

Where the money goes

Some misunderstanding has arisen in the past three months regarding contributions to the Tundra Times/Alaska Federation of Natives annual banquet.

In the past, proceeds from the banquet and an auc-
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tion held to raise money for the Tundra Times had gone to the newspaper. In fact, that banquet and auction was one major fund-raiser to help the Tundra Times continue publishing.

That is no longer the case and confusion about this money has caused some raised questions in the community.

The Tundra Times received none of almost \$70,000 from the fund-raising auction held at the 1981 Tundra Times banquet. The money contributed during that auction would ordinarily be given to the Howard Rock Scholarship fund to help Alaska Native students, but this year the directors of that fund decided to donate that money to a drive to keep the subsistence law as an Alaska law.

The banquet itself earned a profit of approximately \$2,000 which was divided between the AFN and the Tundra Times. The \$1,000 earned by the Tundra Times was spent to pay part of the expense to fly reporters to Barrow, Juneau, Sitka, and Kotzebue to cover important events in those communities.

The Tundra Times receives no contributions from any of the Native Regional Corporations or the Alaska Federation of Natives.

A few of the Native Regional corporations have helped the newspaper financially by placing paid advertisements in the paper and the North Slope Borough and the Tlingit/Haida Central Council have been publishing their newsletters in the newspaper on a paid basis. Subscriptions also have been bought for shareholders by the North Slope Borough and THCC.

All expenses are paid for by subscription payments and paid advertising.

Neither will the Tundra Times receive any of the \$300,000 in publicity campaign money recently authorized by the AFN to subsidize the KIMO television Alaska Statewide News programs for the next three years.