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# Cree Band to distribute \$3.5 million this month

By George Poitras

FORT CHIPEWYAN — The Cree Indian band will make its first historical distribution of part of its recent settlement with both the federal and provincial governments.

Of its \$26.6 million received for compensation, the band will distribute \$3,529,000 on February 15, 1987.

At a recent meeting with band members, an eight member working committee was selected to work with the chief and council and its already established Elders committee. The 21-member team will work together to discuss ways of putting their money to use.

Members chosen have served on former councils, are active in band affairs, and are regular attenders to the band's general meetings.

"The Elders," said Chief Rita Marten, "are very important people, they are

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# Friendship centre finds home, but has no money

By Donna Rae Murphy

GRAND CENTRE — The beleaguered Grand Centre Satellite Friendship Centre, faced last year with eviction and closure, now faces a challenge that seems insurmountable — a total lack of funding and no commitment from any quarter to supply the need.

Late last year the owner of the building which

houses the satellite had notified the directors he had a pending agreement with a local real estate agent to sign a long-term lease and the satellite, renting on a month-to-month basis, would have to move. The satellite and its parent centre, the Bonnyville Canadian Native Friendship Centre (BCNFC) refused

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**EAGLE FEATHER HEADDRESS**

This magnificent headdress is proudly worn by Bobby Hunter of the White Braid Dance Society. The society performed at the Canadian Native Friendship's 25th anniversary celebrations. For coverage, see pages 12-15.

**Special Report**

# Dangers of pesticide spraying revealed

By John Copley

"It is government policy not to let Indians know what is going on around them. We've been kicked around for many, many years now."

These are the words of Ken Steinhauer, President of the Blackpowder Association of Alberta.

"This time though, it's not only Natives, but non-Natives as well."

Mr. Steinhauer was referring to the pesticide spraying incidents involving the Fort McKay Band, Meander River and Calling Lake, late last year. Mr.

Steinhauer said the public did not receive ample notification of any spraying before or after the incidents occurred.

In a letter to the Edmonton Journal last January, Alberta Environment Minister, Ken Kowalski, said the statements that indicated the spraying had occurred without public notice were false.

The Journal retaliated by claiming "details were released only after a specific request from the Journal."

The question is — how did two government departments, one issuing the license and the other monitoring the system, forget to inform the public

of the intended spray areas?

"Monitoring?" huffs Randy Lawrence, a spokesman for the Coalition for Forest Spraying Alternatives in Hinton. "The companies or government agencies or departments doing the spraying are monitoring themselves. If the Alberta Forest Service issues a license it's up to the Forestry Department to monitor itself."

"The system is very inadequate — if Alberta Environment is approving licenses, which they do, then they should play a much bigger role in monitoring," added Lawrence.

There are many concerns about the ever-

growing problems brought on by excessive and unnecessary use of dangerous chemicals.

One of the major points on that list of concerns is the fact that Industrial Bio-Test Laboratories (IBT), once the largest testing facility in the U.S., and responsible for up to 35% of all pesticide tests ever taken (Reference: U.S. EPA Press Release August 25, 1977 'Deficiencies in Pesticide Safety Test Reported by EPA') crumbled in an investigation which found deliberate falsification of documents and test reports.

IBT went out of business and three senior officers were convicted of fraud.

(Reference: Pesticides — Christian Farmers Federation 1979 'The IBT Affair — Canadian Response.'

The concern. At the time of IBT's collapse, Canada had over 100 IBT test supported chemical on the market. Some of these are still in use today. How many are there left to re-evaluate? We're still using 2-4D and Roundup, the latter looking to become popular in Alberta.

"I don't know why they insist on spraying Roundup," said Ken Steinhauer. "On the can it says its not recommended for spraying. And 2-4D? It's amazing what our government will

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**Disbursement plans announced****Cree Band to distribute \$3.5 million****From Page 1**

knowledgeable, and we need them to work with us on an advisory capacity."

To date, the band has established three accounts. There is \$23,151,000 in the capital account. This amount has been locked into the bank and will not be touched for one year. After one year, the band will distribute 50% of its interest which will gain 8.05% interest per year, to its band members.

A loan obtained from Peace Hills Trust by a former chief and council will be paid back from the band's current account of \$700,000. After paying the \$240,000 loan, the remaining

\$460,000 will be put into the Matcitak Foundation. The Matcitak Foundation will include programs in economic development and development of its newly acquired reserve lands, a scholarship for those members who wish to continue their education at a post-secondary institution outside of the community and a bereavement fund, to name a few. "But this is what the working committee is set up for," said Chief Marten, "We will work together to discuss ideas of developing the Cree Band and to assist its members in whichever way we could."

The disbursement of its \$3,529,000 will come out of

**"The future looks pretty good if they invest wisely and look at the future. Not to look only at the immediate future but to look at 20-25 years down the road."**

— **Chief Archie Cyprien**

the band's expenditure account.

The approximate 1,200 member band have chosen six options for disbursement which are listed:

- 1) A \$900 disbursement per head every four months beginning February 15. (Based on a 1,300 member population.)
- 2) An equal distribution

per head of \$2 million beginning February 15, and equal per capita payments for the remaining 10 months. (Based on a 1,300 member population.)

3) A \$679 disbursement per head every three months. (Based on a 1,300 member population.)

4) A \$2,941 disbursement per head of one lump sum on February 15. (Based on a 1,200 member population.)

5) A \$2,715 disbursement per head of one lump sum on February 15. (Based on a 1,300 member population.)

6) A \$271 disbursement per head for 10 months beginning February 15. The remaining money will be put into a daily interest account and the interest accumulated will be distributed to the members on a per capita basis for December payment. (Based on a 1,300 member population.)

Of the six options established, five are based on a 1,300 member population. The 100 extra would include members who have become members in the band through Bill C-31.

Since the establishing of the six options, Chief Marten has gone door to door along with another councillor to explain in detail the options to those who did not attend the meeting at which the options were discussed, or to those who do not understand the options fully. While going door to door, the chief and councillor will have a draft of the options, and people will be able to vote for which option they feel is best. The draft of the options will be sent to members not residing in the community as well. A deadline of February 6 has been set for choosing one of the options.

The general feeling in the community regarding the disbursement of the money is a very excited one.

Therese Tuccaro, a local taxi driver, says the money the members are about to receive is the talk of the town. "Being on the road from morning to night," said Therese, "I know what's going on in their minds, I know what's being talked about."

Chief Archie Cyprien of the Chipewyan Band also agrees that the mood is very intense among band members.

"I don't feel it's a good idea to choose the one lump sum of either the \$2,941 per capita or the \$2,715 per capita," said Chief Cyprien. To drop a bunch of money like that in the community in one day, said Chief Cyprien, could create many social problems. "I'd rather see them disperse this amount of money over a longer period of time."

When questioned about the future for the Cree Indian band to Chief Cyprien, he felt, "the future looks pretty good if they invest wisely and look at the future." Chief Cyprien also felt that it was a very good idea to select different people of different age groups to work together as a team. "Not to look only at the immediate future of the band but to look at 20-25 years down the road."

A meeting on February 7 for the general band membership will be held to determine the final decision on the February 15 disbursement of the money.

Members not quite sure of the options or needing any clarification of the situation are asked to contact the Cree Indian band office in Fort Chipewyan by calling 697-3740.

**National****OTTAWA REPORT**

By **Owenadeka**

An Indian massacre that took place in the jungles of South America 200 years ago is the subject of a new movie that's getting a lot of attention. It's called *The Mission* and it stars Robert DeNiro. It's already won some major awards in France and England and it's sure to be in the running for an Oscar this spring.

The movie starts with Robert DeNiro working as a slave-trader. He goes into the jungle, kills a few Guarani Indians, kidnaps a dozen more and sells them into slavery. In the next scene he kills his brother in a jealous rage. He becomes severely depressed so he decides to change his ways by becoming a priest. He goes back to the jungle to live with the Guarani and build a mission.

But the mission ends up being a pawn in the conflict between the Spanish and the Portuguese. The Portuguese surround the mission and make no secret of their murderous intentions. Robert DeNiro, the priest, is then forced to wrestle his conscience a second time. He has to decide whether to pick up a sword and defend the Guarani or turn the other cheek. He decides to break his sacred vows and fight alongside the Guarani. The Portuguese attack and although DeNiro and the Guarani men put up a good fight, the Portuguese slaughter them, the women and the children in a bloody massacre.

It's a depressing way to end a movie but I think *The Mission* is worth seeing for a couple of reasons. First, it is a good movie. The photography is stunning. The acting is first-rate. The music is terrific.

One thing I especially liked was seeing so many Indians on the screen. One Indian in a movie is tokenism but a hundred Indians in a movie is like being at a family reunion. For example, the ten-year-old Guarani boy who was DeNiro's sidekick looked exactly like one of my nephews. The boy reminded me, if I needed any reminding, that we as Indian people are all brothers and sisters under the skin, no matter how or where we live.

The second reason I think the movie is worth the price of admission is that it's based on actual events. It's therefore a good, eye-opening lesson on South America history.

But I should stress here that *The Mission* is not perfect — far from it. I have several serious complaints about the movie that probably won't be noticed by the

critics and they shouldn't stop you from going — but here they are:

What really bugs me is that the only time the movie goes out of its way to admire or respect the Guarani is when they're imitating the Europeans. The Spanish and the Portuguese characters are suitably impressed when the Guarani — a race of people right out of the jungle — not only make violins but play them and play them extremely well.

My objection is that the Guarani are not respected or appreciated for themselves. For instance, the movie shows Guarani men carrying blowguns but it doesn't show the extraordinary work that goes into making one. The Guarani mastered the complicated task of making one using only the simplest of tools. Believe me, making a blowgun is a lot harder than going to a hardware store and buying a piece of plastic tubing.

One other thing the movie doesn't show is the skill needed to use a blowgun and use it well enough to feed a family. Imagine, for example, making your own poisoned darts and trying to shoot a monkey out of a leafy jungle tree that's six stories high. I tried using a blowgun in a museum once, and it's not the same as shooting spitballs from a straw.

There are other aspects of Guarani life the film could have showed but didn't but then I've got other, bigger complaints. *The Mission*, after all, is not so much about what happens to the Guarani as it is about what happens to Robert DeNiro. In fact, the cold-blooded murder of a hundred Indian men, women and children is just a dramatic backdrop for one white man's moral dilemma.

But the crowning insult comes just after the massacre, in the film's very last frame. You may be tempted at this point, if you're like me, to remind yourself that the movie is not just ancient history — that the same things are still happening today. At this point in the film the closing message crawls across the screen: "The Indians of South America are still engaged in a struggle to defend their land and culture. Many of the priests inspired by faith and love who support their cause do so with their lives."

It's true, priests are still dying in support of the Indian "struggle." But what about the Indians?

Wake up Hollywood! Wake up Canada! Wake up world!

Indian people — hundreds of them — are still being murdered in South and Central America. Their deaths are just as real as any priest's but they're not the central focus of this movie. I know that *The Mission* is meant to be sympathetic to the Indians — past and present but I'd hate to think what the result would have been if the producers were unsympathetic. If their aim was to stimulate discussion about South America history, it worked.

It's got me talking about it — and I say you should definitely see it for yourself.

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## Funding from Ottawa insecure

# Grand Centre Friendship Centre in jeopardy

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to do so stating there was no space available in their price range. The owner then sent an eviction notice and the satellite started packing. In a last minute, ironic turn of events, the real estate agent offered to move his business out of the main street office he occupied and gave it to the centre. With that reprieve, the satellite moved into a prime location but without its own funds to even pay the rent.

In spite of the lack of money, BCNFC Director, Miriam Youngchief, says "it's turning out to be a good place for them since it's more accessible for

referrals and drop-ins." She says a submission was sent to Ottawa recently asking for money but chances of it being approved are slim.

This is the final year for assured funding for friendship centres across Canada and the national program is being reviewed and evaluated for effectiveness and necessity. In the face of severe cutbacks in all government departments, friendship centres may be a low funding priority.

The National Association of Friendship Centres is negotiating with the federal government for a funding commitment to continue the program. Satellite centres have been a component of the program

and the BCNFC is lobbying around the Lakeland area for support in order to justify its continued existence.

Youngchief is hopeful about the positive outcome of a recent meeting between the Secretary of State and a representative of the National Association of Friendship Centres in regards to a satellite submission for 1988 funding.

The Satellite began to run out of money in November 1986 and the BCNFC directors knew they would have to either let go or carry the program. Youngchief says the decision was made to carry them but "we don't have a contingency fund in our

own budget to do this and right now we're hurting."

Robbing Peter to pay Paul is creating severe financial problems for the parent centre. "We received an emergency repair grant to fix the roof and repair the floor of the hall here in Bonnyville but after it was done the roof started leaking again and we can't do anything about it because the contractor we hired has gone into bankruptcy. Now there's more damage to the floor and we still have to fix the roof but there's simply no money." Paying expenses for the satellite out of their own core funding, Youngchief pointed out, has forced a cutback in the

main office's spending.

"We're going to have to do a major fund-raising and membership campaign before the end of March," she said, "and we're stepping up in public relations work and asking for public assistance."

The satellite has been assisted by volunteers and currently is staffed by two people hired through a Priority Employment Program (PEP) grant. Youngchief believes the satellite could continue to operate on a commitment of \$50,000 per year to cover rent, salaries and utilities. One of the PEP workers is working on a fund-raising campaign.

"We still believe we'll receive core funding for the satellite," the director stated, "and even though it won't be enough to operate it as fully as we'd like, at least it'll be there as a service to the people and will be a referral and guidance office for the AVC counsellor who is there once a week for clients. At any rate we'll fight to keep it open."

A reunion of all former staff, volunteers and directors for the BCNFC, planned for January of this year, will likely be held in conjunction with the annual meeting in either April or May, depending on money developments.

## Yellowhead Youth Family Support program gets positive evaluation

A home-based, community-centred program offering support to troubled families is reducing the potential for child abuse while keeping families together.

The Yellowhead Youth Centre's Family Support Program, operated by the Edmonton Region of Alberta Social Services, is an alternative to placing children in residential care.

A recent evaluation showed 94 per cent of children remained in their families at least three months following involvement with Family Support. The program accepts referrals from the seven Alberta Social Services district offices in Edmonton city.

Families served by the program typically include one or more children considered to be at risk of apprehension by the department. Usually, families are experiencing so much trouble managing their lives that their children are in need of protective services.

Family Support staff, who are experienced child care counsellors, work with families in their homes on areas such as child management, counselling, life skills, system advocacy and transition of children from the care of the department. Specialized parent education and support groups are also offered.

The program is preventive in nature, maintaining the dignity of families who are 'partners' rather than 'clients' of the counsellors. Family Support reinforces

families' competence instead of fostering dependence.

The evaluation of the program, conducted from May 1985 to May 1986, shows Family Support is an efficient, cost-effective alternative to more-intrusive methods. It provides cost savings by avoiding foster home or institutional placements.

Results of the evaluation indicated 83 per cent of cases were successful, with some or all goals met. Only six per cent of children had to be placed outside the family, even several months after families were discharged from the program.

Data was also collected on families served by the program. The study showed the typical primary caretaker of the children is a poor, ill-educated Caucasian (white) woman who became a mother at an early age. The majority raise their children alone.

Families were referred to the program because of poor parenting skills, conflicts between parents and children or because of abuse and neglect.

The program is designed to be flexible to meet varying needs of individual families. Results of a parent questionnaire suggests the program does so effectively -- 91 per cent thought the Family Support services helped them deal more effectively with their problems.

"The data consistently suggests the program has major, positive impact on people's lives," the program evaluation concludes.



