

## Settlement members unsure about Resolution 18

By Dorothy Schreiber

Members of the Metis settlements have "mixed feelings" about Resolution 18, a discussion paper dealing with land entitlement and the governing of the eight settlements.

"There's a lack of understanding. There are some people who are dead against it because they think we're selling out on Aboriginal rights," says Randall Hardy, president of the Federation of Metis Settlements. Others have put their trust in the council, he adds.

The document, which was tabled by the province last June 17, centers around the issue of land and consists of three proposals.

The first part deals with an amendment to the Alberta Act to protect settlement land in the Canadian Constitution. The second part covers letters of patent which would put the land in the name of each individual settlement and the final section proposes a scheme on how the settlements will be run. This last proposal is known as the new Metis Settlement Act.

The Federation has recently concluded its third in a series of four meetings with each settlement to explain the document and to allow members input into the document.

Hardy says all eight settlements are in agreement over the entitlement of land but there are differences over the legislation regarding the new Metis Betterment Act.

"I'll be the first to admit it's not a perfect piece (of proposed legislation) that's going to be all things to all people...I'm sure we'd never have 100 per cent of the people (in agreement)...it's pretty tough to get consensus."

Floyd Thompson, chairman of the Kikino Settlement, says about 140 members turned out to an open meeting on Resolution 18 on March 8 and asked questions ranging from how their Aboriginal rights would be affected to the process of acquiring additional settlement land for individual settlement members.

Thompson is pleased with Resolution 18 because he feels it gives the settlements more autonomy to run their own affairs. As an example, he points to the bylaw making process.

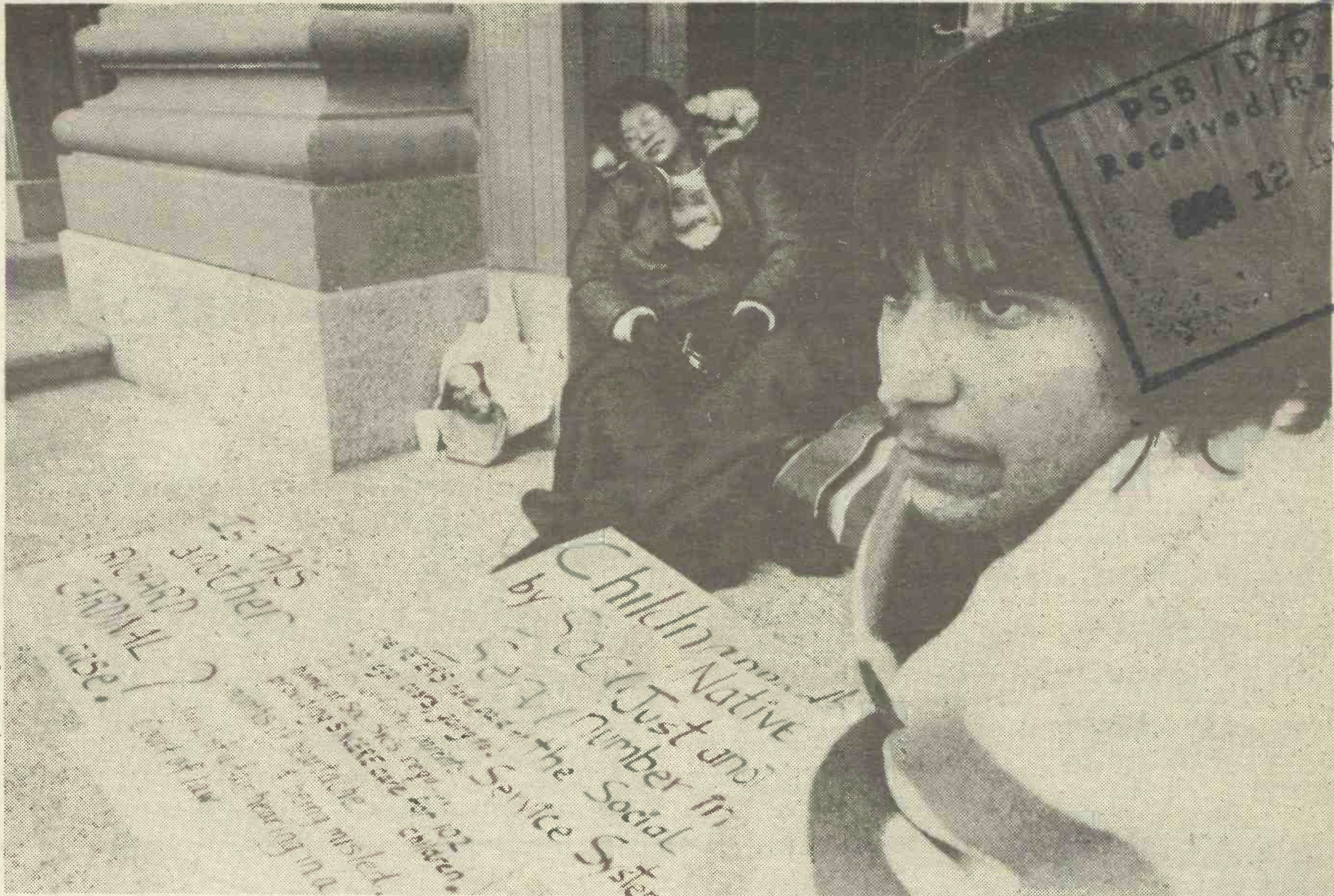
"Council will introduce the bylaw, do the first reading, then they will take it to the general membership...if the majority of the people at that general meeting pass the bylaw then it will be passed. If they vote it down then it won't become a bylaw. So you're giving the authority to your members, something that is not done anywhere in Canada."

He also supports the entrenchment of settlement land in the Canadian Constitution. "The only way it will be taken away from (us) is if we happened to be invaded by another country."

Since the last round of meetings, Hardy says there have been 30 amendments put forward by settlement members to the discussion paper.

The amendments will be taken to a council consisting of executive members of all eight settlements. Their recommendations will then be presented to the Resolution 18 negotiating committee comprised of government representatives and the executive of the Federation.

Once the final draft of the document is written, it will be taken back to settlement membership for a fourth and final time.



DIANNE MEILL, Windspeaker

Foster brother GREGG PETERS and AUNT  
...spend long, cold night on legislature steps

## Foster child's placement protested

By Dorothy Schreiber

The government's attempts to repatriate Native foster children back to Native homes is ruining the life of a five-year-old child, says Rose Shawana, who is protesting the placement.

Shawana, a Treaty Indian, along with the child's foster brother and aunt, camped out on the steps of the Alberta legislature on March 23 and 24 to protest the return of the child to a Saskatchewan reserve. They claim the child is better off with her foster parents, who have applied to adopt her, and to whom she has formed a bond.

"It's the Native unit shoving...kids out (to) get another stat on the books...this new branch wants to establish a bureaucratic empire. So they are trying to collect 100 per cent successful repatriation efforts," says Shawana.

The Native unit is an arm of Alberta Social Services involved in repatriating Native children into Native homes.

Shawana, a friend of the family, stresses she is not opposed to the repatriation of Native children to Native homes, but points out each case should be dealt with on an individual basis. In this instance, she and the child's natural mother and aunt, insist the child is happier with her non-Native foster family and will experience difficulty with reserve life.

Despite the protest on the legislature steps and letters from the foster parents to Social Services minister Connie Osterman and the Ombudsman, the little girl was removed by Social Services from her home on March 23. The foster parents have not been told where she is, says the Peter's son Gregg.

His parents have been the child's foster parents since December 1984. In March of last year they began adoption proceedings which were put "on hold" when the foster child's files were transferred to the Native unit. The Children's Guardian denied the adoption proceedings on Feb. 29.

In the past 22 years the Peters have been foster parents to 102 children.

The girl's natural mother supports the Peters' adoption of her daughter and does not want the child returned to the reserve.

"I lived on that reserve. There is nothing there. The only thing that was there for me was (to) make me an alcoholic, a drug addict, a hooker," she said in a

telephone interview from Calgary.

With the recent turn in events the 32-year-old mother is afraid for the welfare of her daughter.

"If I knew this was going to happen I would have fought for her but I understood that Marilyn and Norm were going to keep her, that's why I didn't bother fighting for her," she explains in a trembling voice.

She says the Peters have always allowed her access to her daughter who she describes as a smart, cute, little girl.

"I come here to visit her, I talk to her on the phone. We all went out together on Sunday...we had a good time. I get along really good with Marilyn and Norm."

Prior to being removed from the Peters' home, the young girl was taken to the Saskatchewan reserve for one visit and has had a series of two-hour sessions with Native unit workers to introduce her to Native culture.

In a letter to Social Services minister Connie Osterman, the Peters describe the effects of the reserve visit on the five-year-old girl.

"She has displayed signs of extreme distress, insecurity, hostility and disrespect...(she) repeatedly threatens to run away and must be closely watched."

The girl's natural mother says the Peters received a phone call from her teachers last week advising them she had burst into tears in class for no apparent reason.

According to the Peters the reason for the child's repatriation to the reserve is to preserve her Native heritage.

"We have always intended to preserve the child's Native culture and identity...we have been working with a Native person as a family unit as well as one-to-one visits with the child to introduce us to Native culture and contemporary issues," said the Peters in a prepared statement.

But Jean Woods, manager of Social Services and Health on the Alexander reserve believes a non-Native foster home cannot replace a Native community.

"To me, when you lose your language or lose that tribal feeling, belonging to a community...those are important part of a Native person...the non-Native foster homes can't guarantee those feelings."

Maggie Hodgson a member of the Native child welfare committee says "in some cases it is very appropriate (to repatriate Native children) but adds some children may experience culture shock.

"It's important that the communities develop systems to integrate those children into the community."

## Low turnout at assembly

## Formation of new locals weakens unity

By Terry Lusty

Newly formed locals are being blamed for causing division amongst Edmonton's Metis people.

Local 1885's president Stan (Butch) Plante blames the small turnout at his group's annual assembly on March 19, at which he was reinstated by acclamation, on the formation of five

more locals in the city. He believes Metis people are breaking up into smaller groups, as they join locals closer to where they live, and unity is suffering.

"The boundaries do have some problems and they could be more suitable," said Plante. To resolve this, he added, the locals have formed a special joint committee with their main

task being to establish distinct boundaries, open boundaries or no boundaries at all.

The fact that new locals have severely taxed membership, explained Plante, should not discourage former members from continuing their involvement with 1885. However, as voting members, they are restricted and must follow

the constitution which allows a person to be a member of one local at any time. Plante further stated there is a movement afoot to have all the Edmonton locals amalgamated under one common banner, a proposed Metis Council of Edmonton.

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# Provincial

## Too much death and violence

# O'Chiese band to outlaw liquor on reserve

By Lesley Crossingham

The Indian Association of Alberta (IAA) is backing a demand from the band council of the O'Chiese reserve to have the use of liquor banned.

Chief Theresa Strawberry says the request comes after her band spent more than two years combating widespread alcoholism on the reserve.

In an interview from his Edmonton office Gregg Smith, president of IAA said he feels "great about this decision.

"I have always felt strongly about drug and alcohol abuse and that is the reason I declared war on alcohol shortly after my election (in June 1986)," said Smith.

He pointed out that until recently, well over 90 per

cent of the reserve were alcoholic and between 1973 and 1984 there were 37 alcohol-related deaths due to accidents, violence, disease and suicide.

"The chief and council themselves had to do something, otherwise many people would have died on that reserve."

Now each member of the O'Chiese band council must sign a declaration of

sobriety before taking office. Smith says that all leaders should take a similar stand.

Smith also agreed with comments from former Alkali Lake chief Charlene Belleau, who has publicized her belief that a lack of economic opportunities is just an excuse for widespread alcoholism.

"We have to learn to change, just like Alkali Lake

learned to change. We have to start dealing with our problems instead of being over defensive," says Smith.

According to the Edmonton Department of Indian Affairs, the O'Chiese band has already informed Ottawa of its intention to pass the bylaw.

"This comes under section 85.1 of the Indian

Act," said Jack Hughes, statutory membership manager, in an interview from his Edmonton office.

"A band must pass a bylaw prohibiting the use of intoxicants and then a general meeting must be held to endorse the council's decision."

Chief Strawberry was unavailable for comment at press time.

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## New tax law a 'touchy issue'

By Dorothy Schreiber

A new federal bill which would authorize bands to levy taxes on reserves and lease land to outsiders is a "touchy issue" for bands in this province, says the president of the Indian Association of Alberta.

Gregg Smith fears the taxation bill is being viewed by the federal government as an Indian self government issue, "in order to justify their desire to get out of trust responsibility."

He agrees with statements made by Assembly of First Nations officials giving bands greater taxation powers could be an excuse for Ottawa to let go of some of its financial responsibilities to Indian people.

The amendment to the Indian Act will remove the

ambiguity over the legal status of leased reserve land. It also states leased land remains a part of the reserve and band councils have the power to tax reserve land in order to defray the cost of development and services on land.

The bill, which has gone through a first reading, was initiated by Clarence Jules of the Kamloops Indian band, and was introduced into the House of Commons on Mar. 9 by Indian Affairs minister, Bill McKnight. The band promoted the bill in order to gain tax authority over a 180-hectare industrial park situated on the reserve.

"This bill is the result of the first major Indian-led initiative to amend the Indian Act...it ensures further progress towards

Indian political economic and self-reliance," said McKnight in a news release.

But Smith says the government is "looking at it in terms of self-government issue. And we're saying no. That kind of delegated authority is not self-government...self-government is not what the federal government proposes it to be for Indian peoples".

In addition there is the cost factor to bands. "It's a very expensive proposition. Tax regimes are quite imposing in terms of style and expense."

He is also concerned about the bill's power to allow bands to tax their own membership. "We say that we're taxable by Treaty and why would we want to have the power to tax our own people?"



IAA PREZ GREGG SMITH  
...fears taxation bill

## Foster Child film receives jury award

By Terry Lusty

The film Foster Child, by Edmonton Metis Gil Cardinal, was honoured with a special jury award for excellence at this year's AMPIA (Alberta Motion Pictures Industry Association) awards.

Directed by Gil Cardinal, who was the main subject of the film which was a high high calibre competitor in its category. Along with Shooting Stars, the winning film, and Frozen in Time: The Franklin Mystery, the judges had difficulty selecting a winner. The films were close, said Jerry Krepakevich, the producer of Shooting Stars and also a co-producer of Foster Child.

Krepakevich informed Windspeaker that "all three films are really good" and that "the jury felt the film (Foster Child) was on a par with the winner." That, he said, was why both Foster Child and Frozen in Time received special awards.

The citation by the jurors regarding Foster Child described the film as "a deeply personal film... a



Metis film maker Gil Cardinal (right) — talks with his uncle (L) about his mother who he never met before her death.

great work of integrity, balance, sensitivity and kindness".

Joanne Riediger of AMPIA further described the 43-minute documentary as a story which "transfers a foster child's courageous search for his

parents into a compelling and important journey for all of us." The film takes its viewer into the real world of the frustrations experienced by Cardinal in his quest for his parents and his roots.

Foster Child was the

only Native film to contest the documentary category in this year's AMPIA awards. In other categories, Anne Wheeler's film Cowboy's Don't Cry swept the most awards.

Interviewed by Windspeaker after the awards,

Cardinal explained the film is getting a lot of exposure at workshops and conferences to a cross-section of people. Just some examples, he said, are foster children, support groups, adoptive parent groups and social workers.

On a more personal note, Cardinal states the film has "totally changed my perspective" and given him a greater understanding of himself and the world around him. It has also changed some of the "bad attitudes" he used to harbor.

Work on the production helped to "settle" him and contributed to his "peace of mind. I have a more positive outlook," he contends.

At present, Cardinal is working in Saskatchewan with film producer-director Wil Campbell on another National Film Board documentary. This one, he explains, is about Native cultural and spiritual ways and programs. He estimates it will take another six to eight months to conclude the film which has no working title, as yet.



