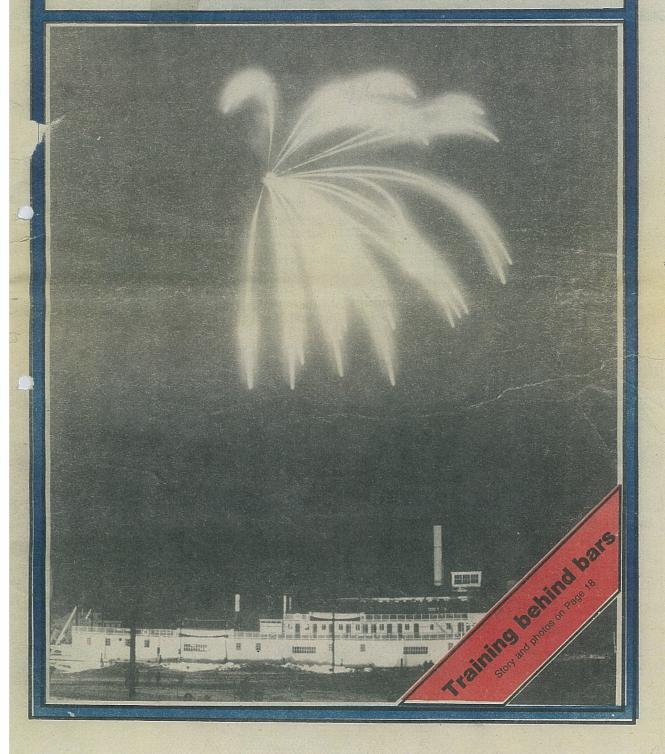
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NEWS



# Welcome Fellow Northerners



With the long awaited week of the Arctic Winter Games underway I have the pleasure of extending greetings on behalf of the Yukon Government to all the visitors who have come to Whitehorse for the games.

A small army of volunteers has been working diligently behind the scenes to make these the best games ever. Without their efforts over past months, and their continued support this week, the games could not be held. I'm sure you all join me in extending them a hearty thanks!

These games have a special flavor and significance because they afford the opportunity of bringing together northerners from a diverse range of social and cultural backgrounds in the sharing of a common experience and goal.

There is a unique bond between our three regions and the Arctic Winter Games serves as an ideal springboard for our peoples to come together every few years to share experiences and camaraderie through the spirit of friendly competition.

To all the athletes I wish the best of luck and hope that all your hopes and aspirations for the games are realized.

Sincerely,

# Northerners gather for Arctic Games

Sparkler parade followed by lighting of flame

Story: Michael MacLeod

They came from far and near. They came from Alaska, Northwest Territories and Yukon.

They came by car by plane, and by foot, and at the beginning last night, when the Arctic Winter Games were officially opened for 1980, they walked, hundreds strong, with sparklers burning, in a long, long parade, and the pipers played.

It was the start of the sixth Arctic Winter Gmes.For many athletes, it was the start of week of adventure, of fun. of new experiences.

High on the S.S. Klondike, flags floated in a mild breeze from the north. Across the Robert Campbell bridge trooped the athletes — Alaska then Northwest Territories, then Yukon. And ahead of them strode the pipers, the Midnight Sun Pipe Band. 14 members strong skirling the brawny tunes of Scotland the Brave and Glendaruel Highlanders.

But first of all came the Mounties in scarlet, six scouts in their pack, and the colours. There to see were Canadian and U.S. flags, and the others, flags of the Arctic Winter Games Corporation and of this particular Winter Games, Whitehorse 1980.

The athletes, nearly a thousand of them were armed with three sparklers each, and many had more. Spectators who turned toward the bridge saw dozens of the fiery brands wheeling across the sky and falling at last in the Yukon River, It was a sight to compare with the fireworks in brilliance if not in sound.

And there were also, before the speeches began, the girls of the Carmacks Red Star Marching Band, carrying the banners of the three continuents.

These were the girls who some had feared could be lifted into the air by a gust of wind or crushed by the burden of their banners. But they carried the signs that said. "Alaska. Yukon, Northwest Territories." And they carried them into the great snowy grounds of the S.S.Klondike with the athletes following behind.

Then, too there were special marchers. Heather Wykes, age 12, with Si-Jyaa, age two months — a husky pup. Si-Jyaa is mascot of the Games.

Before the parade of athletes arrived at the S.S. Klondike, another group of participants in the Games marched to the boat. From the Yukon Government Building, came the dignitaries, representatives of governments and the Games organization. And they got to stand on the boat, a dubious honor perhaps, for as bystanders said, the temperatures felt

like 15 degrees below. In fact, Alaskans standing near the torch that was to be carried to light the Games fire warmed their hands in its heat.

Thousands of gloved hands beat together to welcome the procession of athletes to the boat. Maybe they beat together to keep warm, too. But the singing of O Canada and the Star Spangled Banner warmed Canadians and Alaskans both.

Then there were speeches by Chris Pearson (Yukon government leader), Don Branigan, (mayor of Whitehorse) who touched friendly note when he spoke ofthe friendship between Canada and the U.S. being important, and Don Dennis (AWG Corporation chairman), all welcoming the contestants.

But the crowd of more than 2,000 responded with most laughter when Canadian Senator Ray Perrault with a slip of the tongue talked of "loving" not "living" north of 60 and being warm in the land of cold.

Finally, near 8:30 p.m., less than

half an hour after the ceremony began, came the highlight. Yukon's two chosen athletes swore the Games' oath. Then the two torch barers Doug Wilson and Patricia Allen — walking carefully with the torch between them — reached high to light the flame officially openeing the 1980 Arctic Winter Games.