PAUL BAND ROUND DANCE  
...a return to cultural togetherness

## House fire victims get support

# Paul Band pulls together

By Albert Crier

DUFFIELD — The Paul Band community threw its support to a band member who lost everything in a house fire by holding a benefit round dance on February 7, at the community hall. Local residents gave donations to help Edith Paul get started again.

Paul, a young single mother of two and a widow, received the community generosity and donations with sincere gratefulness.

"I'm very proud of my people for doing this. I really appreciate the things they have done and given to me," said a happy Edith Paul.

The inter-agency group,

comprised of Native Counselling Services and Social Services department located on the reserve, organized the round dance.

"There were donations of every kind, from volunteers who gave their time, to preparing food and setting up the hall, to the different donations people brought to the round dance for Edith Paul's family," said Violet Poitras, one of the organizers.

Credit for the well organized community support action, also go to Theresa Paul, director of Native Counselling Services and NCS counsellors Gloria Bearhead, Marie Bird, Mary P. Rain and Doreen Rain, Health

services worker.

This is the first time that the Paul band held a round dance for the specific purpose of giving the community members a chance to help one of their own in their time of need according to organizers.

The return to cultural togetherness is just beginning for the Paul band, said Poitras, who is also a counsellor with the NSC branch in Paul Band.

Annabelle McNaughton, the former director of the NSC office, was mentioned as being very instrumental in starting a return to traditional practices like a round dance to help in the areas of alcohol abuse, awareness and counselling.

Nelson Adams served as master of ceremonies over the round dance which saw people give away various household items, such as clothing, kitchenware and blankets to the Paul family.

Percy Potts, IAA vice-president for Treaty Six area showed his support to the community effort by singing with the drummers and singers in the middle of the round dance.

Another Paul band community project coming up is the meeting of the Man in Motion world tour by Rick Hansen, to raise funds for spinal research, planned for March 13.

This community shows they can pull together to help their own and others.



BY MARK McCALLUM & JOHN COPLEY

Special Report

# THE DANGERS OF SPRAYING

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allow — 15 years after Vietnam we are still seeing the effects of 'agent orange' — and 2-4D was one of the key ingredients. We see its results in birth defects, brain disorders, and an increase in cancer. Recent studies in the U.S. have proven the chemical is a carcinogen."

**SUBSTANCES CAN KILL**

The fact that towns, villages and other communities are often downwind or downstream from the spray areas is another worrisome thought. Chemicals including 2-4D, Ethylene Dibromide and Paraquat are almost certainly fatal if swallowed.

Tourism is another fac-

tor. Canadian and Americans have always been traders in the tourist industry. Many thousands flock to the Canadian wilderness each summer to swim, fish, frolic and generally enjoy the great outdoors. They are unlikely to want to see polluted lakes and rivers and a land dead with defoliation.

The destruction of the critical food supplies (winter browse) for moose, deer, elk and other wild species is becoming evident. The animals depend on the foliage for healthy survival and conservationists are worried.

**FISH AND GAME CONCERN WITH AERIAL VIEW**

Alberta Fish and Game President Nestor Roma-

niuk is also concerned about the herbicide problems.

"We realize that some test areas have to be set up," he said.

"As long as these areas are kept small, say around 20 acres, I suppose we'll have to live with it. But we are 100% against aerial spraying of any kind."

Natural ecological processes are also being interfered with. The leaves of trees like the aspen and the poplar serve a useful function on the forest floor. The fallen leaves build up humus in the soil and protect the surroundings by providing moisture and insulation.

If toxic chemicals, like Roundup, persist in their relentless munching on the environment, the only thing left standing in a few years

may be the tall pine, spruce or fir tree.

"The issue," states Brad Wylynko, Project Director for the Toxics Watch Project in Edmonton, "is whether the government is seriously considering the health of the forests and the health of the people, or whether it just wants to ensure a market for herbicides."

Others may have even different motives. In a Champion Forest Service newsletter last year it stated, "...to maintain a healthy crop of young softwoods growing on our Forest Management Area, it will be necessary to treat 1,000 to 1,500 acres for competition control annually." If this was not done, the newsletter added, "The affect will be an immediate and ever-increasing loss of the

Swedish planters are processing in excess of 300,000 acres.

A bad example to follow would be indicated by reviewing the Mexican crisis. (Reference: Wm. Kistner in Mother Jones — December 19, 1986 'The Chemical Fog Over Mexico's Farmworkers'). In that issue, Angus Wright, a professor of Environmental Studies at the Sacramento State University and a specialist in Mexican agriculture stated, "The people down there (Mexico) are being poisoned so we can enjoy cheap produce at all times of the year."

Agriculture and health experts have said the indiscriminate spraying of pesticides kills hundreds of Mexican laborers each year."

If any action on dangerous herbicides and their use is to be taken it will require the united effort of all Albertans.

volume of timber able to supply our mill every year." The newsletter said that the province of New Brunswick had applied Roundup to over 100,000 acres in 1985 without question.

What it failed to say was that the project was a disaster. Combined spraying of insecticides and pesticides have had a tremendous affect on the health of the population.

New Brunswick is now 1 of 4 provinces who've opted out of spraying pesticides. The others are Ontario, British Columbia, and Saskatchewan; the latter not having sprayed in two years.

**SWEDISH SUCCESS STORY**

Comparisons with more successful ventures would seem more appropriate. Take Sweden for example. This country is the 'cherry-on-top' when it comes to forestry techniques.

First, there is no herbicide/pesticide spraying in Sweden. Toxic chemicals are not used in the Swedish forestry program.

Sweden uses manpower. The unemployment rate is among the lowest in the world. In northern regions of Alberta, unemployment is much more severe.

"Ninety per cent of the population in the Caslan-Conklin area are unemployed," says Joe Blyan of Lac La Biche.

"I know a lot of people who'd love an opportunity to work in the bush, anywhere for that matter. Many people up here are living hand-to-mouth. There are proven methods that says we should be able to harvest this unwanted wood by hand — it's made a profit before.

"It's time to get people working again. Government needs to forget the pesticides and worry about the people."

Alberta has very few sales in the hardwood industry. There are about 12 million cubic metres of hardwoods like the aspen and poplar available but only about 4% are committed.

Sweden, with much less forest area, harvests over a half million acres a year. While Alberta produces 6.5 metres of wood, Sweden is almost 1200% higher at 75 million cubic metres.

Using no herbicides, the Swedish' reforestation programs eat up \$190 million annually. Alberta's total expenditure is a little over \$25 million.

Over 700,000 acres of Swedish soil is fertilized and weeded each year. In Alberta we do less than a 1000 acres.

Seeding is an integral part of the Scandinavian forestry programs. Alberta sews a little under 10,000 acres a year while the

**PESTICIDES CANCER RELATED**

"Cigarette smoking may cause cancer like they say, but in the past 20 or 30 years since herbicides and pesticides stated to flourish, it (cancer) has grown immensely. And there are more non-smokers everyday. These environmental poisons are gradually working their way into the population and are becoming a fast growing man-made calamity," states Ken Steinhauer.

"We somehow have to get the attention of the voters. Only votes have the power to effect change. We have to make the people understand how our high-handed government operates in this province, doing whatever they like, without regard for the people.

"We need to get workers out into the communities to explain the problems to the populous and increase awareness. Then the folks can go to their constituents with knowledgeable concerns."

There a fair amount of discrepancies when it comes to statements being make versus the facts.

Early last fall, for instance, in a statement to the Edmonton Journal, John Drew, Director of Reforestation and Reclamation for Alberta Forest Services said, "not more than 500 hectares have been sprayed out of the 21 million hectares of forest land in Alberta."

Documented evidence indicates that over 2,000 hectares have been sprayed since September of 1986.

**EXERCISE CAUTION**

Roundup manufacturers, Monsanto, notes on its label "...minute quantities of this herbicide can cause severe damage or destruction to the crops, plants, and other areas on which

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## Herbicides could pose serious problems

# CFSA want spraying stopped

By Mark McCallum

The toxic herbicides and pesticides used for spraying in Alberta forests could pose serious problems, if their usage is not properly addressed.

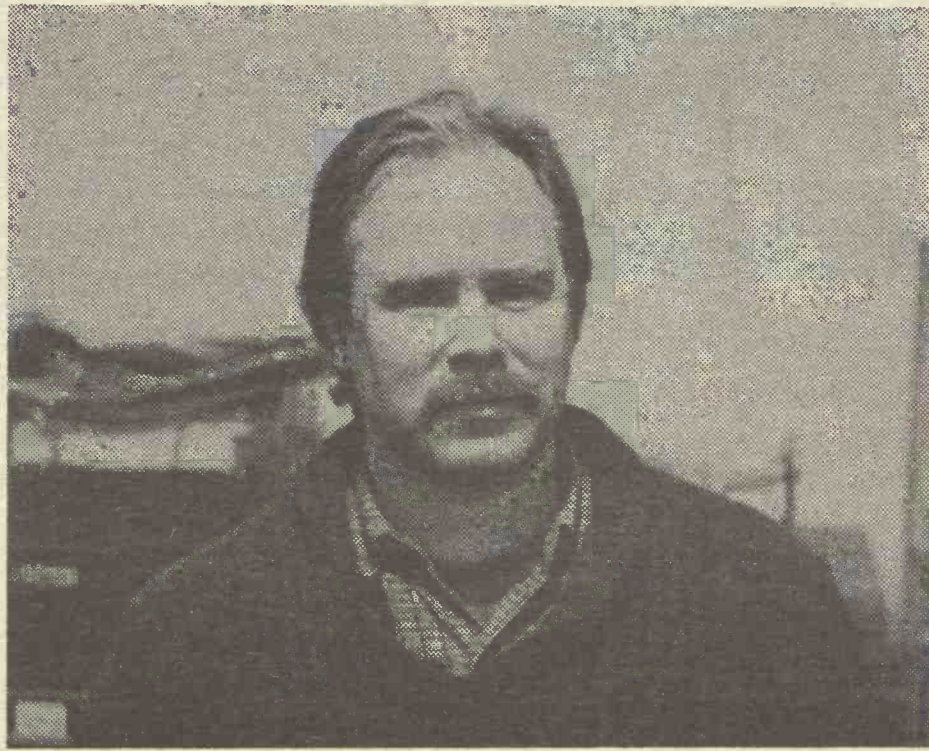
The Alberta Coalition for Forest Spray Alternatives (CFSA), formed in December 1985, gathered 4,100 signatures on a petition calling for a moratorium on forest spraying. Premier Don Getty then made vague pre-election promises in his May election campaign in Hinton, expressing concerns about a forest-spraying proposal by Champion Forest Products (as reported in the Hinton Parklander on December 9, 1986). Alberta Environment cancelled Champion's spraying application.

Getty told the CFSA that no further spraying would be done until additional studies into the issue were conducted. However, despite this apparent concern, the Alberta government permit was issued to a federal-provincial forestry research project near Grande Prairie, involving aerial spraying in August, 1986.

The remaining 10 permits were issued to the Alberta Forest Service, the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, Canadian Forest Products of Grande Prairie, and DuPont Canada which received two permits but missed the 1986 deadline for spraying in Alberta.

Approximately 1,057 hectares (over 2,500 acres) of land in the province were sprayed with herbicides including Velpar, Roundup and Garlon. The spraying took place near Lac La Biche, Meander River, Keg River, Calling Lake, Dixonville and Eureka River.

The locations that are



**RANDY LAWRENCE**  
...CFSA spokesman

being sprayed are "Native populated areas," said Lorraine Sinclair, who is involved with the Hinton-based coalition.

"When I first started talking about the issue with people who might be concerned in Hinton," says CFSA spokesperson and Champion Forest Products employee Randy Lawrence, "they didn't believe that this was happening. I actually had to show them newspaper clippings before they really even believed that something like this could be happening on their doorstep."

The coalition is demanding a province-wide moratorium on herbicide spraying in forested areas, a public hearing on the issue, and for resources to be made available in order to study the many alternatives to herbicide usage.

Lawrence says, "I think the government is embarrassed about this issue and how it's been handled."

"The monitoring (of spraying) is done more or less on the honor system." He says the companies doing the spraying are only required to monitor themselves. Lawrence feels that the Environment Department should play a

bigger role in monitoring spray areas.

"We haven't really had any action from the government — we've had a lot of promises and heard a lot of words — but when we look back over the past year nothing has really changed."

Concerned environmentalist and project director for the Toxics Watch Program Brad Wylynko says, "forestry management should involve far more than a simple annual spraying to kill unwanted trees." He was speaking out about the obvious lack of dollars spent on reforestation and development in Alberta.

"Sweden," says Wylynko, "a country which discourages the use of herbicides, produces almost 1,200 per cent more timber than Alberta."

"The government of Alberta is refusing to look at the other management options it has."

"We need to come up with better methods for dealing with the environment — we are ruining it right now."

Wylynko has been with the Toxics Watch Project since its conception in September 1986.

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treatment was not intended."

This does not exactly indicate 'safety' but it definitely does prompt extreme caution.

Environment Canada fact sheet states, "2-4D and other phenoxy (strong, corrosive) acid herbicides should not be disposed of near water supplies, nor should be waste materials be discarded in sewer drains."

The health hazards section mentions symptoms (after drinking) which include cramps, sickness, mental confusion and rapid pulse with low blood pressure.

However, due to the lack of an efficient 100% reliable monitoring system, and

such extremely easy access, we are faced with perhaps even graver problems.

Ken Steinhauer said, "It's hard to accept the fact that they (government) run around in secrecy and spray wherever they deem it necessary and never tell anyone what is going on until after it is too late to stop it."

Jim Brisebois, a consultant at the Fort McKay Indian Band said they never received any type of written communique before toxic pesticides were applied on the Athabasca River a few months ago.

"We did not get anything in writing or anything at all official," he said.

He also remarked that the responsibility to inform the band was in the hands

of those spraying.

On the other hand, Randy Lawrence of Hinton said even though his Coalition was promised by Premier Getty that spraying would stop until further study was completed, it was only four short months after the promise that ten more permits were issued throughout northern Alberta.

"A wide gap now exists between the governments words and its actions," Lawrence said.

"The government led us to believe that an internal review on forest spraying was being conducted and that no further spraying would occur until that review was finished. But, obviously it's business as usual."

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# Remarks sour anniversary celebration

## Dear Editor:

As a long time member of the Friendship Centres across Canada, I have had both the distinction and pleasure of serving both as an Executive Director and National President.

During the course of that time numerous functions

have been attended both as a participant and a guest.

Most recently, (February 7, 1987) I attended the 25th Anniversary banquet hosted by the Canadian Native Friendship Centre. As per usual, it was an excellent affair — good friends, good food, speakers, music and dancing — all these things

in keeping with Native tradition.

Unfortunately, one speaker chose this time in an effort to score political points by directing abuse at the government dignitaries in attendance. Her comments were rude, distasteful, embarrassing and totally inappropriate

for the time and setting. Native tradition was cast

aside, as guests, the assembly should have been accorded every respect and courtesy. I, for one, was appalled at her total lack of good manners and viewed this particular display with both disgust and dismay. Hopefully, the

government guests in attendance will view her

politicking for what it was: her expression of her own singularly narrow-minded views and certainly not the opinions of the general assembly. Her theatrics lent a note of sadness to an otherwise delightful evening. I have purposely neglected

to mention the name of the miscreant to avoid giving her any undue recognition or exposure. Moccasin telegraph will tell it all!

