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# Metis federation elects new leader

By Rocky Woodward

Randy Hardy stepped into the leadership position as president of the Federation of Metis Settlements with an easy victory when he was elected without opposition by acclamation.

Prior to voting taking place by council members representing the eight Metis Settlements of Alberta, only two nominations, that of Hardy's and Ernest House from Caslan were entered for the president's position.

House declined his nomination due to personal reasons which left the position open to Hardy.

Gary Parenteau, the past president of the Federation decided not to run at the elections which were held at the Beverly Crest in Edmonton, June 27-29.

Elmer Ghostkeeper, who everyone thought would run, stayed out of the elections and stated that his intentions were never to run for any position with the Federation because of his involvements with other business, needing his direct attention.

Windspeaker, in a previous edition had commented that Ghostkeeper was running for the presidents' position, "and this is not true," said Ghostkeeper.

Only one nomination for the vice president's seat, saw Lawrence Cunningham for Peavine (Big Prairie) Metis Settlement win by acclamation.

According to Parenteau, he had given the vice president's position some serious thought before deciding he would not run.

"As far as leadership, I don't think anything will be missing. Both Randy and Lawrence have been involved with Federation business for a number of years, especially at a community level," explained Parenteau.

Randy Hardy will also resume the role as president of Settlement Sooniya Corporation, the way it was in the past, prior to the resignation of Joe Courtepatte as president in 1985.

Walter Anderson handed in his resignation as treasurer for the Federation during elections, however, it

was not accepted by board members with the result that he remain as treasurer until his term runs out in 1987.

Anderson, originally from the Metis Settlement of Fishing Lake, also acted as president of Sooniya Corporation up to the elections and Hardy's takeover.

"I am glad that he is staying. Walter will provide stability," commented Parenteau.

Randy Hardy, in the past, has been known as a fighter regarding the Metis on the Settlements.

"He sometimes plays rough but he is the type of person that can handle pressures when it comes to negotiations," said Parenteau.

Hardy was part of the "Task Force" set up for the Settlements to look into matters that concerned the Metis in the communities, and to help strengthen their position when dealing with the provincial government.

Hardy has been a member of working groups and when elected as president, he was chairman for the Kikino Settlement Council. For a short period, Hardy held the title of Administrator Co-ordinator for Kikino.

"I think Randy will do very good as president and Lawrence as vice-president. Lawrence was involved before me in 1980. He was vice president at the time," said Anderson.

On the last day of the Federations All Council meeting, elections for a secretary were held with three nominations entered.

Paddle Prairie resident Richard Poitras, won his nomination after ballots were counted for secretary over Alvina Cardinal (Fishing Lake) and August Collins from Elizabeth Settlement.



Photo by Rocky Woodward

**GARY PARENTEAU AND RANDY HARDY  
...Parenteau - hands over reigns to new president**

"Our meetings are becoming more productive. Hopefully, the branches on the tree will be more fruitful for the things we are struggling for," said Poitras. The three day confer-

ence ended with council members deciding on the third weekend of June, 1987, for their next All Council meeting. A proper date will be set for the meeting in the near future.

Before elections were held most of the Metis Settlement signed and agreed upon a position paper regarding Settlement rights that will be taken to the provincial government.

## Native business people gather at Toronto

By Clint Buehler

TORONTO — Smoke signals from the top of the CN Tower marked the start of the week-long Native Business Summit here June 23 to 27, but organizers are convinced its impact will be felt indefinitely.

The summit, a massive project involving 1,800 delegates, 240 speakers and panellists, 200 Native artists and 137 exhibitors, cost \$1.8 million and organizers are convinced it was

worth every cent.

They say this largest Native economic gathering ever enhanced the public image of Native people and their ability to compete at all levels in the business world immeasurably, provided a forum for the exchange of information and the sharing of experiences, and offered a stage for the display of products and services.

The formal opening was presided over by Princess Anne, who described the

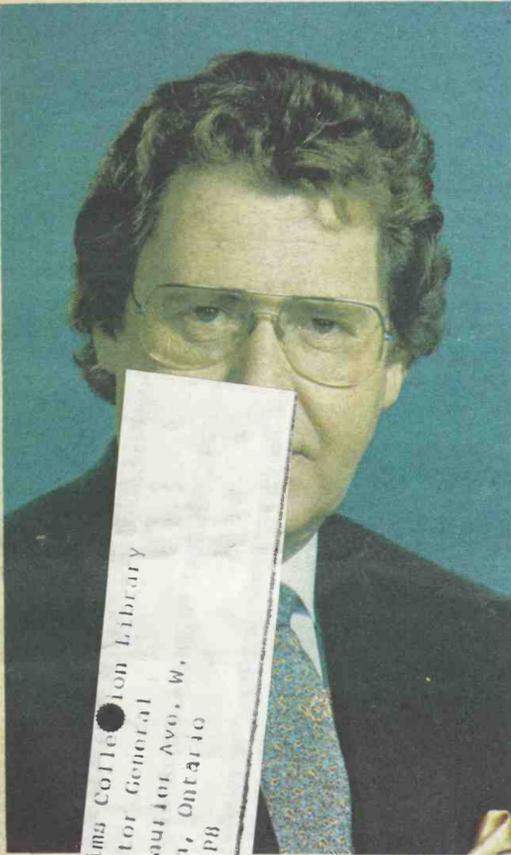
summit as "a very important new initiative" and said the considerable contribution of the Native people to the development of this country is not to be ignored.

Tony Belcourt, who escorted the princess into the Metro Toronto Convention Centre where all events were held, told the hundreds of guests at the opening that the ceremony was a deliberate contrasting of a Native past that is "rich in culture and history"

with smoke from the CN Tower—the world's tallest free-standing tower—as a symbol of high technology and the future.

Other special guests at the opening included Indian Affairs Minister David Crombie, Native Business Summit Foundation Chairman Roy Louis from the Samson Band in Hobbema, Elder Rufus Goodstriker of the Blood Reserve in Alberta and an honor guard

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**Minister**

William McKnight, formerly the new Indian Affairs minister. He succeeds David Crombie, Secretary of State and multiculturalism minister. See next week's issue for more information on cabinet changes.

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# NAFC executive elects new members

By Jeff Bear

VICTORIA, B.C. — Viola Thomas, Kermode Friendship Centre in Terrace, B.C. was re-elected for her second consecutive term as president of the National Association of Friendship Centres on the west coast of British Columbia. In the warm, but often cloudy, coastal city of Victoria the 15th annual convention of friendship centre "movement" advocates gathered to share their concerns for the future. Other members elected to the executive council include; Karen Collins as secretary from Bonnyville, Tom Eagle as treasurer from Yellowknife, and David Gray of Manitoba as vice-president.

Before the election, Thomas vowed to consult with the boards of directors of provincial and territorial organizations (12-member board) who have many considerations for the future: "the renewal of our funding base, greater communications, and full

utilization of our data base are already identified as priorities."

The Native Friendship Centres Program was undertaken in 1972 by the federal Secretary of State by funding 40 centres across Canada. But the "movement" began in 1958 with centres in Winnipeg and Vancouver. These were efforts to allow Native people to provide off-reserve Indian populations, particularly those in urban centres, with basic community services. Today there are 94 Native Friendship Centres in Canada.

