

TAHETAN Group of University of Alaska Holds Potlatch-

Native Foods, Native Games and Several Movies Included in Annual Event

The TAHETAN group of the University of Alaska held its annual potlatch and games night of November 24 and 25 at Hess Commons.

Friday night several films were shown, including "At the Caribou Crossing Place", from the Netsilik Eskimo series by the National Film Board of Canada.

After the films, Isaac Piscoya, acting as master of ceremonies, introduced Roger Kunayak, who was in charge of the native

games. A number of games were demonstrated and played, including the stick bend, kneel jump, twist-around-the-stick, Indian stick pull, drop the bomb, back push, ear pull and finger pull.

A number of girls got into the swing of things and took an active part in the games, which was a surprise to the audience who were primarily accustomed to seeing only male contestants for these games.

On Saturday night the guests were treated to a demonstration of Eskimo dances. Joe Chief, an Anchorage 9th-grader, originally from Toksook Bay, came to Fairbanks especially for the occasion and illustrated dances from his area.

Roger Kunayak, from Diomed Island and Nome, also

took part in the dances. Guy Okakok and Jean Numnik of Barrow, now living in Fairbanks, gave demonstrations of both drumming and dancing.

After the dances, the food was served. Specialties of the evening were reindeer stew, moose ribs, moose roast, various types of fish, and salads. The food was prepared by Mrs. Harwood, Mrs. Mary Jane Fate, Mrs. Jane Williams, and members of the TAHETAN group.

Ending the evening were demonstrations of more games. This time several examples of the high kick were given -- the one foot, two feet, and Alaskan version. There were also Eskimo yo-yo demonstrations, and some games from the previous evening were repeated, and also a demonstration of the

knuckle hop.

Raffle tickets were sold on a round-trip ticket to Nome, half of which was donated by Wien Airlines. The winner was Lorene

O'Conner of Nome.

Both evenings, the events ended after midnight. Chairman for the potlatch was Sharon Nagozruk of Nome.