

Letters to the **EDITOR**

Looking for academic program administrators

Dear Editor:

My name is Jacqueline Martain and I am working on my masters thesis at Oregon State University. My subject is Dr. Paul Jensen and the Academic Enrichment Programs he carried out in Alaska from 1969 to 1977. Jensen was from Oregon College of Education (now Western Oregon State College) in Monmouth, Oregon. The programs took place in Northeast Cape, Little Diomed, Elim, Golovin, Gambell, Stebbins, St. Michael, Barrow and Shaktoolik. In these programs, he brought groups of Alaska Native students to Oregon for a period of 6 weeks to live with host families, go to school, and experience life in the lower 48. He brought the students to Beaverton, Monmouth, Corvallis and Dallas, Oregon. Sometimes the entire school went if the school was small enough, if not, it was usually the 4th, 5th, and 6th graders who went. I am interested in studying the program and talking to anyone who might have taken part in it, whether it be students, parents, teachers or administrators. I would be interested in talking with BIA administrators who were involved, with school district officials, school board members or anyone else who has feedback that they would be willing to share with me. I am looking at how people felt about the program then, how they feel about it now, whether it changed their lives and if so, in what way? I am wondering if it affected the cultural traditions in the villages. I would like any feedback I can get. Of course, privacy is assured.

Thank you,
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