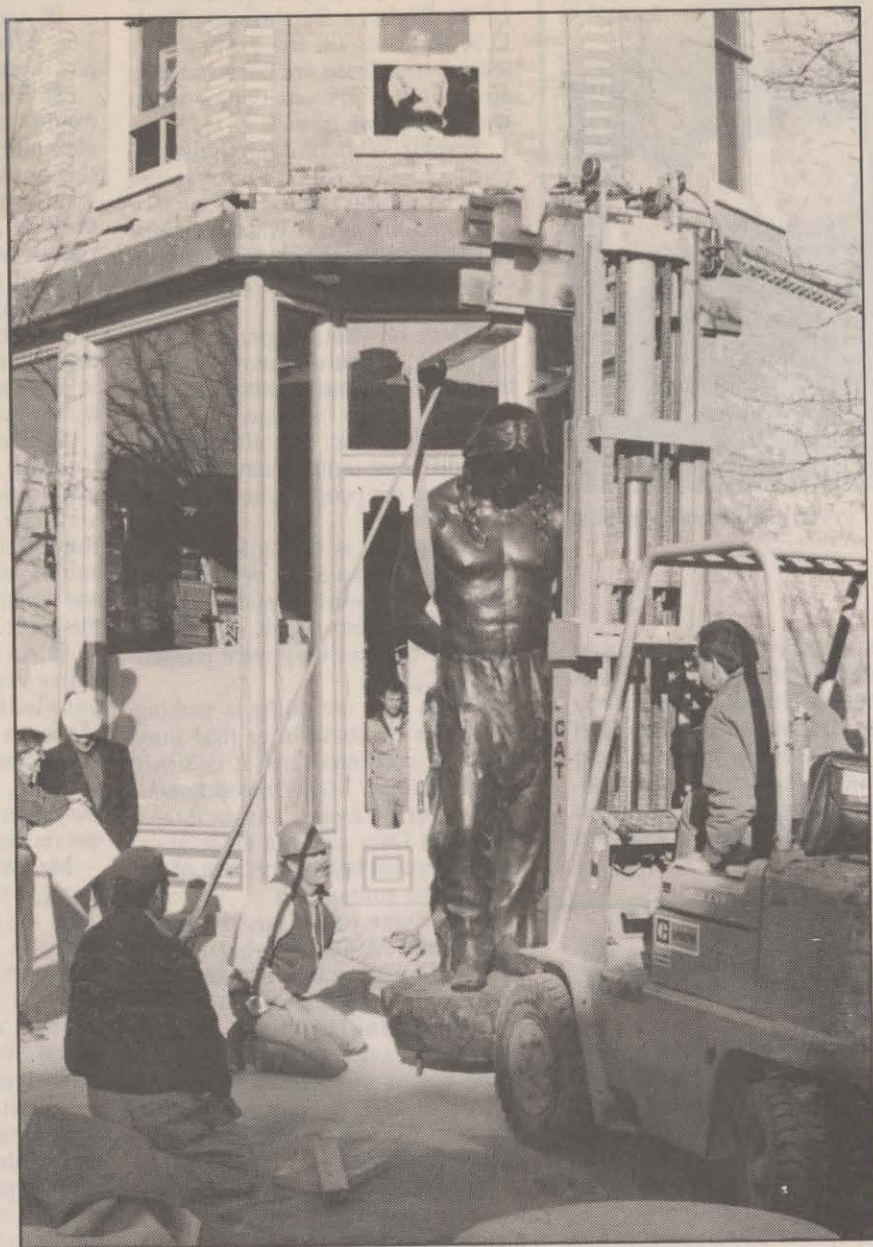


# He Is, They Are



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## Prairie Edge dedicates statue to Lakota Nation

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RAPID CITY — Workers placed a bronze sculpture of a bound Indian man onto its permanent setting at Sixth and Main in front of the expanded Prairie Edge here last Friday morning.

Taking advantage of balmy temperatures, they installed the artwork in anticipation of the Saturday opening of the Prairie Edge expansion. Prairie Edge, a 25,000-square-foot retail store, features Native American themes throughout a two-story gallery.

The sculpture was created by Glenna Goodacre of Santa Fe, N.M. Ms. Goodacre also sculpted the newly commemorated Vietnam Women's Memorial Statue in Washington, D.C.

The 9-foot, 9-inch statue is called

"He Is They Are," and has been dedicated by Prairie Edge to the Lakota Nation.

A plaque will be attached to the sculpture and will read, in both Lakota and English: "The Sioux and the Plains Indians were moved from their homelands and placed on reservations. Though their 'hands are tied,' the dream of their homeland remains."

A publicity release contains this description of the piece: "The Native American appears from the front to be in a thoughtful, serious meditation. When the viewer goes around to the back side of the sculpture, there's the startling revelation that his hands are bound. The statue leaves the viewer wondering — something to consider and contemplate."

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