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Toe to toe

(Left to right) George Kipp, George Kicking Woman and George Heavy Runner argue with Provincial Museum of Alberta director Philip Stepney over sacred bundles and pipes they asked to take back home to Montana's Blackfeet Indians.

Bundle quest leads to tug-of-war

By Jeff Morrow
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Furious Blackfeet Indians stormed out of the Provincial Museum of Alberta Wednesday vowing to return with their law-

yers after a brief struggle with security guards over sacred Indian bundles bought recently from a Montana collector.

During an unplanned ceremony to "smudge" one of the medicine pipe bundles on display at the Scriver exhibit, museum director Philip Stepney got into a tug-of-war with a Blackfeet Indian who attempted to flee with the artifact.

Stepney closed the exhibit area to media, leaving only Blackfeet Indians and security guards in the room after elders appealed to him to allow Blackfeet holy women to perform the holy ritual.

After the smudging, Browning, Montana Native George Kipp grabbed the sacred pouch and announced he was going to return it to his people. Stepney then stepped in to claim the bundle.

According to Kathy Brewer, a Blackfeet who lives on the Blood reserve in Stand Off, security guards intervened in the tussle between Kipp and Stepney pulling the two men apart.

Blackfeet elder George Kickingwoman convinced Kipp to leave the bundle in hopes of returning to the museum later with a contingent of Blackfeet elders to publicly protest the museum's holding of their spiritual artifacts. Kipp also told museum officials Montana Blackfeet were

going to come back to Alberta armed with legal advice from band lawyers.

Brewer said she and the other Natives were manhandled and threatened by security guards during the foray.

"It got nasty," she said. "Everyone was pushing and shoving. All we were doing was trying to keep these guards from grabbing the bundle," she said.

Brewer and the other Natives were escorted out the front door by security in full view of Edmonton police officers on hand in the event of another confrontation.

Museum spokesman David May insists museum security was not beefed up in anticipation of the Blackfeet arrival. However, guards, equipped with earplugs and walkie talkies similar to those used by American secret service agents guarding the president, were spotted tailing the Blackfeet through the museum halls.

Sean Cassidy, who guards the Scriver collection where the sacred bundles are located, told *Windspeaker* he was instructed to keep a "closer watch" over the display because of the arrival of the Blackfeet.

The 1,500-piece Blackfeet collection was recently bought from Montana collector Bob Scriver for \$1.1 million (U.S.).

Blackfeet elders from Mon-

'It got nasty. Everyone was pushing and shoving. All we were doing was trying to keep these guards from grabbing the bundle.'

tana and southern Alberta were at the museum to make an impassioned plea to Stepney for the return of three of the sacred artifacts.

During a two-hour session with 30 Blackfeet descendants, Stepney agreed to negotiate for the future return of the relics.

Choking back tears, Browning Blackfeet Gordon Belcourt said he is relieved Stepney made a step toward repatriating the bundles but vowed to keep continued pressure on the museum to make sure the promises are kept.

After the meeting Stepney took the Native delegation to view the collection where the confrontation took place.

"They assured me the bundle would go back to the exhibit," Stepney said later. "They gave me their word."

The incident was reminiscent of the 1975 plot by Blood elder Many-Grey-Horses who fled the museum with the Longtime Medicine Pipe Bundle after re-

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questing a private ceremony. Brewer, who acts as a liaison between the Montana Blackfeet and Blackfoot Indians of southern Alberta, said a Blackfeet delegation is on its way to Washington, D.C. to meet with Canadian and American officials who will be deciding the fate of the Blackfeet artifacts.

The chairman of the American Senator Select Committee on Indian Affairs is working to establish some dialogue between the Montana Blackfeet and the provincial museum for the possible repatriation of the artifacts to the reserve.

Senator Daniel Inouye will be meeting with Canadian embassy officials in Washington, D.C.

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News

Scriver accused of violating trust

By Rocky Woodward
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Tears flowed and angry words erupted at the Provincial Museum of Alberta as Blackfoot Indians accused Robert Scriver of selling them out.

Scriver sold his collection of Blackfoot artifacts to the museum for \$1.1 million (U.S.). The exhibit opened June 4.

Over 40 delegates from Indian bands in southern Alberta and Browning, Montana met with museum officials to demand the return of some of the sacred Indian artifacts.

Montana Blackfoot bundle holder George Kipp said Robert Scriver violated his position of trust as a pipe holder when he sold his collection to the Alberta government.

He said Indian philosophy is "you trust a man for what he is and who he is."

"But Scriver violated that trust

when he sold those Indian items," said Kipp at a meeting with provincial museum acting director Philip Stepney.

Kipp said the sale of the Scriver collection now means there will be five artifact collectors knocking at the doors of every Indian family.

"For one sacred bundle he (Scriver) was paid \$125,000, a bundle he paid little for. Now collectors will come to Native people like we are grab bags and take what little culture we have left," Kipp said.

Kipp said the museum must return the sacred bundles and pipes the Montana Blackfeet are asking for "so that in 10 years an Indian won't be hanging next to the bundles."

In his emotional speech Kipp said he holds the museum and the provincial government responsible for stealing Indian culture.

In a closed door conference with Stepney, Blackfoot elder George Kicking Woman asked

for three sacred pipes and bundles to be returned to the Montana Blackfeet.

"We want to take them home but Stepney said museum items were loaned before and were never returned," Kicking Woman said.

The Scriver collection contains more than 1,500 items dating back to the mid-1800s.

The collection was a family effort began by Robert Scriver's father, Thaddeus, who passed the legacy on to his two sons.

Many of the elders from the Peigan, Blood, Blackfoot and Montana Blackfeet nations said the trip was an historic event.

"This is the first time the Blackfeet Confederacy has come together as one voice," said Blackfeet member Gordon Belcourt.

"We are a small number here but we represent 30,000 people and many more who consider themselves Blackfeet descendants. The struggle to return what's ours will go on but it doesn't have to. Just give us back the things holy to our people," Belcourt told Stepney.

Blackfeet speaker George Heavy Runner said the process of how Indian items left Browning, Montana was not upfront.

Heavy Runner accused Stepney of wearing an invisible coat when he collected items from Scriver in Montana.

"This reminds me of a doctor who stole skeletal remains. He writes in his story he had a long coat he put stuff into and sneaked off and bragged about it."

"Your coat was invisible and I saw you bragging in your writings about it," Heavy Runner said.

Stepney said it was not bragging but a sense of accomplishment he wrote about in his book.

"We were able to stop this collection from being sold out of the country, out of North America. It is one of the first things we have to appreciate because it could have all been totally lost," he said.

Stepney said there is room for negotiation.



Rocky Woodward

Alberta Culture and Multiculturalism Minister Doug Main (left) and provincial museum director Philip Stepney (right) examine the Scriver Collection with Robert Scriver

He said the museum has been able in the past to deal with North Peigan Indians openly.

"We want to see if we can find where everyone can get what we're after. It's very important we find some sort of common ground," Stepney said.

In discussion with the Montana elders, who wanted the return of a medicine pipe and the Natois bundle, Stepney said it is much more complicated than just handing them over.

"I do believe in what you're trying to do and have mentioned this on numerous occasions but we need to talk about it," he said, adding that both the museum and the Blackfeet Confederacy have to negotiate some long-term solutions.

In the closing moments of the

meeting that took place in a small room where elders and museum officials sat in a circle, a Montana Blackfeet elder left the room after hurling angry words at Stepney.

"When you took those artifacts you were told 'Don't go across the mountains (through Blackfeet country)'. You were told to go 250 miles to Missoula (Montana), then to Lincoln and back to Cutbank."

"Why wouldn't you folks go back across our reservation? You were afraid there was a leak and there was."

"When you start treating Indian people like people, when you give us back our life's blood that you have caged, then I will have some respect for you," she said.

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Feeling slighted by organizers of Calgary royal visit, Siksika snubs Queen

By Wayne Courchene
Windspeaker Correspondent

SIKSIKA NATION, ALTA.

Siksika Nation has passed a Band Council Resolution to withdraw from participating in the visit of Queen Elizabeth 2 to Calgary.

The band said Indians were relegated to a token position for the June 29 royal visit.

Kathleen McHugh, portfolio holder of communications for Siksika, said the Indians hadn't been invited to any functions. Their participation was limited to setting up an Indian village in Spruce Meadows Equestrian Centre.

"We are expected to dress up for the Queen in Indian outfits but no invitations were extended to attend other functions such as the special performance at Jack Singer Hall or the dinner hosted

by the premier.

"In light of the efforts of Indians in Manitoba and their fight for recognition for our contribution to Canada over the past 100 years, I would say our participation in the Queen's visit is a slap in the face," said McHugh.

Graham Sherwood, chief of protocol and royal visit coordinator, was unavailable for comment on Siksika's decision.

The day after the band council resolution was passed an invitation to the banquet hosted by the mayor of Calgary was sent to the chief of Siksika Nation.

"All Treaty 7 chiefs and their spouses have been invited to the luncheon. It will be held in the atrium of city hall June 27," said Leann Hackman, special assistant in the mayor's office.

She said events on the visit are coordinated by a number of groups.

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney is hosting the function at Jack Singer Hall and Premier Don Getty is hosting the dinner the following day. The Queen is also scheduled to tour the Red Deer regional hospital June 28.

Blood Chief Roy Fox has decided to attend the official welcoming ceremonies and the luncheon with the Queen.

Wallace Many Fingers, coordinator of the Blood's participation in the Queen's visit, said "we do not have a problem about being there. We can sympathize with Siksika's position on this matter but we made a commitment to be there."

Many Fingers said "the level of funding will determine the extent of our participation." He said the Bloods also prepared a petition for an official response from the Queen regarding land claims and other topics.

Provincial News

Wells could reopen

CALGARY — Norcen Energy wants to reopen 18 shut-in wells it operates and partly owns in the area claimed by the Lubicon Lake band near Little Buffalo. "It is essential we get them going again for our cash flow to be reinvested," said Norcen spokesman Ian Seph. Norcen met recently with the band and hopes for a further meeting soon to determine the status of the band's land-claim negotiations with an eye to reopening the wells, Seph said. The company has lost \$1.5 million in revenue since it voluntarily shut down wells it owns along with Petro-Canada Nov. 30, he said. Band spokesman Fred Lennarson said negotiations between the province and the Lubicon band could lead to reopening 18 wells. Chief Bernard Ominayak "is leaving open that possibility," said Lennarson. The wells were shut down to pressure the federal government to settle the long-standing claim.

Braids OK'd

CALGARY — A Native Calgary police officer has won the right to wear braids on the job. The Calgary police commission announced June 15 that Const. Norman Manyfingers, an eight-year veteran of the force, can wear braids. Prior to the commission meeting, Calgary's police chief Gerry Borbridge had expressed concern the force was having little success recruiting visible minorities. Commission chairman Darryl Raymaker said the decision was a pioneering move for Calgary. Manyfingers, a member of the Blood Indian tribe, made his official request to wear braids in March.

Band hopes to tap U.S. water market

SLAVE LAKE — The Sawridge Indian band is looking at exporting Canadian water to Santa Barbara, Calif. The Slave Lake band has submitted one of eight proposals the city is considering in search of an alternative source of fresh water for three to 10 years, starting in the spring of 1991. Mike McKinney, executive director of Slave Lake's Sawridge Group, said a British Columbia company that's majority-owned by the band has been talking to Santa Barbara. The band's company, Glacier Bay Exploration, has a bottling operation and a licence to export water.

Meech stalls signing of land claim agreement

WHITEFISH RESERVE — Talks on the Meech Lake accord postponed the formal signing ceremony of the Whitefish Lake Indian band's \$19-million land claim deal. The ceremony, scheduled for June 11, was postponed when federal Indian and Northern Affairs Minister Tom Siddon was called back to Ottawa. Provincial and federal organizers are now hoping for a late June or July 1 signing date, said Whitefish Chief Eddie Tallman. Meanwhile, the band has put on hold plans to build a chopstick factory on the reserve. The proposed \$3-million plant was shelved after a similar plant at Valleyview suspended operations.

News

Metis legislation nearing final approval

By Everett Lambert
Windspeaker Correspondent

EDMONTON

Metis self-government and self-sufficiency is a step closer to reality with the second reading of legislative bills aimed at giving Alberta's eight northern Metis homelands greater autonomy and a 17-year funding package.

Once becoming law the four bills will provide a special form of Metis local government, a finance package worth \$310 million and protection of Metis lands in the Canadian Constitution. It will also see a special quasi-judicial body known as the Metis appeals' tribunal established.

The settlements were established 50 years ago under the Metis Population Betterment Act to aid Alberta's Metis who were in the grip of the Great Depression. Now outdated and impractical, calls arose for the act's renewal. Settlement Metis have been concerned about losing their lands ever since four provincial Metis settlements were wiped out on the whims of the provincial government.

"The bills introduced today move us one step closer to our goals of constitutionally protecting our land and achieving self-reliance," said Randy Hardy,

president of the Alberta Federation of Metis Settlements.

The eight Metis settlements, taking up some 1.3 million acres of land, include Peavine, East Prairie, Gift Lake, Kikino, Caslan, Fishing Lake, Elizabeth and Paddle Prairie. The latter, at over 400,000 acres, is the largest piece of Native-owned land in Canada. The eight Metis homelands have about 5,000 members.

The new acts were made possible by negotiations which took place between the Metis settlers and the Alberta government throughout the 1980s. A special settlements-wide referendum took place in 1989 in which the Alberta Settlements Accord was accepted by about 78 per cent of voters.

The settlers, as part of the deal, will settle a long-standing lawsuit against the province for sub-surface resource revenues thought to be in the hundreds of millions of dollars. It was a point of contention while the deal was being considered by settlement members, especially at Paddle Prairie, the most resource rich.

Recognizing the deal is less than perfect, Hardy said "the overall package is good for the settlements and — most of all — the land is protected." He hopes similar aboriginal deals can be negotiated for other Canadian Native people.



Randy Hardy

Harper teaching Ottawa a lesson

By Jeff Morrow
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Manitoba Native leaders who've slapped down their approval of the Meech Lake constitutional accord, are teaching the federal government a history lesson it can't afford to ignore, says Bob Hawkesworth, Native affairs' critic for Alberta New Democrats.

If the accord fails, he said, it's

because Native concerns weren't addressed.

"Because of what's happening in Manitoba it's no longer (about) Quebec's place in Canada," he said, "it's a question, instead, of what is the place in Canada for Native people."

"They've (federal government) dumped on Native people for so long, it doesn't surprise me they're getting some of their own medicine back."

Hawkesworth was referring to the strategy of the lone abo-

original Manitoba MLA Elijah Harper who turned down Meech Lake during four consecutive in-house votes in hopes of forcing Canada to deal with Native concerns.

Hawkesworth told Windspeaker the federal government made a mistake three years ago when it refused to recognize Natives as a distinct community in the Constitution during the last first ministers' conference.

He said it was only a matter of time before Native leaders gained enough political clout to stop Canada in its tracks in order to negotiate the future of the country from the Native perspective.

"Canada had a chance to sort this out three years ago, but they chose to slam the door instead." Hawkesworth said it was a bad decision by the first ministers that has now come back to haunt them.

Members of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs have also come out in opposition to the Meech Lake accord which would recognize Quebec as a distinct society within Canada and would give it power to make constitutional changes.

Percy Potts, Indian Association of Alberta Treaty 8 vice-president, said the Manitoba deadlock could set a new course for Canada's aboriginal people.

"The way the government deals with Indian people has been flawed right from the start. What Elijah Harper is doing just highlights that fact," he said.

"They have to be made to understand that sooner or later and that this is the way to do it."

Harper, a 41-year-old Cree from Red Sucker Lake, Manitoba, has garnered support from Native groups across Canada by holding up ratification of the accord.

IAA rejects Meech Lake

By Rudy Haugeneder
Windspeaker Correspondent

SARCEE RESERVE, ALTA.

Alberta Indians have unanimously rejected the Meech Lake accord.

And they let Prime Minister Brian Mulroney know it.

The Indian Association of Alberta at its annual assembly June 5-7 sent Mulroney a telex expressing "total rejection of your government's effort to pass Meech Lake without due consideration of the First Nations of the country."

The IAA, representing Alberta's 65,000 status Indians, called the first minister's Meech Lake marathon in Ottawa an "embarrassing and a total abrogation" of Canada's responsibility to Indians.

"By ignoring Indian First Nations, Canada's actions are totally reprehensible," said the telex to Mulroney and federal opposition leaders.