The federal Secretary of State provides \$15.1 Million in operational grants and contributions annually to the friendship centres. The major activity of friendship centres with over 1,000 employees in Canada, is to help accommodate cultural and social transition for migrating Native people. However, the federal government's measure of restraint has effected core operations funding for cen-

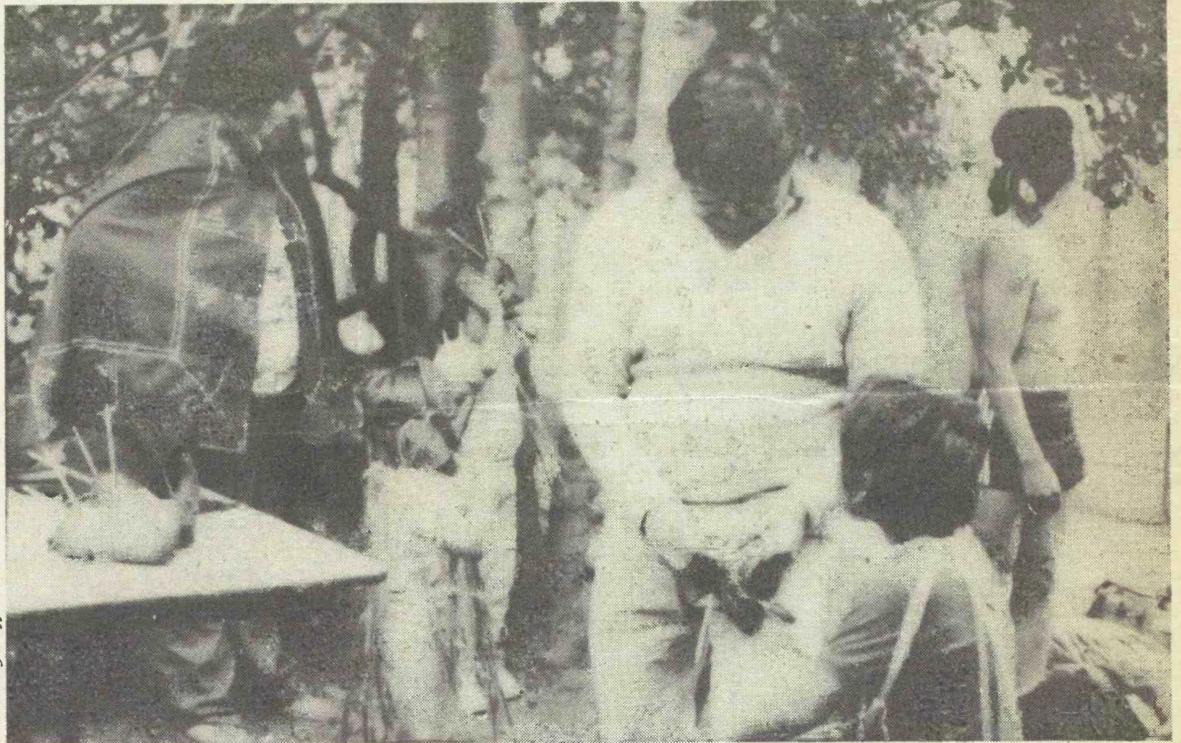


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**YOUNG AND OLD  
...share in celebration**

tres and will make reductions of up to 5% in remaining grants for 1986.

The delegation in Victoria was not pleased with this announcement and some viewed it as the implementation of the Neilsen Task Force recommendations (A private sector study on government programs). Tom Eagle, Tree of Peace Friendship Centre, told a panel of Secretary of State employees that "were just being tested with the 5% cut, just feel thing out for the future. There will likely be more cuts. In my view its an implementation of the Neilsen Report."

The Neilsen report, coined as the "Buffalo Jump of the Eighties," is vague in its support of the Native Friendship Centres program. The recommendation given by the Neilsen Task force is that NECP receive continued federal support on the condition of clarifying provincial and federal responsibility for urban Natives.

Perhaps the most pressing item for the NAFC is the renewal of NFCCP. Formerly called the Migrating Peoples Programme, established by the Liberal government in 1972, it provided funding for Core, Native Participation Councils and Demonstration Projects. By 1978, friendship centres grew and migration by Natives to urban centres escalated, increasing the demand on community services. It was during this year that the national association was formed.

By 1982, NAFC had grown to a point where they were prepared to enter into negotiations with the federal government to renew their programme for another five years. That exercise involved a negotiating team who were instrumental in bringing about a renewed and enriched NECP. It took the

NAFC 30 months to renew that programme.

Pat Baxter, a member of the 1982 negotiating team, felt that certain roadblocks were placed before them stalling progress. "The other side (federal government) developed a negotiating team that we had difficulties with. This was because they were directorate heads or regional directors who would report to the minister (Secretary of State).

"The two-year process of negotiating with bureaucrats proved especially frustrating and it wasn't until we negotiated directly with the minister and his staff that we received cooperation," said Baxter about renewing the programme. "But if the new negotiating team is to gain commitments from the Secretary of State for program renewal in 1988, it must be from the minister's office and the programmes should always stay within one administration: that of the NAFC."

The resources made available to the friendship

## National

centres are in a) Core Support, b) Training Support, c) Capital Support, d) Community Interaction Support, e) Special Projects Support. These programs help centres provide a myriad of social and cultural services in an often harsh and fast paced urban climate. In Edmonton and Calgary, not unlike other Prairie cities, Native people make up a significant portion of the population. The need for these centres intensifies when statistics relative to Native crime rates, suicide rates, etc, are examined.

In a telephone interview with the office of Minister Hon. Benoit Bouchard, his special advisor on Native affairs, Peter Goblensky, said: "The minister is committed to evaluation and review of the Friendship Centres Program because he is convinced that the movement contributes significantly to providing solu-

tions to problems encountered by Aboriginal people in urban communities.

In a written statement, the minister went on to say that, "we will have initial meetings with representatives of NAFC in early September to begin the negotiation process for the Friendship Centres Program."

At the time of this writing, the NAFC has 20 months to renew a program which took nearly 30 months to renew four years ago. The NAFC have a different team and they are negotiating with a different government. Friendship centre representatives are cautious, as they approach another political process, to continue the work started in Winnipeg and Vancouver nearly thirty years ago.

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**TRADITIONAL DANCER  
...prepares his costume**

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**KWOGUITI DANCER  
...Kincome Inlet dancer in motion**

# Price first director for new school

By Albert Crier

The University of Alberta has appointed Richard Price as the first director of the brand new School of Native Studies, which will begin offering courses at the U of A on Native studies and the Cree language, in September.

The School of Native Studies, has been discussed by the university since 1972, when the Indian Association of Alberta proposed the establishment of such a unit to the U of A Senate.

"I'm excited and looking forward to the challenge," said Price, who begins his job on July 1. His appointment, runs for five years.

The priorities, Price has set, are to open talks with Native communications and to begin work on the further development of a Native Studies program.

"The priorities are to obtain approval of a degree of Native Studies program and to have the teaching and research firmly established," said Price.

"I'm hoping to open up avenues of communications with Native people," added Price.

Price has been working as a consultant to Indian bands and organizations for a number of years. He once was director of the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights Research (TARR) department of the Indian Association of Alberta, between 1973 and 1976.

One of the TARR publications on Treaty rights, called "The Spirit of Alberta Indian Treaties, was edited by Price in 1979.

Price had been the center of a controversy around a leaked government document, regarding the proposed cuts to Native programs, by the Neilson Task Force on government spending in 1985.

Before that, he was director of Program and Policy Consultation with the Indian and Inuit Affairs and held senior positions with the Alberta Region of the Indian and Inuit Affairs ministry.



Photo courtesy Edmonton Journal

**RICHARD PRICE**  
...director of Native Studies

Two Cree language courses and two introductory courses on Native studies will be offered by the School of Native Studies, in its first year of operation, beginning in the fall.

Emily Hunter of Saddle Lake has been hired to teach the Cree language courses. Hunter had taught Cree at the Blue Quills educational center and also worked with the Cree language program of the Saddle Lake primary school.

The School of Native Studies will focus on academic programs, while students services will be the responsibility of the Dean of Students.

It is hoped that each year the School will expand its course offering and eventually a bachelor's degree in Native Studies.

