

Our Best Olympians Slated

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activity Billy Mills hopes to encourage for native youths all over the country," said Matt Wacondo of Mills staff.

If Mills is unable to make the Olympics, there is a possibility that he may tour Alaska at a later date, visiting schools and talking with Native students. Wacondo said there might also be a possibility of taking several of Alaska's top Olympics athletes on a tour of the lower '48 schools.

The 1973 "Northern" Olympics may well create another kind of super-star. Craig Tannis, chief talent coordinator for the

Johnny Carson Show, called Tundra Times this week to discuss arrangements to have two or more competitors from the Olympics appear on the famous talk show.

Last year, high-kick and knuckle hop champion Roger Kunayak from Little Diomed Island traveled to New York as a guest of the "To Tell The Truth" show. Roger was also interviewed by the Johnny Carson staff but left New York before final arrangements could be made for him to appear with the witty host of the late, late hours.

This year, Carson's talent coordinator and Frank Murphy of the Tundra Times staff have tentatively set July 30 as the date for Alaskan Natives athletes to demonstrate for millions of TV viewers the excitement of village games and feats of strength.

The 1973 Olympics will inaugurate a new event, the Race of the Torch, a four mile running event. The winner of the race will carry the torch into the games, and from the fire of the torch, an Eskimo and an Indian woman will light the Olympic's lamps which will burn for the duration of the games.

Word is pouring in from villages all over the state, telling of contestants and dance teams who will attend the Olympics. The event is being publicized on radio stations in all the major cities of Alaska, including Bethel, Nome, Kotzebue, and Barrow, and stories are being sent out to national wire services.

Two events for women have been added to this year's program, a Mukluk Sewing Contest and a Beadwork Contest. At the beginning of the games, two

Eskimo women will be given the complete materials for constructing a pair of mukluks.

Timekeepers will oversee the work as they proceed to make footwear while the games are in progress. At the same time, two Indian women will begin a beadwork project. In native craftsmanship, both speed and quality of work will count in the judging.

If you have trouble making a native woman smile these days, it may be because they are practicing up for the Women's Laughing Contest. In this crowd favorite, one team of women attempts to make the other team laugh by whatever outlandish means, funny faces, or antics will do the trick. The first side to break down and laugh loses.

As contestants sign up, the Olympics Committee is still frantically searching for a walrus skin blanket for the nalukatak or "blanket toss" event. Anyone who knows where a blanket can be found, rented, loaned, or bought, please contact the committee.

Donations of smoked fish and muktuk are also needed, announced Chris Anderson, Olympics chairman.

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decisions which relate to Native Land Claims selections. July 20 will be the last opportunity for concerned native people to communicate to the Commission their viewpoints on the use of these lands.

Private parties or organizations are urged to send telegrams or letters to the Commission to further document the position of the Native people on these important 80 million acres.

The Commission's address is:

Federal-State Land Use Planning Commission
733 W. Fourth Avenue, Suite 400
Anchorage, Alaska 99501



HOBSON - KUNAYAK

ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Sam P. Hopson of Barrow announced the engagement of their daughter, Eunice Fay to Roger A. Kunayak, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Diminock Sr. of Little Diomed.

Eunice and Roger are both attending the University of Alaska in Fairbanks. Roger whose major is art, is presently demonstrating native arts at the Eskimo Museum on the Richardson Highway.

An outstanding athlete, Roger is Co-Chairman of the athletic events at this year's World Eskimo-Indian Olympics. Both as a leading contestant and booster, Roger has been instrumental in promoting the Olympics, not only in the state but nationally and in Canada.

The couple plan to remain in Fairbanks to complete studies at the University.



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of livelihood due to activity along the pipeline right-of-way the people would be compensated and would be recovered for damages," Hensley said.

"The (indemnification) amendment has a very lengthy history," Hensley noted. "We have been trying to get such a stipulation in the permit from the Secretary of the Interior for about a year and a half or more."

"Initially, he recognized our situation as being unique and sent a letter to AFN to that affect and later on he wrote a letter stating that he was not going to provide for such a stipulation and that there was sufficient protection for us. Of course, we disagreed."

"And even while we have been here, he had Senator Jackson request a statement from the Secretary on whether he would provide for such a stipulation in as much as the Senate committee report had some very strong language directing the Secretary to provide for such a stipulation and in fact they referred to our language, that we had drafted."

"Even then, the Secretary refused. And so, of necessity, we had to go on the Senate floor to get the amendment and the kind of stipulation that we wanted. We've spent a lot of time and money trying to gain some protection for those that live along the right-of-way," Hensley said.

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Indian. This was done to weld together the different ethnic people of Alaska. If this is so, then I must ask why the Aleut Nation is not included.

I am not sure if any Aleuts participate in the games, but I know that the Aleuts have fought and survived the environment of Alaska for many centuries. Whether or not Aleuts participate, the name would be more accurate if it included ALEUT.

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