The IAA message to Mulroney said "the efforts of your first ministers is considered to be a weak effort and an afterthought to appease First Nations."

"Your personal efforts for the First Nations was clearly evident

by its absence and we find this insulting."

It concluded by saying "the Indian Association of Alberta hereby denounces your government's determined efforts to cater to the province of Quebec."

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TWO STANDS IN INDIAN COUNTRY

Artifacts belong in Indian hands

It is sad Native elders had to trek hundreds of miles from their homes in Browning, Montana and southern Alberta to try to recapture lost Native artifacts from the Provincial Museum of Alberta.

What's even sadder is they've gone away empty-handed.

And it's sad their families and reserves have suffered for decades the loss of these artifacts, which include sacred medicine bundles and pipes.

These Native people are reduced to viewing their artifacts in glass-enclosed exhibits, which are alarmed so the items aren't stolen.

Museum director Philip Stepney says he's willing to negotiate the possible return of the items. Those talks didn't get off to a good start last week. Frustrated elders and ceremonialists were reduced to tears and one stormed out in anger at the frustration of realizing they would be going home — at least on this visit — without the items.

Let's hope Stepney is serious and is willing to negotiate. And he must realize there is only one possible outcome. There is no middle ground.

The objects have to be returned to Indians.

Museum officials point out they hold the items in trust for the Canadian public.

What nonsense!

These artifacts do not properly belong to either the U.S or Canadian governments even though money changed hands and the artifacts were legally sold by collector Robert Scriver.

Montana Blackfeet bundle holder George Kipp said Scriver violated a position of trust by selling the collection.

Museum officials also say they protected Indian artifacts from being lost when it was illegal for Indians to own them. Fine. The museums should be thanked for that.

Stepney and the museum should also be thanked for keeping this collection from ending up in Europe.

But times have changed and they should realize it. It's no longer open season on Indian spirituality and a revival is underway in Blackfoot country.

And racist laws passed by the white society which forbade Indians from practising their religion have passed into history.

It's now OK to have sun dances.

So museums like the Provincial Museum of Alberta have to get with the times and let go of their packrat mentality.

Some of the medicine bundles are seen as crucial in the spiritual revival which is helping Native people fight personal and social problems like alcohol and drug abuse.

Museum officials say the bundles can be replicated by Indians, allowing the originals to kept by the museum.

No, no, no.

If there's any replication, it has to be done by the museum.

As ceremonialist Reg Crowshoe notes "there's not even a word in our language for replication."

Hurray for Elijah!!

Well, after doing quite the job on Native people in the last federal budget, Ottawa almost pulled another dirty deed on Native people.

And it would have been pulled off if it wasn't for Elijah Harper, the Manitoba MLA, who's been single-handedly blocking passage of the Meech Lake accord.

He's succeeding where white politicians like Premiers Clyde Wells and Gary Filmon failed.

They couldn't stand the strong-arm tactics of Mulroney and decided to bring Meech back to their provinces for ratification.

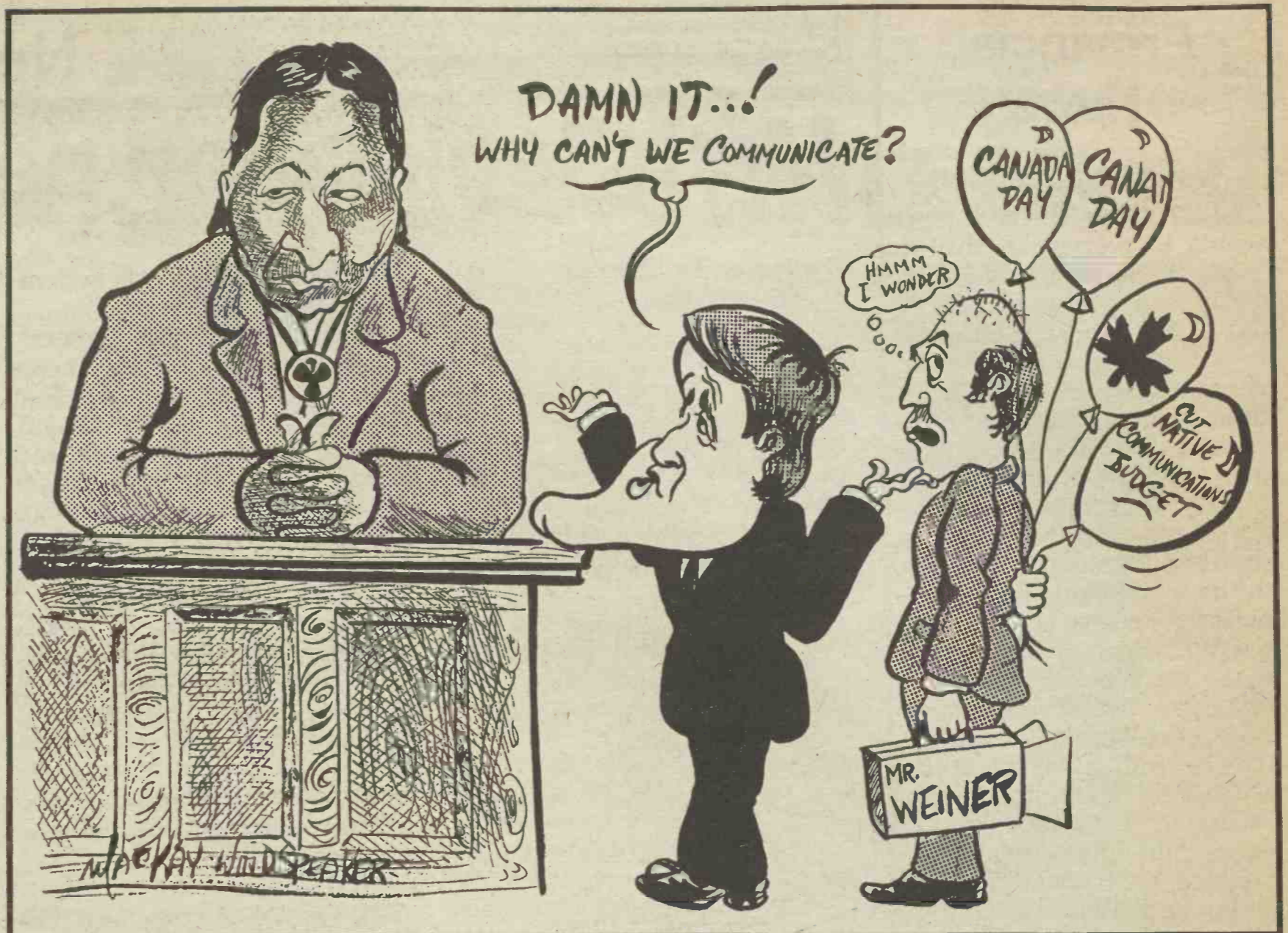
But in their secret closets

they've got to be smiling and cheering on Harper, who is a hero to not only aboriginal people but non-aboriginal people as well.

And Mulroney who wanted to go down in history for the Meech deal is no doubt cursing the courageous Harper.

Chances are it's Harper who will now live on in history for boldly standing up to the Ottawa politicians, who have so callously placed aboriginal constitutional concerns on the backburner.

They are now deservedly reaping what they sowed.



Natives left scraps from meeting says nation's top Native leader

By Jeff Morrow

The setting was the Museum of Civilization in Hull, Quebec, across the river from Ottawa's Parliament Buildings.

It seemed a fitting venue for one of the most intense brainstorming sessions in Canadian history, which was destined to have major implications for the country's aboriginal people.

But the ironic twist came when the 11 first ministers emerged from the week-long meetings held to pound out the constitutional deadlock without crediting the country's founding first nations.

The first ministers made significant headway toward having the Meech Lake constitutional accord ratified by all 10 provinces by the June 23 deadline, but the political position of Native people remains in doubt.

A week of closed-door discussions over the future of the hotly-contested accord brought the first ministers closer to recognizing Quebecers as a distinct society within Canada. But they are as far as ever from admitting the unique contributions to Canada of the country's indigenous population.

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and his political cohorts agreed to a formula — some with reservation — to resolve the eight-year-old struggle to make Quebec a willing signatory of the Constitution and provide Quebec with inexhaustible powers over its own political freedom.

With the exception of Newfoundland Premier Clyde Wells, they all walked away from the spot summit with an agenda of initiatives they hope will shape the future of the country.

Besides recognizing Quebec as a distinct society outside of the Charter of Rights, they've agreed to hold continued talks on the "companion accord" which addresses a wide range of issues including Senate reform, minority-language rights, sexual-equality rights and aboriginal rights.

But Georges Erasmus, Canada's top Native leader, still believes the country's aboriginal people are being left table scraps from a dinner they weren't even invited to.

At the next first ministers' meeting later this year, special parliamentary committees will

listen to issues concerning the constitutional sidebars. But to Erasmus it's a sellout to Quebec and an insult to the Assembly of First Nations which is not being treated as, at least, an equal partner.

"We have not been guaranteed any kind of constitutional standing in the next round," he fumes. "The Quebec government has taken the approach that even if we were at these meetings the kind of recognition they're proposing is really not at the same level they received in the Constitution."

Wells, who had his own doubts about the Meech Lake accord, returned to the Newfoundland legislature with an open mind and a June 20 deadline to hold an in-house vote to ratify the deal.

The last hold-out vote to a "watered-down" agreement is of little consequence to Enoch Chief Jerome Morin, who has called an all-chiefs' summit for next month in Edmonton to discuss political concerns like Meech Lake.

Now Quebec is content, Morin is not so sure Native people will ever gain special status in the Constitution as long as they're kept away from the table. And he's petrified the next generation of Natives will be forced to accept that without question.

"The thing that scares me is they recognize Quebec as a distinct society and they mention it will not affect the Charter of Rights. But where do our people come into (the Constitution) as the founding nations? Where are our special rights? How do my children fit into the greater Canadian mosaic?"

"They (Canadian politicians) just think we'll disappear and go away."

Since that first round of closed-door meetings three years ago in the scenic Quebec hide-away of Meech Lake, the plot to put rights of French Canada above the indigenous population began to thicken.

Canada's leaders, who inherited the tedious task of building a nation from a divisive society, met to create an amendment to the 1982 Constitutional Act. It was an agreement Quebec refused to endorse until certain conditions were followed including the adoption of a distinct society clause for Quebec and a

veto for Quebec over all future constitutional change. That stalemate led to the June 23 deadline for ratification of the Meech Lake agreement.

No provisions for aboriginal distinction within Canada were ever discussed. But according to University of Alberta political science professor Gurston Dacks, aboriginal and treaty rights are already intrinsic features of the Canadian Charter of Rights and the Meech Lake accord wouldn't have any real effect on Native people.

The rights of French-speaking Quebec are entrenched in the Constitution but the new amendment will give Quebec the power to make political decisions above and beyond the Charter of Rights.

In contrast to the vastly different set of aboriginal issues, Dacks argues the addition of a clause to the Meech Lake accord recognizing the distinctiveness of Natives wouldn't change their political stature in Canada.

"It would have done honor to the aboriginal view of themselves to acknowledge that (they are also a distinct society). But given aboriginal rights are already recognized in the Constitution, it would have been saying the same thing, only in slightly different words," he says.

For Native leaders the long awaited decision to recognize aboriginal people as full partners in the Canadian Constitution couldn't have come at a more opportune time when all eyes are focused on the country's policy makers.

Erasmus, who must wait in the wings while the future of First Nations is drawn out on the Canadian agenda, isn't so sure Native people aren't losing something in the constitutional debate.

He's worried Quebec may gain so much leverage Premier Robert Bourassa might try to scuttle the faint attempts of Native people to be recognized by the first ministers.

"What we're concerned about is Quebec might, in the end, not decide to pass any companion accord even after Meech is passed," he says.

"That's totally unacceptable for Native people."

(Jeff Morrow is a Windspeaker Staff Writer)

Your Letters

Concert comments by Hank Williams Jr. disgusting, racist

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter on behalf of my Indian brothers and sisters who have remained silent to the sickening and racist comments made by Hank Williams Jr. during the latter part of his performance Saturday, June 2, 1990 at Edmonton's Northlands Coliseum.

In all my years of attending various concerts, this is the first time I went away angry at comments made by a performer. For example Williams asked, "Where's all those God damned, drunken Indians?" and "Where's Sitting Bull or should I say Shitting Bull?"

He made a number of other racist and discriminatory remarks which puts his performance at the top of the list as the worst I have witnessed. Not only did he make derogatory remarks about Indians but he also threw his microphone and guitars around the stage. He showed

utter disrespect to his crew, his band and the audience.

As a result of his words and actions, his band had to carry him through the remainder of the show. Hank Williams Jr. could not even carry a tune that was recognizable. For a man who was held in high regard by Indian people for his country music talents, he has sunk to an all-time low. I know I am not the only person disgusted by the remarks he made. He may be able to get away with remarks like that in the southern states, but not here, where about half of the fans were Indian people who paid \$25 or more to be entertained, not to be mocked and

insulted.

I am demanding Hank Williams Jr. apologize publicly and retract the racist and discriminatory comments he made about Indian people.

This is the 1990's not the time of the Civil War, where his attitude is stuck. I realize and understand he may have personal problems, however he has no right in this country to say the things he said, especially with all the young Indian people in the audience, who I'm sure were disappointed in him.

W.S. Janvier
Ex-Hank Williams Jr. Fan
Edmonton



Hank Williams Jr.

Funding cuts delivered a heavy blow

Dear Editor:

This is a copy of a letter we sent recently to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney.

Dear Prime Minister Mulroney:

For the past 11 years the Calgary aboriginal urban affairs committee has exercised its mandate to address areas of concern to urban aboriginal people of the city.

The committee is concerned about the recent decision of your government to cut funding to so many established Native organizations and we would like to draw your attention to some of the consequences of this decision. The millions of dollars being taken from Indian and Native programs will mean a serious disruption affecting all Native peoples of Canada. Many of the services are needed for the survival of the Native communities of Canada. Communications, language retention programs and community centres are being seriously eroded; many eliminated. As well, programs in the department of Indian and northern affairs are being affected.

The Native people of Canada are just beginning to reap some small benefits from the decades of effort they have put into devel-

oping these programs.

Although the need for these programs may not be apparent to non-Natives, it is essential Native people of Canada be allowed to continue with the development of their communities through their own programs such as communications, language retention and the so important urban community centres. Very few services exist for Native people in urban areas and the friendship centres provide important meeting places for Native people hoping to improve their futures by migrating with their families to the cities. These centres provide advice, referrals to other needed services and a social environment.

We would appreciate some explanation for the decision to disrupt Native communities this way. We feel confident as prime minister you will reconsider this decision realizing the importance of maintaining these programs. We are also sure the prime minister of Canada will want to give Native people every opportunity to maintain their heritage and hope for the future.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Carol Tierney
Vice-Chair
Calgary Aboriginal Urban Affairs Committee

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Some Natives undermine treaty rights

Dear Editor:

There will be no aboriginal rights or treaty rights whatsoever if abuse of those rights continues as it is today. I say to those of you — and I know of many — who go out and shoot a dozen wild game or more in a month that no one can tell me they eat every single bit of those animals they killed and that they use every part. Native families are often big — but let's get serious.

Take a look in a mirror, you abusers and grabbers after treaty rights and aboriginal rights have disappeared, because you will

have been part of the reason for no rights now or in the future. Take a look at yourselves and say: "I can thank myself that my children and the generations of children to come do not even have the right to hunt for food for themselves to survive". Because folks, if the slaughter of game continues at the rate it is happening today, you will have nothing left to exploit anyway.

I am ashamed to think your grandfathers and forefathers have to see the abuse you as an aboriginal person, a person of the earth, are so carelessly displaying when you abuse your rights.

Mother Earth is for us to use, not abuse!

There was a time — and some still follow the old ways — where you gave an offering to Mother Earth to survive in return for what you took. I know of Native and non-Native people, who have slaughtered wild game and sold it to people much poorer than themselves to play bingo or worse they sold the meat to destitute people to buy drugs which they sold, ultimately destroying people — young and old.

I have a craft shop and I am proud of my culture and I share

that culture and pride at every opportunity in the crafts I make or the words I speak. Now because of you abusers, I cannot use every part of an animal because it is no longer possible to sell crafts made of antlers, claws or teeth. I can't eat an antler but I can use it to support my son and share my culture and traditions. I don't get any government funding or funds from any source other than sale of the crafts made by myself and others. My son's bread and butter comes from what my adopted "kookum" (grandmother) taught me.

