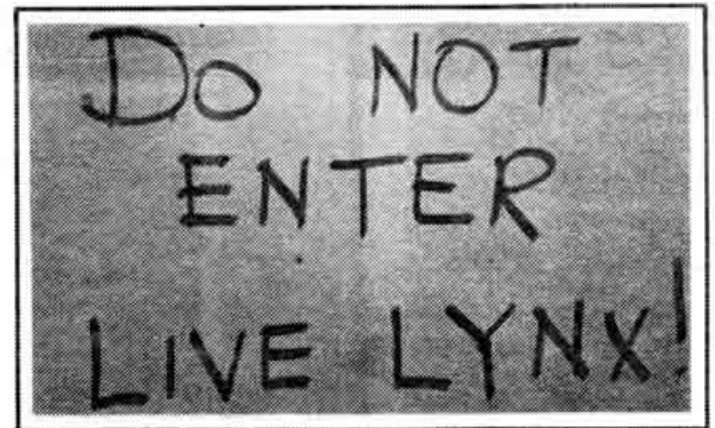




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## Only in Dawson? Pity!

Commissioner's Tea

by Jennifer Williams

A steady drizzle didn't dampen spirits at this year's Commissioner's Tea, held Saturday June 8th at the original Commissioner's residence on Front St. The afternoon gathering of Dawsonites and visitors was hosted by Commissioner Ken McKinnon, his wife Judy, Canadian Parks Service and the Dawson chapter of the I.O.D.E. The event was well attended, but while the inclement weather deterred neither the hungry, nor the sociable, it did force activities inside. However, guests were graciously welcomed upstairs by Canadian Parks personnel and

I.O.D.E. ladies in period dress, and served by several friendly Girl Guides.

This is the second year that the Tea, has been held at its 'historically correct' location, a move which Commissioner McKinnon feels lends a real flavour to the occasion. In the 'booming' voice for which he is well known, McKinnon spoke of the long tradition of a Commissioner's presence in Dawson (as opposed to what he considers the relatively recent posting in Whitehorse) and of

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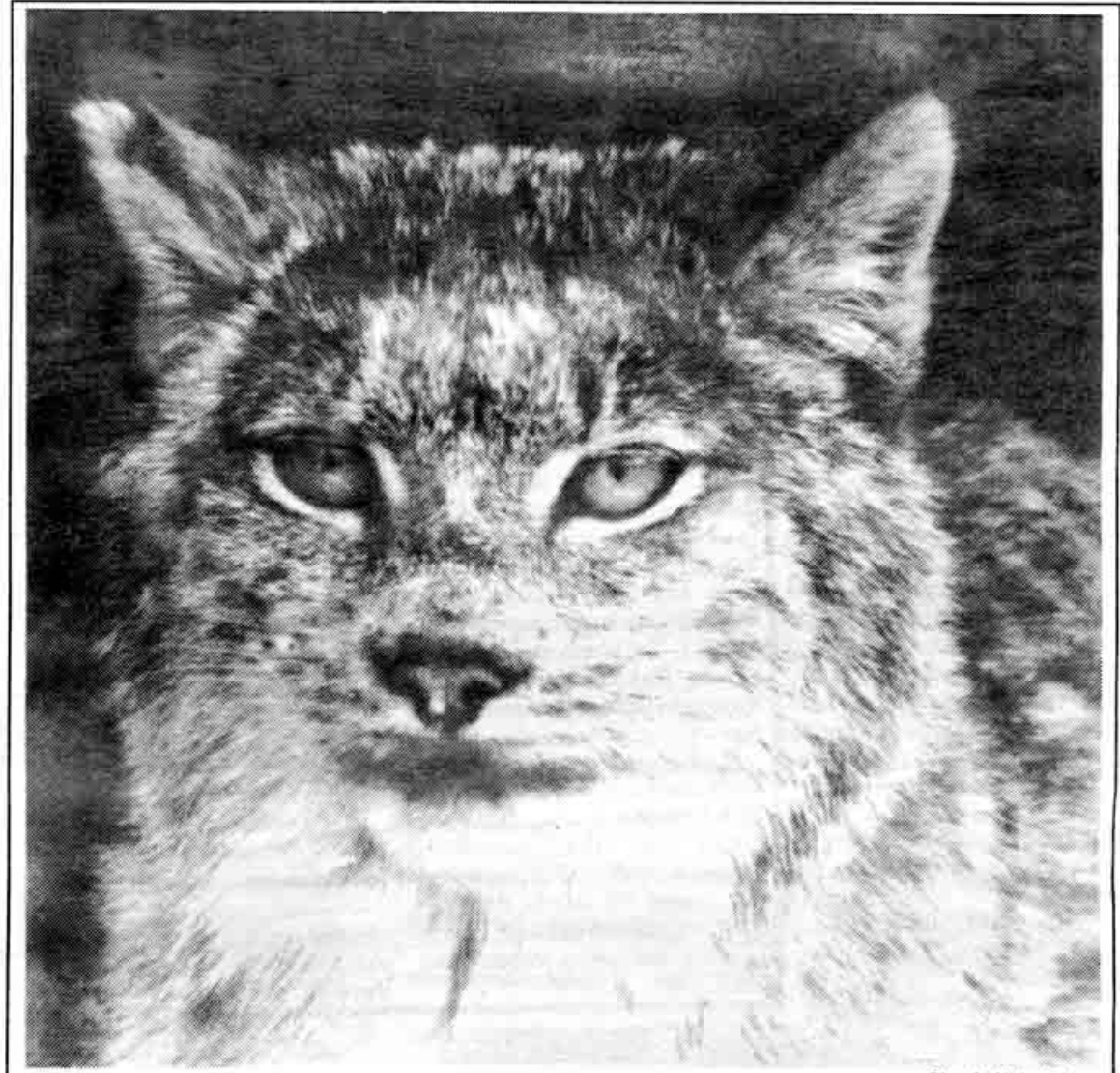


Photo by Michael Gates

## The Lynx Who Went to School

You think nothing exciting ever happens in Dawson City between breakup and the tourist season? Guess again. Picture this:

A crowd is gathered on 4th Avenue. A man on a ladder is taking pictures. Youngsters are scrambling to get a better view of the large cat snoozing in the Robert Service School window. Look closer. The tufts on the ears and the whiskery jowls proclaim that this is no stray tabby who wandered in off the street. No, this is a lynx.

How and why the lynx went to school no one seems to know. Fish and Wildlife Regional Resource Manager Tony Grabowski says it could have come from anywhere in the Klondike area. When first seen, it was still damp, so it might have swum the Yukon River. On the other hand it might have spent most of the day under the school,

where water does collect, and simply wandered in the 4th Avenue entrance when it got hungry.

Whatever the case, it was there, padding the halls, at about 4:15 in the afternoon, setting in motion a little drama that lasted until about 7 o'clock. Worried that it might get away and get hurt on the streets, several teachers herded it gently into the learning assistance teacher's 1/2 size classroom and locked it in before calling Fish and Wildlife officials.

It didn't seem to mind; just knocked over a few plants to clear a little room, and curled its 18 pounds or so up on the window ledge to bask in the sun, thus becoming an instant magnet for people passing by.

Comments ranged from: "You're kidding!" and "Is it real or stuffed?" to various

unprintable expressions of surprise and appreciation.

"I just shook my head in disbelief," said Tony Grabowski, "when I got the telephone call. It's a million to one thing and the school would be the last place I would have expected it."

He speculates that the cat, which appeared to be between 1 and 2 years old, might have become disoriented while searching for a range of its own this season. But wandering into the middle of town and walking into a school is still one for the books in his mind.

For Grabowski, Ken Knutson and Hans Algotsson, the challenge was one of corralling the cat, getting it into a cage and trucking it to a more appropriate location. Entering the room in fire fighter's garb ("These cats have real sharp claws," said

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## Lynx

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Grabowski as he suited up.) Grabowski and Knutson rearranged the room to limit the lynx's freedom of movement, using plywood sheets to create a funnel leading to a cage.

Grabowski darkened the venetian blinds and lowered them, shutting off the light which had attracted the cat to the window in the first place, and then pushed it firmly off the window ledge, using a paddle to reach it. By this time it appeared that a cave was looking pretty good to the lynx, and it finally made its way to the cage, which had been darkened as much as possible.

As it entered, Algotson pulled the wire attached to the door to swing it shut, and that was the end of operation cat nap.

Grabowski explained later than they had brought a tranquilizer gun along just in case, but didn't want to use it, being unsure of the animal's weight and what effect the drug might have on it. As it turned out the cat was uninjured and appeared to be healthy in the short time they had it in custody. Knowing it was uncomfortable in a cage which had recently held a dog, they didn't take the time to examine the lynx in detail, and aren't even sure if it was male or female.

Knutson drove the cat about 20 miles out of town down the Klondike Valley and released it into the wild, thus ending another of life's little dramas. Wild Kingdom", who needs it.



Photo by Dan Davidson

## Dawson Firefighters Save Home

by Dan Davidson

An estimated \$20,000.00 in damage was done when fire broke out in the basement garage of the 8th Avenue home belonging to Greg and Shelly Hakonson in Dawson City late Friday evening, May 31. The alarm was turned in by the Hakonson's babysitter, Kayreen Brickner, at around 11 p.m.