# Blockade to better jobs disappears with training

By Dorothy Schreiber

ATIKAMEG — Barbara Laboucan, 23 and a single mother, is trading in her janitor's job for a typewriter.

She is one of 15 students enrolled in a basic job readiness program, in-

stituted by the Whitefish Lake band. Her past jobs have involved janitorial work and cooking but her new goal is to work in an office after completing a secretarial arts program.

Laboucan says her lack of education "most definite-

ly" blocked her attempts to find gainful employment. She applied for a teacher's aid position with the Atikameg school but was turned down and told she needed more education.

Since starting the basic job readiness program her

grade level has increased from Grade 6 to 8 and her outlook on life has improved.

The discovery that Whitefish Lake band members shared a lack of job skills and basic, useful education spurred the council to action. Last fall the two-year program for unemployed band members with a long history of social assistance dependence was put into place on the reserve, located 250 km northeast of Edmonton. "Typically they (uneducated band members) were saying they had Grade 7 or 8 (education)," says Brian Pitcairn, coordinator of education and social development.

A core group of about 25 members who were given academic testing prior to the start of the job readiness program were found to function at a Grade 5 to 6 level.

"Basically, we have a problem where you have a whole host of people between the ages of 18 and 30 who are functionally illiterate. In other words, they do not read or write at a Grade 9 level."

The objective of the program is to bring the students up to a Grade 9 level so they can either find employment or upgrade to a high school level.

Program courses include lifeskills training and academic upgrading included with other subjects like job interviewing techniques and resume writing.

Without at least a Grade 8 education individuals are unlikely to qualify for job skills training programs offered by such institutions as Canada Manpower.

"In terms of job training it's a totally hopeless situation," he says.

Employment prospects for people considered functionally illiterate are also drastically reduced, says Pat Campbell, coordinator for Prospects, an

adult literacy program in Edmonton.

The band has put up most of the money to operate the program. A grant from the Northern Development Agreement of \$172,000, used to pay instructors' fees and buy classroom supplies, also helps.

However, Pitcairn says there is no commitment to continue the course beyond two years.

"But we're going ahead with it because it deals with such a critical problem in the community and I don't think we can afford to wait."

## Mysteries of Aboriginal history to be explored by society

By Lesley Crossingham

EDMONTON — A society has been formed to right the wrongs in history books about Aboriginal culture and language.

The Multi-Indigenous Studies Program of the Americas (MISPA) includes board members from Alberta and other parts of North America, says acting director Buff Parry, who adds that an advisory

council is also being formed.

"We have signed the papers with the lawyers and right now we will be organizing a general meeting to select the executive."

The current board of directors are: Brian Wildcat, Nelbert Little Moustache, Dr. Anne Anderson, Ernestine Gibot and Buff Parry.

However, Parry hopes to include board members

from across Canada, the United States and South America.

The society will create a network of indigenous peoples "bent on pursuing answers to remaining questions in archeology and cultural history. History books often have false answers and we want to rectify the story," he said.

"The team will investigate mysteries such as the three roots in the Cree language."

Other projects will include field research investigations, as well as basic projects such as Aboriginal language lessons.

The society will not be government-funded but will rely on funds from private archeological societies and historical research organizations.

No date has been set for the first general meeting, however, Parry says the meeting will take place within the next three months.

## New Tall Cree chief takes the reins

By Dorothy Schreiber

Bernard Meneen is the new chief of the Tall Cree band for the next five years.

Two councillors, Eugene Kotash and Ronald Loon-skin were also voted in for five year terms at the March 7 election.

Meneen was voted in

with a total of 61 votes out of 119.

North and South Tall Cree has a combined population of 424 band members and is located about 800 km north of Edmonton.

Bernard Meneen could not be reached for comment.

## LOCALS

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meeting, Metis Association president Larry Desmeules, said new locals are the prerogative of the member-

ship and that, while their formation requires ratification from the MAA "there hasn't been one turned down yet." Desmeules did not further elaborate, saying, "It's a Zone 4 problem."

MAA vice-president for Zone 4 Dan Martel agrees

the issue is problematic. Martel feels it is unfair and unconstitutional to restrict membership to individuals who live in another part of the city.

"If someone from the south side wants to participate in the west end, it is unfair to deny them that

right," he explained.

"We're getting caught up in our own bureaucracies," he adds, believing people should have the freedom to do what they want.

The matter is scheduled to be dealt with by the joint committee in the near future.

# National

## Feasting, traditional dress, mourning songs mark beginning of new land claim hearings

VANCOUVER — After 10 months of battling in the British Columbia courts over 22,000 sq. miles of land, the Gitksan and Wet'suwet'en bands are "preparing for war" in anticipation of the next phase of proceedings.

In the legal battle, already 54 hereditary chiefs, representing 76 houses of the Gitksan - Wet'suwet'en have given evidence supporting Indian ownership of the land which was never ceded to the province through treaties or any other legal process.

With the next phase of evidence upon the band, the first of the Gitksan witnesses, Chief Tenimgyet of the Gitwangak Wolf Clan, hosted a feast traditionally called by a Chief to gauge

his support when preparing for war. During a Gil Ts'ek' (feast requesting a call to arms), the Chiefs of the other Clans signify their willingness to go into battle by eating the food laid out by the host. Draped in their traditional button blankets, Tenimgyet (Art Matthews, Jr.) and Axtii Hiikw (Henry Tait), along with their supporters performed the limb oo'y (mourning song) and called on the other chiefs to join forces with them as they battle against the provincial and federal lawyers.

In a strong show of force, each of the attending Chiefs at the Gil Ts'ek' threw their support behind Tenimgyet and Axtii Hiikw. The departing Set'suwet'en chiefs acknowledged Tenimgyet's strength and

declared their continuing support.

Says a Gitksan - Wet'suwet'en tribal council press release:

Although a legal decision will not be made for several years, the B.C. government continues to issue permits for logging and mining operations within the disputed territory. The land is in danger of being destroyed by clear-cutting and the consequent silting of fish-spawning habitats, air and water pollution from sawmills, and spraying of herbicides which poison the soil and the plants on which wild animals depend. Recently Gitksan Chiefs protested this abuse by temporarily blockading a logging road and by seizing equipment.

As well, they have re-activated traditional fishing sites without permits and built smokehouses at these sites in contravention of Department of Fish and Wildlife regulations. Obtaining a license to fish on their own land is not only redundant and unnecessary, it prejudices their argument in court. The BC government lawyers contend that to obtain a fishing license is evidence of assimilation into white society, or "proof" that the Gitksan-Wet'suwet'en no longer exist as a distinct peoples and therefore they have no special claim to the land. However, to fish without one is "breaking the law," the press release concludes, indicating the complicated circumstances of the land claim.

## National Briefs

### Former minister found safe after missing in blizzard

Former N.W.T. cabinet minister Tagak Curley was found in good condition by a RCMP search party who feared he may have died in a two-day blizzard which separated him from a hunting party last March 17.

Curley survived the Arctic white-out and four days in the tundra. He was found near his base camp on the northwest shore of the Hudson Bay.

An Anglican minister at a nearby community said everyone knew Curley would survive.

Curley, 44, turned down a helicopter ride back to his home — he wanted to ride on his snowmobile.

### Border crossed in protest, Mohawk chief arrested

CORNWALL, Ont. — Mohawk Chief Mike Mitchell was arrested and charged with violating the Customs Act as he drove his pickup truck, loaded with blankets, groceries, clothes and a washing machine, into Canada without paying customs duties.

"Sorry, I ain't gonna pay the taxes and the duties," Mitchell told a customs officer at the border station on the band's St. Regis reserve.

Many Natives say that under Jay's Treaty of 1794 between United States and Britain, they are exempt from paying duty on certain goods carried across the border.

When Mitchell would not stop his truck, an RCMP officer placed the chief under arrest.

About 1,000 fellow Mohawks marched behind the chief's truck carrying protest signs.

Mitchell is to appear in provincial court April 20. If found guilty, he faces a maximum fine of \$25,000 or six months in jail.

### Ottawa think tank suggests self-government for Far North

OTTAWA — An Ottawa think tank says those with the strongest claim to self-government are the people in the Far North whose ties to the land go back thousands of years.

"Canadians will be judged for the condition of Inuit society — and judged harshly if that previously vigorous and self-reliant society disintegrates under the weight of social problems arising from the impact of the industrial world," said a report from the Ottawa chapter of the Canadian Institute on International Affairs released March 21.

### Blame ourselves for alcoholism says former chief

Lack of economic opportunities is just an excuse for widespread alcoholism, says Charlene Belleau, former chief of the Alkali Lake band in British Columbia.

"Most places I travel to, our leaders still blame high unemployment, poor housing, low education as the reason why their people drink," said Belleau, urging that Natives accept responsibility for drinking problems.

The band, once 95 per cent alcoholic, is now 95 per cent sober and has an objective of a dry Indian nation by the year 2000.



# Editorial

## Is the child's best interest considered here?

Somewhere, there's a little five-year-old girl who's angry, sad and confused.

She's wondering why she's been taken from her foster parents. She's worried about what's going to happen next because her life has been topsy-turvy for some time now.

It all started when she was taken away from home by someone called a social worker to live with this new "mom and dad" for three days, and then taken back home. Then there were all the visits her social worker took her on — two hour slots of time when they'd go to MacDonald's and she'd be told she is Indian and her foster parents are white.

Now, she feels different and unsure? Are her foster parents bad people? Should she run away from them?

All these questions vie for attention in her young mind. She starts to feel funny. Doesn't anybody want her? Will her toys and the room she sleeps in each night be taken away? Will she get to finish the picture she's painting at school?

And why didn't anyone ask her if she wanted to stay with her foster parents?

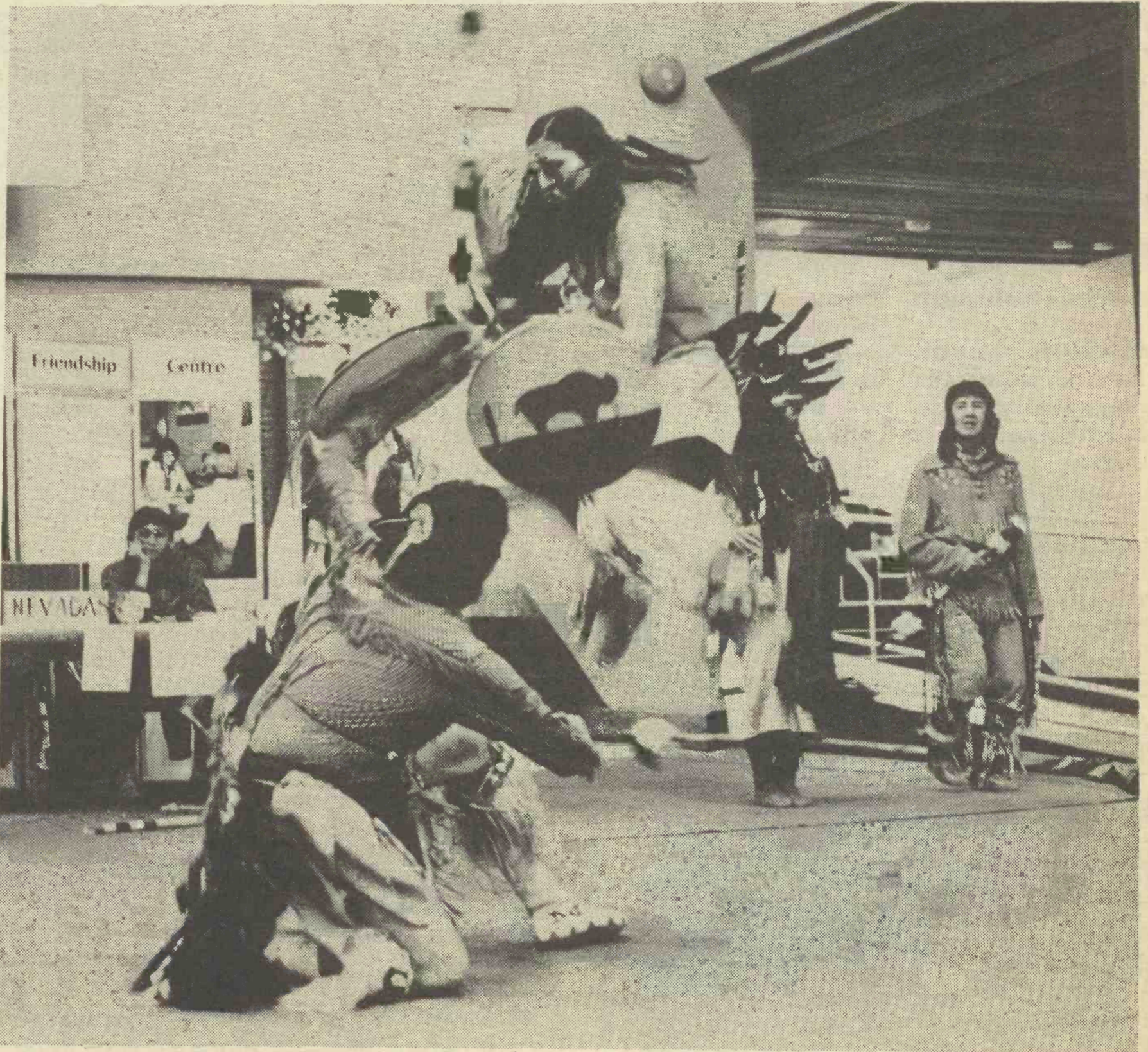
This week's front page story about the child taken from her home and returned to the reserve should make us all think about the plight of our foster children. Who is right and who is wrong? Native leaders and social workers generally agree that repatriating foster children back to reserves and their own people is good, but there are also arguments that sometimes the child is better off raised by non-Native parents he or she has bonded to.

To this, some say the child may have a better childhood raised off the reserve and with non-Native parents, but there will come a time when he will question who he is, and he will not know. He will feel lost.

So, what is the final test to determine how this foster child should be raised? Is it ultimately how successful she becomes in life? And how do you measure success? In this case, it should depend on whether she's happy or not.

So, let's dispense with government bureaucracy and personal opinions here. Each case must be evaluated on it's own basis, and the happiness of the child recognized as the most important factor.

# WINDSPEAKER GALLERY



DIANNE MELLI, Windspeaker

### ATTACK OF THE PLAINS TRIBES

Lee Crowchild (kneeling) shields himself from the spear thrust of his opponent during a dance performance at the Calgary Friendship Centre.

Crowchild is the executive director of the Red Thunder Cultural Society which conveys the culture of Plains Indians, using dance, to audiences.

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## Ominayak visits U of A classrooms

By Dorothy Schreiber

Interest in the Lubicon Lake land claim issue is growing on the University of Alberta campus.

In the past few weeks the chief of the landless band has met with U of A students and has been invited into the classrooms of Native Studies and sociology. Teachers taking their practicums have also asked for information about the band.

A student support group at the university organized a protest during the Olympic torch relay run and also held a public forum which was attended by Chief Ominayak.

On April 10, Helen Caldicott, an anti-nuclear war activist will speak at the Jubilee Auditorium on local issues including Lubicon Lake, however, the main theme of her talk will be nuclear disarmament.

Chief Ominayak may attend.

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# Crippling disease fails to keep ex-chief down

By Mark McCallum

FORT McKAY — Dorothy McDonald lives in pain.

The former chief of the Fort McKay band is suffering from rheumatoid arthritis, a disease that slowly bends the bones and joints out of shape.

McDonald was struck with the crippling disease shortly after being elected chief of the Fort McKay band in 1980.

In the six years she was chief of the band, McDonald often went head to head with government officials and oil companies on environment and pollution issues. She took the Suncor corporation to court over an oil spill and won. And, she convinced the government to fund a firehall for the community.

