

## Camp sponsors offer thanks

Dear Editor:

For myself and **Bear Child Gaalee'ya Camp, Inc.**, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the many readers of *Tundra Times* who have helped us to accomplish a major goal in the development of our camp. Your donations of time, energy, money, and advice have carried us past a milestone. We have completed our kashim.

It has taken four years to complete the building and have it ready for use. We know that it is worth the time and work we have put into it. We are very happy with the fruits of our labor. We would like to thank all the individuals who helped us, because they chose to invest in a high quality of life for future generations. What you have put into *Gaalee'ya* Camp will be returned to you and your descendants in the good done by the camp. We wish to thank Doyon Ltd., Doyon foundation, Fairbanks Native Association, Tanana Chiefs Conference, University of Alaska Fairbanks, and Ray Barnhardt for being major contributors.

Our eight-sided log building with a beautifully paneled interior is ready for use by individuals and organizations aiming to teach traditional knowledge. The support of the people has enabled us to develop our camp and build our kashim. Both camp and kashim are for the use of the people. Organizations may schedule workshops and reserve the use of the building. The only fees charged will be those needed to cover lights and fuel used by your organization.

Thanks to your investment, organizations can now meet in a traditional setting which is a part of the wild environment surrounding it. The peace and beauty of our island in the Tanana River will enhance human interaction and our efforts to educate our young people.

Two young men, Kevin and Eric, from University of Alaska Fairbanks, have donated their time and energy to the continued development of *Gaalee'ya* Camp during the past several weeks. Their experience parallels that which will be enjoyed by other young people who come to the camp. They are learning to build foundations and walls, to install a

stove properly, and to skin a moosehead in the traditional way. As they contribute their energy to help us move toward new goals, they tell us they have never eaten so well in their lives. They are enjoying salmon, moose, berries and other traditional foods. They grow more strong, healthy, and happy each day. We plan to help many future generations to do just that.

Inquiries regarding the use of the camp and kashim may be addressed to:

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Sincerely,  
Howard Luke  
Corporate President  
Traditional Teacher

## Reader likes TT efforts

Dear Editor:

My check for \$20.00 not wanting to miss an issue, one way of keeping in touch with my people.

My mother was born spring-time May 27, 1882 on Little Diomed Island she married papa and moved to Deering 1900 - Died Oct. 9, 1944 after surgery in Kotzebue. I was born Sept. 23, 1906 on Arizona Creek on the Innachuch River. My sister Emma E. Locke living here with us died June 9, 1992. From us seven girls I'm last also oldest. So it's good to keep in touch. Old family home still mine in Deering, Alaska.

Sincerely,  
Ida Mae Rose  
North Bend, WA

## Keepers of the Treasures

Dear Editor:

We'd like to thank all of the sponsors, co-ordinators, and active participants (especially the Elders) who make "KEEPERS OF THE TREASURES-ALASKA" a memorable workshop. The 3-day program held September 16-18 was filled with information working toward the goals "to promote the culture and language of the indigenous peoples of Alaska."

Thank you to Chief Peter John; Miranda Wright-Vice President of the Keepers of the Treasures-

Alaska; Kathy Mayo-Executive Director of Doyon Foundation; Will Mayo-President, Tanana Chiefs Conference; Chancellor Joan Wadlow-UAF; Jana Harcharek-President, Keepers of the Treasures-Alaska; Gloria Cramer Webster-Alert Bay, British Columbia; Barbara Svarny Carlson-Unangam Storyteller; Martha Vlasoff-Tatitlek Village language project; Dorothy Edwardson and Mabel Panigeo-North Slope Borough Elders Conference and North Slope Borough Commission on Inupiat History, Language, and Culture. Also, thank you to Eliza Jones, David Salmon, and Laura Sanford-Athabaskan Language Projects; Rachel Craig-Inupiat Iitqusiat Program; Dennis Demmert-Sealaska Heritage Foundation; Margie Macaully-Bristol Bay Native Corporation; Aldona Jonaitis-Director of UAF Museum. Thanks also to Dean Suagee-Attorney and member of the board of the National Keepers of the Treasures; Richard West-Director of National Museum of the American Indian; Ted Birkedal-Chief of Cultural Resources division-Alaska Region of the National Park Service; Michael Pratt-Executive Director of National Keepers of the Treasures; Effie Kokrine-Athabaskan Educator; Michael Jennings-UAF; Polly Wheeler-Alaska Sea Otter Commission; Shirley Moses; Rosita Worl; Bill Schneider-UAF; Gordon Pullar-Alaska Representative to the National Keepers of the Treasures Board of Directors; Patrick Anderson-attorney; Kari Bazy-Garber-attorney. Thanks Volunteers and Dancers.

