

## *Other voices—*

# Education is of great value

Since education and Alaska are so very important to me, and to each of the TUNDRA TIMES readers, this is a reflection of thoughts concerning the University of Alaska. It is prompted due to rumor which has reached me stating that "someone overheard" that I was "planning to sue the University". There is NO truth at all to this rumor, and I have no reason to sue the University. I am committed to positive education. A law suit against the University would be tearing down and creating divisive conflicts. What the University needs most at this important time is to build unified efforts.

Change is taking place in Alaska and at the University level. It should. Emerson has said "It is only when we are unsettled that we grow." Of course there are rough spots to iron out when we grow, but I would like to suggest that Alaska should not resist nor resent change.

Remember, it was the Native peoples of Alaska who—united—brought about the change which culminated in the Native Claims Settlement Act. If only they could continue in this united effort to produce the best of educational programs!

A new vice president for Rural Educational Affairs has been made an integral part of the University system. Through this vice presidential position there is the opportunity to shape education positively. This can be done by your commitment to work through the newly established Rural Education, involve everyone, and work with one another in shaping the change you want. You make education work for you.

A pleasant, cheerful, determined attitude needs to characterize this immense time of change. Only with determination and working together will the University become your educational center reflecting your learning needs. Education is of great value; build on it.

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