

# 13th Reg. Prospects ... Hensley Resigns AFN, Inc. Presidency ...

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porations, from the Aleut and Northwest regions, have representatives in Washington State.

"More of us would have belonged to the regional corporations if we were informed of how they were functioning. If we realized that these corporations were obligated to keep us informed and were accepting this responsibility, we would have enrolled more knowledgeably," she stated.

Many of her members, especially younger members and Native students, have expressed a desire to return to Alaska and contribute to regional development. "Many young people here are gearing their education to jobs that will be in demand in the villages, especially in the areas of education, business management, and law.

"They hope there will be job opportunities available so that they could go home. There are many of us who want to come home," Mrs. Craig added.

The decision of many non-resident Natives to reject the thirteenth corporation concept, she noted, is based on inadequacies in the land claims legis-

lation.

When asked her organization was pleased with those portions of the act which deal with non-resident Natives, Mrs. Craig remarked, "No. Otherwise, the thirteenth organization concept would not be as inadequate as it is. Fortunately, the way it turned out, some of us are just glad that there is a provision that will allow us to be affiliated with our home regions. And those of us who feel this way are a majority."

Questioned about dissension in the ranks of AFN Washington, which at times may make it difficult to distinguish a clear majority on meaty issues, Mrs. Craig admitted to having difficulty at times in leading the organization due to frequent infighting. This primarily is attributed to diverse tribal affiliations and a membership originating from a variety of areas of Alaska.

AFN Washington is not as poorly situated as the controversial Alaska Federation of Natives International. The organization is currently being sued by Frederick Paul, a Seattle attorney who was a founding member, of AFNI and who represented the Arctic Slope Native Association prior to his dismissal by that group.

Paul, who performed legal services for AFNI during the creation of Esk-Ind-Al, the alleged thirteenth corporation, is suing for payment. Reportedly, AFNI did not have sufficient funds to pay Paul after borrowing heavily from the Seattle First National Bank.

AFNI's incorporators for Esk-Ind-Al are also being challenged by a large group of non-resident Natives on the grounds that eligible non-residents were not informed of any impending election of incorporators and that these incorporators were hand-picked by a small group of AFNI officers.

AFN Washington has selected a second group of incorporators, by vote of a vastly larger group of non-resident Natives, to form the thirteenth corporation in the event it is formed.

One of the reasons Mrs. Craig elected to enroll in Alaska, and decided against participation in the thirteenth corporation, she said, is that it would be extremely difficult for such an organization, whose only asset would be cash, to remain in honest hands and allow open participation of stockholders in the corporation.

federation was now relatively solvent and "the prospects are good for the statewide organization to maintain its viability and to serve the regional corporations in implementing the land claims settlement act.

"During our reorganization a year ago, the federation was floundering and near bankruptcy. I took the presidency with a personal commitment of one year because I firmly believe that a statewide organization is absolutely necessary," he said.

## DEMERT ...

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the most votes at the council's meeting Oct. 24-25 at Billings, Mont., Upicksoun said.

The new appointment would put Demmert "way beyond the BIA; the entire Indian Nation was waiting to see who would be appointed," Upicksoun said.

"He will address that position to make certain that in the Indian world we have quality education, so that (Native) students would not be denied admission to any university; so they would be proud of who they are," Upicksoun said. "A happy child can learn fast."

Upicksoun said he felt the council subcommittee had made a choice based strictly on the qualifications of candidates as educators.

"They were not pressed by political groups. They addressed themselves to the qualifications of the individual himself and I am proud of the subcommittee for that," he said. "We couldn't all be on that committee, but you couldn't help but admire the work that they did," he said.

Also among those considered for the nomination was Maybelle Keating McGee, an elementary schoolteacher in Atlanta, Ga., of Irish-Athabaskan ancestry.

Born and raised at Holikachuk, she graduated from Eklutna Vocational High School (now Mt. Edgecumbe) in 1946 and received a masters in education from Emory University in Atlanta in 1969.

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The AFN president is selected by and responsible to the board members, who represent the regional corporations. The board is expected to name a new president sometime before the first of December.

Under Hensley's leadership, the AFN had several notable accomplishments over the past year, including a successful lobby for an amendment to the Interior appropriations bill which allows regional corporations to assist the federation in paying off the indebtedness incurred during the land claims battle.

Through Hensley's efforts, the AFN obtained a General Accounting Office decision on interest for Native funds in the U.S. Treasury worth at the minimum \$7.5 million to regional and village corporations.

The AFN board also spearheaded efforts to secure acceptable rules and regulations from the Department on land selection.

As president of AFN, Hensley spent much time in Washington, D.C. lobbying to secure substance and damage indemnification provisions and the Buckley amendment to the pipeline right-of-way legislation which will protect Native interests both individual and corporate.

As passed by the free conference committee, the compromise on the amendment will bring in \$5 million every six months.

starting July 1, 1975.

Hensley's rise to the presidency of AFN came during a stormy session in which incumbent Donald R. Wright was ousted amidst reports of mounting financial troubles for AFN. The State Senator from Kotzebue has been active in the federation since its inception and was actively involved in the land claims settlement effort since its beginning also.

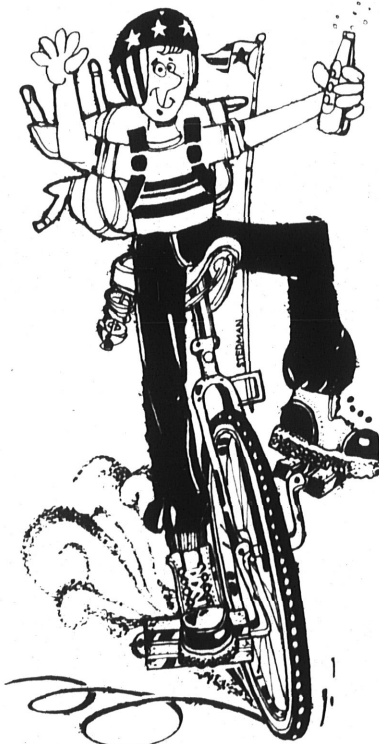
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