Although McDonald was in "constant pain" from the arthritis, she never used it as a crutch. "It almost killed me, I couldn't even write my name," she recalls adding her health is steadily improving.

"My health has never been better. I haven't felt this good in a long time."

Once she could "barely move or walk on damp, cold days." She is visiting a medicine man regularly in Cutknife, Sask.

"That's the only thing that has been helping. They've tried everything on me in the hospital, but nothing ever really worked," she says.

"Dorothy's a very determined person. She doesn't know what the word quit means," says her common law husband, Rod Hyde, who is also the McKay school principal.

In 1983, fearing for the lives of small children, the former chief set up a road block to protest logging



MARK McCALLUM, Windspeaker

**DOROTHY McDONALD**  
 ...'a very determined person'

trucks speeding through the community. She had met with logging industry officials earlier, asking them to reduce the speed, but they refused to listen to her plea. She then became "fed up" and decided to show the logging companies she meant business.

Accompanied by children with their parents, McDonald and a group of supporters stood in the road picketing. The attorney general stepped in only minutes before the protesters were hauled off to jail. The dispute was settled and the logging companies bowed to McDonald's demands.

Her interest in band politics began at home. Father, Philip, was a hereditary chief of the McKay band for some 30 years and she explains she would often help her father write government proposals and letters at the kitchen table.

When he passed away in

1976, she made the decision to start working for the band. In 1980, she was elected chief of the band and served three consecutive two-year terms until 1986.

**Environment watchdog**

In the time she served the community as chief, one of McDonald's primary concerns had been conservation of the environment. Dealing with top level executives of huge corporations like Syncrude and Suncor, she never backed down when it came to environmental issues.

In December 1982, McDonald met with officials from Suncor after growing suspicious of their intentions. She recalls officials from the oil company repeatedly invited her to take a tour of the Suncor plant for no apparent reason.

She refused a meeting at the plant, but invited them to her band office. The

meeting, at which officials allegedly warned McKay residents not to drink water from the Athabasca River "because of all the pollution that was going into it" was video-taped at McDonald's request.

She later discovered there had been an oil spill in the river from the plant two months earlier in November. "Everybody was getting sick...people were getting sores in their mouths after drinking the water," she says, and took Suncor to court in the fall of 1983.

Suncor was fined for the incident.

**Still listening**

Following the mishap, McDonald was still not satisfied. She approached the Energy Resource Conservation Board (ERCB) and asked that an interface committee be established with members from the ERCB, McKay and the two major oil companies in the area, Suncor and Syncrude. She also asked that samples and readings be made available to McKay residents showing air, water and soil pollution content on a regular basis.

Today, the interface committee is still listening to any complaints residents might have and daily omission samples are available to McKay residents.

Band councillor Edith Orr says all of the parties in the committee have a "good working relationship."

Under McDonald's leadership, McKay was the first band in Alberta to apply for Bill C-31 in 1982. Bill C-31 allows female band members to marry non-status people and still retain their Treaty rights.

"Nobody got their rights back at that time. But, if

they wanted to marry out (of the reserve), they would still retain all of their Treaty rights," McDonald explains.

Her people were always a top priority and she fought tooth and nail to get the government to approve community projects like a \$130,000 firehall, a \$4 million water and sewer project, and a \$700,000 multiplex. The building will house much needed services as a gas bar, restaurant,

laundromat and community hall.

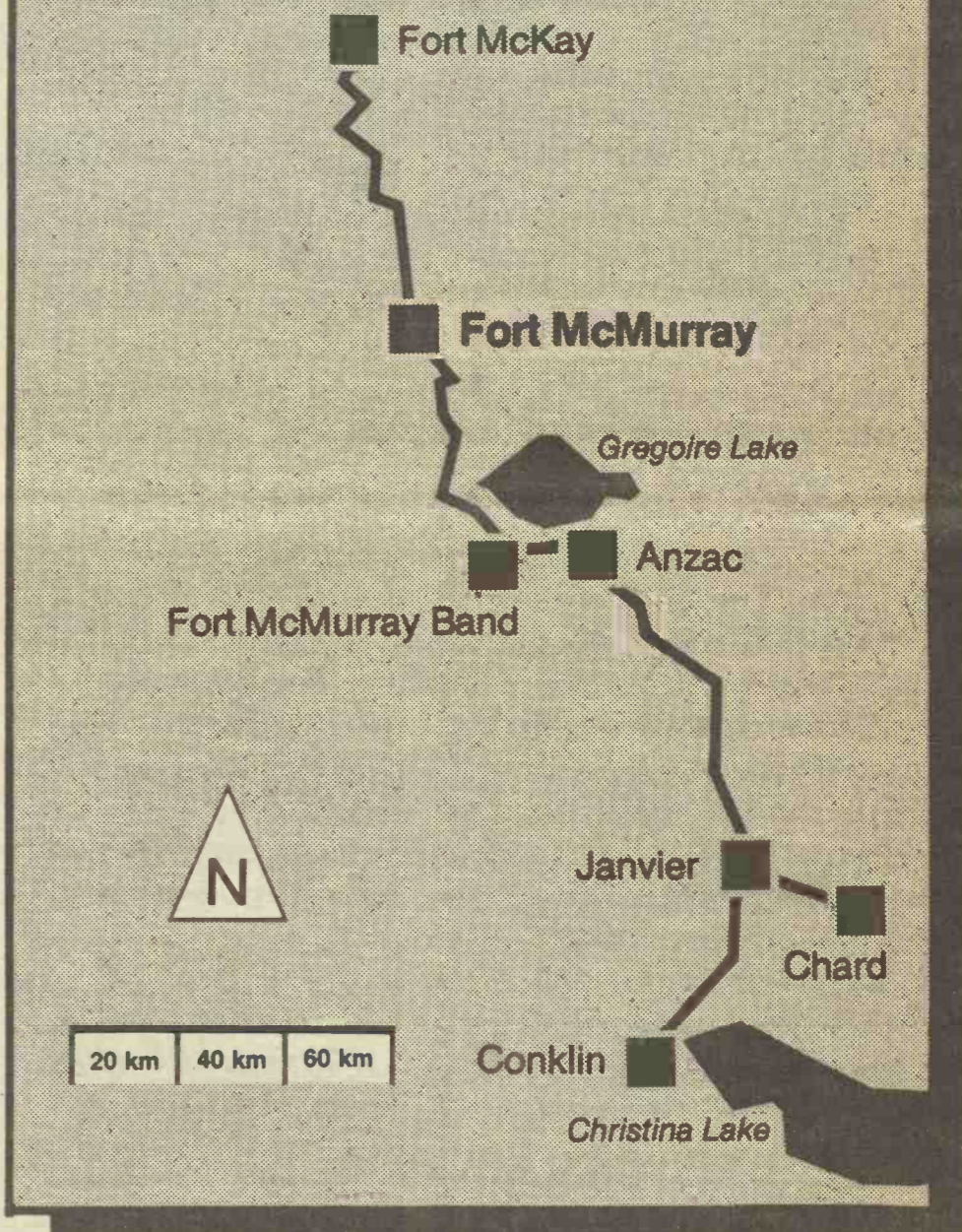
A 250 acre land swap deal with the government, which she initiated, is also close to completion.

McDonald is satisfied to see the projects she started with funding proposals finally become reality.

Though she is uncertain as to what the future holds for her, she hopes to gain work for Fort McKay if her health remains stable.



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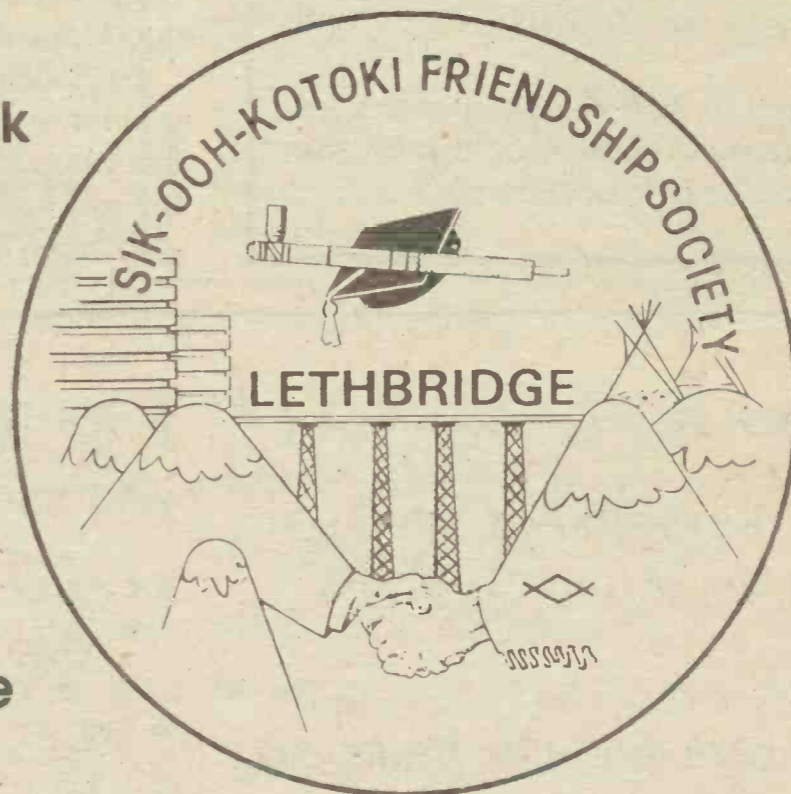
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*'In the night...sometimes I do the work'*

# Golosky starts small, now employs over 100

By Shelley Shehinski

FORT McMURRAY — Doug Golosky and his wife Carol have taken one holiday, four days long, in the last four years.

The pair work 12-hour days, sometimes through the night, seven days a week. But Doug Golosky, the Cree owner of Clearwater Welding and Fabricating Ltd., isn't complaining. A successful contractor who started just four short years ago with three workers and a tiny shop, Golosky now heads up a large plant with an average of 100 employees.

Either Doug or Carol, the bookkeeper, can always be found at the shop. "We've had four days off since we started this. We were going to go to Vegas last summer but we never made it. Work comes first."

The business is a family affair. Golosky's four brothers all work with him and are one of the oldest families in Fort McMurray. All were raised just a block



SHELLEY SHEHINSKY, Windspeaker

**DOUG GOLOSKY and WELDER**  
...says secret to success is to 'live up to your word'

from Golosky's Fraser Avenue shop.

The profession of welding also runs in the family. A welder by trade, the final decision by Golosky to open his business came after working for too many others who went bankrupt.

"I decided if they could run a business, I guess I could."

With the mainstay of

Clearwater's work for oil and sulphur companies, and mending the odd garbage truck, Golosky admits there's strong competition for welding jobs. He's quite willing, however, to part with his secrets to success.

"When you do get a contract, you have to look after it. We have 140 employees and I finally got

an office," he chuckles. "And you have to live up to your word. I treat all my guys like I would like to be treated."

Business integrity and just common sense have forced Golosky to actually turn down jobs, like one in the Yukon last summer.

"We had opportunities to go places but I've always held back."

That doesn't mean this businessman is willing to just sit back and watch things fall behind, or worse yet, fall into a rut. "There's room for improvement but it takes time. You've got to learn to walk before you run."

He's never considered moving his business to a large Alberta centre. He and his family, including mother Eva, still run traplines in the McMurray area. But welding work has taken Golosky to at least 320 km from McMurray to Chipewyan Lakes. He remembers driving to the bush where his men were working at 4:30 one morning to deliver a piece of needed equipment.

"I feel guilty sometimes calling my guys out in the middle of the night so sometimes I go out and do the work," he said.

His commitment to good business practices and equal opportunity were recognized by a major Fort McMurray company when Clearwater maintained a 50 per cent Native workforce

on a contract job.

The commitment to hiring Native isn't a deceptive move on Golosky or his fellow employees' parts. "If we have to hire four people, we try to hire two Natives and one woman. We don't have to, but everybody's equal." On an average working day, Golosky's shop has a 25 to 30 per cent Native workforce.

With a flourishing business, everything seems to have fallen into place for Golosky. He's pleased with his success but points out his beginnings were humble.

"I just made up my mind one day...I said 'this is what we're going to do.' It's still a risk; everyday's a risk. Before I just had one boss and now I've got all kinds of people working for me that are bosses.

Does he plan to continue to work hard and retire early?

"I don't think that'll ever happen. You just get addicted to the work after you're here seven days a week."



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**AN APPLE A DAY...**

Student Lisa Beltess is learning to use a MacIntosh Apple computer along with other students in her Grade 8 class at Janvier reserve (about 100 km south of Fort McMurray). Lisa enjoys

working with computers and hopes that one day she can apply her disc know-how in a job. Good luck Lisa!

— Photo by Mark McCallum

**Alcohol rehab centre  
a joint project  
between five bands**

By Mark McCallum

**GREGOIRE RESERVE** — A new alcohol and drug abuse rehabilitation centre is expected to be built here if all goes according to plan.

Fort McMurray (Gregoire) band manager Tony Punko says the band has received verbal approval for \$818,000 for the facility from the federal government funding source, the National Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program (NNADAP). He adds they are expecting official approval from Ottawa "anytime now."

NNADAP regional consultant Rena Halfe says that the centre will be completely staffed by members of the community. She also notes local residents will have the opportunity to train at the centre in the field of addictions counselling.

Halfe explains the focus of the centre will be family treatment. She adds a lot of attention will be aimed at

single parent families in particular.

Punko notes a panel of Treaty representatives first agreed upon the site of the centre in a meeting. They then approached the federal government with the proposal for the joint project between the five bands in the Fort McMurray area.

By building the proposed centre on the reserve, Punko points out that friends and family members "will be able to visit and give support to people staying at the centre."

Work on the 10-bed facility is expected to begin in May. The centre is expected to have three wings, connected to a tip-shaped section in the middle. Each of the wings will have the capability to be expanded upon in the future.

The Gregoire reserve is centrally located in the middle of the four other bands: Fort McKay, Cree, Chip and Janvier bands.

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# Anzac businesswoman makes it to the top

By Mark McCallum

ANZAC — Helen Roy is literally moving up in the world, to the top of the Hillyard Hotel in the penthouse suite.

The Cree-Metis businesswoman owns a successful \$120,000 company called Carmie's Janitorial Service and she's also the new manager of the \$450,000 Hillyard Hotel in Anzac.

"It's time consuming," says Roy, explaining it

takes a lot of grit and iron to stay on top of both jobs. "From early morning until late at night" her seven-day long work week takes a big bite out of her home life. But, she explains, that was her original intent.

Roy started her janitorial business in 1980 after the youngest of her five children started school. "I just want something to do with my spare time." She never expected the business to boom like it has although

she is quick to point out she is a serious businesswoman.

Roy started the business with a "broom and mop pail" and one "small" contract. Today, Carmie's Janitorial Service has 11 contracts with various businesses at Fort McMurray. She has seven people working for her and estimated that her equipment is worth about \$60,000.

But, Roy says she had to prove she was "serious" about the company before the male-dominated busi-

ness community would take note. She believes a number of businessmen stereotype women and "some of them thought I was 'just another woman going into business.' But, I think I've gained their respect."

Native Venture Capital president Milt Pahl says he hired Roy to be the manager of the Hillyard Hotel because he was "very impressed with her grasp of the business world."

Pahl is aware of her track record. He believes she is the "right person" for the job regardless of sex. "If you can get the job done, it doesn't matter what sex or color you are."

Roy is currently living in the penthouse suite of the hotel. The suite has three bedrooms, living room/dining area, kitchen and two bathrooms. And, she notes with a smile, "I hear the view is just beautiful from the balcony in the summer. You can see the (Gregoire) lake from here."

When Roy became manager of the 12-room hotel in January, she did some "sprucing up" and minor renovations. The hotel has a gas bar, restaurant and bar.

While Roy is busy managing the hotel, she

says her husband, Elmer, is handling the janitorial business. But, she still manages to do most of the paperwork for the company.

