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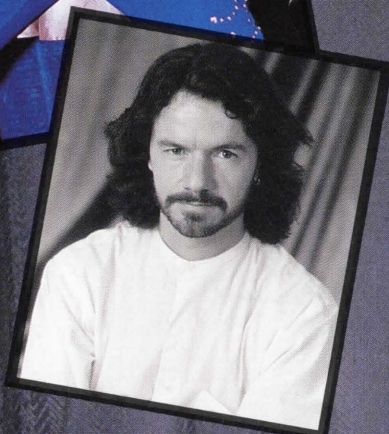


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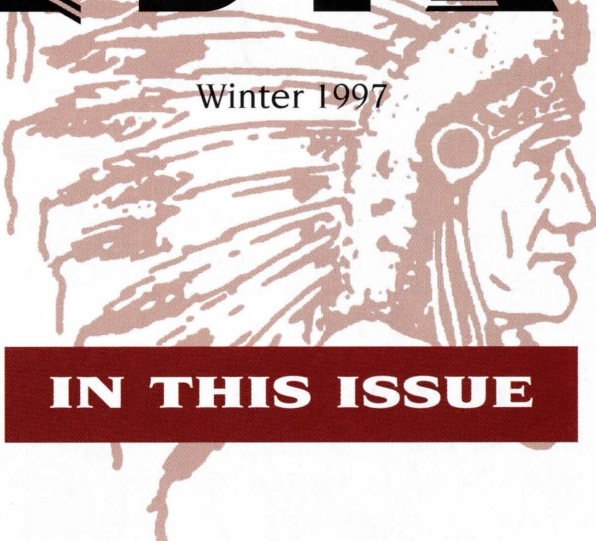
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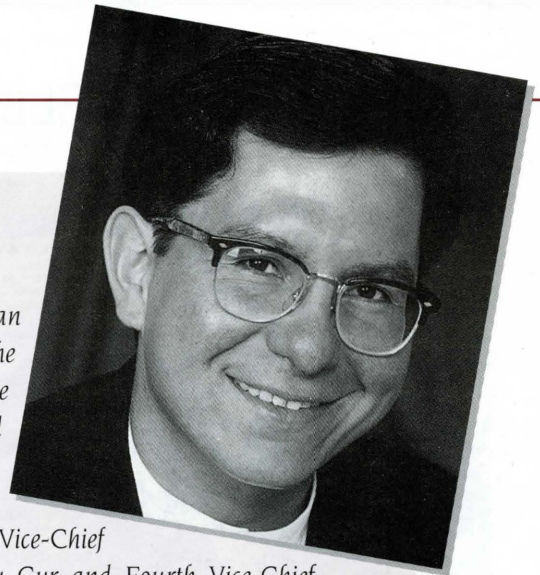


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# GREETING FROM THE CHIEF



Dear Readers,

It is the beginning of a new era at the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations. The FSIN elections held in October officially implemented the changes to the structure of the FSIN that were ratified at the June Legislative Assembly in Prince Albert. The process of reorganization was undertaken some years ago with the goal of streamlining the Executive and providing more accountability to the First Nations within this institution.

The Executive at the FSIN has some new faces. Congratulations to First Vice-Chief Morley Watson, Second Vice-Chief Terry Sanderson, Third Vice-Chief Lindsay Cyr and Fourth Vice-Chief Lawrence Joseph. I am certain that with the mix of proven experience and fresh ideas, the Executive will continue to provide the same quality of representation that has made this organization the force that it is today.

In returning to my second term as Chief, I would like to express my genuine gratitude for the overwhelming support demonstrated by the delegates in October. I look forward to working with the First Nations of Saskatchewan to advance the issues that are critical to achieving a step up for our people in this province.

We are moving forward with a new mandate at the FSIN with a focus on education, employment and healing. With a rising First Nations population in this province, better opportunities are necessary to combat the current unemployment statistics and provide for the future.

In keeping with this goal, Treaty Awareness Day was held on November 21, 1997 by the Office of the Treaty Commissioner as the beginning of its public education mandate. The date of the Treaty Awareness Day was significant in that it was held on the first-year anniversary of the release of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples report.

Treaty Awareness Day is intended to improve the Saskatchewan public's understanding of the significance of treaties. Treaty Commissioner David Arnot, Saskatchewan Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs Berny Wiens and Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Minister Jane Stewart joined me at the ceremony held at Wanuskewin Heritage Park.

Based on the progress made with the OTC process, the FSIN is looking towards continued developments in the new year. We are committed to working with all levels of government to resolve the issues that affect us as Nations.

The Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations is the strongest First Nation organization in the country. This strength comes from 51 years of dedication from our leaders working collectively to ensure that the Treaties are upheld. Unity is more important now than ever before. The strength of our combined efforts will see that this work continues and provides quantifiable results.

And finally, the holiday season is once more upon us. May the Creator bless you and yours with health, happiness and continued prosperity throughout the new year and those to come.

Chief Blaine C. Favel

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# FSIN EXECUTIVE ELECTED AT FALL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY



*Swearing-in ceremonies held at the October Legislative Assembly*  
 Left l to r: Grand Chief Howard Anderson, SIVA, Chief Blaine C. Favel, Senator Allan Bird  
 Bottom l to r: 2nd Vice-Chief Terry Sanderson, 4th Vice-Chief Lawrence Joseph, 3rd Vice-Chief Lindsay Cyr, 1st Vice-Chief Morley Watson

The Fall Session of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations (FSIN) Legislative Assembly was the last stage in the implementation of the restructured organization. The new structure became effective with the election of the Executive on October 16, 1997. "We come together over the next 48 hours to renew this organization," said Chief Favel.

Since the election was the only business of the Assembly, nominations began promptly on the morning of October 15th. Nominated for Fourth Vice-Chief was Ernie Cameron of Beardy's & Okemasis First Nations, Patricia Deiter of Peepeekisis First Nation, Lawrence Joseph of the Big River First Nation and Felix Thomas of the Kinistin First Nation. Lindsay Cyr of the Pasqua First Nation, Henry Daniels of the Sturgeon Lake First Nation, Oneill Gladue of the Flying Dust First Nation and Delbert Wapass of the Thunderchild First Nation were nominated for Third Vice-Chief.

With the only nomination for Second Vice-Chief, Terry Sanderson was acclaimed to the position. Three candidates were nominated for the position of First



Vice-Chief: Eugene Arcand of the Muskeg Lake First Nation, Eldon Okanee of the Thunderchild First Nation and Morley Watson of the Ochapowace First Nation.

Rodney Gopher of the Saulteaux First Nation declined his nomination for Chief. This left only Allan Adam of the Fond Du Lac First Nation and Blaine Favel of the Poundmaker First Nation in contention for the Federation's top position.



Supporters congratulating re-elected Chief Blaine C. Favel

Voting for the first ballot began at 9:00 a.m. on October 16 and continued until 11:00 a.m. After another two and a half hours of nail-biting anticipation, the results of the first ballot were announced. Of a possible 723 ballots, 695 were cast. To qualify for the second ballot, candidates needed 15 percent of the votes, 104 in this case. To win the position, candidates required 50 percent plus one: 349 votes.

All of the Vice-Chief positions up for election were forced into a second ballot. Each of the four candidates for Fourth Vice-Chief qualified. However, Ernie Cameron chose to drop out. In the race for Third Vice-Chief, Henry Daniels was required to drop out of the race with only 24 votes. Similarly, Eldon Okanee was required to drop out with only 77 votes for First Vice-Chief.

The first ballot did decide the position of Chief. In a landslide victory, Blaine Favel was re-elected to the top position over Allan Adam. Favel's 92 percent margin is the largest in the FSIN's 51-year history.

Following his victory, Chief Favel stated that education and

employment will be the focus of his three-year term. "I'd like to build stronger partnerships with the business community to create more joint venture opportunities that will create economic wealth for non-Indian and Indian

*"Let us go stronger together in unity."*

Chief Blaine C. Favel

people," he said. "I'll be trying to deal with educational institutions in Saskatchewan to try and create those avenues and strategies that will allow our people to get the education that they require in order to move into the workplace."

With three other positions left, voting continued that afternoon. When the second ballot results were announced, 672 votes had been cast with 337 required for the win. The race for Fourth Vice-Chief was forced into a third ballot

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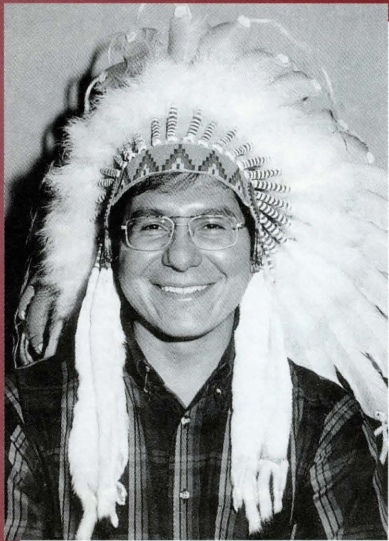
## ELECTION RESULTS

	1st Ballot	2nd Ballot	3rd Ballot
Eligible Voters	723	723	723
Ballots Cast	695	672	586
Ballots Spoiled	6	1	0
50% + 1	349	337	294
<b>Chief</b>	<b>1st Ballot</b>	<b>2nd Ballot</b>	<b>3rd Ballot</b>
ADAM, Allan	46		
FAVEL, Blaine	643		
<b>First Vice-Chief</b>	<b>1st Ballot</b>	<b>2nd Ballot</b>	<b>3rd Ballot</b>
ARCAND, Eugene	308	295	
OKANEE, Eldon	77		
WATSON, Morley	304	375	
<b>Second Vice-Chief</b>	<b>1st Ballot</b>	<b>2nd Ballot</b>	<b>3rd Ballot</b>
SANDERSON, Terry			
<b>Third Vice-Chief</b>	<b>1st Ballot</b>	<b>2nd Ballot</b>	<b>3rd Ballot</b>
CYR, Lindsay	312	369	
DANIELS, Henry H.	24		
GLADUE, Oneill	214	221	
WAPASS, Delbert	140	81	
<b>Fourth Vice-Chief</b>	<b>1st Ballot</b>	<b>2nd Ballot</b>	<b>3rd Ballot</b>
CAMERON, Ernie	108		
DEITER, Patricia	202	240	249
JOSEPH, Lawrence	229	264	336
THOMAS, Felix	150	167	