So once again, in a northern city, for northern athletes who play sports many southerners will never see, the Arctic Winter Games came true. In celebration, beyond the Yukon River, fireworks rose in the sky.









### **Word Space**

Story: By Andrew Hume

It wasn't so long ago (though some may argue) that I was in my prime as an athlete and actively involved in the hard knocking sport of rugby. Although not as barbaric as it sounds, bruises and blood were an accepted part of the game. But after the match. differences on the field were usually set aside with the aid of a few cold bottles of brew.

In the dozen odd years I played the game, there were only a few times that booze actually had a noticeable affect on the field instead of off. And although the statistics seem to suggest that there was no serious problem, it's a memory which has stuck in my mind over the years with even more prominence that the championship games, the crowds or the overseas tours.

One game in particular comes to mind. The team was on tour and doing well after a grueling weekend of double-headers on hard turf leading up to the final match. One player who had taken part in a pre-mature victory celebration the night before. showed up for the game with faculties obviously impaired.

As team captain, I reserved the option of dropping the player from the team or making him start despite his disabled condition. I opted for the later - albeit somewhat at the expense of the team as a whole. But one thing was certain - he never forgot that first bruising hit that turned over more than just possession of the ball. His befouled jersey served as a constant reminder of his irresponsible attitude.

All this, is a round about way of coming to a point I wanted to make about athletes and alcohol.

The problem is that liquor has become so much an accepted part of

sports that it is more and more frequently abused. I always maintained that drinking was a personal thing, but, with the example of team sports the individual had no right to jeopardize what a team had worked for by being irresponsible with booze

The marriage of liquor and sports is becoming an increasingly difficult bond to brake. How many times, for example, during a televised sporting event have you seen the winning team crack bottles of bubbly to celebrate their victory? Or how often have you seen advertisements for alcohol linked with sports related events? It's the old 'beer drinking jock' syndrome.

We know the physical affects of alcohol and how it can hinder an athletes performance. But the psycological affects on an individual athlete or his or her team mates after ruining a performance because of booze, can be a lot more painful than a hangover. That's especially true for the great majority of athletes who stay away from booze during competition, but have seen their hopes dashed because of someone elses irresponsibility. In cases like that, the whole team becomes victimized by the bottle.

Respect is the key to keeping it a harmless tradition - respect for the bottle, the body and others who may be affected.

We lost that big rugby game by the way. And although it was a loss to our pride as a team, it was a victory in learning. And the guy who left the substance of his previous nights celebration on the field after that first gut wrenching hit, never drank before a game again in all the years we played together.

It was a tough way to learn the meaning of respect.

### **Editorial**

that all the pomp and ceremony of opening day is out of the way, it's time for the traditional call to go up to 'LET THE GAMES BEGIN'.

The Arctic Winter Games are unique - not only because they were designed by northerns for northerns, but because the whole underlying philosphy of the games is substantially different from other more prominent displays of athletics such as the Canada Games; Pan Am Games; and Olympics just to name a

Winning is not - nor should it be - the be all and end all at these Games. Participation is the basic premise and it is that primary factor which makes these northern games different from other more elite oriented sporting events.

The ULU NEWS has taken that philosphy to heart, and as such, we will be examining the humanistic side of the Games in more depth than the 'blowby-blow' type of sports coverage.

There's no denying that winning and medals are an integral part of these Games - being the stuff by which teams and individual athletes guage the level of their performance- but the comaraderie and experience of seeing new places and meeting new people is as much a part of the Games as the gold. silver and bronze medals. After all, many athletes who won't be taking Ulu's home with them will still be taking home memories of the Games.

Athletic excellence should be strived for and will undoubtedly be accomplished by many, but for those who don't make it into the medals there should be some sense of recognition for their efforts. Without losers in the athletic arena we couldn't have winners and it is for that reason that we will endeavour to give you the reader a more universal look at who the athletes are winners and losers - and the ingredients that go into the stuffing to make these Games truly unique.

There's a whole lot more to these games than athletes and gold medals which should not be overlooked. It has taken a massive amount of volunteer hours and monetary donations to make these Games a reality - a fact we should all be thankful of and not hesitate to show recognition for. All too often we are quick to overlook those who have done the actual leg work in preparing for events of this magnitude. With over 1,000 athletes, coaches and managers to be co-ordinated and looked after for a week, you can be damn sure it didn't all happen by itself.

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#### AWG BORN FREE

# Northern games set up for northerners

Southern competition is left South of 60

Story: Rhondda Snary

When you live north of the sixtieth parallel you have a long way to go to compete against another team and you have a long time between meets.

In some communities the facilities are inadequate for training and in others they're non-existant. Within any one of Canada's northern regions it's very difficult to find two teams or individuals at the same level of

At the 1967 Jeux Canada Games in Quebec City this became an important topic of discussion. The Northwest Territories and Yukon didn't do well at the Games. It appeared they were under-trained, underexperienced, under-competed and in short, out-classed.

It was an unfair situation. All northern athletes had basically the same potential as the southern athletes but their talents could not be nurtured.

The Commissioners and Members of Parliament from the Northwest Territories and Yukon joined the Governor of Alaska to discuss their disadvantages. They realized their problems were similar and consequently, their levels of achievement were also on par.

A major decision resulted. In 1969 the Arctic Winter Games Corporation was formed. It was comprised of two representatives from each competitive unit; Alaska, Northwest Territories and Yukon.