Although it's hard to imagine, Roy plans to try staying away from getting too busy in the future. She

says she's satisfied with the growth of her company and pleased with her current job at the hotel.

"I think I have enough things to keep me busy for now. So, I don't want to plan too far into the future," she concludes.



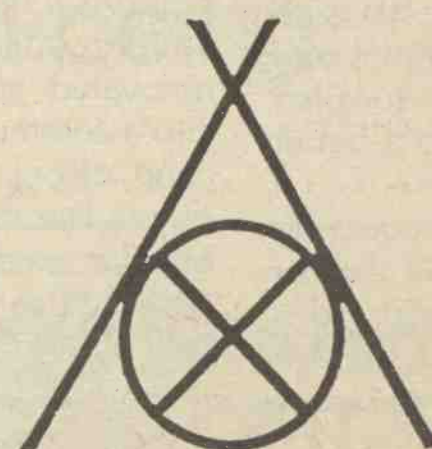
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**HELEN ROY — hopes to make the Hillyard Hotel as successful as her own \$120,000 business.**

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*President and chief working toward a better community*

# Metis and Treaty share common goals in Janvier

By Mark McCallum

At first glance, Henry Herman and Walter Janvier seem an unlikely team.

Janvier, 29, chief of the Janvier reserve, is a trim man who looks more comfortable when he's wearing his Expo's baseball cap and running shoes. His tall, athletic frame is a contrast to Herman's stout huskiness. The 37-year-old Metis, president of the hamlet (Metis Local 214) on the outskirts of the Janvier reserve, wouldn't look out of place in the driver's seat of an 18-wheeler.

But together, the two leaders have found a formula for success. They've put aside past differences and are bonded by one common goal: to pull Janvier's 400 Metis and Treaty residents together and lead them to a better life.

Herman has known his counterpart Chief Janvier since childhood. But Herman explains the two were once on opposite sides of the fence.

"The Metis and Treaty people here have a history of not being able to get along or work together," he says.

By setting past differences aside, the community is beginning to make positive gains. For example, work on a new sawmill operation began on the reserve in early February, employing both Metis and Treaty residents. The mill is a joint venture between Janvier's two distinct cultures who share responsibility and profit because they are equal owners of the operation.

Chief Janvier's strengths lie in administration. He was a band councillor for two years before being elected Chief in 1985. Shortly after his successful election bid, a new road was built near the reserve in October 1986, linking the

community with the city of Fort McMurray, located about 120 km north. Janvier is concerned the road is having a negative backlash on the reserve although he admits it has also made the community more accessible to outside industry.

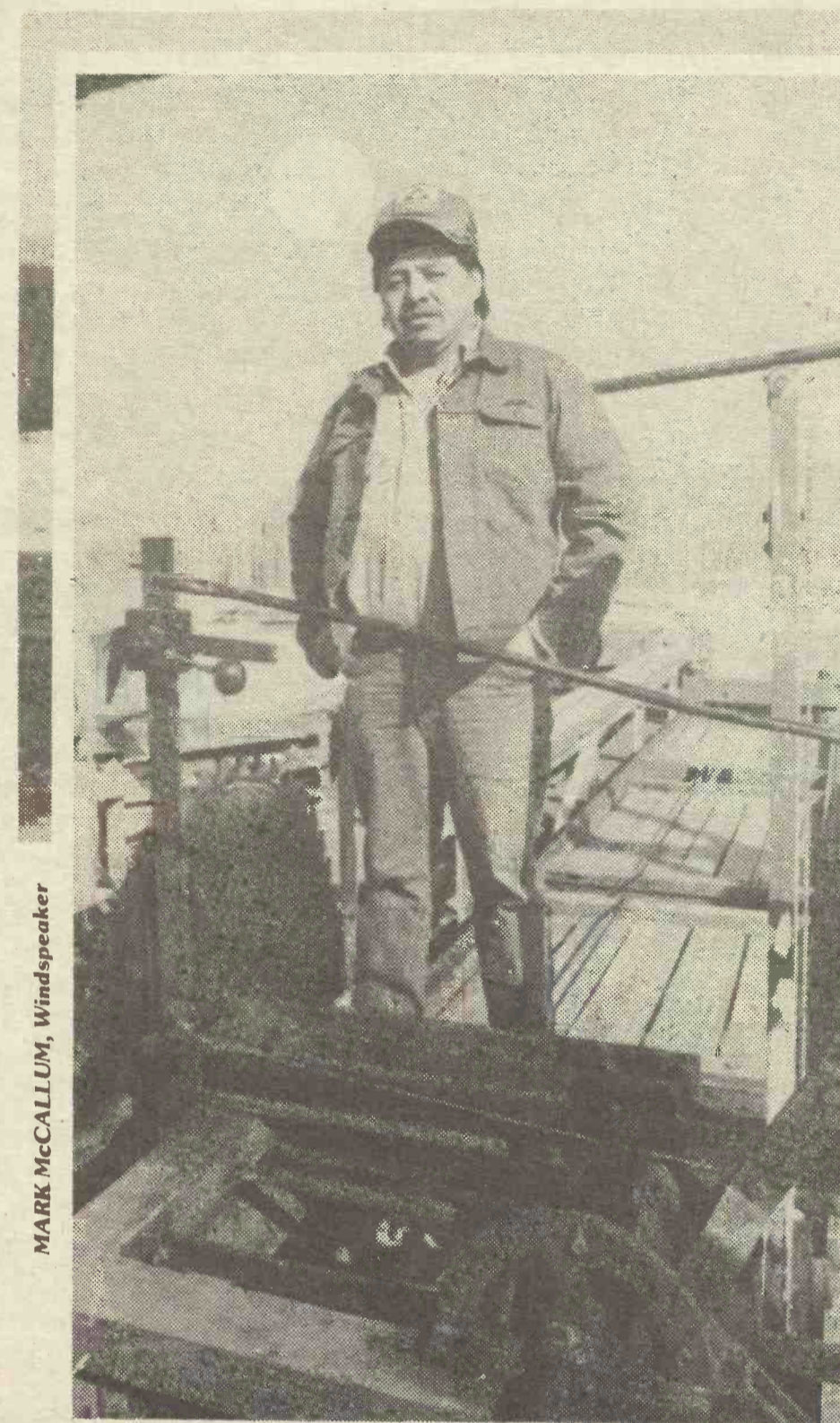
"Now, everybody is on the go and is excited," says Janvier, explaining residents from the reserve are being lured to Fort McMurray by attractions the city has to offer like bingos and shopping malls. He worries this may stunt the growth of his community.

On weekends, the reserve virtually becomes a ghost town. To stop the steady flow of people leaving the reserve, Janvier explains an old building will be renovated and converted into a community hall (and band office) where social events like dances can be held for residents. Work is expected to begin on the hall in April at a cost of about \$120,000.

Janvier hopes that by offering residents more recreational activities, such social problems as alcoholism will become a thing of the past. He explains the reserve is currently having a large success rate in combating substance abuse through NNADAP (National Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program) and 50 per cent of the residents are living a life of sobriety since the program's workers began holding awareness workshops at the school and AA meetings last year.

#### Funding snags

The new road is also causing funding problems for the reserve's housing program, says Janvier. He explains that the government was giving the housing program \$44,000 per unit but cut back funding to \$34,000. Before the road was built, he says the



MARK McCALLUM, Windspeaker

**HENRY HERMAN and WALTER JANVIER  
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reserve was considered an isolated community. But now, he adds the government doesn't consider Janvier to be isolated any longer because the road links the community to Fort McMurray.

However, Chief Janvier points out that Revenue Canada still considers the reserve to be "isolated" for tax purposes. He openly questions the government's inconsistency and argues the reserve is still isolated from groups it deals with in Edmonton.

There is no road that leads directly to Edmonton. Janvier residents have to loop through Fort McMurray before they can reach a major highway leading to Edmonton. The

entire trip is nearly 600 km one way.

#### Metis concerns

Herman's concerns lie in the area of economic development. He says many of the residents are lacking the skills, confidence and motivation to secure long-term employment. But, Herman doesn't blame the residents because he feels the government has not given the community any incentive or opportunities. He explains that for more than a decade the government has been pouring thousands of dollars into short-term economic ventures through Manpower's Opportunity Corp Program (OCP).

"The only thing young



people here have to look forward to after finishing school is OCP," says Herman. "Through OCP, they do community work to improve living conditions. But, if things are going to get better here, we need to create some stable employment."

Herman says he gained this strong viewpoint after leaving Janvier in 1969. It was shortly after he was married that he decided to leave his birthplace. "There was nothing here for my family," recalls Herman, adding he left Janvier in search of a better livelihood.

Herman's path took him to the Northwest Territories where he worked on a number of oil rig operations. He became a ticketed journeyman first class welder and a heavy equipment operator. He moved back to Janvier last year.

"I came back to the community to share my experience with the young people," he explains. "Hopefully, they can pick up where I leave off."

#### Promising industry

Herman points out that Janvier's sawmill operation is "a step in the right direction" because it will give the community the

opportunity to run a self-sufficient business and generate year-round employment for residents. But, he warns: "The mill is going to be run like a business, not a training program. If there's no production, we're not going to fool around because the work has to be done."

The sawmill is expected to create 14 full-time jobs for residents, notes Chief Janvier, adding the mill has secured a market for timber from Syncrude and the Fort McMurray band, who have both agreed to buy a half million board feet from the mill this year. Next year, the chief expects the market to increase to two million board feet.

Syncrude helped the mill "get off the ground" with a \$10,000 grant and a loan worth \$10,000. The oil company has also agreed to buy up to one million board feet from the sawmill annually.

Syncrude human relations adviser Jim Carbery is confident in the "strong" leadership the community is displaying. Says Carbery: "Janvier has some catching up to do because they were isolated but they seem to be moving in the right direction."

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**YVONNE McCALLUM**  
...helps prevent TB outbreak

## Health worker is dedicated

By Mark McCallum

The tiny Metis hamlet of Conklin is like one big hospital for community health worker Yvonne McCallum

Since becoming Conklin's first health worker in October, McCallum has been focusing most of her attention on a Tuberculosis (TB) Surveillance and Treatment Program.

Thanks to the program, one active case of TB was detected before the communicable disease could cause damage and spread any further.

"With all the outbreaks of TB that there's been in other isolated communities, we didn't want to see that happen here," notes the Conklin resident.

McCallum is helping the Fort McMurray and District Health Unit deliver medical care to Conklin's 180 residents with "follow up treatment" once a week. Since there are no medical facilities in Conklin, McCallum goes door to door to deliver medical attention to patients.

She is also assisting community health nurse

Wendy Young in an "intensive campaign" to halt the deadly TB disease. Young explains that TB rates are "16 times higher in Native communities."

In an effort to reduce the frightening rate, Young says "we (the health unit) felt that we needed to have community involvement." She adds the health unit hired McCallum because she's from the community and is qualified for the job. McCallum is a registered nursing assistant and worked at the Fort McMurray General Hospital in the early '70s.

McCallum gives follow up treatment to patients during home visits once a week. In the TB treatment program, she collects sputums (saliva) samples and checks residents for positive reactions to TB (mantoux) tests. She also makes sure prescribed medication is being taken properly to cure various ailments.

McCallum explains a "well-baby clinic" will be starting in the spring to give infants immunization shots and later in the year, she will concentrate on seniors'

needs. "If someone needs a shower (for example), I'll drive them to a facility," says McCallum, adding she will also be treating minor ailments in a foot care program.

Although McCallum is busy acting as a health worker for one day a week and as a community liaison for Improvement District 18 north and Conklin residents for the rest of the week, she won't hesitate to make a house call at any time if needed.

Both McCallum and Young see the need for a permanent medical facility to be established at Conklin. But, the request for one must come from the community.

"They have to get the attention of the government by signing a petition or sending them a letter on behalf of the community... but, the first thing they have to do is get together and decide what they want," says Young.

The community health nurse visits Conklin three or four times a month now. The nearest hospital is in Fort McMurray, 150 km north of Conklin.

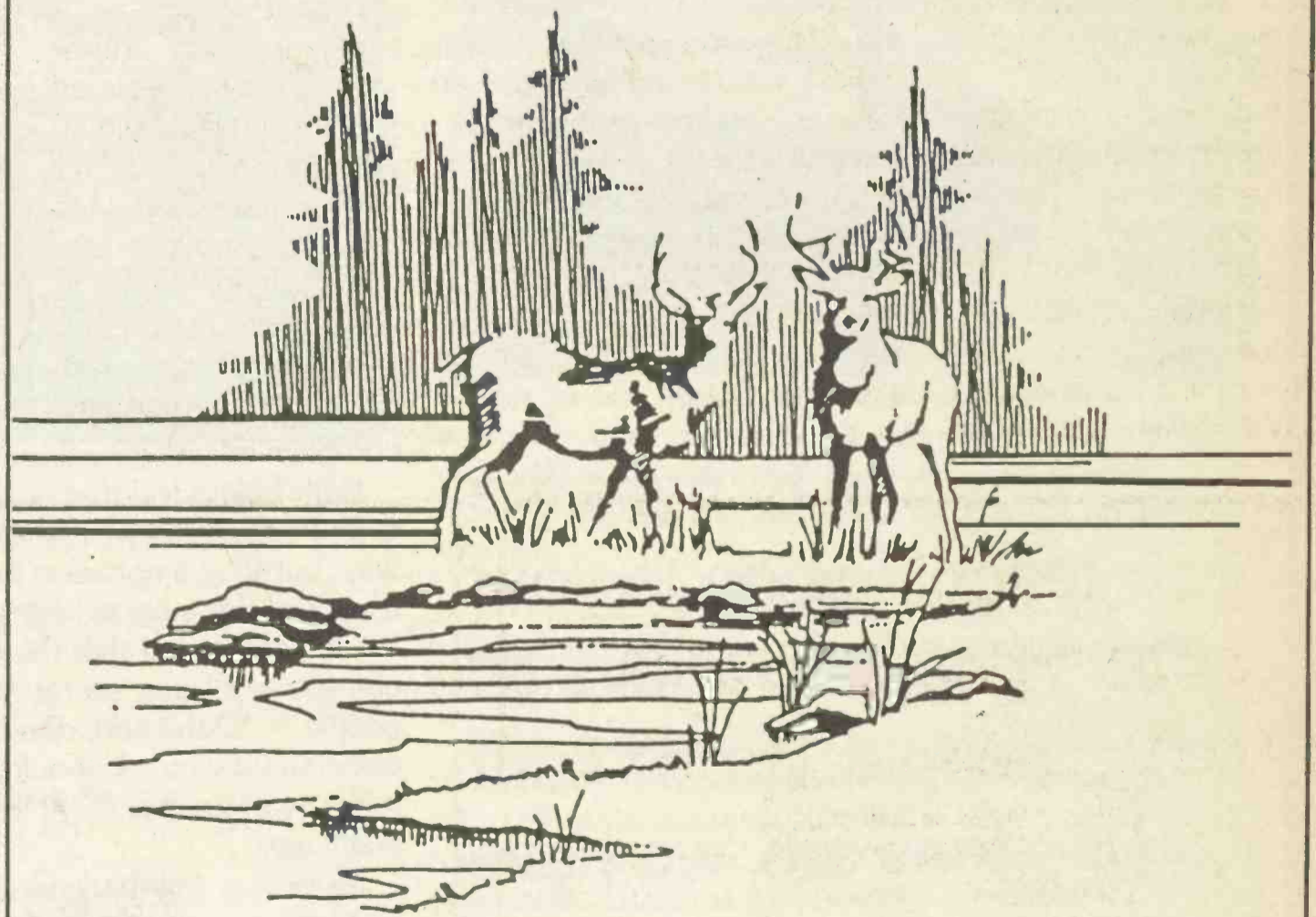
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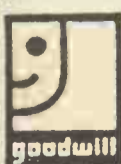
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# The Elders

## Crowshoe says now is the time to reveal our culture

By Lesley Crossingham

The world is changing and now is the time to reveal much of what was once considered secret.

