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Jackson attends NCAI meeting

ASHES provides advice, information and assistance

Graduation is just around the corner for many Alaskan high school students. Twelve years of schooling, what has become a way of life for many, is about to be completed. In the halls and rooms of every high school in Alaska, seniors are releasing unmistakable sighs of relief, and a deserved sense of accomplishment is felt by all.

However, at the same time, slowly at first, another feeling also begins to peek around the corner of the conscious mind — a constantly emerging uncertainty about the future, accompanied by the question, "What am I going to do now?" As the days pass, the uncertainty grows, the question appears more and more frequently, and alternative answers begin to appear, such as "I'll go get a job, if I can find one," or "Maybe I'll go to college" or "I think I'll check out a vocational training program," ... and so it goes.

The Talent Search Program of the Alaska Student Higher Education Services (ASHES) at AFN, Inc. understands this dilemma and is doing all it can to provide advice, information and assistance to each of these students. The services are not restricted to recent graduates though — former graduates, students, high school drop-outs, college students and drop-outs can all benefit from what Talent Search has to offer. The ASHES counselors, all specifically trained college students have at their disposal:

Time, patience and understanding — to sit and talk with anyone about possible areas of study or training.

Information — on all Alaskan (and many "Outside") educational institutions, both colleges and vocational training centers.

Technical knowledge — on how to fill out all application forms for each institution and appropriate financial aid forms.

If you find yourself confused on what direction to take, if

you haven't answered the question, "What am I going to do now?" or if you need information on colleges, vocational schools, GED programs, boarding schools, financial aids, etc., please contact the Talent Search office. Just write to:

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Or call 274-3611, ext. 320. Meanwhile, best of luck in all the important decisions you are about to make. And congratulations!

IN MEMORIAM HOWARD ROCK

The Alaska Native community has lost one of its truly great sons today. Howard was the driving force behind much of the achievements made by the Native community. He had the vision, the strength and the love to say the things that needed saying, to do the things that had to be done, and to love all men equally. We will remember him for what he was — a good man whose passing leaves all of us the poorer, but in whose memory we will work to achieve his dream.

Assistance provided

The Alaskan Economic Development Office during the first three months of the year provided assistance to 75 minority individuals and businesses in the state. Applications for \$295,000 of BIA business development grants were submitted along with over \$1 million dollars of loan requests from lending agencies. Most of the loan requests are tied to the BIA grant program and, although a number of the loans have been tentatively approved, none will be finalized until BIA grants are approved, which may be by the end of June.

AEDO's construction specialist, Todd Baldwin, was instrumental in obtaining construction contracts from state, federal and private sources which

totaled over \$930,000 during the month of March. A good share of these went to a newly-formed joint venture which Todd had helped put together. As the construction season begins to get under way, we expect more contracts will be let to minority businesses in the state.

The OMBE office in San Francisco is expected to soon approve AEDO's request for an extension of the grant to Sept. 30 and permission to assist minority businesses in all areas of the state. OMBE has until now only given specific approval for AEDO to assist businesses in Unalaska, Copper Center and Cantwell, and staff members have made visits to those towns in the past two months.

Bush justice implementation committee meets at Nome

The Bush Justice Implementation Committee will meet at Nome on April 26, 27 and 28. The five-person committee has representatives from all parts of Alaska. The committee members are Timothy Towarak, Unalakleet; Gordon Jackson, Kake; William Tegoseak, Barrow; Philip Guy, Kwethluk; and Richard Carroll, Ft. Yukon.

The committee's staff visited in Nome and Kotzebue areas last December including a four-day visit to the village of Golovin. The staff made a return trip to Nome, Golovin and Unalakleet in early March. From

these two trips, the staff has compiled a report on the justice problems in the Nome/Kotzebue region. The Bush Justice Committee will give this report a final review in Nome and if approved, will release it to the state agencies concerned at that time. The committee is making arrangements for the Nome meeting through Kawerak, Inc. The committee plans to have at least one public meeting and will have a flexible schedule to permit individual discussion with members of the public and Nome justice delivery agencies.

Executive committee reviews status report and plans 1976 convention

Gordon Jackson, executive vice president, Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. recently returned from a National Executive Committee meeting and a brief vacation. Jackson indicated, "My tan has been renewed and batteries are recharged for another grueling year."

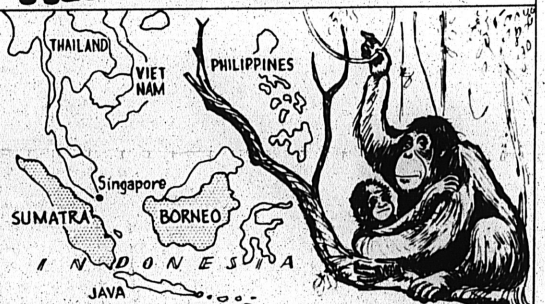
The NCAI Executive Committee met in Vernal, Utah on March 24-26, 1976. Jackson is the Alaska area vice president and reported that, "basically what we did was hear a status report of the organization and planned the 1976 convention. The convention is scheduled for Oct. 17-22, 1976 in Salt Lake City, Utah. We also established Senate Bill 2010 which repeals P.L. 280 and the Indian Health Care Improvement Act as priority items for the staff to concentrate on. Our next meeting is scheduled for late June to coincide with a

fund-raising banquet for the NCAI in Washington, D.C. The exact date is June 25, 1976 which is also the 100th anniversary of Custer's Last Stand.

Following the meeting in Utah, Jackson and his wife flew to the Hawaiian Islands for a short vacation. After almost a year of seven-day weeks and a hectic schedule, Jackson indicated he felt out of place and a little guilty about "just laying around."

"However," Jackson stated, "one does need a break at least once a year to retain your sanity and reassess the situation."

Hard to Believe...



THE ORANGUTAN MAY BE THE MOST NEAR-HUMAN MEMBER OF THE ANIMAL KINGDOM. ONCE NUMBERING OVER 1/2 MILLION, NOW THIS LEGENDARY "WILD MAN OF BORNEO" IS THREATENED WITH EXTINCTION. PERHAPS NO MORE THAN 5,000 EXIST TODAY, THEIR HOME BEING THE RAIN FORESTS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA.

THESE FASCINATING ANIMALS LIVE IN TREES AND ARE NOT AT HOME ON THE GROUND. MAKING A TREE SWAY TO REACH THE NEXT ONE IS STANDARD PROCEDURE FOR THESE PRIMATES. THEY HAVE EXTRAORDINARILY LONG ARMS — A 4 1/2 FOOT TALL MALE WILL HAVE AN ARMSPREAD OF 7 1/2 FEET!



TO HELP SAVE THE SPECIES, REHABILITATION CENTERS HAVE BEEN SET UP IN SUMATRA FOR TAMED ORANGS WHO CAN'T SURVIVE IN THE WILD. THE YOUNG APES UNDERGO "SURVIVAL" TRAINING, INCLUDING HOW TO CLIMB AND LIVE IN TREES, FIND FOOD, ETC., BEFORE BEING RETURNED TO THE WILD.

CAN THE ORANGUTAN SURVIVE? THIS QUESTION WILL BE CLOSELY EXAMINED ON A TELEVISION SPECIAL, "ORANGUTANS: ORPHANS OF THE WILD," TO BE Aired NATIONWIDE ON APRIL 28.



The Stars and Stripes that flew over Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, rippled above the United Nations Charter meeting at San Francisco and over the Big Three conference at Potsdam, according to the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. This same flag was flying over the White House on August 14, 1945, when the Japanese accepted surrender terms.



Several North American Indian tribes use holly leaf tea for measles.