The School will also be involved in research, with special attention given to languages and land use of

the Indian, Inuit and Metis people of the Canadian west and north.

University outreach, credit and non-credit programs to outlying community will also be handled by the School of Native Studies.

The degree offering and the course expansion will depend on when the Alberta government gives accreditation approval and releases more funds to the U of A, for the School.

Another staff addition at the university, is the appointment of Doreen Richardson, who will be Community Liason officer with the Native Student Services of the U of A.

Her duties will be to work with Native communities, keeping them informed of university opportunities to their people.

Richardson, has a B.Ed. and taught Native Studies at the elementary grades in the Calgary school system.

## FMS comments on conference

By Rocky Woodward

With the election results in, new and old business out of the way, Council members and the new executive took the time to comment on the three day conference, individual goals and the Federation of Metis Settlements aspirations for the future.

The FMS held its elections on June 27-29, at the Beverly Crest in Edmonton.

The newly elected president for the FMS, Randy Hardy of Kikino, Alberta, stressed cooperation and support is necessary to reach the goals of the Settlements.

"We have a lot of work ahead of us and the executive must be supported by the Settlements if we are to put pressure on the different departments for what we need. Have a safe trip home."

"Cooperation, participation and quality. That's what I will try over the next two years."

**TREASURER: WALTER ANDERSON**

"I have worked with the new executive before and I can tell you that you have made a good choice. I would ask the runner's up to stay involved. Don't give up. Stay involved at the Settlement level.

I agree with Kikino, when they say that every counselor attend all meetings regarding Settlement affairs. There is a big job ahead of us, including Kikino's problem with housing."

**SECRETARY: RICHARD POITRAS**

"I thank the council

members that voted for me. Have a safe trip home."

**VICE PRESIDENT: LAWRENCE CUNNINGHAM**

"It is nice to see people happy such as this turnout here. I am really proud of the people that attended this meeting. I intend to work hard. Thanks."

**CASLAN:**

"This has been a very productive meeting. We are happy to be on council and to work together, if every meeting we hold is as productive as this one held."

**EAST PRAIRIE:**

"We would like to congratulate the new board members and we look forward to working with them in the future."

**PADDLE PRAIRIE:**

"Congratulations to the new executive. Hopefully we will continue to work together in the future."

**FISHING LAKE:**

"It was a very productive meeting. We would like to congratulate the new executive and wish them success in the future."

**GIFT LAKE:**

"Congratulations to the executive and may I make a recommendation for our next all council meeting that all the wives must stay home. St. Germain Courtiell Seconded by Gary Houle.

**KIKINO:**

A newlywed like St. Germain should not be say-

ing that Congratulations to the new executive and we look forward to working with them. We will also look forward to seeing all the Settlements participate in our monthly board meetings. There are a lot of discussion that will take place. Our concern at Kikino is housing. I understand there is no money available for wages for the construction of houses next year and we need answers in regards to housing.

**ELIZABETH:**

St. Germain. If we don't see you at the next board meeting we will understand why. Congratulations to the new executive and thanks to all the counselors and people who showed their interest by attending this conference and supporting it.



**OLD EXECUTIVE MEMBERS**  
...past executive members promise to stay involved. Only one remaining with board is Walter Anderson (left)

A NEW DAWN IN ABORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS

## Provincial

### Native Directory

**Editor's Note:**

Windspeaker/Arts is on occasion flooded with calls asking for phone numbers to various Native organizations in Edmonton.

In order to help Native people, especially those in the rural areas, contact these organizations easier, below are the phone numbers to Native businesses and Native organizations that represent the Native people of Alberta:

Alberta Native Women's Association	484-1631
Apeetogosan	451-0398
Alberta Indian Health Care Commission	426-1213
Alberta Indian Arts And Crafts Society	426-2048
Business Assistance For Native Albertans (BANAC)	451-6700
Ben Calf Robe School	451-6066
Canadian Native Friendship Centre	482-7632
Canative Housing Corporation	471-2560
Edmonton Police (Jim White) Native Service Officer	421-3544
Federation Of Metis Settlements	428-6054
Indian Association Of Alberta	487-0070
Imaginative Recording Studio	486-3648
Metis Association of Alberta	452-9550
Metis Local 1885	421-0801
Metis Children Services Society	424-4957
Metis Urban Housing Corporation Of Alberta	452-6440
Native Heritage And Cultural Centre	455-9317
Native Affairs (Secretariat)	427-8407
Native Outreach (Provincial)	428-9350
Native Women Pre-Employment Training	428-1838
Native Venture Capital Co. Ltd.	453-3911
Native Council Of Canada (Alberta)	424-0830
Native Counselling Services Of Alberta	423-2141
Native Pastoral Centre	424-1431
Poundmakers Lodge/Nechi Centre	458-1884
Settlement Sooniya Corporation	426-5312
Urban Native Referral Program	488-9123
Veterans (Native) Club (CNFC)	482-7632
Windspeaker (AMMSA)	455-2700
Women's Emergency Accommodation Centre	424-7543
White Braid Society	482-4549
Youth Emergency Shelter Society	468-7070
Yellowhead Tribal Council (Spruce Grove)	962-8565

# Native Business Summit concludes

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of 19 Native war veterans.

Supplementing the business sessions and exhibits were a variety of cultural and entertainment activity dominated by an exhibit of the works of 200 Native artists from across Canada—the largest Native art exhibit in Canadian history, an evening of entertainment headlined by Buffy Saint-Marie, fashion show featuring the work of Ontario Native designers.

Princess Anne opened the art show, meeting the artists and touring the exhibit to view their work.

The formal addresses and business sessions featured top politicians and business leaders from across Canada and beyond.

Politicians included federal government ministers Barbra McDougall (Finance) Andre Bissonnette (Small Business) Bill McKnight (then Labour, now Indian Affairs) and Stewart McInnes (Supply and Services); Senator Leonard Marchand; Premier David Peterson of Ontario; Elijah Harper, the Manitoba Minister Responsible for Native Affairs; Tagah Curley, Northwest Territories Minister of Economic Development and Tourism and Vince Kerris, Ontario Minister of Natural Resources.

Business leaders fea-

tured included architect Douglas Cardinal; Les Cosman, president, Gen Star Development Company; Billy Diamond, former grand chief of the James Bay Cree, now president of the Cree Regional Authority and Air Creebec; Joe Dion, president Neegan Development Corp. Ltd. and Dion Resources Ltd.; Allen Jacob president, Aboriginal Multi-Media Society of Alberta (AMMSA); Welton J. Littlechild, lawyer; Leonard (Tony) Mandamen, lawyer, and Muriel Stnaley-Venne, general manager, Settlement Sooiyaw Corporation.

The main business conferences at the summit dealt with housing and real estate, Native business development, resources and economic development and international trade and finance.

As well, there were keynote addresses on the state of the Native economy, the scope of Native business, and the future of Native business, and plenary sessions on Native capital formation, opportunities in international trade, Native advantages in business and trade, and financing new business and expansion.

Often delegates were faced with choosing which session to attend because three or more sessions

were going on simultaneously.

An indication of the wealth of information available at the summit is that a set of tape recordings of the proceedings runs for 110½ hours, and would require almost three regular work weeks of listening. And that doesn't take into account all of the opportunities to visit exhibits, discuss business with other delegates, enjoy the culture and entertainment events, and simply socialize.

Delegates who do not want to listen to tapes of the session will have an opportunity to review the summit in a more leisurely fashion when a printed detailed review is published several months from now.



PRINCESS ANNE  
...receives bouquet of flowers from a Native child

## Crombie honorary Indian chief

By Clint Buehler

TORONTO — The last week of his term as minister of Indian Affairs was a busy one for David Crombie, climaxed by becoming an honorary Indian chief at special ceremonies at the Native Business Summit here June 23 to 27.

