

UPSIDE DOWN, from the front a seal rests his chin on the table. The bowl is stained with a mixture of linseed oil and turpentine.



UPSIDE DOWN, from above we see a bird.

-Photos by JAMES AKARAN

Subtlety in Art Is Revealed by Roger Kunayak

Shrugging his should ers and gesturing widely with his arms, Roger Kunayak characterizes his life-long love of carving, "I carve anything I see."

Before he began studying at the University of Alaska, Friebanks

University of Alaska, Fairbanks four years ago, Kunayak carved mainly in wood, ivory and bone. He now works in soapstone and marble as well.

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Kunayak, who is originally from
Little Diomede, is an art major
and hopes to graduate next fall.
This semester, in addition to his
carving, he is studying metalcraft
and painting and taking courses in
Inupiaq and English.

A very spontaneous worker,
Kunayak said he never plans
ahead when he carves, but simply
lets the tools and the material
have their way. He said when he
first came to the university, it was

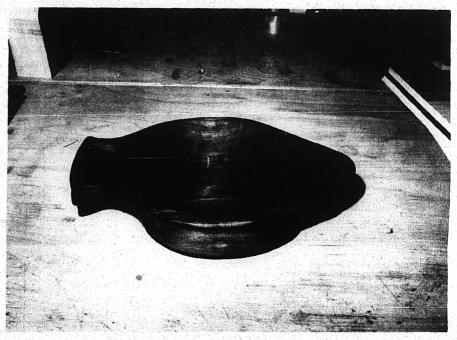
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variety of tools and materials that were available to him in such a

After graduation, Kunayak hopes to teach art to Native students who have trouble staying in school. Although he is enthusiastic about a proposed institute of Alaska Native arts, he likes the idea of being his own. likes the idea of being his own would like to set up a school of his own.

"I'd love to go to Diomede and teach," Kunayak said, but added that he would go "where they need me most." Kunayak said one of the factors that may restrict his choice of location is the availability of money with which to get a school started. These problems "take a lot of thought," Kunayak said.

Kunavak lives on campus with his wife and one-year old son.



A TOP VIEW of Roger's bowl reveals the stylized form of a flounder.

Firm Awards Sculpture Commission

ANCHORAGE, Ak. - Larry Carr, chairman of the board of Carr-Gottstein Properties, Inc.,

announced today the award of a sculpture commission to Anchorage artist Josef Princiotta,

will be located at the firm's new building development at

Third and K Streets.

The subject of Princiotta's design, chosen through a competitive selection process, is to be a precisely scaled rendition of a blue whale, the largest animal ever to exist on Earth.

Princiotta's sculpture of the jant mammal will extend over 20 feet in height, approximately one-fifth the animal's actual size. Adult blue whales can range to over 100 feet in length and weigh over 200 tons.

Carr said the large sculpture will be centered in an open, landscaped courtyard which has been designed for the entrance area of the \$6.5 million structure.

Final unveiling ceremonies, ccording to John according to J Schwamm, executive president of Carr-Gottstein Properties, are scheduled for May. However, he says the building will be completed and ready for occupancy in April, The facility has a total of 70,000 square feet of office space available for leasing.

A scale model of the entire A scale model of the entire complex, including the building, courtyard and whale sculpture, went on display to the public Tuesday, Febuary 25, at The Gallery, 817 W. 7th Ave., coinciding with the opening of a show featuring the latest collection of Princiotta's work.

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