

letters

Togiak Native Olympics

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Dear Editor:

Togiak is an all Eskimo village and for the past two years students and adults have expressed interest in having Native Olympic games in our village and region.

We budgeted money this year to help establish an event at Togiak, but we need assistance from knowledgeable people in the State to help set up the games, provide us with rules, etc. We are willing to bring someone to the village to help run our first event.

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I understand you have been active in this area and thought you might be able to give us suggestions or refer us to a person who might help.

We now have a gymnasium and basketball is becoming a favorite sport. However, Eskimo Olympics could develop pride and skills in traditional activities that younger people have forgotten.

I hope you can be of some assistance.

Sincerely,
Ben Cherry,
Principal

AFN Convention coverage

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Nov. 6, 1978

Dear Editor:

Your Nov. 1, 1978 issue was

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excellent in its news coverage. Your photo on Page Four titled "Copper River Dancers" should have read "Between Two Cultures," where everyone but the male leader is dressed in traditional costumes.

Also on Page One many of the leaders are dressed in a business suit. I guess if one wants to be seen as succeeding in the "quass'ug" world, one must wear its apparel and use all (See OUR READERS, Page 7)

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its tools and ways and means to get ahead.

In the urban areas if one uses any of the traditional clothing one is usually considered from the bush even if one has been in the city for many years. At some point one must adapt.

It requires much versatility fit into both cultures. Much as speaking English and maybe French, Russian or Spanish, etc.

However successful one is in the city, I find it necessary to still associate one's self with the

rural home, its food, lifestyle, etc.

My own three-year-old son loves Eskimo food and to dance Native dances. How important it is to pass on our Native culture, even as we adapt to the new culture we live in.

Everyone has their own cultures, etc. They just dance to a different tune or sing it in a different language.

Keep the excellent Bob Koweluk photographs coming in!

Sincerely,
Agnes Pete Griffith

White House Fellows Program

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October 27, 1978

Dear Editor:

We have a unique opportunity to identify and recommend young Indian people who have the qualifications to apply for the White House Fellows Pro-

gram. It's a great opportunity for anyone from the Indian community to take advantage of.

In years passed, you will remember friends such as Bobbie Greene and Bill Kilberg, were White House Fellows who used their positions to influence policy changes that were beneficial to the Indian community.

We now have the opportunity to get some of our own people appointed as White House Fellows.

For more brochures or other significant information, please write or telephone Landis Jones

at the President's Commission on White House Fellowships, Washington, D.C. 20415; 202/653-6263. The deadline for requesting additional applications is December 1, 1978.

It would be a great experience for a young Indian person to have experience directly with a member of the President's Cabinet, the Vice President or an assistant to the President. It would help the entire community and it is something we could all be proud of.

With warmest personal regards,

LaDonna Harris
President