

Second Edition Of THEATA

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FAIRBANKS — The second annual edition of **THEATA** — a magazine of non-fiction articles written by freshmen Native students at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks — has just been published and is available to the public.

THEATA is an acronym for Tlingit, Haida, Eskimo, Aleut, Tsimshian, and Athabascan, the names of each of the major Native groups in Alaska. All of the student contributors to the magazine trace at least part of their ancestry to one or more of these Native groups.

These students are enrolled in classes established by the university's Student Orientation Services, an organization designed to ease the rural student's transition to college life.

Many of the compositions these students wrote for their English classes dealt with aspects of Native life their instructors recognized were not generally known to non-Natives. Thus **THEATA** was conceived, to collect some of these valuable accounts that would otherwise be lost.

As with the first edition published last year, the second edition contains articles relating what it is like to live off the land and describing the changes, not all of them beneficial, that modern civilization has brought to the villages.

There are stories about whaling and walrus hunting, trapping, berry-picking, tanning of animal hides, potlatches, Native games, impact of the snowmobile on village life, and Native art and literature.

Sarah A. Isto, instructor of English, who organized the student publishing effort last year, was advisor for the second edition of **THEATA**. So well received was the 1974 edition, that it went into a second printing. The magazine is totally self-supporting through sales.

The new **THEATA** can be purchased at gift shops and bookstores around the state and by mail, by writing **THEATA**, Student Orientation Services, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701.

The 92-page magazine sells for \$2.95 a copy; \$2.10 if 10 or more copies are ordered. Shipping charges are included in the price.