

What others say...

Everything's fine at Gambell

To the editor:

It is the time of the year again when the winter is coming on. Men are out hunting with Hondas now. Those Hondas are very useful, and soon snow machines will be in use.

We don't have any dog teams for hunting anymore; men have found Hondas and snow machines very useful. And this time of year there are seals close to shore. Men used dog teams not too long ago for hunting; now the modern things like Hondas help a lot.

Schools, modern businesses and airplanes are just wonderful around here. Thank you, white man, for

bringing them.

It is cold here, especially when winter is coming on. When the ice gets here it will change — very nice calm weather usually, but as the ice comes closer and closer, it can be very windy, blowing for days.

We enjoyed wonderful dinners during Thanksgiving. We had one at the high school, a large building back-aways from the housing areas and the village.

The wind is blowing very strong now, but it still is nice in our modern homes.

Grace Slwooko
Gambell

Sitka hospital need help

To the editor:

The Mt. Edgecumbe Hospital Christmas Committee is organizing activities for patients who must remain in the hospital during the holiday season.

The committee is planning a hospital Christmas party Dec. 22 starting with a meal at about 12:30 p.m. to be followed by Santa with presents, and finishing with entertainment.

The committee would appreciate any donations of Christmas gifts, cash or Alaska foods (i.e., smoked or dried fish, berries, venison, etc.).

To arrange for food donations, con-

tact the Dietary Department, 966-8346, or Community Relations Officer Frank O. Williams, Jr. at 966-8368 during regular working hours.

Cash or food donations can be mailed to the Hospital Christmas Committee. If it's food, send it in care of the Dietary Department; cash should be sent to the Community Relations officer. Our address is 222 Tongass Drive, Sitka 99835.

If you have any questions, call me or write.

Merry Christmas, and thank you.

Frank O. Williams Jr.
Sitka

NCAI contestant thanks friends

To the editor:

This Thanksgiving Holiday, I definitely have reason to be thankful. My experience at the Miss National Congress of American Indians Pageant in September 1986 is something I'll never forget, one that will leave a life-long impression on my life. I have gained personal fulfillment and a growing and continuing interest in my heritage.

I would like to especially acknowledge and thank:

My family and parents, Frank O. and Mabel Williams, Jr., for their support, love and encouragement to be the best I can be. They have given me a strong foundation of principles and morals using which I live my life. I owe most of my personal success and achievements to them. Thank you, I love you both!

Mark Jacobs, Jr., local Tlingit and Haidas of Sitka president, without whom I would have not have even attended Miss NCAI. He nominated me and presented my name to the Tlingit and Haida Central Council as a contestant. As a result, they were my co-sponsors for the trip.

Ellen Hope Hays, who offered me the use of her personal Tlingit

head dress to complete my traditional outfit. I was truly honored by her offer. We both belong to the Bear House on the Eagle side.

Local ANB & ANS of Sitka are organizations who have been involved in aiding Native people in various events since 1912 and are still doing it. I thank them for the use of the ANB Hall and the members who helped in food sale, rummage sale and Navajo taco and fried bread sale. As co-sponsors, their involvement made it financially possible for me to attend Miss NCAI.

For other young women who might be interested in attending the next Miss NCAI Pageant, here is information I've gained from experience: It has been a tradition since 1969. The reigning Miss NCAI is an Indian Woman who represents the Native American at a national level as a good-will ambassador. The contestants are judged on their talents, grace, awareness of their heritage and traditions and their involvement in pursuit of educational and personal goals to enable them to challenge, amend, and improve conditions that have historically hindered Native people worldwide.

Lisa Williams
Sitka