

Grand Camp Scholarships had a good year

To the editor:

You have my consent to print this in your Eskimo Yupik/Inupiat Statewide Howard Rock, Tundra Times.

What I love about Tundra Times is: Great deal of information on native issues and they are precise.

Keep up the good work!

This is a new year 1986; and it could bring acute difficulties to work special elections into the staggered terms of senators and representatives.

Alaskan Natives, we must understand the political movement can be filled with wicked senators and representatives, their only concern is ambition & power and nothing else. There are few good ones.

Also there are great deal of secrecy in the judicial system and the superior courts in state of Alaska, and politics. This been happening ever since state of Alaska discovered oil.

Alaska natives and non-natives be intelligent in your political judgement and be aware of the risk who will run for office and push the issues in Congress.

Believe in the American political order; can only work with a strong senator or representative who could be demanding and manage the affairs for State of Alaska.

I am a firm believer; and this what I believe is: when she or he makes mistake she or he have every right to correct that mistake, whether you take it to court or the public. But the bottom line is: money talks and b.s. walks.

Maybe thats what it means when, Henry Ward Beecher, said:

"God intended the great to be great and the little to be little." (1813-1887)

I say it could be opposite for the Alaska natives if they want their land rights and subsistence rights, and it could make the politician think twice as hard.

Respectfully yours,
William Frost Tocktoo

TCC says Tundra Times in error

To the editor:

Your front page headline (Dec. 16, 1985) reads: "Abood subsistence bill would preserve rural preference..." Your lead story reads: "The main points of the 15-page bill are the preservation of the subsistence preference for rural Alaskans..."

However, the bill defines a "resident of rural Alaska" as "...a state resident engaged in customary and traditional subsistence way of life." This definition appears too broad to make any clear claim that it preserves a preference for rural people, and I believe you are wrong to make this claim.

The same article (page 8) states that the *Madison* and *Eluska* court decisions "...struck down the (subsistence) regulations as unconstitutional..." This statement is also wrong. These court decisions strictly test the construction and meaning of the state subsistence law and are not tests of the

constitutionality of the law.

Because of the serious errors in the article, as well as the careless and shallow analysis made of the provision for rural preference found in the bill, it also seems the *Tundra Times* is in error to editorially endorse the Abood bill (same issue, page 6). Many subsistence users, communities and organizations representing them have yet to see or review the bill. I urge they be given a chance to do so. Thorough analysis of the bill and correct information about its background are, of course essential to this process.

Sincerely,
Tanana Chiefs Conference Inc.
Jim Kowalsky, Director
Wildlife & Parks

Alaskans need good political judgement

To the editor:

When we reflect back on 1985, we can say that it was a very successful year for our program, we are thankful for:

- * Our permanent address in care of: 320 West Willoughby Ave. Suite 300, Juneau, Alaska 99801.

- * We invested in 30 student's education programs both higher education and vocational training.

- * Camp 2 and 70 and the Sargent-Stitt Band sponsored a very successful benefit dance in which proceeds raised were invested in TCD's.

- * We gained a hardworking education - fund raising group of leaders for our scholarship program, they are:

Amos L. Wallace, Treasurer
Dorothy Jorgenson
Ozzie Sheakley
Sue Sargent

Thank you committee members for your time, energy, and leadership skills, I've appreciated working with all of you.

- * Grand Camp Convention '85 drew \$2898 support from the camps and members for the Scholarship program. Thank you for investing your time, and support.

- * We gained a new name for our Scholarship Program, named after well-known native businessman, leader and fisherman: Arthur Demmert, Sr. Scholarship.

- * Congratulations to: Kim Williams, a student from Juneau, she is \$1000 richer. And to our second place winner, Mr. Lee Byrd of Wrangell, he gained \$800. And finally to Mr. Frank Wright, Jr. of Hoonah, who took the third place prize of \$500. Thanks to all camps and members who supported this successful raffle/fundraiser for the scholarship program.

- * Our resolution for 1986 is to be more organized, and to strengthen our program. Our hopes and wishes for you are the same as well as good health, prosperity, and that our camps increase in size and become stronger with the guidance of our leaders.

- * Next date for accepting applications is May 9, 1986 for the scholarship program. Please share this with your members in your camps. Thank you.

Kind wishes,
Norma Jean Dunne, Chairman
Arthur Demmert, Sr. Scholarship