

# Native School opens on Campus

by Elaine Ostry

The establishment of the School of Native Studies this September is now the seventh university in Canada to offer such courses.

Way back in 1972, the Indian Association of Alberta requested the University to establish a college of Native Studies. In 1984, after much research and debate, the final report of the General Faculty Council Committee regarding Native Studies approved the idea. However, a B.A. in Native Studies, and long term funding has not yet been approved by the Department of Higher Education, and the Provincial Government.

Richard Price has been appointed director of the school for 5 years. He has the necessary experience for the task. A graduate of the University of Alberta, he worked as a consultant with Indian Bands and Associations, and was the Director of Program and Policy Consultation, Indian and Inuit Affairs in Ottawa.

The staff of the School of Native Studies is small. Aside from Price, there are only two other members: Jane Martin, Administrative Assistant; and Emily Hunter, Instructor. "We're starting off small," says Price, "but small is beautiful,

and we're expanding in a good way."

The school will be governed by a School Council with representation from the academic staff, the University faculty, the Native community and the student body. It will

have a close relationship with Native Student Services.

The School offers three courses: Introductory and Intermediate Cree language courses, and a survey course in Native Studies ("Issues and Insights"). The latter will deal

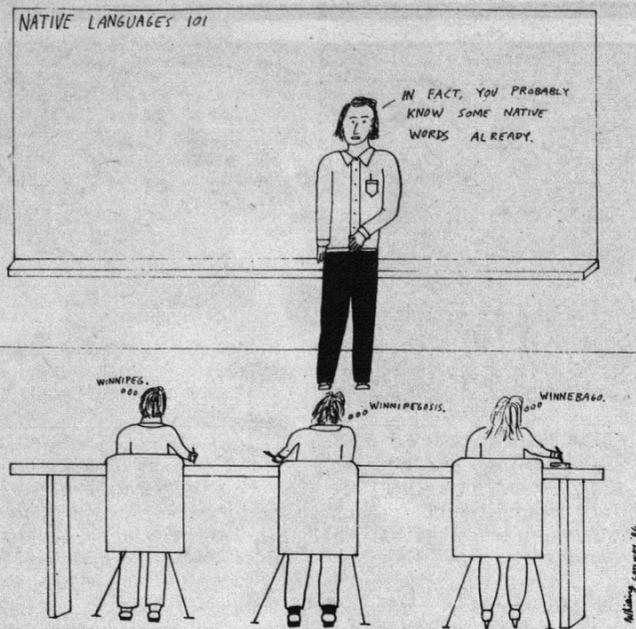
with the history, current issues and aspirations of Native Canadians, focussing on the Indians and Metis of the Plains.

There are currently 41 students enrolled. Most of them are Native students. Price hopes that many of these students will return to their native communities and work there to develop native education and training.

Price believes that Native Studies is also important to non-native students. Reasons for taking Native Studies courses include general interest, and a greater chance of obtaining positions with Native organizations and government positions in Native affairs. Price sug-

gests that a minor in Native Studies would supplement degrees in Political Science and Anthropology. The courses are also open to non-university students.

The future of the School is uncertain, but Price is optimistic. He hopes that, in time, the approval for a B.A. in Native studies will be granted, and long term funding approved. He wishes to expand the program, including the addition of a 400 level language course. He notes the solid support of Native organizations and the student body for the School. It has been "a long time coming," says Price, "but we finally have the School launched and it's on its way."



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from the biography *Trudeau*  
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