



Beating Around The Bush

Fairbanks

WORLD ESKIMO-INDIAN OLYMPICS

This is the big event of the summer for the several thousand or so participating in or attending the olympic games. Those attending the games for the first time can expect the Bid Dipper to be crowded, noisy and hot. It's all worth it though, to see the premier young athletes from all over Alaska participate in this fine tradition. Though the *Tundra Times* no longer sponsors the event, as it did from 1970 to 1978, WEIO remains one of the mainstay events the entire Native community looks forward to all year.

More than athletics is there to be seen, however. There are tastes, sights and sounds that should not be missed. Just the taste of a fry-bread is worth the travel and expense of going to the games. You'll never forget it!

Kotzebue

INUIT CIRCUMPOLAR CONFERENCE

The time is fast approaching for this year's meeting of the ICC. The event occurs every three years; the last one was in Frobisher Bay, Canada. Items of interest in this year's meeting, to be held in Kotzebue, are the election of a new president (Hans-Pavia Rosing has stepped down to take a seat in the Home Rule Parliament of his native Greenland), debating Arctic environmental policy, International Indigenous policy, and much more.

The evenings hold the promise of many enjoyable hours, with each participating nation bringing artists to the Conference. Monday and Friday at 7:00 p.m. are Alaska Nights; Tuesday is Canada Night, and Thursday is Greenland Night. Other activities include a film festival, a fashion show and feast, Eskimo games and a trade fair with numerous exhibits.

Anaktuvuk Pass

NEW GATES OF THE ARCTIC SUPERINTENDENT

Roger J. Siglin, currently superintendent of the Canyon de Chelly National Monument in Arizona, has been selected by the National Park Service's regional director Boyd Evison to serve as superintendent of the Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve. Siglin is expected to arrive in Alaska in August. Evison has been quoted as saying that "Siglin... has earned a reputation as a superintendent who works well with local people and who finds innovative ways to solve problems." Good thing! There are still problems in Gates of the Arctic concerning Native people's access to traditional hunting trails and grounds, and restrictions on their use of ATV and airplane as they follow their subsistence lifeways. Best of Luck to Roger J. Siglin and the People of Anaktuvuk Pass.