

# A Note of Thanks . . .

As Tundra Times Publisher Thomas Richards, Jr. announced recently, I will be assuming the duties of managing editor on a full-time basis in September. Until then, I will be responsible for producing several issues of the paper as well as continuing my work as a correspondent and reorganizing our Anchorage news-gathering operations. I hope that you, our readers, will kindly bear with us as we struggle through this transition (as the publisher announced earlier, the year-long reorganization effort he began last year will be complete before fall). It is one of many that the Tundra Times has had since its foundation 15 years ago. I can only assure you that I assumed this position with every confidence there is a light at the end of the tunnel of financial and organizational woes that have plagued the paper for the past several years.

For their assistance with this particular issue, although their names do not appear in the space reserved for credits, I would like to thank Esther DeWitt, who has bravely undertaken the task of learning how to work our composer; Stoney Compton, who is teaching me all the things I have forgotten or never knew about the technical side of laying out and pasting up a newspaper; and Virginia Sweetsir, who has kindly agreed to be on stand-by in case of emergencies.

—J.R.R.