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Scholarship policy unfair

To the editor:

Many parents and educators are unaware that under current tax laws college students must pay income taxes on the portion of their scholarships which covers room and board.

Since this money is earmarked in advance, students do not have the option of setting it aside to send to the Internal Revenue Service.

This tax law affects students at state colleges more than it affects those who attend expensive private schools. A scholarship which covers all expenses at the University of Alaska Fairbanks will cover only a part of the costs at Harvard.

The Harvard student, therefore, owes no tax on a scholarship which would cost a UAF student several hun-

dred tax dollars.

If you agree that this is unfair, please write to Sens. Ted Stevens and Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska, and Rep. Don Young, R-Alaska, at the following addresses:

U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Urge them to introduce legislation which would return scholarships to their non-taxable status to relieve college students of this unjust tax. The more mail they receive, the more likely they are to act.

Donna W. Murphy
Tununak

There is no 'profit' in gambling

To the editor:

No, I do not support gambling. What do you mean, "profit"? Do you think we're all dense and can't see through the lines?

You're also legalizing crime, children will be without, drugs and alcohol will increase.

This is a poor way to make a profit in Alaska. I could think of healthier,

better ways.

Please don't do this to our people and state. We have a lot of weak people, whom only the rich will take advantage of.

Stick by us. Don't go against us. Or else please go to your original state and start gambling there. See how far you get.

Bonnie Vlasoff
Anchorage

Thanks for help after drownings

Editor's note: On April 29 Thor Tittle, 24, Tommy Whitaker, 19, and John Dunn, 24, drowned in Lake Sammamish, Wash. After a month-long search, the bodies were finally discovered.

To the editor:

The family of Thor Imen Tittle and Thomas C. Whitaker Jr. express our

gratitude for the understanding, concern and donations received in support of the month-long search for our family members.

A special thank you is extended to the Tanana Chiefs Conference, not only for their financial assistance to shareholders of a different Native cor-

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poration, Bristol Bay Native Corp., but also for directly involving themselves with the state of Washington's Department of Public Safety.

Also, thank you, Rep. Terry Martin, R-Anchorage, and Col. Robert Jente of the Alaska State Troopers for your generosity and communication with the state of Washington.

Altogether, these communications from Alaska were a powerful influence on the Washington State officials.

Tragic events often reveal our strengths and weaknesses. We found as Alaska Natives much strength from the Tanana Chiefs. Regrettably, we found weakness in our own corporation, BBNC.

On May 21, we presented a letter to BBNC requesting a donation to the Missing Boys Benevolent Fund, a fund handed by the Seattle SeaFirst Bank for the Maritime Venture Divers insurance. The MVD were diving at their own expense, requesting funds only to pay their insurance premiums.

The following is a quote from the answer we received from our corporation, BBNC, during our sad search.

"... hopefully, in the not too distant future, we'll be able to create a foundation that would have funds set aside to provide financial support for non-business purposes."

Great shame we felt as members of BBNC, an emptiness as though we were cast out from our own people. We feel great empathy to our brother and sister shareholders who have or

will experience this helpless despair.

BBNC shareholders, is the sole purpose of our corporation profit or BBNC shareholders? We well realize the daily failure of corporations. Perhaps this disregard of human tragedy undermines the corporate cohesion and leads the corporations to dissolution.

It is we, BBNC shareholders, who can, in our voice and vote, evolve this pitiful, cold, business institution to reflect our warm, loving, supportive and strong Native heritage.

We, as a family, will assist any of our BBNC families who experience the loss of relatives in the future.

Hilda Curtis
Representing the Tittle and Whitaker
families
Fairbanks