# EXECUTIVE PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBILITIES

## OFFICE OF THE CHIEF

**CHIEF BLAINE C. FAVEL**



### PORTFOLIOS:

Assembly of First Nations (AFN)	Dakota/Lakota/Nakota Affairs
Constitution Review	Committee
Executive	Office of the Legislative
Executive Council	Assembly
Health & Social Development	Office of the Treaty
Commission	Commissioner
Indian Government Commission	Saskatchewan Indian Gaming
Intergovernmental Affairs	Authority (SIGA)
International Affairs	Saskatchewan Indian Veterans
Legal Counsel	Association (SIVA)
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Information	Treaty Protocols, Treaty Unit
Northern Affairs Committee	Women's Portfolio

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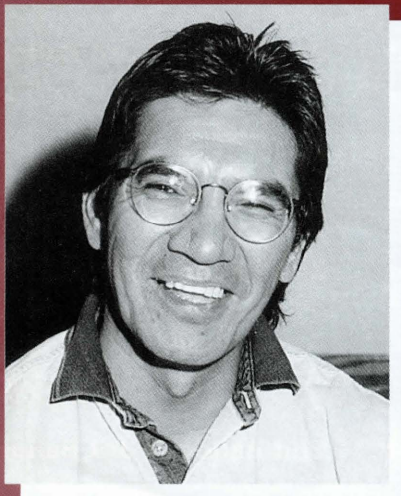
Portfolio Responsibilities	Commission
Executive	Indian Government Commission
Executive Council	Saskatchewan Indian and
Health & Social Development	Gaming Authority (SIGA)

### Tribal Council Assignment:

**Battleford's Tribal Council  
Saskatoon Tribal Council**

## FIRST VICE-CHIEF

**VICE-CHIEF MORLEY WATSON**



### PORTFOLIOS:

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Saskatchewan Indian Federated	First Nations Education
College (SIFC)	Authorities Association
Saskatchewan Indian Institute of	(FNEAA)
Technologies (SIIT) & SITAG	Sports, Youth, Culture &
Saskatchewan Indian Cultural	Recreation
	Bold Eagle Program

### COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS:

Education & Training Commission	FNEAA, SYCR Committees
SIFC, SIIT, SITAG, SICC Boards	

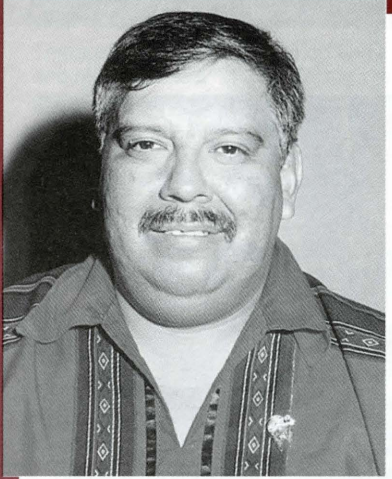
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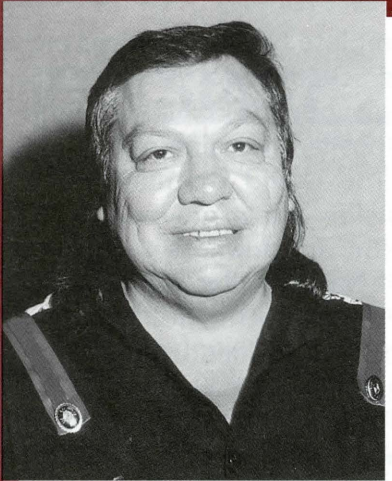
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**VICE-CHIEF TERRY SANDERSON**



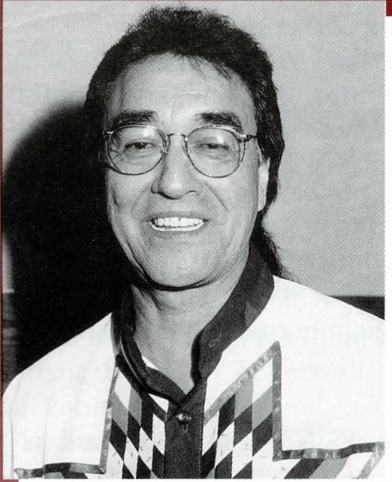
**THIRD VICE-CHIEF**

**VICE-CHIEF LINDSAY CYR**



**FOURTH VICE-CHIEF**

**VICE-CHIEF LAWERNCE JOSEPH**



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**COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS:**

Justice Commission  
Policing

SIGL

**Tribal Council Assignment:**

**Agency Chiefs Tribal Council  
Yorkton Tribal Council**

**PORTFOLIOS:**

**ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMMISSION**

NIFC, SIAP, SILCO, SIEF Boards

Treasury Board  
Housing & Roads Committee

**COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS:**

Economic & Community  
Development Commission  
NIFC, SIAP, SILCO, SIEF Boards

Treasury Board

**Tribal Council Assignment:**

**Southeast Treaty #4 Tribal  
Council  
Prince Albert Tribal Council**

**PORTFOLIOS:**

**LANDS & RESOURCES  
COMMISSION**

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TLE Directorate  
Forestry, Mining and Water  
Resources

Hunting, Fishing, Trapping &  
Gathering  
Specific Claims Research  
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**COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS:**

Lands & Resources Commission  
TLE Advisory Group

**Tribal Council Assignment:**

**Fort Carlton Tribal Council  
Meadow Lake Tribal Council**

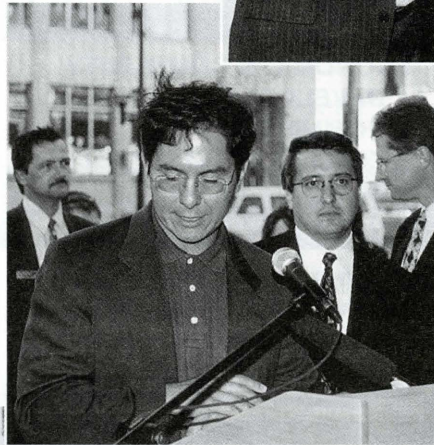
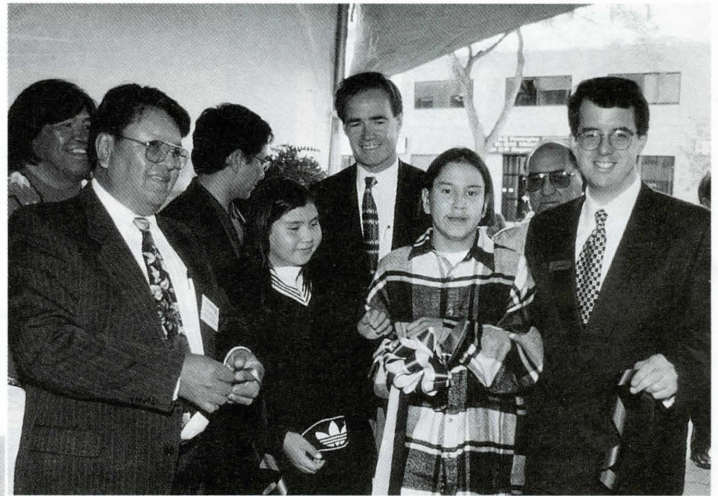
# FIRST NATIONS BANK OF CANADA OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Saskatchewan First Nations have achieved another step in the journey to economic self-sufficiency. On September 23, 1997 the First Nations Bank of Canada (FNBC) opened the doors of its main branch office. "Today we've realized the dream that was put forward by our leadership," said Saskatoon Tribal Council Chief Joe Quewezance at the ceremony.

The dream began in 1982 when Saskatchewan First Nation leaders identified the need for a financial institution geared towards First Nations people. The Saskatchewan Indian Equity Foundation (SIEF) was formed in 1982 as a response.

In 1993, officials at SIEF began the process of creating a financial institution that could offer a full range of banking services. Within a year, SIEF and the Toronto

*Opening Ceremony of the First Nations Bank of Canada*



Dominion Bank had begun the negotiations that would establish the First Nations Bank of Canada (FNBC). The result, says Toronto Dominion Vice-Chair Bob Kelly, is an economic joint venture that is a "true cooperative effort". The FNBC was officially launched in December 1996 on Bay Street in

the heart of Toronto's financial district. Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations (FSIN) Chief Blaine Favel called it "a day of pride" at the launch.

With this official opening in September, the FNBC joins the ranks of the ten other chartered banks in Canada. The FNBC offers

complete banking services including commercial deposits and loans, personal banking, and term deposits, GICs and investments.

The Grand Opening was held outside the main branch of the FNBC in downtown Saskatoon. The building that houses the bank is owned by the Yellowquill First Nation. Negotiations are currently underway to convert this property to reserve status. Yellowquill Chief Harry Neapetung believes the bank will provide Saskatchewan First Nations with economic stability. "Our survival lies in developing our economic development in our communities," he said. "This is the beginning of that reality."

Also in attendance, Deputy Premier Duane Lingenfelter praised the initiative. "This is going to be an example we can hold up to the nation and the rest of the world as an example of cooperation and partnership," he said.

Chief Favel lauded the bank as an illustration of the strength of Saskatchewan First Nations and the FSIN. "Our trademark is in

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developing institutions to serve our own people," he said. The Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre, the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies, the Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority and the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College have all been established in response to a need expressed by Saskatchewan First Nations people.

Now that the FNBC is officially up and running, the goal is to attract the significant First Nations business and Treaty Land Entitlement dollars from across the country. The fact that the bank will eventually be on reserve land should prove to be a deciding factor for First Nations looking to invest.

While initial response to the FNBC has been positive, long-term success is the goal. "This bank is designed to be a bank for the future," says Chief Favel. And expansion on a national scale is imminent. A second FNBC branch is planned for the James Bay Cree Nation in Quebec in the near future.

FNBC accounts are currently available at any of the Toronto Dominion's 949 branches across Canada in addition to the Saskatoon main office location. 

