

letters

Indians upset with cloud seeding

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Dr. Mr McVee;

An issue of great concern currently in the Tok-Mentasta area is the BLM Cloud Seeding practices. Apparently BLM seeding a few clouds has caused a rain storm in the area. Local residents have noticed that wildlife has dispersed and there is a blue film in the water and residents who depend on this water are concerned that it may be contaminated.

I realize that several times the BLM has been questioned about this practice. However, I feel it important that BLM expeditiously respond to this concern by traveling to the effected villages in that area and discuss this matter with the local residents. If you should desire to travel in the Tanana Chiefs Conference villages contact TCC in Fairbanks and someone will be made available until July 1, 1977 to assist in the Copper River Region.

Please respond as soon as possible as this matter is quite urgent.

Thank you very much
Tanana Chiefs Conference

Chief Andrew Issac

Traditional Chief

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Tahl gets 4.0 average

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Sue Gamache, Managing editor
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Dear Sue:

I was really pleased to read the Tundra Times report covering the college study program for Alaskan inmates in your June 1 issue. I know the importance of an opportunity for a prisoner to educate him/herself while in prison. It is my firm opinion that this type of "rehabilitation" contributes greatly to the reduction of recidivism.

Speaking of college, I'm enclosing a copy of my final exam term paper for the course I just completed in psychology 7. It constituted one-half my term grade, the other half being the "standard" college exams (4) during the semester. I'm happy to say that I completed this semester with a 4.0 GPA.

The assignment for the final term paper was to write a comprehensive poem/verse that touched (in the student's opinion) himself and society in general. If it isn't too long for reproduction in the Tundra Times I'd like to share it with you and all your readers. Prof's comments on paper: "outstanding."

It's been a while since I've heard from Mary Jane Brower. Can you tell me how she and the AFNYC are getting along? I hope that my contribution and challenge proved rewarding for the AFNYC. It's a worthy organization.

Until next time,

Art Tahl