

Scholarship fund auction raises \$35,000

Calista Regional Corp. and Doyon Limited were by far the largest contributors to the Howard Rock Scholarship Foundation annual fundraising auction which was held in conjunction with the Annual Tundra Times Banquet Oct. 22. A total of \$34,914 was raised at the auction.

Calista purchased art pieces totalling \$5,075 at the auction and donated another \$5,000. Doyon Ltd. donated gold nuggets valued at \$6,000 to the auction and Doyon chairman Sam Demientief purchased some jewelry donated by Doyon.

Ukpeagvik Inupiat Corp., the for-profit corporation of Barrow, pledged a flat \$2,500 for the fund.

The biggest sale item was a walrus carving with ornate carved tusks bought by Olive Leavitt of Barrow for \$8,000.

Tigara, the village corporation of Point Hope, Howard Rock's home, donated two baleen baskets valued at \$950 each. The baskets were purchased for \$2,000 each, one by Sealaska Corp. and one by Alaska Transportation Commissioner Dan Casey. Gov. Bill Sheffield purchased an ivory carving by Gambell artist Harry Ugloook for \$2,200.

NANA Regional Corp. donated three items for the auction, two jade bears valued at \$120 each and used for door prizes, and a jade-topped oak table which was purchased by the Aleut Corp. for \$2,600.

Aleut Corp. purchased a total of \$5,200 worth of items; Tlingit-Haida donated two items for auction, a spruce root basket created by Ida Kadashan of Hoonah and an Eskimo parka. Neither were auctioned off.

The Institute of Native Arts donated an Eskimo ball which was sold.

Cook Inlet Region Inc., donated an art print by Shanon

Gallant which was purchased for \$1,200.

CIRI also purchased a Tlingit Spirit mask created by Norman Jackson of Kake, for \$1,600. The mask was donated by Sealaska.

A set of ivory handle knives made by the late Howard Rock was sold to Melvin Charlie of Doyon, Ltd. for \$2,000. The knives were donated by Lee McAnerney of Seward who passed them on to Willie Hensley, a Tundra Times board member three years ago to be auctioned for the scholarship foundation.

The Howard Rock auction for the past two years has been turned over to Alaskans for Sensible Fish and Game Management to spend on political causes to fight the 1982 subsistence initiative.

In the past two auctions, more than \$150,000 was raised to fund the political battle.

A list of other people who donated items to the auction and their donation follows:

Lawrence Beck, contemporary Spirit mask; Richard Beasely, two humanoid masks, Tlingit style; Bobby Konukpeok, carving of an Eskimo seal hunter of ivory; Harry Ugloook, Gambell, ivory dog team and polar bear on fossilized ivory; Roger Silook, Gambell, whalebone sculpture; Myron Wheeler, carving of two rams butting heads. Alaska Heritage Arts, ivory whale on bone stand;

Ralph Kowchee, whalebone carving of whale; Randy Black, ivory, baleen and feather mask; Britt Black, ivory eagle on bone stand; Emma Black, Eskimo doll; Wayne Penayah, Savoonga, carved ivory eagles on fossilized ivory tusk;

Allen Akeya, Savoonga, carved tusks with sea animals; Brett Black, ivory eagle carving; Moses Wassilie, painting;

Because of time constraints not all the donated items could be auctioned off and as a result several artists were not recognized for their donations. They were:

Roger Silook, Gambell, who

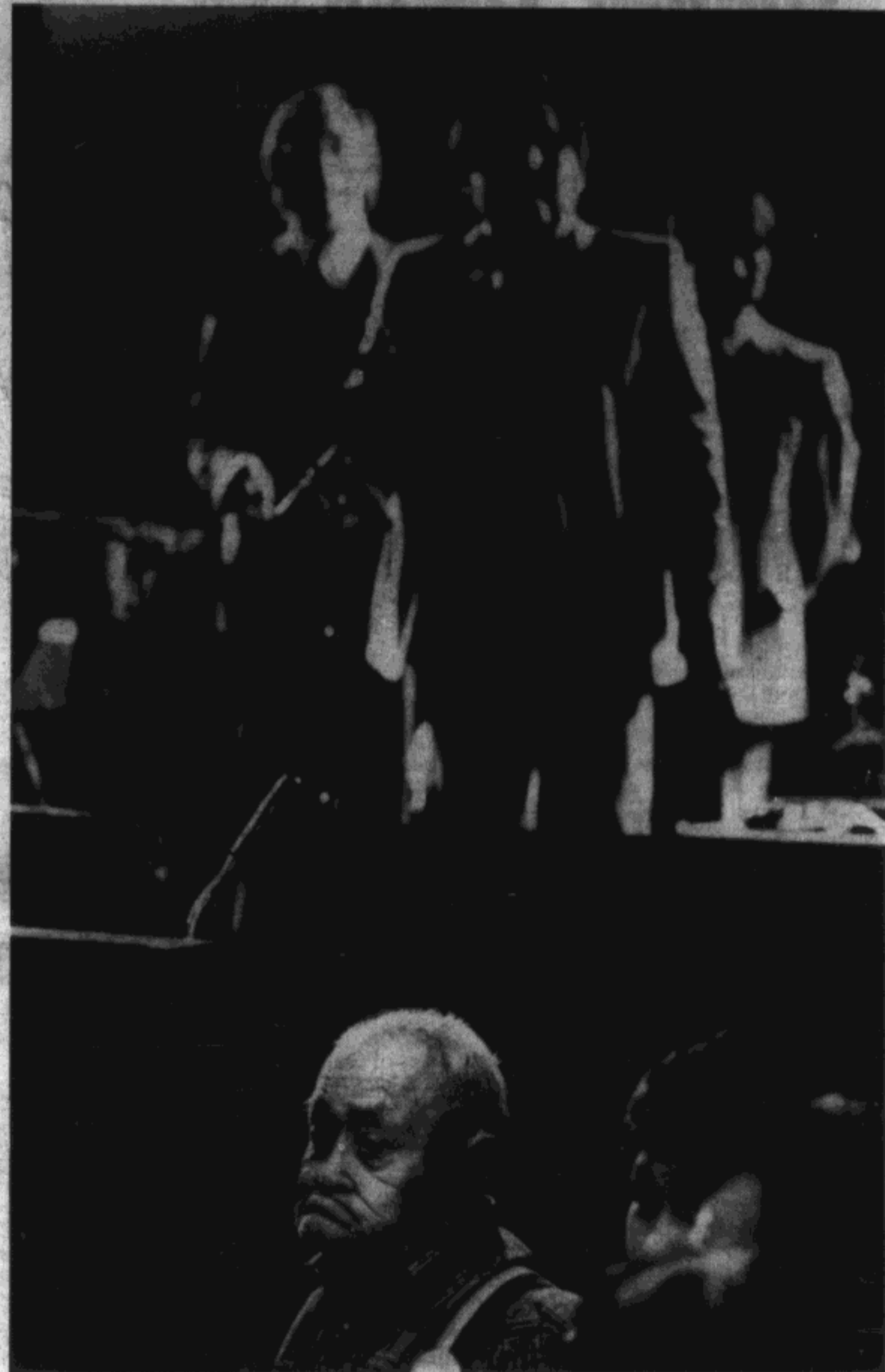


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Andrew Bavilla of the Bristol Bay Region listens at the Tundra Times/AFN banquet as the Howard Rock auction is conducted. Bavilla is 100 years old and was brought to the AFN convention by his regional corporation. In the background, auctioneer Sam Kito, center, is flanked by Willie Hensley, left and Charlie Johnson, as a set of ivory handled knives carved by Howard Rock are auctioned off. The knives were sold to Melvin Charlie.

donated a laminated walrus tusk with man's face, owls, bears and seals, and a fossilized ivory totem; Ralph Kowchee, who donated several etchings on moosehide; Kathy Carlo of Fairbanks who donated a spruce mask and a copper

mask; Z. Bill Barr, who donated a mounted walrus head and tusks with carved whales on tusks; Brett Black, an ivory cribbage board; Howard Rock Scholarship Foundation which purchased several items in 1982 for auction which were

not purchased or auctioned off.

The money raised will be used to give scholarships to Alaska Native students. More than 20 scholarships have been granted since the Foundation began active work in 1982.