

Fairbanks Annual Festival of Native Arts

By MARILYN RICHARDS
Funds have almost reached the halfway point for the first annual Festival of Native Arts in Fairbanks.

The festival, which has been undertaken by several University of Alaska faculty and students, has received \$4,300 so far, but more is needed, said Sarah Isto, an English teacher with the university's Student Orientation Services.

The festival committee chaired by Theresa Tomczak, a physical education and Native dance instructor, has received \$1,300 from the Alaska Humanities Forum, \$1,000 from the university's special events committee, \$500 each from Usibelli Corp., Alaska State Council for the Arts, and ARCO.

The Associated Students of the U of A contributed \$400, and the Alaska Association for the Arts gave \$100.

The festival, originally scheduled for the week of March 9-16

to coincide with the Fairbanks Native Association's annual potlatch, has been rescheduled for April 3-7. The festival will be held on the University's Fairbanks campus.

Goals of the festival are to increase understanding and pride of Native students in their own and related cultures, to increase understanding and respect for these arts by non-Natives, to inform the Fairbanks community about some of the traditions, techniques, artists and questions involved in present day production of both Eskimo and Indian arts and crafts.

The festival will extend knowledge to the public through exhibitions, displays, demonstrations, drama, films, storytelling and dancing. A discussion on the role of Native arts in Alaska today and the roles of schools in supporting and disseminating information about the arts is planned. Among featured speakers is Ronald Senungetuk, Eskimo



TYPICAL FARE AT ART FESTIVAL — Dancing demonstrations similar to that pictured here are planned for the first Festival of Native Arts set for April 3-7 at the University of Alaska. Drama, films and story-telling are among other aspects of native arts to be covered.

mo artist and associate professor in the art department of the university.

Each day of the festival will feature one specific cultural group in a regional area. Opening day will feature Southwestern Alaska, the Yupik Eskimos, beginning at 7 p.m. Students Stan Nevak and Joe Slats head that committee.

The following day at 7 p.m. the Aleuts will be presented. Mrs. Emily Ivanoff Brown will introduce the Northern region, the Inupiat Eskimos, by lighting a seal oil lamp on Friday. Students Elmer Jackson and Neta Sheldon head the Inupiat committee.

Southeastern Alaska will be

represented by the Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian groups on April 6 from 2-5 p.m. and resuming again at 7 p.m. The closing day of the festival is for the Interior region the Athabascans from 2-5 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. Ray Titus and Ken Charlie are involved in that portion of the festival.

A souvenir festival poster, designed by Jim Shrook, will be sold to the public. Admission is free. Ms. Isto said the committee still needs contributions and local artists interested in participating. She can be reached at 479-7105. Theresa Tomczak can be reached at 479-7205.

First Class City ...

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Other school board members are Ralph Ballot, Lorena Clark, Nellie Sheldon and Chester Tick-et.

At present Selawik has to have two school boards in order to operate an 11th and 12th grade program which is funded by Johnson-O'Malley funds and run by the Selawik Educational and Cultural Foundation.

Now we will be one independent school district, and the people of Selawik will say how their children's educational funds should be spent.

Ben Foxglove, Jr., Selawik's celebrity, is home from a trip to Washington, D.C. He came home Feb. 11.

He traveled to Anchorage the end of January to shop for suitable clothing for a trip to Washington and left Anchorage on Saturday, Feb. 2 with a girl from Anchorage who was Alaska's other representative in the William Randolph Hearst Leadership Scholarship.

Ben saw the vice-president and heard the Secretary of State speak to their group. Then he shook hands with Henry Kissinger.

Ben saw the White House, visited Congress, and saw lots of famous places. Ben said he had fun and made lots of new friends from places like Hawaii and Texas.

The NIAAA has granted funds for a teen center in Selawik. When Oran Walton was the mayor he was the one to ask for a teen center.

There will be a pool table, music and other recreation equipment. It will be better than going to pool halls. Oran had a letter about the grant and all of us teen-agers thanked Oran for

helping us.

He said he might try to get some funds from Operation Mainstream to help with the labor. The grant is for \$9,680 and \$1,480 for equipment.

The first prom in Selawik is being planned by the juniors and seniors and will be on March 16 to begin our first year as a high school in real style.

Mrs. Kristenson, the eleventh and twelfth grade sponsor is helping plan the prom with an Irish theme. Each class has nominated candidates for king and queen. This is all new for us teen-agers in Selawik.

Mrs. Ede, our counselor, wrote to a women's club in Anchorage to help us. She had a phone call from Irene Ray in Anchorage who is helping us by collecting formal clothes to send us for our prom so we will be able to dress up.

All of us really appreciate the people who are helping our high school in its first year.

Some day when we are old we will say, "Remember that first prom and all the fun we had trying to be like other high schools when we didn't even have a building." We will probably forget it was hard work, too.

Next time I'll tell you how our prom turns out and send a picture of Selawik's first prom king and queen. Right now we're trying to think of a good name for our first yearbook.