Firefighters arriving on the scene only a few minutes later found smoke issuing from the doors of the basement garage/workshop. Flames licked out around the double doors as the crew gained entrance to the building and began to battle the blaze.

By this time, smoke was pouring from every part of the house, but the fire damage itself was contained in the basement. The crew tackled the blaze on both levels of the house, hampered somewhat by the acrid smelling black smoke that made it difficult to see what they were doing. Once the windows were opened and the smoke began to clear, it became obvious that the fire was under control. That part of the operation took perhaps forty minutes.

Once the garage area had been cleaned out it seemed clear from the condition of a work table there that this room had been the

place where the fire began. Parts of the table resembled charcoal, the heat had been so intense.

Greg Hakonson believes that the fire started by spontaneous combustion in a trash can. An upholsterer had been doing some work on the furniture and the can was filled with trimmings from the upholstery. By accident some rags containing Watco oil finish were also thrown in the can, with disastrous results some hours later.

Hakonson explained that the gyp-rocked walls helped to contain the fire so that the

## Canada Census '91

As of June 4th the 1991 Census was officially underway. This area is done by canvasser, which means that a representative will be enumerating you personally sometime between now and June 21st.

If by that time you still haven't been contacted, please let me know.

It is important that all residents are counted as it directly affects our transfer payments from the Federal Government. As well, of course, as influencing economic development of many kinds and virtually all of our social programs.

So remember when your representative comes around - **Count Yourself In.**

Diane Freed Census Commissioner, 993-6435

damage to the upper area of the 2 story log home was limited to what smoke and water could do. Cleanup was proceeding on Monday and the family expected to be back in the house as early as the end of the week.

While damages of \$20,000.00 are nothing to sneeze at, the value is small compared to the total value of the house, which is one of Dawson's more distinctive newer buildings. Pressed to estimate the value of the building had it been lost, Hakonson declined, simply saying, "Lots."



Photo by Jennifer Williams

Wile & Doris Gates of Whitehorse came down to Dawson to attend Commissioner's Tea and Ball and celebrate their 24th wedding anniversary - they were married in Dawson.

## Tea (from page 1)

the upcoming restoration to the 83 year old residence.

Commissioner McKinnon went on to describe with pride the moosehide vest which he wore to the Tea, a gift from Judy's mother. The art of preparing skins and stitching beads is in danger of being lost, although it is a part of Canada's heritage equally worth preserving.

Later, while nibbling on sandwiches and cakes the crowd was treated to some 'turn of the century' style music performed by Pat Henman and Peter Menzies.

After the I.O.D.E. had made a presentation to Judy, and the Commissioner and his wife had cut the cake, contented looking people slowly started to venture back out into the cold - warmed by good food, good company and copious amounts of tea and coffee.

Many were soon to meet again at the Commissioner's Ball, much transformed, or across the street from the Grand Palace gawking on a stoop.



Photo by Jennifer Williams

Pauline Scott (no relation to Ruby Scott) & Constable Al Lucier welcomed visitors to the Commissioner's tea.

# Gold Show Glitters in Spite of Low Economy

by Dawne Mitchell

Although Dawson City's Sixth Annual International Gold Show indicated signs of slow economic times in the mining industry, the town was packed with miners, with some hotels booked solid.

There was a total of 51 booths this year. Among the exhibitors were four different YTG departments and two federal government booths. Most of the major mining supply companies from Dawson and Whitehorse were also there.

The Gold Show also sponsored a booth for the Dawson area goldsmiths to display their gold nugget jewelry.

The number of exhibitors at the show on the weekend were the same as last year, yet some asked for smaller booths.

Most participants reported fewer people going through their exhibits.

Noticeably absent were the small businesses from Outside selling innovative mining tools. Also not in attendance were the enormous Caterpillar bulldozers usually displayed by the heavy equipment dealers.

"It is definitely a harder sell for the exhibitors," said Gerry McCully, president of the local Chamber of Commerce which was one of the sponsors of the show.

"It turned out pretty good though, considering the state of the economy."

"The bottom line is the economic factor," explained Jim Graham, of AJ Forsyth Steel in Whitehorse. "Everything's been difficult for the miner this last year."

Graham echoed the sentiment of other Whitehorse suppliers when he confirmed that his company would continue to come up for the Gold Show to show their support for the gold miners.

"If it wasn't for the mining industry, we wouldn't be here," said Graham.

Placer miner Harold Shannon, a delegate to the entire event, also felt the Gold Show was slower this year.

"I don't think the economy is here," he said. "It's not a lack of interest by the people, just the economy and the marginal price of gold in general. Exhibitors can't afford to come up each year and not sell anything."

Shannon attended all the seminars on Thursday's technical day.

The subjects ranged from selection of pumps for the placer mining industry to new placer mining taxation guides.

Shannon found the information interesting but "not so applicable to me because I'm a small mining operator."

CBC's weekly national business program "Venture" was also at the show.

The three - member crew were filming for a documentary about businessman Raymond Brossek and his company Northern Placer Tech.

Brossek's company has designed and built a redefined trommel - sluicing machine. A prototype of the machine was on display and generated a lot of interest from the miners.



Photo by Brent Morrison

## Nortech Gold Machine on display at the Gold Show



The Northern Wonders display at the Gold Show won the prize for the most appealing booth.

Photo by Sue Ward

## New Directions For Gold Show?

There were differing opinions on which direction the Gold Show should take to ensure its future in light of this year's decline in interest.

One view is to make it more specific to the mining industry, excluding the "Trade Show" atmosphere.

The other opinion says it should become more general to include more public oriented exhibitors.

Bruce Henry and John Bryant from a truck dealership in Whitehorse have been exhibiting at the show for four years.

"It's changed," said Bryant. "It's more for the public than the miners, more of a trade show now. It's supposed to be an

as well as the gold miners. We tried to make it specifically gold oriented the first years. We contacted all kinds of international gold related businesses, from Oregon to China.

"Unfortunately, it's difficult to get the people to come from so far away."

Hakonson enjoys the technical mining seminars and says he always checks out the exhibits to see if the supplier has something new to offer.

Hakonson shared a comment he'd heard from a resident suggesting the show should have a central attraction to encourage people to attend, with the exhibits benefiting from that.

Chamber President Gerry McCully confirmed that the Gold Show will be for everyone.

"It is a gold mining industry show and will continue to be that but we want as many exhibitors as we can get, so we will accept displays not related to gold mining as well."



If you missed the 3 Bears at the Gold Show, they are now on permanent display in the Robert Service School

Photo by Sue Ward



## Editorial: Meet Our New Staff

by Dan Davidson

We're assembling this issue of the Sun in the middle of a most atypical June weekend. Nothing but rain and wind the whole time and there was actually a dusting of fresh snow on the Second Dome this morning according to fire watcher Bill Jackson. Only just now has the sun begun to break out at last.

There are more changes here at the office. You've probably noticed that there are people going in and out of here in the daytime lately. That's thanks to a grant from the Challenge '91 program, which has enabled us to hire some summer help. Our funds came from the territorial Dept. of Education's portion of the program, which allows for the hiring of students and young people 25 years old or younger.

The first thing we did was hire Paula Pawlovich to be our Office Manager. Paula has been working with the paper for over a year, doing page layout, ad layout, designing special pages, helping with the selling of advertising and putting in those important late hours that help to keep this show rolling along.

Word about jobs crosses the country quickly. Before we even knew we had the grant money we heard from Jennifer Williams, a Trent University graduate in English Literature who hails from Montreal and wants to become a reporter. Her resume was so impressive that she just had to become our second staffer. She's training as a reporter, photographer, darkroom person and whatever else comes up around here ... and she can type too, folks. Is there anybody out there who has a permanent place she can stay for the summer?

Did I say "darkroom"? Yes, we're working on that, too. Some equipment has already arrived, more is on order, and maybe next month's photos will be totally produced here in the office if we get lucky.

What with the Gold Show, a rock concert and school graduation, it's been quite a month here in Dawson. The summer promises to be its usual, busy self. Check out the ads on local attractions elsewhere in this issue. Look for supplements related to special summer events in our next two issues. See you next month.

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## Letters to the Editor

Attn. Sue Ward

I have witnessed two incidents that I hope you will consider in your next article on the "Dawson Birds".

How convenient to place the blame of the depletion of the population on the government. What a COP out.

Incident #1: While driving on 6th Ave. I saw a cat with a robin. Robins are now nesting and that cat had just made a family of robins extinct. I doubt very much that a single parent robin could hatch and feed a nest of young. The robins here usually have between 3 and 5 young so the demise of that one robin would be responsible for at least 4 birds that will not return to raise families. It is late in the season for the remaining parent to try and get a new mate so it will also leave the area. Lack of trees??

Incident #2: This weekend a local cat got our resident male Hairy Woodpecker. Mother is now feeding alone. With a little help from us that mother may just be able to get the job done. We have reactivated our winter bird feeder and she is using it to supplement the diet of wild meat for her young.

In an area where the birth rate of cats is probably 80% higher than the human birth rate, birds have little chance of survival. Mother Nature has not yet grown a tree that is cat proof. Perhaps you feel this would also be the responsibility of Yukon Housing.

Education of cat owner to put a bell on their pets at least during the nesting season would go a long way to make the birds feel a bit more welcome.

Birds are not food for cats, they are trophies. It would be interesting to know but probably never admitted just how many birds have been found by pet owners on the stoop brought home by the mighty hunters. Why not try mechanical devices to demouse the house during bird season and bell the cat.