Sincerely,

Lloyd M. Sutton  
Edmonton

**It is with respect that "Windspeaker" proudly announces the arrival of a new family member to the newspaper, Winston Wuttunee, entertainer and now Windspeaker Columnist.**

**Winston Wuttunee is a member of the Red Pheasant Reserve in Saskatchewan and as his first column dictates, he will be sharing many of his experiences with us. Welcome aboard Winston!**

## Entertainer Wuttunee recalls first acquaintance with Chief Dan George

In 1969 I was stationed in Camp Petawawa as a B/Sergeant in the regimental band of the Canadian Guards. Camp Petawawa is 100 miles north of Ottawa and is located in some fine fishing and hunting country. While there I spent many relaxing hours fishing on those quiet northern lakes casting for the pike and pickerel which were in great abundance. As an older man today I can look back on those carefree days as a young single man and appreciate the good luck I had to be posted there.

I can appreciate the rugged beauty and isolation of the North much more than I could in those days when all I wanted was to have a posting in the big city of Ottawa where all the action was. I know now that I was in a sportman's paradise and luckily I realize that I benefited while there.

One day I received a call at work from Banff, Alberta. An Elsie Bourgaize was on the phone inviting me to go and sing at a big education conference coming up in three weeks. I would be featured along with some other singers and drummers and we would provide the entertainment for the conference. I asked the boss for the whole week off and after I explained what it was for, he didn't hesitate to give me the time off. Looking back today I can easily see that many were the individuals in my life who were just as anxious as I was to see me and be proud of who I was as an Indian. I thank them for that!

Three weeks later I was in Banff. I had checked into my room, hung all my clothing up in the closet, washed up and was ready to go out and meet the other delegates. Over coffee I was soon laughing and joking it up with some other young Indians my age. They came from all over Canada and I was quite impressed with the knowledge they had about their own band affairs and in general what was happening with Indians all over Canada. Some of those young people today are our leaders in education, politics and the Arts.

Rodney Soonias from Red Pheasant Reserve in Saskatchewan was one of the first Indians to get a Masters in Education.

Vivian Ayoungman is another name that I remember who, I see quite often, heading up special departments in universities or starting special programs in colleges.

Gordon Tootoosis we now see on the big silver screen acting in film.

I also had to notice the way things got done in a jovial way — people were always joking and I soon found out that's how things got done. Even today, when I go amongst the Native people, I always feel good with the laughter and easy atmosphere.

I was also impressed by two older men who were there, notably Chief Dan George, the famous actor who has since passed away and the equally talented artist, George Clutesi, both from Vancouver.

When I first arrived in Banff everyone was talking about Chief Dan George but as I was totally ignorant about many Indian happenings and people, I did not know who Chief Dan George was. It was at this conference held in the beautiful summer resort of Banff that I was to become the grandson of Chief Dan George and his most gracious wife.

The first time that I laid eyes on them, they had just motored in from Vancouver and were very tired and without a room. I knew why there were no rooms vacant because I was there to witness the arrival of many guests that morning who had not booked rooms. They had arrived that morning demanding floor time

and accommodations from the conference organizers who were in a rough spot as they did not want to be labelled as unsympathetic. Red Power was the latest thing in the Indian world and I was able to sympathize with both the delegates and the organizers.

At this time I was like everyone else, unaware that the old famous chief had arrived. While on my way to the cafe I had to pass by the lobby and I noticed an old Indian couple standing in the lobby. I could tell that something was wrong. I thought perhaps they were getting a rough time from the desk clerk so I marched over to be of some assistance. Happily, they informed me they were not getting a rough time but someone definitely had their room and they wanted a room right away. They were very tired from their long trip. I remember the old lady telling me they had driven eight hours and this was why they were so tired.

I remember thinking to myself when I first entered my room that it was funny that I had two big beds in the room just for me. Now I had a chance to make use of them. I quickly told them of the two beds in my room and how they were certainly welcome to use them as long as they wanted. They were happy when I told them that and graciously accepted my offer.

Once in my room the old chief wasted no time in going to sleep. I could see he was not kidding when he said he was tired. I suddenly thought of my own father and how after a long trip the first thing he wanted to do was lie down and get some rest. I found myself thinking about Dad and for a few moments, acute loneliness filled my soul. I was soon brought back to reality as the chief's wife sought to make herself comfortable in the armchair. I told her where I was from and what I was doing for a living. She found it quite interesting that I was making my living in the Canadian army as a musician.

Before I had gone out of my room I had taken my guitar out of its case and left it standing behind the armchair I was now sitting in. I noticed her looking at it and a smile crept up on her face. She asked me, "Is that your guitar?" I told her it was and asked if I would be so kind as to play a song or two for her. Of course, I said that I would be happy to and began to give Mrs. Dan George her own private little concert there in my room while her husband slept blissfully on.

Every once in a while I would be aware of his soft snores and I would attempt to play quieter. She soon noticed that I was uncomfortable singing as I thought that I would wake the old man. She said, "Don't worry about singing too loud as we have lots of grandchildren and we are used to lots of noise."

I sang a few more songs. This time I was much more vocal. I began to wonder why the old lady wasn't tired like her husband. She said she had been able to get some sleep on the road as her husband had done all the driving.

When the old chief woke up, we had a good time laughing and joking. I remembered him saying before he went to sleep that he was hungry, so I asked him if he would like to go down to the restaurant to eat. This idea was met with a hearty approval and so the three of us made our way to the restaurant.

By this time I began to wonder who the lucky people were that this very special old couple had come to see.

As I listened to the old man speak, as they talked among themselves I realized he was someone special. I could see this by the way he talked and the proud way he carried himself. By now I was a little curious. The

thought still had not entered my mind that he might be someone famous. I think if I had known I probably would have been shy and not so comfortable with them. As it was, we were completely enjoying each others company.

When we were first leaving the room, the old lady turned to face me taking both my hands in hers and said, "It is a very good thing to respect your Elders and to be kind to them. For your kindness you have shown to us when we were in need, the day will come to you when you too will have long white hair like this old man, and you too will be called an Elder. Now I want you to call me grandmother and this old man I want you to call him grandfather. Thus did I gain a grandfather and a grandmother.

At that moment I was aware of a certain kind of love and awe, slowly beginning to seep through my heart and soul. Little did I dream that one day I would sit and watch my adopted grandfather on the big silver screen, known the world over as the very famous Chief Dan George. Nor was I to know at that time how one man could bring so much pride to the Indian people at a time in our history when we needed a hero so badly and some kind of figure to give us all something in common. Chief Dan George filled the bill and was to later bring joy and happiness and laughter whenever he played in a movie.

I followed his progress proudly over the next 13 years and in 1975 I was to meet two of his sons at the Mariposa Festival held in Toronto. I was to call them uncle and at that time I explained to them why I called them so. It was a good time for the three of us as we had a common ground to stand on. Their father was my grandfather and there was no question in our hearts as to our relationship.

I regret I never was to see my grandmother again and I only saw grandfather one more time before he passed away.

Just before he died, my wife and I and our son Wasaskwun and our daughter Rachel were in Vancouver and knowing that he was sick, we went to Mission with my sister Amy to visit him. By this time he was too weak to visit long but as it was a beautiful day I asked him if he would like to go outside and enjoy the fresh mountain air. He said he would, so I put him in his wheelchair and wheeled him outside. We sat and talked and I told him what I had been doing and how I too was making a niche in life as a singer/entertainer. At that time I took a picture of him with my son Wasaskwun. I still have that picture and when my son is a man I shall give it to him and tell him all about the old chief and how he made a whole nation and generation of Indians proud.

Whenever I go to Vancouver, I phone my uncles on my adopted grandfather's side and if busy schedules permit, we visit. We enjoy a unique relationship and we are proud of each other. Especially my uncle Len, who is also an artist and actor, we support each other in every way we can. This summer while singing at the Canada Pavilion in Vancouver, he came over to see us with 10 members of his troupe and joined us in our final song, "Museecho." Museecho is our closing song on every show and it is our way of saying thank you to the Creator for the songs we sing and the people we meet. During the song uncle Len gave a speech, in the manner of his famous father and the house came to its feet in applause.



# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Calliou new FCSS Director

By Diane Parenteau

FISHING LAKE — For the past couple of months, the settlement's new Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) Director Clifford Calliou has been hard at work. Calliou, who filled the position vacant since the funds were received last March, has been establishing programs to improve services in the community.



**CLIFFORD CALLIOU**  
...hard at work

Born and raised at Fishing Lake, Calliou completed his education in Edmonton, graduating from Victoria Composite High School in 1965. Since that time he has worked in various jobs including welding in Fort McMurray for a number of years during the boom days. He was also councillor on the settlement a few years ago.

As FCSS director, Calliou is channeling the budget of \$14,717.50 into many areas.

Special attention is going to youth and senior citizens. Mothers are getting consideration, too.

"Fishing Lake has never had any services for seniors or youth," said Calliou. A youth worker and seniors

co-ordinator are currently working with him on various projects.

Richard Chalifoux, youth worker, is supervising the skating rink each evening and working on a youth night schedule for the new gym when it becomes available.

Seniors co-ordinator Diane Parenteau is helping to establish a seniors drop-in centre, at the same time communicating seniors problems with the departments involved.

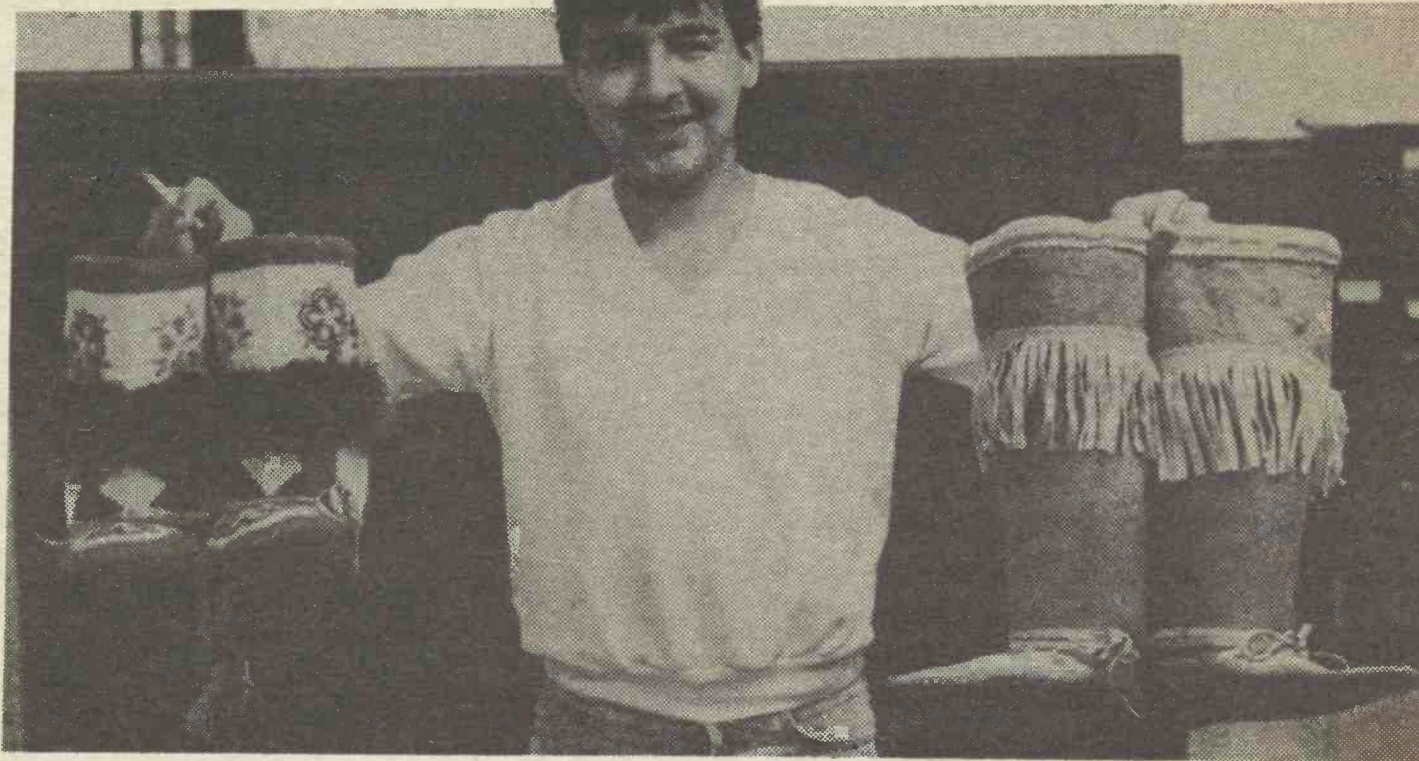
Babysitting services are available on an occasional part-time basis for mothers who need to go shopping or would like a couple of hours free time for themselves. Two reliable babysitters

have been found, and are on duty throughout the week. For a minimal charge of .50¢ an hour per child from the parent, FCSS will pay the remaining \$10.00 for a maximum six-hour day.

Once the FCSS program is started, it is continuous. A proposal for extra funding through a special consideration clause has been written up and submitted. Calliou feels confident that the extra funding will be approved since the community of Fishing Lake is a new recipient of FCSS and programs and services have to be set up right from nothing.

"I'm spending as much time in the community as in the office, assessing what has to be done," Calliou said.

"It's hard to deliver a program by myself. We've got to get more people involved, working together to build a stronger community." Volunteers are an important part of the FCSS program. Anyone wanting to volunteer can contact Clifford Calliou at the FCSS office.



**BRUCE GLADUE**  
...displays the hand-made prizes

## MYC raffle off mukluks

By Mark McCallum

Recently, the 1885 Metis Youth Council of Edmonton held a raffle for two pairs of mukluks to raise money for a trip to the First Ministers Conference on Aboriginal Rights in Ottawa. The council raised almost \$500 but estimate that they will need at least \$500 to \$700 for each of the group's dozen members.

Mel Beaver and H. Huatum, the winners of the beautifully made mukluks, were picked in a draw at

Metis Local 1885 (4th Floor, 9912-106 Street, Edmonton) where the youth group meets every Tuesday evening.

Executive assistant of local 1885, Bruce Gladue said, "we had a lot of comments on the mukluks' beadwork by the staff at Fort Edmonton Park, who noticed a distinct difference between them and other mukluks they had seen before."

The beadwork was done by Rose Auger, "a traditional Metis lady from High

Level," said Gladue. He says that the council can put interested parties in touch with 86-year-old Auger (who even tans her own moose hide), if they want to purchase a pair of the mukluks.

The youth council also holds dances and goes on bottle drives to raise money for the trip. The council encourages people to phone them at 421-1885 for more information and to become a member of their group, at a cost of \$2 per membership.

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# IN YOUR COMMUNITY

## Ghostkeepers open store at Paddle Prairie

By Rocky Woodward

**PADDLE PRAIRIE** — Driving down the highway between High Level and Peace River on a bright sunny day, with the radio playing some good country music, I almost missed a sign that read something like "Paddle Prairie store open."

Then I remembered a conversation I had over a year ago with Elmer Ghostkeeper, a resident of the Metis Settlement of Paddle Prairie and once president of the Federation of Metis Settlements, when he had mentioned his idea about the need for a store for the community of Paddle Prairie.

Ten more kilometers down the highway and about 75 km east of High Level, there was the store that had looks leaning more towards a nice house instead of a store with four blocks of concrete, that I was expecting.

The store is located right near the turnoff to the community of Paddle Prairie.

The store is owned and operated by Kim and Elmer Ghostkeeper, and although an official opening date has not been declared, the doors to the store were opened last October 28. Kim and Elmer made it clear that although the store right now is called, "Ghostkeeper Store," (actually a good title) the legal name is the Paddle Prairie Mall Corporation.

When they first opened, Elmer remembers, "we had nothing in the till so we asked people filling up their cars with gas to make sure they didn't need change because we could not give any," Elmer laughed.

When I last visited Paddle Prairie, I remember as an outsider looking for a store to buy myself a snack and thinking at the time, it sure would be nice to have a store here, since there was none at that particular time.