We have had several businesses and organizations donate \$10 each to be a page sponsor and the yearbook staff is hard at work. The person who sends the best name for the yearbook will get a prize.



SELAWIK OFFICIALS—Pictured here, left to right, council member Virgil Clark; Mayor Joe Ballot; and Roger Clark, treasurer.

Her World Of Interest

By DORA ITTA VENTLE

Sheldon Jackson College

My world of interest living with the dying land of the living. I love the young and the old. Some innocently ignorant and confused, living in the belongings of other men; the men who are deploying our families to the point where our existing culture is turning into printed books.

Others thoroughly contented being a blend of Nature, appreciating the last few days of beautiful sights and meaningful living original existence.

Time is fast and although most of the days are spent swiftly drifting here in a structure of a restless technology, I try my very best with a burden of memories.

I long to be in Tigiluk (Barrow)

Degnan ...

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form, would apply a cost-of-living factor to the state aid to local government state. "It enacted, it would set a precedent for Congress to follow," Degnan said.

"Last year, before a joint session of the legislature, U.S. Sen. Ted Stevens supported the concept of cost-of-living differentials. I hope that this legislature will enact this concept into law," he said.

Fishing ...

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tee on fish and game management.

The veteran fisherman from Bristol Bay told legislators that there are two regions of Alaska alike so far as game goes—that in order to have effective management of the resource local control was needed.

"They should be in the power of regional development corporations because they're everybody's resources," Gregory said.

"The most important part is who is going to manage the resources. What is needed is integrity, honesty and truthfulness and that automatically lets the federal government out," he said. "That also lets the state government out."

Those being invited to attend the King Salmon conference so far include Japanese fishermen and processors and their counterparts in Washington State and Alaska.

Gregory said other West Coast fishing interests were also being urged to attend.

In his letter to Kissinger, Anderson made clear the anger and frustration of the Bristol Bay area fishermen, in addition to all peoples living mainly on subsistence in that area.

The letter said, in part, "The Native people of Bristol Bay, like all other members of the family of man, have deep personal involvement in the usages to which the natural resources of their homeland are put. By virtue of their residence in Bristol Bay.

"Restrictions placed upon the commercial and subsistence use of the salmon resource bear more heavily upon them than upon non-residents of the area. Because of their traditional dependence upon the subsistence fishery and their present identification with the commercial fishery, the unprecedented austerity and duration of the announced regulatory regime puts at issue their ability to satisfy even the most basic and pressing of their human needs."

Phillip Guy On ALSC

JUNEAU — State Sen. Phillip Guy, D-Kwethluk, was elected Saturday as secretary-treasurer of the Alaska Legal Services Corp.

Guy, a member of the legal services corporation board for the past six years, succeeds Aleut Corp. President Mike Swetzot at that post.

Guy has previously served as president of the corporation.

Workshop Moving

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ELW on the Fairbanks campus. The move will make available more Yupik speakers and writers to work in the production of materials. Program content will also be more responsive to the needs of schools in Southwestern Alaska, Darnell said.

Irene Reed, ELW director, will move to Bethel to coordinate the program's development there. The move also signifies completion of developmental support by CNER and demonstrates its policy of turning over new programs when they reach an ongoing operational phase, they announced.

Reed said that only the Yupik workshop will be moved. The Inupiat and other Native language programs would not be affected. She said that Yupik training programs would still continue on the Fairbanks campus.

ELW has produced scores of illustrated booklets and training materials for grades 1-3. It also produces bilingual instructional materials in Yupik and conducts training workshops for teachers and aides who conduct the bilingual program in Southwestern Alaskan schools.

Syphilis ...

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of the fetus.

At any stage of syphilis, penicillin is the drug of choice. However, in later stages of the disease dosage is increased. For patients sensitive to penicillin, alternate antibiotics are available.

Since no case of syphilis exists in isolation, it is extremely important that all contacts to infectious cases be examined.

Currently, National, State and local agencies are involved in concentrated efforts to stem the rising tide of V.D. incidence. We all have a share in this human resource investment. Who knows but history might record a decline in syphilis cases in the 1970's that could lead to eventual eradication of the disease? Most certainly a dividend worthy of our investment!

If you have questions please write to the Editor of this newspaper. We cannot personally answer inquiries but will select appropriate questions to answer in future columns.

Paralegal ...

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Opportunity OEO is to be phased out by June, 1974.

State Sen. Chancy Croft, D-Anchorage and chairman of the board of Alaska Legal Services Corp., said he hoped those who want to see strong legal services programs continue would write Young, asking his support of the U.S. Senate-administration version of the bill (H.R. 7828).

No formal action was taken but Croft and several other board members said the House version of the bill would result in restrictions on the quantity and quality of legal services.

U.S. Senators Ted Stevens, R-Alaska and Mike Gravel, D-Alaska, backed the Senate-administration compromise in the Senate, but in the House, Young has favored the more restrictive measure.