We all cry "Poor me. I am in such a terrible plight as an Indian because I am discriminated against." Often that is true. I have lived it and my son lives with it. But unless we as Native people pull together and do what it honorable and treat nature with respect, then you (we) have no one to blame but ourselves when the Great White Father says "You have no more rights". We have to start at home — today.

There are many good, honest and hardworking leaders, both the elected and the silent leaders at home, who are fighting for aboriginal rights for the future generations. Let's each of us help by respecting what the Creator has put on this earth to sustain us. It is true many injustices have been done to Native people but if we abuse, we are no better and all we do is put salt in a wound that will never heal. Take pride in who you are and in your traditions, but above all else, think of the little ones and those unborn. Respectfully submitted,
Sharron Johnstone
Edson

MEECH LAKE ACCORD

The agreement must be resisted

Dear Editor:

I am writing this message to the Warriors to request that you all stand up and tell our leaders to come together and tell the

In hopes of collapse

Dear Editor:

I am fed up hearing about the Meech Lake Accord. I don't want to see it go through. If anyone is entitled to be called a distinct society, it should be our Native people. This is our land and we belong here. I believe the dictators who are supposed to be our servants are scared stiff there might be changes that would not be of any benefit to them.

They are afraid they might lose their easy living and the big

Canadian peoples' representatives that the Meech Lake Accord is an agreement that undermines all other races except Quebec. And that we as a people never have accepted being disre-

spected and never will. Meech Lake does nothing to support our people or to recognize and respect us for who and what we are. In fact, this accord would make it harder for our people to have self-government. We should resist this agreement. If it's passed without our vote then we should resist all the government says in their policies and laws and stand up and say, 'We will conduct our lives as our laws and way of life says whether the laws or religions of your society approves.'

This genocide against our people must finally be destroyed before it destroys our people, our heartbeat.

I hope this country does fall apart, then maybe Native people will have a chance.
Stan Gladstone
Edmonton

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In the Spirit of Crazy Horse,
Running Wild

What's Happening

Doesn't anybody want to be president?

Hi! It's Zone 3's turn! Mr. Zone 3 vice-president, Peter Pelletier, are you and your staff ready? The METIS are coming!!

For those of you who don't already know, I'm talking about the Metis Association of Alberta's annual general assembly.

This year Alberta's Zone 3 (the Calgary area) will host the assembly and I understand it will be held at Rocky Mountain House sometime in August.

Now that's not far off, so how come Sam Sinclair is the only person so far to declare his candidacy for the MAA president's position?

I talked with Joe Blyan a couple weeks back and he said, "Hey! If I decide to run, you'll know soon enough."

I can't remember a time when Joe didn't run...so it's still possible he'll throw his hat into the political (top dog) arena, soon enough.

Maybe present MAA president Larry Desmeules has no opposition? Could it be possible he is doing such a wonderful job there just isn't any takers?

Could it be possible no one wants the damn job, anymore? Sam does. But WHY?

What about Butch Stan Plante? Could it be Butch doesn't want the job and maybe, just maybe, he'll decide to take a crack at a v-p position instead? If so...WHY?

And where's Joanne Daniels? Lawrence Laboucan? Gene Autry?

Could it be they'll all decide to take a crack at the title in August?

Could it be a sound campaign means not STARTING EARLY?

It could be, but then it's probably a question(s) only a politician can answer...So, where are all the politicians when you need one?

I just love writing political.

EDMONTON: First of all I must apologize to the Native Brotherhood at the Edmonton Max for not being able to attend their powwow day celebration June 10.

Thank you for the invitation but an urgent matter I had to take care of did not allow me to attend.

Secondly, we just received a letter from the Native Brotherhood at Grande Cache correctional institute asking us to attend their powwow June 23. But it had no in-

structions on what a person must do to attend.

Speaking to the president of the Native Brotherhood, who knows me quite well (Hi, Marvin) — as you see the date on this paper is June 22. Your powwow was held at a time we cannot travel because of deadlines.

We are shortstaffed here and there is no one else I can pass this matter onto. However, if you (the Brotherhood) are allowed to make phone calls, please call Rocky at 455-2700 so we can work out something for the future.

For the Native Brotherhood at Innisfail.

We received your application and welcome it. But right now we are fighting a shortage of manpower and upon looking at the application it does not favor me at all. In fact it gives me the chills.

However, again I stress to call Rocky here at Windspeaker so some form of contact can be made.

I also stress to the Brotherhood your letters and stories are welcomed here at Windspeaker. **BONNYVILLE:** Now isn't that one beautiful pose?

Karen Collins is the darling of the Bonnyville Native Friendship Centre and just to show Droppin' In's readers not all ladies in positions of power are fickle, she said, "How's this!"

Got cha, Karen! **BIG GRASSY RIVER:** Congratulations to the 1990 graduating class, who celebrated their grad' June 20 at Ojibwe First Nation Big Grassy River Reserve, Morson, Ont.

Windspeaker also thanks you for the invitation to share in your celebration.

The guest speaker was none other than Jane Tuesday, wife of country singer Percy Tuesday!

Jane used to teach at Alexander reserve where she, Percy and their family made many friends — including Droppin' In.

LAC LA BICHE: Herb Desjarlais still got it!

Two weeks ago Joe Blyan had his official opening of Joe's Place in Edmonton and Herb was kind enough to drop in and sing some songs.

The guy's talented.

I never knew Frank Logan could sing, but he can.

Frank walked up on the stage at Joe's — and I'm not fibbing —



Droppin' In By Rocky Woodward

belted out some pretty mean but great songs.

He plays a mean guitar also. Congratulations Joe and Evelyn.

Joe's Place. Eat, dance and have fun. Try it. It's on Stony Plain Road at about 151st Street.

Congratulations to all the students graduating at Alberta Vocational Centre Lac la Biche who were honored June 2. The students were presented with certificates, diplomas and outstanding student awards.

KEHEWIN: Last edition we ran a story on traditional person

Jimmy Pipe, who spoke at the Moose Lake elders' gathering. A very great speaker, Pipe sits on the Bonnyville Friendship Centre's elders' council.

Droppin' In could listen forever to people who speak like Jimmy Pipe — straight from the heart.

DROPPIN' IN: I'm running out of room and my editor is crying for me to stop.

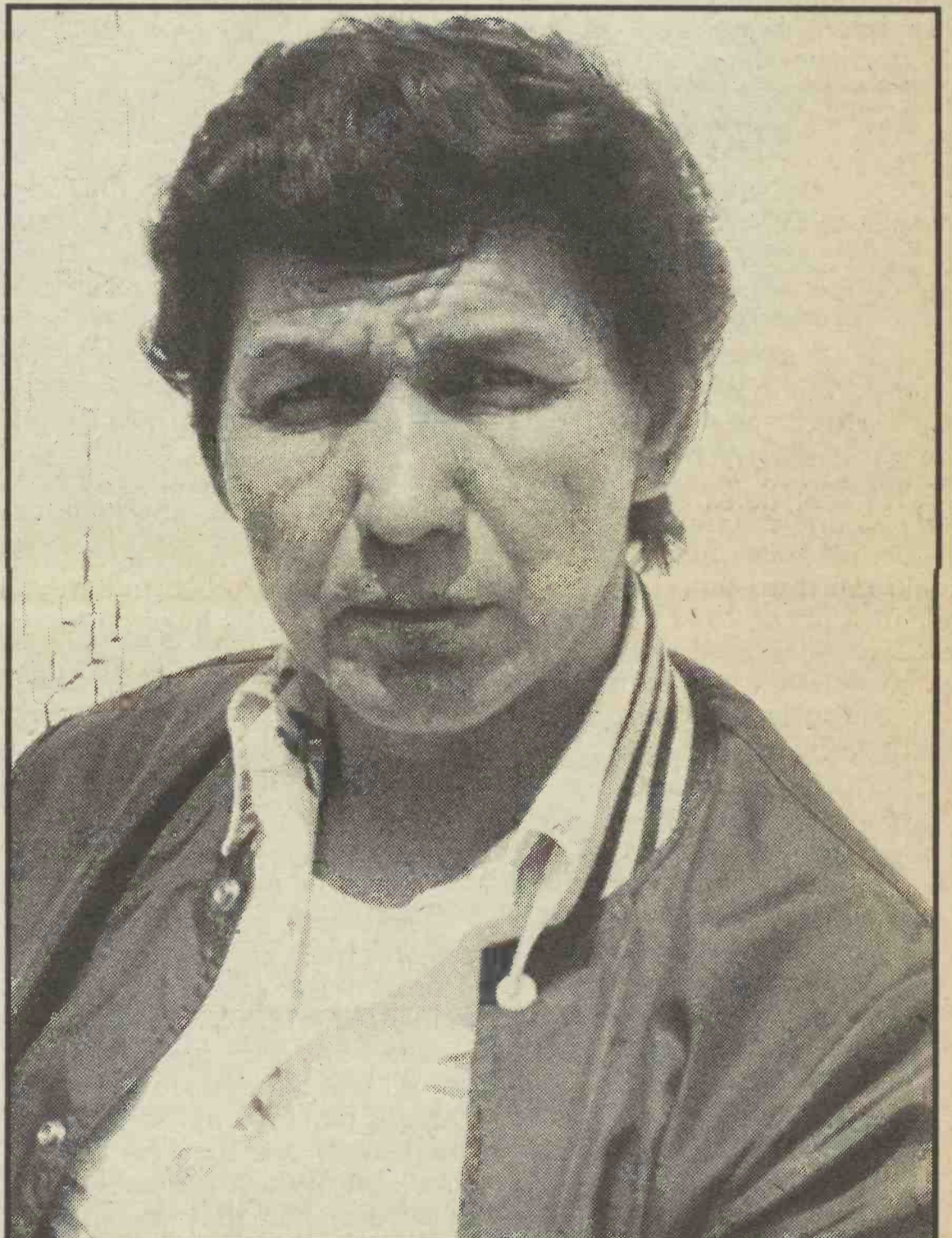
Ha! It'll be a cold day in July before I shut up.

"Like your job, Rocky?" Suddenly... it's become veery cold.



Karen Collins

Rocky Woodward



Jimmy Pipe

Rocky Woodward

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IAA 47th annual assembly

Unity the priority for new IAA chief

By Rudy Haugeneder
Windspeaker Correspondent

CALGARY

Regena Crowchild of Sarcee reserve chooses her words carefully.

As the first woman to head the Indian Association of Alberta, she knows her words will be scrutinized by federal and provincial governments and by other Indians who wonder how well she'll perform at the helm of a traditionally male-led and dominated organization.

While there are a number of elected female band chiefs throughout the country, Crowchild is the first woman in Canada to lead an organization representing a province's treaty Indian population.

Crowchild, 46, was elected president at the 47th annual assembly of the IAA at Sarcee June 5-7 in a controversial election.

Although she expected to win, she admits she still was surprised at the victory.

"I was shocked," said Crowchild, a veteran of Indian politics — she has 10 years under her belt as an elected IAA Treaty 7 board member, as well as two terms as a Sarcee band councillor. "I thought it would be pretty close, but I was still shocked."

The vote was close.

Crowchild, whose father Howard Beebe Sr. was a former IAA president, defeated runner-up Lawrence Coutoreille by a narrow 302 to 245 margin. Mel Buffalo ran third with 61 votes while incumbent Roy Louis finished last with 59 votes.

A grandmother with seven grandchildren, Crowchild has already set her political priorities.

First and foremost on her mind is "unity," something many of the estimated 300 delegates who attended the entire three-day assembly agreed is the most important issue facing Alberta Indians. The rest arrived from across the province for the elections on the final day.

Many at the assembly charged that Louis, a known federal Progressive Conservative party booster, stayed in closer contact with federal and provincial bureaucrats and politicians than with those he was elected to serve.

And that led to problems.

During his term Treaty 8 bands in northern Alberta complained Louis often acted alone on issues vital to them — such as supporting environmentally dangerous northern pulp mill development — and they formed their own association called the Grand Council of Treaty 8 Nations.

Treaty 7 board members had similar complaints. They charged he often refused to meet with them on critical issues or to return emergency telephone calls.

Crowchild doesn't blame Louis for the IAA's problems. Personality-based politics has for years been eroding the effectiveness of the association, she said.

Although "we have common goals," she said Louis had his own ideas about the way the IAA should be run — rather than the traditional Native way of always consulting with elders, IAA board members, band leaders and the people.

Crowchild hopes to pull Indians together as a collective force to fight for aboriginal and treaty rights — rights she said spell the

difference between retaining a Native identity or becoming an underprivileged brown-skinned minority without cultural roots.

Indian unity was the reason she said she decided to seek the presidency.

"I saw the people were not united. The association was dying out as a political organization."

She plans to spend the first part of her two-year term meeting elders and band leaders to heal the wounds and develop a consensus that will renew the IAA's direction.

That means lots of travel and meetings, acknowledged Crowchild, who attended IAA meetings as a child with her father.

"He was dedicated to unity and the Indian cause. To his dying hour (Beebe died last November) he asked me what was happening in Indian country."

While planning to do a lot of listening before she acts — including reducing the IAA's \$230,000 budget deficit — Crowchild has clear views on everything from treaty rights and Indian self-government, to education, the environment and fighting the federal government's proposed seven per cent goods and services' tax (GST).

And Crowchild thinks Indian women can play a bigger role in shaping the future.

Indian women have long played an important behind the scenes role within federal and provincial Native organizations, she said, hoping other Indian women will now be inspired to seek elected senior office.

Paraphrasing George Erasmus, national chief of the Assembly of First Nations who recently told an international environment conference in Vancouver the world needs more feminine sensitivity to deal with critical global issues, Crowchild said she too thinks women can bring a gentler and more nurturing attitude to Indian politics.

She's pretty clear on how internal Native politics should be played.

It has to be based "on what is right rather than who is right. The collective support of other elected leadership and the silent majority have to co-operate. No one person or small group can do it alone."

Elders are especially important, she said. Their minds are the storehouses of Indian history, culture, tradition and Indian spirituality that's based on the sacred values of sharing, caring, and protecting.

"Our spiritual values, our relationship with the Creator, gave us our way of life. We have to get our priorities straight."

But that information isn't getting through to Native young people, both on and off reserves, in schools, or at home, she said.

"I'm scared. We're losing a lot of our traditions and customs — our identity," she warned.

"We're not passing these on to our children the way my father did to me," said Crowchild. "You can't be proud of yourself if you don't know who you are."

She said the ongoing disappearance of Indian identity and values is the reason behind many woes facing Indians today: enormous welfare rates, the unacceptable school drop-out rate, serious problems with alcohol and drug abuse, family violence, poor health conditions and astronomical suicide rates.

"We're obviously missing



Dana Wagg

Roy Louis at a news conference last year

something — our identity and spirituality."

On the economic front, the Indian future is anchored on aboriginal and treaty rights as seen from an Indian perspective and not the way white governments see them, said Crowchild.

Indians aren't greedy, she said, and aren't asking Ottawa for any more than Canada agreed to give at the time treaties

were signed.

Crowchild is also worried about the environment.

"As Indian persons we value the land more than white people. We have a spiritual respect for the land, a sense of collective use rather than individual ownership."

However, she said non-Native society values individual ownership of land and the right

to profit from it above anything else regardless of the cost to the environment, which must be protected, she insisted.

The GST and its potential impact on Indians also needs to be tackled, she said. "We need to know how it affects us (because Indians are supposed to be exempt from such taxes on or off-reserve). We have to protect our rights."

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IAA 47th annual assembly

IAA tackles full plate of issues

By Rudy Haugeneder
Windspeaker Correspondent

SARCEE RESERVE, ALTA

The Indian Association of Alberta is calling on the provincial government to ignore the Woodland Cree band.

The IAA charged the band was created by Ottawa to "undermine the rights of the Lubicon Lake Nation."

The Woodland Cree band — officially recognized by the federal government last August — is seeking a land-claim settlement separate from the long-standing Lubicon claim.

But the IAA at its annual assembly June 5-7 at Sarcee reserve voted to ask Alberta to reaffirm the 1988 Grimshaw agreement reached between Premier Don Getty and Lubicon Chief Bernard Ominayak as a step to settling Lubicon claims.

The IAA at its 47th annual general assembly overwhelmingly passed a resolution saying "the Woodland Cree band is an undemocratic artificial creation of the government of Canada designed to undermine the rights of the Lubicon Nation."

The band is made up of dissident Indians who challenged Ominayak's efforts to settle the Lubicon's long-standing claim for a reserve.

