Council, Prince Albert Grand Council, South East Treaty 4 Tribal Council, Meadow Lake Tribal Council, Yorkton Tribal Council, Touchwood File Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council, Fort Carlton Tribal Council, and host Saskatoon Tribal Council. The two independent bands were the Onion Lake First Nation and the Thunder Child First Nation. First Nations from the Athabasca region participated for the first time in the games' history and brought the largest contingent of athletes.

The games ran from July 6 until July 10, and featured track and field events, soccer, and fastball, plus two demonstration sports, archery and boxing. Some of the athletes would be later participating in the North American Indigenous Games in British Columbia.

On what was once pasture land, three ball diamonds, three soccer

pitches, one 400 m race track, as well as high jump, long jump and triple jump pits were constructed. The archery range was a series of foam animal targets placed in natural-like settings, and the boxing took place in the recently constructed school gymnasium.

The Meadow Lake Tribal Council won the most points overall with 567, followed by the Yorkton Tribal Council with 523, and the Touchwood File Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council came in third with 513. Rounding out the final results were Saskatoon with 484, Prince Albert with 421, Onion Lake with 351, Athabasca with 320, Battlefords with 276, Agency Chiefs with 180, Fort Carlton with 145, and South East Treaty 4 with 35.

Blaine Favel, chief of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations, couldn't help but be impressed by the large gathering of athletes on one of Saskatchewan's smallest First Nations.

Whitecap Dakota "is large in spirit and large in heart. This is the largest ever Saskatchewan Indian Summer Games," he said during the opening ceremonies.

Henry Dayday, the mayor of Saskatoon, had nothing but praise for the Whitecap community and its chief.

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AFN election

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A former president of the Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs, Manuel's involvement in First Nations' politics and government goes back almost 30 years. He spent 10 years as the chief of the Neskonlith band council and has filled a wide variety of political and administrative positions with the Union of British Columbia Chiefs. At present, he is the chairman of the Neskonlith Development Corporation and the spokesman for the band on matters involving the Coho Survival Plan.

Manuel said he decided to run for the national chief's job because of concerns that the AFN is being ignored and bypassed by the federal government. He worries that that is a tactic being employed by the government that will do a lot of harm if the national chief can't find a way to cope with it. With policy and legislative initiatives being focused directly to the bands — side-stepping the national chief — "the result of this strategy is that many chiefs and councils, not having enough staff to carry out their own in-depth analysis, find themselves forced to react to overwhelming demands," Manuel said.

"There has to be a working relationship with government and the AFN because the government

has a fiduciary responsibility," he said. "When I was chief 15 years ago, I remember there was that type of relationship. But I look at the chiefs and councils now and I see that the pressures are so much higher."

The antidote to that problem, the candidate believes, is to shut out distractions and concentrate on the most vital issues.

"There's so many issues it gets really confusing," he said. "The national group, to help deal with that, needs focus. I feel we need to focus on two fundamental issues: Aboriginal title and treaty rights."

He proposes to create a national First Nations movement where all First Nations leaders can co-operate to further the cause of Aboriginal advancement. He believes strongly that control of resources on First Nations territories must be secured in order to stimulate viable economies for Aboriginal people.

His work with the Neskonlith Development Corporation has been an exercise in reaching out to corporations working on the traditional territory of his people.

"I've been telling them that Aboriginal people have been dealt out of the economy and this is our homeland. We need to be dealt back in. I haven't been confrontational about it and I feel things are moving along slowly, but surely," he said.

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Graveside marker

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"It seems that, at the time, everybody thought someone else was going to do something to mark it. But in the end, nobody did." No one, that is, except Kelly Attigiak. The young girl was one of the few who knew where Chee Chee was buried in the Notre Dame cemetery. Several years ago, she began visiting the site and leaving a decorated stick to mark it.

"It was Kelly who sparked this idea for us," said Akiwenzie, as he introduced Attigiak, now 10, to the assembled crowd.

For the next two years, the Ottawa Native Concerns Committee worked hard to raise the money. In the end, it raised almost \$10,000 to pay for the engraved stone and the feast.