Initially the Arctic Winter Games were intended to provide northern athletes an opportunity to compete with people at their own level and mutually give them the opportunity to increase their standard. But by the time the Corporation was formed the objectives of the Games had expanded. Not only were they the opportunity for fair competition but they also were intended to help develop a geographic identity among northern people, provide good relations between northern regions, increase the incentive to improve facilities in the

The Games are more than just sporting events. Every year cultural and social activities are included. This year daily events including Indian Drum Dancing and concerts featuring both southern and northern performers will take place.

Demonstrations have always been an important part of the Games as well. The demonstrations change from area to area depending on the degree of local popularity and the availability of facilities. In 1970 and again in 1972 the Arctic Sports were demonstrated. Then in 1974 they bemained in the competitions ever Some of the sports in competition

came an official event and have re-

have changed over the years. Hockey, figure skating, curling, crosscountry skiing, basketball, volleyball, badminton, table tennis and shooting have been present at all the games But in 1974 archery and a modified biathlon were also included. Boxing was part of the Games in 1970 and 1974 while wrestling and judo began during the second Games.

Snowshoeing was also introduced as a regular competition in 1974 when the Games were held in Anchorage, Alaska. Most of these sports are still an active part of the time they have taken place in Whitehorse. The first Games were hosted by Yellowknife in 1970 and the second by Whitehorse in 1972. At that time Whitehorse had a population of 11,000. Compared to the 6,000 Yellowknife had had in 1970 Whitehorse was in a better position to organize the Games and they didn't face the same space hardships. Nevertheless, the Arctic Winter Games required the support of the entire community in order to be as successfull as the 1970 Games had been in Yellowknife. The Whitehorse Arctic Winter Games Society retained a manager and the concentrated effort of about 800

Games but one sport that came and

went was Alpine skiing. It was 1972 in Whitehorse when downhill skiing was

included in the competitions but it has

not been seen since. Not only does Whitehorse no longer have a dow-

nhill run but the Northwest Territories

are entirely without alpine facilities

and, therefore, could not have a

This year's sixth biennial Arctic

Winter Games will be the second



pin trading market opened today with the start of the Sixth Arctic Winter Games. Among athletes, gainers outnumbered losers 1,000 to 14, with strong demand for unusual items.

Gold and silver pins topped the previous pin exchange record while copper, tin and paper buttons showed only average movement. Interest in international issues, particularly Alaskan pins was high on the Whitehorse market and harried traders reported frenzied back and forth trading in the midst of the dinner-time

Among futures there was little activity for the next Games scheduled for two years from now but veteran pin traders told the ULU News that pin futures would pick up toward the end of the week.

Moderate interest was expressed in commercial pins, like the Coca-Cola pin, and Games officals appear to have cornered the market with some private off-hour trading. The Alaskan gold map took top spot as the largest pin up for offer but market analysts expect some of the lessorknown items to spark strong interest on the 24-hour market.

Frantic activity in certain sectors resulted in minor punctures as athletes surged forward on the trading floor with offered pins stuck out in

This daily market report is compiled by Hugh Conner and Pam Carson for the ULU News but assumes no responsibility for accuracy, objectivity, or any relationship to fact



Heading through customs - Alaskan athletes geared up for the Games

HE WAS THE BEST

# McCready showed great devotion

Death of a coach and friend sorely mourned

Story: Rhondda Snary

He was a man devoted to the game. "He was excellent ... the best coach in the Yukon." These superlatives apply to only one man, John Meady. They come from the man who has worked hand in hand with him as a coach for the past five years, Wayne Brown. Their sport? Badminton.

For 25 years John lived in the Yukon. Although he lived in Swift River most of those years, he first lived in Whitehorse in 1954 and then returned to Whitehorse in 1973.

He loved badminton and he loved the outdoors, taking many an opportunity to go hiking, boating and fishing. Most recently he had been active coaching the Yukon junior and senior badmnton teams for the Arctic Winter Gmes. But just a week and a half before the Games, on March 6, John died of a heart attack.

His untimely death came as a surprise. Four to six nights a week he would spend in the gym either coaching or playing badminton. And just two nights before his death Yukon's Chef de Mission for the Games, Pam Carson, was playing with him. She recalls remarking to herself what good condition he was in for a man in his late forties.

John's approach to coaching badminton was unique. He loved kids and was best at coaching the juniors because he felt the seniors already had the essentials.

John's focus was not on competition. He had an ability to get the kids interested in badminton and keep them interested and his main concern was to teach them the basic skills. From there it was up to the individual to develop those skills although he would play with him and give him pointers. The competetive spirit however, had to come from the individual as well.

All the kids called him John. He had a good rapport with them and they enjoyed working with him.

Ken Frankish is one junior who trained with John and will be competing in the Games this week.

"There wasn't too much intense training (with John)," Ken says. "He figured we knew it." But Ken also thinks John had a good system because all the basic techniques were taught.

Kathy Casselman, a 15-year-old junior who spent about two years training with John thinks he was the best.

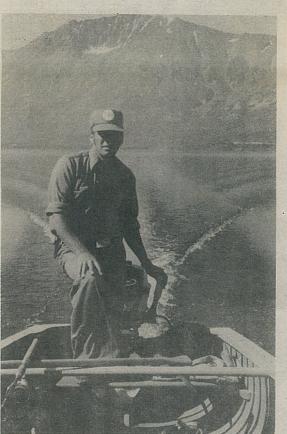
"I hardly knew how to play but he showed me everything. He never ever got mad." Kathy remembers that John was always helping people, always happy and just an all-around good sport." She found it a little difficult to get used so that the state of the sta

"He bandaged my foot on Wednesday night and then in Thursday morning he had his heart attack. Some shots that he showed me — I'd try them and think of him and then I'd he sad."