The IAA said it "strongly supports the Lubicon Lake Nation and its jurisdiction and ownership of the lands and resources in its traditional territory."

Social services transfer

In another resolution the IAA said it "vigorously" opposes the transfer of social service responsibility for Indians — on and off reserves — from Ottawa to the province.

Under a proposed agreement, the federal government plans to transfer responsibility to Alberta for the funding and administration for social services.

But the IAA fears the province won't live up to the "spirit and intent" of the treaties. The resolution notes Alberta's Indians haven't been consulted about the transfer arrangement and the province is "not party to any of the Alberta treaties."

The IAA demands the proposed transfer "be suspended" until Indians are consulted and made fully aware of the consequences of the agreement.

Game farms opposed

The IAA assembly unanimously opposed the provincial government's plan to allow game farms and to legalize the sale of elk meat. Members said the proposed law "will have an adverse effect on treaty hunting rights."

Alexander Chief Allan Paul said the move poses a threat to already depleting stocks of wild moose, elk, and deer, which central and northern Alberta Indians depend on for food.

It's already so bad most Indian hunters are now returning "empty-handed" from hunting trips, said Paul, who maintained the proposed law would put wild animals at risk from hunters who kill animals for commercial purposes.

Hunting rights

The assembly also voted to force the IAA to continue the fight to protect Indian hunting and fishing rights.

Reference was made to recent Supreme Court of Canada decisions protecting aboriginal and treaty rights, especially a case involving a B.C. Indian's right to fish.

The assembly ordered the IAA to "take the necessary political, legal and policy actions to restore, protect and strengthen hunting, gathering and fishing and trapping rights."

Research task force

Again citing recent Supreme Court decisions favoring aboriginal and treaty rights, the assembly decided — with some opposition — to push for an IAA task force to study the possibility of expanding the mandate of its treaty research arm — Treaty and Aboriginal Rights Research (T.A.R.R.).

It wants to see if T.A.R.R., now restricted to conducting research into specific land claims, should include research into aboriginal and treaty rights — and attempt to get the additional financial resources from Ottawa to do it.

Some bands, however, opposed the resolution, fearing Ottawa will then view T.A.R.R. as the sole land-claims' funding agent — and reduce the amount it might otherwise provide for land claims' research to Alberta.

A Peigan band spokesman complained T.A.R.R. isn't doing a good enough job and "until we're satisfied with T.A.R.R.'s handling of our specific claims, we're opposed to an expanded mandate."

The assembly voted 73 to 40, with eight abstentions, to immediately set up the task force which will report to an all-chiefs' conference after the study is complete.

Education fund sought

Citing the horrendous school drop-out and illiteracy rates among Indians, the assembly called on Ottawa to provide the IAA with an extra \$2 million a year over the next 10 years to combat the problem.

The money would go towards developing an IAA Indian education branch to develop curriculum material "about and for



The 1990 IAA assembly was held on Sarcee reserve

Jeff Morrow

Native people" as well as providing administrative support services, and special education services for handicapped Native students.

The proposed branch would also offer permanent teacher certification, a teacher appeals' board, a post-secondary student appeals' board and an association for Native school boards that includes training and legal advice and "other support services as required by local band governments and education authorities."

The assembly said the Indian education branch is needed to deal with the high demand for basic adult education services on Indian reserves, as well as dealing with the inability of Indian people to obtain meaningful work due to a poor basic education and "the subsequent and obvious social degradation of the Indian people of Alberta."

Drug and alcohol abuse

Noting Native alcohol and treatment centres release about

270 Indians each month, the IAA annual assembly called for upgrading programs to serve them.

The upgrading programs should be run, controlled and staffed by Natives, the assembly said.

"Moreover, these programs must have a strong student assistance program built into them to better respond and assist Native people maintain their continued sobriety and health."

Referring to drug and alcohol abuse as "an illness," the general assembly threw its support behind Siksika Nation's efforts to develop an adolescent treatment centre.

The assembly ordered the IAA to make a "strong representation to the government" to fund "such a vital and necessary service."

Ambulance operations

Provincial plans to regulate ambulance services came under fire at the general assembly, which decided to ask the Alberta Indian Health Care Commission

(AIHCC) "take all steps necessary" to reverse the detrimental effects of proposed legislation on funding arrangements between Indian bands and the federal government for pre-hospital transportation.

To date the province has ignored Indian appeals to be involved in the drafting of the proposed Ambulance Services Act.

Police and braids

The IAA general assembly also had an answer to problems that the RCMP and city police have had in recruiting Indians — let them wear traditional-braided hair while on duty.

The assembly said Indians interested in law enforcement careers would join if allowed "traditional and customary hair styles." It urged governments and the police "to deal justly with the Indian people of this country and to ensure our people can perform police duties while retaining our traditional integrity."

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IAA has lost its way – Whitney

By Rudy Haugeneder
Windspeaker Correspondent

SARCEE RESERVE, ALTA

The Indian Association of Alberta has lost its focus, says Sarcee Chief Roy Whitney.

The IAA is focused on its petty politics and internal structure rather than its original intent of promoting treaty rights and protecting the interests of Alberta treaty Indians, he told about 300 Indians from across the province at the 47th annual assembly June 5-7.

"We seem to have lost sight of the function this association was founded to fulfill."

And it's not just happening to the IAA, added Whitney.

The "disturbing trend of division and inability of working together" is also happening at the band level.

Whitney said it's time the IAA made up its mind whether it wants to be a chiefs' organization or remain a membership-based association.

It's been under discussion for the past 12 years, he said, and "more than anything else has caused us collectively to lose focus of what the association is intended to do."

His concerns about IAA unity were voiced by a large number of delegates from across the prov-

ince, each saying it's time the bands and association got their act together and worked as a single voice to improve Native conditions.

They too said personality politics have damaged Native efforts to improve social and economic conditions and have hampered the fight to force governments to recognize aboriginal and treaty rights.

They applauded Whitney's urge to end the internal squabbling.

"There will be no purpose served by anyone engaging in personality attacks and petty politics," he said. "The association doesn't need it."

'There is no purpose served by anyone engaging in personality attacks and petty politics. The association doesn't need it'

Lawyer clears way for assembly to go ahead after Louis challenge delays start

By Rudy Haugeneder
Windspeaker Correspondent

SARCEE RESERVE, ALTA.

The Indian Association of Alberta's annual general assembly got underway a half day late after then president Roy Louis warned the meeting was illegal.

It was a move that helped cost him his job.

Louis sent a fax outlining a legal opinion from a private law firm which said the three-day assembly did not conform to IAA bylaws and was invalid.

That's when assembly chairman Eugene Creighton decided to put a temporary halt to the meeting.

Rather than risk the prospect of a future legal challenge over the legality of the assembly, Creighton called for an emer-

gency IAA board meeting to get a legal opinion from IAA lawyer Tony Mandamin.

Mandamin told the board the assembly was "properly constituted" and the board decided to go ahead with it.

Louis, who arrived on the second day of the assembly, apologized for his actions and, later in the day, decided to seek re-election.

He said in an interview he tried to halt the meeting because Treaty 8 chiefs were meeting elsewhere and couldn't attend the assembly.

Louis told the assembly the IAA constitution has to be overhauled to prevent future mix-ups.

It was his last official speech as IAA president.

The next day Louis ran dead last out of four candidates who

sought the job.

Regena Crowchild of Sarcee was elected the IAA's first female president.

Percy Potts was elected vice-president of Treaty 6, Chief Roy Whitney won the Treaty 7 vice-presidency and Richard Davis took the Treaty 8 vice-presidency.

There were no candidates for a vacant Treaty 8 board seat. The position will be filled by a representative selected by Bigstone band.

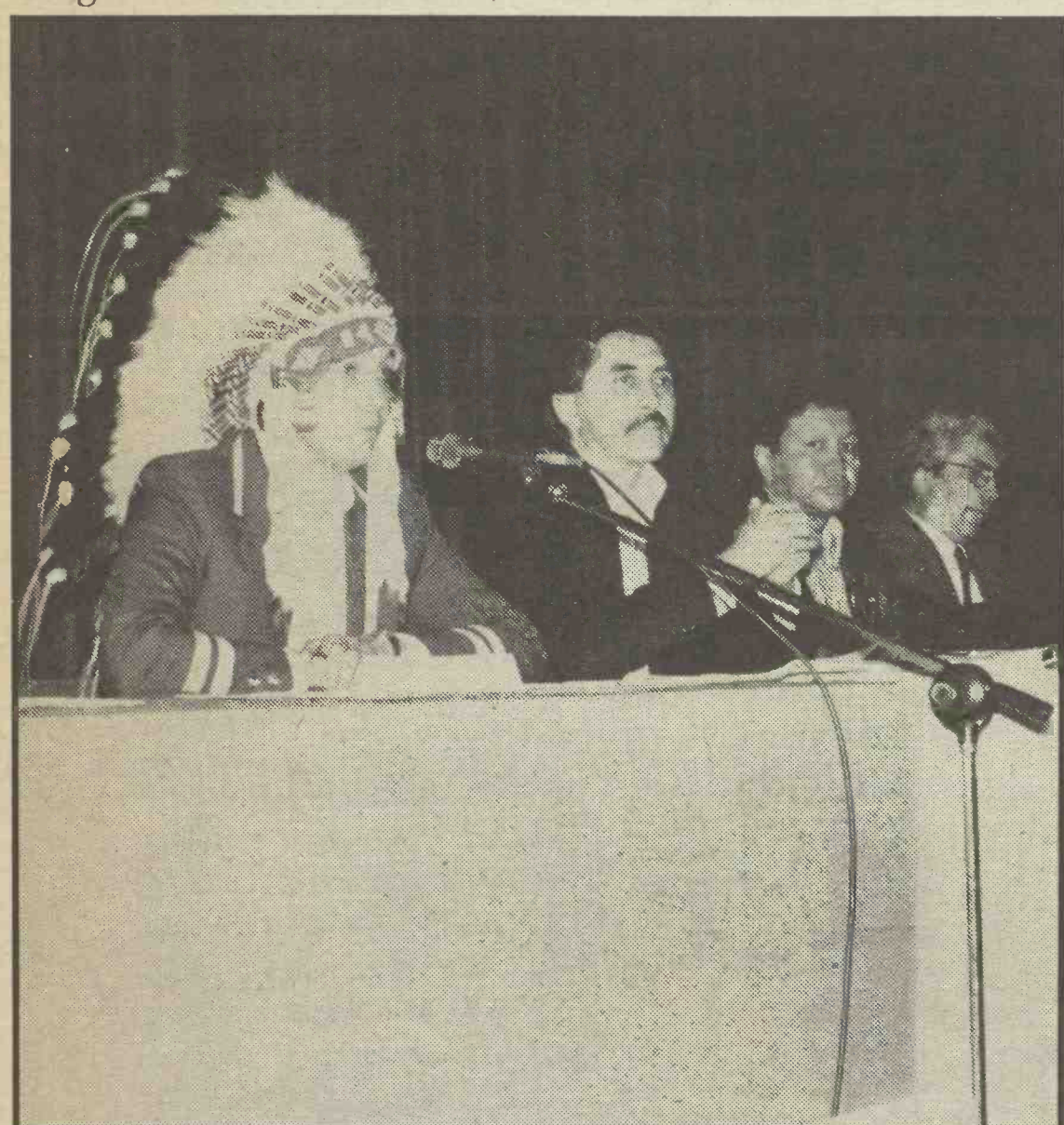
Andrew Bear Robe was elected IAA secretary and Sylvia Arcand the treasurer.

Although about 670 Indians voted, only some 300 attended the full three days of the general assembly. The remainder arrived on election day.



Chief Roy Whitney

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Chief Roy Whitney, Eugene Creighton, Lawrence Courtoreille and Tony Mandamin

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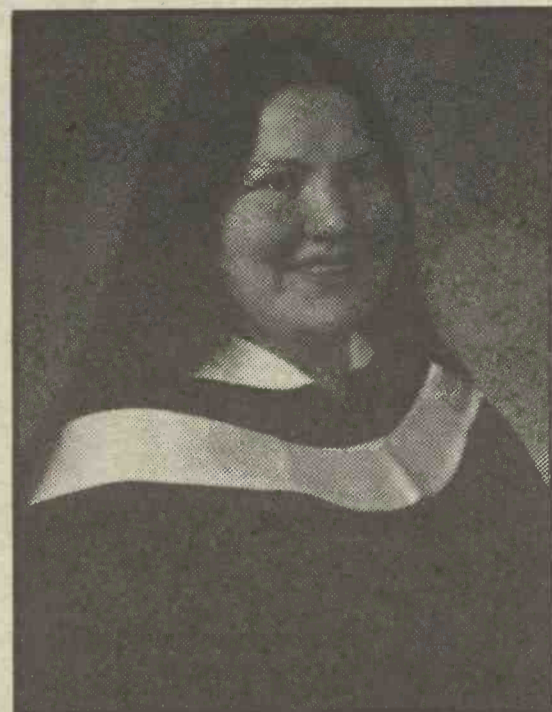
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Native Art

Persistence nets artist \$5,000 scholarship

EDMONTON

Ann McLean of Edmonton won first place and a \$5,000 scholarship in the 1990 Asum Mena Alberta Juried Native Art Festival. Her winning piece entitled *The Offering A/P* is a detailed black and white etching. McLean, who is originally from Sturgeon Lake reserve, majored in printmaking during her fine arts studies at the University of Alberta. She plans to continue her studies in a masters program. McLean was first runner-up in the 1989 Asum Mena festival and received honorable mention in 1988.



Ann McLean

This year's first runner-up is Darlene (Peacock) Morin of Winterburn, who won with an unusual xerox installation drawing entitled *Reality vs Illusion*. Morin, who has been enrolled in

the visual arts program at Grant MacEwan Community College, was earlier given the Yellowhead Tribal Council's 1990 education

program Indian authors' award.

Second runner-up Ken Swan is no stranger to Asum Mena festivals. He has been a regular participant and has continually been a sell-out artist. His winning piece *Casket* is a detailed pen and ink with color wash drawing. In 1992 Swan will complete the drawing program at the Alberta College of Art in Calgary.

Nisha James Wuttunee of Calgary was the recipient of \$750 winning the special three-dimensional award. His sculpture, *A Night of Vision*, is a bronze casting and wood creation. Wuttunee said the elements of all his entries were revealed to him in dreams. This is the first year he has entered the Asum Mena festival. Wuttunee is attending the fine arts program at the University of Calgary and will graduate in 1992.

Honorable mentions were awarded to Victor Buffalo, Jacinta Wostenberg, Linus Woods, Todd Kervin, George Kootenay, Marilyn Fraser-King, Farron Callihoo, Lou P. Cole, Patricia Sewell, Rocky Barstad and Melvyn Benson.