With special acknowledgments for the actively participating Elders who shared so much with all of us.

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the University of Alaska Museum.

The workshop was appreciated, especially with the advent of legislation to formally take place on November 16, 1993. This was timely and informative.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Stuart Runner-Beuning  
and Marsha Anne Beuning

## Writers wanted

Dear Editor:

I am collecting writing for a book entitled GIRL POWER:

Young Women Speak Out Through Writing.

The idea for this book came to me when I was volunteering at a placement center for troubled girls in Los Angeles, teaching creative writing.

Given a safe and supportive space to express themselves, the girls wrote things that I felt were so important for others to hear. As I started collecting writing from a wide variety of young women throughout the country, my feelings were confirmed: In teenage girls, there was a powerful voice that rarely had a chance to be heard.

I believe this is especially so with Native American Girls. You

don't have to be a "writer" to send me something. What I'm looking for are stories about your own life. What it's like to be who you are, do what you do, live where you live. What are your fears? Your hopes? Your dreams? What's it like growing up a girl in today's world? Just tell me about you. Stories, essays, journal entries, poems — whatever you like. Just express yourselves.

With GIRL POWER, I am setting out to create a book to both support girls in expressing themselves, as well as readers who can be inspired by that. And, I'm looking for material from girls ages 13-19.

I hope you'll be a part of it.

You can send your submissions to me at P.O. Box 2635, Hollywood, CA, 90078.

Thanks, and write on!

Sincerely,

Hillary Carlip  
Hollywood, CA

## Urges village subsurface title

Dear Editor:

Now is the time for all villages in Doyon Limited, to push for our sub-surface rights to all village corporation lands.

We can add a "Fairness Doctrine." Since Doyon Limited owns land of its own, they can keep the sub-surface rights to Doyon lands, and give back to the villages what is rightfully theirs.

The old people taught us: when you give something away, you give it away whole. Another one we have a tough time explaining to the old people is: how can some people come along, make a booklet and give away what's not theirs to begin with?

Since the 1971 ANCSA was based on all the gold that was taken out of Alaska since they found the gold. How about all the oil that has been flowing since 1977? Can the courts justify this by giving the villages their subsurface rights back?

We are in the midst of a conflict, we are searching for a consensus and an amendment, with modified versions and sections.

We have two good people who are willing to listen: Ada Deer, new head of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior.

Thank you,  
Gordon G. Riley

## Higher education opportunity

Dear Editor:

The American Indian Graduate Program at the University of California at Berkeley is a student recruitment and retention program targeting American Indians and Alaska Natives nation-wide. Students can receive graduate degrees in the School of Public Health (MPH), the School of Social Welfare (MSW), the School of Busi-

ness (MBA), Ethics Studies, and Law to name a few. The deadline for application submission is January of each year.

Individuals interested in applying for admission at the University of California at Berkeley should have a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 and have taken the appropriate tests (GRE, MCAT, ORLSAT). Financial aid is available and should be pursued at the earliest possible time.

We are enclosing copies of brochures and a calendar-poster for your use. For further information, please feel free to call (510) 642-3228 (collect). We would be more than happy to answer questions about graduate education and to forward an application for admission packet.

Sincerely,

Felicia Hodge, Dr.P.H. Director  
American Indian  
Graduate Program  
Berkeley, CA

## NSB elects new mayor

North Slope Borough voters turned out in near record numbers on October 5 to vote for a mayor and three assembly seats, as well as three school board seats. Voter turnout was over 90% in some precincts, with a general average of well over 80% boroughwide, according to information officer Elisa Patkotak.

Unofficial results show that former Mayor George Ahmaogak defeated incumbent Jeslie Kaleak, Sr. by 905 votes (47%) to 548 votes (28%). Edward Itta came in third with 376 and Barrow Mayor Don Long received 89 votes.

In other races, Assembly Seat B incumbent Adeline Hopson lost to challenger Molly Pederson by a vote of 876 (46%) to 664 (35%). Mike Danner is still in a close race with Rex Tuzroyluk for Assembly Seat D. Mike currently has 755 (39.9%) compared to Rex's 558 (29.5%). You must have at least 40% of the vote to win the seat. There are approximately 200 question ballots yet to be counted so no decision has been made about a run-off.

In Assembly Seat F, incumbent Mike Aamodt won with 1036 (55%) of the vote. No other candidate gathered even 25% of the remaining votes.