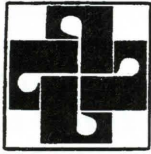
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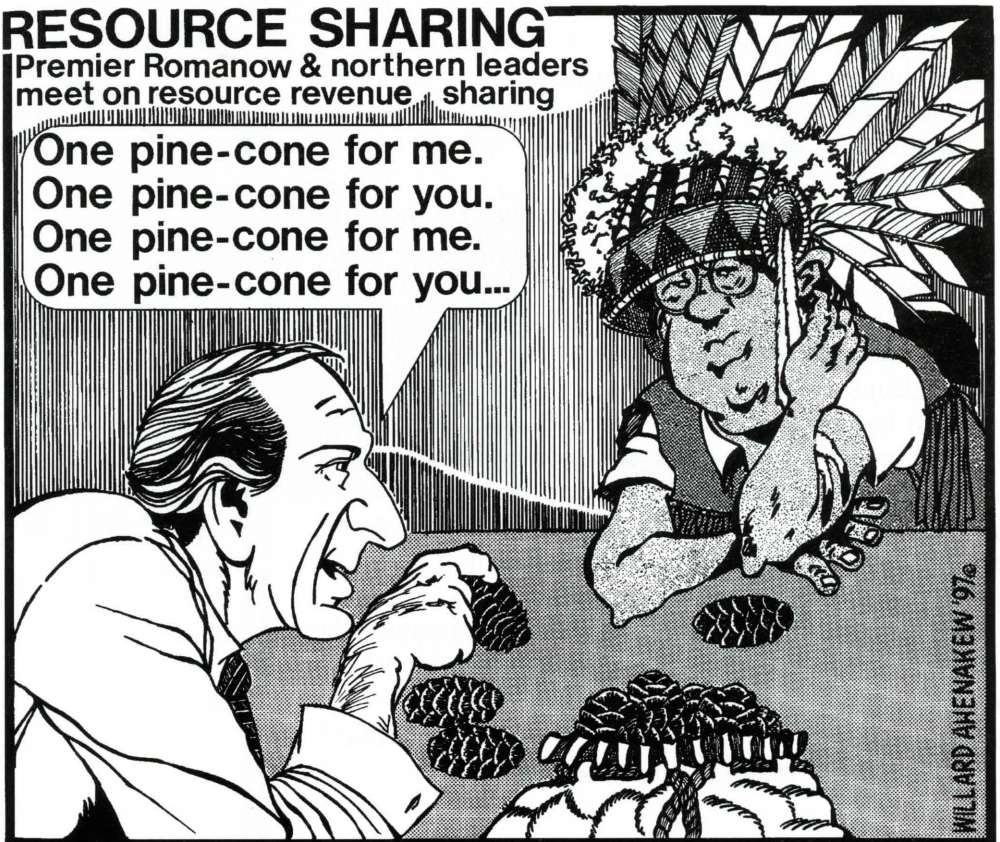
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# LEST WE FORGET: FIRST NATIONS VETERANS REMEMBERED




The eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918 brought to a close the horror of World War I. Over the years, this anniversary has taken on broader significance in recognizing the contributions of the men and women who served in this war and all those since.

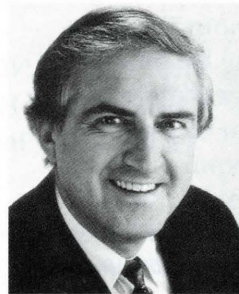
Remembrance Day ceremonies were held across the province and across the nation this November 11th. Wanuskewin Heritage Park was the site of one such afternoon service. More than 100 people came together to honour and remember First Nations Veterans.

Well-known artist and World War II Veteran Henry Beaudry stated, "It is a great day for us, the Veterans." He was joined in delivering remarks by Saskatchewan Indian Veterans Association Grand Chief Howard Anderson. Grand Chief Anderson expressed the despair many Veterans now feel as they believe that their contribution to shaping today's society is undervalued. He spoke of hope for the future.

Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations (FSIN) Vice-Chief Lindsay Cyr paid tribute to the contribution of First Nations Veterans in the creation of the FSIN over 50 years ago. First Nations young men returning from World War II served as the driving force in the establishment of the organization. Arriving home from service, these now-worldly young men were expected to submit to the restrictive confines of the *Indian Act* they thought they had left behind. In having seen more of the world, these visionaries saw more for the future of their people.

In honouring these Veterans, Vern Bellegarde, Wanuskewin Board Member acknowledged those who did not return. "Many of our people did not return and these are the people we remember today and who we thank," he said.

"Our people went to war to protect our way of life," says Bellegarde. A way of life that grows stronger with each generation. 



*Season's Greetings  
from the  
Premier of Saskatchewan*

On behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan, I am delighted to have this opportunity to extend to everyone a message of peace and goodwill.

At this most joyous of seasons, we take a moment to reflect on our many blessings, not only those that we experience as citizens of Saskatchewan, but also as Canadian. All members of our Canadian family can give thanks for the privilege of living in a country renowned for its peaceful, cooperative way of life. It is this vision of Canada, a vision held throughout the world, of understanding and tolerance, of cultural diversity within a greater whole, that brings us together and gives us reason to rejoice. Let us share that vision with our family, neighbours, and friends, and celebrate our efforts to preserve and enhance our great nation.

Eleanore joins me in offering heartfelt best wishes for the holiday season, and for continued harmony in the years to come.

Roy Romanow  
Premier

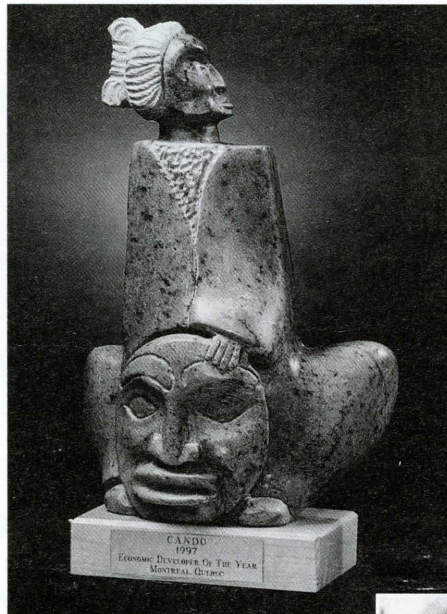
# SASKATCHEWAN FIRST NATION BUSINESSES LEADING IN THEIR FIELDS

The recently released demographics publication entitled *Saskatchewan and Aboriginal Peoples in the 21st Century* calls for an increase in the number of Aboriginal-owned businesses and joint ventures. These businesses create employment and positively impact the provincial economy.

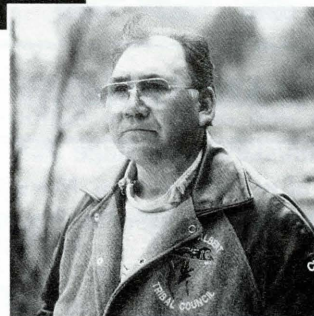
In Saskatchewan, a number of First Nation-owned businesses are proving their corporate acumen. As leaders in their fields, the Kitsaki Development Corporation and the Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority were both recently honoured by their peers.

On September 26, 1997 the Kitsaki Development Corporation (KDC) received the Developer of the Year Award at the Council for the Advancement of Native Development Officers (CANDO) conference in Montreal. The award was voted on by CANDO delegates. KDC was up against three other development corporations

The recently released demographics publication entitled



Top: 1997 CANDO Award  
Bottom: Chief Harry Cook  
La Lac Ronge Indian Band



Saskatchewan and Aboriginal Peoples in the 21st Century calls

from Manitoba and British Columbia.

KDC is owned by the Lac La Ronge Indian Band, Saskatchewan's largest First Nation with a current membership of 6,451. The Band incorporated KDC in 1981. At the time, says La Ronge Chief Harry Cook, they were looking to "identify, examine and explore" the opportunities available in northern Saskatchewan. "We wanted to look at our own region and find out how we could benefit over the long-term," he said.

The Band identified key sectors of northern industry including mining, property ownership, forestry, tourism and transportation. Over the years a dozen businesses have been developed

for an increase in the number of Aboriginal-owned businesses and

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in these sectors including Northern Resources Trucking, Keewatin Mining Corporation and Northern Lights Wild Rice Inc. "We wish to benefit from the numerous business opportunities in northern Saskatchewan," says Chief Cook.

With a proven track record, KDC is headed for the future. "We are looking at developing jobs, wealth and educating our people," says Chief Cook. KDC is currently negotiating the terms of two different projects.

The motivating factor in these ventures is revenue potential. Chief Cook says, "We research for profitability and sustainability in the long-term."

It is initiatives the strength of these that led to the CANDO award. Chief Cook calls the award "very significant" in that it demonstrates KDC can successfully compete with development corporations on a national scale.


The Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority (SIGA) was also recently recognized for its success. SIGA received the prestigious ABEX award for a new venture from the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce. Vance McNab, Vice-President of Marketing at SIGA,

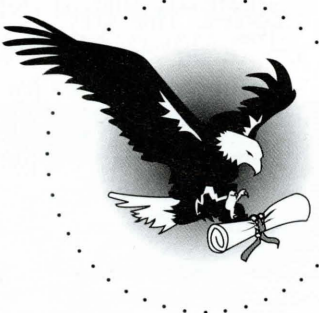
calls the award significant. "We were judged by our peers," he says.

The award was presented at a dinner held at the Saskatoon Centennial Auditorium. SIGA was selected as the New Venture recipients out of a field of five nominees from across Saskatchewan.

SIGA was established in 1995 following the signing of the First Nations Gaming Act between the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations (FSIN) and the provincial government. Since its creation, says McNab, "We are exceeding expectations and we're being welcomed by the communities." The four casinos, located in the communities of Prince Albert, North Battleford, Yorkton and the Whitebear First Nation, have created over 700 jobs with an estimated 150 additional jobs created in ancillary operations such as the restaurants. On average, more than 80 percent of these positions are filled by employees with First Nations ancestry.

The casinos are also performing better than expected in terms of revenues. SIGA anticipates that gross revenues will exceed \$35 million for the year ending March 31, 1998. This translates to better futures for Saskatchewan First Nations as the recipients of the net revenues.

