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**Descriptive Summary****Title:** Tara Browner Collection,**Date (inclusive):** March 18-19, 1989.**Collection number:** 2004.10**Creator:** Browner, Tara**Extent:** 1 box: 7 audio cassettes and 20 PMCDs (listening copies available in the Archive)**Repository:** University of California, Los Angeles. Library. Ethnomusicology Archive  
Los Angeles, California 90095-1490

**Abstract:** From Browner's book, *Heartbeat of the People*: "The year 1989 marked the final time the Ann Arbor Pow-wow was held in the Hill Street Coliseum." The Ann Arbor Pow-wow: A Brief Case Study In 1989, while conducting fieldwork for a project that ultimately did not result in a filed master's thesis, I assembled a musical ethnography of the Ann Arbor, Michigan, pow-wow, at the time the largest event of its kind in the state. Since then I have danced at Ann Arbor every year, been a member of the pow-wow committee, and worked in various roles, from security and finances (counting money as it came in) to registering dancers. My project in 1989 enabled me to gather historical information on the roots of the pow-wow, and my participation in years following has allowed me to see the event grow and change. Reflecting these experiences, the information that follows is meant to provide an overview of how one small, community-based gathering has grown into a major event. Although it would be helpful to declare this particular pow-wow as representative of most events, that statement would be deceptive because pow-wows are so varied. Nevertheless, I know the Dance at Ann Arbor better than any other (except, perhaps, the UCLA Pow-wow, which is predominantly Southern) and can discuss it in the most detail. The Ann Arbor Pow-wow, part of both the larger complex of Northern pow-wow events and traditions, is representative of a typical Anishnaabeg-dominated event. Within these two larger frameworks, it is also the product of a unique set of circumstances, including (within the Detroit area) the influence of non-Anishnaabeg Indian cultures and the pressures placed upon a community-based event by a large university that intends to portray itself as supporting the Native American community. In more than a quarter-century of existence the pow-wow has changed from a small, traditional affair into a competitive extravaganza complete with concerts, affiliated "dry dances," and raffles.

**Preferred Citation**

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**Scope and Content**

7 Tapes

Box 1, Item **Tape 1: 17th Annual Ann Arbor Powwow - University of Michigan March 18, 1989**

2004.10\_amc01

**Physical Description:** AMC 01 : analog audio cassette**Scope and Content Note**

Side 1: 1. [unknown] / 2. Rocky Boy Singers from Rocky Boy, Montana - American Indian Flag Song / 3. Ben Bear Skin, Sr. - Invocation / 4. University of Michigan Native American Student Assoc. presents James Duderstaadt, Pres. of U. of Michigan - Welcoming Address / 5. Acknowledgement of pow-wow organizers and veterans; drum order / 6. All Nation Singers - Intertribal dance / 7. Rocky Boy Singers from Chippewa Cree Reserve in Rocky Boy, Montana - Intertribal dance / 8. Smoky Town Singers from Menominee Nation, Wisconsin - Intertribal dance / 9. talk about war dance costumes by announcer / 10. White Eye Singers from Canada - Intertribal dance / 11. Wasta Day Singers - Intertribal dance / Side 2: 1. Bear Clan Singers - [unknown song] / 2. Eagle Feather Singers - Intertribal dance / 3. announcements / 4. Kiwana Bay Singers - Intertribal dance / 5. announcements / 6. All Nation Singers - Contest song / 7. Rocky Boy Singers - Contest song / 8. announcements / 9. Smoky Town Singers - Contest song / 10. White Eye Singers - Contest song / 11. Wasna Day Singers - Contest song

**Note**

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Box 1, Item **Tape 2: 17th Annual Ann Arbor Powwow - University of Michigan March 18, 1989**

2004.10\_amc02

**Physical Description:** AMC 02 : analog audio cassette

**Scope and Content Note**

Side 1: 1. Wastna Day Singers - end of Contest song / 2. announcements / 3. Bear Clan Singers - Contest song / 4. Eagle Feather Singers - Contest song / 5. Kiwana Bay Singers - Contest song / 6. announcements / 7. Two Hawk Singers - Contest song / 8. announcements / 9. Two Hawk Singers - Intertribal dance / 10. Red Eagle Singers - Intertribal dance / 11. Young Nations Singers - Intertribal dance / 12. announcements / 13. All Nations Singers - Honor Song for head female dancer Shannon Martin / Side 2: 1. All Nations Singers - end of Honor Song / 2. Blue Lake Singers - Intertribal dance / 3. Sweet Grass Singers - Intertribal dance / 4. Joann Shenadoah - greetings / announcements / 5. Three Fire Society Singers - Intertribal dance / 6. unknown song / announcements - start of 2nd session / 7. Wisconsin Del Singers - American Indian Flag Song / Kenneth Funmaker Sr. - invocation / 8. announcements / 9. All Nations Singers - Intertribal dance / 10. Rocky Boy Singers - Intertribal dance

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Box 1, Item **Tape 3: 17th Annual Ann Arbor Powwow - University of Michigan March 18, 1989**