Looks like Kim and Elmer read my thoughts, or maybe I'm just a slow thinker?

Built inside the store are numerous extensions to



**KIM & ELMER GHOSTKEEPER**  
...open for business

meet the buyers need. A three-door freezer and a six-door cooler are built inside the wall to hold meats and other products.

There are two gondola shelves for produce, all of them in easy reach for customers, and there is also an ice cream cooler.

A uniqueness and added feature to the store is its patio doors. Elmer says it will come in handy if they decide to build onto the building in the future for extra space.

Outside, the ground around the store has not been paved as yet but it is a future venture that will occur. "We are going to

build benches on one side of the building and have a flower bed on the other side for added attraction for people to view and who stop to rest," commented Elmer.

According to Kim, one of their better movers as far as sales are concerned are the movie rentals, which they keep up to date. The store has also become a bus stop and the Edmonton Journal is sold there. "Windspeaker, too if you send us some copies," says Kim.

It is Kim who runs the store. With Elmer tied up doing contract work for the Metis Settlement, he cannot get involved as

much as he would like to.

"Since we sold our house in Edmonton and moved to Paddle Prairie, it helps to give Elmer a break. I have two full time people and one part time working here at the store," said Kim.

Kim is enjoying the change from city life to that of a rural independent store owner and operator.

"I like it. It is a lot of work, though, but the days go by fast. Working at the store I get to meet a lot of people and it is a good way to meet people. I have to say the weather has been nice so I don't get homesick. Ask me again after phase three," she laughed.

The store, situated where it is, seems to be doing well and its future looks the same.

"I think we will do alright. It's not just the Paddle Prairie people that use the store as a service, but also people from the district. There are no stores in this area, except at the Cabins (Indian Cabins), which is 40 km away, and High Level which is about 70 km," Kim said.

Truckers are also becoming familiar with the store.

"We are getting more and more truckers stopping here because they say it is a nice place and they also say it's a good yard for stopping.

There are no hills so they don't have to gear up as much when stopping here," said Kim, who is also beginning to talk like she worked around truckers for years.

The only drawback as a truck stop is that the Ghostkeepers do not sell diesel because of the key locks in High Level.

The possibilities are great for the store with the many trappers in the area and the construction possibilities.

"There are endless possibilities," Kim said.

Thanks for the free coffee, Kim and Elmer, and I am fully aware that you have a very clean establishment, but Elmer can I ask you? Does Kim follow customers around with a mop like she did with me, or is it simply the motherly touch of a good store owner?



## DROPPIN IN

By Rocky Woodward

Hi! I've really done it this time. My boy Cory and I have entered Judo Classes in west Edmonton. Actually, we started two weeks ago and guess who inspired me to join? You guessed it, Bert Crowfoot!

Bert told me a few weeks ago that Judo is good for physical exercise, a confidence builder and a great way to enjoy an activity with the family. It's true but what he didn't tell me is that it is a good way to die, also.

Did you know when Cory and I arrived at our first lesson, one of the guys we spar off with was limping from a sore leg, because Bert had thrown him and he had landed wrong?

That's not all. When Bert introduced me to our instructor, the instructor said, "Bert, I'm still sore from when we paired off in competition last week, but I'll be ready for you next time."

By this time I was beginning to question who my instructor was, Bert or this guy with the sore neck and then I began to question if I wanted to learn Judo or not. It really blew my mind when another Judo instructor walked in with a Judo belt that must of taken him 20 years to achieve, and coldly glared at Bert.

Bert said the instructor had used him as an example for other Judo enthusiasts at a meet and Bert threw him and put a hold on him also. Bert did say the instructor got him in a neck hold after that but, the way he looked at Bert I thought to myself, he hasn't forgotten.

Then I asked myself again, what am I doing here? What if I have to go up against the bully? I thought. Maybe I'll go over to the other side of the mats and spar with the kids? But most of the kids were wearing yellow and green belts and many other colours, and I was a beginner with a white belt. I knew I could get killed over there also.

So I hollered. Cory! Want to spar?

Too late. All that evening I felt I was used as an object to throw around. When it was all over I had bruises and I felt like every bone in my body was broken.

"Now. Don't you feel better?" Bert asked.

I smiled and said I sure do Bert. "Cory! Hold up my other arm. Can't you see it's dragging on the ground!" I said while Cory shoved my broken parts into our truck.

**EDMONTON:** Short notice, but for those that are looking for a place to congregate and visit with the Lord, please remember that the Native Pastoral Centre in Edmonton, will be holding a Drum Mass on February 22.

Bernadette, I am awfully sorry that I could not make your very first "Music Night" held at the Native Pastoral Centre, each Monday of the month, but I am very busy. I will try and be at the next one. Hope it is working.

I understand there is going to be a shin-dig held at the Kinsmen Field House in our fair city, put on by the Guides and Outfitters Association on February 26-28.

Does anyone out there know anything about this? Please call 455-2700.

**EDMONTON MAX:** Dino just called to remind me that they are hoping to hold a Country Music Night on February 26. If anyone is interested in supplying some of your talent to our brothers, why not get involved and give Dropping In a shout.

Calvin Vollrath, when you read this please give me a call. Everytime I phone Calvin, he is away working good fiddle music across the western provinces.

I also hope that you are feeling a lot better from the spill you had while snow sledding down the hills with your family, Calvin.

Calvin took quite a spill I understand and luckily didn't break anything. It did, however, cause him to lose some time off from work. Take it easy Calvin. Native Nashville North needs you all in one piece.

**GRANDE PRAIRIE:** Don't forget that the public and Catholic schools, together, will be holding a Native Education Week on March 23 through to the 27th.

Although much more will be taking place I have been informed two of the programs inserted into the schedule are, "The History of the Native people" and Native people today."

One of the fine Native performers that we all take pride in, Winston Wuttunee, will be in attendance to perform on March 26-27.

**ATIKAMEG:** Meaning Whitefish Lake in Cree, has just elected a new Chief for their reserve and band.

Congratulations on your appointment, Chief Eddie Tallman. And also to your Council.

**PEACE RIVER:** Hi to everyone I met at the Sagitawa

Friendship Centre.

I want to say a big hello to Kay Setz, who was kind enough to show me around the centre, while I visited with them.

Here is Kay below showing me some of the handicrafts made by our own Native people of the north. Thanks again everyone.



**GIFT LAKE:** Poor Leonard has a cold.

"I don't feel too good Rocky. I think spring fever got me." Now I know Leonard is feeling poorly. It's only February! He may be right though, considering the weather we've been having.

Leonard says he visited the Winter Carnival at Wabasca two weeks ago, but didn't stay because of his cold.

"Still while I was there it was loads of fun."

Leonard also asked me who I thought would win the USSR-NHL series. I told him the Gift Lake Islanders.

No bets Leonard.

**DROPPING IN:** Well that's about it. Just remember to keep those tapes coming in for Native Nashville North. And have a nice weekend everyone.



## Martha Many Grey Horses coordinates Twinn Lake's Life Skills program

By Rocky Woodward

TWINN LAKES — The highway (35) that runs from Peace River to High Level, 800 km from Edmonton has a few places a traveller can stop to eat or fill up with gas. One of those places is called Twinn Lakes. Twinn Lakes is located 125 km east of High Level and recently that is where a group of Dene individuals from Assumption and Meander River spent time learning life skills.

The Life Skills program was brought about by the Band Administration for the Dene Tha Band, and more so by a fairly new project started up on the reserves called social development.

Social development and what it is now called, "Dene Tha Ehts Ande," meaning people helping people, was developed through the use of welfare dollars and funding from the Alberta government, put together and used in a much more positive way — getting people off welfare and employing them in the Dene communities.

The life skills program is catered to people already working in the communities for the Dene.

While on a trip north to visit communities, I had the opportunity to stop at Twinn Lakes, only a very short distance off the highway, and visit with the group, along with their Life Skills coordinator, Martha Many Grey Horses.

Martha Many Grey Horses is originally from the Blood Reserve in southern Alberta. She has taught life skills in the Northwest Territories, British Columbia, and in such places as Saddle Lake, Hobbema, the Blackfoot Reserve and now for the Dene Tha of northern Alberta.

Many Grey Horses says she bases life skills on developing the individual, but the whole goal is based on clarifying present values of each individual and the understanding of cultural roots that they have emerged from.

"Here at Twinn Lakes, the atmosphere is very pleasant. It is easier to learn and work under these conditions.

"Basically, I show them the spiritual principals and how it is the basis of culture and important in Native lives. We look at our Native history and see what has happened to Native people

over the years and to understand why we don't see many of the old teachings today," commented Martha Many Grey Horses, while saying in this way it helps to deal with individual hurts.

Thirteen people from Meander and Assumption participated in the two weeks of life skills at Twinn Lakes. All of them felt the program was a blessing in their lives.

During the course Martha Many Grey Horses puts her students into small groups and, she says, then a lot of interaction takes place.

"They begin to talk out things and become more aware of themselves and the people who are sharing life experiences with them. A lot of the talk is based on Native stories."

The course is geared more on traditional values from a Native cultural perspective, and Martha Many Grey Horses says that this is the way she wants to approach it.

The life skills course does not end at Twinn Lakes. Sometime in the middle of February, the group will return to Twinn Lakes for a second time.

"We will then begin learning about communica-

tion, leadership skills and human relationship skills. We will be more involved with physical development and nutrition. There will also be more arts involved such as drama, dance and singing. The students will take on some public speaking roles as well," said Martha Many Grey Horses.

Many Grey Horses also uses cassette tapes that portray positive songs and music. All of the students are asked to bring their own type of music if they want to share.

That evening I sat in on one of their sessions and was surprised to see the response that Martha Many Grey Horses brought out of each individual. To me Martha Many Grey Horses is a person of life, and it showed when she spoke, laughed or just sat and listened to someone talk.

"The guidance I have comes from my fathers. That is what I am working with and it is only on invitation that I will share," she said.

Many Grey Horses says she is independent when it comes to her work in life skills, but does mention that she does work with Four Worlds out of Lethbridge.



MARTHA MANY GREY HORSES  
...developing the individual

The program ends in March and began because of a good response from the Fairview College, who supported it.

"I like the idea of a retreat area like this so the people involved can take time to focus on themselves. At the same time I am learning a lot from the students themselves," smiled Martha Many Grey Horses.

Many Grey Horses says of her group that at one time they had a real concern for other girls to join them who would not.

"They wanted their friends to come into the group also, and after a while the girls did. It really impressed me."

The evening spent with

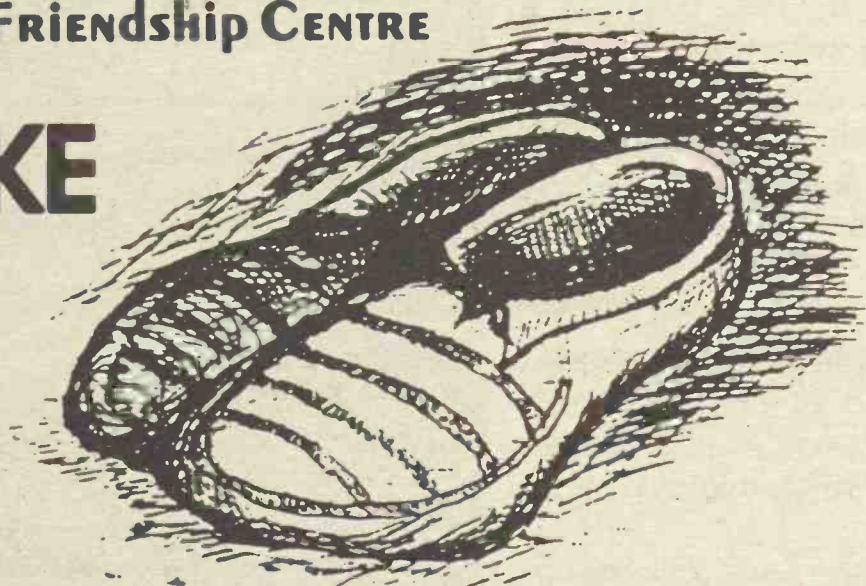
the group and Martha Many Grey Horses also impressed me. After sharing with everyone there, I can only take my hat off to the concerned people of the Dene Tha, for caring enough to look into positive programs such as the life skills program that I had the opportunity to share in — even if it was only for a couple of hours. It did in fact remind me that we are all the same, with problems and no one is bigger or better than the other.

Thanks for the good company, Martha, and the rest of you who I am glad that I met.

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## Sputinow Hot Lunch Program at Fishing Lake running smoothly

By Diane Parenteau

FISHING LAKE — Ever since November 23, 1973, the registered society of the Sputinow Hot Lunch Program has been providing noontime meals to students of Fishing Lake.

The five-member board of 1987 still has two of its founding members, President Francis Dufrense and bookkeeper Christina Desjarlais. Other members are Rose Desjarlais - vice president, Irene Calliou - member and newest member Mary Calliou.

Over the years, parent interest in the program has dwindled off until it is practically non-existent. The hot lunch program, at one point, came very close to being dropped from Fishing Lake because of that reason.

"Parents and students are taking the program for granted," said Vice-president Rose Desjarlais. "People forget what it was like without it."

The program was initiated on the settlements by the Metis Development Branch to improve school attendance. It spread to other communities in the province 'til today Alberta Education funds 27 kitchens in remote and isolated schools. The program serves anywhere from a handful of students at Kikino to a horde of 900 at Wabasca.

Fishing Lake's hot lunch annual budget of \$50,500 pays for food, operating expenses and wages for one head cook, a cook's helper and the board bookkeeper.

From April 1, 1986 to December 31, 1986, 16,868

lunches were prepared and served at a cost of \$21,102.45 or about \$1.25 per lunch.

The 62 elementary students who eat right at Fishing Lake are served a varied menu of things like pork chops, meatloaf, steakettes or spaghetti. They get fruit and beverages as well. Thirty five more bag lunches of sandwiches and fruit travel with the buses to Heinsburg for Fishing Lake students attending junior and senior high.

A campaign to boost parent awareness about the program has been undertaken by the Sputinow Hot Lunch Program board. In conjunction with the grand opening of the

newly renovated JF Dion School at Fishing Lake April 10, the committee is planning a "School Lunch Awareness Week." They will challenge the children's imagination, asking for posters, songs, stories, poetry or whatever, using the lunch program as a main theme.

A kitchen tour will be organized with the possibility of a "Cooks' Day."

Parents are being encouraged to write letters or visit the kitchen facilities to see how things are run.

"We want to get the parents and the students involved in the program," said Rose Desjarlais.

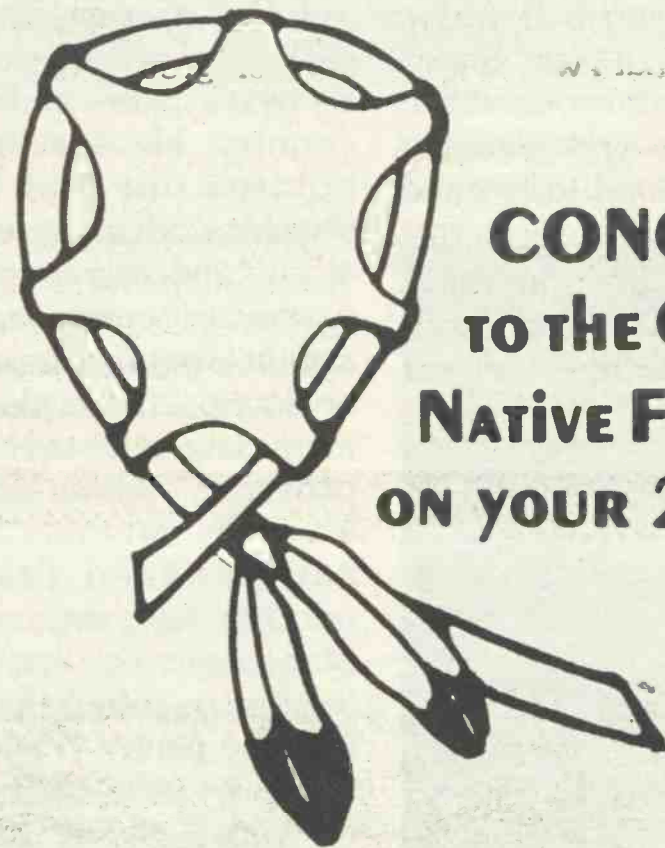
The board holds regular

meetings themselves, with a required three open general meetings throughout the year. Attendance has been very low in the past.

