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## Gov.'s Off., Legis. Fault RCA

JUNEAU - Both the office of Communications Commission last

the Governor and the Alaska Friday that seriously criticized Legislature presented positions proposals by RCA Alaska before the Federal Communications, Inc., for



STUDENT ORGANIZATION — Native students at the University of Alaska organized a new organization. (Left to right) its new president is Nancy Gray Okpik; Mark John, vice president; Olga Mike and Loretta Scott, co-secretaries. The new organization still has to be

## **New Native Student Organization**

Fifty-two students, about 25 Olga Mike of St. Mary's and per cent of the Native students Loretta Scott of Nome, enrolled at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks took part in the Pilot Station, treasurer. enrolled at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks took part in the election of officers of the new Native student organization last

Elected were Nancy Gray of Barrow, president; Mark John of Tooksook Bay, vice-president;

After the election results were announced, the group discussed their objections to the proposed transportation corridor plan for the State of Alaska prepared by

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### For Food Insurance— **NANA Reindeer Herd**

#### By MARGIE BAUMAN

KOTZEBUE — Plans for a food insurance policy in the form of a herd of reindeer have received the final go-ahead from the last of four Eskimo corporations needed in the venture.

in the venture.

Stockholders of the Kikiktugruk Inupiat Corp. at Kotzebue voted Feb. 11 to participate in formation of NANA Reindeer Enterprises, with the Kivalina Sinuakmeut Corporation, Kivalina; Noatak Napaaktukmeut Corporation, Neatak and NANA Regional Noatak; and NANA Regional Corporation, Inc.

A grazing permit has been requested from the Bureau of Land Management, which has jurisdiction over certain lands needed for the herd of 800 reindeer, which are to be brought north from Nome before fawning

Plans for such a corporation were first discussed at a meeting of the four corporations and others in Kotzebue on Jan. 21. All but the Kikiktugruk Corporation board had agreed quickly to the idea, but the Kotzebue board asked for time to take the matter before the stockholders.

Reindeer involved are part of a

Reindeer involved are part of a

model herd which has been nurtured near Nome for the past decade by the Bureau of Indian

#### Lehman Brothers **Gets Bond Bid**

Mayor Eben Hopson announced that the North Slope Borough Assembly on advice of its financial consultant Robert J. Dupere awarded a \$2,000,000.00 (two million dollar) bond bid to Lehman Brothers Incorporated of New York City who bid an interest rate of 5.347059%.

There were nine other bidders for the bonds with the highest bid containing a rate of 5.9462%.

In addition, the assembly awarded a \$5,000,000.00 (five awarded a \$5,000,000.00 (five million dollars) note issue to Seattle First National Bank at 4.65%. There were six other bidders with the highest bid containing a rate of 6.05%.

The North Slope Borough has adopted a long-range Capital Improvement Program which is now being financed by long and short-term notes and bonds. The

providing satellit communications within Alaska

The governor's office said it cannot end orse RCA Alascom's plans to meet both telephone and television needs of the state, and the Legislature asked that any permits granted by the FCC require RCA to meet certain minimum standards.

RCA Alascom has been awaiting action by FCC on its applications for permits to construct a satellite that would be used in Alaskan communications and yet allow RCA Clobal Communications, Alascom's parent company, to provide satellite channels to its

private leasing customers.

Almost all of those customers are outside Alaska. The FCC application also includes requests for permission to build the necessary ground stations.

After several delays, the FCC ordered that its case file would be closed on February 15, and that the case would be decided from that file soon afterward. Both the (Continued on Page 6)

Selawik Hires Ballot

City Manager—

Joe Ballot as city manager.

## **Federal Venture Would Not Allow Local or** State Control, Et Cetera

**By LAEL MORGAN** 

Writer for Alaska Magazine
Results of hearings on federal off-shore oil leasing, held February 3 and 4 in Anchorage, have caused considerable unrest in coastal Native communities. According to current law, there would be no local or state control on where exploration and drilling were carried out and no revenues gained locally from leasing.

Yakutat, a Tlingit village which rakutat, a lingit village which still depend s heavily on hunting and fishing, stands to be hardest hit as the only handy deep water port on the Alaska Gulf with a jet air strip.

According to environmental statements, the population of Yakutat would normally reach 400 by 1985 but with off-shore oil activity it could hit 4,600.

"Development at the scale forecast will amount to cultural genocide," warned Byron Mallott, Yakutat native and former

Commissioner of Community and Regional Affairs, who spoke on behalf of Yakutat's Mayor Larry Powell.
"The traditional Tlingit values

will be lost and the lifestyle of the residents of this community, so prized by whites and Natives alike, will deteriorate and the community altered to reflect just another industrial town.."

Mallott was followed by Larry

Merculieff of the Corporation who pointed out that comparation who pointed out that comparitively little is known about sea ice conditions and volatile activity of his earthquake prone country and that current information on the eco-system is merely a resource inventory.

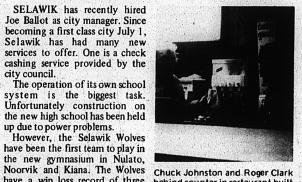
Richard Janson, executive director of the Chugach Native Association, reported little was known about earthquake faults and ther was little drilling information in his area. In addition, he testified that drilling latforms would greatly interfere platforms would greatly interfere with fishing and become hazards to navigation. Roger Lang president of the Alaska Federation of Natives, maintained that if the fed eral government is to receive the benefits of drilling it should lee foot the avenues of it shoul also foot the expense of We ought to forego revenue

"We ought to forego revenue sharing of drilling profits in favor of impact funding," he suggested.
"A village with as small population as Yakutat would get maybe \$50 on a population revenue sharing basis but impact funds could be directed."

As to the possibility of an oil

As to the possibility of an oil spill in that area, Land could only shudder at the thought.

"It would screw up the only



Chuck Johnston and Roger Clark behind counter in restaurant built and owned by Selawik high have a win loss record of three wins and four losses. Team members and coach George Harbeson are eagerly school students

which features snow machine races ending with an evening of April 12. There will be raffles, cake walk, dart throw, spook house, jail, fish pond, bingo and

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#### For Pulitzer Prize-

looking forward to their first participation in the class C

tournament in Kotzebue this

All organizations in Selawik are busy planning for the spring carnival, an annual event

## **Nominated for Award**

Notice of nomination for a Pulitzer Prize came as a complete surprise to the Tundra Times on Jan. 15. So much so that it didn't occur to us to cover it as a news

occur to us to cover it as a news story until now, a month later.

The announcement, addressed to editor Howard Rock from Columbia University, New York, N.Y., said the nomination had been made by Waldeman A. Nielsen, New York City.

"I really don't know who he is," Editor Rock admitted. "It

just came out of the blue. But

just came out of the blue. But we're quite happy about it."
According to the Pulitzer rules, the Tundra Times was required to submit an exhibit of 20 clippings from papers printed during 1974. Editor Rock, who had his hands full editing, pasting up and writing the next week's issue, delegated the task to Jimmy Bedford, head of the School of Journalism at the University of Alaska.

Bedford, who has been working

with the Tundra Times 10 years with the Tundra Times 10 years and serv es on its board of directors, undertook selection with two journalism students, Karen Perdue and Jeff Richardson, and some anonymous "Friends of the Tundra Times" on Jan. 24.

Their clips included a little bit of everything

of everything.
"We picked a Survival Story by Howard, an article by Guy Okakok, material from Grace

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