I realize that all cat owners and cat lovers from the High Rises of Vancouver to the farms of Newfoundland will claim that this is nature's way. HOGWASH! I once saw an eagle swoop down on a Canadian goose and kill it. The mate was extremely noisy for quite a long time and did not leave the area for at least 2 hours and spent the time calling for the mate. This is nature's way. The eagle wanted the food. Domestic cats mutilating the bird population to obtain a trophy is not.

Peregrine Falcons nest on the high rises of southern cities don't they? Birds can adjust if given a chance to live in peace and raise their young.

Lack of trees is only a very small portion of your "Bird Problem,m"

Gene A. Neff

Note from Sue: I share your anger.

Editor:

Once in awhile something happens in a small town that deserves recognition. Not very long ago in Dawson City our volunteer fire department were called out to fight a house fire.

With little concern for their own personal safety, they went full force ahead and proceeded to extinguish the flames.

Never before have we witnessed such organization and preservation. It is to them today that we all take off our hats and salute a job well done!

Sincerely,  
Darlene Doerksen  
Triple J Hotel

To the Editors:

In one of your issues last year, you published a poem dedicated to Federal and Territorial employees about the evils of smoking.

As a subscriber I find your newspaper to be fair and unbiased and so, as a heavy smoker, and on behalf of all smokers, in the interest of fair play, I/we demand equal time.

Come now Ladies and Gents, fair's fair.

Yours in  
shortness of breath,  
Slim

I butted out in restaurants  
In churches and in shops  
In buses and in airplanes  
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Where the hostess wanted air  
In liquor stores and taverns  
Trying to be fair  
I butted out in ballrooms  
And in the movie show  
I butted out for people  
That I didn't even know  
I've tried to please non-smokers  
My habit I have cut  
And I've come to the conclusion  
THEY'RE the real pain  
in the butt

Author Unknown

## The Clearing House

ONE FOR THE ROAD

Now is the time for going on summer picnics and here are a few tips to make life easier:

**Fan belt snap** - a pair of pantyhose makes a good substitute, cut it to fit.

**If your radiator boils over** and you need a container for water, use a hub cap.

**Strap a straggling muffler in place** with a bent coat hanger.

**Find a leak in your tire** by spraying with soapy water or shaving cream and watching for bubbles.

**If rusted wheel lug nuts** make tire changing more of a chore than it already is, slip a length of pipe over your wrench for extra leverage.

**A hot radiator cap** is easier to twist off if you tuck an old potholder into your car's tool box.

**A twice yearly tune up** will pay for itself in saved gasoline costs and improved engine performance.

**Remember to carry matches** in a sealed container in order to start your camp fire.

**A shovel** would help when it comes time to put the fire out.

**Clean your car's windshield** with ashes from your ashtray. Streaks and smudges disappear. It's a pity the same doesn't apply to your lungs.

Happy Holidays!

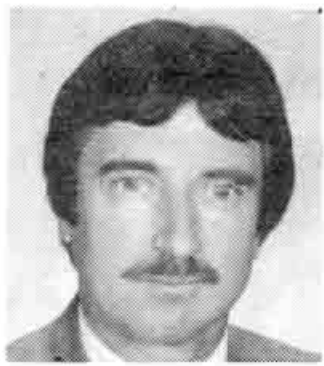


STAY IN SCHOOL

Did you know that...

In the next decade, 64 per cent of jobs created will require more than 12 years of education and training and almost half of these jobs will require more than 17 years.

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## Words From Webster

On May 29, the Yukon Legislative Assembly passed Bill number 20, entitled the Environment Act. It was a momentous occasion, to have the Yukon's first Environment Act in place.

Comments and suggestions made to me by the fifteen local residents who attended an early September meeting were similar to those offered in other communities. It was clear that Yukoners not only wanted an Environment Act which was broad in scope and would allow for integrated resource management, but also one that would contain these three basic principles:

That the environment is a public resource and that each person in the Yukon has both a responsibility and a right to protect it;

That the Government has an obligation to manage the environment for the benefit of this and future generations; and

That people have the right to act on their environmental responsibilities and have the tools to take polluters to task, and to take the Government itself to court if it fails to live up to its obligations to protect the environment.

Yukoners emphasized that they wanted an Act which embodies the concept of sustainable development, and recognizes that economic and environmental decisions cannot

be made in isolation, and that a healthy economy depends on a healthful environment. They were also insistent that a Yukon Environment Act must establish a means to involve people in decision-making and in setting the environmental standards by which we all must live. They wanted a rule-making provision which would guarantee all Yukoners a say in the regulations which will bring this framework legislation into force.

A draft Act, which was tabled in the Yukon Legislature last December, contained all of the above principles. I remember well 30 Klondike residents at a meeting in town in early March calling for clearer language in the Act, and demanding greater recognition of wilderness as a resource with intrinsic ecological as well as economic value. The hundreds of suggestions offered in writing, or in more than one hundred meetings with individuals and interest groups in all Yukon communities, produced the much improved Bill that was tabled in the Legislature. It is a strong piece of legislation as a result of the co-operative efforts of people in environmental and economic organizations, in municipal and territorial governments, and of individuals from all walks of life.

The first week of June is Environment Week throughout Canada.



by Audrey McLaughlin

It was great to see so many people at the Gold Show. Once again I had the pleasure of participating in many events and speaking with many Dawson residents and visitors during the Show. Best wishes to everyone for a wonderful summer and I hope all the miners have a successful season.

## Parliamentary Update

As an example of what voices raised in opposition can accomplish, last week, the federal government backed down on attempts to cut federal funding for RCMP services by extending a contract deadline for one year. Negotiation time was extended due to political pressure from territorial, provincial, and municipal officials, and thousands of angry Canadians who spoke out.

There are approximately 10,000 RCMP officers - almost one-half the entire Force - engaged in "contract policing": providing services under contract to both territories, to all provinces except Ontario and Quebec, and to some 191 municipalities. The federal government pays 30% of the costs with the territories, provinces, municipalities (usually sub-contracted to the provinces) paying the balance of 70%. The federal government wants to cut its share to 25%, thus raising the others' share to 75%.

## REPORT FROM OTTAWA

The RCMP carry out world class law enforcement in the federal areas of drugs, tax evasion, customs and excise, and immigration; and are available for redeployment in cases of national emergencies. As well, the RCMP in the Yukon work closely in the field of tribal justice.

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On June 3, Bill C-202, a Private Members Bill respecting a national day of remembrance and action on violence against women received 2nd Reading in the House of Commons. This bill was initiated by my colleague Dawn Black, (M.P. for New Westminster-Burnaby), and New Democrat spokesperson on Status of Women, and is co-sponsored by the federal Minister responsible for the Status of Women and the Liberal Party's spokesperson on women. After being discussed further in Committee, the Bill will return to the House of Commons for Third and final reading, and hopefully passage.

This Bill is important because it is non-partisan and is an example of how Parliamentarians can all work together for a common cause. It is also important because it will mark an official day of remembrance and action on violence against women to be commemorated every December 6 - marking the day that 14 young women were so tragically killed in Montreal. This Bill deals with all violence against women and is about those attitudes prevalent in our society, which mean that by not taking action to

solve the problem of sexual violence, actually condone it.

We must take this problem and turn it around. There are alternatives. Most men are caring and responsible. If one in ten women is battered, then nine out of ten men do not batter.

In her speech in the House, Dawn reminded us that we can all help our neighbour who is being abused. We can give our time and money to groups and organizations which help survivors of violence. We can educate our society. We can make change. We can press for policies that give women economic options to achieve meaningful equality. Once all of society accepts women and men as equal human beings, that the place of women and men is where they want to be and not some role simply designated to them at birth, that is when violence against women will no longer be tolerated and may no longer occur.

It is expected that the House of Commons will end on June 21st. I'll be in Dawson over the summer and hope to see you then.



## Home Owners' Grant can now be applied as a tax credit

Homeowners who pay their own taxes no longer have to wait for their Home Owners' Grant cheques.

Changes to the Home Owners' Grant Act will now allow homeowners an immediate credit for the grant at the time they make their property tax payment. The maximum grant is \$450 or \$500 for seniors.

People who have owned and occupied their homes as a single family residence since January 1, and who pay their own taxes, are eligible to receive the grant as a credit at the time they pay their taxes.

Taxpayers who have their taxes paid by mortgage companies and those taxpayers who use their property for more than single family residential purposes will continue to apply for the grant as they have done in the past.

Taxpayers who have not occupied their homes until after January 1, will continue to have to wait the 184 days before they can apply for the grant refund.

For more information call the Yukon Taxation Administrator at 667-5118, territorial agents or local municipal offices.