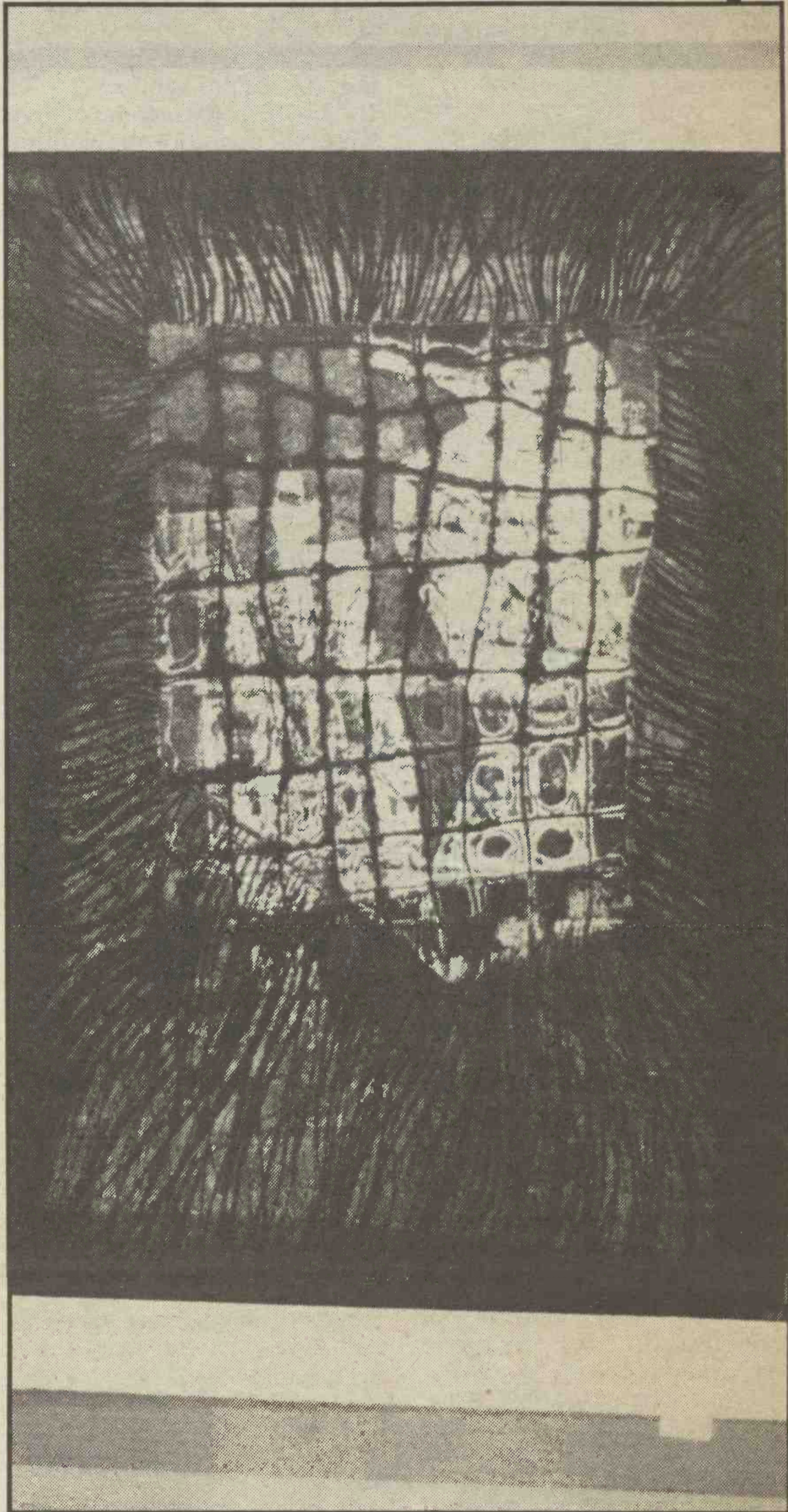
Three hundred pieces by 75 artists were submitted for the competition and 233 works were accepted.

Jury members were Stan Szykowski from the Edmonton Art Gallery, Alfred Schmidt from the University of Alberta and Joane Cardinal-Schubert (R.C.A.), a noted Calgary artist and former assistant curator at the Nickel Art Museum.

The Asum Mena Festival will be held at the Front Gallery (12302 Jasper Ave., Edmonton) from Aug. 3-31, 1990.

Works by previous scholarship winners — Jane Ash Poitras, Faye Heavyshield, Kim McLain and Lauren Wuttunee — will be featured at the art festival along with works by Alex Janvier and Cardinal-Schubert.

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The debate over Native artifacts

Museum under pressure to return bundles

By Jeff Morrow
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

When Jim Thunder was turned away from New York's American Museum of Natural History last spring without reclaiming Big Bear's sacred bundle, he was leaving behind one of the most spiritual gifts ever handed down to western Canadian Indians.

The 40-year-old Alberta Native couldn't convince American anthropologists he was chosen in a dream to bring the holy relic back to the Plains Cree of Saskatchewan where it belongs. He was forced to return from his 4,400 km cross-country spiritual run from Edmonton to New York City empty-handed, but more in tune with society's reluctance to recognize the rights of aboriginal people to preserve their own culture.

Thunder's pilgrimage may have been in vain, but it added miles to a course already set by other traditional Natives wanting to retain their heritage. His vision of returning the spiritual treasure to the people of its creator is one similarly shared by other Natives taking steps to maintain their traditional religions.

The fate of many indigenous relics similar to Big Bear's sacred bundle remain in the hands of government agencies and private collectors. Repatriation of these spiritual artifacts is now a mounting issue for Native elders who fear their heritage is losing its grip on the younger generation. The frustration echoes throughout Alberta and the rest of North America.

The Blackfoot Indians of southern Alberta and northern Montana have a similar dream to bring back what was lost when early western settlers frowned upon Native spirituality.

The Peigan Nation near Fort Macleod is planning to build a centre of its own to house sacred bundles so they can be studied by elders who will teach the younger generation of the powers they possess.

Plans for the Peigan Renewal Centre are just in the infancy, according to project co-ordinator Reg Crowshoe who has been negotiating with the Provincial Museum of Alberta to repatriate back to the reserve Blackfoot bundles it now holds.

He says a band-operated project is the best way for his people to bring back what they lost. But first they have to convince the museum Natives should control the bundles' destiny, not the gov-



Jeff Morrow

Blackfoot spokesman George Kickingwoman (right) examines the Scriver collection.

ernment.

Crowshoe, a Native ceremonialist who assists the museum in interpreting many of the Native artifacts it obtains, believes the power of the bundles is useless if the sacred items are kept closed up in a public museum.

"If we can have accessibility to these bundles in the museum and bring them back home, I believe that will be one of the ways of searching back as to how they really developed," he says.

"With this kind of renewal program going on at a local level, we should be looking at repatriation down the road."

The provincial museum in Edmonton has more than 30 sacred bundles in its possession, some of which are now the centre of a dispute with the Blackfoot Confederacy in Browning, Montana — the hub of Blackfoot ancestry.

The Scriver Collection was

bought by the Alberta government for \$1.1 million (U.S.) and contains 1,500 Blackfoot artifacts which Montana Indian elders want returned.

The collection is complete with three sacred Natois bundles including the Medicine pipe, Sundance and Beaver.

The latest demands are just a few in a long line that have troubled museum officials since spirituality began its comeback in the Native community the last 20 years.

"We're caught in the middle these days," explains Pat McCormack, the museum's ethnology curator. "Some communities would like to have these religious artifacts back. (But) the museum was always seen as a safe place by Natives wanting them preserved."

Museums are reluctant to give up the holy artifacts because most were given to them in trust, she insists.

Many artifacts were obtained from private collectors, but others were offered by the creators themselves decades ago when Native religion was taboo to European pioneers.

Because of a growing awareness of indigenous spirituality in Native communities, McCormack says the museum is trying to convince Alberta Native leaders to make new medicine bundles in an effort to keep their holy traditions alive.

She says the bundles are being preserved at the museum for the benefit of both Native and non-Native societies wanting to know more about Alberta's indigenous peoples.

The museum's ethnology program was started in 1967 when much of the Native goods were either bought or donated by collectors.

The collections came from families who began bartering food and money for sacred relics when Native religion was outlawed in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

There is currently a push by Native elders to revive their religion and the power possessed by the bundles.

But McCormack says the power of spiritual healing lies in the hands of the bundle maker, not in the bundle itself. "So we are asking them to replicate these items."

She suggested it's essential to have a sacred bundle placed in the care of a museum rather than in the Native community where it may never be studied by the public.

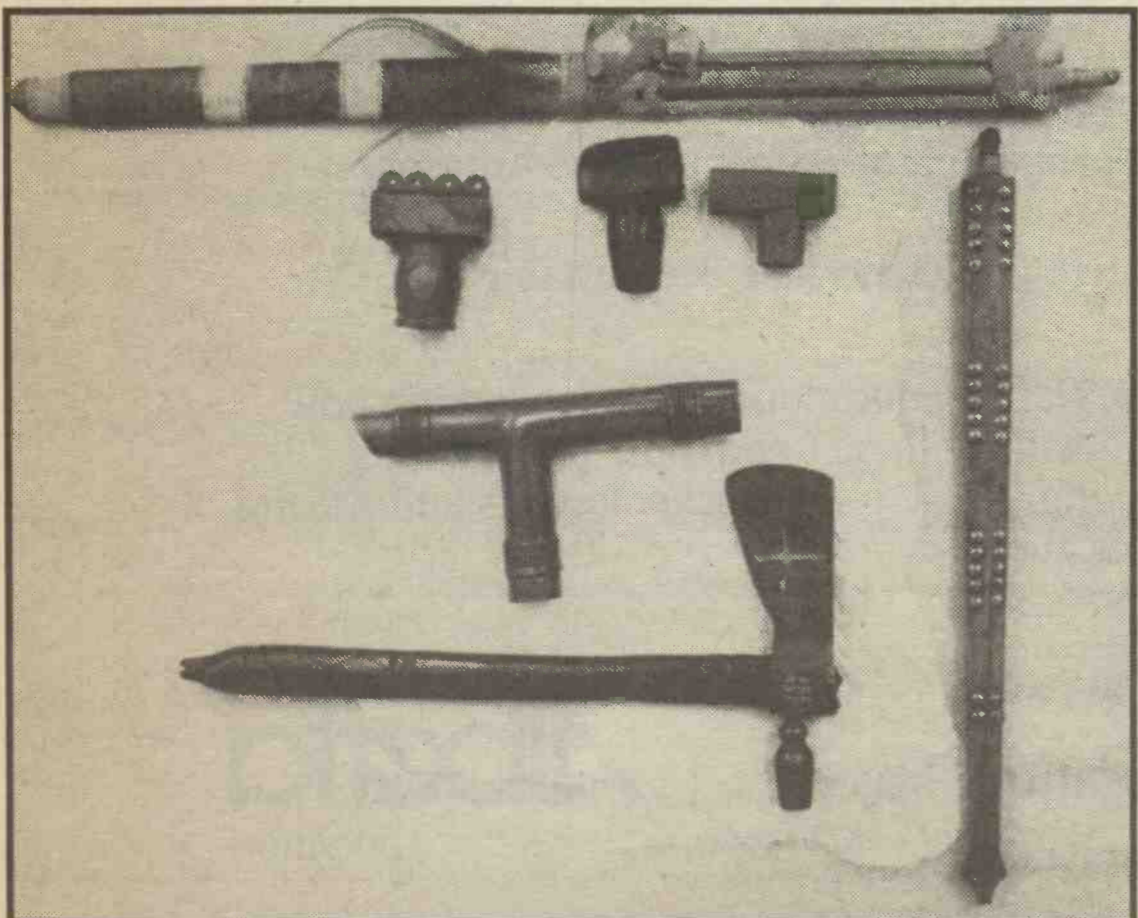
McCormack says the provincial government isn't adding sacred bundles to its collection as much as it used to because of the growing awareness among Alberta Natives toward their religious beliefs. But the museum isn't prepared to return the artifacts to their places of origin either.

For Crowshoe and the Blackfoot nations, making new bundles is

out of the question and they're not willing to let public museums continue to tamper with Native religion as long as their children are willing to learn more about it.

And like Thunder, who made a high-profile trek to retrieve the gift left by his great-great-grandfather Big Bear more than a century ago, they're willing to go the extra mile to make sure traditions are maintained. There's not even a word in our language for replication," Crowshoe says.

"We need to have our bundles back."



John Holman

Medicine pipe stems and bowls and a tomahawk pipe from the Scriver collection



Photo courtesy of Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto

"Blackfoot pipe stem carrier" by Paul Kane

Cardston

HISTORIC ACCORD

Agreement gives Bloods voice on school board

By Jackie Red Crow
Windspeaker Correspondent

CARDSTON, ALTA.

An historic agreement has been signed giving the Blood tribe a voice on the Cardston school board.

After years of talks, the Blood chief and council signed an addendum to the existing tuition agreement June 15 with the Cardston school board, allowing for Native representation on the board for the first time in history.

The agreement is the first of its kind in the province. Native parents whose children attend Cardston schools will now have a formal channel to voice their concerns, said Blood education chairman Richard Mills.

"It's been our long-standing wish we have a representative on the Cardston school board," he told a small crowd assembled to witness the signing ceremony at the senior citizens' centre.

"The (agreement) will increase communication between both communities and set a precedent for Canada," said a proud Mick Barnett, Cardston school board chairman.

Merv Kowalchuk, director of the Alberta Native education project, said the Bloods have been requesting Native representation on the school board for years. "I remember countless proposals from the Bloods requesting a change. This agreement is the result of that initiative," he said.

"I'm positive this agreement will mushroom across the province. More Indian bands will want the same," he said.

"Three years ago this (agreement) couldn't have happened," explained Kowalchuk. "The new school act allowed for the appointment of treaty Indians from unorganized territories to be represented on the school board."

Tentative plans call for the first election of a Blood trustee to the board in October. They will then sit for the remainder of the term. After that elections will coincide with the three-year schedule for municipal elections. All Native parents or legal guardians will be allowed to vote. The newly-elected Blood band trustee will have full voting rights with the exception of a



Blood officials Narcisse Blood and Richard Mills sign the pact while Dave Tawana of Indian affairs looks on

Jackie Red Crow

vote on motions establishing the mill rate. Board trustee membership will increase to nine from eight.

Native students have been attending Cardston schools since the 1960s. There are about 603 Blood students enrolled in the town's schools from kindergarten to high school. The Blood band pays about \$2.5 million in tuition each year.

Following the speeches the agreement was signed by officials representing the Bloods, the provincial government and the Cardston school board.

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*Valedictorian
Simone St. Andre.*

AVC sends 250 graduates soaring into the 90's

By Rocky Woodward
Windspeaker Staff Writer

HIGH PRAIRIE, ALTA.

Over 250 students from five different Alberta Vocational Centres in northern Alberta graduated with honors June 15.

Graduates from Atikameg, Gift Lake, McLennan, Valleyview and Grouard, converged on the High Prairie stampede grounds to receive their certificates, diplomas and general awards.

AVC Lesser Slave Lake president Dan Vandermeulen in praising the graduates said the convocation with its theme of Soaring into the 90's was a celebration of achievement to recognize graduates and their families.

He said the AVC Grouard centre especially thanks all the

communities, parents and students "for honoring the Lesser Slave Lake centre with your achievement."

Lesser Slave Lake MLA Pearl Calahasen congratulated graduates on creating their own destiny.

Calahasen said she has always been a strong advocate of AVC Centres. "The government of Alberta is dedicated to education for all Albertans," she added.

"I take my hat off to all of you and congratulate graduates on this, your special achievement," Calahasen said.

University of Alberta education professor John Paterson said AVC campuses will only continue as long as graduates do well.

"You are all from a very fine institution and now it is up to

you to carry the torch.

"There is room at the top and now you can thank God you have the skills to compete. Now if you are knocked down with your new found skills, you can bounce back up again.

"Some of you have children and it impresses me to see the differences in age with the graduates.

"In spite of the odds, you finished. You have done it," Paterson said, congratulating the graduates.

Addressing the large crowd and in a shaky voice, valedictorian Simone St. Andre said AVCs are not only about books.

"It's people, places, attitudes and experiences. That is the uniqueness of an adult campus.

"Like many of you, I reentered school only knowing I had to make a better life for myself

and my children. AVC allowed me to test my wings and to explore my options," said the adult basic education (certificate of achievement) graduate.

Students from as far as the Yukon, the Northwest Territories and southern Alberta (Stand Off and Siksika reserves) graduated from 16 different AVC programs of study.

McLennan high school credit graduate Louise Desaulniers received the Citizenship Award for demonstrating outstanding initiative, leadership, congeniality and good citizenship in both the centre and the community.

Native traditional arts gradu-

ate Bonnie McCluskey received the Student Merit Award for northern communities. "Without the support of our families, many of us never would have made it. I know we are all feeling proud and I will remember this feeling for years to come. We are soaring into the 90s," she said.

Other honored guests included Victor Gladue, chairman of the Council of Community Education Committees, and Lynn Duncan, Alberta deputy minister for advanced education. "Today is not the end — it is a beginning and I wish you all the best as you soar into the 90s," she told the graduates.

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Rocky Woodward

Graduates Keith Calahasen and Vern Lamouche stand prepared to receive their small business management program diplomas.

Salute to Graduates

Hard work pays off for graduate student

By Jackie Red Crow
Windspeaker Correspondent

SARCEE RESERVE, ALTA.

Hard work and commitment paid high dividends for a Sarcee graduate student who received a prestigious scholarship in recognition of her academic achievements.

Delphine Pipestem, a masters degree student was awarded a \$10,000 Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies scholarship last month. She's the only Alberta recipient.

Pipestem, 36, is enrolled in the faculty of environmental design at the University of Calgary. Her major is urban and regional planning; she specializes in community economic development planning for aboriginal people. She graduated with a bachelor of arts degree, majoring in political science from the University of Lethbridge last year. Prior to that, she received a B.E.S.S. (Business Enterprises and Self-Governing Systems of Indian, Inuit and Metis Peoples) management certificate in 1986, also from the U of L. She received an achievement award for attaining top marks in the program.

