

# Olympians ready

Athletes from villages as far south as Ketchikan and as far north as Barrow are converging on Fairbanks this week to compete in the 21st annual World Eskimo Indian Olympics.

The annual event is held at the gymnasium on the university of Alaska, Fairbanks Campus. It starts at 6 p.m. Thursday July 28 with the race of the torch that begins three days of competition that is friendly, supportive and well-mannered.

Athletes coming to this event will have tough going to best the people who broke record after record at the 1981 Olympics.

Carol Pickett of Anchorage and Ike Towarek of Unalakleet are expected to return to again seek their crowns for the one foot high kick.

Towarek last year set a mind-boggling record of 8-feet, 11-inches for the men's one-foot high kick.

Pickett placed first in the women's one and two-foot high kick and set a record in both. She kicked 6-feet, 9-inches for the one-foot and 5-feet, 9-inches for the two foot kick.

Lady Laroux of Bethel who last year won the Howard Rock Trophy for best all around athlete, and one of Pickett's major competitors in the recent Arctic Winter Games, also will be on hand to provide Pickett with competition.

Other traditional events include the muktak eating contest, the seal skinning and fish cutting competitions, the sewing contest, log rolling, Native Baby contest, Native dancing and the Miss World Eskimo Indian Olympics Queen contest.

So, sit back and enjoy the festivities. A good time will be had by all.