Now. however. Kathy is more determined than ever to play well during the Games. She says she's going to put out '99 per cent' more effort and adds "I'm going to try as hard as I can for him." She says she wants to show him that everything he taught her. all the time he spent with her. was worthwhile.

And Ken feels the same way. He's going to try to win this week and says. "If I can do it for anybody I'll-do it for him."

John's talents and good nature will long will be remembered because without him even realizing it, they have ben manifested in the kids and the sport he loved best



John McCready - a man remembered by athletes and friends for his love and devotion to people and sports.

#### **GREAT AWG FAN**

# From England to Yukon for AWG

Half way round the world to see the games

Story: Judy McLinton

Ben Paine has finally made it to the Arctic Winter Games.

At home Ben is considered an expert on the games. Why has it taken Ben, who has followed the games since 1971, so long to get here?

Well Ben hails from London, England and in nine years this was his first opportunity to get to the games.

How does an Englishman become an expert on the games?

Well for Ben it ddn't start out that way.

In 1971 Ben wrote to Comssioner Stuart Hodgson of the NWT requesting information on that territory. He was specifically interested in the ethnic groupings in the north.

What he received was a reply from Information director Jake Otts informing him of the 1972 games which were going to be held in Whitehorse.

Ben took an interest in the games and started corresponding with the games corporation. He says he was fascinated by what he read about the games and then began to research them. Fom his correspondence Ben managed to accumulate a complete set of the ULU News and some souviners including hats, flags and pins.

Ben put his material to good use.

He managed to get film of the I970 and I972 games on loan from Anchorage and used them to give talks to interested groups in and around London.

'Most of my talks are given to Rotary club.' says Ben, and they are all done free of charge.'

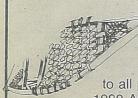
I loved talking about it and found the games fascinating. And according to Ben. so did his audiences. Interest was high for his talks which he attributes to the fact that they were something entirely new. Most people in London had no conception of what the games were about.

As for pin trading. Ben says he has had so many pins given to him over the years he's not sure he wants to trade them.

Before leaving England though Ben got in touch with sport organizations there primarily the table tennis and badminton groups, and picked up lapel pins from them which he plans on giving away. He has also brought messages of goodwill from the groups in England.

As for his stay here, to Ben it's a holiday and he says he plans to enjoy it. The people are so friendly,

On his arrival Ben was given an official Arctic Winter Games parka.



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Aiming for gold. A snowshoe champion in other Arctic Winter Games, Chester Kelly is taking a shot this year at the snowshoe biathalon, a race involving

snowshoeing and target shooting. Chester will use a target .22 caliber rifle in the event which begins Tuesday.

#### A WINNER

# Mad Trapper takes Gold Silver Bronze

Kelly racked up seven Ulu's in '78 Games

Story: Michael MacLeod Photographs: Ken Faught

He's a medal-winning boxer undefeated in the Yukon, a marathon runner, and winner of this year's Mad Trapper event at Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous.

Chester Kelly won seven ULU medals — two bronze, three silver, and two gold — in the 1978 Arctic Winter Games, setting a new record for number of medals won.

His goal this year is to win the Yukon marathon — in less than three hours.

And this week, he is a TV star, featured on a CBC program about northern athletes.

But for all his success, veteran Yukon snowshoer and Arctic Winter Games champion Chester Kelly speaks modestly about his accomplishments, like a true gentleman, a sportsman, an athlete.

When you ask, Chester runs carefully down the list of his accomplishments. "One activity sort of leads to another," he admits. Winning events

at Rendezvous in '78, snowshoeing at the Arctic Winter Games at Hay River-Pine Point, boxng at the Senior Nationals at Sept-Illes, Que., where he won a silver medal against the Ontario champion who goes to the Commonwealth Games.

But the accomplishments are listed quietly, calmly, matter of factly. It's competing, a love of competition mostly with himself, that Chester seems to thrive on. He mentions that he won best male athlete in Yukon in 1978.

This year, Chester is back really he has been here all along — waiting to compete for more ULUs. This year it's not in his usual sport of snowshoe racing but in snowshoe biathalon.

This quiet, even shy man, age 31, who likes to run, to snowshoe, and, he admits, to compete, was looking for a new challenge and he found it when the Yukon biathalon team captain asked him if he would like to try the biathalon. So Tuesday, when the

biathalon individual event begins, and again Thursday for the team relays, the Yukon will have a competitor on the course south of Whitehorse who has consistently set snowshoe race times that other snowshoers measure themselves against.

But the biathalon comprises two events snowshoeing and shooting, and shooting is the more important, says Chester. So each Sunday since early Febuary when he knew he would be part of the Yukon's biathalon team, Chester has shot his borrowed .22 caliber target rifle with other senior team members Labelle and Ron Tate. He says he uses up about a box of 50 shells each time:

Chester has had to make the rifle part of his life. He carries with him to work sometimes, along with his snowshoes and track suit, so he can slip away to the biathalon track after work. There he runs the first 2.5 kilometers, drops into the prone firing position and snaps fve shots at the target. On his feet again, carryng the rifle, he runs a second 2.5 kilometers and shoots another five shots, this time standing, at the target 50 meters

It is the same routine he will follow

in the actual race. With practice, little time-wasting movements are eliminated. While many Yukon games' competitors will wear distinctive red and blue sweat jackets, Chester will wear an old sweater. Its open pockets hold shells where he can reach them fast. His snowshoes will be he kind he favours, the smallest allowed by the event's regulations, and he will hope no snow falls before tomorrow. Like his fellow team members, Chester has been practicing all winter on the Whitehorse track, and all winter little snow fell. A snow fall now would trim away part of his advantage and perhaps require him to wear longer. unfamiliar snowshoes.

