

Kivotoruk Moses Art Fair set for Nome in March

The Fourth Annual Kivotoruk Moses Arts and Crafts Fair will be held from March 15 through 31 in Nome. The fair is sponsored by the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum and people from throughout the Bering Straits region are invited.

First, second and third place ribbons along with a \$100 first place prize in each category will be awarded for skin sewing, wood and stone work, ivory and bone work, fiber arts (basketry, knitting, quilting, macrame, weaving), ceramics, painting and drawings, beading, mixed media (a combination of materials not listed) and kits.

A \$250 Best of Show award will be given to the outstanding

work of art selected by the judges.

For more information and entry forms, call Roy Johnson at the museum, 200 Front Street, Nome. His telephone number is 443-2566.

ANCHORAGE

After extensive renovation, the Tundra Club, the Public Health Service Employees' Association cafeteria for the Alaska Area Native Health Service, has reopened. The restaurant is located across the street from the Alaska Native Medical Center on Third and Gambell and is open to all employees, patients and visitors from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Many improvements have been made, including new ceil-

ings, air conditioning, wiring and painting. The new manager is Harley Livingston who has had many years of experience in food service and has been associated with the Ramada Inns and more recently with the Marriott Corporation.

SEATTLE

Alaskan Eskimo sculptor Melvon Olanna is exhibiting his works at the Sacred Circle Gallery of American Indian Art in Seattle this month.

Olanna, who recently exhibited in Anchorage, works in such traditional materials as ivory and whalebone, and alabaster which is new to Eskimo sculpting.

He has sculpted from Colorado Alabaster a basking seal pup called "Greenpeace Delight," and an owl called "Striking Snow Owl," which shows an owl about to strike its prey.

He will next present a show of his works at the Field Museum in Chicago and the Museum of Modern Art in Denmark.

FAIRBANKS

Space will be made available for Native artists to sell their arts and crafts at this year's Tanana Chiefs Conference Convention — set for March 16-18 at the Traveler's Inn, Fairbanks.

TCC will provide the space and table at no charge. The artists are responsible for manning the table.

For more information, contact Linda Boles, at TCC, 201 First Ave., Fairbanks, 99701, 452-8251. Space is limited, so reserve your table as soon as possible.

COLVILLE

The Associated Press

ANCHORAGE — A student whose academic career started with correspondence courses in the tiny North Slope village of Colville Village has won a Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford University in England.

Mark Helmericks of Fairbanks, a geology major at Harvard University, won the award over the weekend.

Rhodes Scholars receive full tuition and support for two years of study at Oxford. The coveted scholarships were established in the will of Cecil Rhodes, British colonial pioneer, philanthropist and diamond magnate. There are 32 Rhodes scholarships awarded annually in the United States.

"You're always a bit nervous about these things," Helmericks said after the award. "You think that maybe you'll wake up and it will be gone."

Helmericks finished grades 1 through 8 by correspondence courses in Colville Village, where his father, Bud Helmericks, worked as a fisherman and bush pilot.

The younger Helmericks then attended school in Fairbanks before starting at Harvard.

MOUNT EDGECUMBE

Nine former standouts of the Mount Edgecumbe Bravette basketball teams will join the Mount Edgecumbe Hall of Fame for their basketball abilities, announced school officials recently.

The women to be honored are Agnes Delphan, from Seaward, for her play in 1948; Alberta Thomas, Dillingham for 1948 team play; Cecilia Cavanaugh, Kake, for 1949 team play; Lillian Lane, Point Hope, for 1975 team play; Lena Pete, Akiak, 1977; Elaine Aloysius, Kalskag, 1977; Bonnie Aloysius, Kalskag, 1979; Bev Kashevarof, from St. George, for 1980 play; and Anna George, from Akia-chak, for 1981 team play.

The womens' names have been displayed in a prominent place in the Mount Edgecumbe Fieldhouse along with the 20 men who previously had been named by a committee of followers of the school's athletic program.

Recognition also will be made at a school assembly this week as part of the 35th Founder's Day Program.

Many of the Edgecumbe alumni will be in Sitka for an all-alumni reunion during the special festivities.



Lillian Lane

NOME

Northwest Community College in Nome has named its main administration building in honor of the late Arthur Nagozruk, Sr., a Nome resident who died in 1978.

Born in 1890 in Wales, Nagozruk began his own schooling at a newly completed facility in his Native village. He was known by his teachers to be an enthusiastic student and by the age of 14 he had finished all the courses available to him in Wales. But he liked school so much that he stayed on at the village school to assist his uncle, Thomas Illayok, who was the assistant teacher there.

In 1907, Nagozruk entered the Alaska Native Services (Bureau of Indian Affairs) with an appointment as the junior member of the three-person staff in Wales. In 1911, he took charge of the new school in Shishmaref before returning to Wales as principal/teacher

where he remained until 1922.

Following a lengthy period collecting scientific specimens for the Colorado Museum, Nagozruk returned to his first love, teaching. He organized the new school at King Island, moved to Nunivak Island and then on to Mekoryuk where he opened a new school.

In Napakiak, Noatak, and Point Hope, Arthur Nagozruk brought the light of learning. Wherever he taught, he improved the standard of living for Eskimo adults and young people through education and good health practices. Voluntarily assuming responsibilities beyond just his teaching duties, he assisted villages in organizing for better local government and helped village workers to improve their resources and their local economy. He also set a high standard in construction, maintenance and repair of government buildings, which brought about similar improvements in Native homes.

After more than 35 years of teaching, Nagozruk retired to Nome in 1954 where he continued to lead an Eskimo language class in Bible studies at Nome Community Methodist Church.

In April of this year the Alaska State Legislature honored Arthur Nagozruk with a special message commemorating his life and contributions to Alaskan education.

"Arthur Nagozruk's pioneering career in education serves as a role model for other Native educators to follow," says Mike Metty, president of Northwest Community College in Nome. "We have named our main administration building in his honor, to keep his memory alive."

A carved memorial plaque was designed and built by Ron Senungetuk, director of the Native Arts Center at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks and head of the Department of Art there. The memorial plaque suggests a frontal view of a skin boat. The artist wanted to represent Nagozruk as a skin boat owner, or "umealik."

"In Inupiaq culture, an umealik was a leader as well as a prominent individual," explains Senungetuk. "Among other things that Mr. Nagozruk did in his life, he was also an umealik."

In 1955, Nagozruk received a Citation for Meritorious Service from the Department of the Interior of the U.S. Government.

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