Presented with a feathered headdress and named Chief Soaring Eagle, Crombie then danced to the traditional drumming and singing. He was joined in the dancing by Native Business Foundation Chairman Roy Louis and Native Business Summit Chairman Tony Belcourt.

Crombie was present at the summit through much of the week, in formal sessions, at private meetings and for social events.

At closing ceremonies, Crombie called the summit a "national triumph" and an event "unique in history."

He admitted that "some things could have been

done better" but offered the following quote from a story by Alexander Bruce in the Toronto Globe and

Mail to put the event in perspective:

"Their vision is bold, their sentiment optimistic,

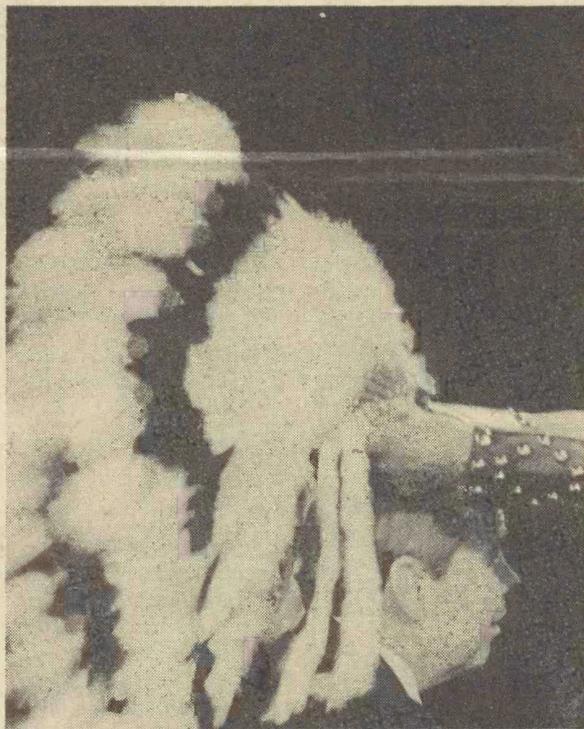
and their dilemma as ancient and inescapable as their heritage. But Native Canadians expect both to preserve their cultural identity and enter the mainstream business world by depending on themselves, rather than government handouts."

Summarizing the success of the summit, Crombie noted it had more than 1,300 registered delegates, 137 exhibitors, 1,200 visitors and 200 Native artists featured in the art gallery.

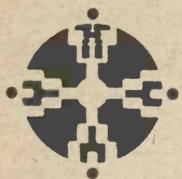
Calling every participant in the summit an "ambassador Native business," Crombie said the event has had numerous immediate benefits, and will have many long-term effects.

"It is important for all of us that the momentum started here will keep going," he said.

Challenging the participants, Crombie said: "What we are is God's gift to us; what we do is our gift to him."



DAVE CROMBIE  
...named Chief Soaring Eagle



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# Ontario premier backs Native self-reliance

By Clint Buehler

TORONTO — Praise for Native initiative and a promise of support for their efforts from Ontario Premier David Peterson drew a warm response from participants at the Native Business Summit here June 23 to 27.

Calling the summit "truly an idea whose time has come," he said it became a reality "because there were people with the desire, drive and determination to make it happen."

The Ontario government was a major participant in the summit, with 14 ministries represented and, as the premier noted, staffers on hand to provide advice and explain the range of services his government provides to Native communities and business people.

"While we recognize that development of Native entrepreneurship is only one step to Native self-reliance, it is an important one," Peterson said. "So it is encouraging to see a first-hand demonstration of the growing trend among Canadian Native people to make the most of the private sector as an effective route to their economic goals."

The premier said the summit was a boon to both Native and non-Native participants, creating what he called a "virtuous cycle," with opportunities for investment leading to opportunities for job which leads to opportunities for further investment.

"Certainly, the timing could not be better," he said. "It appears that changing conditions and attitudes are finally beginning to

allow full use of entrepreneurial skills that seem to come naturally to North America's first fur traders."

Peterson noted that the timing of the conference was also excellent because "Canadians are finally becoming aware of the strengths that can be drawn from Native cultures, traditions and values."

"Moreover," he said, "this conference falls in the midst of an historic constitutional debate that will determine the relationship between Native and non-Native Canadians for many years to come."

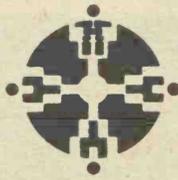
"Clearly, that relationship must be based on mutual respect and across-the-board rights and freedoms."

"The essence of freedom is that each of us shares in shaping our destiny. That is the challenge we must meet."

"That challenge is at the same time simple and complex."

The premier outlined the policy guidelines that the government has established to meet that challenge, based on five key principles:

- 1) Continued commitment to the ultimate constitutional entrenchment of Aboriginal people's rights to self-government;
- 2) Efforts to secure agreements with the federal government and Native organizations respecting Aboriginal self-government in the province;
- 3) Encouragement to increased self-determination and self-reliance by Native peoples;
- 4) Emphasis on programs and services specifically geared to meeting the



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particular needs of Native peoples, and protecting Native cultures and;

- 5) Full consultation with Native communities in the development of policies and programs that primarily affect them.

Peterson emphasized that these principles are based on a diagnosis of the problems that have hampered Native development in the past, and the conclusion that the key problem has been that the programs have not been developed by Native people, but rather by non-Natives, based on non-Native assumptions.

"We are experiencing a remarkable shift. We are seeing the twilight of an era of benevolence, and the dawn of a new era of independence. We are saying goodbye to a period when non-Natives tried to set Natives' course, and welcoming a new period when Natives set their own course."

"New trails tend to be alarming and formidable. But they are also exciting and illuminating. And more importantly, they can lead to new horizons," Peterson said.

He specified some of the new initiative his government has taken in the year since it came to power:

- 1) We get out the liaison.
- 2) We get out the information to you—the work needed and enough time to plan.
- 3) We break the work down into small enough units so that small companies can compete.
- 4) We look at what the problems are and find ways to solve them (for example, if a firm can't get a bid bond, that requirement can be waived).

Blair noted that Canada is a cyclical country with much resources. If things are bad, they eventually will become good.

His final advice was: "Waste nothing; share everything."

"Get a partner to put in some equity."  
"My main advice is to be lucky."

culture and languages."

"In the area of law enforcement, the Ontario government has worked with Indian organizations to set up an Indian police commission. The commission will provide advice on the operation of the Band constable program, to improve relations between police and Indian communities, and develop preventive programs on reserves."

Peterson says the principles that have shown so much promise in child welfare, education and law enforcement—the principles of self-reliance and mutual respect—also have "tremendous potential" in economic development.

"I am as delighted as you are by the promising economic statistics and forecasts...but I am as disappointed as you are that more of the fruits of economic prosperity have not found their way to Native communities. It is disappointing, for example, that for most Natives, income, employment and education levels still fall well above average...if Natives have been unable to build the foundation for economic prosperity, it may be



PREMIER  
...David Peterson

because non-Natives have been selecting the tools and choosing the construction site.

"That's why the province of Ontario has set up the Ontario Native Economic Support Program...established to provide financial support for the development of Native community facilities. My government is also developing a Native Economic Participation Program to widen the opportunities available to Native entrepreneurs...and we have set in motion the development of a Native Economic Development Strategy for Ontario. All of these efforts have one thing in common—they are designed to support Native enterprise, not supplant it."

## NOVA chairman not hesitant to provide opportunities to Natives

By Clint Buehler

TORONTO — Providing opportunities to Native people through his company was not difficult, according to Bob Blair.

The chairman of NOVA an Alberta Corporation told the Native Business Summit here that Native people have a lot of mental energy, intelligence, endurance and good looks that only needs to be put to use.