Organizations such as KDC and SIGA are setting the standard for First Nations economic development in Saskatchewan. Chief Cook thinks they are setting positive role models for other First Nations. He says, "It is very important that Indian people get involved this way." Chief Cook believes that true self-government will come when First Nations can take care of themselves financially. 



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SIGA CEO Dutch Lerat accepting ABEX


between Patricia Deiter and Lawrence Joseph. Felix Thomas was dropped from the ballot. Incumbent Lindsay Cyr was elected to the position of Third Vice-Chief with 369 votes. The position of First Vice-Chief was claimed by Morley Watson with 375 votes.

The third ballot ended Patricia Deiter's impressive bid to become the first woman elected to the FSIN Executive. With 336 of a possible 586 votes, Lawrence Joseph became Fourth Vice-Chief

Morley Watson, Terry Sanderson, Lindsay Cyr and Lawrence Joseph were sworn in to their respective

positions following these final results. Blaine Favel was subsequently sworn in to his second term as Chief of the FSIN.

Following an election characterized by hard-fought victories and graceful defeats, Chief Favel stressed the need for the commitment to a strong organization to continue: "Our children, our Elders desperately need us to work together."

He closed the Fall Assembly saying, "Let us go stronger together in unity." 



## OTC HOSTS TREATY AWARENESS DAY

Wanuskewin was the site of a ceremony on November 21, 1997 to increase public awareness and understanding of Treaties. Hosted by the Office of the Treaty Commissioner, the ceremony launched that office's public education campaign.

Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations (FSIN) Chief Blaine Favel, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Jane Stewart, Minister of Saskatchewan Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs Berny Wiens and Treaty Commissioner Judge David Arnot were all present to participate in the program.

In addressing the crowded auditorium, Minister Wiens acknowledged the importance of the numbered treaties in Saskatchewan. "Treaties represent the fundamental basis of the relationship between First Nations and the governments of Canada," he said.

In moving forward with the implementation of the treaties signed under this relationship, a change in the attitudes held by non-First Nations people is neces-

sary says Chief Favel. "In order for us to move forward in treaty implementation it is necessary for Canadian people, Saskatchewan people, to understand that they have treaty rights."

These treaty rights have allowed non-First Nation people to benefit from wealth that results from the use of the land. "Their wealth is created directly from the land," Chief Favel said.


Educating the public on the contribution that First Nation people have made in creating that wealth is part of the process undertaken by the OTC. Minister Stewart also acknowledged the significance of the date selected for Treaty Awareness Day, the one-year anniversary of the release of the report of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples.

Minister Stewart spoke of the OTC's campaign on public awareness. "When we talk about treaties we understand they are a reflection of who we are as a nation," she said. She stated that the federal government is continuing to revisit the relationship with First

Nations and is looking forward to building a new model based on mutual respect.

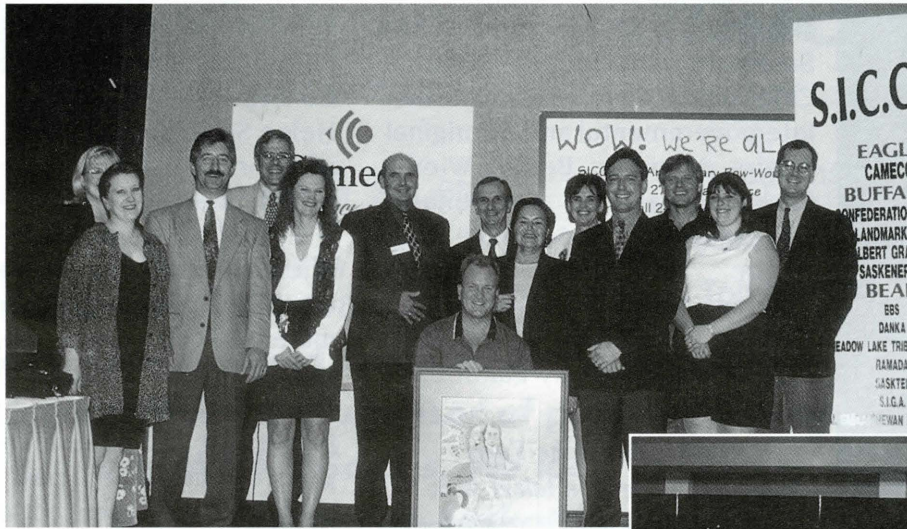
Treaty Commissioner Arnot stressed the need for widespread awareness and understanding of treaties. The OTC is working to create an awareness and understanding of treaties for all people in Saskatchewan. This public campaign includes an informative video and work throughout the schools.

The OTC was renewed through an Order-in-Council at the beginning of the year. The impartial body is designed to facilitate a common understanding in areas where the federal government and First Nations now hold differing beliefs of treaty rights and jurisdiction. These areas include: child welfare, education, housing, health, justice, treaty annuities, hunting, trapping, fishing and gathering.

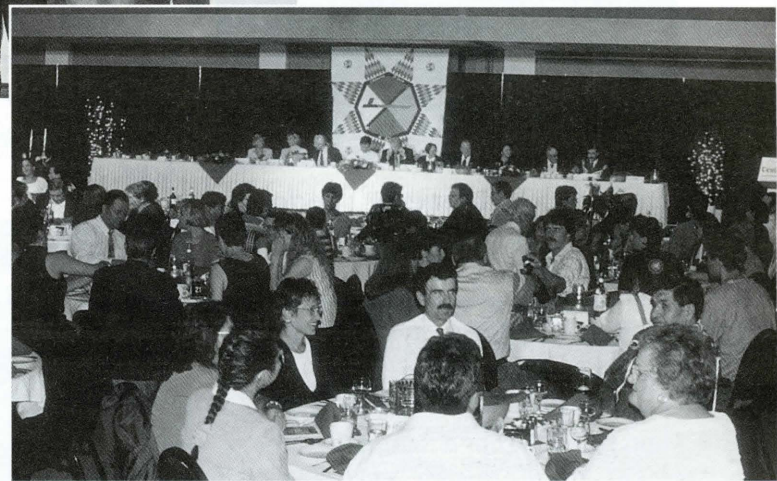
Commissioner Arnot remains committed to the goal. "We need to embrace the concept of Treaty partnership and use it to build a bridge for the future." 



## SICC CELEBRATES SILVER ANNIVERSARY



The Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre (SICC) recently celebrated a quarter century of dedication to preserving First Nations culture and heritage. To mark the occasion, SICC hosted a weekend of events to increase public awareness of their contributions to the community. The festivities



Top Left: SICC Sponsors Top Right: Charity Greyeyes placed 3rd Above: SICC Banquet Bottom Left: Mitch Daigneault winner of the talent show.

began with an Aboriginal Youth Talent Show and continued with a corporate banquet, the SICC 25th Anniversary Traditional Powwow and the First Nations Confederacy of Cultural Education Centres (FNCCEC) Annual General Meeting.

The Aboriginal Youth Talent Search was held on September 25 and featured Native American rapper Litefoot as the headline performer. Gordon Tootoosis served as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Eleven semi-finalists competed, each performing two vocal selections.

Then, while judges decided the top three finalists of the group, Litefoot performed with Haida, the first female Native American rapper. Following their





tribute to the SICC. Guests included Assembly of First Nations Grand Chief Phil Fontaine, Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations Chief Blaine Favel, Saskatchewan Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs Minister Berny Wiens, Saskatchewan's Lieutenant-Governor the Honourable Jack Wiebe, Saskatchewan Indian Veterans Association Grand Chief Howard Anderson and SICC President Linda Pelly-Landrie.

*Left: Gordon Haywahe-Favel  
Honourable Mention talent show  
Bottom: Master of Ceremonies for  
the Talent Show Gordon Tootosis,  
Actor*

hour-long, high-energy performance, the finalists were announced.

In third place, winning \$100 and a trophy, was Charity Greyeyes. The 22-year-old is from the Ahtahkakoop First Nation and plans to pursue a career in the music industry. Aaron Masuskapoe, a 25-year-old from the Ahtahkakoop First Nation finished in second place. Aaron is a songwriter and musician who sang his own, original songs. He won \$250 and a trophy.

The top prize went to Mitch Daigneault, a 25-year-old from the Fishing Lake First Nation. As the first place finalist, Mitch won \$500, a trophy and a recording contract with Right Tracks Recording Studio, valued at \$4200. Following the announcement, Mitch gave a rousing encore performance.

The corporate banquet and art auction were held at the Centennial Auditorium on September 26. A number of distinguished guests assembled in the stiflingly warm auditorium to pay



Pelly-Landrie spoke of the history of the SICC, its commitment to excellence and the work yet to be done. She also mentioned the hesitancy organizers had in arranging an event of such magnitude saying they expected 60 tables to sell. However, the extraordinary support from the community for the SICC resulted, she said, with 91 tables sold, quite exceeding their best expectations.

A silent auction was held over the course of the evening and five


pieces of art were sold in a live auction. The highlight of the live event was not art, however. In the spirit of the evening, Grand Chief Fontaine was persuaded to donate his tie to the auction. Helen Semaganis claimed this trophy for \$610 following a heated bidding war.

Event coordinator Janet Ahenakew calls the auction a success, saying it generated approximately \$7,000 in gross revenues.

The SICC 25th Anniversary Traditional Powwow was the feature event of September 27. The powwow honoured past leaders and Elders who were critical in the evolution of the SICC. Mike Hotiene, Gordon Tootosis and Jason Good Striker served as announcers for more than 300 dancers and 18 drum groups from across North America.

The weekend culminated with the election of a new National President of the FNCCEC. Delegates from 172 cultural centres from across the country attended the three-day general meeting.

In the end, Adrian Stimson of the Siksika First Nation was elected president over Doug Maracle of the Woodlands Cultural Centre. Linda Pelly-Landrie, the former president, did not seek re-election.

Highlights of the 25th Anniversary events are featured in a video production compiled by the SICC. The tape also includes an overview of the Centre's history, the services it provides and the direction planned for the future. Copies of this production are available from the Cultural Centre. For more information, call (306) 244-1146. 



