

# No freshman initiation at Mt. Edgecumbe

MT. EDGECUMBE

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Only 241 sophomores, juniors, and seniors arrived in late August to attend the Mt. Edgecumbe High School. This year, the seniors were denied the traditional initiation of the freshmen. No chance to have their personal Greenhorn to do their every bidding for the day. A grotesquely made-up and oddly dressed Greenhorn

ley, who with her husband, the late Lloyd Ripley, and their small sons, arrived with the students from Wrangell.

Mrs. Ripley, subsequently became the most durable teacher that MEHS ever had. It would be interesting to know who actually was the first student to step off the plane or boat that day long ago.

According to Gil Truitt, the arrivals grew to 327 students

school and its support services.

## EMMONAK

Vivian A. Johnson of Emmonak was among the approximately 1,050 students entering the freshman class as Dartmouth College began its academic year here in September.

The daughter of Jacob and Eunice Johnson of Emmonak, Ms. Johnson attended Emmonak Area High School and graduated from Mt. Edgecumbe High School. Recipient of the freshman academic award, she was active in band, yearbook, radio and student government. President of the Student Council her senior year, she also played varsity basketball and volleyball.

## BARROW

The summer softball season here at the Top of the World was a great success with games played from June 21 to August 17.

Although at times there was snow blowing in the Arctic air there were very few cancellations in the seven-team men's division or in the four-team women's division.

Playing on the new Bobby Fischer Field, with backstop and bleachers, seemed to enhance the play and offered spectators an opportunity to cheer on their teams.

BUECI won the title in the men's regular season and Blackstock won the women's Title. An end of the season tournament was held and BUECI again won the men's division and ASRC won the women's.

Next year there will be more games played in a longer season and more teams are expected to join the league.

Clair Okpeaha Run - Barrow  
The First Annual Clair Okpeaha Run was held on Labor Day, Sept. 6 in Barrow.

The run is dedicated to Clair Okpeaha, who on August 15, 1935, ran 13 miles from Ualiq-paa, where Wiley Post and Will Rogers crashed, to Barrow to summon help for the victims.

This year's 10 kilometer run had 39 entrants and all fin-

ished. Steve Mello won the men's division in 38:34 and Rosemary Pierce won the women's in 52:38.

With the temperature at 31 degrees, winds gusting to 25 miles per hour, and a misty rain falling, conditions were not ideal but it didn't seem to dampen the spirits of the participants who ran from Barrow to NARL (Naval Arctic Research Laboratory) and back on the Ocean Road with the waves of the Arctic Ocean rolling in nearby.

Trophies were awarded to the first three finishers in both the men's and women's divisions and certificates were given to all who completed the run.

The run is open to men, women and children of all ages and will be held on Labor Day of each year. Next year there will be a mass start for a 10k run and a 13-mile run.

RESULTS - 1st Annual Clair Okpeaha Run - 10 kilometers

## MEN

Name	Time
1. Steven Mello	38.34
2. Henry Grew	41.57
3. Robert Penigeo	43.15
4. Bill Morissette	45.36
5. Derek Ahgeek	45.37
6. George Hopson	45.37
7. Russ Prague	45.45
8. Jens Laevitt	45.47
9. Bruce Marshall	46.44
10. Rodger F. Mello	47.19
11. Carl Thorkildson	47.31
12. Mike Earwood	48.28
13. Clayton Ahgeek	49.04
14. Ronald Fischer	51.50
15. Frankie Akpik	52.04
16. Steven Click	53.22
17. Frank Earwood	54.30
18. Harold Killbear	56.11
19. Curtis Hopson	56.53
20. Freddie Aishanna	58.37
21. Kameron Holloway	60.26
22. Byron Ahgeek	64.08
23. Tom Albert	64.21
24. Gerald Rexford	65.44
25. Nate Ahsoek	66.09
26. Johnny Adams	68.23
27. Day Jolly	70.38
28. John Stevens	91.10

## WOMEN

1. Rosemary Pierce	52.38
2. Tina Stevens	52.46
3. Rene Opie	54.48
4. Sheril Kallstrom	55.04
5. Suzanne R. Little	63.38
6. Kirstin Bagne	78.36

7. Raynita Opie	78.37
8. Pamela Neakok	79.28
9. Dorcas Ahsoek	80.48
10. Donna Hopson	89.52
11. Tammy Casier	91.10

## ST. MARY'S

St. Mary's Native Corporation President, Andrew Pauken and Alaska Commercial Company President, Allan D. Gallant today announced the planned opening of Alaska Commercial Company's sixteenth store in St. Mary's.

Formerly operated by the St. Mary's Native Corporation, the new A.C.C. store is a joint venture. A.C.C. will operate the business and St. Mary's Native Corporation will retain ownership of the physical plant.

Similar in concept to the Kikiktagruk Inupiat Corporation/Alaska Commercial Company joint venture in Kotzebue, Gallant has stated that this type of cooperative development will be the hallmark of future A.C.C. expansion in Bush Alaska.

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Early Edgecumbe students with Superintendent Fred Geeslin.

to carry their books and to take out their food tray in the cafeteria. All is left is an amusing memory.

Eighteen employees were cut from the school personnel during the summer. Among these is a long-time principal Larry Welch. His position was abolished, so Mr. Welch retired in July, and he and his family have moved to the Lower 48. Although I read or heard that his duties were to be divided between Mr. Demmert, Mrs. Lorah and Mr. Truitt, I also understood Mr. Demmert to say that most of these duties would be borne by Gil Truitt.

Way back in 1947, 23 boys and 25 girls from the Wrangell Institute, and three boys and 13 girls from the Eklutna Vocational School were the first arrivals to attend what became the Mt. Edgecumbe High School on Japonski Island.

This information was told to me by Mrs. A. Teresa Rip-

ley, who with her husband, the late Lloyd Ripley, and their small sons, arrived with the students from Wrangell.

We were not able to come up with the total ever enrolled, but I believe every community in Alaska sent students to MEHS these past 35 years.

George Miyasato was the first Student Body President. Miyasato, who is from Wrangell, now lives in Sitka, and is the Dorm Manager for the boys' honor quarters.

Mr. Miyasato was in the first graduating class of 1948, and from that class, two others hold supervisory positions at MEHS: Mrs. Christine Littlefield, the girls Dorm Manager, and Mr. Gil Truitt. Hundreds of former MEHS students and graduates have worked at the school and its support services, some for many years, and some for only a short time.

Today 15 former MEHS students are working at the high