"It's all out there. All I did was put it together."

Blair detailed some facts—"not policies and theories, but facts I've come to know"—that he has learned on the job, working with Native people.

One fact he has come to know that he has found very interesting, Blair says, is that most of Canada, maybe three-quarters, is inhabited by Native people—"always has been, always

will be"—and not experiencing the displacement factor experienced in the United States.

"It is the Native people who are maintaining this country for most of its square miles."

Another fact Blair says he has learned is that Native people don't want hardship allowance for living in isolated areas.

Blair noted that his company has had many successful contracts with 65 Native firms, and NOVA will continue to deal with Native companies because of its good experience with these contracts.

He says his system for dealing with Native firms is based on a few simple steps:

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# A time for Native pride

Those rednecks who persist in perpetuating the negative stereotypes of Native people should have been in Toronto at the Native Business Summit.

The week-long event was a glorious celebration of Native talent, energy and achievement.

Whatever the summit may have cost was well worth the investment, for the hundreds of Native businessmen and women in attendance provided massive living proof of what Native people can and will continue to accomplish.

Moreover, the stories they told of their struggle to achieve their goals were an inspiring testimony to their determination in the face of fierce obstacles.

It is clear from their stories that Native people have not only had to overcome the usual difficulties facing people attempting to develop businesses, but have had the additional burden of overcoming the deeply ingrained negative view of Native people held by business community—particularly financial institutions.

The growing success of Native entrepreneurs is forcing a major and rapid change in those attitudes, creating an increasingly receptive climate for Native peoples in business in the future.

One of the most exciting benefits of the summit was the opportunity it provided for individuals to exchange information, put together business deals and develop beneficial business alliances. The value of that aspect of the event alone, according to informed sources, is likely in the millions of dollars.

And the business aspect was only one of the summit's positive results.

An art gallery featuring more than 200 Native artist from across Canada—the largest exhibit

## Editorial

of Native art ever assembled in Canada—was a spectacular tribute to marvellous talent.

A stunning fashion show featuring the creations of Native designers was an impressive showcase was an impressive showcase for clo-

thing ranging from traditional designs to the most innovative and contemporary attire.

Native performers also had their moment of glory in a concert headlined by Buffy Saint-Marie, and featuring such diverse talent as singer Curtis (Shingoose) Jonnie, singer and storyteller Alanis Obomsawin, comedian Charlie Hill and fiddle champion Lee Creemo.

Native people could not help but be proud. And no one could deny their right to that pride.



From One Raven's Eye  
wagamese....



Hi and ahneen, hello and tansi. Canada is 119 years old now. On July 1st somebody somewhere is blowing out a bunch of candles, one for each year. If we did that for each year we'd been here, imagine the kind of wind we'd get going. I would probably be enough to shake the walls of the department of Immigration in Ottawa. All those passports and visas would go straight out the window, catch in the wind again and blow clear back across the ocean. Then we could go around saying, "oh, no papers, we're sorry see you later."

Do you think we'd do that? Nah, based on how nice and generous we have been in the past. We've stuck to our sharing ways pretty much so far.

When the talk turns to sharing around and how that applies to land, it isn't very long before the words "Aboriginal claim" pop up.

Who was here first and what rights do people deserve, in other words?

On the economic and political level this is what is at the bottom of the high priced arguing around. It also seems there is something else under that even. It's got to do with the idea of first.

Being number one in all matters is a definite part of the American dream or self image at least. Since Canadians are mainly Americans with manners, yet the same attitude exists up here. Now partly out of response to that and partly out of scientific

curiosity, they are always trying to come up with a theory to explain how we managed to show up here before they did. Funny thing, most of those have to do with arriving mostly by accident.

The one most believed is the Bering Strait theory. That "B.S." theory concerns the watery place that presently exists between Alaska and the U.S.S.R. They say there once was a dry strip of land there. One day a bunch of us got lost and wandered across it. Right after that the land bridge flooded over and we then spent the next 10,000 years wandering around trying to find our way back to China and in our spare time populating two continents.

Now how could that be? Most of my relatives are expert guides and trappers. They never get lost, even in strange territory. I was lost once for two whole days. But even with female company, we probably wouldn't have been able to start up a whole new tribe with its own culture and language in that amount of time. That's not to say we wouldn't have tried, but even being Ojibway has its limitations, you know.

Then there's one that says we're from Atlantis. Not Atlanta, Atlantis. Anyway, Atlantis was this great civilization that some believe to have existed on an island. This island was either in the Pacific, Atlantic or the Mediterranean. Anyway, one day this island up and sank. One grand civilization down the drain. Maybe there could be some truth in that. Most Indian people I know have enough sense to leave any address that is starting to sink out of sight into and ocean.

Another theory is that we are one of the Ten Lost Tribes of Israel. These people got lost in the desert and disappeared forever. That one is definitely not true. I for one find sand and other foreign matter between my toes to be very buggy. Why would a person like that go anywhere near enough sand to make a desert let alone wander out far enough onto one to get lost? If we are one of the ten lost tribes, what happened to those other nine? Maybe they are

the ones starting up these rumours so they can get in on whatever Aboriginal claims goodies might someday come along.

Another theory to explain our presence here is the one that says we come from Wales. Turns out the Mandan Indians can understand and talk something resembling parts of the Welsh language. Hmmmm...have you heard of Tom Jones, the most famous Welsh person to appear on stage in Las Vegas? Now do the Mandans look anything like him? Does he look anything like them?

The only theory I believe about us getting here is the one told of in legends. They say we were created here. We were given this island to live on by the Creator.

Some people are already mumbling something about proof. To them I say "hah!" Show me yours that proves we weren't."

So maybe we don't have a broken pottery collection to back up our arguments with. So what. One theory without a reliable eyewitness is as good as any other, right?

The ones who'd argue against us the most is the anthropologists. They're out there digging up tons of dust trying to prove their point. Maybe to find something really useful they're scratching around in the wrong place entirely. I hear they haven't found out for sure how their own people came to be and where they came from and when.

Anyway, while things are yet to be proved for sure either way, let's try to make some sorta deal for the time being. If they promise not to bug us about our passports, we promise not to bug them about theirs. Now let's get on with this other first come, first served matter, and what that means in North American sharing around terms.

Well that's it for this week. We are off to a powwow this evening. We're gonna be doing some celebrating of our own about the joys of living in this large and lovely land. Maybe we'll see you over there, but if not, hopefully back here next time.



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# ASSUMP

By Bert Crowfoot

The Dene Tha Band at Assumption, 97 kilometers west of High Level, set aside the fourth week in June as "a Gathering" for the Dene people from across northern Alberta, British Columbia and the North West Territories.

The day started out with Elders counselling the youth during the day and ten dances and hand games were held in the evenings.

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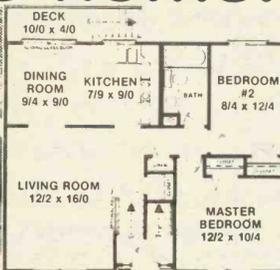
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The celebration was held in the traditional way with the Dene Tha Band feeding everyone from four cook huts. The tea dances lasted all night and were for everyone who felt like dancing.

It was a beautiful experience to mingle with the Dene people and enjoy a celebration the way it used to be in years gone by.



Drummers sing for the ten dancers that sometimes last to four o'clock in the morning.



In the traditional Indian way Willie Annasay took it upon himself to raise three young brothers. Shown with Willie, are Cory and Shawn Semeantha.



Margaret Ehtchellay of Meander River relaxes in her family camp.