So says Peigan Elder and spiritual leader Joe Crowshoe, who conducted the blessing of the Oldman River on the Peigan reserve last month. The respected gentleman allowed non-Native and non-band members to watch as he performed the sacred pipe ceremony and unfurled the holy waterpipes. He also allowed newspaper reporters to photograph and publish photographs of the ceremony.

However, he stresses that his decision was not made lightly, but only after deep meditation and consultation with others.

"The world is changing," he said in an interview in his Peigan home. "Now is the time for these things to be seen. It is important."

Crowshoe explains that as a young man growing up on the reserve nestled in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains he was taught by the Elders, as well as Christian ministers, about God and the prophets.

"I found out that God, or the Great Spirit, sent prophets to all the people of the world...our prophet Napi, is like those other prophets."

Crowshoe sees all religions as one under the Great Spirit and that every religion is part of God's plan for the world.

"You must not criticize another religion or another way. The Crees have their own way and the Blackfoot their own way. Even in other nations, we all have the same thing.

"It is given to us, these ceremonial ways. My teachers told me that people are going to say bad things, but just keep going on because you are doing the right thing."

Young men and women from many reserves visit the Crowshoe home to seek guidance which is gladly given.

"I was told to pass the teaching on to your people. To love all people. I don't care who they are, we have to draw people together in unity and share the peace. And this is also important for whites."

Josephine Crowshoe agrees with her husband and says she has heard complaints from young Natives that white people are "taking their religion away."

"Our religion is like a book," she says. "We dropped it and left it and if a whiteman picks it up and says it is good and it will help him, let him use it. We should not complain because we left it."

Both Elders feel that nothing is lost to Native people or to Native religion if white people learn the Native way, but they emphasize there will always be some aspect of the religion kept secret.

"We are taught that the pipe is like the Bible. People can see it, it is not secret. We are also told by the old people — 'Don't add, don't take out even if we don't understand why we should have to do something, because it was put there by the Creator thousands of years ago.'"

More than anything, Crowshoe adds that a teacher must remember that he does not teach to elevate himself. Teaching must be a selfless act that does not glorify his person — only the Great Spirit.

"We do not take these special things, and say 'Look at me, see how much I know.' Our religion was never meant to do that," says Josephine.

As for a true definition of an Elder, Josephine says he or she must have pride and dignity, wisdom and knowledge, honesty and respect and the ability to lead their people.

Crowshoe is actively involved in his community and also counsels Native prisoners at the Bowden Institute. Last week he attended Lethbridge Native Awareness Days to give a presentation.

"Always willing to go if I am asked," he says.



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## Blondin concerned w today's youth forget the value of Elders

By George Blondin of the Dene Nation

As you know, it was not long ago that the north here was not developed. It was just after the Second World War that the government started to develop this country. Before that, we, the Dene were in love with the land, we travelled all over the land for game and mostly lived in tents. Therefore, some of the Elders went through hardship in their lives. Let me go back a bit to see what their life looked like, then I will come to the present time.

In the old days our Elders were very valuable people. They acted as leaders for the group, always travelled after game and fur throughout the cold winter and acted as advisory for the group. They moved throughout the country to travel and they talked to the people about their own law and culture to follow up on their own because they know it's important.

Also, they talked about safety laws to make sure young people work according to it in order to work safely and also they were great story tellers, which the young people enjoyed. There were stories passed from generation to generation to keep the Dene heritage story up to date.

History of the Dene stops here because of the changes of lifestyle. The Elders were very important to



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their children and relatives in daily life, as compared to today. The men Elders would help their married son or daughter in travel by means of keeping the family, while the son would go trapping or hunting. The Elders would get wood to keep the fire going, others would visit nets for the food and dog food, and still others would visit rabbit snares or visit beaver traps.

Elders would work all the time, whatever they could handle. Women Elders would help keep the baby or get brush, tan hide and break snowshoe. The Elders were always around to help their younger sons and daughters. In the olden days they were really close family to help each other and share. Now, I will touch on what our Elders lifestyle looks like at the present time.

After 1940, the lifestyle of the Dene started changing; it never stopped changing and it's still changing. It affects the Elders very much. The federal government imposed several things to change the Dene way of life. They put several hospitals and nursing stations in the communities, which is good. They build schools in the communities and advise parents that all children have to go to school, which was hard on our people because they no longer could go freely in the bush anymore. Another is the housing in the communities. They have to pay rent. Another is the welfare system, family allowance and old age pension that was bad for the people; they depend on it more. These were all established within maybe five years.

These benefits change the lifestyle of the Dene people completely. Before we had poor stores — almost nothing in the way of can foods or fresh food. The store changed to electricity and has freezers now. We have fresh food, all kinds of sweet stuff come, everybody changed their eating habits, not much wild food to eat in the communities anymore, everything is changed.

No more travelling for game and fur with family anymore; everybody just stays in their own community.

So people start to do new things to manage staying in the community. Some communities make old people stay home and force the Elders to stay there, or some make small houses for them, so they split up the family. They can't stay with their younger sons anymore, the health department won't allow that because there are too many people in one house.

For the first time, Dene handle cash, family allowance and old age pension. In time they start to know how to handle money, little things like this can separate the family.

But still, a lot of Elders are really affected by the change because a lot of them still hold on to their culture sharing, because eating habits change all the children, they like to eat sweets from the store. They run to their grandparents for money. So, a lot of the Elders are broke all the time.

Another thing is that the Elders suffer from is to see the younger relations change the way they used to live. Too much idle, no job, no money, too much crime and drinking — it breaks the hearts of the Elders, but they can't do anything about it. So, there's problems in the community. This really separates the Elders from the young people. The Elders stay alone, it really changed a lot for them, most of them don't talk English because there was no school in their time, so that's another problem. Life is hard for our Elders today. People don't listen to Elders like they used to, but in time the next generation could get adjusted to the different life so they could get along better.

It is too bad that we separate that way in language. A lot of children talk English, so these small issues separate us. But our Elders must remain in our minds. Everytime we get close to them they say we pray for you. It seems that we have no time for our Elders, that's all I have to say.

## Samson's long life shows him changes in Cree culture over the years

By Dianne Meili

Before Johnny Samson, of Hobbema's Samson band was born, his grandfather told his mother her child would be a boy.

"He told her 'you have two choices to name him — Standing Eagle or Eagle Stem.' My mother chose Standing Eagle and it means my trail has no end...I will have a long life," says Samson.

The name has so far proven true. At 76, Samson is still going strong. Though he auctioned all his farming equipment off four years ago, he still keeps busy helping his wife, Nancy, make hide clothing to sell, and he heads up Elder's conferences in the Treaty 8 area.

Samson says he was blessed to have such a wise grandfather to follow and adds he was particularly close to his grandmother, Sophie, who died two years ago at 99.

"She had a lot of good medicines. She knew a lot of herbs. White people used to come to her... Today, I'm sorry I never wrote them down about any of those medicines," says the former Samson chief who now places more emphasis on his culture than ever before.

He worries the language and culture of his Cree people is being lost. "I encourage our young people or any Indian not to lose our identity. Native customs have to be saved. We've lost too much already."

Then, the crinkles around his eyes grow deeper as he jokes, "There's not even any more tipi creeping."

One of Samson's prescriptions for helping young people to become strong again and get rid of social problems is "good hard work." He'd like to see them doing hard manual labour like farming because "it makes you live long" and it's the best life you could make."

He also encourages women to start tanning hides, an activity he says has almost disappeared on some reserves. "They should tan skins by hand — there's a good demand for them. Besides, some people go hunting and leave the hides. They throw them away...that's no good."

As a farmer, Samson also worries about the availability of land for crop growing on his reserve. He fears, as the band grows larger, overcrowding will decrease open field areas as the reserve fills up with houses.

"I don't know what kind of living they (future generations) will have," Samson says, recalling earlier times not so bleak.

"People were happy in those years way back...before we had TV's. Nowadays, we don't even visit each other. Bingo halls are spoiling the activities on the reserve. I'd like to ask the government to stop these bingo halls. They just give us more problems."

He agrees "us older people will have to teach the younger ones about culture. It's good to see a lot of young people powwowing now, but what about the ceremonies? We've already lost so much."

He'd especially like to see his people name their children in the traditional way. He's proud of his Cree name Standing Eagle and the fact he is a direct descendent of the first chief of the Samson band.

As though to illustrate his knowledge and respect for traditional names, Samson relates a story about the first Samson band chief's name, Kanatakasu

"It means east. When the whiteman came out west here, they always went back east to get their supplies. The missionaries gave him that name because he always went east with them and became their good friend."



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# Community

## Big plans ahead for Paddle Prairie

By Everett Lambert  
Community  
Correspondent  
Paddle Prairie

H'loo dare!

Well, spring has sprung. Paddle Prairie is now Puddle Prairie and soon we'll be 'blasting at the quacks,' or ducks, as we say.

In this column I thought I'd talk a little about what's happening in the settlement office nowadays.

The administration is at present working on a number of projects which have to different degrees, developed and progressed.

### Daishowa has yen

Foremost of these endeavors is the attempt to sell the settlement's poplar trees to our Japanese friends in the pulp business. Daishowa, as they are known in the corporate world, is the famous buzzword of the north right now.

I hear tell that after the announcement of the go-ahead of their pulp mill near Peace River, the town's employment centre was packed for a day or so.

These Japanese fellows are somethin' else. No wonder the value of the Japanese yen is so high. When you're around these

guys you can feel the energy in the air.

Their mill, 16 clicks north of Peace River, will employ 650 permanent positions,

**'The administration is working on a number of projects which have to different degrees, developed and progressed.'**

and when construction peaks in 1990, they will have upwards of 1,300 or 1,400 working.

The mammoth mill costs half a billion dollars to construct and Daishowa will spend about \$50 million per year buying wood or

wood chips.

So, they'll be cuttin' a wide swath through our forest soon. So far the Paddle administration has

completed two major steps in this regard: \$39,000 has been secured and used toward contracting Dempster and Associates of Edmonton to tell the settlement how much poplar wood is available.

A previous study indicated

we could supply the mill with a tenth of its needed wood; (you'll remember I said they'd be paying \$50 million per year for this wood). Effectively, the Daishowa people require that the figures in the previous report be confirmed.

### Game ranch

Also, a proposal in regards to a game ranch is being developed. Raising ungulates such as buffalo bison and elk is being looked at. The present proposal must be done to secure funding for a further proposal, which is necessary before funds can be committed for the ranch itself.

Other projects include completing the log building across from the settlement office, attempting to computerize the administration, wild rice production and employment creation.

### Birthdays

What about births? Well Cynthia Chalifoux's new arrival Elizabeth is pushing a big two months and Pam Calliou recently gave birth to a one Morgan A. Calliou.

### Cultural evening

Oh yes, about the Cultural Evening Paddle is hoping to stage, some folks seem to think it is going to be a "powwow." It is not. Powwows are much bigger and more elaborate. These events involve competition dancing, usually for money, and are attended by a large number of dancers. Our cultural evening will be just that, with a dance performance by the White Braid Society Traditional Dancers

of Edmonton, a feast, a give-away, and a round or friendship dance.

### Politics

On to politics. The Federation of Metis Settlements will be holding a Resolution 18 workshop in High Prairie on March 29. Please contact the settlement office for further information and confirmation of that date. Resolution 18 was passed in 1985 by the Alberta government. The resolution will entrench our lands in the constitution of Canada and give us more control over our government.

### Miscellaneous

Louis Day put a smile on my face yesterday. Louis is/was running for University of Alberta Students Union president. As I was reading yesterday's Edmonton Journal I ran into a story on her in the B section.

I said, "Hey I know her." It's encouraging to see fellow Natives, especially the womenfolk, stepping out into challenging roles. She's the secretary of the Aboriginal Students Council at the U of A.

By the way, congrats for the name change ASC. We once unsuccessfully tried that.

Jackets. We now have our own jackets. These powder blue, white and navy jackets are inscribed with Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement on the back and have our "M" emblem on the front. It costs about \$90 for this vibrant jacket that everyone's going to be wearin'.

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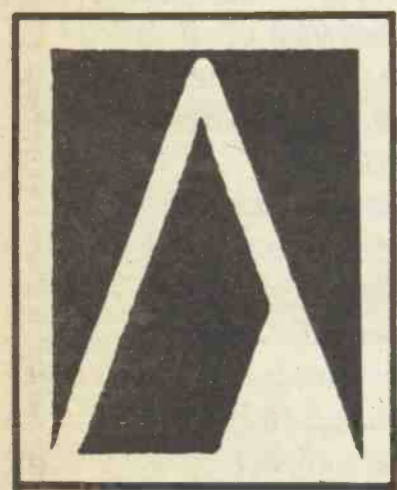
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# Parents need to set example to prevent teen drug abuse

By Lesley Crossingham

Parents have to get their act together if they are going to prevent their children getting hooked on drugs or alcohol, says Susan Newman, drug counsellor and daughter of movie stars, Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward.

"My brother, Paul died of drugs. It can happen to anyone. But most of all, you must remember that you cannot tell your children not to do something you do everyday or every weekend or even once a year," said Newman at the Nechi drug and alcohol awareness conference held in Edmonton March 20 to 23.

Newman pointed out many parents drink, smoke or even take drugs while expecting their children not to fall into the trap.

"I speak at a lot of functions and as soon as I say parents have to give up their own little vices, I see the chins jut out, and the arms fold. They turn off. But until we realize that we have to set an example, our children are going to keep getting addicted."

One of the big offenders, says Newman, is the media. This includes not only newspapers, but movies, television shows, advertising and videos.

"Those shows (on television) are not real life. People can't sit up all night and get drunk then drive a car, then end up in bed with a blonde. It just doesn't happen that way. But to our children, this is real life."

We see people like Ringo Starr, Bruce Willis and even Mark Harmon — all cute guys, advertising wine and beer coolers. You watch them. They are all sitting outdoors, looking healthy — great tans, but they are selling alcohol as if it were fruit juice."

Newman says she is often told by these same television show producers that their programs and their advertisements do not influence people.

"But you check it out. Just days after Miami Vice hit our screens we saw those pastel coats in the stores, we saw young guys with a two-day beard — it does influence our kids."

Newman advised parents to exert pressure and stop those television ads. However, she admitted that the problem itself is much deeper than media influence, it goes into the basic values of modern society.

"We are all afraid of pain — pain is unacceptable. But let me remind you that for a lot of your life you are in turmoil. It comes to us all. But we are taught that if you're in pain, you take a valium, you take a drink, you take a smoke and finally you snort or shoot up. We have to get away from that. We have to realize that pain is part of life. We have to realize that there are other ways of dealing with that pain and that to sit up and cry is OK."

The United States is the

most consumptive nation in the world for over-the-counter drugs. We have to ask ourselves why we have that headache and treat the problem itself, not just the symptoms of the headache."

In other workshops, Addiction Research Foundation director Suzin Jackson spoke of strategies for community networking as a way of preventing drug and alcohol addiction.

Jackson advocated "trying hugs not drugs" and pointed out that Drug Awareness Week needs a lot of planning.

"We were initially developed across Canada to respond to a general lack of awareness of addiction issues among the public at large," she said. "And the goals of AAW remain the same today as they did many years ago. These are to heighten public awareness of the potential dangers of addictions and to provide people with information pertaining to treatment."

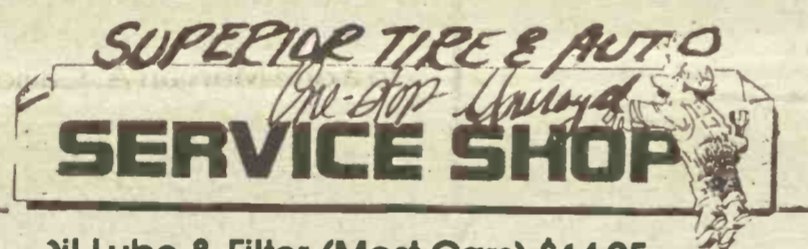
Other workshops included youth solvent abuse by Poundmaker's Emile Ward, sobriety and beyond by Charlene Belleau of Alkali Lake and family violence by Brenda Daily of the Nechi Institute.