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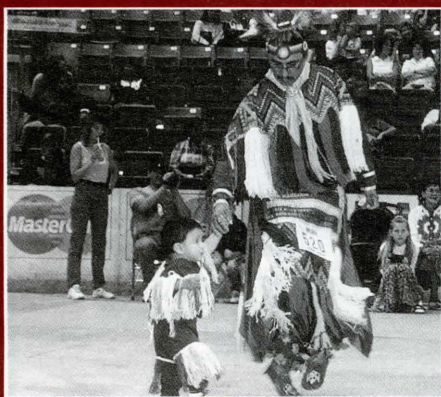
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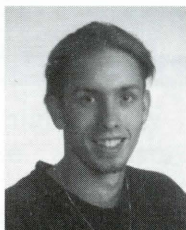
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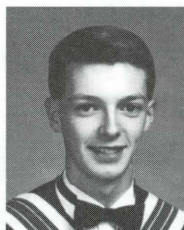
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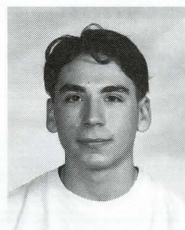
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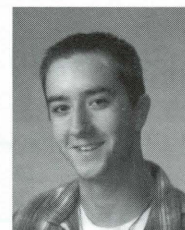
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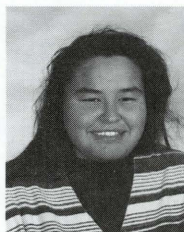
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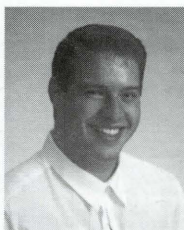
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# LITEFOOT

*Appears at Aboriginal Youth Talent Search*

The highlight for many of the adolescent audience members at the recent Aboriginal Youth Talent Search was the performance by Native American rapper Litefoot. Performing with Haida, the first female Native American rapper, Litefoot gave the youth a show to remember.

Evasive about his age, this twentysomething rapper began his music career in 1988. While his talent was attractive to record companies, his insistence at profiling his Native American heritage was not. He quickly realized that this conflict would exist as long as he remained under a mainstream label.

"I remember sitting in the office of a record label in Chicago

and they were interested in me as a rapper but not as a Native American rapper. They didn't want me to reflect the culture in my lyrics or anything," he says. "That's when I decided to start Red Vinyl. I decided on the name right then, Red to represent Red People everywhere and the struggle we face in society to this day."


His initiative has paid off. Litefoot has released five albums under his label, the most recent being *Good Day 2 Die* in June 1996. However, the drawback to being a trailblazer is that there is no one from which draw experience, no one who has gone before. "I have no one to mold myself after," says Litefoot.

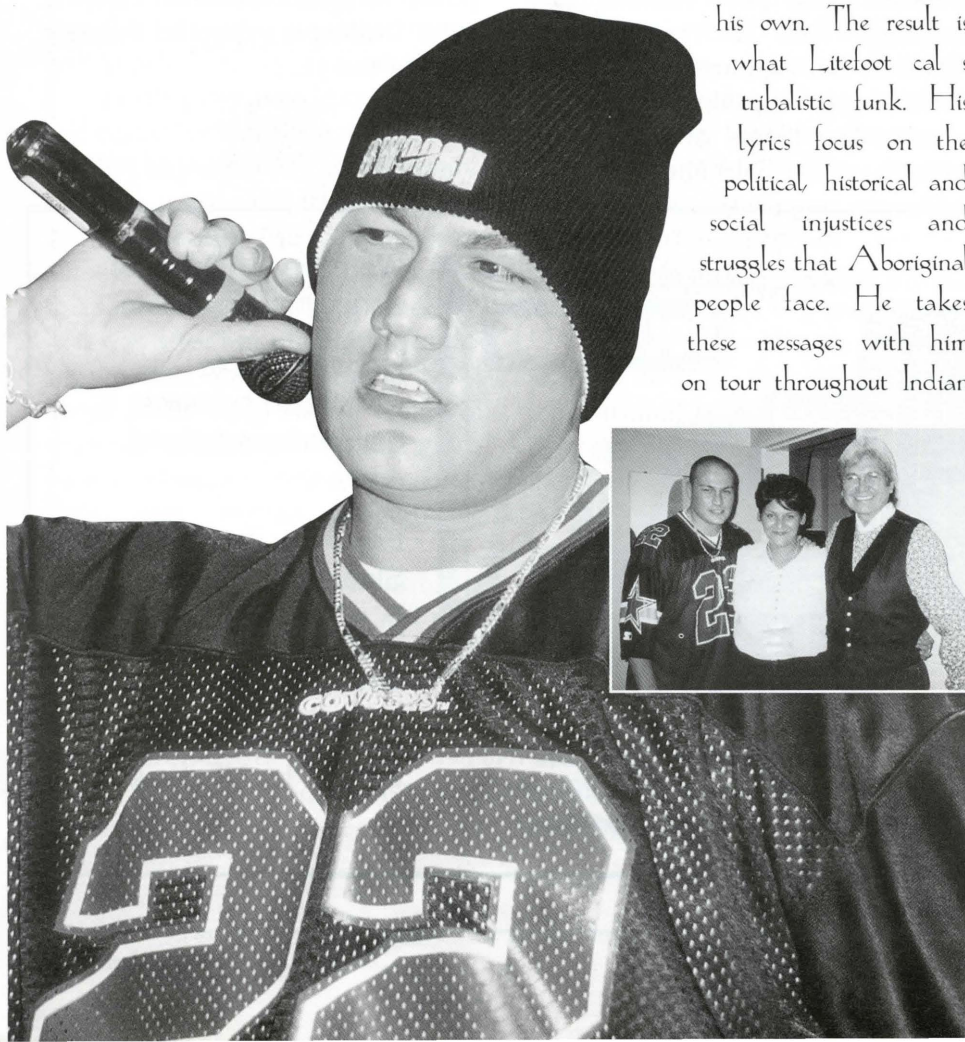
This has forced him to branch out in a direction that is entirely his own. The result is what Litefoot calls tribalistic funk. His lyrics focus on the political, historical and social injustices and struggles that Aboriginal people face. He takes these messages with him on tour throughout Indian

country. "We... put music out that we know will go straight to the reservations," he says. Litefoot performs on reserves, at conferences, events, youth camps, high schools and graduations.

Not content with achievement in music alone, he recently branched out into acting. Litefoot debuted in the popular film *Indian in the Cupboard*. He was originally concerned about message that the film would send to audiences, saying "I mean, it's an Indian in a cupboard!" However, he now says, "I feel completely positive about the way it turned out."

Litefoot has appeared in several other films, *Kull the Conqueror* being his latest release, and just wrapped another. In *Mortal Kombat II*, filmed in Bangkok, he portrays what he calls "the first Native American superhero." This film is due out in the near future.

If success is measured by fan support, Litefoot is a superstar among youth. His fans appreciate, often with obvious wide-eyed awe, the message he sends to them. In return, Litefoot's dedication to empowering Aboriginal young people is truly visible. After a hectic day of events and an hour-long performance, Litefoot spent two and a half hours signing autographs with Gordon Tootoosis and Haida after the Talent Search ended at 10:00 p.m. A true role model, he was friendly, open and accessible, frequently stopping to talk and take photos with fans. Litefoot continues to look for challenges in the future. He sums up his journey thus far saying, "It's kind of like a roller coaster ride and wherever it goes, that's where I am." 



# RED PHEASANT SIGNS OIL AND GAS AGREEMENT

The Red Pheasant First Nation and Wascana Energy Inc. officially entered into an oil and gas resources agreement on October 6, 1997. The agreement, signed in Regina, provides for the development of oil and gas resources on lands selected by the Red Pheasant First Nation as part of its Saskatchewan Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE).

Red Pheasant Chief Larry Wuttunee believes the agreement with Wascana is promising. He is enthusiastic about the opportunities it will provide Red Pheasant. "Such agreements are a fundamental part of First Nation self-determination. The Treaty Land Entitlement reserve creation decision path is economic in nature. Oil and gas potential is a relevant factor. By making such an agreement prior to reserve creation, Red Pheasant is securing a business partner to do oil and gas development on otherwise undeveloped lands," he said.

"Such an agreement is proof that First Nations can be full partners in a business relationship. Red Pheasant is taking a leadership role in this area."

Graeme Phipps, Vice-President Exploration & Production of Wascana Energy Inc. said of the signing, "We are proud of our reputation for taking new and creative approaches to structuring business agreements with First Nations in western Canada. We find that First Nations leaders want to participate fully in the risks and rewards of the development of their oil and gas resources. The agreement we are signing today with Red Pheasant First Nation satisfies those aspirations."

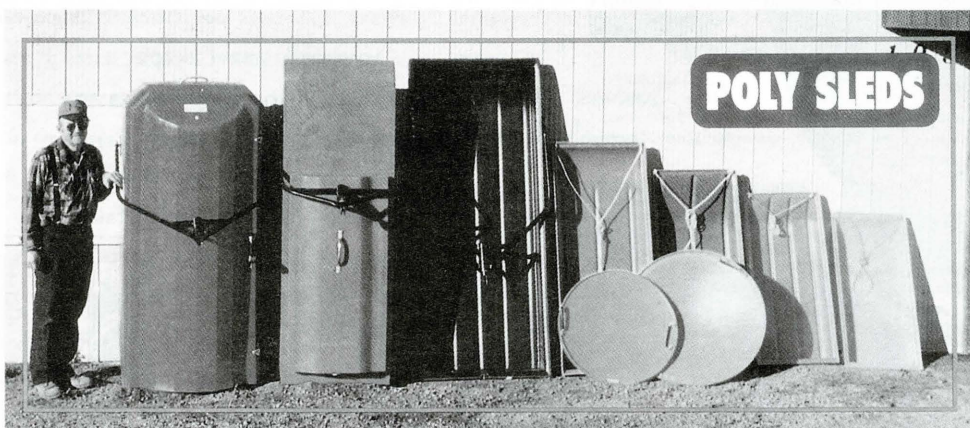
Red Pheasant is one of 28 Saskatchewan First Nations who entered into a Treaty Land Entitlement Agreement with the federal and provincial governments. The terms of this agreement have the Red Pheasant First

Nation receiving approximately \$19 million over a 12-year period. With this money, the Band will purchase up to 72,000 acres of land in the province to convert to reserve status. The First Nation has now purchased almost 32,000 acres.