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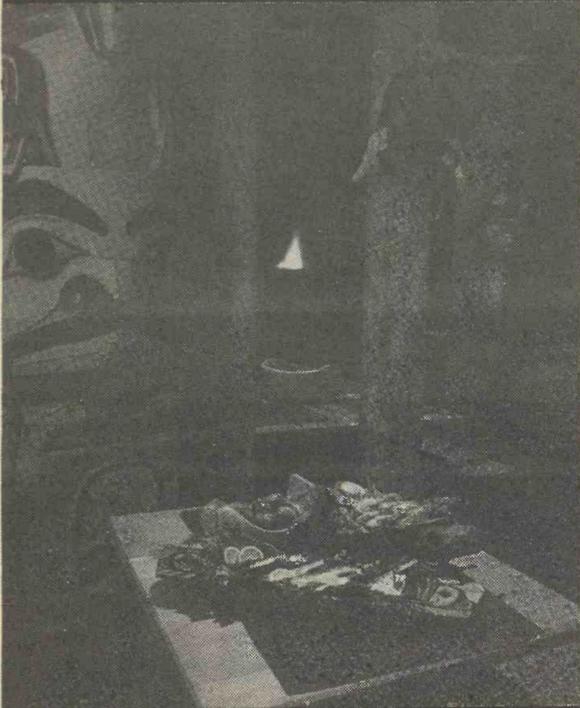
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## INDIAN TRANSPORTATION

A serial about Indian methods of transportation

# Non-Native inventions have impact on Native transportation

Part X

By Terry Lusty

Many forms of Indian and Metis transportation devices have been discussed to this point. While most of these have been of Aboriginal origin, some are not. Those not of Native origin were usually improvised modes of transport which were further developed by Native people to suit their own particular needs. The Red River cart and the York boat, for example, fit into this category. Both originated outside Canada but were adopted and altered to fit the different conditions that prevailed on the Canadian frontier.

Over a period of time, other means of transportation evolved and, although they were not Native inventions, they did have a direct bearing on their means of transportation and on their economic patterns. One must also keep in mind that such means of transportation did serve communities that were predominantly Native populated and, thus, impacted Native communities. In certain instances, some of the long outmoded methods of travel endure to this day.

For the balance of this series, attention will be directed to those methods which were or are not unique to the Native scene. They do, however, have

their own place in the history of Native people for their associated contributions to the opening and settling of the Canadian west and to the development of the west's economy.

The means of transportation used and the basis for their inclusion are:

(a) Rafts, hide bull boats, dugouts, and canoes were Native inventions and commonly used. Most were easy and quick to construct and easily repaired when damaged;

b) scows and flat-bottom boats were usually piloted by Native people;

c) the steamboat, ferry and train were most often propelled, staffed, and/or supplied (with wood and water) by Native people;

d) the bombardier, skidoo, and automobile later replaced dog teams, Red River carts, and horses and wagons as common modes of transport.

e) bush planes became important to isolated communities that were primarily Native dominated, provided occupations for some people and served as a

method of travel and personal transportation especially in areas that could not be reached by land.

Before proceeding, let us look briefly at the human characters responsible for the piloting of these crafts, in particular those which operated along the natural waterways throughout Canada.

By and large the conveyors of goods along the waterways were short in stature being a mere five feet, six or seven inches in height. Their size, however, did not belie their strength. This hardy bunch were in stock build but possessed great strength and ability having strong backs, shoulders, arms and hands.

In short, they were excellent specimens of well-conditioned frontiersmen. Those Metis and Indians who became the backbone of Canada's transportation systems were a colorful lot. As described by author Richard Slobodin in "Metis of the Mackenzie District, the bateamen (boatmen) wore a capote which was a long coat or cloak usually with a long, pointed hood and made from stroud (wool). They also wore a long-tassled woolen cap or

toque or a feather hat which was partly made up of quills and feathers from the Canada goose and, in certain cases, seems to have been connected with "medicine power."

To round out their apparel, the bateamen wore a woven waist sash known as the arrow-pointed, or Assumption, sash. These were considered an item of finery. Some also sported quilled or beaded leg or arm bands made of buckskin as well as leather leggings which were often decorated with lengths of bright ribbons or quillwork. Often, the ribbons were tokens of admiration received from females during the bateamen's travels.

A final item of finery but more frequently worn for special occasions was the buckskin jacket or vest. These were trimmed with elaborate beadwork, quillwork, or silk embroidery. Today, such finery commands a handsome price from those wishing to purchase a buckskin jacket. A cost upwards for four hundred dollars is not unusual.

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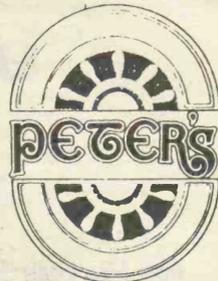
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# Entertainment

By Rocky Woodward

**WINSTON WUT-TUNEE** will be performing at Craven, Saskatchewan, July 18-20, and says that he will be tying the knot at the huge affair that will see many recording artists and country stars performing there.

Over 60,000 people, it is said, will be attending the **BIG VALLEY JAM-BOREE** and Wuttunee says it is the biggest wedding ceremony that will ever take place.

I hear **TERRY LUSTY** will act as Winston's best man.

On June 27, I attended the Yellowhead Tribal Council's University and College Entrance Preparation Program, and finally had the chance to watch and listen to the **WILDWOOD BAND** from **FISHING LAKE METIS SETTLEMENT**, who played for the dance.

The Wildwood Band, as I understand it, have been together for approximately a year and even though they began with a slow start, professionalism, came through after the first

song.

The Wildwood Band consists of Bill Parenteau (lead guitar); Robbie Hendricks (lead vocals and rhythm); Rene Cardinal on bass; Randy Parenteau (rhythm and vocals); and Mike Fayant on drums.

As I watched these musicians perform, I understood what people had first told me of the band, and how good they were. It was true.

Robbie is one great singer and although I only had time to stay and listen to one other singer, Randy, I could see the writing on the wall. If these guys decide to stick together, they will be a country rock band we will be hearing more and more of in the future.

**BILL PARENTEAU.** I guess that means I won't be able to play lead guitar along with you anymore. As I watched you play at the dance, I see that I've progressed backwards or you're sure getting a whole lot better.

**HALFBREED.** All the way from the Elizabeth Metis Settlement are setting their goals on doing gigs where ever they can, to

be heard, and to branch out into the music business.

The Halfbreed Band consists of **AUGUST COLLINS** on fiddle, **ARCHIE COLLINS** on rhythm and vocals, Beaver Dam's, **RAY MOVALD**, on bass guitar and **MOSES GOULET** of Bonnyville, Alberta, on steel guitar.

August's son, **SHANE COLLINS**, is Halfbreed's drummer and according to Dad, "He is coming along just fine."

On July 12 & 13, Halfbreed will be playing at Elizabeth's **TWIN LAKES RODEO** and are also scheduled to play for the **JIMKANA** at **MEADOW LAKE, SASKATCHEWAN** in the near future.

August and Archie have been working together (music wise) for approximately nine years.

**LAURA VINSON ANDRED WYNG** played great music at **TUMBLEWEEDS** in Edmonton last weekend. Their version of **COWPOKE** music was something to see as the band got involved by dressing up in sunglasses and various hats and then went through some fine arrangements of cowpoke music.

Here is one lady that deserves to be recognized much more than Canadian media (yawn) offers to **OUR** leading people in the music business.

Laura has a new album right now, and it is receiving a lot of airtime, something she so much deserves.

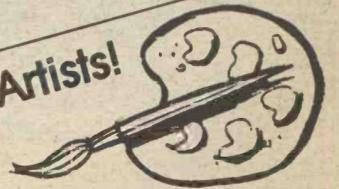
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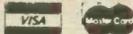
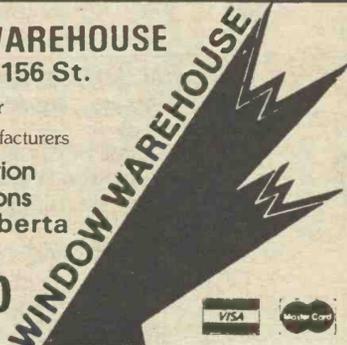
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# Saddle Lake celebrates centennial

By Albert Crier

SADDLE LAKE — Cirled by a panoramic view of the cultural park by the North Saskatchewan River, the Saddle Lake community

was joined by a huge crowd of visitors and relatives from near and far, in celebrating the Saddle Lake First Nations Centennial Powwow.

