

TT announces staff changes

The Tundra Times announced this week changes in key personnel in the Fairbanks and Anchorage offices. Former Acting Editor Sue Gamache, who operated the newspaper for many uncertain months following the death of the late Howard Rock, will return to the Tundra Times in early April as managing editor. Editor Thomas Richards, Jr. announced further that composition and layout artist Bonnie Mayo has resigned her position effective April 8 in order to pursue career educational interests. Advertising director Irene Rowan has taken a leave of absence for health reasons, and will return to

management of her own public affairs company Kish Tu, Inc. following recuperation.

"I am really delighted that Sue Gamache will again be able to join the Tundra Times staff. Her assistance in the editorial offices in Fairbanks will allow me to continue to devote time toward planning and implementing the Tundra Times expansion efforts as well as allow me to take a closer look at our business operations," Richards said.

"Sue is an excellent journalist and will lend a great deal to the quality of our news coverage and format. We are very pleased about having her back," he added.

Tundra Times advertising director Irene Rowan submitted her resignation to the newspaper this week in order to devote more time to the business activities of her own public affairs company, it was announced by editor and publisher Thomas Richards, Jr.

"Although we have accepted Ms. Rowan's resignation with regret, we are hopeful that the Tundra Times and Ms. Rowan can continue to work together in conducting mutually productive projects in the public affairs field," Richards said.

Ms. Rowan, owner and manager of the public affairs company Kish Tu, Inc., recently completed performance of a major contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs to publicize the reopening of enrollment for Alaska Natives eligible to participate in benefits from the Native claims act of 1971. Under that contract, Kish Tu conducted a major national publicity program to reach Alaska Natives who had missed filing for benefits during the first enrollment.

"Irene has contributed a great deal of assistance to the newspaper through her efforts to familiarize potential advertisers, advertising agencies, and others of the services the Tundra Times may provide them," Richards added.

Ms. Rowan will continue to manage the advertising program until a new advertising manager is selected.