



In a conference of elders ...

Susie Stocking, 88, Kobuk, participates in her second Elders Conference at Kotzebue. She and other old timers are contributing many legends and songs of the Eskimo people for the historic record being compiled here. —More photos by Margie Bauman on page 13

Northwest Inupiat Elders Conference



Lucy Foster of Noorvik, a former midwife, does her part discussing the anatomy of the human body and noting various healing practices, in Inupiat, for a captive audience, as NANA's Rachael Craig, left, looks on.



Talking about survival in the arctic, Alfred Stone of Noorvik takes his turn at the microphone during the Elders Conference.

Conference Purpose

The Northwest Inupiat Elders Conference, running January 10-22 at Kotzebue, is recording on videotape and with tape recorders a variety of opinions of the area's elders on subjects ranging from the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to the means of survival in the arctic. In addition to long days of taping stories, songs and legends, the elders are having some fun listening to Eskimo songs by Raconteur Chester Seveck, Eskimo dancing and demonstrating delicious Native cooking, like Eskimo ice cream.

The conference was sponsored by a grant from the Alaska Humanities Forum. Recordings from the conference will be used in the area's schools and in the new museum of NANA Regional Corp at Kotzebue.

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Donald and Lilly Oktolik of Point Hope listen closely to the anatomy discussion during the Elders Conference. This is the first time Point Hope residents have taken part in such a conference at Kotzebue.

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tire of conferences?**

**The three elders napping on the
right are Pauline Gooden,
Amelia Gray and Mable Brown
at the conference room
of the NANA
Regional Corporation.**

