

Law school story clarified

Dear Editor:

I would like to correct a couple of inaccuracies contained in the article entitled "Law School Proposed" reported in your April 29, 1981 issue.

First, the only position I occupy with the Alaska Bar Association is as Vice-Chairman of the Legal Educational Opportunities Committee, a standing committee of the Bar Association with responsibility for administering the Bar Association scholarship program, review of the bar examination for potential racial or ethnic bias, and for the making of recommendations to the Bar Association on how to encourage minority students to pursue a legal career in Alaska. As one of the few Alaska Native attorneys in the state, I have taken a special interest in the last activity.

Second, neither myself nor Bert Campbell has met with Senator Ferguson to request funds for the establishment of a law school in Anchorage, although I do believe that the idea has considerable merit. If a solid legal education was made available in the state, perhaps the Alaska Native membership in the Alaska Bar would not be as abysmal as it now is.

Finally, I would like to give credit where credit is due with respect to securing funds for the pre-law program held at the University of Alaska-Anchorage during the summer of 1980. The idea, and the initial request for funds for the program, came from John Havelock. The concept is based on a similar program in Micronesia, which Herb Soll, former Alaska Public Defender, apparently initiated.

Dr. Edward J. Bronson, professor of political science at the California State University, Chico, taught the program with assistance from myself, James Vollintine, a local Native attorney, and Ella Anagick. The program was administered through the efforts of Lois Sanborn, who also administered the Micronesian program.

The initial request for funding of the program was addressed to former Representative Nels A. Anderson, Jr., to whom much of the credit must be given for securing the funding.

For those who are interested in a report on the program, request may be made of the Criminal Justice Center, University of Alaska-Anchorage, for a copy of the "Pre-Law Introductory Program, A Report."

Patrick M. Anderson

She advises 'don't go to war'

Dear Editor:

I read one of your letters about prisons in Alaskans that get sent to these prisons out to the lower 48. Well, that letter was written by an uncle of mine.

This letter has to deal with personality and personality really counts with the individual. After the Vietnam War, a lot of personalities of the returned veterans had

changed -- these are emotional problems that they face. Some of the Veterans returning from Vietnam have "exploding emotional bombs in them -- what they really want to do is get all the terrible things that happened to them while they were fighting the Vietnam Way out of them.

Plead to feel sorry if a Vietnam veteran ever killed a young person when an emo-

tional disturbance occurred.

What I am trying to say to a lot of young people my age -- 16 or so -- is never the country in a war. That's my decision, not yours, but do keep that in mind -- because the kind of young person comes back out of a war -- if he or she doesn't die -- they face emotional problems that show up later in life.

Name withheld by request

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