

## THE HARPOONS

We don't need to tell you who the Harpoons are. Probably everyone in C.V.C. has either heard or danced to their music. We asked this talented group for a story of their "rise to fame". We didn't quite get what we expected but the results were so funny that we felt sure you would enjoy reading them.



From L to R  
John, Jose, Michael, William



Eric & William



See him go!  
Drummer Jose

Name: William Tagoona  
Born: Baker Lake, N.W.T.  
Age: 14 years  
Weight: 115 pounds  
Height: 5 feet, 3 inches  
Eyes and Hair: Both brown  
Instrument: Plays guitar and drums, but usually sings.  
Likes: Pictures of himself, blonde girls with blue eyes, candies, movies.  
Hates: Too much makeup, school, girls that fool around too much, girls who pinch and kick him, young nurses, spinach.  
Ambition: Become famous, get married.  
Favourite Artists: Rolling Stones, Young Rascals, himself.

Name: Michael Kusugak  
Settlement: Rankin Inlet, N.W.T.  
Age: 18 years.  
Height: Taller than John, but shorter than Eric.  
Motto: If you fail, try again.  
Instrument: Lead guitar, rhythm guitar, vocal.  
Likes: Money, beautiful girls, good guitars, cameras, radios, well fitting clothes.  
Hates: Homework, hostels, Shakesperian plays and studying history.  
Ambition: To get rich and live happily ever after.  
Favourite Artists: Rolling Stones, Peter, Paul and Mary.

Name: Eric Tagoona  
Settlement: Eskimo Point, N.W.T.  
Age: 16 years.  
Height: Tallest of them all.  
Instrument: Lead guitar, bass, drums.  
Likes: Money, good rock 'n roll records, beautiful girls, "mod" clothes.  
Hates: Rules, studying for exams, opera.  
Favourite Artists: Beatles, Rolling Stones, Bob Dylan.

Name: Jose Kusugak.  
Age: 16 years young.  
Settlement: Rankin Inlet, N.W.T.  
Instrument: Drums.  
Likes: Long hair, playing in the band.  
Dislikes: Hair cuts.  
Ambition: To be a grandfather.  
Favourite Artists: Beatles, Rolling Stones, Paul Revere and the Riders.

Name: John Tapatai  
Settlement: Baker Lake, N.W.T.  
Age: 18 years.  
Height: Taller than Jose and William, but shorter than Mike by about 7/16".  
Instrument: Bass guitar and rhythm guitar.  
Likes: Money, girls, T.V., hockey.  
Favourite Artists: Rolling Stones, Young Rascals.

Michael, the leader of the Harpoons, gave us some further information regarding the history of the group.

I had been thinking of the "Harpoons" even before I came to Churchill. "Harpoons", comes from my old nickname "Harpoon" which was given to me by my friends at Akaitcha Hall in Yellowknife. That is where I first played in a band with the "Arctic Ramblers".

John, Billy Joamie and I started the "Harpoons" sometime in January, 1966. We had only one amplifier and two guitars at the time. Billy played an army cadet drum. The Student Council of which I was President at the time, kindly bought a set of drums, when they saw a possibility of enlivening their Friday night dances. My brother started drumming then and caught on fast but the "Harpoons" weren't really "worth a nickel" until Eric borrowed a bass guitar and joined us. We never stuck to one instrument though. I played lead, bass, and rhythm; Eric bass and lead; John bass and rhythm. Also, Jose sometime played lead while Eric pounded the drums. We practiced and played a few tunes, some instrumental and some with William and I singing into a tape recorder microphone.

Around Springtime, we had played for some of our Friday night dances and once at Akudlik, but never hired out. We also "sweated out" a couple of nights at CHGH T.V. Station. In our first appearance, Billy was still with us, but somehow before the next appearance, Jose had replaced him and has been with us since.

We broke up for summer holidays and re-grouped when we returned to school. We are luckier this year as we have been hired a few times, have better equipment and are now more experienced. What will become of the "Harpoons" at the end of this year, I don't know.

Michael Kusugak.

