

Editor, general manager named to Tundra Times

A 31-year-old native of Wisconsin who has 13 years of experience in journalism has been named editor-in-chief of the Tundra Times newspaper, it was announced last week.

Linda Lord-Jenkins, who experience includes assistant metro editor at an Orlando

daily newspaper and a brief period of time working for the Daily Newspaper in Anchorage, was named to the position in April, according to Sylvia Carlson, a member of the board of directors of the Eskimo, Indian, Aleut Publishing Company.

Lord-Jenkins moved to Alaska in December of 1980, returning there with her husband Paul Jenkins who was raised in Anchorage.

Lord-Jenkins is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, in Oshkosh, Wis., and worked on part-time at a daily newspaper in a neighboring town while completing her schooling.

She moved to Florida after her graduation from college in 1972 and, worked as a courts reporter and bureau reporter at the Orlando Sentinel Star for three years. She was named assistant metro editor in charge of the afternoon edition of the Sentinel Star in 1976 and in 1978, after a six-month leave of absence to have a child, returned to the paper to head the papers' metropolitan bureau neighborhood editions.

Moving to Alaska in late 1980, she was named Community News Editor at the Anchorage Daily News and, as such,



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put out the Daily News's first Community News section when the paper expanded to seven-day-a-week coverage in February.

Although not a long-time resident of Alaska, Lord-Jenkins says she feels her skills as a journalist will help keep the Tundra

Times on a journalistic scale in keeping with the tradition of the late Howard Rock who founded the paper and helped lead the fight to win the Native Claims Settlement Act.

"Sitting in the office, at Howard Rock's desk and looking at the books of the man I have only heard about makes me aware of what a great contribution he made to his people and his state. I feel his presence everywhere and hope that I am able to fill his shoes," said Lord-Jenkins.

"The reason I moved to Alaska is because of the love of the land that my husband has for it. We wanted to move back here to live in a place that we can feel part of, to live in harmony with.

"The Tundra Times will continue to aggressively explore all matters of importance to the Native community and to the Bush...whether these interests be of a cultural nature or pressing social problems or the vitally important fight for Native claims and to maintain the quality of life for the Native community.

"The Tundra Times will be a combination of old time neighborhood newspapering in that the good things that happen in the Native Community ... no matter how small- will be highlighted and the things that could benefit or damage the Native way of life will be fully publicized.

"Any matter of importance to Natives and the people of the Bush will be found in the coverage of the Tundra Times."

Appointed as General Manager for the Tundra Times was Grace Pleasants, former administrative assistant for Alaska Sen. Ted Stevens.

Pleasant, 24, is a lifelong resident of Alaska and a graduate of Dimond High School in Anchorage in 1974 and attended Louvain University in Belgium and graduated from the University of Toronto with a degree in Economics in 1979.

Pleasant worked on special projects for Stevens and in the Office of Economic Development.

She also was administrative assistant to Willie Hensley, president of NANA Regional Development Corp. and worked on special projects for the corporation.

She will assume control of the newspapers advertising, circulation and production departments.