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## YTC education conference covers new and traditional sources of learning

By Lesley Crossingham

The first Yellowhead Tribal Council education conference attracted more than 700 delegates and featured famous biologist David Suzuki and such well-known Native Elders as Rufus Goodstriker and Peter O'Chiese.

Speaking on the opening day, Dennis Wallace, Department of Indian Affairs regional director congratulated the council and pointed out that during the next year more department run schools will be turned over to band control.

"And that is where they belong," he said. "You have proved you can take control by producing such books as the Peigan Nation book — an excellent publication."

Alberta Native Services director Cliff Supernault, a Metis from northern Alberta, pointed out the Native population is growing and in some cases moving into the cities.

"We also have to have the education facilities here in the large centres."

Alberta deputy minister of education, Dr. Reno Gazetti pointed out that \$2 billion was being spent on education and these dollars have been used in the most effective way possible.

"In order for our children to succeed they must feel good about themselves and the parents must be actively involved. This is why we are developing education books on Native subjects. Because if Native children feel good about themselves and their background, they will succeed."

Ottawa director of education, Gerry Tern pointed out next year 20 per cent of the department's schools will be turned over to band control.

The following day, Goodstriker and O'Chiese spoke on their beliefs and the importance of Elders in education.

Goodstriker, from the Blood reserve, told the audience his father kept him out of school until he was nine.

"But he taught me the Indian ways. I don't regret what I learned from my grandfather Goodstriker, who didn't even have a first name. You know, he was

still riding when he died at the age of 82."

Goodstriker spoke on his traditional ways and urged the educators in the room to invite Elders to the school so the teaching of old ways can continue.

O'Chiese spoke of the traditions of the medicine wheel, the tipi poles and the great turtle island of North America. He pointed out, with the use of illustrations, all these elements eventually form together into a large turtle that symbolizes this continent.

O'Chiese also performed the traditional eagle dance and asked that no photographs be taken as the dance is old and sacred.

The conference finished with the showing of two movies starring Rufus Goodstriker called *The Spirit Sings* and *A Talk with Grandfather*. The first movie was created for the Glenbow Museum's spirit sings exhibition of Native artifacts and is shown to each visitor at the beginning of the exhibition. The other film is the first of a six part series on Native traditions and is the story of a grandfather who passes his learning on to his grandchildren while their father is participating in the Calgary Stampede.

After the presentation, council director Richard Arcand thanked all the delegates and announced that because of the success of the conference the council would be hosting another conference next year.

"You have all been wonderful and this whole conference has been very special to me and to all of us here. Thank you and see you next year." he said.

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**Suzuki speaks out****'When the Indian lived there was no mass destruction... now it is getting out of control.'**

By Lesley Crossingham

Non-Native people should take a lesson from their Native brothers and listen and learn from the Elders if this planet is to be saved from certain death, says David Suzuki. The world famous biologist and host of CBC's *The Nature of Things* was speaking to a packed audience at the Yellowhead Tribal Council's first education conference, Thursday March 17 in Edmonton.

"We are all together in this planet. You and I in this very room have shared the same air molecules and we share them not only with (movie stars) Sean Penn and Madonna but also with (Mahatma) Gandhi, Jesus and the prophet Mohammad."

And although I would not propose to tell you what the Native view of nature is, you all know that the world and all the people on it are bound together.

Suzuki pointed out that the world has been pushed to the edge of destruction by modern science to the point many animals and plants have become extinct. And because "most scientists tend to be white middle-class well-educated WASPS (White anglo-saxon protestants)" an imbalance has been created.

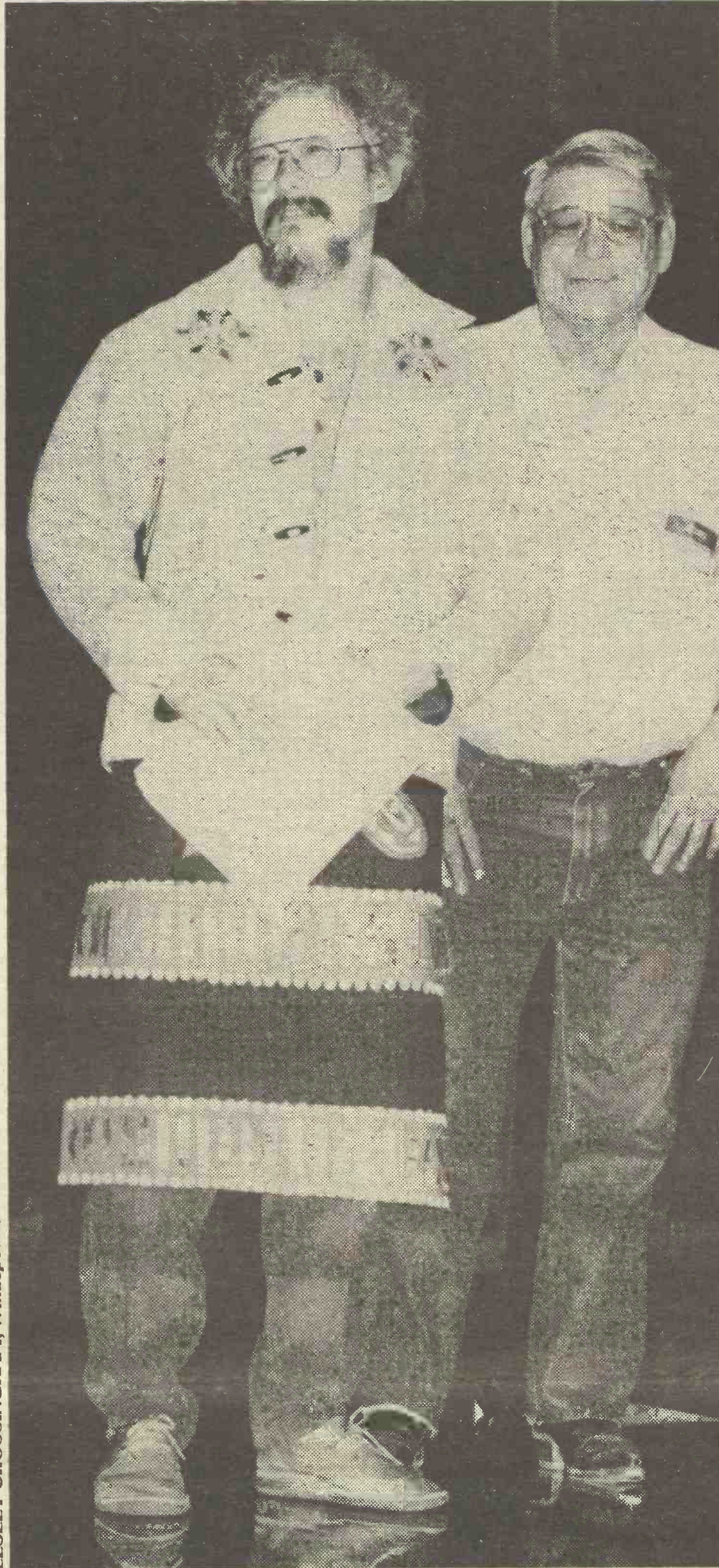
"You, yourselves, know that when the Indian lived on the land and used basic tools there was no mass destruction. But we have bent nature into doing what we want and now it is getting out of control."

"We are all aware that the great rain forests of B.C. are very important to the Haida Indians. Before Europeans came it took a year to cut a cedar tree. After contact two men and a saw could do the job in ten days. Today it takes just a few minutes. This gives us the illusion that we are controlling nature. Nonsense. We are not controlling nature, we are upsetting the natural balance and we will all pay the consequences."

"The world is very different from when I was a child — ask your Elders how it has changed since they were children. Today I take my little eight-year-old daughter to the zoo and she asks how many of these animals are left, and I have to tell her, 'not many.'"

**No Tigers**

"And the statistics are startling. Today in California there are only five condors (birds) and they will all be dead by the time she is a teen. I have to tell her there are no more rhinoceros in the Cincinnati zoo than on the Serengeti Plains, and there are no Siberian tigers, except in the zoos."



DAVID SUZUKI and DELEGATE  
... 'Natives have wise advice for the world'

Scientists predict that in 15 years there will be no coastal rainforest in B.C. and in 30 years no wilderness anywhere in Canada. We are the last generation that has a choice. If we do not do something it will be too late."

However, Suzuki pointed out people should not be too depressed over these statistics because if they get involved and insist that scientists stop polluting there is a chance the planet will be saved.

"Write to your government, we all have to mount pressure and don't let those educated scientists tell you they are 'developing resources' or that they are in control, because they are not."

"Scientists tell us the tuberculosis virus causes TB. Baloney. We all know that poverty, poor housing and welfare causes TB. We all know that everyone carries this virus but only people who live in ghettos, the poor, the oppressed, the criminals and the disadvantaged suffer. It is obvious the problem is a socio-economic problem rather than just bacteria."

"Don't let scientists intimidate you. Because they have seduced us with

real scientific breakthroughs such as smallpox and polio. If we continue the way we have this whole planet will be blown apart."

**Wisdom and guidance**

"Talk to your Elders. They will tell you they once drank clean water; today there are over 3,000 chemicals in our drinking water. They will tell you there were luxurious forests, today we have nearly destroyed all these forests. Talk to your Elders, we need their wisdom and guidance."

"And this is why all Native land claims must be settled. Because it appears that only Natives are looking after their lands. The rest of mankind is slowly destroying the land in the name of progress."

After his speech Suzuki was presented with a beaded buckskin jacket from the Yellowhead Tribal Council and a ribbon shirt from well-known Native designer Cathy Shirt of Cathy's Cree-ations.

Suzuki was speaking on the first day of a three-day education conference organized by the Yellowhead Tribal Council and the Rocky Mountain School Division #15.



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## Sports

## 'It's gotta be a lot of punches'

By Kim McLain

Darcy Big Throat sits, waiting, on a gray steel chair behind the bleachers, listening to cheering fans and the dull thud of leather against skin.

The 26-year-old boxer hears the sounds of two men fighting for the right to represent Canada at the summer Olympic Games in Seoul, Korea. Four matches to go...then he'll have his chance to fight for his honor at the Canadian Amateur Championship in Edmonton's Convention Centre.

His body is thin and boyish, but he's tall — just over six feet. He weighs in at 156 pounds, a light middleweight.

Big Throat's just finished dressing. He's wearing blue trunks with an orange stripe running up the sides. His blue boxing boots have orange laces high and tight. A blue cotton tank top hangs loosely over his lanky frame. His large bony hands are already bound in white gauze.

As a finishing touch, he slides an old black and white photograph of his late grandmother (the woman who raised him) into his sock.

"Just for good luck," he says.

"Actually, I'm an artist," he says suddenly. "I thought boxing would help publicize my artwork, but now everybody just knows me as a boxer," he laughs. As he talks, a faint, warm smile remains on his face. His voice is soft. This is not your average stereotypical, hardnosed fighter.

**Artistic preference**

"Boxing is not a career for me," he confirms. "It's just a hobby, a pastime."

Sally Goodstriker, secretary for the Alberta Amateur Boxing Association and long-time friend of Big Throat, walks in. She looks excited and nervous.

"I said my prayers for you...get up and move around...loosen up," she prompts in an urgent voice. "I'm kind of like the mother to all these boxing kids," she adds.

"I wish I would have watched him (Dan Sherry) yesterday," says Big Throat, standing up, obviously anticipating how to deal with his opponent.

He starts to shadow box, dancing around as he talks. "I hope my mouthpiece doesn't fall out, it seems to be becoming a habit lately." He moves around the corner, out of sight.



KIM McLAIN, Windspeaker



**DARCY BIG THROAT (top left) gets words of advice from his coach Horace Red Crow (top right) in between rounds of slug-out with Canadian champ (bottom left).**

"He's such a humble man," Goodstriker says. "You can see for yourself how easy he is to get along with." She explains Big Throat lives in Cardston with his wife and four daughters.

Soon Big Throat is escorted to the eastern end of the arena where he is fitted with red leather gloves. Only two more fights to go before he's on.

"Yeah, sure, I'm nervous," he admits, but quickly adds once the first punch is thrown the pre-fight jitters are gone.

**Final advice**

Coach Horace Red Crow ushers Big Throat back behind the bleachers for some last minute pointers. He whispers strategies and his voice is frantic and out of breath. He looks more nervous than Big Throat.

Soon, Red Crow helps Big Throat put on a satin blue robe, trimmed with orange, handmade by Sally two days before. They sit at ringside seats next to the red corner — awaiting their turn.

A row of people wear jackets with crests reading: Bull Horn Boxing Club. They are coach Wes Real,

and boxers Sheldon Heavy Runner, 12, Ivan First Charger, 19. The club trains with Big Throat.

"We started out with about 20 guys," says Ivan. "But by the end of the year we end up with maybe half a dozen." He turns his attention to Big Throat. "He's a family man...nice guy...really helps out the newcomers."

Over the loudspeaker come the muffled words "Darcy Big Throat" and "challenger." There's loud applause and some spectators yell things like: "Go get 'em, Darcy buddy!"

Then "Dan Sherry" is announced as North American defending champion. There's a small crowd cheering, but they're loud.

The referee leads the boxers in the ritual of calling them to center ring. He rambles off a few rules then gestures the men back into their corners.

The bell rings. Both fighters step forward. The crowd is silent.

Moving on the balls of their feet, the boxers move in a clockwise circle, throwing quick, straight, left jabs. The hits impact on shoulders and headgear.

After 38 seconds, Dan

Sherry is the first with a combination, leading off with two left jabs, first to the head then to the body. Sherry scores with a right hook as Big Throat pulls his guard down to cover his ribs.

The ice is broken and the crowd comes to life.

**Tough opponent**

Big Throat jabs in retaliation, but for every punch by Big Throat, Sherry throws three more. Sherry punches in combinations, moving around the ring. He doesn't hit hard, but he's racking up the points. With only a few seconds in the first round, Sherry explodes in a flurry of punches making Big Throat bury his head behind his gloves in a tight ball against the ropes. Round 1 ends.

"You got to start something," demands coach Red Crow, as he sponges off Big Throat, now sprawled out

on a tiny stool. "Jab, jab, you got to use your left," he pleads.

The referee hollers, "Seconds out." Big Throat stands and a corner man pulls the stool off the ring. Round 2 begins.

Sherry is quick to advance, eager to start where he left off. Now Big Throat spends a lot of time standing still, hunched over behind his gloves. Sherry moves and punches. It seems he can score at will. Big Throat is having a hard time getting his head up. The round continues with Sherry throwing punches every 10 seconds, Big Throat throws few punches. The bell sounds the end of Round 2.

"I'm pacing myself," says Big Throat, panting and sweating now.

"Don't pace yourself too much," says Red Crow, his voice desperate. There's barely enough time to

discuss strategy as Round 3 begins.

Round 3 continues with action similar to Round 2, only the boxers are slow and sluggish. But Sherry scores more points, more often. The crowd is quieter now, sensing the defeat of their fellow Albertan. The final bell rings and the boxers embrace in a gesture of sportsmanship and relief from physical fatigue.

**Predictable victory**

The crowd isn't surprised when the referee raises the hand of Dan Sherry — winner by unanimous decision. Big Throat nods his head in approval and shakes Sherry's hand again.

A minute later the boxers for the next fight are climbing into the ring. Big Throat and Red Crow watch the fight.

"It wasn't even hurting," Big Throat tells his colleagues. "He was just punching a lot."

"That's the way you score," Sally replies quickly. Then after a pause, "But you did well."