There have been other innovations. The biathalon team has tested ammunition, and decided on target velocity. But even that refinement may be less than the Alaskans make, he says. In 1978, they used very special shells.

Yet whatever the outcome of Arctic Winter Games '80 for Chester Kelly, whether his spectacles fog up or his trick of running without them and pulling them from his pocket for shooting works, this great competitor athletic career will continue.

# Things to See and Do

Monte Carlo, 404 Wood St.: French cuisine in an elegant but relaxed atmosphere. From 6 p.m. on every evening except Sunday.

Golden Garter. 212 Main St.: Continental cuisine.

Annabelle's, 7225—7th Ave.: European dining. Luncheons only. Monday through Friday, 11:30 until

Prospector Dining Lounge, 3rd Ave. and Jarvis St.: Open from 6 p.m. daily except Wednesdays.

Mumbo's, 312 Steele St.: Wholesome foods, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, and noon until 7 Saturdays.

B.J.'s. 204B Main St.: Italian food, luncheons and din-

Christie's Place, 209 Main St.: Italian food.

Shangri-La. 309 Jarvis St.: Chinese Cuisine daily.

Dining lounges and coffee shops are also located in all the major Whitehorse motels and inns. Fast food places include Kentucky Fried Chicken and Dairy Queen, both on Second Avenue.

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Golden Age Society. 310 Wood St.: Afternoons.

Salvation Army Coffee House, 4th and Black St.:

Victoria Faulkner Women's Centre. 302 Steele

Le Cafe, C.Y.O. Hall, 4th and Steele St.; Daily, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Coffee and conversation.

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#### **EXHIBITS AND CONCERTS:**

YTG Building, Main Foyer: Juried Art Exhibition, a special feature of the Arctic Winter Games. Daily, 8 until

MacBride Museum, 1st and Wood St.: Open daily.

Monday, March 17th: South of 60 Concert, featuring Gerry and Ziz, and Tom Jackson. Jeckell Jr. High School, Lewes Blvd., 7 p.m.

#### **INTEREST SPOTS:**

Takhini Hot Springs, Mayo Road: 9 a.m to 10 p.m.

Whitehorse Public Library, 2nd Ave.: Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Log Sky Scrapers, Lambert Street between 2nd and 3rd Ave.: Historic two and three-storey log cabins.

Northern Canada Power Commission Dam Nisutlin Rd.: Affords an excellent view of Whitehorse and surrounding area.

S.S. Klondlike, Yukon River on the South Access Rd. Site of the opening and closing ceremonies for the Arctic Winter Games.

Grey Mountain, Cross-country ski trail begins about one-half mile up the Grey Mountain Road.

#### **ENTERTAINMENT**

Yukon Theatre, 304 Wood St.: Two shows, 7 and 9 p.m. Showing now, 'North Dallas Forty

Edgewater Hotel, Main Street: Guitarist Peter Boyer is entertaining Thursday through Saturday, evenings, in the Edgewater Lounge.

Klondike Inn, 2288-2nd Ave.: Cross Country plays every night except Monday. This week Tony White is with the band.

Kopper King Tavern, Mile 918.3 Alaska Hwy.: Wayward plays a mixture ranging from folk to rock Friday and Saturday, with a Sunday jam.

Airline Inn, 16 Burns Road: Comedian, singer and organist Ray Belmont is in the lounge Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Foxy's Cabaret, 2141 2nd Ave.: LaSalle plays rock every night but Sunday, from 9 p.m. until 2.

Sam McGee's Lounge, 2141 2nd Ave.: The Ozone Rangers are in fine form Thursday through Saturday.

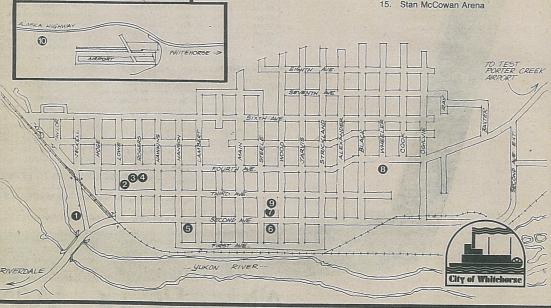
Talk of the Town Lounge, 4th Ave. beside the Yukon Inn: Hank Karr and Iron Mountain play country Monday through Saturday night.

Bamboo Lounge and Cabaret, 2163 2nd Ave.: Organist Chuck Biegler plays Thursday through Sun-

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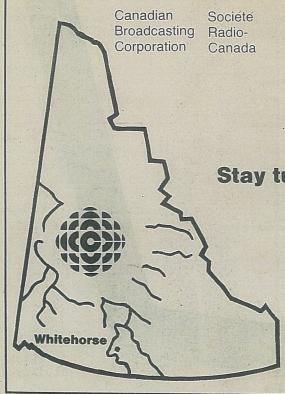


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#### GOOD MANAGEMENT

# Host Society heads for budget surplus

More money for Yukon sports facilities?

