



Hess and Son Auctioneers peddle furs at Anchorage's annual Fur Rendezvous last weekend. The annual "cure for cabin fever" features the World Championship Sled Dog Race, won this year by George Attla. It was Attla's seventh Rondo victory. William Ares Photo

Native arts fest looks for turnout this year

The 5th Annual Festival of Native Arts, sponsored by the Native students of the University of Alaska, will be presented on March 15, 16 and 17. Free to the public, the festival participants will perform the arts, dances, and singing of the Aleut, Athabaskan, Inupiaq, Yupik, Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian. Daily exhibits will also be a part of the festival's program.

The purpose of the festival is to portray to non-Natives as well as Natives, the traditions, and beliefs on which their cultures were built. Some other specific goals of the festival are to increase understanding and pride in the arts of their own culture and related cultures by Native students; and to increase understanding and respect for the arts of these cultures by non-Native students.

Native students recognize their responsibility for maintaining cultural activities for self-identity and maintaining Native distinction in the growing state of Alaska. They encourage participation of the community to help support the effort. As the festival is non-profit, and performers pay their own transportation costs, students must raise money for room, board and other costs. We would like to invite you to support the Festival of Native Arts with your monetary contributions. All contributions are tax deductible. Checks should be made out to: Festival of Native Arts, Student Orientation Ser-



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