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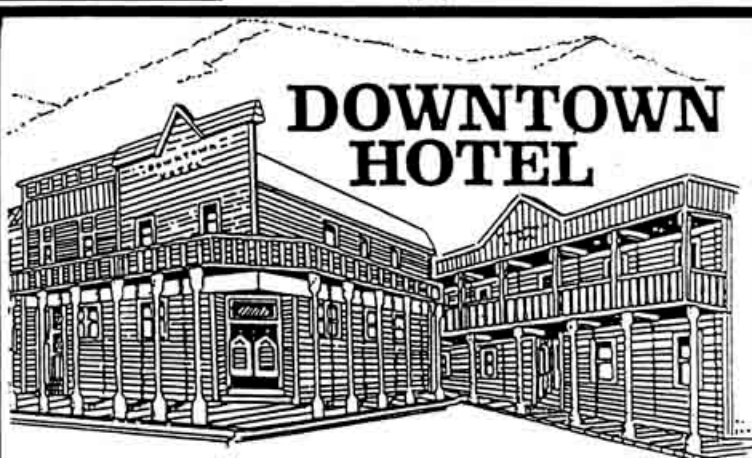
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# A Variety of Entertainment in Dawson

by Pat Henman

Theatre is entertainment and there are many different types of entertainment and Dawson has several right in its own back yard. Revue, dance, melodrama and variety to name a few. All of the former are produced in co-operation with the Klondike Visitors Association by Stillwater Willie Productions. The producer being Mr. Craig Moddle, now a six year resident of the Yukon. As the month of May turns to June Dawson saw Diamond Tooth Gerties open with a lovely new Gertie, Lori Valteau. Opening night she wowed the audience with her controlled, strong voice, beautiful costumes by Sue Earle, and her ensemble group of talented dancers and musicians.

The program has changed this year. The dancers, Julie Drzymala, Pia Wyatt,

Alexandria Stewart, and Paula Leah Hoover, dance in three sets only, as compared to the four in last year's show. This allows the ladies to use more energy and, after spending two summers watching, I strongly believed it showed - although on opening night the energy was extremely high.

The dancers were in tune with one another and they showed their ability to dance as an ensemble. All the ladies have dance backgrounds; a few developed here on our stage. Pia just had to return for her third year and she begged Alexandria to return for a second, while Paula, the novice to small town living, could not resist the audition call.

Ms Valteau (Gertie) has a background of country and big band singing. I thoroughly



Photo by Paula Pawlovich

Gerties' Girls

enjoyed listening to her pleasant tones. I look forward to hearing more from her as the summer progresses.

Although the show had very few fluffs for opening night, the disappointing aspect for me was the lack of involvement from the musicians, Jeff Cooper on the sax and trumpet and Chris Munteer on piano. The piano was far too quiet to appreciate Mr. Munteer's obvious talent. The horn was sorely missed. Mr. Cooper seemed to be more part of the stool than of the band, but when he did play we longed for more.

My favorite number of the night was "April in Dawson." Ms. Valteau sang the spoof to a T, with just the right timing. The modern show was a bit slow musically. It needed more of an up tempo flavor. The Dick Tracy medley is a winner and I have to mention that I believe Ms. Valteau can out-sing Madonna any time of day. It was fun to see the dancers enjoy themselves as they frolicked during the third set.

Diamond Tooth Gerties has four shows a night, Monday to Saturday, with a few special Sundays throughout the summer. Be sure to take in this enjoyable evening and try your luck at the tables with a cool beverage.



Photo by Paula Pawlovich

1991 Gertie (Lori Valteau)



Photo by Meredith O'Connor

"French Pierre" (Grant Hartwick) & an unsuspecting visitor

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# Gaslight Follies Variety Show

by Pat Henman

Kenneth Tynan, world renowned critic, wrote that ".....a critic's job is to record a unique experience as it impinged on his mind and sensibility." After viewing the Palace Grand's variety opening I believe I can do this- it impinged on my laugh sensibility.

At times I felt I was watching a Bugs Bunny cartoon, with Grant Hartwick's face stretching from ear to ear, or Bill Hosie portraying a giant talking spider of the theatre who intimately knows Will Shakespeare.

It seemed to be an experiment in many ways for Mr. Moddle and company. The theatre has been redesigned backstage which lent itself to new technical devices like interesting lighting. The first act moves slower than the second. Although we enjoy a slow motion fight, the scene it took to get there needs some pumping up. The "man" scene took a twist for the better this year, having two females, Kim Tuson and Kim Norman, both seducing the innocent but willing gentleman. It was quick, to the point, no time for awkwardness and I'm sure the man felt well fought over.

The second act brought a little of the original vaudeville flavor, the period song and dance. All performers are very competent. The choreography, by Dale Cooper and Kim Tuson, managed to get everyone's feet in working order and some fine work there was too. The duet/dance with Bill Hosie and Kim Tuson was a calming moment allowing us to breath and experience.

Grant Hartwick's French Pierre is a must - no lady will leave the stage this summer without a little sweat on her brow. Mr. Hartwick is a



"Let me explain all the plot threads in Hamlet"

character actor with great comic timing, who is returning to the Follies for his fourth season.

It seems the young talent from the West coast, Edward Belanger, his second year, Zoe Heath and Kim Norman are very versatile, using several accents, singing, and it was enjoyable to hear the monologues performed during the opening sequence delivered with assurance and

eloquence.

Mr. Bill Costin must like his job in Dawson since he has returned for his fifth season. The company is lucky to obtain his fingers and musical mind. All in all, the show has great potential, the writing is more sophisticated and varied than in my past experience with the Follies; a success for Mr. Moddle and company.



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youngsters made the seventy mile drive to meet their Robert Service pen-pals. There was lunch at the Museum, a tour of the sights and a picnic supper

before the drive home in the evening. "Anything for the kids," was Minnie's retort, when I speculated on the long hectic day.



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# Dawson Has Largest Grad Class Yet

by Dan Davidson

The gymnasium at the Robert Service School was packed at 7:30 on June 7 when graduation exercises were held for the Class of '91. In his address to the students Mayor Peter Jenkins called it the largest group in 20 years. It was certainly the biggest class in recent memory. "We've Got Dreams Beyond Tomorrow" was the theme of the evening.

Principal Carol McCauley welcomed the community, young and old, to the celebration, noting that it was her philosophy to view the ceremony as a public celebration in which all could take part.

School Council Chair Robert Van Rump brought greetings and best wishes from the council. Mayor Peter Jenkins reminded the students that Dawson City, which had helped to form them, would always be a part of their lives and the standard against which they would measure other places. Art Webster (M.L.A.-Klondike) had just a few words and a gift of pens from the Yukon government. Greetings were received from the Dawson Indian Band.

Valedictorian Leanne MacKenzie took the podium for a speech that was brief and to the point. Poking gentle fun at her fellow students and at also at their teachers, she reminded them all of the work it had taken to get



Left to Right: Front: Vikki Crayford, Namiko Saito, Kerry Barber; Middle: Greg Braga, Kandice Holloway, Kelly Maguire, Allana Murray, Gordon Kerr; Back: Keith McMaster, Edgar Blattler, Leanne MacKenzie, Kayreen Brickner, Derick Bilodeau.

this far, noting that this was just the first phase of their lives and that there was a lot more to do.

Dr. Robert Smith, Area III Superintendent of Education, presented Leanne with \$250.00

Valedictorian's award, remarking that this was good pay for 3 minute's work and even better when you looked on it as an hourly wage.

Vice-principal Shirley Pennell

presented each student with a copy of Ted Harrison's Robert Service School poster.

The evening's guest speaker was Minister of Education Piers McDonald, whose remarks echoed and expanded upon the more serious side of the valedictorian's address. McDonald, whose

working life led him down a number of byways, including those of miner and union leader, before he took on his present responsibilities, spoke of the general value of education. It is easy to under rate school while you are in it, but he said that many things he never thought he would need to know or use have been of aid to him in his several careers. He encouraged the class members to further their education in some way in the years ahead.

The minister then assisted Principal McCauley in the handing out of certificates. Since no Yukon student actually knows for sure that he or she has graduated until the marks come back from the British Columbia Provincial examinations in mid-July, these unofficial certificates were sort of a promissory note for the eventual high school transcripts to follow.

The evening concluded with a reception in the Ancillary Room and a dance, played by the local band the Claim jumpers, in the school gym. Open to the community, both events were still going strong 4 hours after the ceremony began.

The members of the Class of '91 are: Kerry Barber, Derick Bilodeau, Edgar Blattler, Greg Braga, Kayreen Brickner, Vikki Crayford, Gordon Kerr, Kandice Holloway, Leanne MacKenzie, Kelly Maguire, Keith McMaster, Allana Murray and Namiko Saito.

Photo by Dan Davidson

## Tour Boat M/V Yukon Queen Recovers Capsized Skiff

By Al Bruce

The M/V George Black's skiff was recovered by the M/V Yukon Queen, Friday, May 31st at approximately 7:30 pm. The skiff was found drifting upside down near Fort Reliance, 6 miles down river from Dawson. The M/V Yukon Queen was in transit between Eagle, Alaska and Dawson City, Y.T. on her scheduled run when the skiff was spotted. Captain Al Bruce and Mate Andy Bassich successfully secured a line to the skiff and

towed it to shore. With the assistance of Tina Mulvihill and Michelle Heiser, the Yukon Queen's cabin attendants, the crew righted and bailed out the skiff. After attaching the Yukon Queen's tow line to the skiff, they proceeded to Dawson and turned the skiff over to the relieved Highway Department crew.

This isn't the M/V Yukon Queen's first rescue however. During the 1990 summer season the Yukon Queen, on three

separate occasions, rescued the Department of Fisheries patrol boat on the river. In addition, they also recovered two canoes, three skiffs and saved the fish of a disabled fisherman. The crew of the Yukon Queen frequently provided emergency services and transportation for people who work and live along the river. In the height of the fire season last year, the crew reported two lightning strike fires and stood by to evacuate an endangered homestead.

