

Dr. Strangeword's attention

To the Editor,

I think you finally got Dr. Strangewords' (Hippler's) attention. While his warped ego thrives on publicity, your editorial asking for his resignation struck too close to home. After all, that might give the University ideas. (Let's hope.)

It's okay for him to ridicule the Natives, but when the tables are turned, Hippler becomes the "innocent" victim and the "true friend" of the Natives. How could they have

made such a mistake? How, indeed.

Let the Natives follow his advice given so freely in his letter and see how quickly their whale quota totally disappears.

And what in heaven's name is this "natural right to do as we please?" This really sounds great until we realize that all sorts of criminals now behind bars were attempting to exercise that "natural" law when they ran afoul of the police. No one on this earth has a

"natural right" to do as they please.

The truth is that Dr. Strangewords, scared by what he has brought upon himself (the concentrated enmity of the whole Native community) is trying to fill the air with smoke while he silently slips away. Don't let him get away with it, and keep up the good work!

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Hippler hypes hyperbole

To the Editor:

It is good to hear Arthur Hippler speak out against racism. I, and I'm sure, many people have wondered about Mr. Hippler (who writes for a newspaper that won't public

letters, by professionals that are critical of Mr. Hippler).

So Mr. Hippler comes out closet. Frankly, I was surprised at what he had to say. It is unfortunate that he had to cover his message with a lot

of hyperbole.

As a understood it, he said, "It is right to assert, that you intend to do, as you wish, so long as it harms no one else."

Sincerely,
Chris Effgen

There are Natives in Kenai

To the Editor:

I would like to address this letter to all the people — Natives and non-Natives alike — who think that there are no Indians in Kenai.

It is not the Natives that live in Kenai fault that we live in a white majority setting. We did not ask them to come and exploit the oil, gas, and commercial fishing industries. We did not ask them to come and live in Kenai.

I am tired of people telling me that I'm not Indian because I live in an "urban" area. No-

body has the right to tell me what I am or what I am not. That is for me to decide. I'm Indian whether or not anybody likes it and whether or not anybody cares.

It is unfortunate that the Dena'ina People are the minority. We are not allowed to "subsistence" fish because we are "urban." Yet, when it's practical for the federal government, we are considered "rural." For example, the Kenaitze Tribe was cut 10 percent (across the board) and

another 10 percent because we were "rural" of JTPA funds. How much longer do we have to be punished? Haven't we been assimilated enough? I am not speaking for anyone but myself and my family.

So, what are we? Who's job is it to determine? As for me, we are the "Dena'ina" people whether or not we are "urban" or "rural."

Now that I got that out of my system, chiqenik (thank you)!

Sincerely,
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