Pipestem said she was shocked at news of her \$10,000 scholarship. "When I got my letter from the association, I thought it was a letter of rejection. I never expected to win because they (association) had excellent candidates. I honestly thought I didn't have a chance."

She said the award is "the icing on the cake" after years of hard work studying. Pipestem said she has always strived for a good education and to quench her thirst for knowledge. After working for about 10 years in various capacities for Sarcee Nation, she pulled up roots and moved with her husband and children to Lethbridge to attend university in 1985. In four short years, she managed to receive her degree and management certificate.

"I was able to finish before some students who were already there (university)," said a soft-spoken Pipestem. "From a group of 30 (Native) students who started in the B.E.S.S. program, I'm the only one so far to be in a graduate program."

The mother of two young children and two teenagers attributed her success to a deep commitment to whatever she does. She has worked, struggled and fought back from adversity to get where she is. There have been dark nights of the soul. There have been crucial turning points, when she's had to make fateful choices — as there must be for anyone who succeeds in doing what they really want to do.

"I'm committed in whatever I do — my marriage, my children, my school work, jobs — everything," she said.

She recalls a moment when just before final exams, her son Mikey was struck down by a senior driver in Lethbridge. "I dropped everything because I had to be with my son." Fortunately he recovered with no permanent injuries.

It's this striking ability to bounce back from setbacks that keeps Pipestem going to reach her goals. She credits her mother Dinah for helping shape her attitude about never giving up, no matter the odds. "I always remember her words while I was in school."

University exposed Pipestem to a more cosmopolitan world — the diverse tribal backgrounds of Native students along with foreign students — and a strong liberal arts education. Pipestem, who got involved in a number of extracurricular activities at university, said she enjoyed university a lot.

Native students should participate in campus activities rather than just concentrating on their studies, she advised. "I've known a lot of students who have excelled in university even though they've been involved in a number of activities," she said. "It's a matter of establishing priorities and setting goals."

Since graduation, she has worked as a student consultant, coordinated an urban Native conference and researched and prepared documents for Sarcee Nation.

But she is careful not to flaunt her education in the community. "I don't believe in telling people how they should do things. They already know," she said. "I feel my role is to provide advice and information when I'm asked."

Aside from her contract work

with Sarcee, Pipestem is spending time with her family before she returns to her studies in September. She and her husband John design and sew dance outfits for their children (Claire, John-Boy, Mikey and Narci). They enjoy travelling to different powwows where their children

compete in jingle and traditional dances.

"My faculty advisor says I'll be in a very intense and vigorous program. I'll be in classes from 9 to 5, Monday to Friday. That's why I want to spend as much time with my family before I begin studies."

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Delphine Pipestem with grandmother Helen Cochrane

Salute to Graduates

Inmates graduate from AVC program with hope

By Heather Andrews
Windspeaker Correspondent

EDMONTON

"I've been in and out of foster homes since I was 13 and in and out of jail just as long," says John Myo. But he now says he has hope for his future as one of the students who will soon graduate from Alberta Vocational Centre's integration and adjustment program.

The program operates from AVC's south-side campus at 10330-71st Ave. in Edmonton. Offenders over 17 who are about to complete prison terms attend the program while living in half-way houses.

The program concentrates on helping students develop a balanced lifestyle once they're returned full-time to the community.

"The first week in the program we address the trauma they are going through and we do testing for skills," said Bev Thomson, AVC's special projects' co-ordinator.

With the size of each intake group ideally only five students, support for each other becomes obvious quickly. "We don't concentrate so much on life skills as

we do on integration," she said. Myo, 19, said he'd "encourage any of my friends still in the Fort (Saskatchewan Correctional Centre) to apply for admittance to this program. For anyone who really wants to go straight, this is the way to do it."

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"Students work with an employment placement officer who gives several possible placements, based on their skills, and they must make their choice themselves," said Thomson.

The three-month curriculum also includes academic subjects like math, science, social studies and English, which will help students taking apprenticeship examinations and filling out job applications.

Gil Pastion's graduation is also upcoming. Pastion, a former Assumption resident, speaks highly of the AVC schedule. "I

first heard about the program when I was in Drumheller," he said. "It sounded like what I needed to help me learn to be on my own again when I got out, to manage money, behave properly in public and cope in the community after being in Drumheller so long."

Today both men have the confidence to plan for the future. Myo would like to pursue carpentry, although he admits just as a hobby. "I'd like to work as a heavy-duty mechanic," he said.

Pastion too wants to further

his education and plans to work towards a degree in business administration. "Maybe I could even go back home to Assumption to work."

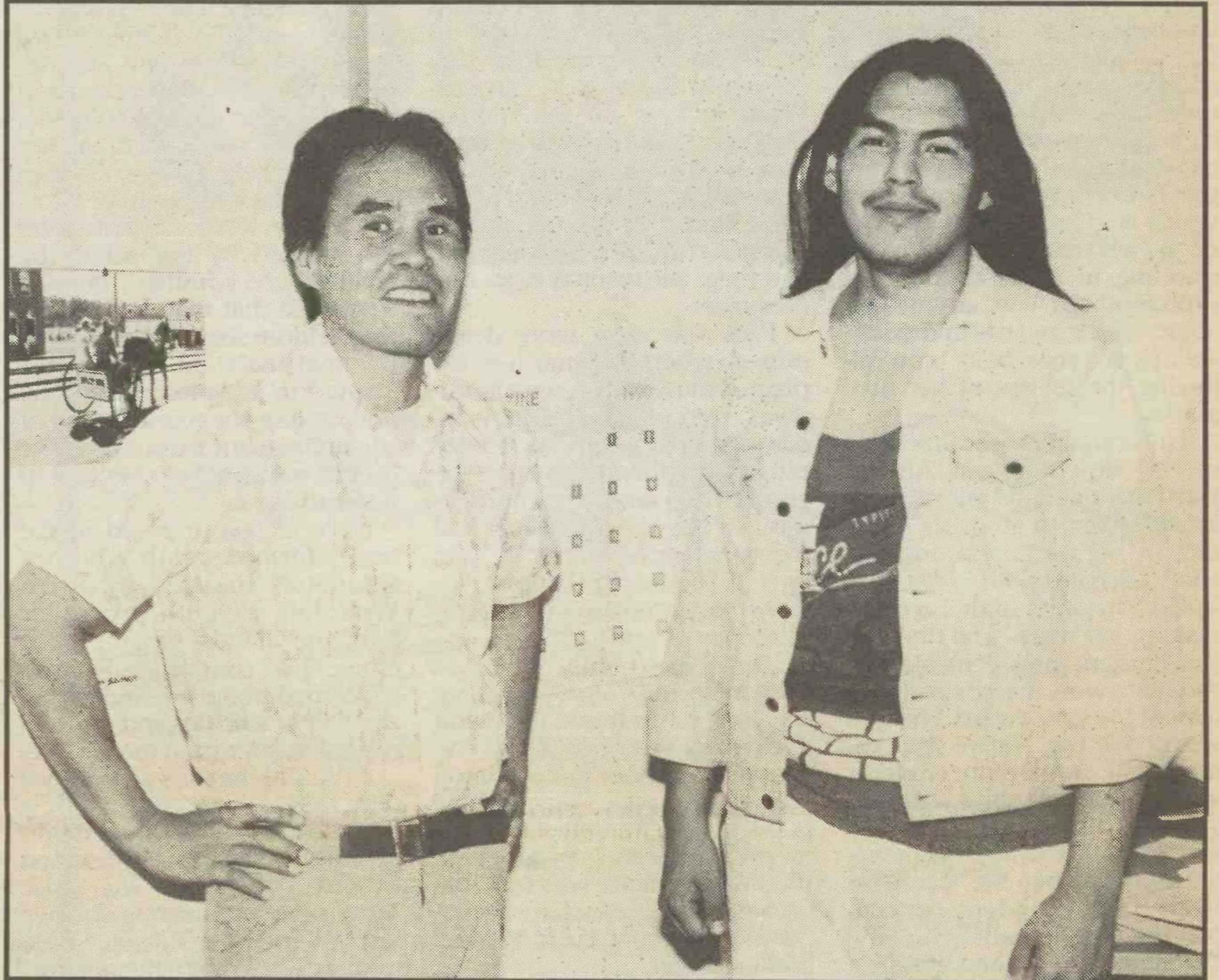
Pastion says he took courses in prison like life skills and chemical dependency, but none of them came close to helping him like the AVC program. "What I learn in five hours a day here, I will take with me through my whole life," he said.

Pastion, 37, attended an Indian residential school until he was 14. "Then it was

juvenile homes and the law took over."

Myo said the support between staff and fellow students is crucial to the program's success. "There's lots of people to talk to, instructors are available to discuss problems and we help each other. There's a real feeling of trust."

Pastion agreed. "I want to say to all the guys I know in Drumheller who are still there — Rik and the others — hang in there and look at this program when it's time to get out."



Heather Andrews

Gil Pastion, left, and John Myo will graduate from Alberta Vocational Centre's integration and adjustment program with renewed confidence for their futures.

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Salute to Graduates

Crowfoot School hosts graduation ceremony

By Wayne Courchene
Windspeaker Correspondent

SIKSIKA NATION, ALTA.

Siksika Nation's pride in its youth and the importance placed on their education was excitingly displayed at Crowfoot School's graduation ceremony. Nine Grade 9 Siksika students graduated June 14 along with 16 Grade 12 students from Calgary, Edmonton and the neighboring County of Wheatland schools.

The name of each graduand was splashed across the gymnasium walls in large colored lettering while the students filed through the graduation canopy. Parents, grandmothers, grandfathers, brothers, sisters, aunts and uncles together with the chief and council and members of the board of education crowded the gymnasium to watch proudly as the students paraded to their seats.

"It took us five years of labor to take over the school system and witness this moment of pride," said Robert Breaker Jr., director of education in his address to the audience. "We send out our regards for all those graduating students who could not attend the ceremonies here tonight."

Sixteen of the 17 graduating students were present to celebrate the event. Breaker said he discovered the invitation of other Grade 12 Siksika students in out-of-province schools may have been overlooked.

The evening's guest speaker, Dr. Deb Crowfoot, a practising dentist originally from Siksika, was humorously introduced by the master of ceremonies with props like an oversized toothbrush and a pair of false teeth.

In his speech Crowfoot in turn joked about his profession and recalled anecdotes to the delight of the audience. He continued his speech with inspired insights regarding the importance of education.

"Your success depends on your state of mind," he said as he challenged each of the graduands to fulfill their potential first through education and then to continue in their career.

Chief Strater Crowfoot provided greetings from the council along with wishes for a bright and prosperous future.

The introductions and gift presentations to the graduands gave the audience an opportunity to learn more about the students.

Audry Breaker, Native student advisor from Wheatland county school division, congratulated the Grade 9 students, some of whom she taught when they were in Grade 7. She told the audience of funny incidents each of her students experienced during their days at school.

Also presenting the students with gifts, amidst applause and cheering, were Alia Solway, Native student counsellor from Bassano School, and Mervin Wolf Leg, Siksika student affairs coordinator.

Following the ceremonies the audience was treated to food and refreshments prepared by the home economics class. A teen dance ensued once everyone had their fill of the delicious snacks.



Grade 9 Crowfoot graduands

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Salute to Graduates

Commitment helped her overcome frustrations and get degree

By Jackie Red Crow
Windspeaker Correspondent

LETHBRIDGE

It lasted a few brief moments but for Blood Indian Ruby Manyfingers, the memory of convocation will last forever.

"I thought this day will never come," she remembered thinking to herself while standing in line to receive a bachelor of arts degree in physical education at the University of Lethbridge convocation ceremonies last month.

Manyfingers, 25, had her share of ups and downs during her university studies. She took time off from her studies to care for her firstborn child while in her third year of studies. She returned last year to complete her degree requirements. "It took me five years to finish," she said with frustration, explaining she didn't receive credit for some courses taken at the University of Calgary. "I had to repeat some courses only to be told later they would be credited."

Despite her frustration with the bureaucracy of Indian affairs and the U of L, Manyfingers remained determined to reach her goal, even though it took a bit longer than she hoped.

Obtaining a physical education degree was a natural choice for Manyfingers, who has been active in sports and other physical activities. She prefers "solitary sports like weightlifting and cycling but anything I've done (sports), I've been pretty good," she said.

Manyfingers understands why it's difficult for some Native students to adjust to university life because of the cultural differences. "Native values aren't compatible with our Native way of life. There's a difference between our Native thinking and lifestyles."

She advises Native students to set up informal support groups with other students so they can "share feelings and troubles to help one another."

Commitment, above all else, is a valuable trait to possess in university, said Manyfingers. "It helps being committed to your

studies; it helps you accomplish your goal of obtaining a degree."

Never losing sight of her goal in university helped Manyfingers get her degree. "I often wondered when I was in university if I was going to make it. But no matter how tough it got sometimes, it seemed to work out in the end."

Manyfingers' positive outlook helps her tackle challenging projects. Last month she won second runner-up honors at the first Mrs. Lethbridge pageant in a field of 40 contestants. "I entered to set an example that any Native person can participate and try for anything they want," she said.

During university she won a \$300 scholarship from Joyce Goodstriker, a noted Blood re-

serve scholar.

The scholarship is to encourage more Blood female students to study physical education.

Manyfingers, who is undecided about her future, is working on an education degree and is studying the possibility of a business venture as a fitness consultant. She is also interested in the arts, devoting some of her spare time to painting. "I do some painting nobody ever sees," she laughed.

"If a good job comes along, I might just take it, too," she smiled.

Her husband, Tony, is also working on a second degree, this one in management. They live in Lethbridge with their daughter Jewel.



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Ruby Manyfingers

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Salute to Graduates

Powwow honors graduates of St. Mary's High

By Jackie Red Crow
Windspeaker Correspondent

BLOOD RESERVE, ALTA.

Education is a means to gain self-determination for aboriginal peoples said a Blood Indian councillor at a powwow held to honor junior and senior high school graduates at St. Mary's Kainai High School.

Narcisse Blood, education board member and councillor, told the capacity crowd "education is a powerful tool to achieve self-determination for Blood people." He noted proudly the Bloods have made significant gains in their quest for self-determination, getting control of education three years ago. And recently an historic agreement was signed between Cardston school board and the Blood board of education, allowing for Native representation on the Cardston school board.

On the second day of the two-day competition powwow held June 16-17, an honor dance was held to recognize recent Grade 9 and 12 graduates at St. Mary's Kainai High School.

A special honor dance was held for Albert Wolf Child, "the granddaddy of Native singing and drumming." The respected elder has been involved in powwow singing and drumming for about 60 years, said announcer Pete Big Head. Wolf Child established a well-known drum group called Big Corner, which is respected in powwow circles for maintaining traditional Blood songs.

Other graduation activities included a princess pageant, a Corpus Christi pilgrimage and a feast.

About 200 powwow dancers and 18 drum groups registered for the powwow held at Jerry Dawson Athletic Centre. They travelled from throughout southern Alberta, Saskatchewan and northern Montana.

Following are the powwow results:

Girls Fancy (8-12 yrs) 1. Arlind Edwards 2. Leslie Lahr 3. Jessie Black Water Girls Traditional (8-12 yrs) 1. Lindsay White Man 2. Tamara Shouting 3. Lena Young Running Crane Boys Fancy and Grass Dance (8-12 yrs) 1. Norvin Eagle Speaker 2. Ellen Spoon Hunter 3. Cody Provost Boys Traditional (8-12 yrs) 1. Blaine Wadsworth 2. Narci Pipestem 3. Terrance Black Forehead Teen Girls Fancy 1. Dana Croff 2. Melanie Eagle Speaker 3. Karleen White Grass Teen Girls Jingle Dress 1. Claire Pipestem 2. Michelle Crow Eagle 3. Tammy Hopper Teen Girls Traditional 1. Holly Auger 2. Michelle Bruised Head Teen Boys Grass 1. William White Grass 2. Alvin Scabby Robe 3. Darren Yellow Old Woman Teen Boys Fancy 1. Allan Spoon Hunter 2. Ronnie Kicking Woman Teen Boys Traditional 1. Aaron Scalp Lock 2. Brad Mistaken Chief 3. Merlin Kicking Woman Ladies Jingle Dress 1. Ervina Black Kettle 2. Tarissa Spoon Hunter 3. Pearlina Mathias Ladies Fancy 1. Amanda White Man 2. Patty Young Running Crane 3. Lisa Wadsworth Ladies Traditional 1. Arlene Running Rabbit 2. Twila Starlight 3. Charlene Eagle Speaker Ladies Buckskin 1. Rosie Red Crow 2. Adeline Many Chief 3. Ruth Bad Eagle Men's Chicken Dance 1. Tony Black Water 2. Grant Yellow Wings 3. Ray Black Water Men's Grass Dance 1. Trevor Prairie Chicken 2. Ken Healy 3. Henry Creighton Men's Fancy 1. Luke White Man 2. Sam White Man 3. Marlon Spoon Hunter Men's Buckskin 1. Winston Healy 2. Eddy Bad Eagle 3. Art White Quills Men's Traditional 1. Art Scalp Lock 2. Tobias Provost 3. Keith Shade



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Salute to Graduates

Eight Grade 12 graduates honored by Saddle Lake

By Diane Parenteau
Windspeaker Correspondent

SADDLE LAKE FIRST NATION, ALTA.