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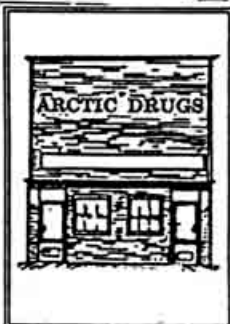
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# Holloway Wins McLaughlin Scholarship

by Sue Ward

Kandice Holloway met with Yukon's M.P. Leader of the NDP, Audrey MacLaughlin, during the Gold Show weekend. A member of this year's Graduating Class of Robert Service School, Kandice was congratulated in being awarded the Third Annual Audrey MacLaughlin \$200.00 Scholarship as financial assistance for Yukon Students planning further education.

The recommendation is made by the teachers of Grade 12 students though good marks are only one portion of the criteria.

The winner must also demonstrate a keen interest in her school activities, and involvement with her community.

During the six years Kandice has attended Dawson's centre of learning she has been active in Clean Up Campaigns, Grad. committee, Poster Contests, assisting in Grade 3 reading programs, to name but a few.

Kandice has spent her summers working in the summer stores and activities including ushering at the Palace Grand in the evenings.



Audrey MacLaughlin presents Kandice Holloway with her scholarship.

Former Home Ec Teacher, Mae Gudmundson found a natural talent in Kandice and she has been invited to attend the Graduation Exercises where Kandice will wear the gown on which she has spent many hours in its creation.

Kandice will attend Selkirk College at Castlegar in the

Kootenays, close enough to make visits to her parents Kay and Chuck in their new home at Christina Lake.

Asked if she would consider returning as a teacher the sparkling young lady said she would keep the idea up front.

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# "Dragon Tale" Was a Monster Hit!

by Dan Davidson

Even without the benefit of special seating, in spite of the distinctive ambience of a gymnasium, Dawsonites prepared and presented a treat for themselves over the weekend of May 10. After about a month in preparation and rehearsals, the musical "Dragon Tale", a joint production of the Dawson Drama Club and the Robert Service School choir, came to life before delighted audiences in four performances from Friday night through Monday morning.

"Dragon Tale" is the story of the town of Wantley Wood, which is, as the King puts it, "in deadly peril". They have a dragon, Scumme, whose name must be spoken only in whispers, or else he will awaken and trample through the town, turning everything in his path "to French toast".

They've been holding him off for years with their declining stores of gold and trinkets, but the coffers are bare. In desperation the King offers his only daughter, the Princess Rosebud, in marriage to any brave knight who can handle the problem.

In swift succession Sir Brian the Bold and Sir Walter the Witless are dispatched by Scumme, who turns out to be a puce dragon. The field is left to Hugh of Rutherford, who "has many tales to tell" of his adventures, a "man of the world" who claims to have done everything, but has actually done very little. Thank goodness for quick wits and a bit of a helpful hint from the Princess, who unwittingly supplies him with a clue the night they meet.

All this was assembled by a cast consisting mostly of choir members, along with an addition from the high school, a teacher or two and some interested adult thespians who took some of the older parts.

This play succeeds or fails on the strength of Hugh, who has to be played with the right amount of bravado and energy. That was supplied by Jason Mann, a grade 11 student at Robert Service School. Jason's pipes were a bit untried on some of the singing parts, but he made up for it with good delivery of his lines and lots of guts. Tara McCauley, from grade 7, was a winsome Princess Rosebud. Kevin McCauley, Marliisa Mann and Christina Shulda made good foils for Hugh's "man of the world" routines, while David Campbell was delightfully witless in his role as a clumsy



Photo by Michael Gates

knight.

Among the adults, Jan Couture had the right touches of devotion and resignation as Rosebud's nurse, Mada. Ed Kerklywich made a slightly querulous but well meaning King. Kathy Webster was a bold Sir Brian.

The choir members took up the smaller roles and the job of chorus, and showed a lot of energy in their singing. Some of them have still to learn that stronger voices are not supposed to stand out in a crowd, but the overall effect was pleasing.

Scumme the puppet's head and tail sections were manipulated by Paul Derry and Cathie Hines, who seemed to get a little more eccentric in their interpretation of the role with every performance. Maybe it was all that baby powder they were using for his smoky breath? Leslie Piercy and Joann Vriend certainly did an imaginative job on the puppet's construction.

None of it would have happened without the work of about 2 dozen other volunteers who put in time behind the scenes on sets, finances, costumes, choreography, lighting and sound. This was certainly a community based production.

Director Marjie Mann was most enthusiastic after the third public performance.

"I was delighted that it all came together, for sure," she said. "We all had our doubts as we always do just before a big production, but the kids pulled 'er off. They were great. They covered themselves well. It was fun working with them."

"I'm hoping that this will encourage other students to



Photo by Michael Gates

## Hugh ( Jason Mann) goes head to head with Scumme

maybe get involved in drama and maybe we can do something like this again next year."

The actual number of kids involved in the play wasn't large, so there was little room for things to go wrong, for a cast member to get sick or withdraw.

"We were really on the edge the whole time as far as cast went," Mann said. She would like a little more security in numbers before trying it again.

For Mann doing the makeup with the kids was one of the best times in the production, the time where she got to work with them one on one for a little

while.

For musical director Betty Davidson, this was the culmination of an idea that has been brewing since 1987, when she first picked up the cast tape of "Dragon Tale" while at summer school in B.C.

"It was incredibly fun," said Jason Mann, summing up in a few words what just about everybody involved seemed to feel when it was over.



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Sir Brian the Brave (Kathy Webster) strikes a pose

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# Gold Show Fashions '91 Wins Acclaim

By Sue Ward



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Several Gold Show's ago smart thinkers felt there should be "something for the ladies, that is, mining women" and this year's Gold Show Fashions '91 was an outstanding afternoon for young and old and all genders. Of the eighty-nine presentations, attractive young men joined the gals, the matrons, and kiddies, in everything from swimsuits to bridal and graduation gowns to furcoats. The man holding it all together, and never at a loss for humorous banter was our own Grant Hartwick.

All of this took place in an environment which dispelled the truth of a gambling hall. Pastel colors brightened tables while bunches of matching balloons festooned all the right places. Spring blossom decor enhanced the stage, complete with potted palms. A beribboned program enabled the well-over-a-hundred guests to check the items for future purchases. Wine, cheese coldcuts and pastries, juices and coffee, were all inclusive in the \$5.00 entrance charge. Gold Show Delegates were guests of the event, which was sponsored by Klondike Transport Ltd.

A most attractive nugget necklace with matching nugget earrings was donated by The

Klondike Nugget and Ivory Shop as a door prize, and was won by a shy Karen Dubois, "wearing a laundered T-shirt and faded blue jeans" as she lent a hand. great watching, grand chatting, fine sipping, tremendous team effort.

Participants: Joey's Classics, Arctic Cotton, Bear Essentials, The Loft, Trapper's, Wild and Wooly and Wilder, Totally Tropical, and hair styling and care by Hair Cabaret, and Hair by Nancy.

Enjoying the afternoon was Yukon's M.P. Leader of the NDP, Audrey MacLaughlin, in town for the Gold Show which draws many constituents, thereby giving access to their federal representative.

Childcare was available with Club Y young folk at adjacent Bonanza Centre. Dawson City Manager Carol Murray, organized the smooth running event and asked recognition of her stalwart lieutenants, Rhonda McConkey, Lynn Stewart, and Renee Mayes, who created a great working environment for the many helpers.

Heard in passing: "Go find your Grandma, and don't eat your dress!" A winner in every way.

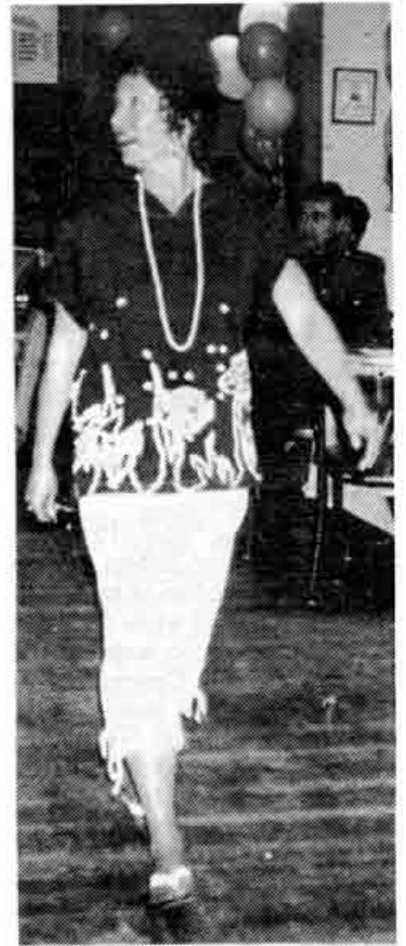


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Jay Armitage & Kim Norman  
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# Air Cadets Annual inspection 1991



On Friday, May 10 in the gymnasium of Robert Service School a squadron of twelve Air Cadets paraded while the entire school looked on with teachers and friends. In December there were 16 on the nominal roll. During the past year they participated in joint exercises with squadrons from Whitehorse and Faro, while entering a drill team in the competition. This was the Squadron's ninth annual inspection. Awards were presented by visiting dignitaries, and promotions were meted out. Last year there were twice as many cadets, yet it has taken an equal amount of time and devotion by supporting officers and sponsors.