Harry Nicotine, Red Pheasant TLE Coordinator, says that 8,000 acres of this land is expected to become reserve status by first quarter of 1998. "That is our objective," he says. "We're really trying to speed things up."

Under the terms of the agreement, Wascana Energy will gain access this land, located in west central Saskatchewan. It is located next to Beacon Hill and Makwa Lake, existing natural gas fields of Wascana Energy. The company plans to shoot seismic early in 1998. Drilling is expected to begin later in the year.

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# SASKATCHEWAN LOSES ESTEEMED HEALTH ADVOCATE

*by Doug Cuthand*

Recently my family and Saskatchewan Indians lost a dear friend. My aunt, Jean Goodwill, died after a courageous and lengthy battle with cancer.

My aunt lived a life of service to both her people and the health profession. Over the years she obtained recognition with an Order of Canada, an honorary degree from Queens University in Kingston, Ontario and a National Aboriginal Achievement Award.

While her public achievements brought her national fame her family remembers another person. Shortly after she was born, her mother died and she was adopted by my grandparents. She was cared for with love and nurturing like any member of the family. She was a little girl who struggled with her health. She caught tuberculosis and spent several years at the sanatorium in Prince Albert.

It was after her time at the sanatorium that she studied to be a nurse at the Holy Family Hospital in Prince Albert. In 1954 she graduated to become one of the country's first Indian Registered Nurses.

After graduation she went to La Ronge where she and an aid provided the primary health care for the community. The first year she was there, she delivered over 50 babies, removed numerous fishhooks from kids and tourists and attended to a wide variety of other health needs.

She once told me that her work as a public health nurse was an exhausting and frustrating experience. The health problems in Indian communities were largely caused by poverty and poor living conditions. No amount of work on her part would change that. What was needed was changes to government policy and political action.

Her career as a front line health care worker gave her a lifelong appreciation for the need to improve First Nations living conditions and our community health. She worked for the Department of Indian Affairs and the Department of National Health and Welfare. In 1979 she was appointed as Special Advisor to Monique Begin, the Minister of Health to work with the Minister and First Nations and improve health programs. She attacked the problem and her legacy lives on with greater understanding between the two groups.

She was an organizer and she worked at both the political and educational levels to bring about change. She was a founding member of the Native Women's Association of Canada, a past president of the Indian and Inuit Nurses Association of Canada and a past president of the Canadian Society for Circumpolar Health. She also worked with the University of Saskatchewan to assist in the development of the Indian and Inuit Access Program to Nursing and the health sciences

program at the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College.

She wanted Indian health professionals who were trained professionals and shared her passion and understanding for their people.

She and her husband, Ken Goodwill lived in Ottawa for a number of years. In recent years she retired from the civil service and she and Ken moved to his reserve, Standing Buffalo near Fort Qu'Appelle. Ken worked for the Band Council in various capacities while Jean became a lecturer and teacher at the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College in Regina.

But health problems began to plague her. She suffered a badly broken leg and her tuberculosis made a return, flaring up in the glands in her neck. This was followed by leukaemia that eventually killed her.

Her death was expected but nevertheless not easy to take. She died quietly in her sleep at 5:30 in the morning, Monday, August 25.

Referring to her early life, my father told me that when someone struggles so hard to live, there must be a reason for it.

My aunt had both a hard life and a good life and she never stopped working for her people. Her life had a purpose and she made the most of it.



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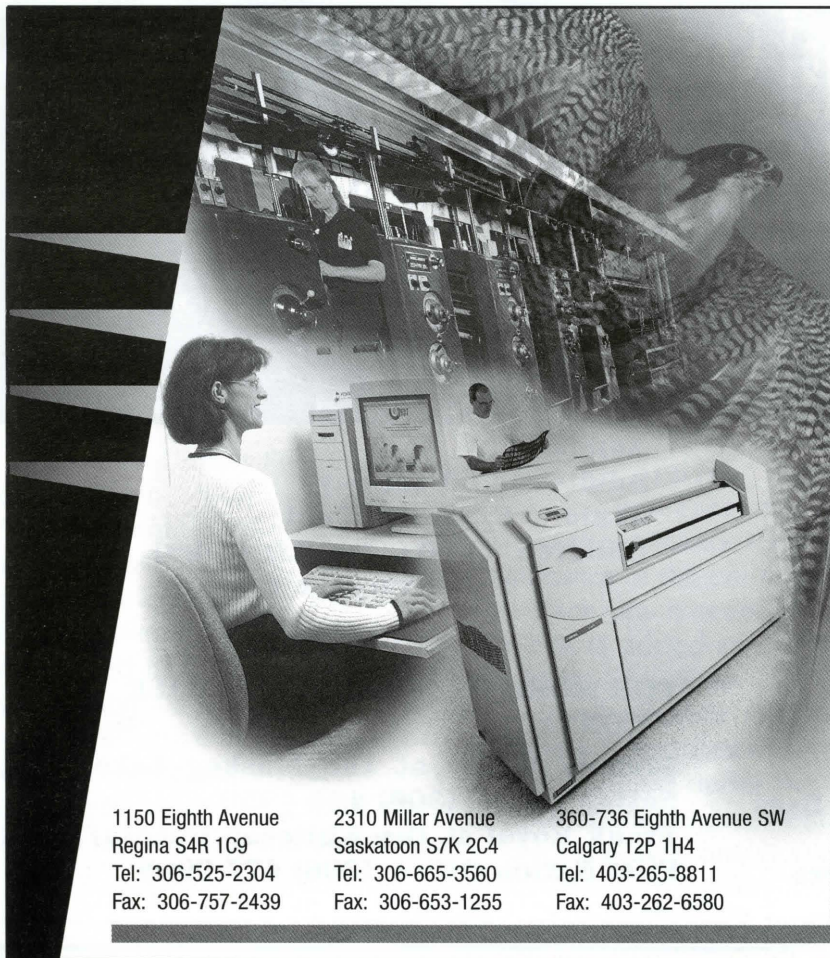
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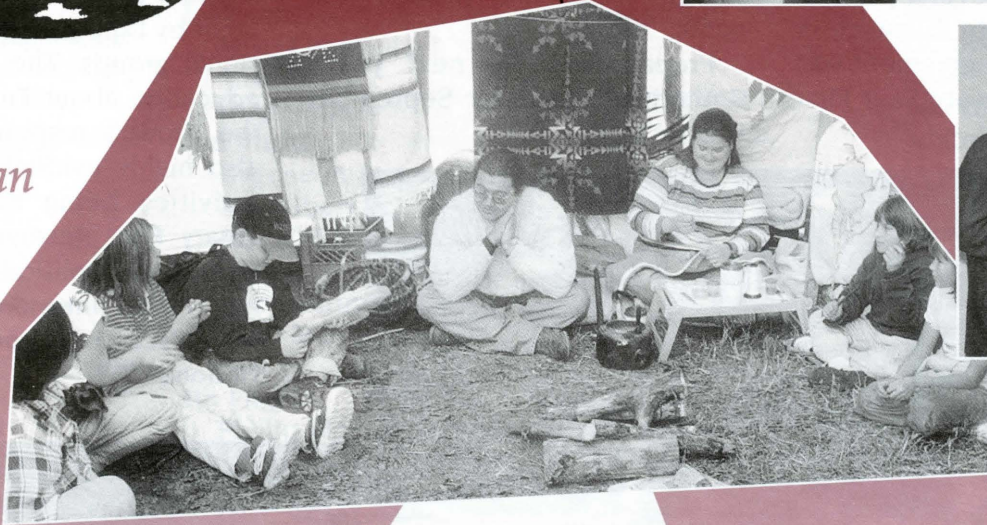
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# TREATY FOUR DAYS



By  
Pam  
Horsman



a powwow arbor to  
the Treaty Four

Every journey begins with a destination in mind, and is undertaken one step at a time. For the 33 First Nations in the Treaty Four area, that journey is now well underway as they proceed with a sure and steady stride.

The annual Treaty Four Gathering opened in Fort Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan on September 15, 1997. The event offered participants a curious blend of both familiar and fresh as even though the Gathering celebrated its 10th anniversary this year, activities unfolded in a new setting reflective of the past. In previous years the majority of the activities were hosted at a local recreational facility; with the addition of

Reserve Grounds, event were split between the two locations.

"One of the main highlights this year was the availability of the new powwow arbor situated on the original Treaty Four grounds. The Gathering took on an even richer meaning as once again we met on the lands that our ancestors used as a gathering place so long ago," said Perry Bellegarde, Touchwood Fill Hills Qu'Appelle (TFHQ) Tribal Council Representative. "It served to further enhance the symbolic significance of the entire week."

Each year it seems that one more piece is added to the Treaty Four picture as a whole.

On September 11, 1996 approximately 3 hectares (8 acres) of land was acquired under the terms of a Special Claim Agreement which was settled exactly one year prior to the

acquisition. Formal signing ceremonies returning the land to reserve status were fittingly enough held during the 1996 Treaty Four Gathering with the Honourable Ronald Irwin, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and TFHQ Tribal Council Representative Perry Bellegarde signing the document.

The irony of the restoration of the reserve lands at that time was not lost upon those who look back through time to September 15, 1874. On this day Treaty Four was struck between Great Britain and 13 Cree and Saulteaux First Nations. The tract of land upon which the Treaty was signed was to be reserved as permanent Treaty Grounds...a promise that was thrown to the winds less than a decade later when settlers began to

lay claim to these lands. The total area was comprised of 1300 acres, 100 acres for each of the original signing First Nations.

It was decided in 1987 that the Canadian government's attention should be turned to this matter. The first annual Treaty Four Gathering was hosted to promote awareness and celebration of the Treaty, and the First Nations filed a claim in court and with the Office of Native Claims. Several years of research and debate followed; in 1994 a settlement agreement was extended to the Treaty Four First

of a modern day Treaty Four Protection Centre.

According to Bellegarde, the Treaty Four First Nations will continue to focus on building a Treaty Four Grand Council, uniting the 33 First Nations.

"We have to keep in mind that Treaties transcend provincial boundaries, and we must find more effective ways to cooperate and work together in unity to better promote and protect our rights," he said.

Preparations for next year's Gathering, slated for September

12th to the 18th, are already underway.