Hundreds of people set

up camp and more came to join the three-day celebration of the 100th birthday of the Saddle Lake reserve community.

Saddle Lake went all out in sharing its hospitality,

with a packed activities program that ensure participation by everyone of all ages.

The Cree culture of this community was a prominent feature throughout the celebration, with the community history presented by community Elders, daily hospitality rations, and a contemporary competition powwow interspersed with age old traditional ceremonies and dances.

Each morning started out with the pipe ceremony with Elders praying for a strong community spirit to prevail over the camp. Flag raising ceremonies followed with Canadian and American Indian veterans doing the honours that were once done by plains Indian warriors.

An early morning exercise of the legs and lungs,

began the camp activities with all age groups competing in the daily footraces, organized by Saddle Lake Counselling Services.

The handgames tournament and the card games were begun shortly afterward.

The visiting between camps was begun at breakfast time and continues throughout the day into the late hours of the evening.

The Saddle Lake Centennial Princess pageant held judging of pageant categories each morning of the celebration days. There were 29 entries competing for the Senior, junior and tiny tot princess titles. Stephanie McGillvery of Saddle Lake, was crowned as the Saddle Lake Centennial Princess and Denna Cardinal also of Saddle Lake was crowned as the Saddle Lake Centennial Junior Princess and Bangy Steinhauer of Saddle Lake was chosen as the Tiny Tot crowned princess.

Drumming groups and dances traveled from various parts of Canada and the United States to join the dancing competition, which gave out over 25,000 dollars in prize money.

The celebration host drum was Mandaree, from

North Dakota, United States and the honorary Canadian host drum was Bobtail.

Master of ceremonies, Eric Cardinal, from Saddle Lake, entertained the crowd with his jokes and humorous stories (such as the story of a dog named Sex,) as he and Lyman McGillvery arena director kept the powwow moving on a well paced and organized level.

Fancy and traditional dancers dressed in their regalia, pleased the spectator crowd with a very colourful entertainment, as they tried for the honors and trophies offered in the different dancing venues.

The Rose McGillvery Memorial Run held on June 19 as part of the celebration activities, had numerous entries in all age groups, competing in the 6 kilometer long distance foot race.

This marathon run, was held in honor of the late Rose McGillvery from Saddle Lake for her athletic and personal contribution to the community.

All in all it was very memorable event for Saddle Lake as they look ahead to ensure their cultural survival through the next hundred years.



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	3rd Place	300.00	300.00
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	3rd Place	75.00	75.00
TEEN GIRLS'	1st Place	\$250.00	\$250.00
	2nd Place	150.00	150.00
	3rd Place	75.00	75.00
8 - 12 BOYS'	1st Place	\$75.00	\$75.00
	2nd Place	50.00	50.00
	3rd Place	25.00	25.00
8 - 12 GIRLS'	1st Place	\$75.00	\$75.00
	2nd Place	50.00	50.00
	3rd Place	25.00	25.00
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## Road race attracts many

The Rose McGillvery Memorial Road Race had a large number of participants involved both young and old who ran the distance of 10 kilometers, during Saddle Lake's Indian Celebrations June 27-29.

The marathon run is held in honor of a leading community member of the Saddle Lake Band for her athletic and personal contributions to the community.

Below are the winners of various entries in the Rose McGillvery foot race.

#### Senior Mens:

1st Rock Lablanc - St. Paul  
2nd Armand Cardinal - Saddle Lake  
3rd Ron Belzil - St. Paul

#### Junior Boys:

1st Gary Bull - Goodfish  
2nd Roland Hunter - Saddle Lake  
3rd Dean Cardinal - Saddle Lake

#### Senior Women

1st Lillian Schulz - Ashmont  
2nd Daisy Fraser - St. Paul  
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## Powwow Results

### Centennial Princess Pageant

Senior (31 - 18)  
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Kimberley Makokis - 1st runner up  
Crystal Cardinal - 2nd runner up  
Ann Margaret Large - 3rd runner up

Junior (9 - 12)  
Denna Cardinal - Princess  
Misty McGillvery - 1st runner up  
Tiny Tots (6 - 8)  
Bangy Steinhauer - Princess  
Michele Lee Cardinal - 1st runner up  
Maureen Moosawah - 2nd runner up  
Roxanne McGillvery - 3rd runner up

### Dance Competitions

Girls Fancy (8 - 12)  
1st - Elaine Rain, Hobbema.  
2nd - Lilly Meanis, Warm Springs, Oregon.  
3rd - Denna Cardinal, Saddle Lake.  
4th - Caryn Agecutay, Crooked Lake, Saskatchewan.  
Boys Fancy (8 - 12)  
1st - Chris Lavalee  
2nd - Kurt McGillvery, Saddle Lake.

Girls Traditional (8 - 12)

1st - Cheryl George  
2nd - Mildred Onepenny  
3rd - Jeannie Moosapayo  
4th - Jackie Andrews

Boys Traditional (8 - 12)

1st - Tony Asapace  
2nd - Dusty McGillvery  
3rd - Dean Wood  
4th - Siackit Jules

Boys Grass Dance (8 - 12)

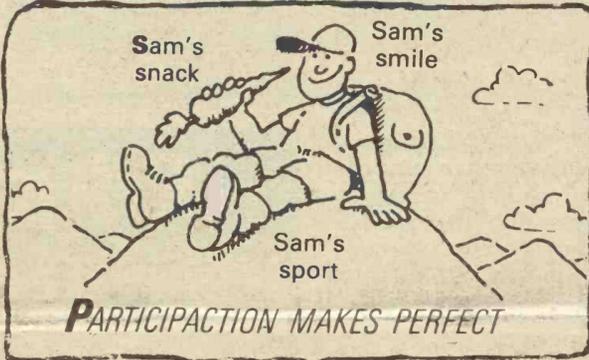
1st - Clifford George  
2nd - Darwin Daniels  
3rd - Bob McGillvery Jr.  
4th - Malcom Moses

Teen Girls Traditional (13 - 17)

1st - Mona Meanus  
2nd - Roberta Agecutay  
3rd - Gina Lavalee  
4th - Trudy Bellegaurde



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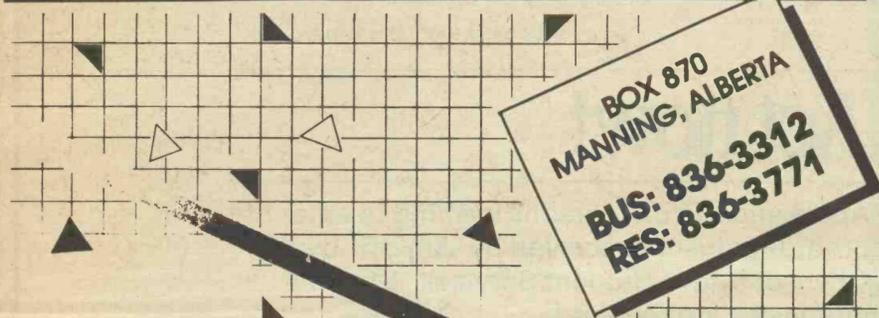
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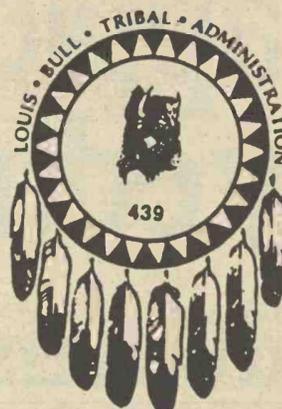
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# UCEP students recognized

By Rocky Woodward

The Yellowhead Tribal Council held a graduation ceremony for its students in the University and College Entrance Preparation Program (UCEP) at the Sherwood Motor Inn, June 27.