"The Air Cadets accept young people who have reached their 12th birthday as members, until age 19. The training program included such subjects as citizenship, aeroengines, aeronautical navigation and others. Cadets are expected to work hard, to develop leadership skills and be a credit to the community. TO LEARN -- TO SERVE -- TO ADVANCE." So reads the

program. But there is much more.

As a Training Officer who rose through the ranks over four years in WW II, one learns that before one can give commands, one must learn to obey them. Bitch if you must, but obey. If you obey well, your chance will come. In this permissive society one would think that some organized obedience could be helpful. Great goals can be achieved when we all pull together. But it is difficult to feel a sense of pride in oneself or one's chosen uniform if one must pack one's polished boots to the school washroom, along with one's uniform on a hanger. Officers take no joy in having to initiate a recruit to boxes of frigid uniforms stashed in a Parks' warehouse for want of a proper stores.

I hear rumours of 896 Pioneer Squadron Royal Canadian Air Cadets finding a long-awaited home in the Pioneers' Hall. Now we're talking! Let's make it happen. If our help is needed, let's offer it. Nine years is almost too long to wait for a home.

Promotions and awards were as follows:

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Reviewing Officers were **Major U. Jaggi, and Major B. MacKenzie** of 407 Squadron.

**W.O. P. Peacey** of Northern Region Staff was present as Air Cadet Instructor.

Refreshments courtesy I.O.D.E.

By Sue Ward

**W/O 2 Namiko Saito prepares for the annual inspection**



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# CASARA Brings Hercules to Dawson



by Brent Morrison

On Sunday May 26th Sgt. Al Daigle and Cpl. Rick McDaid of the 440th Squadron of C.F.B. Edmonton came to town to train volunteers in air search and rescue. With them they brought the Hercules 131, a huge plane used by the Edmonton base to carry out their search and rescue tasks.

At ten a.m. a dozen locals met at the library for the CASARA seminar. CASARA is the Civil Air Search And Rescue Association, the civilian chapter of the Department of National

Defence's search and rescue. Daigle presented a slide show highlighting the five aspects of the survival pattern: first aid, fire, shelter, signals, and food and water. After a short break he then played two military videos, one on the symptoms, prevention, and treatment of hypothermia, and the other on how to spot crash sites and/or survivors.

It is estimated that 50% of all plane crashes are found with survivors, another 45% are found where there have been no

survivors. That leaves 5% that are never located. It is this 5% that they hope to improve upon by training civilians how to spot properly. Considering that the nearest Rescue Coordination Centre (RCC) is in Edmonton, approximately four hours away, it is important to have trained spotters in many communities that can begin rescue missions before the military arrives. After the videos the group broke for lunch and were to meet at the airport for their practical training. Several members of the

Rangers were given a tour of the Hercules (Herc. for short) before the CASARA group began their training run. Daigle had gone up the Dempster and set up a simulated crash site using a red, white and orange canvas plane. Each of the twelve were to spot him and direct the pilot to him. McDaid went with the group to assist in their techniques.

Once in the air the Herc's two rear side doors were lifted up causing a wind storm in the plane, and windows were pushed

into place. The spotters chairs were then moved directly in front of the windows and locked in. This particular Herc was practically brand new, its grey and green camouflage paint still shone and the plane had only been in the air about 240 hours. Despite its size it flies at low altitudes and banks and turns with ease, which the trainees found out all too dramatically.

With every one having to spot the downed plane, and steer the pilot to it over the intercom, the constant zig-zagging at an altitude of about 1000 feet caused the majority of the volunteers to lose their lunches. Cpl. McDaid seemed to find this rather amusing, but instructed the pilot to bring the Herc up to a higher altitude to ease rolling stomachs.

When everyone had found the crash site the Herc returned to the airport and the CASARA volunteers gladly stepped onto Terra Firma. The Herc took off about two o'clock and returned shortly after three. To most it had seemed much longer.

Despite the queasiness, Dawson now has twelve people who are trained in search and rescue other than the Rangers. Hopefully their skills will never be needed, but if they are they'll be ready.

Photo by Brent Morrison

## Aftercare Speaker Comes to Dawson

By Bonnie Nordling

Coming back home after going to an alcohol or drug treatment centre can seem like jumping back into the fire for some, but rural communities are now learning to provide support in new ways. Aftercare support can be strengthened by family, friends, employers and community groups and assist someone in maintaining their newly acquired sobriety. One of the important claim posts of success in achieving sobriety lies in the number of contacts and resources the individual has when they return home. Like the returning war veteran, a cup of coffee here, a ball game there, can make the difference between a happy assimilation home or slipping back into old patterns.

Crossroads Treatment Centre is committed to strengthening aftercare support and is sponsoring the speaking tour of Rudy Reyes and Helen, his spouse. Together, Helen and Rudy share years of experience establishing recovery self-help groups in rural, Navajo villages, and in his 25 years in the addiction treatment field, Rudy has helped innumerable people on their road to recovery. He is a gifted and highly sought-after speaker, but his real strength is a low-key and humorous approach. Helen is a Navajo Native and has worked helping family members and friends of alcoholics using family meetings and a drop-in centre. They come to share their knowledge and experience with

us in the Yukon.

One of the ways we in Dawson can contribute to a recovering alcoholic's chances of success is to enhance the roster of daily sober activities available to community people. Sober dances, sober receptions, drug-free sports, sharing circles - each one builds our promotion of healthy living. If we are committed to positive lifestyles then we as community leaders, role models and members have to show up at these functions too! There will

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always be time to sit in the bar. A recovering alcoholic needs more than just sitting in the bar and drinking coffee. There's a saying that goes: "If you sit in the barber chair long enough you're bound to get a haircut!"

So come out to an evening of

information and good stories, coffee and juices, to hear Rudy and Helen speak at an open public meeting on June 17 at 7:30 at the Pioneer Hall on Second and King.

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# The Flying Music Teacher Comes to Town

by Dan Davidson

As the middle of the month approaches Dawson households begin to bustle with musical activity. Fingers dance over keyboards and voices flutter up and down scales. Everyone's warming up for the monthly visit of the Flying Music Teacher.

Susan Otto laughs when the situation is put to her in this way, but for the last two months, it really has been a bit like that.

"They literally heard me singing on the plane this time," she chuckles. "I'm trying to memorize these lyrics for the Frantic Follies that I'm in and there I was singing away...and I thought: 'Oh, this is becoming Mary Poppins in the sky!'"

Otto's musical adventures in Dawson began in mid-winter when she learned that the Dawson Recreation Department was looking for a person to fly in once a month to do music lessons. From 1986 until last fall, the community had at least one qualified piano teacher living here, and during this winter Kyoko Tosaka, a talented visitor from Japan, took up the slack, but her impending departure in the spring caused concern months ahead, and recreation director Peter Menzies was looking for alternatives.

One letter went to the Yukon Teachers Association, and from there to a meeting of music teachers that Susan Otto was attending.

"I said 'I will,'" she recalls. "Actually, they asked me as well. I guess they thought 'She's made it this far from Halifax: she can keep going.'"

Otto, a graduate of Acadia and McGill Universities, took a leave of absence from the Maritime Conservatory of Music last spring when her husband, Dr. Peter Otto, took a position in Whitehorse.

"I'm always game for adventure," she says, "so here we are and loving it." It's been almost a year now, and Susan thinks it will be longer. They've bought their first house.

She has 25 regular music students in Whitehorse, whom she handles early in the morning, at noon hours, afternoons and evenings. It's very nearly a full time job. But that's not all.

She had 24 students in Dawson on this second trip out and there are more indicating an interest in beginning lessons in the fall. Her schedule here is hectic from the

time the plane lands. By 11 o'clock on Thursday morning she was busy with her first lesson, and wrapped up her day at 9 that night. Friday was the same, except that it began at 9 and ended at 9:30. Saturday was booked from 9 to 1, and then it was "go, go, go!" to the airport to catch the flight to home.

That's pretty steady going.

"I had a very quick lunch, which was really a meeting to work out some arrangements with a tutor that will help in between visits. And then I had perhaps a 10 minute break at around 6 o'clock - time for a little air and an apple - then I started again."

Is it tiring?

"It gets bad when someone I've only met once says 'You're looking very tired today.'"

"It's wonderful though. Everybody is so interested and it's great to see, so you have the energy to give."

It does take energy, because there is a lot to do in that one hour a month.

"We do everything from theory, rhythm, note naming, and then we work on technique and repertoire: so there's a lot right there. And already we're not getting everything done in that time."

Nineteen of her Dawson students are studying piano and

the rest are taking voice lessons. A few are doing both. They range in age from school children to middle aged parents. About one-third of her students are adults. Otto meets most of them in the Richard Martin Memorial Chapel, behind St. Paul's Anglican Church, though there are a few cases, when there is more than one person in the family taking lessons, where she goes to a home.

Lessons are \$30.00 for an hour, and that doesn't take into account her travel costs, which are presently being covered by the recreation board. Peter Menzies is seeking alternate funding assistance for the fall, once the program is established.

Otto's last session before summer will be in June. Then lessons will take a break until September while she is performing in the Frantic Follies. Working or teaching, Susan Otto is tickled to be able to use her training to spread the good word about music. And if the Mary Poppins image worries her at all, she can always chase it away by stepping off the plane in June in her Follies costume.