The 1997 Treaty Four Gathering continued the tradition of providing the opportunity to reflect the true spirit and intent of the original Treaty promise. Hundreds of visitors from across Canada and the United States joined together to share fellowship during September 15th to the 21st and enjoyed events such as golfing, fastball, a parade and entertainment by both amateur and professional groups. The promotion of education about Treaty Four and the Crown's responsibilities was also highly evident with student activities being hosted at the Treaty Four Reserve Grounds as well as the political forums offering insight into on-going issues and discussions concerning First Nations.



Nations which was ratified by each of their memberships.

The agreement was signed during the 1995 Gathering on September 14th, and the First Nations received a monetary settlement of \$6.6 million. Up to 1300 acres of land can be purchased within a 10 km radius of the original Treaty Four Grounds, and these can be converted to reserve status jointly held by the Treaty Four First Nations. The first of these lands has already been restored, and future plans for the site include construction



# WINNERS OF THE COMPETITIVE EVENTS WERE:

## TREATY FOUR PARADE

Best Commercial  
High Feather Lydia Cyr  
Best Decorated Horse-  
Drawn Terry Grand  
Best Decorated Horse  
Jessie Grand  
Best of Parade  
Okanese First Nation  
Best Decorated Bicycle  
Logan Tuckanow

## TRAIL RIDE

Oldest Rider  
Bob Mills  
Youngest Rider  
Shawn Bott/Drew  
Jones-Pyle  
Ghost Hand  
Clayton Cyr  
Smallest Hand  
Ian Morris  
Largest Hand  
Carol Pinay (1st)  
Elaine Kayseas (2nd)  
Albert Poitras and  
Ivan Yuzicappi  
(3rd tie)  
Most Pledges  
Merle Buffalo (1st)  
Elmer Poitras and  
Bev Poitras (2nd tie)  
Ivan Yuzicappi (4th)

## TREATY FOUR GOLF

Recreation Division-  
Men's  
Keith Smith-1  
Andy Shingoose-2  
Ron Martin-3  
Recreation Division  
Women's  
Pat Thomson-1  
Elaine Kaiswatum-2  
Eldrine Dubois-3  
Junior  
AJ Shingoose-1  
Myron Thomson-2  
Jade Lavallee-3

Intermediate Division  
Championship Flight  
Joe Straightnose-1  
Ken Sinclair-2  
Allan Cote-3  
Barry Eisenzimmer-4  
Graham Murdock and  
Louis Sinclair-5

1st Flight  
Mike Lonechild-1  
Mike Mack-2  
Hugh Pratt-3

2nd Flight  
Eugene Poitras-1  
Ron Albert-2  
Marcel Greyeyes-3

3rd Flight  
Jason Poitras-1  
Leon McNab-2  
George Cote-3

4th Flight  
Phillip Wolfe-1  
Curtis Pelletier-2  
Bob Desnomie-3

5th Flight  
Jared Pratt-1  
Brad Poorman-2  
Carl Machiskinic-3

6th Flight  
Wesley Bear-1  
Winston Wuttannee-2  
Lyle Acoose-3

Ladies Division  
Championship Flight  
Gwen King-1  
Colleen Strongarm-2  
Jeannie Boudreau-3  
Brenda Standingready-4

1st Flight  
Sara Lonechild-1  
Leanne Bellegarde-2  
Susan Lerat-3

PRIZES: DAY ONE  
Mens Long Drive  
Allan Cote  
Women's Long Drive  
Sara Lonechild

Closest to Pin  
Nelson Leaske  
Vegas Hole  
Lyle Worme

DAY TWO  
Men's Long Drive  
Allan Cote  
Women's Long Drive  
Colleen Strongarm  
Closest to Pin  
Duff MacDonald  
Vegas Hole  
Eldon Quill

## TREATY FOUR FASTBALL

MEN'S' DIVISION  
1st Standing Buffalo  
and Cowesses Indians  
(tie) \$1200 each  
3rd Little Black Bear  
Blues \$500  
4th Stoney Creek  
Braves from Key First  
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Cowesses Indians Catcher  
Albert Jacques, Standing  
Buffalo Dakotas First Base  
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Teddy Caldwell, Cowesses  
Indians Third Base Albert  
McNab, Standing Buffalo  
Dakotas Shortstop Joe  
Keshane, Stoney Creek  
Braves Left Field Eddy  
Tawiyaka, Standing Buffalo  
Dakotas Right Field Roger  
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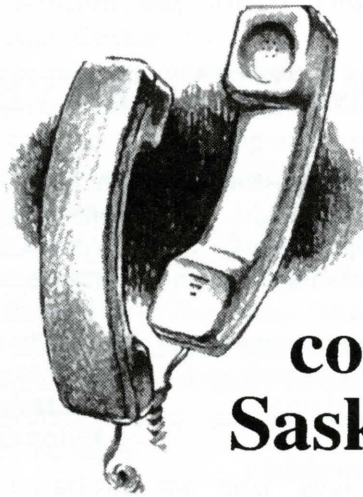
## TREATY FOUR ROAD RACE

Senior Men's  
Gerry Cardinal  
Senior Women's  
Irene Oakes  
Men's Under 40  
Leslie Travis  
Women's Under 40  
no entries

In return for granting Wascana Energy access to this land and its resources, Red Pheasant will get a share of the profits and will be paid a royalty as the mineral owners. However, Nicotine says that the Band is looking beyond the monetary benefits. He says, "We are looking at training our own people in the field of oil and drilling."

Although this has not been formally discussed, Nicotine says, "Wascana is aware of our objectives and plans." He says that the Band intends to make these arrangements part of the intermediary and long-range strategies.

While the work is on-going, the partnership clearly indicates the beginnings of a successful and profitable business relationship between the Red Pheasant First Nation and Wascana Energy. 



## Setting the terms for local telephone competition in Saskatchewan

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# CAREER PLANNING



by Milton Tootosis

Career planning is an important aspect of our lives. Yet few parents and teachers spend the time to explain what it is and why it is so important.

Many industry leaders are concerned about the current skilled labour shortage. According to them, career planning should be a priority in high school, college and university. Curriculum has recently been designed by Saskatchewan Education which will see some high schools venturing into the area of career planning. Most college course offerings, however, do not include mandatory career planning classes.

Career planning takes time: time to research, to listen, to observe role models and to absorb information. Today, more information than ever before is available about careers. The real task is knowing where to find the information and then how to use it to make the right decision for you. Prior to making one of the most important decisions you will ever face, you need to be aware of current trends.

The workplace is constantly changing. For example, computers and other technology have created new types of jobs while eliminating others. Knowledge, data and information are more valuable today than in the past. Also, as the Canadian population ages, the needs and buying patterns of consumers will change. Another change concerns the growth of the global marketplace. This affects the way business is done in

Saskatchewan, forcing many smaller companies to consider various options: partnership, joint venture or even perhaps getting out of a highly competitive industry altogether.

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Another change concerns demographics. A recently released study commissioned by the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations clearly indicates that Aboriginal peoples will be a significant human resource for Saskatchewan's economy as we enter the next century. The study shows that within the next five years, one-quarter of all labour force entrants will be Aboriginal, with the vast majority being First Nation.

Chances are that you will not work at the same job for your entire work life. Most individuals will work in a variety of positions for a number of different employers. While well-trained personnel is vital to the success of any company or organization, increasingly, employers seek out workers who are flexible and who can adapt to changing responsibilities with limited supervision and retraining.


Many workers today are dissatisfied with their jobs for one reason or another. By carefully planning your career now and preparing yourself for change, you can avoid being one of these individuals. Whether a truck driver in the transportation industry, a

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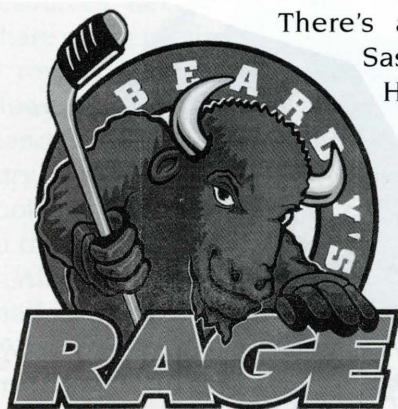
food and beverage server in the hospitality industry, a community planner, an accountant, a medical doctor or an entrepreneur, plan now and become a role model for success.

If you would like more information about career planning, visit your local outreach employment centre funded by your tribal council or band. Read career planning guides available at any Human Resource Development Centre (formerly Canada Employment Centre). Attend a local career fair sponsored by your community. Surf the Internet and websites related to careers which include those of Human Resources Development Canada, the Electronic Labour Exchange, Youth Resource Network of Canada, Work Search and Canada WorkInfoNet. You will even find virtual career symposiums on the Net. Read books like *Shifting Gears* by Nuala Beck, *Megatrends 2000* by John Naisbitt and *The Popcorn Report* by Faith Popcorn.

Invest your time wisely and make a good decision today. 

*Tootosis is the Regional Coordinator for the Aboriginal Workforce Participation Initiative, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Saskatchewan Region.*

## FUTURE BRIGHT FOR BEARDY'S RAGE



There's a new face in the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League (SJHL) this season. Five years after the introduction of the Lebrét Eagles, another First Nations-owned team, the Beardy's Rage, has joined the fold.

Ernie Cameron, Rage President, says the team is a result of approximately two and a half years of negotiations and hard work. After negotiations with the SJHL had been worked out over a year ago, the initiative for a band-owned team failed.

However, hockey is supported so much in First Nations communities, says Cameron, that a number of people were convinced that the idea was sound. Once the support of the SJHL was guaranteed, Cameron says, "A group of individuals bought the team outright for \$150,000." The group, including Bill Cameron, Howard Cameron, Joe Thomas, Cal Parenteau, Rick Parenteau, Ernie Cameron, key negotiator George Cameron and three other individuals, purchased the failing Minot Topguns.

Renamed the Beardy's Rage, the team plays home games on the Beardy's & Okemasis reserve. Cameron says they currently have 25 players, 7 of whom are of First Nations ancestry. Ultimately the owners are looking to increase the number of First Nations players to 50 percent but recognize the need for balance.

