

# AFN trounces Legislature, 96-80

The Alaska Federation of Natives were not to be denied on the fateful evening of February 11, 1987. They faced a team that prides itself on its finesse in affairs of state; a team that's been known to go to the boards to get what it wants, a team whose strength is in its power game. But despite the seeming onesided nature of the contest, the AFN team dealt a humiliating 96—80 defeat to the Alaska State Legislature — in basketball, that is.

The game was played at Marie Drake Junior High School in Juneau to a crowd of about 100 spectators.

The AFN team was attired in their stylish blue and gold uniforms, emblazoned with "AFN" on the front and various alpha-numeric combinations such as "D-2," "7-1," "14(c)(3)," and "1991." The terms designate important sections of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971

(ANCSA), the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of 1980 (ANILCA) and related issues.

AFN's Coach Sam Kito planned a brilliant strategy against the Legislature: wear 'em out, then walk all over 'em. Kito found the tactical execution of his strategy easy to implement, as he was able to field three different squads of five players each; the Legislature dribbled onto the court with a meager seven players.

AFN's team consisted of:



Caleb Pungowiyi, Keith Gordaooff, Mitch Demientieff,

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passage of a resolution expressing support for the restoration of funding to the Alaska Native Foundation's 14(c)(3) program, which provides technical assistance to ANCSA village corporations conveying land to municipal governments. The SVB also reaffirmed its support of a

which makes recommendations to the Full Board with regard to AFN's strategy in securing passage of the 1991 legislation, also met in Juneau. The Drafting Committee, which is a part of the Steering Committee itself, presented a report on an

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