"The program is running smoothly," said Desjarlais. "Maybe parents feel they have nothing to complain about so they don't bother to show up."

Any signs of appreciation for the program from children or parents will ensure that it continue to provide daily balanced meals for all youngsters from Fishing Lake attending school.

Another monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 24, starting at 7:30. The place of the meeting will be announced.



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Silver Jubilee

# The CNFC celebrates 25 years of operation

By Terry Lusty

It was an occasion to kick up one's heels and that's exactly what happened last Saturday night as the Canadian Native Friendship Centre (CNFC) commemorated its Silver Anniversary at the Montgomery Legion in Edmonton.

Approximately 200 guests attended the gala event to pay tribute to the individuals and organizations who have been involved over the years in seeing the centre bridge the gap for urban and rural Native people. The gathering provided an opportunity for many longtime friends to renew their acquaintances and reminisce about the years gone by.

Ably chaired by Larry Desmeules, the evening began with a banquet at which the head table guests included Vic L'Hirondelle, CNFC president; Alderman Ron Hayter; MP Stan Schellenberger and Bill Lesick; Delia Gray; Eddie Bellerose; Phil Thompson and Viola Thomas.

L'Hirondelle paid tribute to those instrumental in spear-heading the centre while recognizing that, "there are too many individuals to name who deserve acknowledgment." Obstacles were overcome he said due to the commitment and support of so many. "Our record of achievements reinforce our own theory that, given an

opportunity, Native people can operate and develop initiatives that invest in human resources," he said.

Hayter addressed the confidence that has been demonstrated over the years. It is a confidence, he said, "that has kept this centre alive over the years."

"Twenty-five years of encouraging and contributing to greater understand-

ing of Native culture, 25 years of strengthening the bonds between Natives and the rest of the community and what a tremendous job has been done," he exclaimed. Hayter particularly praised the efforts of Gordon Russell's boxing club which, "has become one of the best amateur boxing clubs anywhere."

Delia Gray, one of the original people involved with the centre 25 years ago and also on the board of the Canadian Native Society which provided the thrust for the centre to become a reality, recollected the early history and thanked everyone who helped through the years.

"Since the growth of the friendship centres, many of us from all across Alberta and mostly all of the reserves have benefitted," said Eddie Bellerose who, along with Mrs. J.D. Sturrock, had been one of the initiators in seeing the centre become a physical reality. "There are so many to pay tribute to," said Bellerose as he mentioned the names of Col. Eric Cormack, Bob Gray, Malcolm Norris, Senator Gladstone, Ralph Steinhauer and numerous others.

Bellerose expressed the need for people to love and



NAFC'S VIOLA THOMAS ...made presentation

care about one another and challenged the young people who had said that when they get their education, they would put it to work for their people. "I'd like to see that help now," he stated.

Phil Thompson and Chester Cunningham provided still more history of the early days of the CNFC. There was such a "tremendous need" in those days said Thompson who was the first director for the centre and responsible for many of its initial programs.

Cunningham had a lot to say about those times as well. As he dropped names during his speech it was like a "who's who" in Native country. He specifically pointed out that Stan Shank's work in the area of alcohol and drug abuse was particularly commendable and that the program which he developed was identical to one later adopted by the province. Cunningham was insistent that, "Stan had designed (it) but nobody had ever given Stan credit for that." He further qualified the fact that the centre "can take credit for (the beginnings of) most of the Native organizations."

The final speaker of the evening was the president of the National Association of Friendship Centres, Viola Thomas, who had travelled in from Penticton. She extended special greetings and congratula-

tions on behalf of the 109 centres across the country. The many diverse programs offered from Edmonton is something to be truly proud of and they, "have become experts in crisis intervention," she added.

Thomas had a message for government people as well saying that, while they preach budget restraints, the centres practice and live that. She also stated that the centres are practicing self-government and, "I believe it is the responsibility of all levels of government to acknowledge and contribute adequately to ensure that we can provide continued programs for our Aboriginal people."

"We save them thousands and millions of dollars through prevention by incorporating cultural programs and services," she added.

Before leaving the podium, Thomas presented the centre with an original oil painting as a gift from the National Association.

A thank you gift was presented to Thomas by Muriel Stanley-Venne on behalf of the CNFC. Venne remarked that, "this Canadian society will be judged on the way it treats its Aboriginal people."

Another presentation came from Eugene Arcand, the director for the Prince Albert centre, who brought greetings and congratulations from the Saskatchewan Association of



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**(Left to Right) Ed Bellerose, founding member; Vic L'Hirondelle, present president; Delia Gray, founding member; Phil Thompson, first executive director.**

Friendship Centres which will be sending a plaque of the CNFC. Arcand presented another original oil painting from the Prince Albert centre.

Other gifts to the CNFC included a rug from the

Bonnyville centre and wall rug from the provincial association. However, one of the most significant presentations was made by Ralph Bouvette, chairman of the CNFC Board of Trustees which has, for all

these years, held the actual title to the centre's deeds and assets. Bouvette symbolically presented the Transfer of Title in accordance with a February 2, 1987 board decision. Accepting on behalf of the

centre was Vic L'Hirondelle. Special tribute was paid to Georgina Donald and Gordon Russell for their many years of service to the centre. Each was given an engraved plaque. Donald, the director, has been with

the CNFC for 20 years and Russell, for 15 years.

After a lengthy period to accommodate the speeches and gift giving, the evening entertainment got under way. A slide production about the history of the

centre was shown, the CNFC Junior Dancers performed and the White Braid Society drummers and dancers rounded off the performances.

The balance of the evening was enjoyed by the many who stayed behind for the dance with music provided by Gilbert Anderson's band which included Beatrice Calliou who was one of the original band members at the centre back in the early 1960s.

For the guests at the evening function, the centre gave out new CNFC lapel pins and a commemorative book done by Kim McLean and yours truly. Additional copies of the book can be purchased through the centre.

Also on display was a photographic history of the centre which filled five panels, front and back. Overall, a time to remember and a time to look forward to the next 25 years.

**25 years of affiliation**

**Gray reminisces about the CNFC**

By Mark McCallum

I met 68-year-old Delia Gray, who was born near Wabasca, at a Canadian Native Friendship Centre Christmas party last year. We spoke privately in one of the upstairs offices where she proudly stated in her convincing manner, "I've been affiliated with the friendship centre coming up to 25 years."

As Gray recalled the original site of the centre, I noticed a slight lisp in her voice when she said, "It was an old house on 108th and 102nd Avenue, in February 1962, I think. We used to have fun in that place. Then we out-grew that one and found this place through George Pruden. We bought it and we've been here since."

"Now they're talking about a new building, but I don't know. A new building may never be the same. I'll be happy to see it, but there's the closeness here. And, umh..." she paused for a few seconds to gather her thoughts and said, "this is a place I cannot leave. It's a place where people come for help, friendship, dancing, and singing. This is the only place I can come speak Cree at. My husband passed away and my children don't speak Cree, so I have no one to converse with. But, I come to the centre for that."

"You always run into people here that you don't see anywhere else. I'll put it that way," said Gray, trying to explain what the friendship centre means to her. "This is a meeting place," she continued, "tawow."

"Do you speak Cree?"

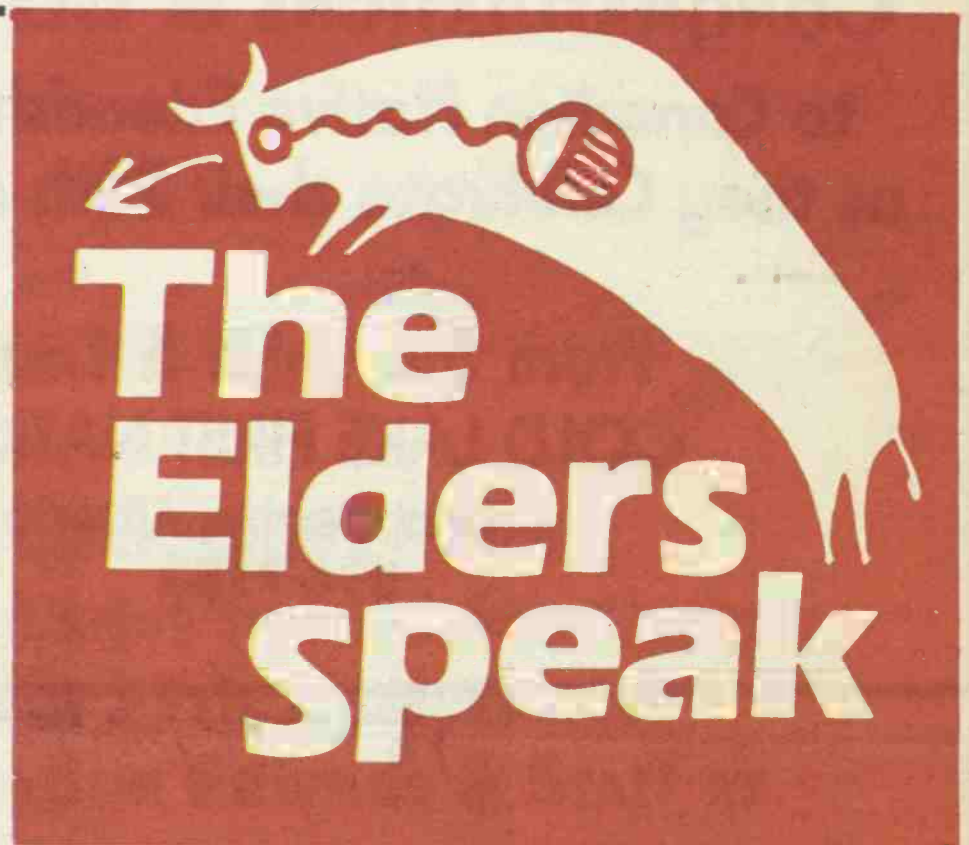
"No, not really," I answered.

"Tawow means there's lots of room, come on in. It's a welcome word," explained Gray.

Delia was involved with other organizations such as the John Howard Society, the Catholic Women's League and the Imperial Order for Daughters of the Empire. But Gray says the only places she's active at currently is the friendship centre and the Legion, which presented her with a medal for service in 1986.

"People will say, 'what are you doing at the Legion? They drink there.' I don't have to drink. I drink tea. They're still good people even if they do. They fought in the front lines for our country...for us. We have to stop and think about that, and give them credit," said Gray, opening her mind on a range of other subjects.

"The last few years at different times I bought my Metis Association (of Alberta) membership card...but now I don't bother. I never hear from them. But, I read about them. They keep going," she said quietly. "They need younger people, I guess."



"Sometimes young people say, 'what have Native organizations done for me?' But that's not the point. It's not one-sided, and what you do for them is more important," advised Gray.

Her face grew more serious now. She said, "when we see our own blood, our people climbing up the step ladder quickly, don't pull them down."

"You know," sighed Gray, "I'm not pointing fingers at anyone specifically, but I have seen that. There are some that will help, but there are some where it's the other way around. There's a lot of envy in our blood...you just have to keep going."



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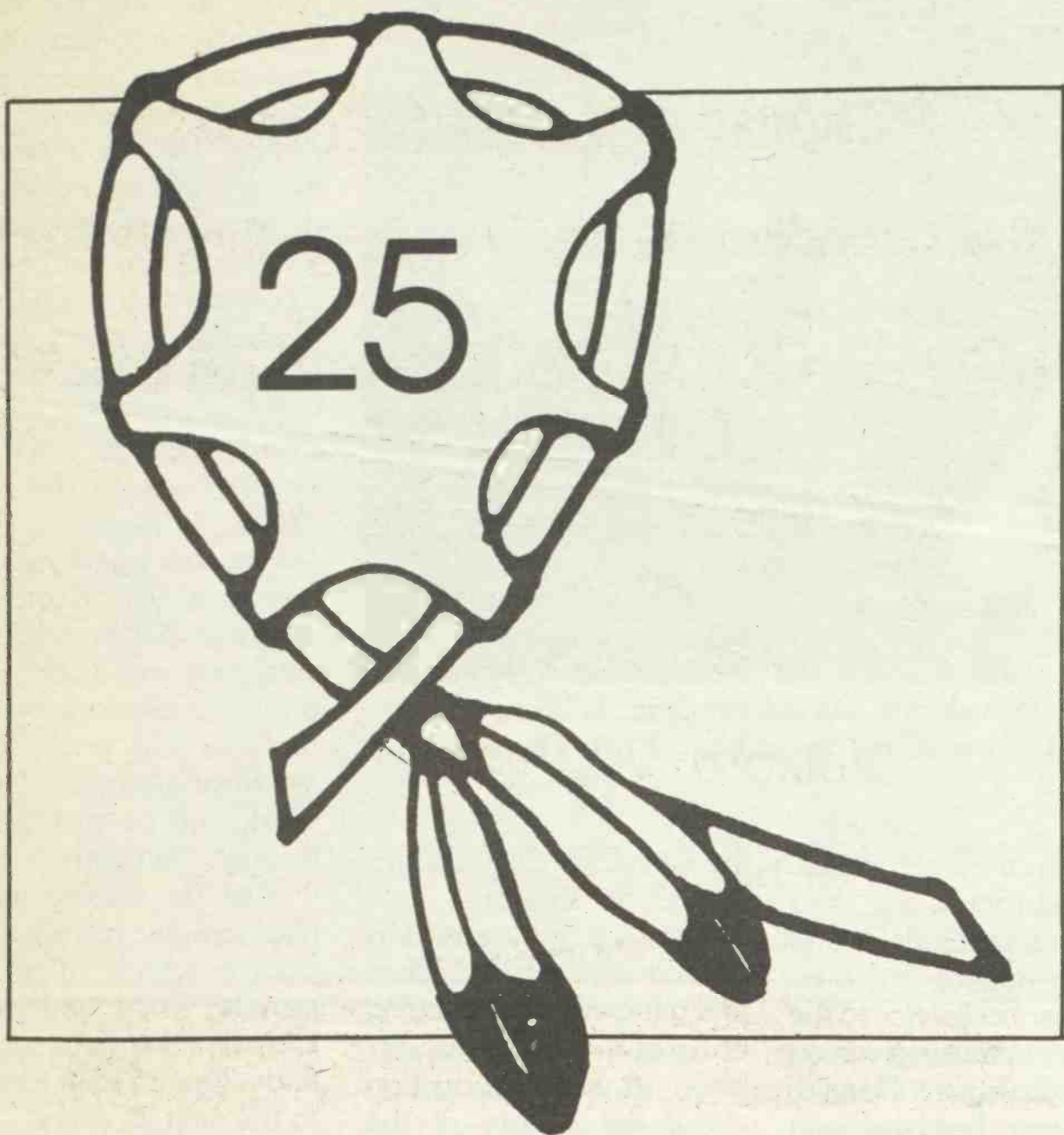
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# THE HISTORY OF THE CNFC

By Terry Lusty

## THE CNS

The forerunner of the CNFC was the Canadian Native Society (CNS) which was organized on November 6, 1960. The group held its first meeting at 5624 - 111 Avenue, the home of Mrs. J.D. Sturrock. This woman has long been credited for her devotion and diligent efforts to establish a centre in Edmonton. At a subsequent meeting on November 13, the society was formally organized and elected a slate of officers.

