

# Letters from Here and There

## AVCP asks trespass investigation

January 11, 1977

Mr. Don Frickie  
Refuge Manager  
Federal Fish & Wildlife Service  
Clarence Rhodes NWR  
Bethel, Alaska 99559

Dear Mr. Frickie:

The Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP) has recently obtained concrete information from the village of Newtok as a trespass and the violation of the old village site took place in the end of July 1976. An airplane chartered by two unknown people and flown by Wayne Petersen of Sea Air-motive landed in the old village site on the spit in the mouth of Azdn Bay. The individuals in question unearthed one of the mud huds located near the cemetery site within the site of the village. Several village members went to the site to ask what the men were doing. The men in question told the villagers that they had received prior permission from both the State of Alaska and Yupiktak Bista to unearth the dwelling. The men stated that there was no necessity for the village to be involved and discouraged any efforts by Newtok to prohibit or regulate the excavation. We have checked with Nunam Kitlutsisti and they have no record of State Agency or Anthropologist other than the Shaw Expedition having permission to operate on native lands within the refuge.

This letter will serve as AVCP's formal notice of complaint and we request that the Federal Fish and Wildlife Service begin an investigation of this trespass and to seek some form of penalty to the individuals involved.

Sincerely,

AVCP, INC.  
Edward Hoffman, Sr.,  
President

Carl Jack  
Executive Director

## Student rights at SJC

January 10, 1977

Editor of Tundra Times  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Dear Editor:

I am an Alaskan Native and is a freshmen student of the Sheldon Jackson Junior College. I am writing this letter for the Native students of Alaska whom is attending the SJC college here in Sitka, Alaska.

I am not a writer, but I will try my best to make this letter understandably to the readers of the Tundra Times. "We" Alaskan Natives do not like the idea of being tolerated by the "staff" or any staff of the

administration here in SJC.

We do not want to have the feeling that someone or any person is pulling our backs into a mistreated world. We feel since we are a student we should be offered the rights of our own rights just as any individual here in the college, and should be treated equally with respectable feelings and respective thoughts from the human staff of administration in SJC at Sitka, Alaska.

Happy New Year.  
Sincerely

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## Human Rights

Editor  
Tundra Times

The Alaska State Commission

for Human Rights is announcing a new Public Education program which makes Commission representatives available to speak to organizations and groups about human rights all over Alaska.

These representatives welcome the opportunity to address organizations at any meetings, conferences, conventions, or other social and business functions.

The principal function of the Commission is to enforce Alaska's Human Rights laws. It is against the law to deny a person employment, housing, credit, education or services open to the public because of race, color, religious creed, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, physical handicap, marital status, pregnancy, or parenthood.

Some of the issues which these laws raise in Alaska may touch on the questions which concern your readers.

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against women, minorities, the elderly, and the handicapped.

The new credit law, which gives important rights to secure credit to women, whether they are single, married, divorced, or widowed.

Equal education issues, such as bilingual education, equality between the sexes in school programs (including athletics) and racial conflicts in schools.

Housing practices in the cities and rural areas which operate against minority people.

Government services which are less available to minorities and women than others.

Readers may contact me if they would like further information.

Nina Salsman  
Public Education  
Coordinator