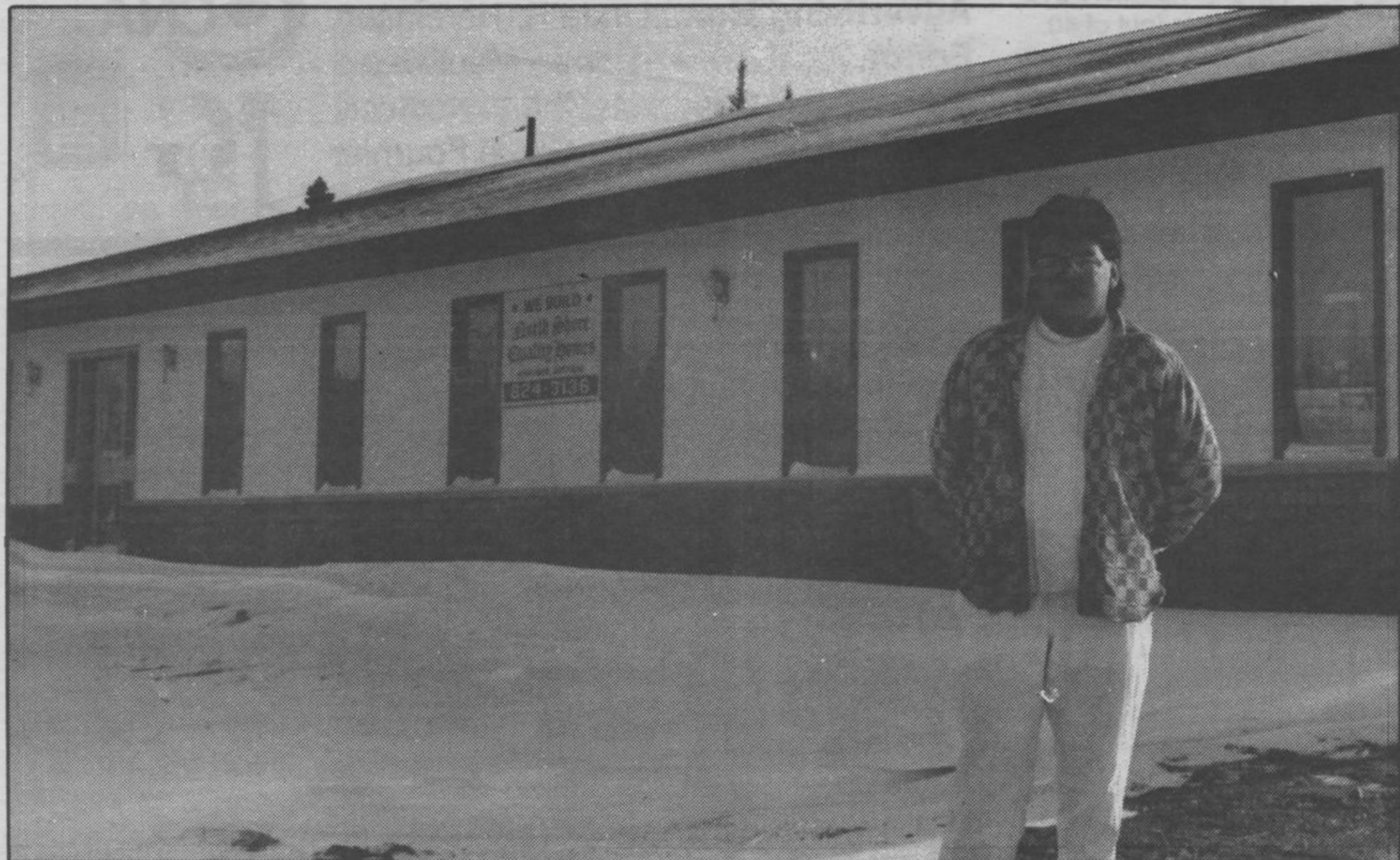


# Reluctant tenants keeping Pays Plat Business Centre closed



Byron Nawagesic outside the centre last winter

by Darren MacDonald  
*The News*

Reluctant tenants are holding up the opening of the Pays Plat Business Centre, which was originally scheduled for early this spring.

"We're having trouble finding tenants to rent the spaces," says reserve spokesperson John Bouchard.

"It was supposed to open this spring, but we have no tenants to go in there right now."

The centre, which boasts 6,000 square feet of commercial space, is eventually intended to house a restaurant, a 24-hour gas station/convenience store, a laundromat, a craft store, and an arcade.

The building itself was com-

pleted early this year, and right now some additional landscaping is being completed outside the building. Funding for the centre came from a non-repayable loan from the federal government, a Business Development Loan secured by the Pays Plat Band, and from the

band itself.

Several calls to Pays Plat Chief Aime Bouchard and Pays Plat Economic Development Officer Anita Binguis from *The Terrace Bay-Schreiber News* were unreturned. But Byron Nawagesic, who's idea it was to start the

centre in the first place, and who arranged the centre's funding, says that the people who planned to open businesses backed out when the time came to actually open up.

