

State ignores village concerns

To the Editor:

Here is a drawing I did about how many of the people of the Nushagak River villages feel about the Department of Natural Resources, (DNR).

In spite of strong opposition from the villages of the Nushagak River, DNR granted Dennis Harms a 30 year lease for a sport-fishing lodge and camp on the Mulchatna River. The people felt that if one guide was allowed in, many more would follow. The people use that land for important subsistence hunting and fishing

year round. DNR said that the fee from the lease would benefit the state.

Not long after a meeting in the village with DNR, one of the village men made a comment that no matter what the village people said, we would be ignored. He was very frustrated because of the fact that no matter how much we argue against something like this lease which affects our livelihood, the almighty dollar comes first to the likes of DNR.

Upon reflection, I was reminded of a cartoon I once saw on tv,

"Bambi Meets Godzilla." The cartoon opens with Bambi sedately munching on flowers, minding his own business, when out of nowhere comes this gigantic foot crashing down, smashing Bambi beneath it. The cartoon closes with the scaley foot standing on a flattened Bambi whose legs are all that is left showing.

This in a sense is how DNR treated the people, squashing them flat without really caring what they felt.

Vicki Dull
board member
Stuyak Ltd.

He fears government by the rich

An Open letter to:
Honorable Ben Grussendorf
Speaker of the House
Alaska State Legislature
Dear Ben:

I am scheduled to be out of town during the "teleconference" on H.B. 48, which is to be held on January 26, 1985 at 2 PM. The Bill proposes a roll back in legislative pay to which I am vigorously opposed.

My reasons for opposing the bill is that if it should pass it might create a "rich men only legislature."

I work as a construction laborer, and the present legislative pay as compared to my annual income is not too excessive. I am sure that some legislators sacrifice their abilities to receive their normal income.

Taking into account the high costs due to inflation and the

necessity of maintaining a second household plus other abnormal expenses, please put me on record as being "vigorously opposed" to H.B. 48.

I don't have any aspirations to seek a legislative office, but I would hate to see the day when only those with a comfortable income would serve in the legislature.

Sincerely,
Mark Jacobs, Jr.

Memory of Howard incomplete

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter with a hope that someone still remembers what I had forgotten about Howard Rock.

It just happened by chance that I met 'young' Howard Rock one June day while he was on MS Boxer. Whether he was just going home from Eklutna School or going to Eklutna for the first year of school (one of you knows).

There was also a young Native girl with him at that time, perhaps they were both students attending Eklutna.

The month was June for sure but the year is forgotten. It should be around 1930 - either shortly before or shortly after that.

The Boxer had a load of 4x4 lumber for reindeer corral to be unloaded at Boxer Bay that time, and I was at Gambell when I met

Howard.

Any of the readers of TUNDRA TIMES recall what Howard was doing on the Boxer - and what year it was? Any information can be sent to the address listed below:

Thank you.

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Rape a serious problem for all

To You Who Work With
Native Clients

As the Education Specialist at S.T.A.R., I have been working with special populations, including Alaska Natives. We do not believe the rate of sexual assault against Natives has decreased significantly, and therefore feel the need to reintroduce ourselves and remind you of our services. I would like to ask your help in reaching more Native individuals and groups.

At S.T.A.R. we offer educational presentations which begin with the excellent film, "No Word For Rape." This film is especially appropriate for Alaska Native audiences and contains interviews with Native victims and advocates. The title of the film is based on the fact that there is frequently "no word for rape" in regional languages.

Other topics covered in presentations are: 1) myths and facts about sexual assault 2) what to do if you are assaulted 3) how to res-

pond to a family member or friend who has been assaulted 4) alternatives for prevention.

As an agency that works with Native clients, we invite and encourage you to schedule a presentation by S.T.A.R. We appreciate you helping us provide more information to people regarding sexual assault prevention. Please feel free to contact me at the S.T.A.R. offices, 276-7279.

Sincerely,
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