Story: Michael MacLeod

Tight money management may result in a surplus for this year's AWG, say organizers of the AWG Host Society.

While the AWG continues to receive donations in money and kind to help with staging events and caring for participants, the board of directors is trying to decide what to do with the extra money it expects to have when the Games wind up at week's end.

Although the exact amount of the surplus remains undetermined, suggestions about its possible use are already surfacing. The Chairman of the Host Society Finance Committee suggested Sunday that it could be spent on sporting facilities, such as a swimming pool — to replace the decrepit Whitehorse Lions Pool.

The Games were budgeted to cost approximately \$600,000, with \$300,000 coming from the federal government, \$150,000 from the territorial government, \$50,000 from the City of Whitehorse, and the remainder in donations from companies and

individuals. But there are now indications that they might cost well below \$\$600,000, though AWG Host Society general manager Mike Nelson pointed out Sunday that the fnal total won't be known until all bills are received.

After the 1972 AWG in Whitehorse, there was a surplus of only \$118, and board chairman John Owens said he believes most of the other Games lost money.

The likelihood of the Games earning a surplus only became apparent "in the last month," said Owens.

One AWG official said the Pine Point-Hay River Games in 1978 lost approxmately \$40,000, and the 1980 Games would have cost about \$700,000 based on the amount spent there.

AWG board members and federal officials are expected to talk this week about what to do with the money. Since money is not transferred between Host societies of different jurisdictions where the Games

take place, it is untikely that the

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#### FROM ALASKA

# Excited athletes too busy to sleep

American contingent arrives for Games

Story: Judy McLinton

It was a smooth landing for the second plane load of the Alaska contingent Sunday afternoon.

Nice weather, Arctic Winter Games offcials, can-can grls as well as customoffcials met the group at the airport.

For bantam hockey player George Thiele of Anchorage the welcome was great. The I3-year-old right winger wasn't tired after the flight even though he as too excited about the games to sleep the night before.'

George and his teammates, five from Fairbanks and I2 from Anchorage, are hoping to win the gold medal. George says they all got together in Fairbanks four days ago to practice. And George figures his team has a fairlygoodshot at the medal since theyhave one player whostands at sixfoot one.

Badminton player Renee Henry from Eagle River was also pleased with the reception. This is Renee's second games. She picked up a bronze medal in mxddoubes in the 1978 games. Renee hopes to better her record this time around.

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#### THE CHEF'S ROLE

# Taking the pulse of Team Yukon

An interview with Chef de Mission Pam Carson

Story: Heather Stockstill

As Yukon's Chef de Mission, Pam Carson is responsible for preparing and selecting our Arctic Winter Games' contingent. She was interviewed early this month:

News: Pam, what makes the Arctic Winter Games special, and different from any others you might encounter across Canada?

Carson: The AWG have a number of unique activities — they were designed for the north. At the 1967 Canada Games, organizers felt that many activities there weren't complimentary to the northern climate or tradition. Consequently, in 1970, they held the first AWG, which included things like snowshoe biathalon and the 'Arctic Sports' — all traditional Eskimo events. So that's what makes the character of our Games different.

**News:** Is there pretty tight competition in these specifically 'Arctic' events, or is it more participation which is stressed?

Carson: Most of the events are not as competitive as you would find in the south, certainly. There is a much larger emphasis on participation. But we also hope that through participation, we will be able to develop our skills. We want an end result of development, but we're starting at a very basic, relaxed level.

However, I think every athlete there will try his hardest. I'm not concerned about the fact that he's just going out to participate. All our athletes have been training, and training hard. Our actual contingent includes about 320 athletes and coaches, and this is the first time that Yukon will have all of the sports represented. In the past we haven't had an Arctic Sports team — not for a long time, anyway.

News: Where did you get your Arctic Sports competitors?

Carson: We did two tours throughout Yukon. In September, YANSI (the Yukon Association of Non-Status Indians) travelled to each community and school, and held demonstrations to expose people to the Arctic Sports' events. Then, one more time, we went to each community and showed films. What we had to do was train the communities — show them what the activities are.

News: As Chef de Mission, you are responsible for selecting mission staff. Have there been any situations come up to remind you, again, that the AWG are unique?

Carson: Yes indeed. For example, we've found that it's really advantageous for all our mission staff to have a driver's licence. Well, we wanted to select staff from all the communities with representatives on the team. Old Crow has six athletes entered, and when one of our staff had to resign, we went to Old Crow and chose someone there. It never occurred to me - until 2 a.m. one morning - that she may not have a driver's licence. I called her, and sure enough she didn't. We brought her to Whitehorse for a week, and I've had to take on the job of driving instructor in addition to my other duties!

News: Are these Games truly the Arctic Winter Games, or are they in a sense the Western Arctic Winter Games, because of the absence of northern Quebec and Ontario?

Carson: Northern Quebec came as observers in 1974, and as competitors in 1976. Because of the costs involved — mainly transportation — they have been forced to withdraw. Now, it is up to the (AWG) Corporation to deal with eligible and non-eligible regions. However, the Games are designed for any region north of 60, which includes a number of farther eastern regions than we already have. And I know they have all been invited.

News: Labrador and Ontario? Carson: Yes.

Mind you, it costs a lot of money to bring 306 people from that far away. And it's up to the provincial or territorial government, as the case may be, to bear the cost. The NWT, for example, spent half a million in transportation alone, to select their team.

**News:** It must also cost Yukon considerable money to select its athletes.

Carson: Certainly, in my opinion, money well spent.

