

Theata Club to Bring Chilkat Dancers Here

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Due to a shuffle in executive officers during the second semester, our monthly report hasn't evolved on schedule.

First of all, Phil Kelly of Egegik was elected to the of-



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fice of President with Phyllis Alexander of Nenana becoming his secretary and Richard Atuk of Nome filling the position of Treasurer. Activities under their leadership

have gone quite well.

In December, under the chairmanship of Katie Egowa, we gave a native arts and crafts bazaar which brought in much needed funds, and last month the club held a snowshoe softball game with the Young Republican Club.

This was a tremendous success with Theata Club winning 16-14 amid falls and howls of laughter.

Last week Dr. John Teal, Director of the Musk Ox farm and sponsor for the club, showed films on their journey to Nunivak Island to capture the animals.

Later on in the week Theata members were invited out to farm and from all reports all enjoyed this field trip. Dur-

our last meeting William Hensley, a student doing graduate work here at the University, spoke on his journeys behind the Iron Curtain.

Our plans for the coming months are many and varied. In working with the Festival of Arts and the student body we are bringing up the Chilkat

Dancers from Haines during April. They will be performing here on campus.

A closer event, however, is the Winter Carnival sponsored by Student Activities. Blanket tosses, snowshoe softball, and harpoon throwing are only a few of the activities.

Members of Theata Club will also be working with the Tanana Chiefs Conference on setting up a program and taking notes at the meetings.

With the forthcoming elections of executive officers for the student body, the Theata Club has two of its members running: Marie Matsuno for Vice-President and John Sackett for Treasurer.

(Editor's Note: The Theata Club is a Native student organization at the University of Alaska. The name "Theata" is derived from the first letters of the major ethnic groups in Alaska—Tlingit, Haida, Eskimo, Athapaskan, Tsimshian and Aleut.)



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