

New Water Master happy to be here

A native of India, Deepak R. Sehgal, 26, recently took on the newly-created position of Water Master for the tribes. Sammy Colwash, a tribal member, will be the trainee and should be qualified to assume the responsibilities of water master in two years.

At age four, Sehgal moved with his family from India to the suburbs of Belfast, Northern Ireland, where he lived for about 18 years. "It was getting pretty hot down there, pretty dangerous," Sehgal said, referring to the conflict between the Catholics and the Protestants.

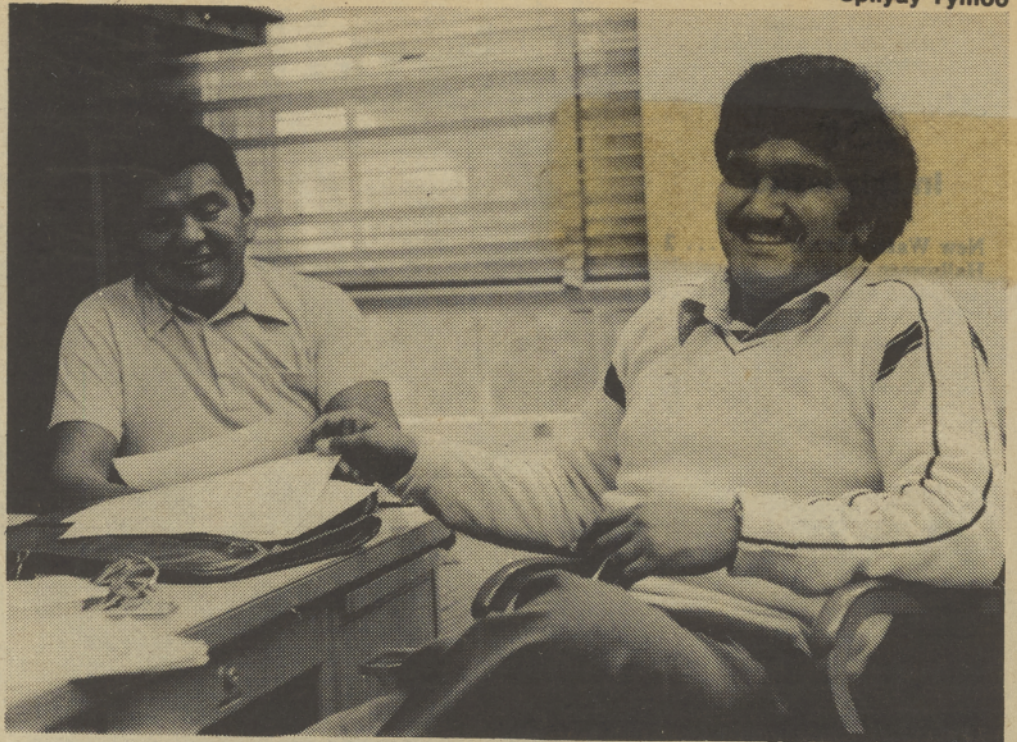
Because Belfast was "just too rough", he decided to go to the University of Manchester in England where he earned his Engineering degree in 1977.

In one instance, he recalled when his father's shop was bombed by the Irish Republic Army (IRA), with no warning. His dad had just stepped out for a couple minutes and the shop was gone. Sehgal said his father's place was blown up probably because of the law that requires the British to pay for rebuilding or repairing

property destroyed by the IRA. "I'm glad I'm here now," said Sehgal, who is also the first cousin of tribal engineer, Satish Puri, who started the position of water master.

Sehgal and Colwash have been doing mainly background work, trying to catch up on what's already been done. As Water Master, Sehgal and his assistant will be responsible for the administration of the tribes' water management plan, including developing procedures, recording individual rights to use water and rights to dispose of wastes in waterways. They will inspect water usage and waste disposal, develop and maintain data on water flow and yield for watersheds, and regularly measure diversions from streams and regulate them to conform to established allocations.

The men have already been out measuring the flow of some streams and they're slowly working to get their feet off the ground. "We have to virtually start from scratch," Sehgal said. "We're just now finding out where the tools are located. We'll get it straightened out."



HAVING FUN—As water master and trainee, Deepak R. Sehgal (foreground) and Sammy Colwash have been enjoying themselves as they settle into their new jobs. Spilyay Tymoo photo by Stwyer

No Widespot powwow this year

The annual Widespot mini-powwow, which would have been the seventh annual, has been cancelled this year, according to powwow coordinator Wilfred Jim. The powwow is normally held during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Jim said his wife Geraldine, who beads the crown and many of the items raffled off, is a relative of the late Edna David and cannot participate until

after memorial services are held.

Help was slow in coming in helping plan the powwow and raising the funds, said Jim. He said there were a few girls who expressed interest in being queen candidates and selling tickets, but all the funds couldn't be raised in such a short time.

