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## *Marshall students look to future*

To the editor:

Recently, Marshall school set aside Thursday and Friday to explore the future.

Parents, students, teachers and elders talked about their past aspirations and their future dreams, and about how sometimes their plans and wishes worked out and sometimes they didn't, and that was the way life was.

As it turned out, many students had never thought very much about the future, and neither had some of the adults.

It was felt, however, that it would be better for all of us to think more about our futures, especially these days, if we didn't want to be swallowed up completely by the juggernaut

of change.

Elders thought that even if we don't think of future goals very much, the best way to prepare for the future is to take good care of our bodies and not pollute them with drugs and alcohol.

Students felt one of the best ways to keep them on the right track was for teachers, parents and elders to keep encouraging them to take responsibility for their actions.

It was a thoughtful two days, and energetic, also humorous and exciting at times. I hope some of the dreams and aspirations alluded to will become reality in the future.

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## *Lack of respect for Native cultures*

To the editor:

I had the opportunity to attend the federal subsistence public meeting that was held in Tok Nov. 20. The goal of this meeting was to document public comment or testimony on four issues relating to subsistence.

They were:

- Is the current state system of local and regional fish and game advisory committees or councils adequate to meet the requirements of federal subsistence management?

- Comment on the rural/non-rural status.

- How adequate are the existing temporary federal subsistence regulations?

- Define customary and traditional use.

These are pretty straightforward issues, which I believe are intended to eventually solve the ongoing pursuit to clearly define fish and game subsistence for Alaskans and to regulate it in a way that makes the majority of us Alaskans happy.

A task that has proved to be most expensive, time consuming and difficult, to say the least.

At the meeting, I did expect both positive and negative comments relating to this subject, as there is with any controversial issue, but I was surprised at anti-Native outbursts made by a few people.

To me, these comments reflect an alarming lack of respect or awareness for the Native people and their culture, here long before any foreign traveler, adventurer, miner, guide, trapper, etc., ever set foot in Alaska.

I was drilled about cultural awareness and respect while serving in the military. Even tourists visiting other countries are advised not to offend the people or their culture.

Why is it that the people of the United States respect cultures all over the world, yet are not aware of or care about those that originated in this country?

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