

# ***Clearing the desk***

## **Minimum Wage**

The federal minimum wage was raised from \$3.10 to \$3.35 on January 1, 1981, for workers on the low end of the salary pay scale.

The state employees minimum wages was also increased from \$3.60 to \$3.85, an increase of 6.9 percent. The state statute, state jobs pays 50 cents an hour more than federal jobs.

The federal minimum wage increase affects some 5.6 million workers across the country and is the 4th year in a row in which the minimum wage was increased.

Minimum wage law violaters are subject under some circumstances to criminal penalties.

## **Queen Wanted**

Cook Inlet Native Association is seeking contestants for Miss C.I.N.A. 1981. A contestant must be at least  $\frac{1}{4}$  Native American, 17 to 26 years of age, and a High School graduate by 1981.

Deadline for entries will be January 23rd. For more information, call 278-4641, Extension 196, or come to

C.I.N.A. at 670 West Fireweed Lane.

## **Art Grant**

The Institute of Alaska Native Arts Inc. has received \$1,505.00 from the Atlantic Richfield Company to produce an informational brochure. The publication will be distributed statewide to acquaint Alaska Native Artists and other interested people with the Institute's roles of Native art advocacy and education.

In keeping with these roles, IANA offers programs on a statewide basis involving visual, literary and performing arts in both traditional and contemporary modes.