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Support from the non-Native community was nonetheless strong. Ottawa mayor Jacqueline Holzman and Vanier mayor Guy Cousineau each spoke at the



MURRAY ANGUS

Chee Chee's mother Josephine Roy with the monument in the background.

service. Each had declared June 27 to be Benjamin Chee Chee Day in their cities.

A fire was started at a sunrise ceremony on the day of the service and was kept going until all the day's events were over. Richard Yellow Quill was its keeper. At the feast held after the graveside ceremony, the first plate filled was for Chee Chee himself, "to feed his spirit," said Dumont.

Chee Chee's death continues to be felt keenly. Peter Germotte, a prominent non-Aboriginal artist in the Ottawa area, said Chee Chee's impact was profound.

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Ken Ward

Hi, my name is Den. I was asked to write an article on my fight with a disease called HIV.

It is a fight for my life and one that this life has definitely prepared me for. You know, it is so surprising how views are instilled in my life. It's amazing that this is the first time in my life that I have found a positive place for a past so full of pain, anguish, confusion, and loneliness.

Sitting here, writing this, in my heart it feels right. I now understand that my chaotic childhood, my confused teen years and my troubled manhood has led me here. I was prepared for the fight of my life, because I was so lost and so very lonely, not knowing why I was even born.

I guess I should enlighten you readers on my personal situation.

I was diagnosed with HIV two years ago — one of many devastating events in my life. HIV, in my mind, was this very ugly painful contagious disease which ends only in death. So when that day came and my ears captured the terrible news of my health defect, life as I knew it came to a standstill. My entire being felt a need to escape. There was nothing but pain.

I had, at that point in my life, withstood my quota of this pain. I thought my misery needed an adjustment in another direction, not satisfied that one day this disease would end in death. I needed life.

So my spirit screamed out "life" and "why." Up until this point in my life all I could be thankful for was my health and my prayers. All I had was my spirituality which had walked me through the difficult areas of my life, and my health allowed me to struggle through it. Now my health was being tampered with and even my spirituality was at risk.

Why me? Why now? It took awhile, a few suicide attempts later, and a lot of soul searching before I realized that "No, I'm not dying tomorrow and, yes, I do have a life to live," and I'm bound and determined to accomplish so much. I've yet to enroll into the University of Saskatchewan to start my years in training towards a doctorate in psychology. The distance I have come is phenomenal and so very

promising. I'll be damned if I'll allow everything in my life to become unhealthy, so I've managed to hang onto my prayers and my spirituality is stronger than it has ever been.

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CLOSING DATE: For Consideration, applications must be received by July 25, 1997.

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Attention: Lloyd MacKenzie
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BASIC QUALIFICATIONS:

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- Minimum 18 years of age.
- Good physical condition.
- Possess a High School Diploma.
- Knowledge of the area.
- Possess a valid Alberta Driver's License.

SALARY: Commensurate with experience.

APPLICATIONS:

Application forms may be obtained from the Regional Police office. Applications not later than August 15, 1997. Service by fax or mail.

Robert Krewenchuk - Chief of Police
Lesser Slave Lake Regional Police
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**Lesser Slave Lake Regional Police Service
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BASIC QUALIFICATIONS:

- Canadian Citizen.
- Minimum 18 years of age.
- Good physical condition.
- Possess a High School Diploma or equivalent.
- Knowledge of the Cree language would be an asset.
- Possess a valid Alberta Operator's License

SALARY: Commensurate with qualifications.

APPLICATIONS:

Application forms may be obtained from the Lesser Slave Lake Regional Police office in Slave Lake. Deadline for receipt of applications not later than July 25, 1997. Submit to Police Service by fax or mail.

Robert Krewenchuk - Chief of Police
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IANE rewards extra effort

By Rob McKinley
Windspeaker Writer

CALGARY

Ted Fontaine and the Gift Lake Development Corporation took centre stage at the Inter-Provincial Association on Native Employment (IANE) awards ceremony held June 17 to 20 in Calgary.

The two recipients were presented awards during the 21st annual IANE conference.

