

AFN appoints Public Information Officer

Margaret Nelson, formerly a Fairbanks reporter, has been named Public Information Officer for the Alaska Federation of Natives.

A life-long Alaskan, Ms. Nelson is a Tlingit Indian originally from Juneau. In 1980 she was graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in journalism from the University of Alaska-Fairbanks. Upon graduation Ms. Nelson accepted a position as a reporter for the *Fairbanks Daily News-Miner* in Fairbanks. The past 2½ years at the newspaper she covered municipal government affairs.

As Public Information Officer at AFN Ms. Nelson will be the primary contact for Alaskan media and will coordinate information campaigns and production of AFN's newsletter.

"We are very pleased to have Margaret aboard," stated Janie Leask, President of AFN. "She has the background and experience which will greatly help us in our efforts to increase the public's awareness of the many issues affecting Native people today." A primary function of AFN is to represent concerns of Alaska Natives before the U.S. Congress, the Alaska State Legislature and federal and state governments.

Current issues of concern to Alaska Natives are proposed amendments to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, state legislation on subsistence and any other topics relating to human service programs for Alaska Natives.