

Haskell solicits funds

Haskell Indian Veterans Club
Haskell Indian Junior College
Lawrence, Kansas 66044

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The Haskell Indian Junior College Veterans Club is starting a project to solicit funds so that a memorial may be erected to honor all Indian servicemen killed in Action (KIA) or Missing in action (MIA) during the Vietnam War. However, before such a project can really get off the ground, a lot of information concerning KIA's or missing Indian servicemen during the Vietnam War is needed, and your assistance is requested to help obtain information.

The input that is needed at this time is the knowledge of Indians who were either killed or missing in action during the Vietnam War. A suggested format is as follows: Name, branch & rank of service, hometown, age, MIA and/or KIA, tribe agency, Haskell student, and other information such as decorations.

Scotty Harjo (Veterans Coordination & Veterans Club Sponsor), will be the contact person for any other correspondence concerning the project. Scotty is a Korean War Veteran, Associate member of the Haskell Alumni Association, American Legion Member and a strong supporter of the Local Indian Baptist Mission.

Thank you very much,

Thomas D. Burns
President
HIJC Veterans Club

From Tundra Boy

April 11, last quarter
of promise of nature moon

Thomas Richards, Jr.
Tundra Times
Fairbanks

dear editor,

miss fairbanks 1976 is a lovely girl & i applaud you for printing her likeness on the front of your paper. well, so much for beauty. now, on t other things. i don't know very much about public agencies in Alaska except that there are a lot of them. with so many agencies, i wonder if the law of probability would be on our side if we were t suppose some things.

suppose there were an agency which purportedly worked t help poor people in rural areas. i'm sure there are many such agencies, but suppose there were one that worked mostly with native people & didn't have any native people in important staff positions. Indeed, let us suppose that this agency often found itself staffed with people who had recently immigrated t Alaska & who knew little or nothing concerning the life of a rural native prson. suppose that this ignorance existed in the staff in spite of the fact that they were "well educated", with Ph.D. candidates in their midst. suppose that, in the end, they were for the most part, pompous, self-congratulating, insensitive, narrow-minded hypocrites with nothing more than the paycheck & petty power in mind. suppose that when their board of directors met, all they did was pat each other on the back for nothing, get drunk & draw per diem payments. suppose that in "helping", all they did was t create hassles for those who really are helping.

well, it certainly is a horror story & let us hope in our springtime rambling that it is not & never will be true. Looking out at the falling snow & hoping that you are walking in balance, i am,

yours like a cranberry,
tundra boy

ANCADA Meeting

April 15, 1977

Alaska Native Commission on
Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
750 East Fireweed Lane
Anchorage, Alaska 99510

Dear Ancada Staff
and Members:

I deeply regret not being able to attend the April 6th board meeting and much more regret for not being able to attend the two day leadership workshop. This is the first meeting and workshop I've missed since Alaska Native Commission on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse formed over six years ago.

There is much more to learn as we are still beginners in combatting our public enemy number 1: alcoholism. We have to work together to at least reduce the tragic waste of human lives and suffering alcohol and other drugs cause. There are so many who have yet to face and accept the reality of alcoholism or other concepts of other related drugs.

I wholeheartedly commend Governmor Jay Hammond for his sincere interest and concern in trying to solve some of these critical problems through legislative efforts.

We should be proud that at last our state's highest office is now listening and responding to the needs of those who have dedicated their work in this field.

Lets all stand behind Governor Hammond's attempt to bring forth his "Alcoholic Package".

Thank you.
Sincerely,
Helena M. (Lena) Andree
Bristol Bay Representative to
Ancada

BIA and Tribes

Association of Interior Eskimos
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North Pole, Alaska 99705
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Dear Editor:

Historicaly the paternalistic authority that was exercised in the past by officials of the B.I.A.

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over tribal government, (Relying on the Guardian-Ward theory) in effect supervised the day-to-day operation of the tribal government in a manner compared to the colonialistic system.

What is needed drastically is a clearly defined authority to supervise disapprove or veto tribal government activities as the situation seems or be here in Alaska, when the Area Director in Juneau uses supposedly discretionary authority to treat tribes tribal governments and individuals in an unequal basis. Often at times by legal charades and other means, the BIA winds up with delegated tribal sovereignty.

The only concern of the BIA is to keep the Indian throttled

and prevent them in every way they can to contract services and programs of the BIA under 93-638. The policy of 93-638 disclaims any intention on the part of Congress to use this act to affect BIA trust responsibility and keep with the Federal Indian Relationship but there is cause to worry as one session of Congress is not bound by the policies of the previous sessions to indian people.

Although periodically the BIA supports or advocates the termination between indians and themselves the BIA somehow maneuvers the mechanisms and increase the BIA budget and staff patterns, hoping I assume to insure its continued and endless Bureaucratic Survival.

John Heffle

President A.I.E.

Tribal Representative