The program stresses the importance of english, but according to the director of the UCEP Ron Mac-

Gregor, they take students that they see with the kinds of abilities they have and steer them in the right direction.

"Originally, we started what I believe was an academic program. Now I don't think it is. I think we are running a placement program. We steer students into the right areas."

Although it was classed

as a graduation banquet, other students still in the program were also honored for their participation.

The UCEP does not follow a graduation format where students graduate from their various classes, usually in June, at term end, but because many of the students move on during the year into university, college and trades, graduates leave the program sometimes, continuously throughout the year.

Opening prayers were offered by Doris Calliou, board member for Region Four of the Alberta Native Women's Association (ANWA).

The newly elected president of the Indian Association of Alberta (IAA) Greg Smith attended the banquet and wished graduates and students presently with the program, best of luck and added that Native people need to continue with education, that was important to their future and for Native leaders.

Instructor for the program, Joy Proulx, while talking to the 120 guests and students, commented that she strongly feels programs such as UCEP are needed and, "this program is a challenge to the YTC and one we can watch for years to come."

Proulx added that only a few years ago this kind of program would not be possible as it was not until 1984 that funding was received through the Department of Indian Affairs (DIA)

Master of Ceremony Richard Arcand, director of the YTC mentioned in his speech to the students that is is the beginning of something positive and not the end.

"You, the students, must strive to be something better. We as Native people are as good as anyone else and we must continue to prove this. The time has come not only to want out, but to break out. As far as I

am concerned, you are the best," said Arcand.

Presentations were not only for the students, as a plaque was given to Department of Indian Affairs Dave Scheppens and instructor Joy Proulx, in appreciation of their support.

Student Veronica Banta said that Joy was always helpful and laughing in school, "so we had to have something for her."

Students who graduated and were appreciated for their participation in the program were Claudette Cardinal, Veronica Banta, Gilbert Morin, Bob Cardinal, Jim Tobias, Dalton Arcand, Geraldine Mustus, Thelma and Mike Morin, Chester Giroux, Rodney Mustus, Betty and Walter Callingbull, Georgina Papin, Marjorie Whalen, Robert Whalen, Charlie Bird, Pamula Cardinal, Jordane Cardinal, Ron Morin, Margaret Ward, Georgina Alexis and Bard Arcand.

As far as awards for the students, two individuals, husband and wife team, of Bob and Claudette Cardi-

nal came up on top of the list.

Claudette won awards for best attendance, most improved, and Bob's awards consisted of best attendance, most improved and academic excellence.

Claudette was further honored with the Academic Excellence Award and by this time students were wondering if the teacher's might of been bribed, all in jest of course.

Many of the graduates will now be moving on to university.

Richard Arcand proposed a toast for the students and graduates alike, saying that is was three principles that he believes in that got them where they are today, that of hard-work, determination and effort.

Instructor Joy Proulx ended the banquet and ceremonies with a song she wrote for the students and the program, regarding growth.

A dance was held right after the banquet with music supplied by the Wildwood Band.

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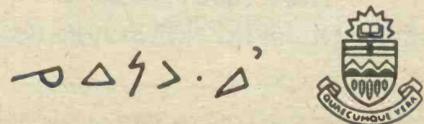
**Services** Support services to students are available through the Office of Native Student Services, and students in the program will have access to University of Alberta campus facilities.

## Act now!

Applications from persons wishing to enter the program must be received by **July 15** by the Office of Native Student Services. Student interviews are required.

Interested persons should immediately contact the Office of Native Student Services, 124 Athabasca Hall, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta T6G 2E8; telephone 432-5677.

Athabasca University 



\*Note: Deadline extended to July 15, 1986.

## Four students honored for individual achievements

By Rocky Woodward

Four students were awarded with cheques and plaques at the Edmonton Native Students Awards presentations June 27, in Edmonton.

Rosamarie Beaver (Drift-pile Reserve), Loriann Paul (Alexander Reserve), Dale Ann Mervyn (Edmonton), and Frank Lafferty (Pine Point N.W.T.) won the awards out of 23 nominations from four of five zones in Alberta and the Northwest Territories, divided for the purpose of the contest. Southern Alberta had no nominations sent in this year.

Lafferty, who will be graduating from Grade 12, is a Metis and was the only student unable to attend the awards presentations.

According to the Edmonton Journal, the reason behind the annual awards presentation is to encourage Indian, Metis and Inuit students in pur-

suit of their community goals and to help foster better understanding between the Native and non-Native communities.

Alberta Minister of Native Affairs, Neil Crawford attended the presentations and commented that the Native Student Awards encourage Native youth to excel more in school.

A judge for the contest, and past president of the Alberta Native Women's Association, Loro Carmen, said the contest allows Native students to receive genuine praise, gives them a feeling of achievement and in turn, they become role models, thus, encouraging other Native students.

Carmen added that it was difficult to choose students over others.

Rosamarie Beaver is attending the Faust Community Vocational Centre and is currently working towards her school diploma. She would like to teach.

Loriann Paul attends school in Namao, at the Sturgeon Composite High School, and would like to serve her community someday as a social worker.

Dale Ann Mervyn is Metis and attends M.E. LaZerte Composite High School in Edmonton.

Frank Lafferty, plans to become a carpenter and at one time was the N.W.T. wrestling champion in his weight category.

The award presentations were made by Edmonton Journal Editor Stephen Hume and Executive Assistant to the Publisher, Jack Owens.

## Youth

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

● **Poundmakers/Nechi Powwow**, July 4, 5 & 6, Poundmakers/Nechi Lodge, Edmonton.

● **8th Annual Assiniboine Sports and Cultural Celebrations**, July 11, 12 & 13, Alexis Reserve.

● **Cold Lake First Nations Treaty Celebrations**, July 18, 19 & 20, Cold Lake First Nations Reserve.

● **Alexis Full Gospel Outdoor Camp Meeting**, July 18-27. Everyone welcome, Alexis Reserve.

● **Big Horn Appaloosa Horse Show**, July 19 & 20 at the Panee Memorial Centre, Hobbema. For information call Vern Spence at 585-3884.

● **River Boat Daze & Annual Trade Show**, July 25-27, Slave Lake.

● **Kehewin Annual Pilgrimage**, August 1, 2 & 3, Kehewin.

● **Cold Lake First Nations Baseball Tournament**, August 1, 2 & 3. August 1, there will be a bingo, August 2 & 3 the baseball tournament will be underway, and a dance on August 2 from 9:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. For more information call Armond Martial at 594-7183.

● **Saanich Powwow**, August 2. Call 604-753-8291, Tillicum Haus Native Friendship Centre, Victoria, B.C.

● **Grouard Metis Heritage Days**, August 2, 3 & 4. For information call Jenny Goulet at 751-3938.

● **North American Indian Classic Rodeo**, August 7, 8, 9 & 10 at the Panee Memorial Centre, Hobbema. For information call 585-3884.

● **B.C. Indian Days Festival**, August 10-17, Coquitlam, B.C.

● **White Buffalo 1st Annual Powwow**, August 15, 16 & 17 at the Wetaskiwin Arena, Wetaskiwin.

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# WINDSPEAKER GALLERY



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## Canadian Native Friendship Centre

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Brenda House enjoyed her work with the Canadian Native Friendship Centre, but will be leaving her position as Secretary-Receptionist for summer holidays and possibly university entrance this fall.