It was a night of weaving dreams for the eight Grade 12 graduates of Saddle Lake's Onchaminahos School. Together with family and friends they shared their past experiences and future plans at a graduation ceremony in the school gymnasium.

"Dreams and for Weaving" was the theme of the Class of '90, which transformed the gymnasium into a dreamland using streamers and balloons in the school colors of burgundy and white at the June 8 ceremony.

"Through the accomplishments of you the young people are the accomplishments of the people of Saddle Lake," said Chief Carl Quinn during his address. He recognized the importance of education to Saddle Lake people and acknowledged the progress made.

"For us this is a milestone, every year more and more of our children are graduating," he said.

Guest speaker Bernie Makokis encouraged the graduands to work hard and to take the initiative if they want to succeed in their dreams. He also stressed the importance of spirituality.

"As long as you have spirituality, you will always be strong," said Makokis. "We have to maintain our culture because if our culture is dead, we are dead as a people."

Wearing the distinguished graduation cape and hat, school valedictorian Conrad Whiskeyjack told his fellow graduands education is what will get them through life.

"We must take our dreams and make them succeed," said Whiskeyjack who went on to add a word of thanks for the parents who helped them along their way.

Master of ceremonies Charles Wood and school principal Phyllis Cardinal made the scroll presentations and each grad received a graduation ring as a gift from the school board.

Saddle Lake elder Noah Cardinal honored the eight grads with an eagle feather for strength and wisdom.

The evening was also a time to recognize the 17 Grade 9 students who will be entering into another phase of education and the adult education class. Presentations were made to all.

In closing Saddle Lake elder Joe P. Cardinal talked to the 200 in attendance.

"These are our warriors," said Cardinal motioning to the grads. "These are the healers of our tribe."



Elder Noah Cardinal presented eagle feathers to the graduands

Diane Parenteau

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Separate system recognizes exceptional Native students

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EDMONTON

The gentle aroma of sweetgrass arose on the U of A campus as 16 highly proclaimed students of Edmonton's separate school system prepared to accept their honors.

Bob Cardinal invoked the opening prayer for the group of about 45 people, which included principals and administration staff.

Cultural coordinator Eva Bereti organized the June 14 event which had the honored students dining with principals and staff before they were presented with books, a scroll from the government, T-shirts and plaques inscribed with the slogan "You did it yourself."

Christine Sorensen of O'Leary High School and Joel Ground were presented with \$150 Anne Anderson scholarships. Sorensen graduates this year and hopes to pursue a career in child-care.

Also honored with Anne Anderson scholarships were Lorylle Tootosis and Jeremy Busch, each receiving \$100.

Gerry Hornby, assistant principal at O'Leary, noted the students had "done exceedingly

well in school."

He said he had earned an appreciation for Indian culture through his dealings with it in the separate system.

Leith Campbell, organizer of special programs for aboriginal Canadians, was recognized for his contributions, including his efforts in helping establish Ben Calf Robe School in Edmonton.

Guest speaker Louie Lamothe said of Campbell that "Canadian Natives are appreciative of your commitment to the students."

To the achieving students Lamothe asked they remain proud of their Native ancestry.



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Sports

One of Indian country's biggest rodeos at Hobbema

Contestants battling for \$50,000 in prizes

By Jim Goodstriker
Windspeaker Correspondent

HOBHEMA, ALTA.

Hobbema's beautiful Panee Memorial Agriplex rodeo grounds will be the site of one of the biggest rodeos in Indian country.

Billed as the North American Indigenous Games Rodeo, it is a part of the North American Indigenous Games to be held in Edmonton starting June 30 and running through to July 8.

The games are expected to attract Indian athletes from all over North America during the eight days of athletic competitions.

The rodeo, which runs June 20-24, has drawn close to 1,000 competitors.

Contestants will be battling for about \$50,000 in prize money. The purse for major events is \$5,000 per event while the purse for juniors is set at \$2,500; entry fees are \$100 and \$50 respectively per contestant.

"It's going to be one big rodeo and it will give contestants as well as the stock contractors (all Indian) exposure to the general public," said rodeo chairman Todd Buffalo.

"The chuck wagon and chariot races are really popular here

in the north country and the fans will be in for a treat. As well we will have eight heats of four in each division each night." The races run Friday and Saturday with the finals slated for Sunday.

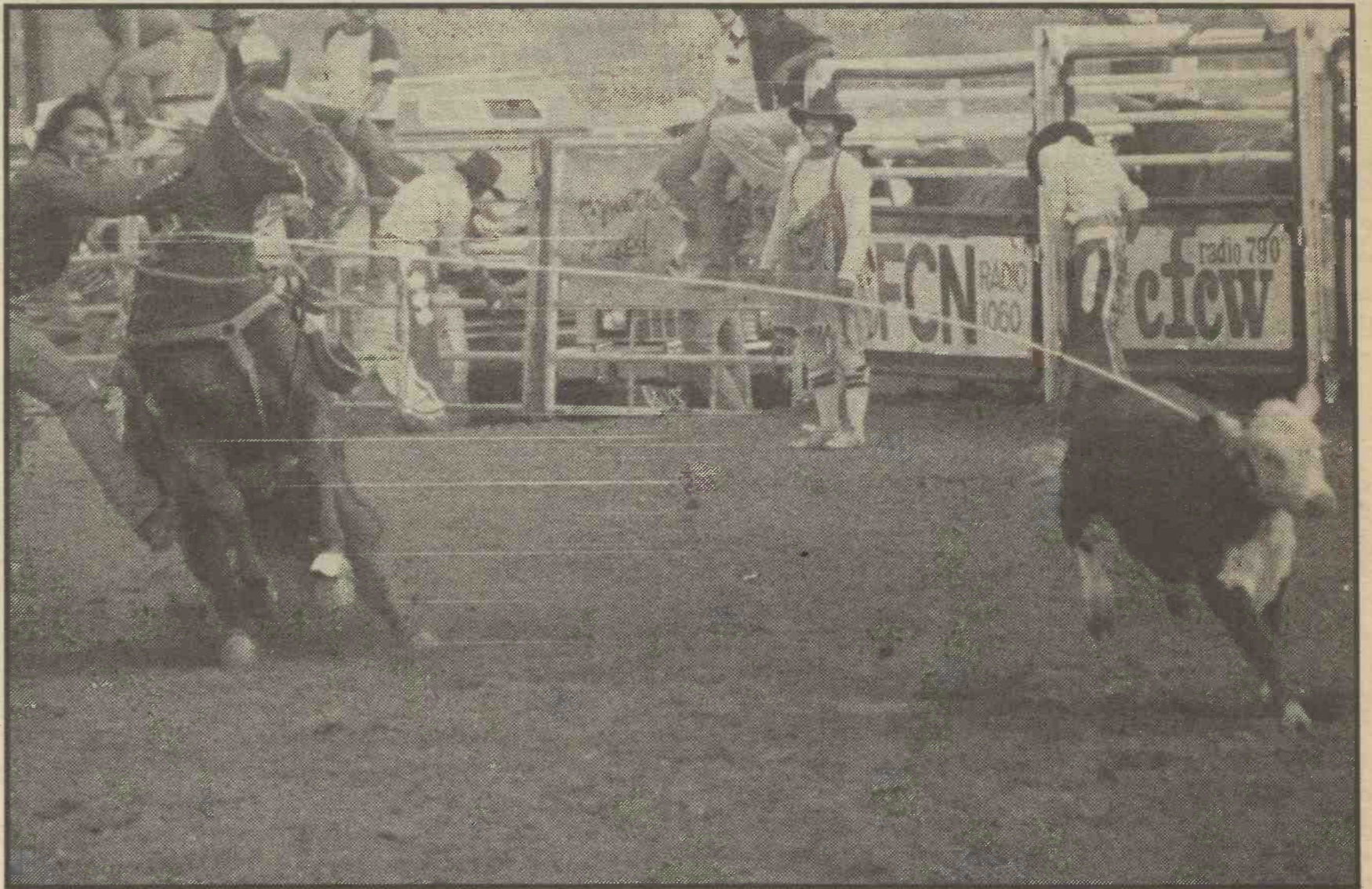
Besides the huge prize money, contestants will be gunning for trophy saddles and gold and silver trophy belt buckles in all events.

Honorary rodeo chairman, Robert Sabada, a Mission Indian from Jacinto, Calif. has donated a two-horse trailer to the all-around champion of the rodeo. The contestant must compete in a timed event as well as a riding event to win the coveted award.

Eleven Indian stock contractors will supply their top stock for the rodeo. This includes Shade's from the Bloods, Beaver from Morley, Fred Pruden, Harry Whitford, Fern Jeaneau and Gary Houle from the north country, Art Francis from Saskatchewan and local contractors Buffalo Ranchers, Crane, Roasting and 7-West.

Three of Indian country's top rodeo announcers will keep the fans informed throughout the six performances.

Peigan's Gregg Smith will work the first three days, Tuesday to Thursday; Ed Begay from Arizona will go from Wednesday to Sunday and Jay Harwood



Jim Goodstriker

Hobbema's Marv Yellowbird, 1989 INFR champion calf roper, will be going for top spot at Hobbema.

from California will work the final three days with Begay.

Both Harwood and Begay have done the Indian National Finals Rodeo on a number of occasions and are tops in their profession.

Other rodeo personnel include judges Joe Bruised Head, Kirk Buffalo and flagmen Ken Manuel, timers Gale Gottfriedson and Marilyn Begay and rodeo secretary Shirley Lee.

Bullfighters are Herb Chisan from Two Hills and Richard Bish from Sarcee while the rodeo clown and barrelman is Ernie Marshall from Turner Valley.

A rodeo queen contest will be held daily — the queen will be crowned Saturday. The pageant is open to any Native woman between 18-25.

The rodeo performances are daily at 1:00 p.m. A slack will be

run all day Tuesday starting at 9:00 a.m.

Special events after the rodeo performances include a dignitaries' luncheon and fashion show Wednesday and a contestant and spouse luncheon Thursday.

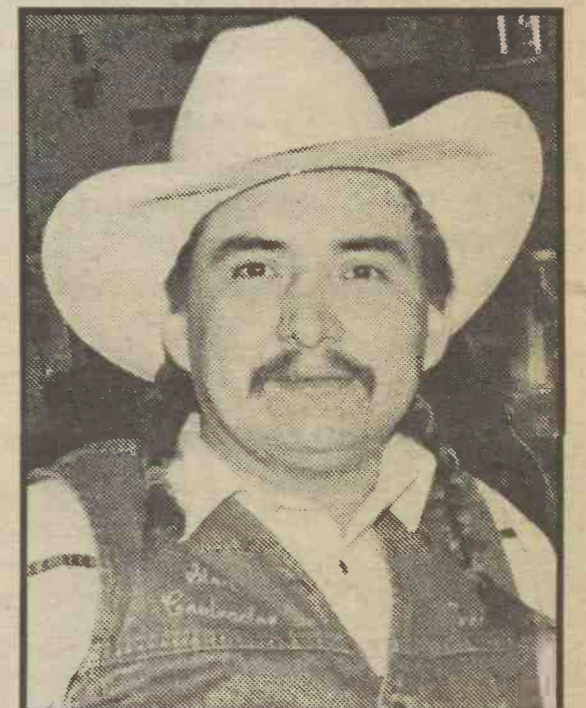
On the grounds there will be a casino, a beer gardens and an Indian village.

The rodeo committee includes: Dennis Samson, co-ordinator; Colleen Buffalo, secretary; Nancy Louis, accountant; Wally Soosay, stock; Larry Hodgson, chuck wagons; Matilda Roasting, queen pageant; Ted Hodgson, casino and beer gardens; Jenny Saulteaux and Sandy Buffalo, grand entry and Shelly Yellowbird, fashion show.

The rodeo is sanctioned by the Indian Rodeo Cowboy Association and multi-sanctioned by various Indian rodeo associa-

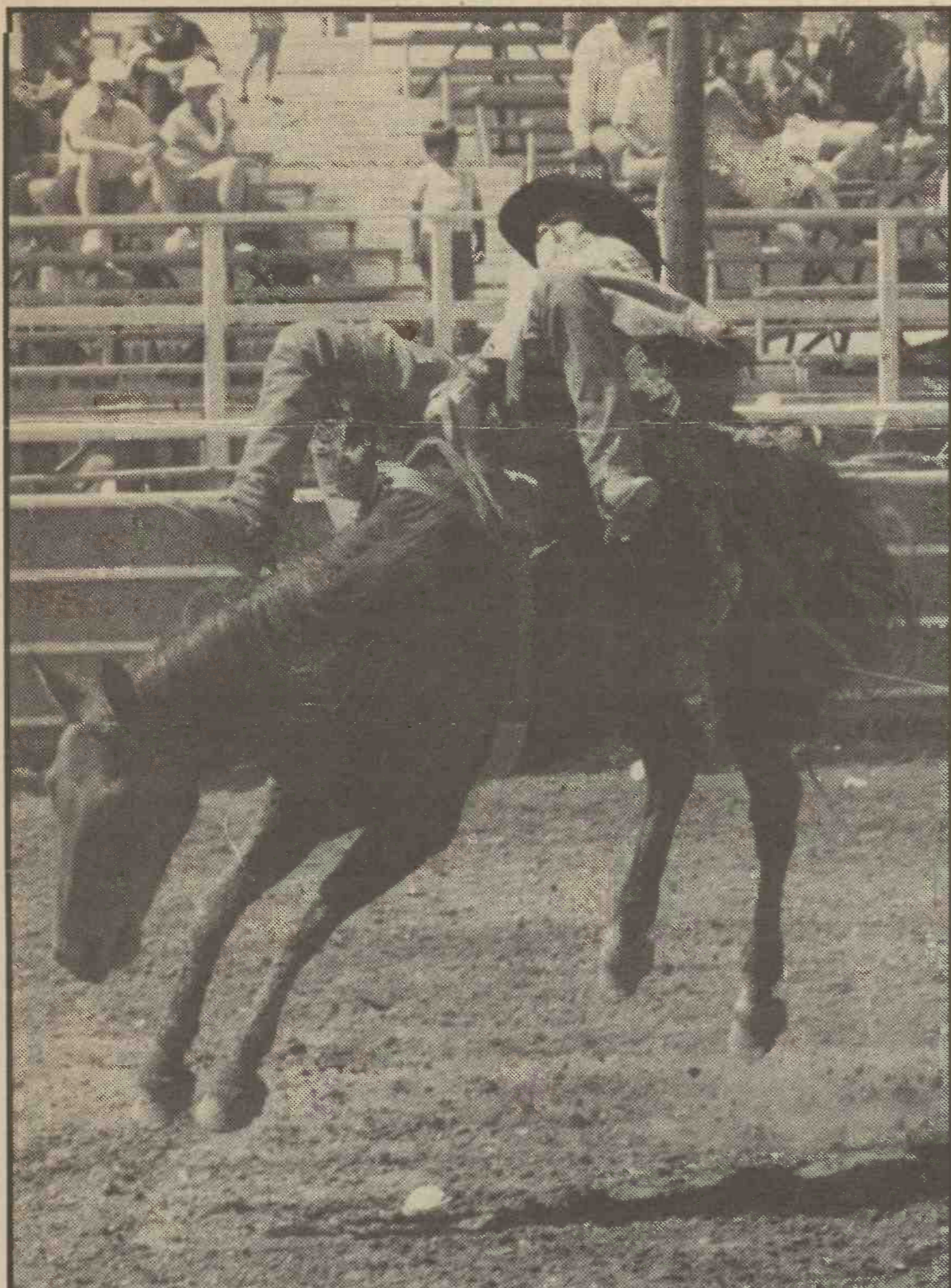
tions from the western U.S. and B.C.

For more information phone the rodeo office at (403) 595-2098.