"Yes, that would do it," she says thoughtfully.



Susan Otto and Piano Student Alex Bowie

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## Guide and Brownie Camp at Moosehide



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by Holly Reeves

Our first Guide and Brownie Camp at Moosehide was a huge success.

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Saturday was filled with hiking, games, crafts, outdoor cooking, and a very special presentation on the Han culture by Vicki Roberts.

We were entertained at campfire by skits performed by Guides and Brownies and we learned some great new songs from Tara McCauley.

Moosehide Camp would never



On June 3 the Guides and Brownies held a flying-up ceremony for Allie Winton. Allie, a third-year Brownie earned her Golden Bar, Golden Ladder, Golden Hand and finally her Brownie Wings.

have happened without the help of a great many people.

I would like to thank the parent volunteers and Guides who went along with the girls to camp. Also the ones who helped us to prepare for camp, but were unable to go.

Thanks to all the people who loaned us equipment; the RCMP who transported us to and from Moosehide; Vicki Roberts who taught us about the Han people; Lesley Greenwood who evaluated our camp; and Marjorie Kormendy and the Dawson Indian Band who let us use Moosehide and provided people, boats and much more to make this camp possible.

The best thing about this camp was finding out how many great people are out there supporting us.



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## Alcan Highway Cancellation Stamp Introduced

by Sue Ward

The above cancelling stamp was introduced to all Outgoing Mail in our local Post Office on Wednesday, June 5, 1991, and will be used until the end of November 1992. It commemorates the 50th Anniversary of the completion of the original Alcan Highway which was constructed in eight months by the American Armed Forces during the Aleutian Campaign in the Second World War. Twenty-nine Postal Outlets throughout the Yukon Territory have received the stamps.

This could be your only picture of this attractive stamp unless you receive mail from within the Territory. It holds many memories for those of us who bounced, rattled, and fishtailed in from Dawson Creek, Mile 0, even twenty years ago. Trail's end was Fairbanks, Alaska.

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# Dawson's Canadian Ski Champion

by Sue Ward

Perhaps you have met Jane Vincent. She earns her summer living caring for old folk through MacDonald Lodge, quickly makes some homes of busy townspeople shipshape, and she took on the Census taking for the West Side of the Yukon River, including Sixty Mile, and river folk, at this writing. Jane is a member of the Canadian National Cross-country Ski Team, a champion and winner of the Gold Medal in 1991.

At twenty-five, Jane has been in the competitive ski world for ten years, first winning the Ontario championship when she was fifteen. After winning the Canadian Jr. Championship at seventeen, she was named to the Canadian National Jr. Team where she trained and competed for two years. She placed 4th at the World Jr. Championships at Lake Placid, New York. At the end of five persistent years of training and competing she was

named to the Canadian Senior Cross-Country Ski Team at twenty. In 1987 she failed to qualify for the Olympics in Calgary.

It was time to take a breather and to take stock of her life, accomplishments, and future objectives. It is more of the old story, the lack of provision of adequate financial help and competition in Canada. When the greatest part of each day must be spent in training for perfection and development of strong bodies on a year round basis, there is little time to be employed to earn a living. Private sponsorship of Individual athletes in Canada is scarce.

Jane turned her eyes to the North, fancying a spell in Alaska. She learned of a worldwide organization "Operation Raleigh", a foundation based on Community Services, Science Probes, and Adventure, with Alaska being chosen for an exercise. Jane and



Jane presenting a plaque to Lynn and Earl MacKenzie of Mackenzie Petroleum, thanking them for their sponsorship during the past year

Photo by Jennifer Williams

fellow travellers reached Skagway, climbed the Chilkoot Pass, and came down the Yukon River headed to Dawson City. They stopped in at Swede Creek, which is eight miles upriver from Dawson.

Jane was fascinated by Francois Verigas' life as a dog musher, and he too was training on a shoestring, so to speak, preparing his dogs for competition. His need for a handler presented an intriguing challenge to Jane, and she would regain the environment to renew cross-country ski training. That was three years ago and Jane remains a member of the Canadian Sr. Cross-Country Ski Team, and trains for competitions to be held in November and December in two World Races in Vernon, B.C. and a second north American location; and "from there to the Olympics".

Yukon's Champion, Jane Vincent, has been sponsored by MacKenzie Petroleum (Petro Canada Distributor) long time Dawsonites, known for their ongoing support to Dawson's young athletes.

The Canadian National Cross-Country Ski Team has ten selected members. They are supplied with all gear and equipment. There is a support team of five trainers. Jane Vincent's trainer, Jack Sasseville of Canmore, Alberta, flew into Dawson for a long weekend to discuss Jane's training schedules and general welfare. He visited Swede Creek where Jane does much of her roadwork, and supervised her exercise and weight body-building exercises in the school gym complex. Canmore is the training Headquarters for the Canadian National Ski teams where Jane will train come fall.

Jane is a most friendly, outgoing young lady, and one must admire her tenacity and self-discipline in her struggle to be the best that she can be for



Photo by Sue Ward

## Jane's Summer Ski Training Equipment

herself, for the Yukon, and Canada. Her husband, Francois, is full of admiration of her abilities.

Though this column is Jane's story, one must not miss the chance to remind all readers of the need to urge those who have money, which would otherwise be taken as taxes, to consider using it in a way which can become a tax write-off. Share in the making of a Champion.

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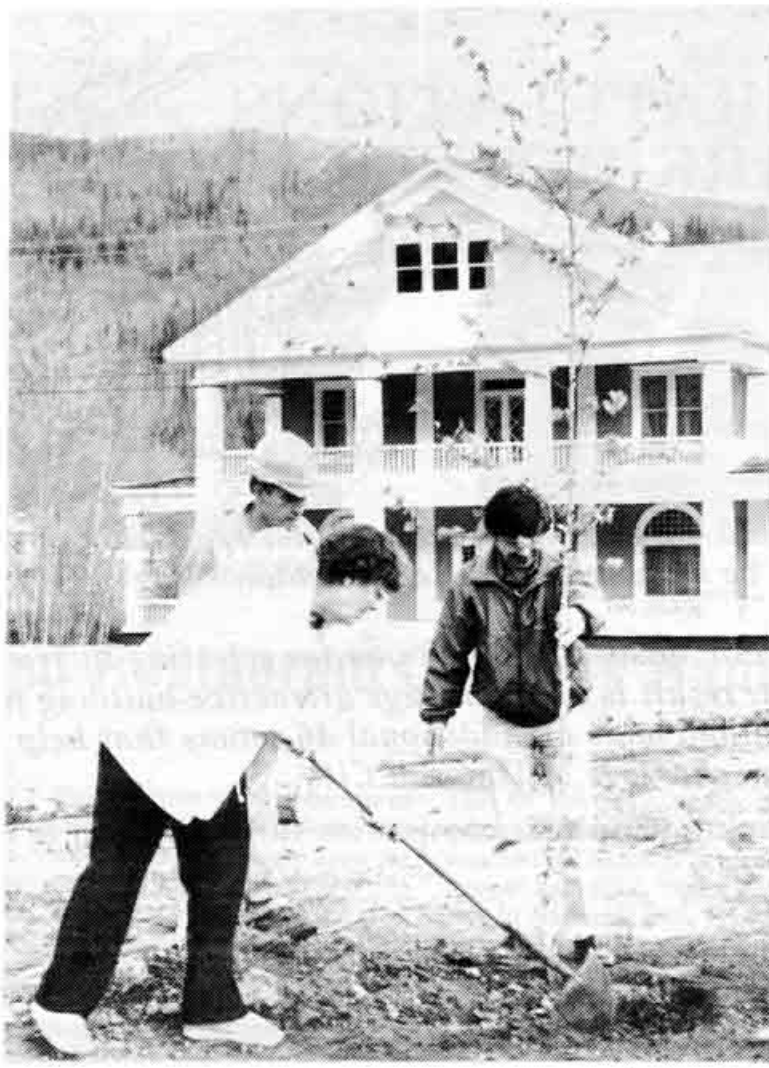
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# Centennial Committee Tree Planting

by Sue Ward

The Dawson City Centennial Committee successfully acquired the help of the local Forestry Fire Jumpers in obtaining and planting quite a number of birch trees on the green areas adjacent to the dike across from the Commissioner's Residence. At 4 p.m. on Friday, May 18th, eight healthy trees were rooted and staked for steadiness, while water was pumped from the river to ensure a good start.

Committee Members Sharon Edmonds and Barb Hanulik got the project underway and were joined by Akio Saito on a cloudy, cool, breezy afternoon. It is surprising what great comradery can be generated at a tree planting. It is hoped many more residents will get involved as Dawson receives replacements for much of the foliage that has been sacrificed for our new look.



Barb Hanulik spades in the dirt while Akio Saito holds the new tree

Photo by Sue Ward

## DAWSON CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

We Mean Business!

by Darlene Caley  
Office Manager

The Dawson City International Gold Show is over, marking the start of a busy summer. The tourist season is here and everyone is working at full force!

