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FNA says thanks to volunteers

To the editor:

The Board of Directors of the Fairbanks Native Association would like to thank everyone who helped to make this year's FNA potlatch a success.

The FNA potlatch is sustained through the efforts of volunteers and donations of food and cash from the community. We would like to extend our sincerest thanks to all those individuals from Fairbanks, too numerous to list here, who helped us by donating food, supplies, cash and time.

Their contributions made this truly a community effort. We would like to extend an extra thanks to Arnold Brower Sr. of Barrow for donating a whole seal, and to Lawrence Kaleak, also of Barrow, for sending us such a generous portion of muktuk.

We would also like to thank those businesses that contributed to this event, including A&W Wholesale for their generous donation of paper products, Interior Fish Processors for the wonderful fish, and MarkAir and Northern Air Cargo for flying in a seal and other delicacies at no cost.

We want to thank the Native Culture Awareness Class of the Fairbanks Correctional Center for doing all the cooking and making all the salads the night before. This was a tremendous job and would not have been possible without their help.

We would like to thank the school district for working with us in being

able to use the cafeteria and gym at Ryan Middle School. We would also like to thank all the school district personnel who helped to prepare for and clean up during this event.

Entertainment was provided by the Crossing Paths Dance Group, the Nulato Dance Group, and the Tuma Theater Dancers. We were pleased to have such a variety of dance groups and that all of these groups agreed to perform despite the short notice.

Congratulations also to Denise Swenson for capturing the Miss FNA title for 1990, and to Crystal Hebert for placing as first runnerup.

Finally, we would like to extend a special thanks to Barbara Blueckens for organizing the 27th annual FNA potlatch and for making sure that everything worked as it should. We would also like to thank Diane Doody of the school district for her hard work and cheerful attitude.

We are pleased to say that we were able to serve the approximately 600 guests without any difficulties. We hope to see as many or more in 1991. However, none of this would have been possible without the tremendous efforts and generous donations of our volunteers and the community. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Samuel S. Demientieff
Executive Director, FNA
Fairbanks

Alaska Natives need subsistence

To the editor:

I am not a Native Alaskan, but have been an Alaska resident for more than 30 years. I live in rural Alaska in a small Native village and have been closely following the subsistence issues and problems for a long time.

There have been a number of articles and letters in your newspaper, as well as in other newspapers and forms of media during this time. At this time I would like to address some of the topics I feel have not been

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