"I was pacing myself in the second round," says Big Throat.

"You over-paced," states Red Crow. "It's gotta be a lot of punches," he adds, now raising his finger and turning his words to young boxers Sheldon and Ivan.

"If I hadn't have drew this guy right off the bat, maybe I would have had a chance at the silver or bronze," adds Big Throat. Everyone nods in agreement. But that's not the way it happened and now it's over.

Then in Blackfoot, Sally says something to Horace. He replies in Blackfoot, but the English phrases "West Edmonton Mall" and "\$5,000" can be heard.

They laugh at the suggestion that it's "bingo time" now.

As a delegation from the Bull Horn Boxing Club gets up to leave, Big Throat still wears a faint smile, masking any feelings of loss he might have. But he'll be back for one more year, he says. Still, it won't be the same, because next year there will be no Olympics.

But in four years time, the Olympic flame will be lit again. Little Sheldon will be 16 then, Ivan will be 23. Perhaps they'll earn those red and white jackets that so many boxers aim for. The jackets with these words arched across the back: *Canadian National Boxing Team*.



# Gamblers who hate to lose bet on Enoch Tomahawks

By Lyle Donald

If you were a gambler and wanted a sure bet, you would have had to pick Enoch to win the "A" side and Alexis to win the "B" side at Enoch hockey tournament March 18 to 20.

That's because the two Enoch teams, the Flyers and Tomahawks, played off on the "A" side and the Alexis Jets and Midgets met on the "B" side.

The Enoch Tomahawks pulled up their socks late in the game to beat their home town rivals, the Flyers, 9-6 in the championship game.

Before the game started, Windspeaker talked with a few fans who thought the Tomahawks would handle the Flyers easily.

This was not to be the

case as the Flyers jumped into a 4-2 lead after the first period, outskating the Tomahawks with goals from Walter Belcourt, Leslie Peacock, Bruce Ward and Dwayne Arcand. Two of the Tomahawks' blueliners, Dave McDonald and Fabian Cardinal scored, ending the period down, but not out.

Tomahawk coach Robert Morin woke up his team in the second period as they caught fire and scored three goals. Goalie Harvey "Bingo" Morin let one go by, ending the second in a 5-5 tie. Bobby Halfe netted two, Fabian Cardinal got his second of the night for the Tomahawks while Flyer Leslie Peacock replied with his second of the game.

Halfway through the third, it looked like the Flyers had the game as



LYLE DONALD, Windspeaker

**FABIAN CARDINAL**  
...best defence

Walter Belcourt stole the puck at the blue line and put it by a down and out Johnny Alexander, giving the Flyers a 6-5 lead.

However, that burst was short-lived and the Tomahawks scored four

unanswered goals by Fabian Cardinal and Bobby Halfe both completing their hat tricks. Kevin Morin and big David McDonald rounded off the score, giving the Tomahawks a 9-6 victory.

On the "B" side, the Alexis Midgets and Jets were tied 7-7 with 10 minutes left in the game.

Two of the Potts boys, Brian and Jason, scored back to back goals for the Jets, but the Midgets, Reggie Cardinal scored his third of the evening, keeping the game close.

Again, the Jets' D. Letendre, completing his hat trick, kept the Jets with a two goal lead. D. Petawaysis came back with a goal but that was not enough.

The Alexis Jets won by a 10-9 score.



## SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Kim McLain

### Winning efforts almost puts boxer in ring at this summer's Olympics

Congratulations to a couple of boxers: Darcy Big Throat, a Blood Indian from Cardston and Kellie Crowell, a Metis living in Edmonton. Even though the duo lost at the Canadian amateur boxing championships, they should be recognized for winning efforts that pushed them to that height in the national standings. Had they won, they would have represented Canada at this summer's Olympic Games in Seoul, Korea.

**SALMON ARM:** Like ants drawn to honey, western Canadian senior hockey teams were attracted to a Salmon Arm, B.C. tourney offering \$4,500 in prize money; four of those teams from Alberta.

But while our boys were driving home early and empty-handed, a Kamloops team was skating and checking themselves to the \$2,000 first place title. Kamloops met Sandy Lake, Sask. in the final showdown — Sandy Lake took home \$1,500 for second. The Prince George Lumber Kings won \$1,000 for third.

Our Albertan challengers were from Kehewin, Sarcee and Hobbema (Oilers and Whalers).

**PRINCE GEORGE:** If any Alberta senior teams want revenge they'll get the chance April 1-3 in Prince George, B.C. when the Lumber Kings host a 14 (maybe 16) team tourney. Harley Chingy, coach and defenceman for the Lumber Kings, expects "heavy duty competition."

They've already got 10 teams signed up, including the Hobbema Oilers and the Saskatoon Baldwin Shooters.

The Lumber Kings are expecting to award prizes in the top four spots to the tune of \$4,500, \$2,500, \$1,500 and \$600.

For more information contact Harley Chingy at 563-6132, evenings.

**ENOCH:** John Thomas, carpenter and coach of the Enoch eight and nine-year-old hockey team, can relax now, knowing he and his novice club finished the year in style.

They've ended their season, which started about 70 games ago last fall, as the Native novice provincial champs, a title they earned at Saddle Lake last March 12.

And while in Saddle Lake, the Enoch novice club picked up a few individual awards: Kirby Peacock, left winger; Charlton Thomas, goalie and John Thomas, defence and high scorer.

Coach Thomas has lead the players for three years now and has "got to know the players." Next year he might move up a division with his players so he can continue what he started.

"I take pride in watching the kids develop — it helps me discipline myself, too," says the soft-spoken Thomas. "I enjoy coaching, even though it can get hectic at times."

**BONNYVILLE:** Francis Domais, 56, has been competing in winter carnivals for over 20 years — now he wants to pass on all his expertise to someone else.

"There's a lot of young guys that could be doing it but don't even try," says Domais, talking about the multi-event "sport" that includes log chipping, one-man swedesaw, one-man cross-saw, trap setting, flour packing, power sawing, moose calling, loon calling, goose calling, outfit parade and jiggling.

"I compete with some 18 and 19-year-olds — it doesn't take power, it's the skill that counts," says Domais, a bingo caller when he's not trying to win a King of the Woods title.

Most recently Domais nearly won the competition at Meadow Lake's winter carnival — he's won there a few times in his 20-year career.

"I've got the equipment, the skills and experience," he says. All Domais needs now is a young apprentice. You can contact Domais at 826-4986.

**WINNERS:** The answer to the last trivia question: Who is the first and only Indian added to the University of Alberta's Wall of Fame? Willie Littlechild of Hobbema.

Calgary's Sherry Pard, Brocket's Charlene Wolfe, Edmonton's Richard Mirasty and Lori Tootosis will receive posters in the mail for providing the right answer. Thanks for phoning in. See you next week.



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**Siksika Cup goes to Blackfoot Miners**

By Mary Anne Crow Healy

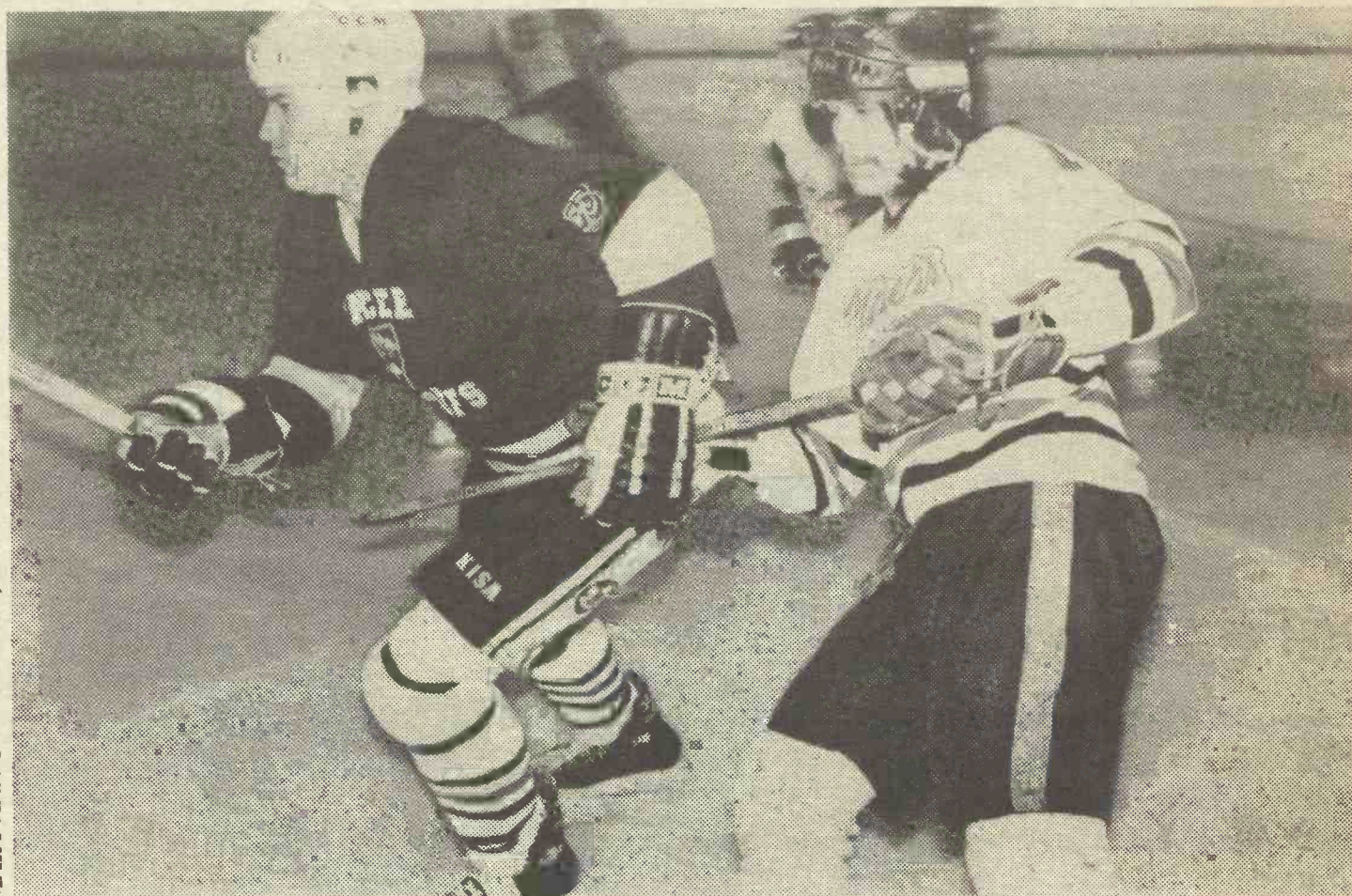
GLEICHEN — The Blackfoot Miners defeated Sarcee Seven Chiefs 8-3 for the Siksika Cup here March 20.

In the first period of the championship game between Blackfoot and Sarcee, Jason Doore of the Miners, assisted by Faron Big Old Man and Marlin Breaker, made the only goal of the period.

Then in the second, Sarcee responded to tie the game. Scoring was Dean Simon assisted by Gilbert Crowchild.

The tie-breaker came soon in the same period, with a goal by Miners' Curtis Stimson assisted by Faron Big Old Man.

At the onset of the third period, Jason Doore of the Miners, made his second



MARY ANNE CROW-HEALY, Windspeaker

**GLEICHEN HOCKEY TOURNEY ...Miners defeat Sarcee Seven Chiefs**

goal of the game and Blackfoot's third goal by a penalty shot.

Sarcee pulled together to

close the gap 3-1 in the third period. Richard Bish, assisted by Greg Croke and Virgil Jacobs, scored

another Sarcee goal followed by Dean Simon with Virgil Jacobs assisting and tying the game 3-3.

Marlin Breaker, assisted by Curtis Stimson and Doug Breaker, put the Miners in the lead again with a skillful shot.

Although Sarcee played hard the rest of the period, they came to a scoring standstill as Blackfoot piled on goal after goal.

The fifth Miner's goal came from Malcolm Sitting Eagle assisted by Keon Doore. Curtis Stimson made the sixth unassisted and the seventh assisted by Jason Doore. With 41 seconds left in the game, Jason Doore assisted by Faron Big Old Man came up with the final goal ending the game 8-3.

The Siksika Cup was donated by Russell and Julia Wright in memory of their two sons, Mike and Richard. Also, the Miners received a trophy and \$2,000 for their win.

Sarcee Seven Chiefs received a trophy donated by Horace Bull Bear — Renegade Music Services, plus \$1,200.

Third place payout of \$1,000 and a trophy went to the Hobbema Oilers while the Kainai Golden Chiefs made \$800 and a fourth place trophy donated by Chris and Chris Service.

The Ken Rabbit Carrier Memorial Award given annually for the Blackfoot Miner player who gave the most went to Keith Rabbit Carrier.

Sarcee's Virgil Jacobs received the Mr. Hustle Award while MVP went to Faron Big Old Man of the Blackfoot Miners.

The all-stars were Sarcee's Ricky Whitney and Blackfoot's Sam Jerry for best goalie; best defencemen were Sarcee's Greg Croke and Gilbert Crowchild, Hobbema Oilers' Warren Crowchild and Blackfoot's Keon Doore; best forwards were Sarcee's Virgil Jacobs and Dean Simon, Hobbema Oilers' Derrick Fontagne and Blackfoot's Curtis Stimson, Jason Doore and Faron Big Old Man.

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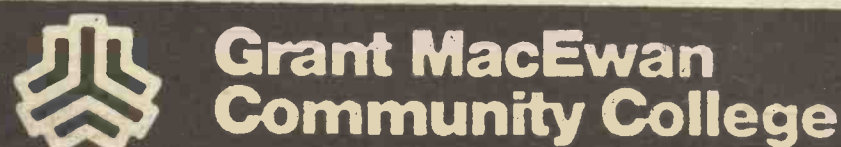
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# Frustrated rec directors organize in south

By Kim McLain

A new Indian sports association has risen out of the failed attempt to coordinate Alberta Indian sports under one body, says a recreation director for the Blackfoot reserve south of Calgary.

"We decided to stop banging our heads against the wall waiting for other areas of the province to

organize," says Rick Running Rabbit, vice-president of the newly formed Treaty 7 Recreation Association. "They were doing their planning at the meetings, whereas, we (Treaty 7) were already organized," he says in a telephone interview.

The meetings Running Rabbit refers to are WIN Sports gatherings which occurred in late 1986. WIN

Sports, now an official society, is devoted to the development of Native athletes through mind, body and spirit. At the time, says Running Rabbit, the Treaty 7 recreation people attended meetings and wrote letters of support in hopes of establishing a provincewide Indian sports group.

Once Running Rabbit and several other southern sports representatives drove to Edmonton for an informal WIN Sports meeting and no one else showed up until after noon.

"It was then that we all agreed that there was no sense in driving 200 miles or more, pay for hotels and travel expenses for a meeting where there was nobody to meet with," says Running Rabbit. Since then, the Treaty 7 recreation directors have been meeting informally for about two and a half years, until now.

Last fall the recreation directors decided to formalize themselves. "We took on a name, opened a bank account and elected officers," he says. The five Treaty 7 band councils (Blackfoot, Peigan, Blood, Morley and Sarcee) each gave \$500 to start up the association.

Now the association is proving they can operate independently. Their winter calendar of events has been in place since last fall and boasts over 20 confirmed tournament

dates in hockey, basketball, volleyball, badminton and curling.

Plans outside of coordinating sports activities include assisting outstanding athletes with grants and scholarships. They also want to hold clinics for training referees, coaches, developing leadership and fundraising.

Membership escalates each time a major tournament occurs. The association charges athletes \$2 for a Treaty 7 Recreation Association card; a "passport" to the association's sanctioned tournaments.