News: As Chef de Mission, you have as clear a view as anyone as to what these Games mean to the territory, and what the impacts will be. Briefly, what are your conclusions?

Carson: The AWG provide the biggest vehicle we have for growth in both sport and culture. They establish a goal, at least every two years, for competition and development.

But what I've seen happen this time, more so than in any Games I've been involved in, is community participation. We spent a lot of time travelling and I think the true value of what the Games are all about is be-



Pam Carson, Yukon's Chef de Mission, was responsible for selecting and preparing our athletes for the 1980 Arctic Winter Games. A sports enthusiast herself. Carson has been involved in various athletic training and organizational programs for the past several years.

ginning to show. Not only do we have athletes on the contingent, but we've had demonstrations for kindergarten kids in the schools. I can see a good, long-range benefit.

We've also staged trials in the communities. At first we thought transportation costs would be prohibitive. The indoor soccer trials in Dawson City, for example. The bus cost \$1.200. We picked up people all along the highway — 68 of them, from Haines Junction, Mayo, and everywhere! Sitting on the bus, first of all I noticed a lot of these kids had never been to Dawson. Not only are they learning a new activity. they are

going to a new part of the territory.

When we arrived. I saw the whole town get involved. The home economics class cooked seven meals for 68 people—it's a big project. The school stage was always full of spectators watching the trials.

Now Dawson City has new volunteers trained in staging an event. They will be more experienced in organizing their own events within their own community.

I think the results, for \$1,200, will stay in Dawson for years to come.

The Games are a unifying force for the territory. That is one of the greatest benefits

#### HE STUFFS 'EM

# Should politcians and sports mix?

NWT Councillor on guard for rebounds at AWG

Story: Judy McLinton

Will doing battle in the political arena prove any different than battling in the sports arena?

Richard Nerysoo, NWT Minister of Renewable Resources, will be attempting just that this week during the games

No newcomer to the Arctic Winter Games this is Richard's second trip to the games. He first participated in the games in Whitehorse in 1972 when he played for the Yukon junior men's basketball squad.

Staying true to a politician's form of diplomacy. Richard was not making

any definite statements on the outcome of the basketball finals. He feels Alaska will obviously be a tough team to beat but hastened to add that the Yukon would be strong also.

. When asked if he was going to count in the NWT scoring he took the politician's route and answered that he planned on scoring a few points, at least two or three

Fiday, Richard was attending what was hoped to be the final sitting of territorial council in this session leaving his agenda clear for the games Welcome Participants to the 1980 Arctic Winter Games



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# High kicker nearly misses competition

Yukon athlete has a sobering experience

Story: Andrew Hume Photographs: Ken Faught

It was a gloomy day for 24-year-old Stewart Gillis last Thursday as he stood in Magistrate's court awaiting sentencing on a drunk driving charge.

It was his first offense, but was enough to land him in jail for 14 days. Being convicted and receiving a jail term for impaired driving might have been harsh enough punishment, but for Gillis the deterent was even tougher to swallow because it meant missing his chance at a medal in the Arctic Winter Games.

Gillis has been training steadily for the arctic sports one and two foot high kick competition over the past several months and was shaping up as one of the prime contenders for a medal in the events.

But all may not yet be lost.

When the Yukon's Chef de Mission, Pam Carson, heard of the unfortunate turn of events she began negotiating with Whitehorse Corrections officials to have Gillis let out of

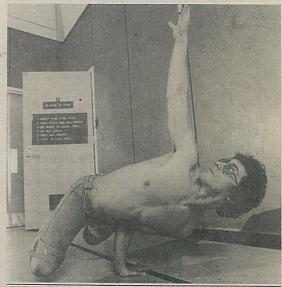
jail so that he can compete in the events he has been training so hard for. It now looks as if Gillis will be permitted to compete after all, being allowed out of jail for a few hours on the days which his events are to be held.

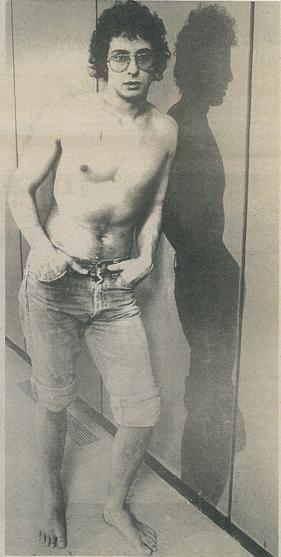
In training, Gillis has managed a hieght of six and a half feet in the two foot high kick and seven and a half feet in the one foot category. He's still a ways off the AWG record of eight foot five inches, but has been improving steadily ever since he began training.

Whether his experience with the courts and jail will affect his performance remains to be seen, but he has been working out steadily at the jail since his incarceration last week, with sober thoughts about how he almost lost his chance at winning an Ulu.

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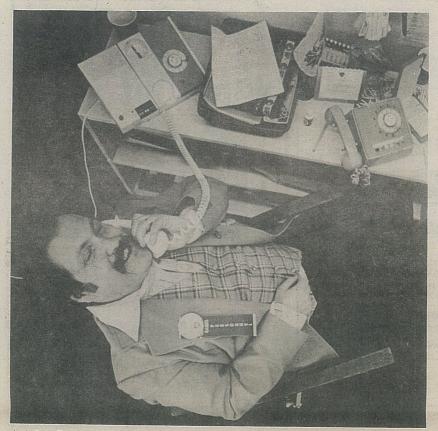
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#### IN TRAINING

# Game's manager under gun

Volunteers the key to a successful show

Story: Michael MacLeod Photographs: Ken Faught

When many athletes may only have been thinking about entering Arctic Winter Games 80, Michael Ralph Nelson was already in training.