The first executive and board of the society was comprised of: Eddie Bellerose, chairman; Mrs. William Thomas, secretary; and directors James A. Ducharme, Daphne Ducharme, Don Sneddon, Mariella Sneddon, William Thomas and Alice Viviere.

One matter which gnawed at the society was the fact that ethnic groups within the city had their own

facilities while Native people had to forever shop around to borrow someone else's facilities. This then became the take-off point for the society to begin looking at acquiring its own headquarters, a place that would be their own and not that of someone else.

The CNS lobbied with city officials and soon acquired a two-storey house at a rental of \$200 per month with the city being the centre's first landlord. It was this same house, located at 10218 - 108 Street, that was destined to become the first quarters and home for the CNFC over the next 10 year period.

## THE FIRST CENTRES

Native Friendship Centres have become a veritable institution of Canada. Whereas there were no more than a handful of them some 20 years ago, there are now 108 such organizations. In Alberta

alone, there are today 16 centres dotting the province with the Canadian Native Friendship Centre (CNFC) in Edmonton being the first to establish.

The very first centre in Canada was established in 1959 in Winnipeg and called the "Indian and Metis Friendship Centre." In the following year, the Vancouver Centre in 1961, the CNFC in 1962 and the Indian and Metis Friendship Centre of Prince Albert in 1963.

The proliferation of centres across Canada was not by accident. Their existence and continuation was born of necessity with their primary role being to serve as a vehicle to help Native people cope with life in urban centres.

Over the years, the direction of the centres has shifted to keep pace with the trends and changes that occurred. It is important to note that many programs and services originated at the centres, which acted as a "catalyst" to inspire the

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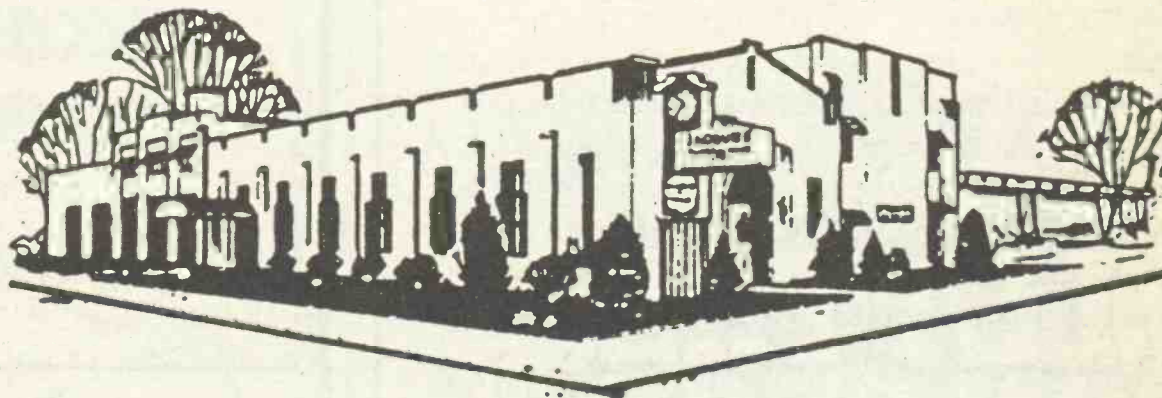
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formation of other worthwhile projects.

The centres also played host to these new groups which formed and many of them held their first original meetings at the centres. Many of these organizations went on to become major institutions in their own right.

### CNFC BEGINNINGS

Invariably, organizations that develop are generally propelled by more than just one person. Such was the case of the CNFC in 1962.

A good many people have been ridiculed and criticized for being dreamers but, were it not for the dreams of Bellerose and Sturrock to have a separate structure and programs for urban Natives, the centre would not likely have ever become a reality.

By January of 1962, the CNFC was ready to assume operations on a regular basis. For its first director they hired Phil Thompson, a Slavey Indian and very able person for Assumption, Alberta.

Furnishings were very sparse at first as the centre lacked capital funds. According to the director, Thompson, "we only had one table and one (borrowed) chair."

This then set the stage for some of the first things requiring attention. During the next few months, additional furniture was obtained, most of it through donations.

Although the needs were great and so varied, it was decided that funding would have to be given priority as no operation can survive without money.

With a concrete objective before him, the director went about speaking to groups and organizations to solicit funds for the centre operations.

### PROGRAMMING

During its first six years of operation, the CNFC received financial donations from numerous groups.

By 1965, the centre realized the support of no less than 35 different groups, organizations, churches and Indian bands which contributed both money and volunteer workers to aid the efforts of the centre.

The centre quickly found out that one of the major problems to be encountered was that of alcohol abuse.

Within a year, Native people formed their own AA group, with the centre as their base of operations. The group is known as "Tawow."

But alcohol was not the sole concern of the centre. People needed jobs, they needed a place to stay, they needed advice and counselling and they need their own people to relate to.

Another issue was that of assisting Natives in conflict with the law. It was imminent and the centre did hire its

first courtworker in the person of Frank Paul, who had been a nursing orderly at the University Hospital. Subsequent courtworkers included, among others, Stan Shank who has been employed for some years with the Secretary of State and Chester Cunningham, now the executive director of Native Counselling Services of Alberta.

The Alberta Native Festival of Music and Dance began in October 1963 and the "Centre Newsletter" originated in August of 1965 with an initial circulation of 150. Over the next few years the number grew until, in 1969, they were sending out approximately 600 copies.

### THE CNFC SINCE 1965

During the latter '60s a few Native organizations made the centre home in a way. The fledgling Alberta Native Communications Society (ANCS) held their meetings there as did the revitalized Indian Association of Alberta (IAA) and the Metis Association of Alberta (MAA), which were active in social animation, cultural and political awareness, economic development and leadership development. The Alberta Native Federation formed in '66 with P.J. "Jack" Bellerose as its first president. A year later, the late Stan Daniels was hired on as a fieldworker.

Other organizations evolved — the Native Youth Club, and a branch of the Indian-Eskimo Association, both of which operated from the CNFC.

The Voice of Alberta Native Women's Society (VANWS) organized in 1968, Native Counselling Services of Alberta (NCSA) in 1970, Native Outreach in 1971, Canative Housing Corporation, Alberta Native Development Corporation (ANDCO), and the Aboriginal Veterans Society of Alberta (in 1982).

A number of these organizations were sparked by people and committees from the centre which had served as a catalyst and breeding ground for the evolution of other Native groups and services.

The house on 108 Street outlived its usefulness and it became clear that a new centre was a must if it was to continue to adequately serve the growing needs of the people it represented.

In 1971, the centre purchased and moved into the old Wesley United Church at 10176 - 117 Street, where it still operates from at this time.

### SPORTS

For years, the CNFC has been active in sports and recreation. In 1981, '82 and '85, the centre's "Native Daughters" managed to capture the National Indian Athletic Association (NIAA) softball championships that draws teams from all over

United States and Canada.

Gordon Russell, the recreation director since 1972, has also had the honor of training many, many boxers, some of whom went on to become Golden Gloves champions (e.g. Randy Jackson, Frankie Pruden and Guy Boutin) but Pruden showed the most promise, and the Native Boys Boxing Club became a household name.

Russell continues to instruct boxing as well as volleyball and baseball. He has now been with the centre for a solid 15 years and recalls the days when Canadian heavyweight boxing champion Willie deWit used to come in to spar at the centre when he was 17 years old.

To his credit, along with "Big John" Fletcher, has been the development of more recent program entitled "Friends in Sports," established in 1985.

The "Native Sons" fastball team managed by Alphonse Thomas and later by Lloyd Auger, organized in 1965. The team played and won a lot of tournaments until it disbanded in the early 1980s.

In 1967-8, Clarence Fiddler took over the hockey team which went as far as the All-Indian and Metis Interprovincial Finals.

### THE CENTRE TODAY

The centre maintains a variety of sporting activities for those so inclined and irrespective of one's age or sex. The women's baseball team and the boxing club are considered among the very best in the country and welcome new or ongoing participants.

Also operating from the centre are the White Braid Society, the Urban Native Referral Program (UNRP) and the Metis Women's Council of Edmonton.

The UNRP assists established or migrating Native people by offering information regarding contracts and services available in the city.

As an organization, the CNFC has flourished — but not of its own accord. Without exception, the largest measure of its value to the community it serves rests with the tireless and unselfish donations of time, energy and money so kindly bestowed by numerous individuals and organizations. It is this extension of humanity which symbolizes what the centres were meant to represent — friendship.

the silver anniversary of the Canadian Native Friendship Centre is an historic occasion and it takes this opportunity to thank all who have contributed and continue to do so as the centre moves towards its golden years.

*This has been a condensed extraction from the CNFC's 25th Anniversary Book which is available through the CNFC.*

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The series of three public forums will concentrate on the plans and positions of Native people before and after the last official talks on Canadian constitutional definition and entrenchment of Aboriginal rights.

A forum simply entitled "Native Economic Development" will feature presentations by Native persons who have a background of experience and success in economic development within the Aboriginal communities. The series will begin at 1 p.m. on March 4, at the Newman Centre in St. Joseph College, on campus.

Roy Louis, chairman of the Peace Hills Trust, Chief Walter Twinn of the Sawridge Indian band and Muriel Stanley-Venne, board member of the Native Economic Development Program will direct their presentations on the state of economic development in Aboriginal communities.

Issues that will be addressed include; approaches to local control of community economic development, how Native people have and can be involved in business ventures and the relationship between Native economic goals and the existing economic order of Canada.

The "Native Education in Alberta" forum scheduled for March 5 will look at how successful Native communities have been at opening doors to educational opportunities for their people. This forum will also accommodate a question and answer period and will begin at 1 p.m. in the KIVA room of the Education Building on campus.

Speakers will include; Phyllis Cardinal, Native Studies Cultural coordinator of the Ben Calf Robe School; Eva Cardinal, consultant with the Sacred Circle Native Education Advisory Committee and Dr. Ralph Sabey, chairman of the Native Education Project of Alberta.

Discussions on this day will give an awareness of Native efforts to exercise a degree of control over the education programs attended by Native students, an insight into present approaches and problems to instituting Native cultural content into the provincial curriculum and an overview of the Native Education

Policy of the Alberta government.

Some high profiled representatives of national Aboriginal organizations will be present for the "Preview FMC '87" forum on March 6 to give the attending audience an idea of what may happen at the First Ministers Conference (FMC) on Aboriginal rights slated for March 26, 27 and 28 in Ottawa.

John Amagoalik, chairman of the Inuit Committee on national issues; Chief Harry Allen, northern vice-Chief of the Assembly of First Nations; Louis 'Smokey' Bruyere, president of the Native Council of Canada; Gregg Smith, president of the Indian Association of Alberta, representing the Prairie Treaty Nations Alliance and Sam Sinclair, president of the Metis Association of Alberta, representing the Metis National Council are all scheduled to speak at the forum.

The upcoming FMC in March is the fourth and last meeting between the prime minister, the 10 premiers, 2 territorial leaders and Aboriginal leaders, called for under the Canada Act 1982 to define and entrench existing Aboriginal and Treaty rights into the constitution.

Aboriginal leaders at the U of A forum will share their viewpoints on whether the First Minister's talks will set a pattern for new approaches toward improved understanding and cooperation between Native and non-Native people living side by side in Canada.

The forum discussions will address such issues as; the Native definition of Aboriginal rights, the Native perspective on Aboriginal self-government and self-determination, land claims from a Native viewpoint and the importance of respecting the Treaty rights of many Indian nations who had signed treaties.

As in previous forums, time has been set aside for questions to be directed from the audience to the panel of speakers.

This forum will begin at 9 a.m. at the auditorium in the Students Union Building (SUB) on campus.

For further information on these public forums, please contact the Native Student club at 432-5677 or 432-2991.



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3. To provide a positive successful educational experience.

### Program

#### 1. Life and Study Skills April, 1987

The first six weeks of the program are devoted to developing a strong support system for the students. This orientation period would introduce students to health concepts and skills required for various health services careers. It includes a life and study skills program which would enhance skills needed for science courses and prepare students to cope with personal crises.

#### 2. Bridging Program May, 1987-86

This program will provide students with a bridge between high school and university. The major emphasis will be on the biological sciences, so that students will be sufficiently prepared for first year university science courses. The curriculum is being developed in consultation with Native Elders in order to design a program that will qualify students

both to enter health career programs giving consideration to their traditional Indian culture.

#### 3. University Program September, 1987

This includes first year science courses acceptable for a wide range of professions.

Concurrently throughout program

#### 4. Optional Studies In the social sciences or humanities.

#### 5. Enhancement of bi-culturalism including:

- a. a program of interaction with Elders
- b. acquisition of, or improvement in, a Native language.
- c. program of Native speakers focusing on issues of bi-cultural identity and the practice of the health professions in Native Communities.
- d. a program of urban orientation experiences.

### Location

Old Sun College is located at Gleichen, Alberta on the Blackfoot Indian Reserve. It is approximately 100 kilometres east of Calgary on the Trans-Canada Highway.

### Accommodation

Both family and single unit residences will be available at the College site.

### Day Care

Day Care facilities are available at the College for infants to five years old.

### Counselling

Education, personal and career counselling are available to students prior to enrollment and throughout the program.

### Health Services

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### Financial Assistance

Financial assistance may be available. Further information will be provided upon assessment of your application form.

### Admission Requirements

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## Many Native students at U of A

By Everett Lambert

It was back to the bustling halls of academia for some 29,000 students this January at the University of Alberta (U of A).

With them came an encouraging sight — 150 to 200 incoming and ongoing Native students who help make up the ranks of the University's student body.

A cross-section of the Native enrolment shows that these students come from many parts of Alberta as well as out-of-province.

There are Native students at the U of A from B.C., the Northwest Territories, Fort Vermilion, Paddle Prairie, Saddle Lake, Fishing Lake, Alexander, Hobbema and the Blood Tribe, to name some of the places. Education and the Liberal Arts are popular faculties at the U of A, however, incoming students joined the other Native students in a diverse range of study areas.

On January 6 and 7, new students were comforted and oriented by a group of Native staff members and students. These were students in the College University Transfer (CUT) program. Gillian Sander-son welcomed and intro-

duced them to their new environment. Gillian is part of the staff that makes up the U of A's Native Student Services (NSS). This office is separate and autonomous from the School of Native Studies.

This year there are Native students studying in such disciplines as political science, native studies, education, physical education, Canadian studies, business and law.

Upon arriving you would first be welcomed by Mary Ann Simon's friendly smile. You can find out just about anything about the NSS office through Mary Ann.

If you are puzzled about what courses to take, or what you need to take a course, this would be handled by Counsellor Marilyn Dumont. She is equipped to counsel attending or prospective students on anything academic.

To promote the office's services, we have also newly appointed, Doreen Richardson. She is the Community Liaison Officer. Doreen travels many of the outlying areas as well as the city to tell people about the office and promote secondary education.

And if the staff does not have the means at hand to

counsel or inform you, they can refer you to someone who does.

To make sure all of the above functions are meeting their mandate is the acting director, Carl Urion. Sitting on boards that will have great impact on the lives of Alberta Natives and speaking to audiences on such things as a university education makes up the rest of the director's busy schedule. Funding inquiries, negotiating with school officials and helping to make the office's group decisions add to this list.

The mandate of the office sets out that it is a unit within the U of A designed to provide the Aboriginal student with a variety of services.