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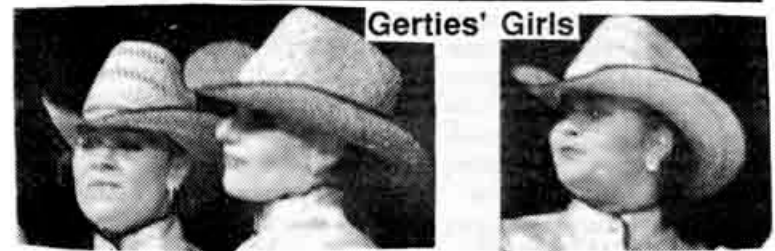
On Wednesday, June 5, Stirling Young was at the Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting. The topic

of discussion was the Chamber of Commerce Group Insurance Plan and how beneficial it can be for any business. If anyone is interested, please call me for more information at 993-5274.

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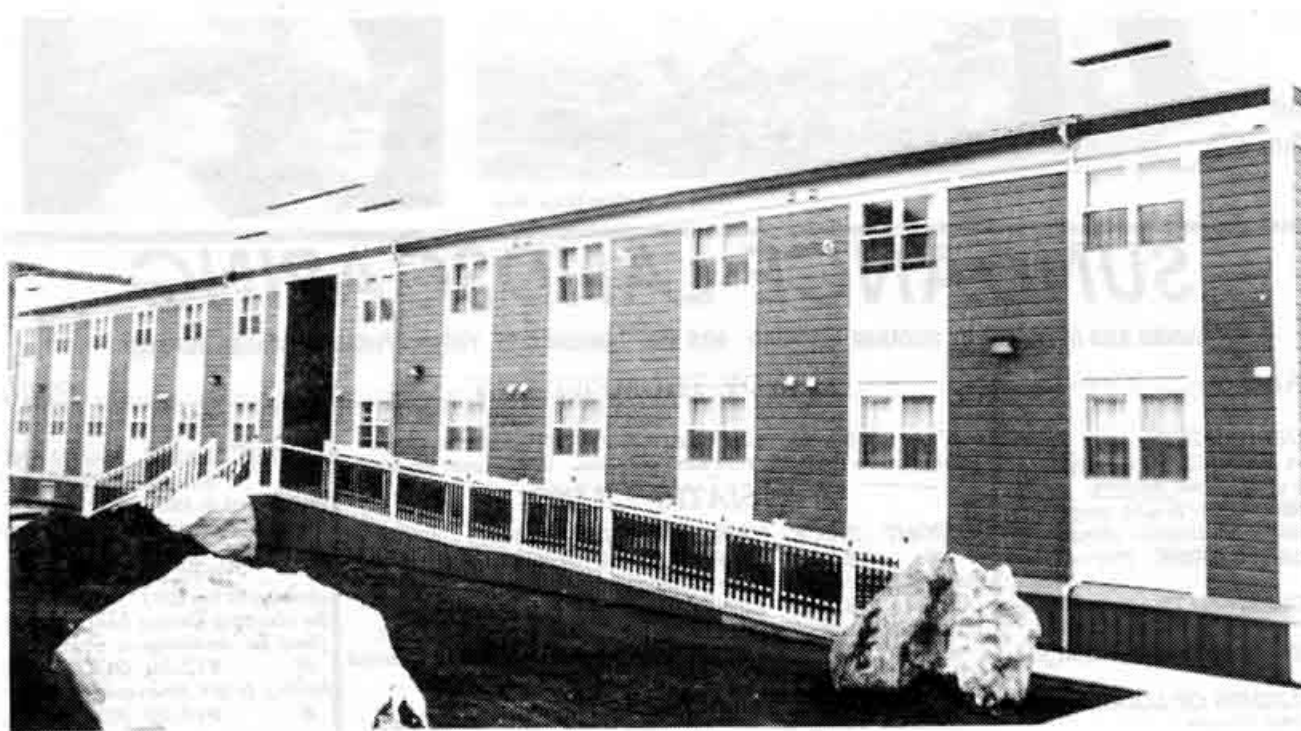


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# Kinsey Manor Officially Opens

by Dan Davidson

Rainy weather dampened the proceedings but not the enthusiasm of the event as a shivering group of onlookers gathered to watch the official opening of Kinsey Manor, the latest addition to the Yukon Housing Corporation's housing stock in Dawson City. The \$1.339 million, 13 suite building came into use last fall but received its official name on June 8 at a ceremony attended by Yukon cabinet ministers, city officials, members of Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. the Yukon Housing Corp. and the local Dawson Housing Association.

Joyce Hayden, the minister in charge of the Housing Corp., noted that the building was truly a Yukon achievement, having been planned, designed and built by Yukoners. She also apologized for having brought the bad weather north with her from Whitehorse.

Claude Bennett, chair of CMHC, expressed his pleasure at opening another major building in Dawson, praised the mayor and council for the historic code building bylaw which has done so much to establish an atmosphere in the community, and hinted that other projects might be forthcoming.



Kinsey Manor is located on the east side of 3rd Ave. between Harper & Church Street

Photo by Kathy Jones-Gates

Mayor Peter Jenkins was also full of praise for the new building, calling it one of the few examples of Yukon Housing doing a proper job from the beginning in this town. He spoke of the need for still more affordable public housing in the community and indicated the city's willingness to sell the corporation land for still more projects of this quality.

The Yukon Housing Corporation Board was represented by Vice-chair Dan

Davidson, who spoke seeing this project in its early stages when he was chair of the Dawson Housing Association.

The current chair of the DCHA is Jan Magnusson. He announced and unveiled the name of the new building, drawing parallels between this project and the energy of the Kinsey brothers, whose partnership left behind such a thorough photographic record of Dawson's earliest years.

The unveiling was followed by a short reception in the lobby and

by impromptu tours of the one and two-bedroom apartments currently occupied by senior Dorothy Crayford and Lynn Bowie and her two children.

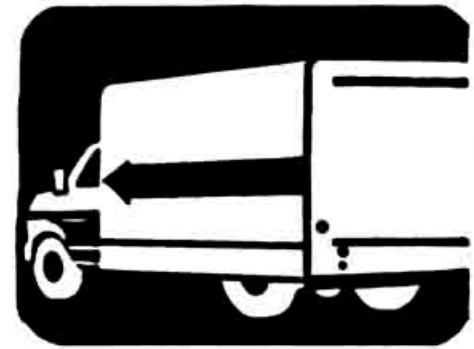
The building, constructed by Yukon Homes limited after plans by Charles A. McLaren, is heated by a propane hot water system, and features R-2000 insulation and triple glaze windows. Its historical facade resembles turn of the century construction, but the building is accessible to wheelchairs and one of its units

is specifically designed for use by the handicapped.

Building costs for the project were covered to 75% by CMHC, which both obtained and insured the loan money from the bank involved.



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## My Thoughts

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"Dawson is a great place to live!" How often do you hear this? How often do you think it? Do you and your friends believe it?

For the record, I believe it! The quality of life in Dawson is as good as any place in Canada. Compared to rural communities the same size, we stand out when you inventory our recreation facilities, school, special events, volunteers, clubs, fundraising, local economy and environment. We also compare favorably with many communities much larger than Dawson.

So, why am I writing this? I've been asked to present an article on the Recreation in Dawson and how the Rec. Department fits in. The purpose is to initiate public discussion on the role recreation plays in the community, how the municipal government can help and identify major issues for recreation in the 1990's.

## Volunteerism

There are over 60 volunteer groups in Dawson. Hundreds of volunteers. Volunteerism is definitely a way of life for many residents. They provide a wide range of services which contribute to the quality of life. It is the volunteers that create the programs, special events and service which direct much of the Dept.'s work.

Dawson can also be a high risk town for volunteer burnout. There are many people on several committees.



Special Delivery Moving Theatre 1991 N.E. Park Performance  
Photo by David Cooper



## Facilities

The Department is responsible for the Bonanza Centre, Water Front Bld., Dike, Parks, Pool, Cemetery and public use of the School.

Facilities account for the largest part of the budget. They operate at a considerable loss as user fees account for less than 10% of the operating costs.

## Programmes

Three times a year the Department puts out a Programme Brochure. These range anywhere from art classes and kids activities to swim lessons and figure skating.

In the last 15 months, over 80 different programmes have been offered. Most had enough to be implemented. This is because of the large number of talented people willing to lead programmes.

If there were no leaders, there'd be no programmes. So we are always on the lookout for leaders and programme ideas.

Programmes run on a 100% costs recovery. Minimum numbers of participants must be met.

## Rec. Board

Helping the Dept. and Council plan is the Recreation Board. It is made up of 7 volunteers who meet twice/month. Their role is to help plan facilities and programmes ideas. The Board also has a small budget to support community projects.

## Desk Work

"The job isn't done until the paperwork is done!" This is true for the Dept., too. The biggest part is planning - lots of meetings!

The idea is to be able to help co-ordinate facility use with special events, programmes and community needs. Given the number of clubs, events, meetings and programmes in Dawson, the Rec. Dept. staff attend a lot of meetings!

## Special Events

Did you know that between May 25 and June 11, 1991 there were six special events? There will be over 20 this summer. Winter will bring more and this is an Arctic Winter Games year!

Special events are sponsored by clubs in town. The Dept.'s role is to assist as requested with facilities and/or planning.



## 1991 Budget

Dawson's Rec. Budget is just over one half of a million dollars. This is a large budget for a small town. The breakdown is 63% facilities operation, 13% programmes, 1% special events and 23% deskwork.

We recover about 10% of our costs from fees. A further 20% come from territorial grants. The remaining 70% is generated from the city taxes and grants.