Fontaine received the Bill Hanson Award. Hanson is considered to be the "Godfather" of IANE. He has been the volunteer executive coordinator of the organization since 1981. Hanson has worked most of his adult life in the employment field. He has travelled the prairies as manager of National Employment Services of Canada offices in The Pas, Man., Saskatoon, Yorkton, Sask., and Grande Prairie, Alta. He has also been appointed as the special projects officer and industrial training officer for the prairie regional office of Manpower and Immigration Canada.

Hanson, IANE president Dan Highway, and Elaine Wagner, who nominated Fontaine, presented the award.

Fontaine currently works for the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs as the employment equity and residential schools advisor.

Fontaine sat as chief of the Sagkeeng First Nation in Manitoba between 1978 and 1980. He has also been the executive



Ted Fontaine proudly displays the Bill Hanson Award. He is surrounded by friends and IANE members. The award is presented to the individual who has been a driving force in employment and training initiatives for Aboriginal people.

director of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs.

"It was a shock when I received the award," Fontaine said. "It was recognition from peers and people that are all concerned with the same objective: Increasing the participation of Native people in the workforce."

Fontaine said he is trying to get more Aboriginal people interested in corporate jobs, and not necessarily ones in their local communities.

Getting the young people interested in work is the key.

"It's a push for young people to get involved — to get experience anywhere they can," he said.

The second big winner of the night was the Gift Lake Development Corporation.

They received the Ivan Ahenakew Award. The award is given to a business, government agency or organization that has shown results in the areas of recruitment and training of Native people for employment.

Ahenakew, who died in 1980

at age 62, was born on the Sandy Lake Reserve, Sask. He had a long career with Indian Affairs. Ahenakew was one of the leading players in the creation of IANE.

The Gift Lake company was represented by Gift Lake Métis Settlement councillor Terry Anderson.

The northeastern Alberta corporation is involved in a wide range of oil field as gas related activities. It serves in seismic line cutting, road construction, equipment rentals, and manpower services.

During the winter months the company puts upward of 75 Aboriginal people to work in the oilfield. Training and safety are also taught by the corporation to its employees.

The Ahenakew Award was presented to Anderson by Gloria Ledoux, representing the Ahenakew family, Wayne Erasmus, the Alberta chapter president of IANE, and national president Dan Highway.

Erasmus honored

By Debbie Faulkner
Windspeaker Contributor

CALGARY

The man who wrote the book (or at least one of the books) on Native liaison work was remembered at the 21st annual Interprovincial Association on Native Employment conference. The theme of the conference was "Liaison: the Future of Aboriginal Employment."

The late Peter Erasmus, the co-author of *A Practical Framework for Community Liaison Work in Native Communities*, was spotlighted in the speech delivered by keynote speaker Ted Langford, president of the Alberta Vocational College in Lac La Biche. Langford remembered Erasmus as an Alberta pioneer in Native liaison work.

Speaking about "his buddy and partner," Langford outlined some of the key teachings in Erasmus's book to the 250 people in attendance.

Lesson number 1 is to always observe protocol, said Langford.

"If someone wants to find out something, the best way to do it is formally through the front door, in written form and in person," he said.

Courtesy is also very important when trying to be a liaison worker. "Always accept the hospitality," said Langford. "You drink as much tea as you are offered in spite of your bladder limitations."

Using these methods, the two men travelled to northern communities gathering information from people about the reaction to the college. The liaison effort between the college and the com-

munity paid off. The response was that the college was doing a good job. There were some problems also uncovered, however. Native communities wanted to know the future plans of the college.

"Many communities felt there was a major communication gap and that [the college] had to do something. . . What we learned was that our own staff were ignorant of the issues in the community."

Now college administration keeps up-to-date with community news, such as recent elections and new economic development activities. Such awareness fosters a long-term relationship between the college and the communities, which is the key, said Langford.

"We don't simply go in and say, 'we want to know what programs you are interested in next year.' We [also] provide referrals to other organizations and agencies."

In the last 20 years, liaison work has become more advanced. Aboriginal communities need access to a wider range of education and information.

To raise the standard of Native liaison work, the college, the association and the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business, Alberta chapter, plan to offer a pilot professional development seminar series in Edmonton this fall, Langford said.

The seminar will focus on four areas: Aboriginal awareness, personal development, community culture and corporate culture. The long-term goal is to develop a formal degree or diploma program to train people in the field of Native liaison work.

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