The mandate derives from the philosophy that the Aboriginal student pursuing an academic interest may require a specialized and diverse service system that will enhance their chance of success.

And what can be a better place for the first people's office than the first building on the U of A's campus — Athabasca Hall (Room 124). Premier Lougheed once stayed there.



## University of Alberta

### Native Students Club Forums

#### Native Economic Development

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#### Native Education in Alberta

March 5, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Kiva Room, Education Centre

- Alexander Band School (TBA)
- Phyllis Cardinal, Ben Calf Robe School
- Dr. Ralph Sabey, Native Education Project
- Eva Cardinal, Sacred Circle

#### Preview: First Ministers Conference '87

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- Harry Allen, Assembly of First Nations
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# Sports



**THE GOODFISH LAKE FLAMES**  
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## Goodfish Lake Flames take top honours

By Stan Jackson

**BRANDON, MANITOBA** — The Keystone Centre was the site of the 13th Annual Dakota Winter Tribal Days, Canada's largest Indian hockey tournament.

The Goodfish Lake Flames took top honors for the second time in three years, finishing in second place last year and first this year. Goodfish, one of three Alberta teams represented along with the Hobbema Oilers and the Sarcee Seven Chiefs, beat five teams on route to winning \$5,000.

The Piapot Eagles went down in no contest match 9-1. The Pas Blues went down in a hard-hitting, chippy hockey game much to the disappointment of a large following.

The Sioux Valley Dakotas, probably the biggest team of the

tournament, could not keep up with the wavelike attack of the Flames, with the final score 8-3.

The Ebb & Flow Flyers advanced to meet Goodfish with a win over the Hobbema Oilers, which saw the Oilers come back from a 5-1 deficit to tie it only to lose 7-5. The Flyers were not so fortunate against the Flames losing 7-2.

The Ochapowace Pontiacs, led by veteran Charlie Cyr, upset the reigning champions the Norway House North Stars in the second round of play, advancing through Sarcee and The Pas Blades to meet the Flames in the final on Sunday. Charlie Cyr took the MVP trophy after losing 7-4.

The flames took four of six trophies in the tournament with Daniel Houle winning top scorer, Steve Cheechoo getting best defense, Cliff Sherstataboff taking best goalie, Melvin Steinhauer

took the top coaching honors. Each trophy carried \$100 in cash.

The North Lake River Hawks beat the Gordon Golden Hawks in a sleeper of a "B" final with spurts of good hockey throughout.

In addition to the main events, there was dances Friday and Saturday featuring the C-Weed band; boxing, armwrestling, square dancing, a princess pageant, talent show and the traditional moccasin games which attracted considerable attention.

Rick Hansen's Man in Motion Tour stopped by on Saturday attracting a lot of attention on stage with the C-Weed band.

The Brandon tournament, with approximately 7,000 people attending the three day event, is undoubtedly the class of Indian hockey tournaments in Canada. An excellent weekend well worth the trip for anyone thinking of making the tournament next year.

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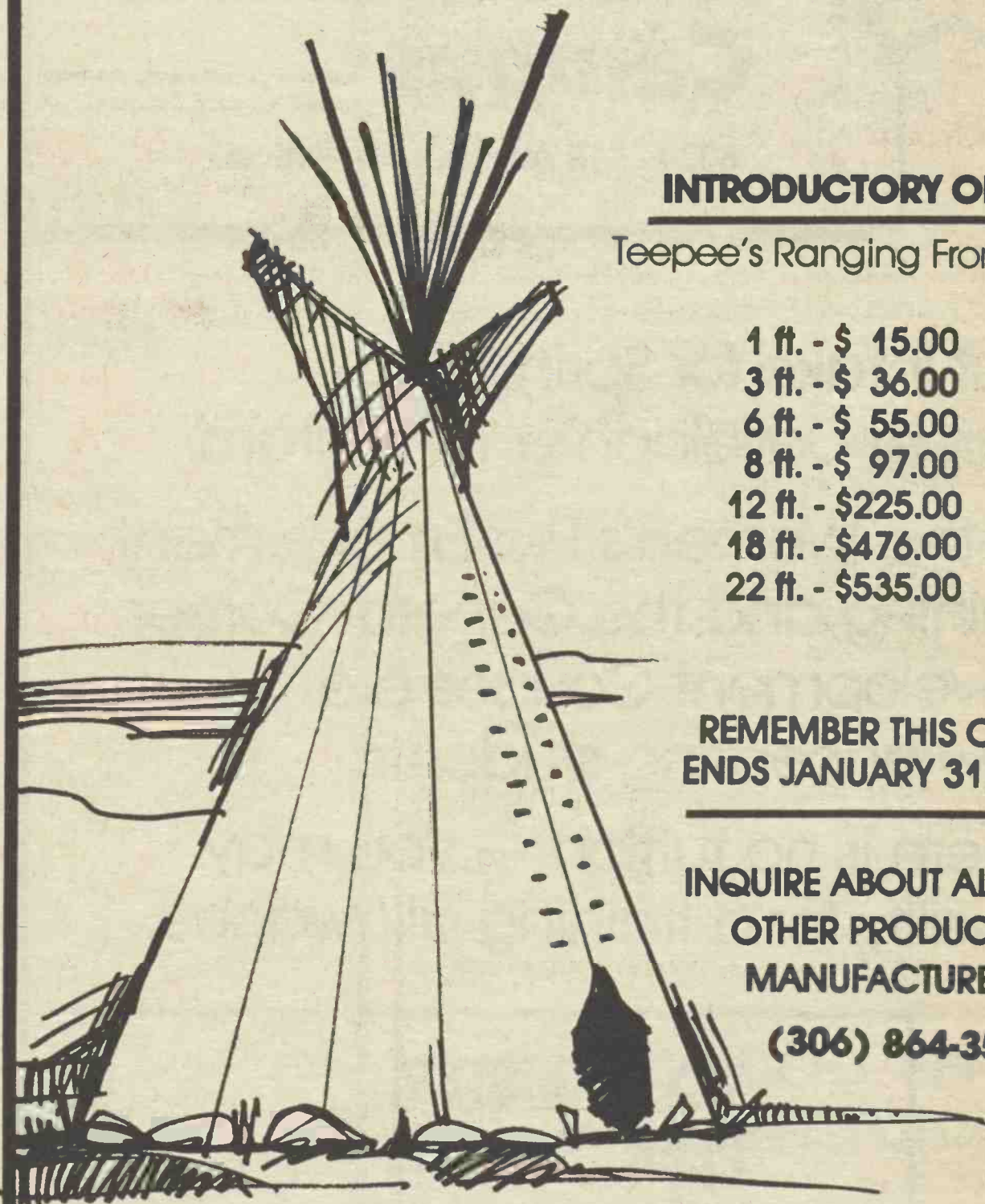
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## SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Mark  
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The 1981-82 National Hockey League season was a strange time for Edmonton Oiler fans and players, but it was even odder for the Vancouver Canuck faithful and team.

This was the year all-star goal tender Grant Fuhr broke into the NHL and set a rookie record for most games undefeated by a net minder. Oilers' Wayne Gretzky publically stated that he would score 50 goals in 40 games and accomplished the never-before seen feat in 39 games, putting the puck in the net five times against the Philadelphia Flyers. And, the same reason Edmonton finished second over-all in the league standings, which wasn't bad considering they barely made the play-offs the previous year.

It was in this unexplainable season that Sun columnist Terry Jones (then with the Edmonton Journal) called the Edmonton Oilers, "WEAK-KNEED WIMPS," after they lost a five-game series via the Los Angeles Kings who robbed the Oilers in the first round of the NHL play-offs.

The season didn't change directions either. The Vancouver Canucks, who entered the league in 1971 and never went as far as the Stanley Cup finals, actually extended their season to May. The Canucks, along with their towel-waving fanatics, were in the finals, the series of

games that would decide which team would get fitted for Stanley Cup rings. But, Vancouver blew it. And, now their long suffering fans are still faced with the ailment of Canuck hockey. Is there any justice for these fans? None whatsoever, their team will remain in the NHL basement until they get some players with heart, a couple of all-stars and a coach. Hey, isn't that guy who had his name in the papers for being on two team payrolls — what's his name — Pat Quinn going to Vancouver? If he can decide which team signs his pay cheques, then maybe Canuck fans will have something to cheer for. But, don't hold your breath. The Vancouver Canucks need a lot more than a coach and intimidating towel-waving fans to beat even a good **HOBBEA** — The Howard Buffalo Memorial Centre will be holding a Native womens' basketball tournament, from March 6 to 8. The entry fee will cost \$50.

Recreation director, Lorna Lentz, says the Canada West Volleyball Tournament will also be coming to the centre on April 17, 18 and 19. She adds that they expect 24 mens' and womens' teams to enter the tournament before the registration deadline on April 3. You can pay the \$300 entry fee and get more information on these events by phoning Lorna at 585-3016 or 423-9115.

The Western Canada Native Junior Hockey Championship will be held at Four Bands Arena from April 17 to 19. Organizer Ted Hodgson says they're asking for a \$250 entry fee. Call Ted at 585-3883/3771, if you're interested in this championship showdown.

**ENOCH** - A 10-team co-ed volleyball tournament will be held on March 7 and 8 at the Enoch recreation complex.

Tournament organizer, Ken Ward, says they'll need a \$100 fee in by March 2 and adds that lots of prize money will be awarded. Call Ken at 470-5647 for more details.

**KEHEWIN** — The Kehewin School will be the site of the year-end volleyball tournament from April 17 to 19. The Easter special will feature 10 womens' and 10 mens' teams and will award prize money, trophies and medals to competitors. But, you should get your \$200 entry fee in no later than April 15. This special event will also include a basket social and dance at the school on the 18th. All it will cost to get through the door is \$5.

A talent show will be held at the Bonnyville Agri-Plex on April 24 and 25. You can contact Herman John or Rita Badger at 826-3333 for more details.

**ALEXANDER RESERVE** — The Alexander Knights are hosting the 4th Annual 12-team "no-contact" Spring Classic Hockey Tournament on March 20 to 22. Tournament organizer, Brian Arcand, says medals to game stars and individual all-star trophies will be awarded. When you raise the \$250 entry fee, call Brian (939-5887) or Tom Burnstick (939-7238) before the registration deadline, on March 14.

**BLACKFOOT BAND** — The Treaty 7 class 'B' Mens' and Womens' Basketball Championship play-offs will be held at the Deerfoot Sport-Plex on March 6, 7 and 8. The registration deadline is set for February 27, so don't waste any time getting your \$150 entry fee to Recreation Director, Rick Running Rabbit, who mentioned that the class 'A' event will be held at Standoff on March 14 and 15. Call Rick at 734-3070 for more information.

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# Edmonton Spikers take Poundmaker Volleyball Tourney

By Albert Crier

ST. ALBERT — A capacity crowd of cheering fans could be heard loudly encouraging their favorite teams on, at the Volleyball Fun Tournament held on February 7 and 8 at the Poundmaker/Nechi Centre.

Several local teams from the Edmonton area came on short notice to compete for trophy prizes. One team travelled from as far as the O'Chiese reserve to join the fun.

The Poundmaker Lodge entered two staff teams and to make sure the hosting facility had a good chance at the top prize, three more special forces squads, made up of treatment clients entered the competition.

And if that wasn't enough, the Nechi Institute got its staff together and entered two teams.

All the Poundmaker/Nechi teams could not beat the Edmonton Strikers, "A" division champs and the St. Francis Xavier High School Rams, "B" division winners.

But the Poundmaker teams won in one way — they had fun — as did all the players and spectators at the tournament.

The tournament was called so the nearby Native communities could meet



THE SPIKERS VS THE RECS  
...Edmonton Spiker Allan Beaver spiking

together for a fun-filled sports tournament.

There was no money competition involved, thereby leaving the afternoon for fun and exercise.

"We organized the tournament mainly for fun, to get together and have a good time," said John Gambler who co-organized the tournament with Robert George.

"We wanted to show the benefit that can be obtained from sharing fun and laughter and to have the teams leaving the floor contended. The exercise part is also important to our clients who are recovering from alcoholism, to get

their minds and bodies working in a normal way," added Gambler, who is the recreation assistant at Poundmaker Lodge.

The "A" division champs, Edmonton Strikers, played a set of close games to win (best of 5) over the Edmonton Recreation team.

The Edmonton Recreation team received the second place slot in the "A" division.

The "B" division finals saw four more close games, (best of five) between the Rams and the Native Christian Fellowship (NCF) team. The NCF team won second place in the "B" division.

The Nechi EAPs and the War Hawks were two teams that made it to the semi-finals in the "A" division. In the "B" division semi-finals, the Poundmaker Lodge "Power Chiefs" and the Alexander T-Birds saw action.

The regular tournament games played a best of three games and the semi-finals and the finals game

were played on a best out of five game sets.

All-star players chosen by tournament judges for best overall performance went to Lori Tootoosis and Allan Beaver of the Edmonton Strikers. Mike Auger and Lily Donald of the Edmonton Recreation team, Brenda Longmore of the Nechi EAPs and Tracy McLean of the War Hawks, for the "A" division.

The "B" division all-stars selections included; Warren and Farren Steinhauer of the NCF team; Michelle Curtis, Mike Schmalz and Ron Beauchamp of the Rams and to Ray Gladue of the PML Power Chiefs.

Robert George, tournament organizer and captain of the tournament champs, says his team, the Edmonton Strikers are the only Native team invited to compete at a Calgary co-ed volleyball tournament, organized by the Airways Racquette Club for the February 14 and 15 weekend.

George expressed his thanks to the Poundmaker/Nechi Centre for providing the facility, "We wouldn't have a place for the tournament if not for Poundmaker/Nechi gym," and to all the players and team supporters for coming out to join in competitive fun.

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# Predator calling equipment listed

By Stephen G. Wuttunee

Let's begin with dress, shall we? First of all, since most predator calling is done in the dead of winter, while the cold northern winds are at their fiercest, it is safe to assume that you'll need a good hat. Whatever type of hat you choose to wear, be certain that it is drab colored and warm. These are two qualities to look for in a good hat. Avoid wearing fur hats at all costs (unless you wish to be mugged by an owl). They could cost you your life.

You'll soon find that a pair of warm mitts or gloves, a well insulated jacket or parka and a warm pair of hunting boots are also essential for a comfortable stand. It gets really cold while calling in early morning, so dress properly for the occasion.

I own a pair of Bushnell 7 X 35 binoculars, and they've proved themselves on every hunt. In winter, I tape them white and carry them around my neck while hunting. A sharp knife and waterproof matches are always part of my gear. You never know when you'll need them. Now here's an item not many callers think of bringing: a small piece of cork. After burning it with a match, apply it to your face and hands for fantastic camouflage. It fullens the skin's shine most effectively, and it washes off easily with ordinary soap and water. What more can you ask for?

It's not a good idea to eat before you call. Not only could a predator smell the odor from far away, but a morsel of food could lodge in the reed of the call and render it useless.

Rare are the occasions I go predator calling without some type of weapon, particularly in areas where bears are known to roam (I forgot to mention earlier that bears will often come to a call). And because of Alberta's high bruin population, I never make a stand in unfamiliar territory without my Glenfield 30-30 Win.

Equipped with the Tasco 4 X 32 scope I received as a

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gift, it has sufficient knockdown power for bears out to 100 yards, with exception made to the larger grizzly, of course.

Outdoor photographers should seriously consider taking a shotgun with them while calling. Loaded alternately with buckshot and slugs, the shotgun peppers faster than a machine gun. It is effective out to 40 yards and can be used as a defense or short range hunting weapon.

There have been numerous documented attacks on callers by foxes, coyotes, birds of prey and even bobcats, in the United States as well as in Canada. Still, animal attacks occur very rarely in predator calling. However, if an animal does attack you, kill it and take it immediately to a health centre. The animal could have been rabid.