2004.10\_amc03

**Physical Description:** AMC 03 : analog audio cassette

**Scope and Content Note**

Side 1: 1. announcements / 2. Young Nations Singers - Contest song / 3. Wisconsin Del Singers - Contest song / 4. announcements / 5. Blue Lake Singers - Contest song / 6. announcements / 7. Sweet Grass Singers - Contest song / 8. announcements / 9. Three Fire Society Singers - Intertribal dance / 10. Smokey Town Singers - Intertribal dance / 11. announcements / 12. All Nations Singers - Contest song / 13. Rocky Boy Singers - Contest song /

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Box 1, Item **Tape 4: 17th Annual Ann Arbor Powwow - University of Michigan March 18, 1989**

2004.10\_amc04

**Physical Description:** AMC 04 : analog audio cassette

**Scope and Content Note**

Side 1: 1. Young Nations Singers - Contest song / 2. announcements / 3. Wisconsin Del Singers - Contest song / 4. Blue Lake Singers - Contest song / 5. Rocky Boy Singers - Contest song / 6. [unknown] / 7. announcements / gift presentation / 8. Rocky Boy Singers - Honor Song for Vietnam Veterans / 9. announcements / 10. Sweet Grass Singers - Contest song / 11. All Nations Singers - Contest song / 12. announcements / retire the colors / All Nations Singers - final song of 2nd session / Side 2: 1. warm-up song / 2. warm-up song / 3. warm-up song / 4. warm-up song / 5. warm-up song / 6. warm-up song / 7. warm-up song / announcements and introductions / 8. warm-up song / 9. warm-up song / 10. Bear Clan Singers - American Indian Flag Song

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Box 1, Item **Tape 5: 17th Annual Ann Arbor Powwow - University of Michigan March 19, 1989**

2004.10\_amc05

**Physical Description:** AMC 05 : analog audio cassette

**Scope and Content Note**

Side 1: 1. Invocation / announcements / 2. Bear Clan Singers - retrieval of eagle feather / 3. Introductions / 4. Kiwana Bay Singers - Intertribal dance / 5. Young Nations Singers - Intertribal dance / 6. announcements / 7. Rocky Boy Singers - Contest song / 8. announcements / 9. Three Fire Society Singers - Contest song / Side 2: 1. announcements / 2. Smokey Town Singers - Contest song / 3. announcements / 4. White Eye Singers - Contest song / 5. Wasna Day Singers - Contest song / 6. announcements / 7. Bear Clan Singers - Contest song / 8. announcements / 9. Wisconsin Del Singers - Intertribal dance / 10. Blue Lake Singers - Intertribal dance / 11. Sweet Grass Singers - Intertribal dance / 12. All Nations Singers - Intertribal dance / 13. announcements / 14. Kiwana Bay Singers - Contest song

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Box 1, Item **Tape 6: 17th Annual Ann Arbor Powwow - University of Michigan March 19, 1989**

2004.10\_amc06

**Physical Description:** AMC 06 : analog audio cassette

**Scope and Content Note**

Side 1: 1. announcements / 2. Two Hawk Singers - Contest song / 3. announcements / 4. Young Nations Singers - Contest song / 5. announcements / 6. announcements / 7. Wisconsin Del Singers - Contest song / 8. announcements / 9. Rocky Boy Singers - Intertribal dance / 10. Three Fire Society Singers - Intertribal dance / 11. announcements / 12. Smokey Town Singers - Intertribal dance / 13. Rocky Boy Singers - Intertribal dance / 14. announcements / 15. Rocky Boy Singers - Hoop Dance / Side 2: 1. Blue Lake Singers - Contest song / 2. announcements / 3. Rocky Boy Singers - Contest song / 4. announcements / 5. Rocky Boy Singers - Contest song / 6. announcements / 7. Ben "Bearskin" Singer - speech / 8. Wisconsin Del Singers 9. announcements / 10. Rocky Boy Singers - Contest song / 11. announcements / 12. Bear Clan Singers - Contest song / 13. announcements / 14. Smokey Town Singers - Contest song

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Box 1, Item **Tape 7: 17th Annual Ann Arbor Powwow - University of Michigan March 19, 1989**

2004.10\_amc07

**Physical Description:** AMC 07 : analog audio cassette

**Scope and Content Note**

Side 1: 1. announcements / 2. Smokey Town Singers - Contest song / 3. announcements / 4. Wisconsin Del Singers - Contest song / 5. announcements / 6. Smokey Town Singers - Contest song / 7. announcements / 8. Rocky Boy Singers - Contest song / 9. White Eye Singers - Intertribal dance / 10. Wasna Day Singers - Intertribal dance / 11. announcements / 12. Bear Clan Singers - dance dedicated to newborns / 13. announcements and introductions / Side 2: 1. announcements / 2. All Nations Singers - song dedicated to those celebrating their birthdays / 3. announcements / 4. Bear Clan Singers - Intertribal dance / 5. announcements / 6. announcements / acknowledgements / presentation of gifts / 7. announcements / acknowledgements / presentation of gifts / 8. gifts / acknowledgements

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