But some recreation people point out there are some drawbacks for southern athletes. These critics say that since the association only serves the Treaty 7 area, southern athletes aren't given a chance to compete with other Indians from other parts of the province. In response to that criticism, Marvin Yellowhorn, a Blood recreation director and president of the Treaty 7 Recreation Association, says the group is in contact with local colleges, universities and competition at large. These contacts "give our athletes somewhere to advance to," he says.

Another plus is that one of the two representatives from each reserve is a band councillor. "This way the councils always know what's going on — there's direct contact," Yellowhorn adds. "And, the board

members are all recreation people, most are really experienced in the field.

"Another advantage we in the south have is that with major competitions we're not inhibited by travel and money restrictions since we are so close." Clubs can drive to tournaments anywhere in the Treaty 7 area and still be back home in time for supper.

When asked if the association's recreation directors would consider trying to coordinate provincewide Indian sports in the future, Yellowhorn answered: "No, I don't see it happening. We feel that we can work better on a smaller level".

"They (southern recreation directors) were always there, supporting and contributing a lot," says Willie Littlechild, founder and board member of WIN Sports.

But the intention of WIN Sports "was not to coordinate sports tournaments, like in minor hockey, provincewide," adds Caen Bly, a WIN Sports official. Littlechild points out there's "other organizations that would better benefit" those kinds of activities.

Littlechild says WIN Sports' goal is to help Native athletes to achieve excellence and win in life through positive development of mind, body and spirit. So far, the society

has put 60 youths and 23 Indian role models together in Calgary during the Olympics for a youth conference. In March, the group participated in an information seminar in Red Deer. "The (WIN Sports) concept was not really understood (by the southern recreation directors)," Littlechild says. "Hopefully we'll sit and talk it out."

## APRIL: Sports Review

- Blackfoot invitational men's and ladies' basketball tourney, March 30 - April 2, contact Rick Running Rabbit at 734-3070.
- Native curling provincial, April 1-3, Wetaskiwin, contact Gloria at 585-3793.
- Oldtimer hockey, April 1-3, Alexander reserve, contact 939-5887.
- North Battleford all-Native hockey tourney, April 1-3.
- Commercial hockey tourney, April 1-3, Saddle Lake, 16 teams, contact 726-3829.
- Dave Kutt & Clifford Metchewais memorial hockey tourney, April 1-3, Cold Lake, contact Kevin Scanie at 594-7193.
- Easter Classic hockey tourney, April 1-3, High Prairie, contact Harry Laboucane at 523-3608.
- First annual rec hockey tourney, April 1-3, Enoch arena (sponsored by the Oteenow Warriors), contact Metro at 477-3576 or Jerry Ward at 470-5647.
- "A" men's and ladies' basketball finals for Western Canada, April 8-10, Blackfoot reserve, contact 734-3070.
- Enoch Classic hockey tourney, April 8-10, Enoch, contact 470-5647.
- Recreation hockey tourney, April 15-17, Enoch, contact Robert Morin at 470-5647.
- Canada West volleyball tourney, April 15-17, Four Band arena, Hobbema.
- Taxidermy course, April 20-21, April 27-28 and May 4-5, Goodfish Lake, contact 639-3622.

## Request For Application For A Grant

Interested individuals or groups are invited to submit a proposal for the operation of a community-based addictions counselling program in three service areas. The first priority area includes Loon, Peerless and Trout Lakes. The second priority area is Calling Lake. The third area for provision of basic service is Slave Lake. Proposals may be submitted for separate or combined service areas.

A successful applicant will be responsible for providing addiction counselling, referral services, aftercare services, and public awareness services for the people of the above-described areas. As well, the successful applicant will manage and be responsible for all aspects of administration, including recruitment and supervision of staff, facility acquisition and maintenance, vehicle acquisition and maintenance, and other equipment acquisition and maintenance. A successful applicant, as an independent contractor, will be accountable to AADAC for delivery of the program, subject to the proposed guidelines, and financial management on a continuous basis within an approximate total grant of \$84,000 for all service areas.

Duration of the program, subject to availability of funds, will be from April 18, 1988 to March 31, 1989, with provision for such subsequent renewal as AADAC approves.

Proposed guidelines or further information may be obtained by writing to the address below, or by phoning: 403) 427-1953. **Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission (AADAC), Institutions and Funded Agencies, 6th Floor, Pacific Plaza Building, 10909 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta T5J 3M9.**

Three copies of each proposal must be received in writing by noon on April 6, 1988, in a sealed envelope with "ADDICTION COUNSELLING APPLICATION FOR A GRANT" clearly marked on the outside of the envelope.

Sealed proposals will be publicly opened on April 6, 1988 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the above address.

Please note that the lowest cost proposal will not necessarily be accepted, and AADAC reserves the right to refuse any or all proposals.

**This request is an invitation to submit proposals only, and is not an offer.**

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## MUSEUM INTERN/PROJECT ASSISTANT

The Ethnology Department at the Glenbow Museum in Calgary is seeking to hire an individual for a one year position.

### POSITION:

The selected individual will be given a comprehensive two month training program in museum work to become familiar with the Glenbow Museum Native Internship Program. Following the initial training period, the individual will assist the Program Coordinator with the development and organization of projects pertaining to the Native Internship Program. Specific duties include training, project design and development, marketing and curatorial duties for the Ethnology Department in the areas of collections management and exhibitions.

### QUALIFICATIONS:

**EDUCATION:** B.A. in Anthropology, Native Studies or related field.

**EXPERIENCE:** One year related experience museum or training field.

**OTHER:** Interpersonal and communication skills  
Extensive knowledge of the following:

- Native culture
- Native affairs
- a Native language
- a specific Native community

(Selection will be based on the combination of above but may not necessarily include knowledge of all areas.)

**SALARY:** \$663, \$696, \$731, \$767, \$805 bi-weekly

**DEADLINE:** April 15, 1988

Applications should be sent attention: **Glenbow Museum Native Internship Program Coordinator (264-8300 loc. 178), 130 - 9 Avenue S.E., Calgary, Alberta T2G 0P3.**



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Slave Lake  
Native Friendship Centre

**SUMMARY:** Reporting to the Board of Directors of the Slave Lake Friendship Centre.

**DUTIES:**

- Supervises all staff employed by the Centre in close consultation with the personnel committee;
  - Prepares and implements the annual financial operating plan of the Centre in close consultation with the Finance Committee;
  - Acts as senior advisor to the Board on all matters concerning the operations of the Centre;
  - Plans, organizes and supervises the Centre's programmes to ensure that they are designed and operated to meet the aims and objectives of the Centre;
  - Supervises the Centre's fundraising activities by preparing the estimates;
  - Plans and organizes public relations and publicity and activities to systematically inform the public about the function and work of the Centre with the Boards approval.
- Salary to commensurate with experience.

Job Offer Close

Please send resume to the attention of:  
**Teresa Sinclair, Chairperson  
Personnel Committee  
Box 856  
SLAVE LAKE, Alberta  
T06 2A0**



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Reporting to a Board of Directors, responsible for supervision of staff, preparation and monitoring of budgets, program development and evaluation, public relations, program and funding proposals.

Send resumes to:

**High Level Native Friendship Centre  
Pat Cavanaugh  
Box 1671  
High Level, Alberta  
T0H 1Z0**

The LESSER SLAVE LAKE INDIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL Requires a

### CREE HEALTH TREATMENT INTERPRETER

The position will be based in the High Prairie Hospital under supervision of the Nursing department.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

1. Ability to understand and speak Cree fluently.
2. Ability to interpret for medical and hospital staff.
3. Understand Hospital and Nursing Home organizational and structure operations.
4. Excellent written and oral communication skills.

Salary negotiable depending on qualifications and experience.

Deadline for applications March 31 at 3 p.m.

Send resume to:  
**Ruth Gladue  
CHR Advisor  
Box 1740  
High Prairie, AB  
T0G 1E0**



# Health

## Visual problems linked with gases present in cigarette smoke, study in New Brunswick reveals

New evidence indicates smoking is harmful to vision.

Babies born to mothers who smoke have twice as many problems as those born to non-smoking mothers, says Professor Emerson Woodruff, of the University of Waterloo. His research, conducted in New Brunswick, Canada, included almost the entire grade one population of that province.

Research has shown that because of the harmful gases present in cigarette smoke, excessive smoking might produce limitations on total visual ability. The following are some of the specific visual problems that are associated with

smoking.

**LIMITATION ON NIGHT VISION** - Nicotine and carbon monoxide, two of the most harmful ingredients in cigarette smoke, can reduce night vision. Nicotine may cause blood vessels in the eyes to become smaller and this reduces the oxygen supply. Carbon monoxide reduces the ability of the blood to combine with and carry oxygen, the corresponding lack of oxygen interferes with the ability of the eye to adapt from dark to light.

**TOBACCO AMBLYOPIA** - Often due to a combination of smoking, alcohol abuse and poor diet, tobacco amblyopia - the loss of visual sharpness and

colour perception, has been seen to improve when the patient quits smoking.

**BLINDNESS** - Cigarette smoking is associated with "cerebral arteriosclerosis" a condition that often leads to a type of stroke which can cause blindness.

**PROTECTION** - Fetal eye damage is shown to be one of the many visual and health impairments associated with smoking; however, the data appears to indicate that women who plan to become or are, pregnant, should quit smoking to protect their child.

For more detailed information on the visual affects associated with smoking contact the Ontario Association of Optometrists, 40 St. Clair Ave. W., Suite 212, Toronto, Ontario M4V 1M2.



WINDSPEAKER PHOTO FILE

**SMOKING  
... 'harmful to vision'**

### Director University Native Centre

The University of Calgary invites applications for the position of Director, University Native Centre. The Director will coordinate the evolving Native Centre and will be a part-time member of the academic department appropriate to his or her specialization.

Desirable qualifications include a doctoral degree, management skills, an active research record, knowledge of a Native language and culture, and a record of working with Native communities.

The preferred starting date for the position is July 1, 1988. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. The appointee will be eligible for a tenure-stream appointment.

In accordance with Canadian immigration requirements, this advertisement is directed to Canadian citizens and permanent residents.

Applicants are requested to send a curriculum vitae and the names of three referees by April 15, 1988 to:

**Associate Vice-President  
(Academic)  
The University of Calgary  
2500 University Drive N.W.  
Calgary, Alberta T2N 1N4**



### OPERATIONS MANAGER

The Four Worlds Development Project requires an Operations Manager to coordinate its financial systems, to develop the business potential of the project, and to lead a major fund-raising effort. Four Worlds is a social and economic development group based at The University of Lethbridge. The project provides technical support to education and development efforts primarily in Native communities in Canada and the U.S.

**Qualifications:** A university degree, preferably in business or in the applied social sciences with a strong financial management background, experience working in a cross-cultural setting and proven track record in grantsmanship and fund-raising.

**Salary:** \$42,000 - \$49,000 (Commensurate with experience)  
**Deadline:** March 31, 1988

**Applications:** Should be sent to the attention of:



**Gail Irani  
Four Worlds Development Project  
University of Lethbridge  
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### TREATY HEALTH SERVICE OFFICER

To work with Regional Council Member Bands and consultation with hospital boards and Health Care providers.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Completion of secondary education or related experience; knowledge of Indian Governments; knowledge of Medical Services Branch; knowledge of treaty health benefits and treaty rights; knowledge of Cree language and culture an asset; excellent written and communication skills; must provide own transportation; must hold a valid drivers licence; knowledge of existing Health Government Acts; willing to participate in workshops and other related health training.

Salary negotiable depending on qualifications and experience.

Deadline for applications March 31, 1988 at 3 p.m.

Send resume to:  
**Ruth Gladue  
CHR Advisor  
Box 1740  
High Prairie, AB  
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## Traditional sense of Elders may resolve land claim

By Lesley Crossingham

EDMONTON -- The chairman of an Elder's council is "dumbfounded and heartbroken" over the stalemate in the Lubicon's land claim negotiations and will organize a conference of Elders to help resolve the issue.

Dr. Anne Anderson, chairman of the provincially funded Elders Council formed in 1986, has contacted the government requesting funds for the conference, in the belief the Elders of Lubicon Lake need help.

"The Elders there need

assistance because there is sickness, poverty and poor housing," she said in an interview from her Native Heritage and Cultural Centre office.

She feels all other methods of negotiation have failed to settle the dispute and now, only through the traditional wisdom of the Elders, will sense prevail.

"Ideally, I would like to see an Elders assembly. Then the younger generations and the government

would hear their voices and share their knowledge. Our Elders are getting older and it is important for future generations to share that knowledge."

The council was formed two years ago and consists of Elders from all parts of the province. The mandate of the council is to advise on issues affecting older Native people.



WINDSPEAKER PHOTO FILE

ANNE ANDERSON  
... 'heartbroken'



### Good News Party Line

**RODEO**, April 4, Noon - 6 p.m., Cardston. Sponsored by the Grads of '88. For more information call 737-3963.

**Fund-raising Sober Dance**, April 15, 9 p.m. - 1 a.m., Ben Calf Robe School, Edmonton. Music by Free Spirit Band featuring Homer Poitras.

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## Maintenance Foreman (m/f)

A vacancy exists in the Central Maintenance Department at Suncor's Oils Sands Group in Fort McMurray for a Foreman -- Roads, Grounds and Buildings.

Reporting to the Area Supervisor, Central Maintenance Department, the Foreman, Roads, Grounds and Buildings is accountable for meeting productivity and expense goals for plant buildings involving structural repair and preventive maintenance programs.

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**Kipohtakaw Education Centre**, a band operated K-11 school on the Alexander reserve, invites applications for teaching positions at all levels for the 1988-89 school year.

Experience and a strong belief in wholistic Native education a definite asset. Send resumes by March 31 to: **Kipohtakaw Education Centre, Box 1440, Morinville, AB T0G 1P0.**



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**Fort McPherson Indian Band**  
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Fort McPherson, NT X0E 0J0  
Phone: (403)952-2330  
Fax number: 952-2212



# Native Child and Family Services of Toronto

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Reporting directly to the Board of Directors of the Agency, the individual is responsible for the development and delivery of services to Indian/Native people in Toronto in accordance with the terms of the Program Delivery Agreement between the Agency and Province of Ontario; provide day-to-day administration of the Agency's affairs and physical operations.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** M.S.W. or equivalent. Demonstrated knowledge of and experience with Child and Family Services Act, as it pertains to Native Child Welfare, 5 years senior management experience involving Native child and family planning, policy and program development; implementation and analysis; experience in administrative financial work; highly developed managerial skills in budget forecasts, reports and submissions; demonstrated understanding and sensitivity to the social concerns and history of Native peoples; strong interpersonal skills; highly developed effective negotiation, consultation and presentation skills; ability to speak a Native language a definite asset.

**SALARY:** Commensurate with qualifications.

## SUPERVISOR

Under the direction of the Executive Director, the supervisory role includes developing and implementing a work plan for Native Child and Family Workers consistent with the goals and objectives of the Agency. Other responsibilities include staff hiring, development and training on culturally-appropriate counselling strategies to improve functioning of Native families; maintain liaison and consultation with Native and other organizations providing child and family services, and ensure inter-service cooperation.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** M.S.W. or equivalent. Minimum 3 years related experience and thorough understanding of Child Welfare practices and legislation.

All applications/resumes must be received by **April 1, 1988.**

**Hiring Committee**  
**Native Child & Family Services of Toronto**  
**Room 214, 736 Bathurst Street**  
**Toronto, Ontario M5S 2R4**

# PRINCIPAL

## **High School Program** **BLUE QUILLS FIRST NATIONS COLLEGE**

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This challenging position demands highly motivated individual with extensive experience in administering high school programs. The individual will be expected to demonstrate educational leadership, creativity and initiative in implementing a program that is acceptable to the governing Board of Directors.

Applications and resumes to be sent by April 30, 1988 to the undersigned.

**The Co-ordinator**  
**Blue Quills First Nations College**  
**P.O. Box 279**  
**St. Paul, Alberta**  
**T0A 3A0**

**Telephone: 645-4455**