If you want to kill predators, then just about any medium size calibre suitable for deer will suffice for varmints. Though the .22 Long Rifle and the .22 WMR will do the job nicely on foxes and other smaller predators, I don't recommend them for any larger animals beyond 100 yards. The risk of needless crippling with the rimfires past this distance is simply too great.

Being a witness to the tenacity of predators, I once saw a coyote in Quebec absorb two well-placed shots in the lower chest area at 80 yards from a .223 Rem., certainly one of our most potent varmint calibres on the market today. The coyote traveled about 30 feet before a third slug hit it in the brains, dropping the animal instantly. The .223 is more than adequate for predators most of the time, but all predators are tough. Never underestimate their tenacity.

Fur prices have climbed steadily over the years, mainly because synthetic furs have lost their appeal to consumers. Coyotes bring an average of about fifty dollars a hide, with fox and bobcat skins fetching higher prices. Most fur buyers today prefer to receive hides in the "glove" form, i.e. the skin peeled off the animal like a glove. Any knife or bullet holes should be sewed up with a heavy duty needle and thread. The fur should be facing the outside.

Predator calling is rapidly growing in popularity and as a major sport for the young and old alike. Now, whether you as a novice will succeed in the long run depends entirely on your perseverance and determination. However, it has been known to happen on occasion to noisily walk afield, idly blowing false notes on a varmint call and "BINGO;" foxes and coyotes appear! Beginner's luck, no doubt about it! But to be serious for a minute here, while I attempt to close this article, let me assure you that the first time you successfully call up a raging coyote and see the murder in its yellow eyes, fangs bared and the hair bristled on its back, you'll experience an adventure that only a lifetime of calling will be able to satisfy.

A word of caution: DON'T GET UP AND RUN AWAY!

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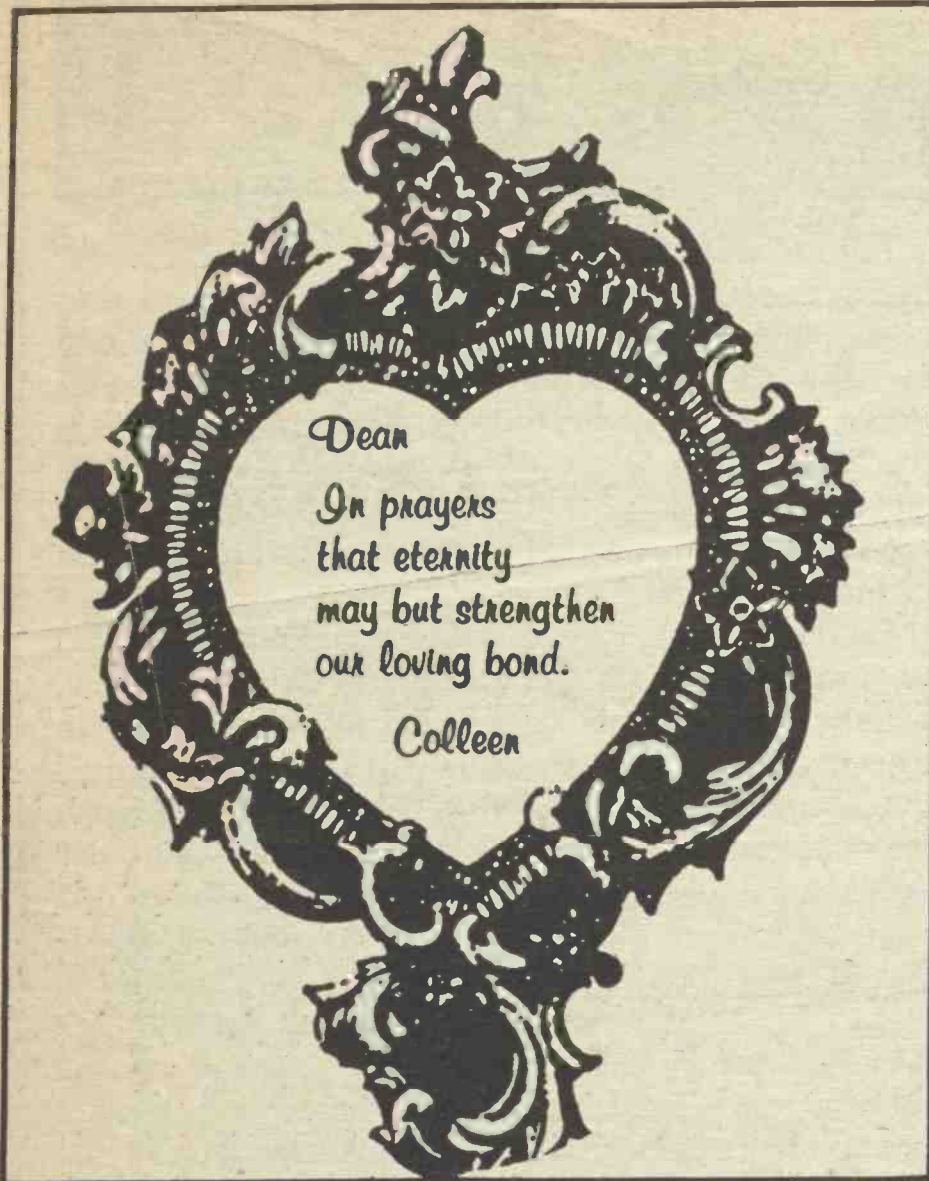
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#### Authority & Accountability

The project manager will report directly to the Director of Radio and will be responsible for supervising four or more trainees.

#### Lateral Relations

The project manager must be able to instill excellent work habits in all trainees and should be knowledgeable of Native Communications and the Native psyche.

#### Staff Supervision

The project manager will be responsible for and the direct supervision of all the Arts trainees.

**Salary:** Commensurate with experience.

This position must be filled as soon as possible.

For further information contact:  
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### METIS ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA

#### Notice of Nominations & General Election

Notice is hereby given that nominations for the position of **Board of Director** in each Zone of the Metis Association of Alberta will be accepted, beginning January 27, 1987, at the offices of the Chief Electoral Officer of the Association, located at #120, 12520 St. Albert Trail, in the City of Edmonton, Province of Alberta.

Qualified Candidates must have their completed "Nomination Paper" filed with the above office on or before 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon of Friday, February 27, 1987.

The **General Election** of the six Zone Directors will be held on Monday, March 30, 1987, with an advance poll held on Saturday, March 21, 1987. The election will be conducted in each local polling subdivision. Polling hours at both the election and advance poll are from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

To be an eligible elector, each member must be properly registered with a local in the zone within which he or she resides.

Nomination Papers and further information on the General Election may be obtained from the Regional Vice-Presidents, all Local Presidents as well as the offices of the Chief Electoral Officer at #120, 12520 St. Albert Trail, Edmonton, Alberta T5L 4H4. Telephone: (403) 455-2200.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

RESPONSIBLE TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### SUMMARY:

Reporting to the Board of Directors of the Rocky Native Friendship Centre Society, supervises all staff employed by the Centre; prepares and implements the annual financial operating plan; acts as senior advisor to the Board; supervises fund raising activities; plans and organizes public relations and publicity projects; recruits, trains, encourages and supervises volunteers and performs other duties.

#### 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 operation of the Centre.
- Supervises the Centres fund raising activities.
- Recruits, trains, encourages and supervises volunteers.
- Performs other duties as required.

**DEADLINE:** April 1, 1987

**START DATE:** April 15, 1987

#### REQUIREMENTS:

- Post Secondary School (desirable)
- Knowledge and understanding of Native Culture an asset
- Valid Driver's Licence
- Good Communication Skills (written/spoken)
- Management and Administrative Certificate (desirable)
- Native Language an asset
- Ability to work with other groups and organizations.

Send resumes to:  
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**4917-52 Street**  
**P.O. Box 1927**  
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**Telephone: 845-2788**

**SALARY:** Negotiable

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Board of Trustees of the Northland School Division No. 61 will hold its next Regular Meeting on Friday, February 20, commencing at 7:00 p.m., and continuing on Saturday, February 21, 1987 at the Northland School Division Board Room in Peace River, Alberta.

All interested members of the public are invited to observe, and to gain an understanding of their Board operations.

A question and answer period will be provided for the public as an agenda item.

**G. De Kleine**  
**Secretary-Treasurer**  
**Northland School Division No. 61**



Northland SCHOOL DIVISION No. 61





**IN TOUCH**

**By Dorothy Schreiber**

A government sponsored survey, Edmonton Native Needs Assessment Study, revealed that of the Native family groups living in the city, 50% were single parent families.

As much as parents love their children, being a single parent is not always easy.

This week In Touch takes a look at a couple of resources which may be of interest to single parents.

**Mothers Day Out**

For single parents, time for one's self may be precious but difficult to attain. I have often heard single parents lament that they would like to have a day to themselves but daycare and babysitters are often too costly. Mothers Day Out may be the alternative that you're looking for.

In the Norwood area, Mothers Day Out will accept children age 5 and under.

The program operates on a pre-booking basis — one month in advance. Booking days are the 4th Monday of every month. For the month of February, booking day is on Thursday, the 26th.

The fee for looking after your child is both affordable and reasonable. The rate is \$3.50 per day for one child and .50¢ for each additional child. However, if this is too steep, then the fee will be waived.

Child care service is available for either one day a week or two half days per week.

If you are interested in the Mothers Day Out services, contact Outreach Worker Susan Chorney at 471-3737.

There are other Mothers Day Out services within the city. Each program serves people living within a specific city area. For example, people eligible for the Mothers Day Out service in Norwood, must live within the Norwood area to qualify for childcare services.

For information on the location of other programs call 426-3242.

**Single Parents of Edmonton**

The vice-president of Single Parents of Edmonton says the groups offers people the opportunity to meet other people, and to alleviate loneliness, sometimes experienced by single parents.

The group holds dances on the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month at Calder Hall.

In addition, the group also holds annual events such as Christmas and anniversary parties.

During the summer months, Single Parents of Edmonton sponsors family picnics for its members.

To be eligible for membership, the organization requires that you have been separated from your spouse for at least six months. The annual membership fee is \$8 per year. For further information call 478-1852, 424-5269 or 471-3464.

# Activity Corner

## WORDSEARCH

By John Copley

Circle the words from the following list and the remaining letters starting from left to right (working across) will give you a phrase or sentence. Letters may be used more than once in order to achieve another word. Words may run vertically, horizontally, backwards and diagonally.

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## WINDSPEAKER PICTOGRAM

By Kim McLain



Use a pen or pencil and fill in the segments that contain a dot. If done correctly, the filled in segments will reveal a hidden picture. This week's pictogram will be shown in next week's paper in completed form.



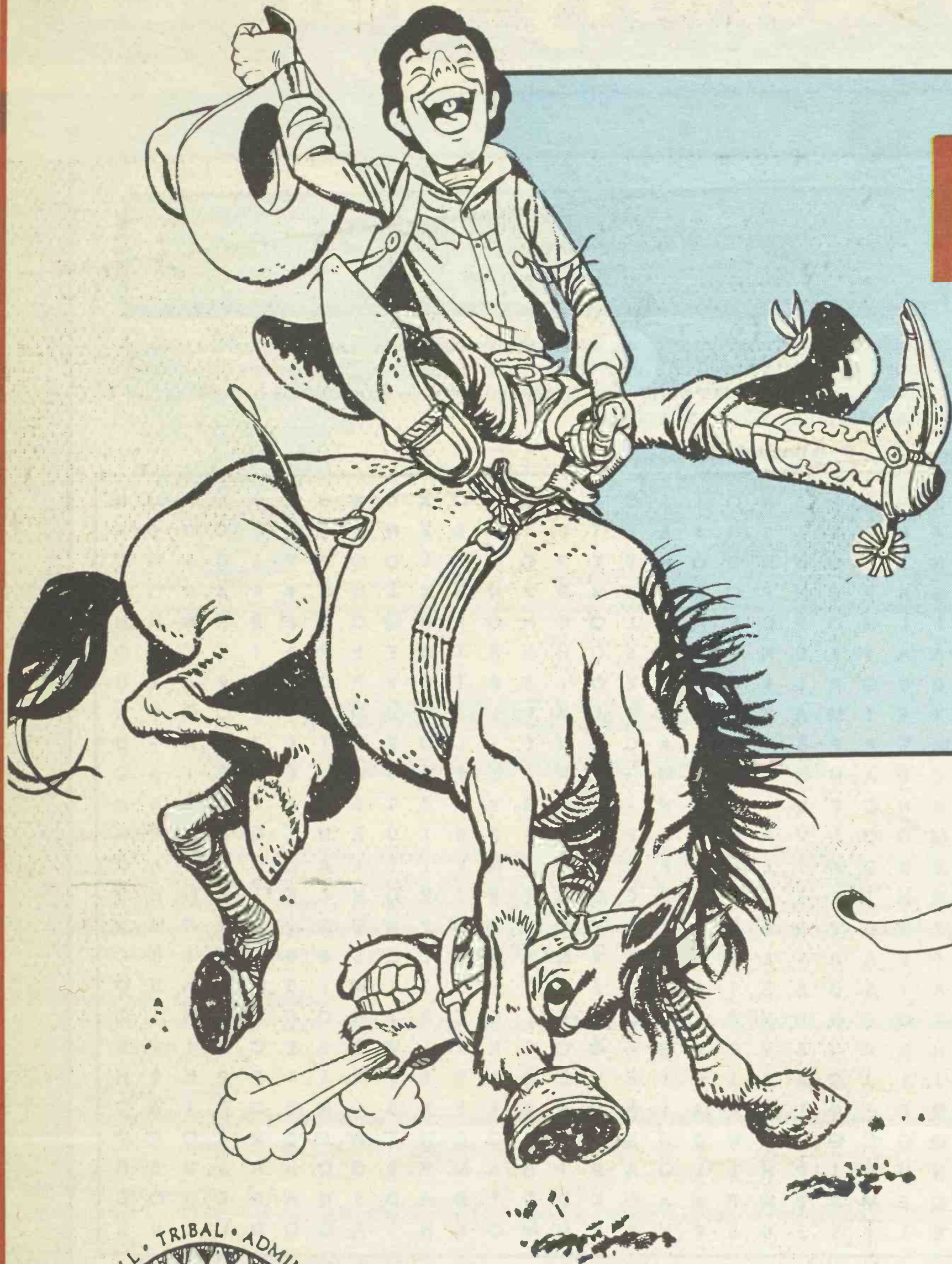
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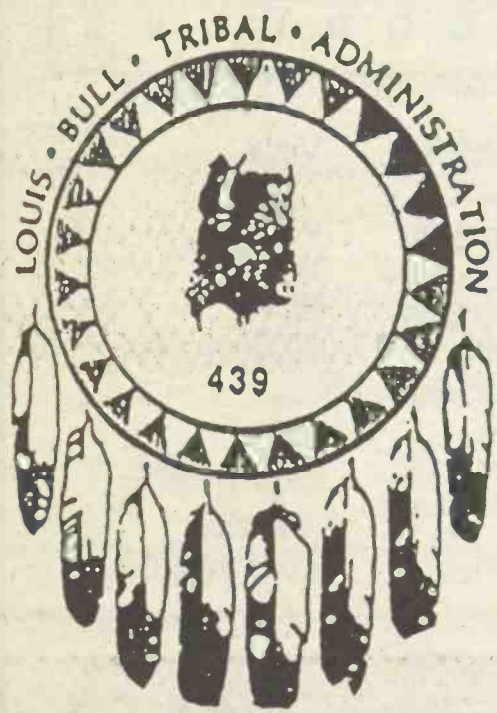
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