Players are billeted in the nearby town of Duck Lake and in homes on-reserve. Cameron maintains that the community has demonstrated its generosity by opening its doors to the players. But after all he

says, "Beardy's community is a community that is very supportive of hockey."

Despite an active involvement by many people, attendance at the games has been described as "disheartening". Management is certain that this will eventually change. "The players and people involved in this team are optimistic that it will become successful," states Cameron. "I am confident that it will."


Success on the ice is being counted on to draw crowds. "Winning the championship would be nice but that's out of the question for this year," Cameron believes. The goal this year, he says, is to make the play-offs. The objective for subsequent years is to build on their initial success with the championship as the ultimate target.

More meaningful than the championship, says Cameron, is the awareness that the team is creating

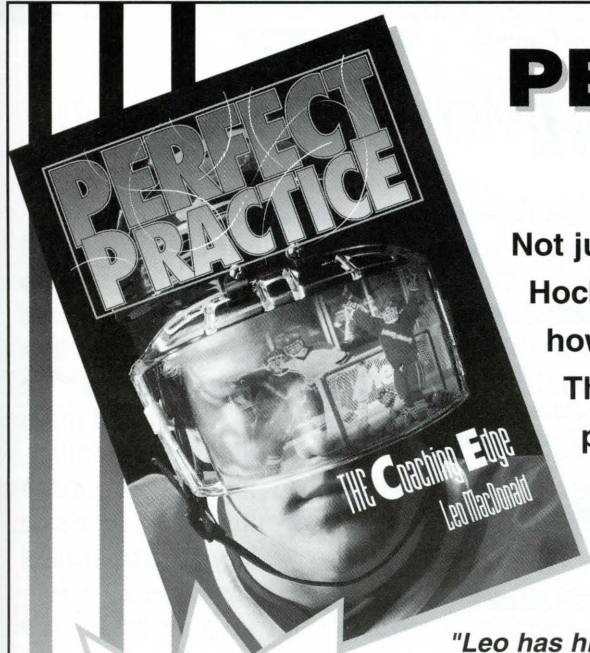


*Beardy's Rage*

about Aboriginal players. "The most important thing to me," he says, "is to promote and enhance Native hockey and Native talent."

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## IN A SWEAT LODGE 1000 YEARS AGO

By

*Willard Ahenakew*

Wahhh.... I see our people way—way in the future... chasing this little white ball around—all day—and when they hit it with a stick—they yell the sacred number four—I don't understand why they do this.

## INDIVIDUALS' CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPORT RECOGNIZED

The second inductees to the Saskatchewan First Nations Sports Hall of Fame were honoured in a ceremony held on August 26, 1997 in Yorkton, Saskatchewan. Victor Machiskinic, Herb Strongeagle and Lawrence Weenie were recognized for their lifetime achievement in furthering First Nations involvement in sport.

Victor Machiskinic was born in 1933 on the Kawacatoose First Nation. He began playing organized hockey while a student at the Muskowekwan Residential School.

His career began in earnest when he played forward right wing for the Raymore Rockets in 1957 and then moved on to the Quinton Sabres. After four years with the Sabres, Machiskinic took a break to raise his 14 children with his wife, Ida. He went back to the Sabres in 1974, playing with his son Alfred "Gordie" Machiskinic.

Machiskinic played for the Poorman Old-Timers and the Piapots in the 1980s. He has also played for the Kinistin Winter Hawks, the Saskatchewan Tribes and the Kawacatoose Storm Troopers. In 1997, Machiskinic entered the Saulteaux First Nations Annual Family Hockey Tournament with four of his sons, four of his grandsons and two nephews. The family hockey legacy lives on.

Herb Strongeagle was born in Fort Qu'Appelle in 1934. A member of the Pasqua First Nation, Strongeagle began his involvement in organized sport in the 1950s at residential school in Lebret.

He excelled at track and field, baseball and hockey. His athletic achievements were honoured in 1952 with the Tom Longboat Medal.

After graduation, Strongeagle continued playing the sports he loved. He played with the Intermediate C Fort Qu'Appelle Sioux Indians in the early 1960s winning a number of provincial championships.

Strongeagle pursued a Bachelor's Degree in Commerce from the University of Ottawa, playing hockey while he attended school.

Strongeagle is now a scout for the WHL's Regina Pats and plays in old-timers hockey tournaments. He remains dedicated to the success of First Nations youth in sport.

Lawrence Weenie was born in 1932 on the Poundmaker First Nation. Like so many others, his

*Standing: Fred Sasakamoose  
left to right:  
Herb Strongeagle,  
Victor Machiskinic,  
Lawrence Weenie*



organized sport experience began at residential school with hockey and soccer.


In 1951, Weenie joined the Royal Canadian Engineers Airborne parachute unit, making 30 successful jumps. He was also a fixture on his unit's teams, playing fastball and soccer.

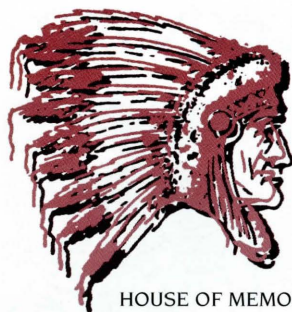
He left the RCAF in 1957 and worked at a number of jobs on the reserve. In 1968 Weenie became involved in organizing Poundmaker's youth in sports.

Weenie moved on in 1975, becoming the North Battleford area Sports Coordinator for the FSIN. He changed directions slightly in 1980, receiving a diploma in radio broadcasting. This led to a job with the Moccasin Telegraph where he became known as the "Voice of Indian Sports."

From 1984 until 1988, Weenie served as Chief of Poundmaker. Choosing not to run again, he returned to announcing for the Missinipi Broadcasting Corporation.

He was instrumental in planning the 1995 Saskatchewan Indian Summer Games hosted by the Poundmaker First Nation. Lawrence Weenie is now retired but remains solidly in touch with First Nations sporting events throughout western Canada.

The Sports Hall of Fame was first envisioned in 1993 to showcase First Nation accomplishments in sports and recreation. The Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations Legislative Assembly endorsed the Hall of Fame in 1994. That fall, five individuals were inducted: long-distance runners Paul Acoose and Alex Wuttunee-Decoteau, soccer player David Greyeyes and hockey players Fred Sasakamoose and Art Obey. The Hall of Fame is located at 100-103B Packham Avenue in Saskatoon. 



### HOUSE OF MEMORIES

I often dream of this house.

As I walked to this old house  
with my head down  
I looked up at it.  
I saw broken windows  
and thought of all the broken dreams  
and pains of life.  
As I walked up the broken steps  
I could see all the steps

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I could never take in life.  
As I opened the broken door  
I thought of all the doors  
that never opened for me.  
I looked at the walls  
with the paint peeling  
and could only see  
all the hidden things  
behind the walls.

—Bonita Nahnepowisk

Bonita is a literacy student at the Regina  
Public Library.

MOTHER  
I could see the beautiful woman who was  
standing in a  
far off distance.  
She almost looked like an angel.  
I could hear from how soft her voice was,  
As she talked to the flowers.  
I could tell from the sound of her voice  
how  
understanding she would be.  
She would be the one I would tell my  
troubles to.  
I could tell from how soft her face looked,

She would help you in a minute if she  
could.  
She's always standing there,  
For the ones who need help.  
She would never say no,  
Because she doesn't know how to.  
She gives lots of love,  
But never asking for anything in return,  
Only your respect.  
Mother, Mother how I love you...

—Bonita Nahnepowisk



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# ART SHAPED BY THE NORTH:

## GARY NATOMAGAN

Walking the trapline with his father provided Gary Natomagan vivid life experience with the animal world. This experience has translated into startling representations of wildlife that began his formal career as an artist.

In practical terms, Natomagan has been flirting with art since he was a young boy. His creativity first displayed itself in school art classes when he was a nine-year-old in Pinehouse Lake, Saskatchewan. However, his talent was left undeveloped until he was older. This self-taught artist began looking seriously at art following nine years as a stock clerk.

He began marketing his work slowly, agreeing to design the logo for a local sports team. This exposure led to more jobs as people gradually recognized his talent. Lifelong friend Glen McCallum was one of the people who quickly realized Natomagan's potential. As a result, he agreed to promote Natomagan's artwork.

With samples in hand, the two approached the Red Pheasant Outfitters Camp and began selling Natomagan's work to mostly American clients of the company. The base of clientele has grown to include major Saskatchewan mining corporations and businesses from outside of the province.

Based on a chance encounter, Natomagan has now formed a joint venture with Summit Marketing in Saskatoon. The com-

pany is working with the Cree artist and McCallum to introduce and promote the artwork. Natomagan has recently developed a number of logos through Summit, including the company's own.

Howard Gesy, co-owner of Summit, says Natomagan's talent was obvious. "Gary has so much potential," he says. Gesy believes the partnership will prove to be a long relationship that benefits both Summit and Natomagan.

In addition to his commercial work, Natomagan has continued with images of wildlife. McCallum says that he believes much of Natomagan's passion for art comes from his northern background and his history with wildlife. However, the artist has begun to branch out into areas that reflect his heritage. Over the past few years his work has consisted of cultural pieces, portraits and graphic design in addition to the wildlife images that launched his career.

He uses a number of substances in creating his art. Paint, charcoal, colouring pencils, acrylic and ink are but a few. And while he generally uses traditional surfaces, he has created images on several that are out of the ordinary including canoes and rocks.

Natomagan has been lucky in being surrounded by people who support him and his talent. In addition to McCallum,



Natomagan's family has stood by the development of his career. His father always encouraged his desire, telling him to follow his heart. When faced with the dilemma of leaving his birthplace and "comfort zone" to pursue his work full-time in Saskatoon, Natomagan's father was one of the first to tell him to follow his dream. "You should commit yourself to your artwork," he said.

Based on this advice, Natomagan took the plunge and made the move to Saskatoon about four months ago. His career is now taking off. "I'm very happy I made the change," he says.

He is content now to sell his work throughout western Canada but his goal is to establish his own full-time art gallery. This dream would see him located in Saskatoon with a broad base of clients.

Natomagan's work is currently available through his Manager, Glen McCallum, at (306) 249-3281 or through Summit Marketing Inc. at (306) 477-4554.

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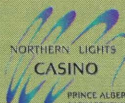
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