The training involved little weightlifting or push-ups, but it sure did take a lot of running around. You see, Mike Nelson wasn't going to compete in the Games, but he had to make sure they happened.

The 29-year-old AWG Host Society general manager holes up in an office on Steele Street. It is stacked high with posters and papers. For a sculptor who loves to cook, it is a strange place to be.

Yet even Mike Nelson's route to Number 202A Steele Street, head-quarters of the AWG in Whitehorse, has been an unusual one. He studied art at the Alberta College of Art, came North seven years ago, and was first president of the Yukon Conference of the Arts, "which has since died" he says with a grin,

Nelson's organizational skills were sharpened when he helped found the Yukon Craft Society and started the Spruce Bog Craft Fair. Then the way to running the AWG became clear when he successfully organized the 1979 Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous, Whitehorse's big late winter fair. By March last year, he was working on both the AWG and Rendezvous at the same time.

The job took him around the country to talk with organizers of other large sporting events as he prepared to run one that has brought more than 900 athletes to Whitehorse.

Still, an artist, you wonder, in a businessman's job? But Nelson seems more of an impresario, the director of an artistic show, whose secret is that he treats people well. And from his years of involvement with the arts, he says he has learned who to go to for help.

The Ulu News talked to Mike Nel-

son on Thursday, March 13. With the Games beginning in three days. Number 202A was the hub of an organization peaking for its moment of truth — that moment Sunday night when the AWG flame was lit on the banks of the Yukon River.

At the center of that organization. Nelson was connected with 12 Games venues, 33 committees, and about 300 workers. He was laughing, chuckling good-naturedly, not really trying to hide his nervousness that the Games would succeed and not quite able to hide either his happiness that people were working so well. He lets on: "We feel really confident. It does feel very much in hand."

Yet he admitted it didn't always feel that way.

"We're surprised it's not been crazier," he said. "I think it's because we were neurotic early on.

"There were lots of times I wanted to throw in the towel. I almost did." said Nelson.

A friend poked his head into the office to say: "Is that the super relaxed manager of the Games?" Nelson answered with a grin.

### **Frostbite**

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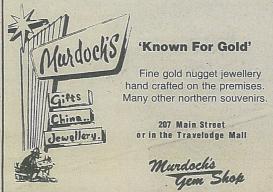
When we compare the Eskimo's positive response to winter in the Arc tic with the despairing attitude in metropolitan and rural areas of the Temperate Zone toward winter. perhaps we need to examine rather critically the reaction to weather in general as it underlies our own overall mode of life. Most people, it seems, try to avoid winter by any means within their compass of existing economic and geographical circumstances. Physical and mental adjustment to cold and snow has become almost the indigenous, isolated exception.

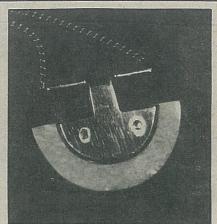
Unfortunately, just about every aspect of urban existence is negative toward the advantages of winter. Superheated home, office, and factory require clothing adaptable to the indoors, with little immediate conversion-facility to cold and snow. Clothes fashions themselves, while they need not do so, play another role in raising the odds against the city dweller's adjustment to winter's advantages. With improper and inadequate clothing, the process of getting from home to work even in moderately inclement winter weather imposes varying degrees of discomfort, if not actual hardship, on the urban majority.

Man has largely been fighting the natural elements instead of adjusting to them since first he wandered away from nature's indispensable benefits. He has endeavoured with tragic failure to substitute an increasingly artificial and consequently not a particulary happy life for his natural heritage. The city dweller, in his effort to make life viable in the zones of snow and cold. spends nearly his entire winter indoors under conditions seriously harmful to his respiratory system, which essentially means, by the complexity of advanced clinical standards, the continual lowering of his general health. He is not likely to exercise vigorously indoors, and if he does, under indoor winter conditions of extremely low humidity and unbalanced oxygenation, the exercise is of questionable benefit, if not harmful at best a tragic and needless substitute for the refreshing outdoor life available to him by a few simple rules of daily application









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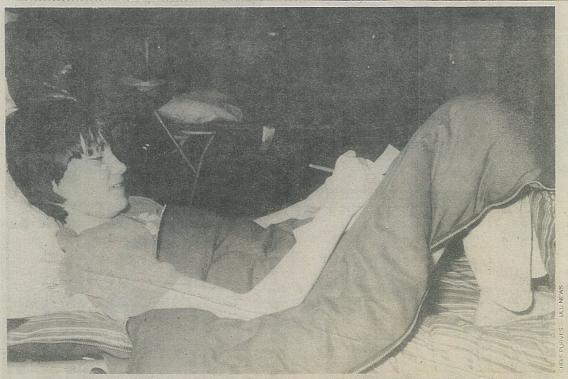
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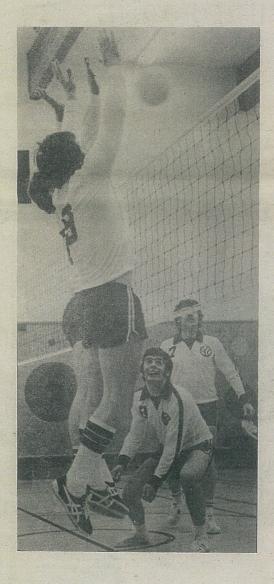
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