

Negative coverage hurts Gambell residents

To the editor:

I am a senior in high school at Gambell. I want to express my feelings about the things being said and written about Gambell, our students and certain happenings.

First of all, everyone across the country writes about bad happenings, and it always seems to be something bad that makes the news. Why doesn't anyone write about the good things that happen?

Even the most basic "true" things

have a right to make the news. For example:

- Children of our Native community keeping our traditional language strong after centuries.

- Our effort to be reunited with our relatives of the Soviet Far East.

- The children and students taking an interest in what our elders have to say.

There are so many other good things to write about and to be recognized, whether they are big events or small things. Why don't they make the

news?

For our community as well as others, not all of us are "bad eggs." Those who were well disciplined, loved and cared for are those who are the respected people others look up to.

There are only a very few "bad eggs," those who have been deeply affected by the rapid environmental changes that are taking place, going from our traditional ways to modern technology.

It is the outside world that has deep-

ly influenced and affected those certain people, and we, the community, have certain ways of dealing with these problems that arise.

Secondly, I am speaking for myself and perhaps others. It hurts us, our image, when others print things about us that are overly exaggerated. So perhaps the next time someone has something to say or write about that may affect others, I suggest they get first-hand information.

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Student tells Gambell's side

To the editor:

I am a student from Gambell High School. I listen to news every day, and I have heard that a rumor has it that all Gambell students are bad people.

I did not like that saying because there are many students from Gambell who are being very well educated and are making a high effort in accomplishing their goals.

There has been a rapid change in our community. We are finally reuniting with our friends and relatives from the Russian coast near Provideniya. Yes,

it has been more than 40 years since this reunion came together with our lost friends and relatives.

I want to clarify the newscast that Gambell students are not the only bad kids and that *most* of the students in Gambell have good education skills.

We have feelings, too, and the right to correct any negative writing about Gambell, our community.

Thank you,
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Pro-life, pro-choice differences

To the editor:

Pro-choice. Pro-life. It almost seems these two statements should be synonymous. But knowing the people behind each makes them opposites.

Pro-choice stands for freedom for making the personal decision of when, how many or never having children.

Choice means having the right to many types of contraceptives and choosing the form that is right for you. The right to pre-natal and post-natal health care.

It also means a woman has the right to control her own body and her right to make the private, personal decision whether to give birth.

Pro-life, on the other hand — I prefer the term pro-illegal abortion — wants all these freedoms taken from women.

Pro-illegal abortionists want to condemn to prison any woman choosing abortion to end an unwanted pregnancy. Apparently these people believe women get pregnant all on their own.

I've yet to hear what sentence they plan for men who start an unwanted pregnancy.

The best solution is education and

more available forms of birth control to decrease and prevent unwanted pregnancies. Responsible family planning, which includes all choices, is one of our most viable options for solving our overwhelming problems.

As to "quality of life," most women who choose abortion do not have the means or ability at the time to give a child proper care. The ultimate child abuse is not abortion, it is bringing an unwanted, unloved child into the world. I'm sure all the pro-illegal abortion folks are screaming "adoption."

I've yet to see any protester outside an abortion clinic stepping forward to say "I'll adopt your unwanted baby."

I've never seen 10 little hands clinging to the suit tails of any of their speakers.

Our country has endless institutions with unadopted children, many healthy and many handicapped. Where are the promises to adopt unwanted children? Are they doing anything at all positive for the children already born or abused?

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