

# For Your Information

## First Americans week

A 30-minute documentary of the "1st Americans Emphasis Week '81" is now being distributed to t.v. stations throughout Alaska. It is expected that most of the state stations will air the program in late February.

The 1st Americans Emphasis Week is an annual event that culminates in a two-day celebration of Native American culture. It is held in Juneau during the same week as the Gold Medal Tournament — usually the second or third week of March.

Last year, on March 12 & 13, groups from throughout Southeast Alaska came together to dance and compete. Most of the participants were

young student dancers from various J.O.M. programs.

The documentary features one dance performed by each of the nine Native dance groups, a performance by special guest band Machu Piccu, singing songs from the Andean region of South America, and a presentation of a traditional Tlingit wedding. A number of Native elders and artisans were interviewed and their comments provide much of the narrative substance of the program.

The documentary was produced by Peter Metcalfe, directed by James Mahan, and video taped by Janet Lumiansky, all of Juneau.