"What's holding it up is the people themselves," says Nawagesic. "Pays Plat is quite content in saying that it's a big change in a lot of their lives—especially for the people who want to open up a business. And some of them weren't prepared."

Rather than go outside of the reserve to find tenants, Nawagesic says the band decided to wait for people in Pays Plat to open the business-

es themselves.

"The idea of the business centre was to have the people in Pays Plat get the necessary training to start businesses," he says.

"Rather than go outside (the reserve to find tenants), they decided to give it a couple of months and still have everyone in there who originally intended to go in there. And I guess right now, they're waiting for somebody to make a move and go in, and then everybody else will open up."

Once the centre is open, it is expected to bring about \$50,000 of revenue a year to the reserve.

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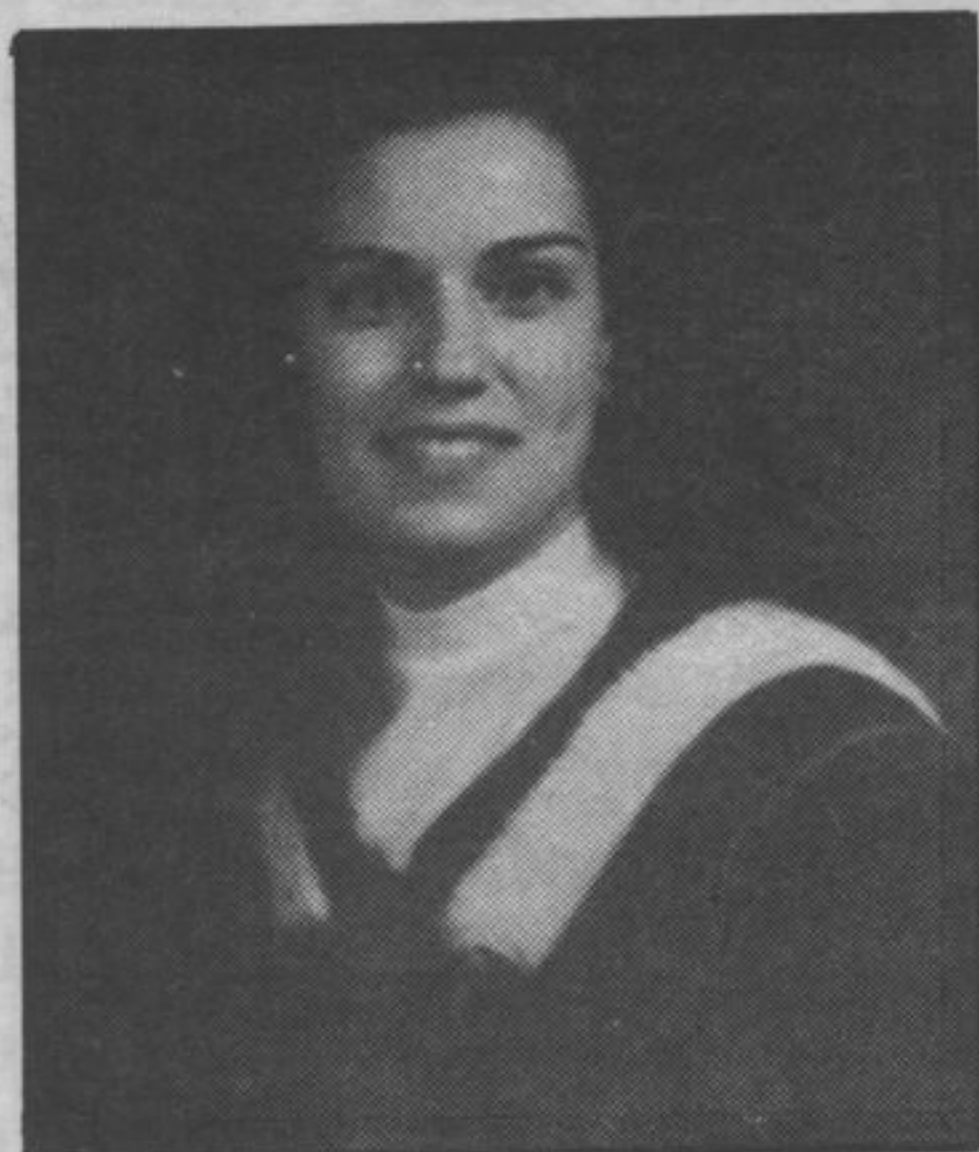
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Bill and Prisca Houston are pleased to announce the graduation of their daughter, Sheilah (Houston) Kostecky from the University of Manitoba.

Sheilah has obtained the degree of Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy. The ceremony took place May 27th in Winnipeg.

Sheilah will be working at Ronkainen's Pharmacy for the next year.



## NOTE OF THANKS

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