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Sports

Saddle Lake Warriors tops in tourney at Buffalo Lake

By Bert Crowfoot
Windspeaker Staff Writer

BUFFALO LAKE METIS SETTLEMENT, ALTA.

The Saddle Lake Warriors were at their best as they played five games back to back to win the Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement fastball tournament June 16 and 17.

In their first game they lost to the Alexander Teepee Crawlers 4-3 and were knocked to the B side of the seven team true double knock-out tournament.

Once on the B side their pitching and defence was superb as they shut out four teams in a row defeating Canoe Lake 3-0, the Teepee Crawlers 1-0, the Wabasca Royals 4-0 and Buffalo Lake Pirates 5-0.

The victory over Buffalo Lake put the Warriors in the first championship final against a team from the Cold Lake Air Forces.

The game was exciting as the Warriors edged Cold Lake 2-1, forcing another championship game against the air force.

In the final game the Warriors relied on veteran pitcher Freddie (Kruger) Cross to dispose of the tough Cold Lake team 5-3 to win the championship trophy and \$950 expense money.

Another event the same weekend saw Gilbert Auger of Wabasca edge out Harvey Fredricks of Buffalo Lake in an exciting horseshoe tournament to win the men's singles event. James Sparkling Eyes of Buffalo Lake finished third.

On the women's side Vivien Gullien of Wabasca had a tough time defeating May Houle of Buffalo Lake while Donna Patenaude of Buffalo Lake came in third.

In the doubles A event Darwin Laroque and Joe Burke of Buffalo Lake defeated Gilbert Auger and Coco from Wabasca. Horace Taqtenaude and Allan Howse of Buffalo Lake finished third.

The B event saw Randy Berard and Keith Heron of Buffalo Lake victorious over Fred Auger and Stonewall Jackson of Wabasca. Third place finishers were Jim and Marie Sparkling Eyes of Buffalo Lake.

Laroque, Burke, Berard and Heron showed sportsmanship at its finest when they donated their championship trophies back to the settlement for next year's tournament.

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Focus on Native business

Never a dull moment making Gas'n'Splash a going concern

Jane Hummel remembers the first customer who drove into her gas bar two years ago.

"There were four of us waiting on one vehicle," she recalls with a quiet laugh. "He asked for some transmission fluid and I just stared at him."

Jane didn't know much about cars in those days but she was eager to learn and determined to succeed.

Hummel's Gas'n'Splash in Rimbey is now a going concern. It includes a car wash, gas pumps, a convenience outlet and a laundry. But the one-stop service centre had a difficult beginning and continues to challenge the Fort Smith Native.

The road to Rimbey

A piece of property brought Jane and her husband Joe to Rimbey, 50 km west of Ponoka. The couple owned an acreage at Gull Lake near the central Alberta town and revelled in the peace and quiet. They wanted to find a way to stay in the community so they began looking for potential business opportunities.

Jane had never been in business before but the couple had operated group homes in Edmonton and Grande Prairie. Jane also worked as a correctional officer in Drumheller. While both experiences were rewarding, they could also be emotionally draining. Jane was looking for a change.

They began their hunt for a business by driving down Rimbey's main street. They spotted two car washes — and a chance to make a living. None of the local businesses offered a combination of car, food and laundry services. Jane thought she was on to something but wanted to be sure a gas bar/car wash/laundromat would be successful before jumping in.

"I did a lot of leg work," says Jane, who went to car wash operators and looked at some of their business plans. Many hours were spent on the phone talking to business consultants, suppliers and financial advisors.

"I looked at it and knew it was a chance of a lifetime. We could live in a community we liked."

But the fun was just about to begin as the Hummels looked for financial backing.

Proposals, financing and delays

Jane prepared detailed financial projections with the help of CESO, an organization of retired business persons which helps Native entrepreneurs. BANAC also assisted the Hummels. And in Nov. 1986 Jane approached officials of the federal government's Native Economic Development Program for start-up funding. Six months later, after completing a range of application forms, answering a battery of questions and making a few calls to Ottawa, the Hummels' request for funding had been approved. Along with their own money and a loan from a Rimbey

'I enjoy pumping gas. If I have to do it for the next 25 years, I'll be happy'



Jane Hummel

David Berger

bank, the Hummels thought they were ready.

Construction began in Oct. 1987 with the demolition of a building on their chosen location. "When I saw them tearing it down," Jane recalls, "I knew I couldn't go back. It was do or die."

By mid-December, it looked like the Hummel's dream would not come true. Construction was almost finished but they had run out of money.

"I told our suppliers to put a lien on the building," says Jane, who wanted to treat the creditors fairly.

After some scrambling, a financial package was put together. The building was completed and the creditors could breathe again.

New challenges

Hummel's Gas'n'Splash now has 25 employees. During the summer it's open all day. Jane has had to make a number of adjustments.

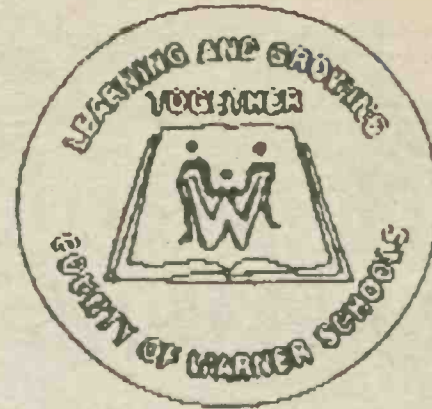
Selecting personnel and managing staff has to be experienced and can't be learned from a book, says Jane, who relies on her instincts when hiring employees. But sometimes "it can blow up in your face," she says candidly.

The hours are very long. It can be difficult, too, when your family includes two young children who need attention.

"You have to work at things in a relationship," says Jane. "Sometimes it means expanding roles (of husband and wife)." But the Hummels have worked out an acceptable arrangement that works for them. Her husband sometimes looks after the kids and puts in a shift at the store as well. It gives Jane a chance to avoid burn-out and helps her find a second wind.

"I enjoy pumping gas," she says. "If I have to do it for the next 25 years, I'll be happy. Now I know how to check oil and it doesn't scare me."

Focus on Native Business is a monthly column about Native entrepreneurs. It's sponsored by the Economic Development Discussion Group, which meets four times a year to discuss Native employment and business development. Current members include: Alberta Power Limited, Amoco Canada, BANAC, Esso Resources, Husky Oil, Indian Affairs, Indian Oil & Gas Canada, Alberta Municipal Affairs, NOVA Corporation, the Royal Bank, Shell Canada, Syncrude and TransAlta Utilities.



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By Chris Menard and
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Special to Windspeaker

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Business overflowing with clients

By Jeff Morrow
Windspeaker Staff Writer

EDMONTON

Alberta Native businessman Pierre Fournier has a slick new idea to help preserve Canada's environment while offering jobs to aboriginal people across the country. But it's going to cost the federal government \$2 million to get it going.

Fournier, who's been building business foundations in Alberta for 30 years, started a waste-oil disposal service in March that's now overflowing with clients.

He said it's time the Edmonton-based Aboriginal Group of Canada expanded its operation across the country. Fournier applied for a loan from Indian affairs' economic development division in Ottawa.

"Just wait until I get the loan," he boasted. "I'll be able to offer jobs to 2,000 Native people (nationally)."

Fournier, 58, employs two full-time truck drivers and has nine tankers, which are used to pick up commercial waste-oil for storage and disposal.

Since March 27 his operation has collected 30,000 gallons of oil from 4,700 commercial locations around Alberta.

At \$20 a gallon "you can't beat that," he said.

Fournier said his vision of moving into the national market with the oil-collection service isn't driven simply by an eye for profits.

He said he wants to help clean up the manmade mess spoiling the country's scenery since the age of industry began.

Fournier said Natives suffer when wildlife and fish become contaminated from waste oil that seeps into the ground and water.

"I'm in this business because I'm sick of paying for the white

Operator wants \$2M loan to expand



Pierre Fournier

Rocky Woodward

man's oil problems," he said.

A Native of Mooselodge, Ontario, Fournier said he established several pet food supply companies in Edmonton and helped spearhead the Golden Arrow Truck Driving School run by the Metis Association of Alberta.

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by Dedrick Nanooch

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by Charlene Moberly

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by Steven Dumas

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Meech Lake is good because I like swimming.

by Gregory Sewepagaham

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I like the G.S.T. because I like singing the alphabet song.

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I like holidays because they are good for me. They help me work.

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A feature from the North American Indigenous Games

Indigenous Games are in the big leagues

By Rudy Haugeneder
Windspeaker Correspondent

More than 3,000 Native athletes — male and female — have already registered for the first North American Indigenous Games, which get underway in Edmonton next week.

Bill Adsit, the games general manager of finance, told the Indian Association of Alberta's general assembly at Sarcee that he's expecting the number to swell to more than 4,200 Native athletes from across the continent.

That will make the games —

slated for June 30 - July 8 — bigger than the Calgary Winter Olympics of 1988, which saw about 2,300 athletes participate.

The indigenous games also rival the World University Games which last attracted 4,400 athletes.

The games may be shown on national and American television, said Adsit.

An unusual aspect of the games is that most of the events are free for the tens of thousands of spectators expected to attend.

The purpose of the games is "to give our youth the opportunity to compete in Olympic-style games," said Adsit.

"We hope to instill in them values they can use throughout life and direct their energies to more positive goals and provide them with alternatives to drugs and alcohol.

"These games will challenge youth," he said. "To excel re-

quires discipline — mental discipline and physical discipline."

Twelve sports will be offered: track and field, basketball, softball, wrestling, archery, shooting, swimming, volleyball, boxing, lacrosse, soccer and canoeing.

And with help from individual Indians and Metis, bands and organizations like the IAA, the games will break even after all the bills are paid.

Ottawa, the province and the city of Edmonton have already kicked in \$345,000 towards the games.

Various bands have promised \$50,000 and the IAA another \$12,500 towards what was once a \$190,000 shortfall.

Adsit said there are already plans to hold similar events, alternating between Canada and the U.S., every four years.

And looking down the road, he foresees a World Indigenous Games much like the Olympics

or the Commonwealth Games.

But it all depends on the success of this year's games in Edmonton.

"We have to prove ourselves with these games," he said. "Our reputation (as Natives) is on the line."

Other events slated during the games include an international powwow hosted and co-ordinated by Poundmaker's Lodge in St. Albert slated for June 28 - July 1.

There's also the Enoch Golf Classic at nearby Winterburn, hosted by the Indian Lakes Golf and Country Club. A National All-Chiefs Conference is scheduled at the Edmonton Inn, hosted by Enoch First Nation July 2 - 5.

The games' opening ceremonies will be on Canada Day at the Universiade Pavilion at the University of Alberta.



Jonathon Feather of Cherokee, North Carolina is competing as a boxer at the games. He will also display his talent as a hoop dancer.

Sports Competition Dates and Locations

Sports Event:	July 1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	Location
Archery					X	X	X	Strathcona Shooting Range 5000 Ellerslie Rd. University of Alberta 114 St. & 87 Ave.
Basketball		X	X	X	X	X	X	Strathcona Shooting Range 5000 Ellerslie Rd. University of Alberta 114 St. & 87 Ave.
Shooting					X	X	X	Strathcona Shooting Range 5000 Ellerslie Rd. University of Alberta 114 St. & 87 Ave.
Wrestling					X	X		University of Alberta 114 St. & 87 Ave.
Soccer		X	X	X				Kinsmen Park 9100 Walterdale Hill Rd. Southside Athletics Grounds 104 St. & 72 Ave.
Track & Field		X	X	X				Commonwealth Stadium Gymnasiums 11000 Stadium Rd. North Saskatchewan River.
Volleyball		X	X	X	X	X	X	Commonwealth Stadium Gymnasiums 11000 Stadium Rd. North Saskatchewan River.
Canoeing		X	X	X				North Saskatchewan River.
Boxing		X	X	X				Kinsmen Field House 9100 Walterdale Hill Rd. South Side Arena 105 St. & 70 Ave. Edmonton River Valley
Lacrosse		X	X	X				Kinsmen Field House 9100 Walterdale Hill Rd.
Marathon							X	John Fry Park: 9700 - 29 Ave. Goldstick Park: 3819 - 103 Ave. Universiade Pavilion University of Alberta 114 St. & 87 Ave.
Swimming		X	X	X				Kinsmen Field House 9100 Walterdale Hill Rd.
Softball		X	X	X	X	X	X	John Fry Park: 9700 - 29 Ave. Goldstick Park: 3819 - 103 Ave. Universiade Pavilion University of Alberta 114 St. & 87 Ave.
*Opening Ceremonies	X							

1990 North American Indigenous Games Cultural Activities

Opening ceremonies and a day for all indigenous nations. Universiade Pavilion (Butterdome). University of Alberta. Edmonton. July 1, 1990. Tickets at BASS.

This is a chronological schedule of cultural events

a) June 30, 1990. 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Sounds in Old Strathcona, 8331-104th St., Edmonton.

b) June 30, 1990. 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Moocheegan (Fun) fest and cultural performances on two stages. Arts and crafts and Native food fair. (Between 107 and 109 St. and Jasper Ave.)

c) July 1, 1990. 10:00 a.m. Three indigenous groups will take part in Canada Day Celebrations on the grounds of the Alberta legislature.

d) July 1, 1990. 1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Feature presentation day for all indigenous nations.

Showcase

A two and a half hour extravaganza featuring the varied cultures of indigenous people through their songs and dances. The audience will be treated to an array of talented artists, musicians, throat singers, hoop dancers, grass dancers and many unique performing groups. Feature performer Bill Miller.

e) July 1, 1990. 7:00 p.m. Two groups will perform in the Edmonton Folk Arts Council Festival celebrating Canada Day at

Indigenous Games Cultural Activities

the Edmonton Convention Centre.

f) July 1, 1990. 7:00 p.m. Three indigenous groups perform at the official VIP banquet at the Edmonton Convention Centre.

g) July 1, 1990. Just before dark, west coast war canoes will put on a demonstration race on the North Saskatchewan River to end at Rafters Landing just prior to the Canada Day fireworks display.

h) July 2-4, 1990. 12:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Continuous hourly performances by all performing groups on two Enoowuk stages at the Kinsmen Sports Centre, the main cultural venue for the games.

i) July 2-4, 1990. 3:00 p.m. Enoowuk Stage, Arctic Winter Games Demonstrations. Inuit athletes from the Canadian Arctic and Indian athletes from the Yukon Territory will demonstrate athletic sporting events as performed at all Arctic Winter Games.

j) July 2-4, 1990. Noon each day. West coast war canoe races will be conducted on the North Saskatchewan River.

k) July 2-7, 1990. Performing groups will perform at various malls like West Edmonton Mall and Kingsway.

Closing Ceremonies. July 7, 1990. The Universiade Pavilion, University of Alberta. There will be a parade of athletes and cultural delegations. Closing remarks by games officials. Feature performer White Eagle. Official Indian Going Away Song will be sung followed by passing of the official game flag and the eagle staff. A feast and round dance will follow. Tickets at BASS.

Other cultural events and an Edmonton area conference

1) Poundmaker/Nechi powwow — St. Albert, Alberta. June 29-July 1, 1990. Major prizes for dancing and drumming competitions. Contact: Marcella Gauthier, Box 3884, Station D, Edmonton, T5L 4K1. Arts and Crafts Fair - (403) 458-1884.

2) Enoch powwow — Enoch Indian Reserve, July 5-7, 1990. (Just west of Edmonton's city limits). Major prizes for dancing competitions. Arts and Crafts Fair. Contact: Kelly George, Box 2, RR1, Site 2, Winterburn, TOE 2N0. Phone: (403) 470-4505.

3) National Chiefs Conference — Enoch Indian Reserve, July 2-5, 1990. Contact: Chief Jerome Morin, Box 2, RR1, Site 2, Winterburn, TOE 2N0 or phone Steve Brant at (403) 429-3781.



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1st Place	\$5,000.00
2nd Place	\$2,500.00
3rd Place	\$1,250.00
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3rd Place	\$900.00

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(Exception: International Pitching Rule).

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Dance: Saturday Night, June 30, 1990

ALSO

B Side - Intermediate B and C

Based on 10 to 12 teams:
Prize Payout \$4,500.00

1st Place	\$2,200.00
2nd Place	\$1,200.00
3rd Place	\$700.00
4th Place	\$400.00

Based on 7 to 9 teams:
Prize Payout \$3,375.00

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3rd Place	\$500.00
4th Place	\$375.00

Entry Fee: \$375.00

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3rd Place	\$600.00
4th Place	\$300.00

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