

TT editorial staff to change

October will mark the beginning of a new editorial staff at the Tundra Times. I have submitted my resignation of the position of acting editor and will be continuing my education at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks. I don't feel that I would be able to edit and manage the Tundra Times in the same capacity as in the past and continue as a full time student at the University.

Chris Anderson as Executive Vice-President of the Tundra Times Board of Directors will be making the new appointment for the position of editor along with the advice and consent of the other Board members. I trust that they will act in the best interest of the future of the paper and choose someone who seeks a long term employment with the Tundra Times.

This paper, as in the past plays an important part in the life of Alaskans and should continue to be the voice of the Native people of Alaska. Through its circulation it communicates the needs and desires of a vast amount of people. In the past the Tundra Times has had the reputation of shaking the halls of the White House and letting the government back in Washington D.C. know that Alaska Native population's concerns should be taken seriously.

My deepest concern for the future stems from the problem of proper management of the paper. I have high hopes that the Tundra Times will continue to operate as the voice of the Native people with the best interest of all Alaska's Native people in mind.

I leave with many mixed feelings about what is happening in Alaska through land claims efforts and big business. It seems to me that instead of fighting for a common goal the corporations have started fighting amongst themselves. There is presently a dispute between Arctic Slope and the other corporations over section 7(i) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act because Arctic Slope has not shared profits with the other corporations. If the Native population can not trust its own people who can they trust?

I have little respect for most of our Native leaders. It seems to me that they have learned the ways of the politicians and other government agents well, and have followed close in the footsteps of the corruption and blundering of their white predecessors. They should not be so greedy in their quest for power, and not be so quick to shout discrimination whenever it is convenient to do so. Think of your people and their future and build a life for them that you can be proud of.