Jim said a powwow next year is possible although he couldn't be certain.

St. Patrick's Bazaar

The ladies of St. Patrick's Altar Society in Madras are busily preparing for their St. Patrick's Bazaar which will be held in the Parish Center on Madison and J Street on Friday, November 16, 1979, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The event will feature booths of handmade articles, home-baked goods, and religious articles. A salad bar will be

open at 11:00 a.m., featuring a variety of salads, with cheese bread and coffee and tea, for \$2.50 per person. Door prizes will be drawn throughout the day. A handmade quilt and two afghans will be given to the persons whose names are drawn from a special box.

Everyone is invited to come and join in the festivities.

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thanked the tribes for lending their assistance. "We appreciate the time and interest being expressed in the study," they told the Council.

Other school news

Wright reported to the Tribal Council that school attendance has improved. "There have been 100 fewer days of absenteeism than we had last year at this point," he said. But he advised that a critical point is nearing for students who do not have good attendance.

Wright said he has already conducted two hearings to consider expulsions and that

four more have been scheduled. As far as the attendance policy is concerned Wright said, "I think we'll be going through a painful period this next month with a lot of expulsion hearings." However, he said that the main thing is that more students are now attending more classes.

Also, with a hint of pride, Wright announced the start-up of **News of District 509-J**, a district newsletter developed to further communication between the district and the patrons.

He passed out copies of the first edition to the Council, noting that the newsletter will

be sent out quarterly. Stressing the importance of communication, the Superintendent's Message on the front flap says that **News of District 509-J** will "provide news that needs emphasis, or that requires special timing, or that was overlooked by other sources."

Inside are short articles on a parent group, the drug and alcohol abuse program, new teachers in the district, field trips by telephone, Junior High open gym nights, and the results of an evaluation of 509-J. On the back flap is school board news and a reminder that Parent Conference Day is on November 9.

Nina officers elected at annual workshop

The Northwest Indian News Association (N.I.N.A) held its regular annual meeting in Portland, Oregon on October 24-25. There were 21 Indian newspapers representing reservations from throughout the northwest. There were 15 representing the state of Washington, four from Idaho, one from Montana and one from the great state of Oregon (**Spilyay Tymoo**)

The first thing on the agenda was the introduction of the board of directors which includes one representative from each of the four states. They are, from Washington, Donna Mathieson of the **Tacoma Indian News**; Mark Trahant, Ft Hall, Idaho; Jeanie McDonald from the Blackfeet

Reservation; and Sid Miller of the **Spilyay Tymoo**, Warm Springs, Oregon. The three at-large members are Gordon Pullier of the **Indian Voice** from Sumner, Washington, Ray Young of the **Yakima Media Service**, and Wes Edmo from the **Sho-Ban News**, of Ft. Hall, Idaho.

The board of directors elected the officers to serve for the fiscal year which ends each October. The president is Sid Miller from **Spilyay Tymoo**; Vice President Wes Edmo, **Sho-Ban News**, Ft. Hall Idaho; and the secretary is Donna Mathieson of the **Tacoma Indian News**.


The first afternoon of the meeting was devoted to N.I.N.A. business, finances,

new memberships and to the future as a viable news association. The banquet speaker was Gene Brendler, Public Affairs Director for KPTV channel 12. During the concluding day there were workshops that covered television presented by Joan Briggs, Public Affairs Director for KGW-TV channel 8. Other workshops included, "How to Edit A One-Horse News Paper, a radio, broadcast and a Work Processing workshop to close out the annual meeting."

The site for next year's meeting will be selected at the first board of directors meeting which will be held in late January of 1980. Also at that meeting the finance committee will make their report to the board.

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Police Report

Two assaults reported

Eddie Spino Jr. is still hospitalized with injuries he received when he was assaulted by another tribal member. The incident took place at the Merle Kalama residence on October 27.

Spino received a concussion and a broken arm and police say the alleged instrument used to hit Spino was a baseball bat.

The case will be filed with Federal Court System in November for prosecutive opinion. According to Police personnel, if family members

continue to intimidate other family members involved in this incident, additional Federal charges will be filed against more people.

In an October 29 incident, Michael Stewart, 22, was cut in the back with a broken beer bottle. He was treated and released at Mt. View Hospital. The case was filed with the U.S. Attorney but was referred to the tribal prosecutor for opinion.

Hit and Run in West Hills

Romaine Miller's car and Alfred Wolfe's travel trailer

were damaged when struck by a car on October 26. The suspect has been identified and the case is still pending.

Still shot at

On Halloween evening, officers Chris Still and Kip Morris responded to a call involving four juveniles fighting in West Hills. Each officer chased two suspects and while Still was running, shots were fired at him.

Several juveniles were arrested that evening, but none had guns on them. According to Police Chief Jeff Sanders, the incident is still under investigation.